VILLAGE LAKE LOUISE - gem or stone

PRO and CON

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Here are some of the facts
and opinions, the pro and the
con, the reasons why Village
Lake Louise has stirred Alberta.
PRO

Village Lake Louise is a \$30 million complex of recreational facilities, rental units, condominiums and shops. It is a project that some feel will provide planned and controlled development of our Banff National Park as well as make the park more accessible to Canadians.

The controversy over the development began when Village Lake Louise Ltd. submitted a plan to construct the upper and lower villages. The lower village would supply accommodation for several hundred near the Trans Canada Highway on a plain adjacent to the Bow River. The upper village located at the base of Whitehorn Mountain would provide motel facilities for 3,000 persons.

Dr. Ian McTaggart of the University of British Columbia, one of the project's planners, explains he had reservations about some aspects of the project, but greatly favours opening the area to ordered, tasteful development which he said is promised by the proposed project. Dr. McTaggart is also a member of the governing board of the National and Provincial Park Association, which opposes the project.

Vancouver architect, Arthur Erickson, has promised an aesthetically pleasing development.

The project is owned jointly by Imperial Oil and Lake Louise Lifts Ltd.

Dale M. Simmons, a Calgary professional engineer favours the project both as a way of enhancing the beauty ofthe park and as a way of opening the park up to greater numbers of Canadians. Mr. Simmons says. "The best use of our national parks will result from the maximum utilization by the maximum number of people under conditions which minimize ecological and environmental disturbance."

In a brief presented to a Calgary hearing into the proposed development, the Calgary Chamber of Commerce says, "the proposed development ideas are as consistent with recreational development as they are with maintenance of the wilderness."

The Chamber of Commerce continues to say that the project

area can not be considered a wilderness area because it is near the Trans Canada Highway and railway lines. The Brief says, "VLL is tastefully designed, will enhance viistor enjoyment, will not be visable from the main route, and will not detract in any way from the scenic drive."

About many of the objections towards the project, R. Gordon Humphries of Calgary says, "many are ill-considered, illogical and based on hysterical reaction and misunderstanding of the facts."

Mr. Humphries says that because there are no other appropriate ski areas within range from Calgary and Edmonton the national parks provide the best ski facilities.

The director of the Banff Centre, Mr. D. Leighton says that he favours Village Lake Louise because past developments have been unplanned, scattered and unsightly. Mr. Leighton made it clear that his position in no way reflects that of the Centre's.

He says that recreational pressure will continue to grow in the area because of the close proximity of the Trans Canada Highway. He believes that tastefully planned facilities will relieve such pressure.

Mr. Leighton denies claims that VLL will set a precedent for future development because each development proposed is considered on its merits.

In letters to the editor of the Calgary Herald these Calgarians support Village Lake Louise.

Mr. Hugh McMillan says, "The preservation of our wildernes areas, like motherhood, is unpalatable to argue against it is naturally highly desirable. Current arguments seem to expose a dichotomy, how 'er; to refer to the more familia areas of our parks as wilderness area appears remarkably akin to categorizing a lady of the streets, however attractive, as a cloistered young virgin." He continued to say, ". . . it appears ludicruous that groups sufficiently well capitalized to be able and willing to provide visitor accommodation resulting from the pressure of demand by people, should be so soundly castigated by so many. It is just possible that the only positive way to suppress this demand would be to stop making so many people."

Mr. McMillan says, "Cries of "big business" being about to rape our national parks are al-

most amusing . . . "big business" pushing through a transcontinental railway was the inception of our national parks system."

Mr. H. G. Gammel places his trust into the parks branch. He says, "If the park is for the use of all Canadians who can get there, skiers deserve the same consideration as others." He continues, "At the same time, a new townsite is needed to service the growing numbers of visitors, and Lake Louise seems a good location to cover both needs."

In support of the park administration he says, "In my view, the parks are to be complimented on their past administration, and I am confident they can manage future developments in a fashion to sult all Canadians."

CON

Village Lake Louise is seen by some as a commercial blunder, a wildlife murder scheme and as a recreational Mount Olympus for the affluent.

The National and Provincial Parks Association declares that the government set aside areas of great natural beauty because society is already full of shopping centres, "posh alpine ski resorts, traffic and Disneylands."

The association says, "a balanced society requires some areas where man can occasionally get away from all of this."

The 1964 National Parks Policy states that, "Artificial recreation in the individual parks should not be introduced to attract visitors who would otherwise not visit the parks, or as a means of increasing visitation."

The association says that, "recreation has a definite place in the lives of Canadians, but that downhill skiing, golf and other spectator sports need not be enjoyed in the park." The association claims that the development will cater to a distinct minority of Canadians, the downhill skiers.

The Alberta Wilderness Association warns that approval for VLL will set a precedent for similar developments in Canada's National Parks.

"We would suggest that the Village Lake Louise proposal is intended to directly complement the efforts of the Canadian Government Tourist Bureau in attracting the foreign tourist dollar by prostituing Canada's National Parks on an international scale," says the Wilderness Association.

An Edmonton anti pollution group, Save Tomorrow — Oppose Pollution, (STOP), says it is "strongly opposed" to the proposal and says such projects should be developed outside the parks.

STOP says, "the provision of urban type recreational facilities is not part of the basic purpose of national parks."

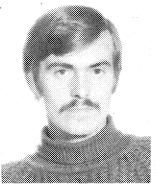
The Calgary Inter Faith Community Action Committee opposes the development and maintains that "the intense people-pressure generated by Village Lake Louise would create devastation to many important natural habitats within easy reach of the site."

In letters to the editor of the Calgary Herald, these Calgarians are apposed to the Village Lake Louise Development.

Joseph Vintcent says, "It is important that the public understand something about the ski resort business, namely that although the operation of ski lifts is often profitable, it is usually not a money-maker. The really fat gains, the multi-million dollar returns are made from land deals in the ski area. This is the economic state at Lake Louise. If the promoters of the village scheme are granted the long leases on crown land that they are requesting, they will then own an effective monopoly on

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JA RO DOLK



Once again the DPW pass the most gruelling test. In the past the DPW installing interference objects, this time it is four beautifully painted iron poles. The poles are located along the entrances on 106th Street. They have been carefully screwd into the cement walkways sa as to protect the institute from those non thinking people who drive right up to the doors. That April issue of Cosmopolitan has to be the end in the sexual equality of men. It has come time that men enjoyed those last little freedoms that were once so far away. Yet as a person thinks it is rather strange that men would follow

·ployee of this fine institute said, "It is disgusting to think that people would allow themselves to be exhibited in such a manner. Sexual freedom is not a picture but a state of mind." Call it what you wish but ask has it been a success? The activities committee is a body that has through the year brought is such beauties as . . . and . . . and ... will you know all those good groups and films. A reliable source from the student offices info... ad me that the profits realized from the operation of the cabaret have gone to subsidize the activities committee. It has been the policy of the A.C. to provide the students of NAIT the most bazar entertainment that is available, or it would seem that way. The perfect manner in which the A.C. has managed to schedual these groups and films is something else. To recall one, on March 22, 1972 a group was brought into the institute to provide entertainment for the students of NAIT. However it should be noted that at that time roughly the same time there was a little

thing scheduled call the election speaches. Now it wouldn't be me to criticize the A.C. for the student council has direct control over it and the students council is never wrong. The fact that the students were spending \$5,500 in electing the next president makes te speeches a subordinate function and the A.C. should have gone out and got the best group posible even if just to show to the students of NAIT how small their students council is . . . Apparently the Nugget is looking for writers that would be interested in writing for the Nugget next year, if in fact you are interested in writing next year come down to the Nugget office E128 anytime of the day and see Georg Wowk-Editor . . . If old kissey pooh doesn't write perhaps a riot should be instigated . . . Our sister Institute to the south is having their annual open house this weekend for all those that are interested in heading south . . . Remember that The Cancer Drive is on today, if you are interested in helping out contact Al White in the P.R. department in room E129B.

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DEAR EDITOR:

The advance is slow and subtle. The first sign is rumblings among the populace, quickly picked up by student leaders and those in high places. The rumblings grow; soon the student leaders are advocating IT in their meetings. The representatives of the people are then brainwashed and they return to those who have elected them with honyed words. The grasping goes to leaders of smaller groups, and they too are pulled into the whirlwind of growing fervour. The few who protest are taken in and processed.

The hysteria roots and grows. There are posters, radio broadcasts, newspaper announcements, meetings. Soon, too soon even for those who expect IT,

IT comes; sweeping with IT every vestige of human reason and order. Black power? Communist revolution? No . . . Open House.

Annually we bow to a greater will, and produce a public display, though only through the use of human vices. We steal other people's televisions, masking tape, paper, classrooms, ideas, time and peace of mind. We make it on a hope, a prayer, and a photo-finish.

And? Exhaustion, short-tempers, lost teaching time, chaos. The visitors are duly impressed by the most lavish displays: bored, bewildered they'd rather be home watching Marcus Welby. Do they see our school? No; they see projects and extra effects we would normally never dream of. They do not see how their tax money is spent in education they see the extra-curricular activities. They do not see the instructors inaction; they're lucky if they see them at all (the smart ones have made for the border!) Open House is more suggestive of Show-And-Tell, than of a post-secondary education. Would it not be better to spend the time and effort in having parents and friends visit actual classes? Probably, but then, that wouldn't be near as much fun, now would it?

Dolly Dagger.

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Understand Together

DEAR EDITOR:

Are politics at NAIT turning into the same kind of situation that we have in the Federal Government — name calling and degradation? If so, I would like to congratulate Jaro Polk on the fine job he did of tearing into Stanley Kwong in the last issue of the Nugget. Why don't you let Stanley prove himself before you condemn him?

Stanley's idea is to help the students as a group, and not as individual technologies. I understand that the book store was set up for the benefit of NAIT students as a wohle and not just for BAS, who are now reaping all the rewards. Granted that a lot of hard work has been put into the book store by BAS, but I feel that any other group could do as well if they were given the chance.

By raising student fees what do we have to look forward to next year? A directory that we didn't get this year, and the same sad attempt at the year-book (which was centered on about ten people)?.

The purpose of voting is to put someone in office whom the people think wil do the best job. The students at NAIT voted for what they wanted, and that's what they got!

SUSAN HARCUS

BARRY TAKES N.A.I.T. OPEN

An Industrial Division curling team skipped by Gary Barry, an instructor, captured this year's NAIT Open title with a score of 7-8 over Connolly. They were two well mached teams as indicated by ties on the 5th and 10th ends. Overtime play saw Barry come out on top by one point. Playing third for Barry was Roly Touchette, second -Bill Scoffield and lead - Bert Odland. For all that work they got 2-way Jig-Saws. Finalist rinks in the A event were Connolly, Nadon. Huff. Abbott. and Barry. Playing off for AC-DC Radios in the B event were Dave Haley and Seely. Haley lost out to the Seely rink 8-7 in another close, overtime game. The two play-off teams in the C event were Owchar and Kroetch. Owchar had tough luck; playing with 3 and losing points every end from the 5th on. Final score for the Kroetch rink was 8-4. Paul Froehler skipped with Mel Lungo playing third, Dave Famulak second, and Tom Kroetch lead. First prize was electric knives. The D event was sewed up by the Nadon rink who won-10-4 over Graham. They blanked the first first end and at the beginning of the 5th were leading 7-0. First prize was Golf Gift Bags.

A small critisism of the whole bonspiel - the ice was lousy. I think the Avenue and Avonair could have accommodated the students a little better than they did considering the amount of business they get from NAIT.

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real estate development in the area."

On ski lift accommodation, P. M. Marechal says, "The model shown in Lake Louise displays village plans, but the lift projects are vague . . . where is the famous lift equipment that will allow the skiing capacity to be doubl-

He writes, "Is it really worth imitating some of the best mistakes made in Europe for so little, just to satisfy a handful of promoters, while existing ac-

MORE POWER TO YOU

Witchcraft and studies of the occult have become popular in recent years. Due to pressure from outside sources, we have decided to print a short introduction into witchcraft along with some spells.

Despite what you may have heard, you do not have to be born a witch (or warlock) - or even be a witch - to practise witchcraft. Magic is simply an exercise of certain powers. Evcommodation is rarely fully

Bruce Mackinnon questions, "If the ski facilities and snow conditions at Banff Ski Areas are overburdened with 1,500 to 2,500 skiers on weekends what will the conditions be at Lake Louise with 8,500 to 10,000 skiers every day of the week?" He asks if "skiing is the growing sport that it is claimed to be in Canada, why can't investors build large-scale profitable developments closer to the populace and outside of the national parks where the potential does exist?"

eryone has these powers, but it takes determination, and know how to develop them. The more developed the power, the stronger the magic. (That's why witches traditionally greet eachother with the words that are at the top of this column - "More Power To You".)

Here are some practical applications of witchcraft.

To Become Pregnant If you're a woman who yearns for the pitter-patter of tiny feet,

try this. Buy a small bag of sunflower and pumkin seeds. Starting at the new moon, eat about five of each type of seed. (If you don't like the taste, add the seeds to your favorite cookie recipe.) Continue eating them until the full moon. If you don't conceive before the next new moon, start the spell again.

To Decide A Baby's Sex Now that that's settled, do you want a boy or a girl? For a boy, add pomegranate seeds to the sunflower and pumpkin mentioned above. Also stick a knife into vour mattress: con ceive the child between the new and full moons, and a male heir is almost a sure thing. For a girl, sleep with a frying pan under your pillow and conceive between a full moon and the next

> To Physically Torment An Enemy

new moon.

Cut a branch from a year-old tree, pronouncing the name of your antagonist as you do. When night falls, lay it on a thick carpet. Name your enemy

aloud again and beat the branch as hard as you can (but don't break it). The person will wake up the next morning as bruised and sore as if he'd been beaten.

A very ancient spell for causing physical weakness in someone who has wronged you is to take a new knife and cut a lemon into quarters. While you cut, concentrate on the injury done to you and whisper, "As the fibers of this fruit fall asunder, so too the bands of (your enemy's

name) strength." The object of the spell will immediately feel a cutting pain in his heart and a general weakness throughout his

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