

Lake Louise project to "develop" Banff

The parks are hereby dedicated to the people of Canada for their benefit, education, and enjoyment, subject to the provisions of this act and the regulations, and such parks shall be maintained and made use of so as to leave them unimpaired for the use of future generations, states Section 4 of the National Parks Act. This made up part of a statement on National Parks Policy by then Northern Affairs Minister Aurthur Laing in 1964. Laing went on to say, referring to the increase of visitors to the park "This volume of public use has attracted the attention of private enterprise and resulted in pressure for the development of recreation and entertainment facilities that, while unobjectionable in other places where the public meets, are unsuitable for national parks. If allowed to expand unchecked, this would destroy the parks' ability to contribute to the public benefit in the way they were intended. That was policy in 1964. Now we have a new minister of Indian Affairs and Northern development, Jean Chretien, and a new policy. It is something called National Parks Goals. It says the following:

To ensure the national Parks lands are passed on with as little impairment as possible to their natural features.

To encourage private enterprise to invest in and manage appropriate facilities for the visiting public, inside and adjacent to parks, compliment government developments.

To provide for the best use of the National Parks consistent with their intended purpose as prime examples of Canada's most scenically, geologically, and ecologically interesting areas.

To serve the people in an effective and meaningful manner by helping them to understand and enjoy the parks.

The first two statements are dangerous and too open to interpretation; however they represent a considerable watering down and even contradiction of Laing's

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statements, and in an age in which man is supposed to be realizing more and more the value and quality of nature, as opposed to the artificial and harmful features of industrial man's culture, it is a step backward, and a betrayal, once again, of the wilderness to the dollar, even in an area which is supposed to be relatively safe from the encroachments of the city, while allowing people to enjoy nature without destroying it.

In 1969, as the result of government departmental invitations to prospective developers, Village Lake Louise Ltd. submitted a proposal to develop a full range of visitor service facilities at Lake Louise. The proposed Village Lake Louise is a 30 million dollar complex owned 51 per cent by Imperial Oil (which is 69 per cent owned by Standard Oil of New Jersey) and the remaining 49 per cent by Lake Louise Lifelines. In response to the proposal a public meeting was held in Edmonton Wednesday, March 1.

At the meeting attended by over 500 people the details of the proposed development were given. The proposed development will affect 750 square miles, including nature trails, lakes, and the completion of several phases of development into other areas. There would be an Upper and Lower Village situated along the TransCanada Highway thirty five miles northwest of Banff.

For those who were wondering what people are unhappy about, head of the local chapter of the National and Provincial Parks Association had some opinions. He said that activities out of harmony with the real use of the park should not be allowed. The parks serve a purpose that man can enjoy the natural wilderness, and that that is their main purpose, along with preserving the park for future. He then pointed out that no serious ecological studies were undertaken; merely "window dressing" efforts.

The company made a listing of plants in the area; there were 17 errors (found by a botanist friend). One short paragraph of the company's 100 page booklet was delegated to wildlife, saying that it was not an important wildlife area, and that an extensive bear control program would be carried out.

With accommodation for 8,000, he said that there would be from 10,000 to 15,000 people flowing through in a day.

Merédith then went on to say that Village Lake Louise is an artificial recreation center that will not meet the overall needs of a park and its suitable recreational needs. It will set a precedent for short term high profit developments, one that will probably be followed in other areas of the park--(there are plans already) and in other parks in Canada.

However the park is an ecosystem that Lake Louise will encroach upon, and there has been enough evidence already that separating a part from the whole in an ecosystem will damage the whole system; you

cannot just take a small area and make an instant tourist city in a wilderness area.

Gordon Peal, past president of the Alberta Fish and Game Association, pointed out that his people have opposed such things for much longer than one year. In 1966 the Fish and Game Association took a stand against a proposal to hold the Olympics in Banff. They were successful, although they stood alone, because they were dealing with the Olympic Committee, which could understand the damage that would be done if the Olympics were allowed, with their attendant crowds, and people to take the crowds' money. Now we are dealing with a government which invited developers to submit plans, and is encouraging the project. The Alberta Tourist Association has come out in favour of the plan, and it will be the next to demand another similar development if this precedent is set. Another development is planned for the Jasper area in 1978.

Paulette Atterby, of HOW (Humans on Welfare) said that the Village was planned mainly for skiers, and the

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Shall we haul it to the dump?

Gateway not dead yet . . .

Commission gets two staffers.

The Gateway will not be unrepresented on the commission investigating the method of selection of its editor after all.

At Monday's Students' Council meeting, council agreed to place two members of the Gateway staff, chosen by the staff, on the Commission. Engineering rep Howard Christensen, who made the motion, explained that as two people who had voted in favor of personnel board's choice of editor had been put on the commission, some attempt should be made to balance it.

Law rep and president-elect, Gerry Riskin, opposed the motion on the grounds that it would cause the number of students on the commission to exceed the number of non-students. He said he had understood the commission to be a method of ruling out political considerations in recommendations on this matter by asking people not directly involved to do the investigation.

He said he could only support the motion if for every Gateway staffer added, there was someone also added from off campus. Riskin later changed his mind however after listening to the debate.

Other suggestions were that one student councillor be removed and one Gateway staffer added to the Commission, that one Gateway staffer be added to the Commission, or that a Gateway staffer be added as a non voting member.

There were also objections, including one from academic vice-president elect, Pat Delaney, to the principle of Gateway staffers being on the commission at all. Delaney said that the Gateway would be allowed to make

submissions and this should be sufficient.

Gateway editor, Bob Beal, felt that "we are faced with a dispute between the newspaper and Students' Council and it is necessary that either both sides be represented or neither be represented on any body formed to solve the dispute."

Council passed the motion un-

amended by a substantial majority.

The Commission was originally created at the second last council meeting. The commission was formed to look into the question of the method of appointment of future Gateway editors and the issue centering around the appointment to the Gateway editorship of an in-

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YS wins U of T elections by acclamation

TORONTO (CUP) - Student politics at the University of Toronto have been thrown into chaos as it appears that a Young Socialist slate will be acclaimed to the presidential and vice-presidential positions on the Students Administrative Council (SAC).

Until last Thursday night (Mar 2) Young Socialist Katy Curtin was one of three candidates running for president.

But Thursday both other candidates issued press releases announcing their withdrawal from the race. Present SAC vice-president Phil Dack, who had reluctantly decided to run on U of T's traditional left-liberal slate only a few hours before the closing of nominations, decided by early Thursday morning that Student Unionism at U of T was going nowhere and announced his withdrawal.

The other leading contender engineering student Eric Miglin, running on the U of T's traditional conservative slate was forced to withdraw when one of his vice-presidential running mates decided to drop out of the race.

The managers of the Miglin

ticket apparently thought that the Young Socialist slate would also withdraw from the contest because a victory by acclamation would not provide them with the mandate they had been seeking.

However after consultation with her supporters, Curtin crossed them out by deciding to keep the YS slate in the election. The victory came as quite a surprise both to the University of Toronto and the Young Socialists.

Already some U of T students have started petitions calling for new elections and the ouster of the YS slate before they can take office May 1. According to the SAC constitution, a petition of 2000 signatures can impeach a student rep but Kathy Dalton, Young Socialist campaign manager, said she is calling a protest meeting against the impeachment attempt. If there are new elections she said, the YS would again contest them.

Miglin also said he would consider entering a new election. Present SAC president Bob Spencer, is pushing a petition of his own calling on students to keep him in office until new elections can be held next fall.