The site of the Master Plan, beautiful downtown Halifax.

City's master plan

Illusion of participatory democracy

Elsewhere in these pages, there is a The city seems intent that the only con- Drive and will not entertain a request for report on the latest public meeting on the cepts that will be discussed are the ones City of Halifax Development Plan. Several they themselves have thought of.

there was a great lack of answers. Mayor transit as an alternative. quantity, the people.

The meeting was cold and formal and Jamieson, in its Jan. 11 Newsletter. the City Manager, Cyril Henderson, made

things must be said both about the meeting It is also equally clear that the policies for Halifax development have already The Master Plan is largely in- been made. There was one public meeting comprehensible not simply because of its on Harbour Drive, the first stage of the magnitude but because of its presentation Master Plan, at which time more than 90 and content. Last week, when it was percent of those in attendance wanted brought into "open" forum for the masses, more serious consideration of rapid

Fitzgerald kept trying to say that the plan However, in addition to the gut feelings was merely at the policy stage, that what that most citizens have about expressways we have now is just a set of concepts, the running through the city, is the problem of exact nature of which would largely be financing. Movement for citizens voice determined by that large unknown and action reprinted a letter from the Minister responsible for DREE, Don

"At the outset, therefore, I wish to it clear that at least one concept was out of reiterate that DREE is not committed to - that being rapid transit. the provision of financial contributions (grants) for the construction of Harbour

such assistance until an accepted transportation plan is available.

.The enabling legislation for special areas is such that projects which can clearly be demonstrated to support economic development are eligible for DREE assistance.'

The Master Plan, with an extension of projects that the downtown core will have a 50 percent-100 percent increase in employment. Similarly, residential areas will be built up in the suburban areas of Herring Cove Road, Fairview and the Bedford area. At the same time, it is proposed that certain historic sites and views from The Citadel be preserved.

Yet, in the next breath, it is said that it is also the aim to speed traffic in and out of the city as quickly as possible. And even beyond the obvious contradiction in the City's statements.

There is indeed serious question as to the industrial core-residential surburbia concept of urban life. Some urban sociologists have argued against this concept because of its bad sociological effects in other large urban areas in North

But back to some gut reaction. It is doubtful that the City considers these socalled public forums as anything more than an exercise. The object is to divert public attention towards the illusion of participatory democracy, while City Developers slap together 30-storey

There's a high-rise medical apartment complex going up on Cobourg Road, a huge hotel complex on Quinpool Road. Land is being bought up all over the downtown area every day, while buildings are being torn down. The latest kick in the teeth was the announcement several weeks ago that the moratorium on new building starts in grown remote from the faculty. the downtown area was to be lifted shortly.

So we can expect a great increase in concrete office towers downtown, thus efficiently centralizing the business and corporate community. So with these fine businesses all located in one convenient area, the finances for the rest of the 'Master Plan", the expressways, will be readily available, as there will be ample demonstration "to support economic development" and therefore, federal government assistance.

Feds finally back down; Meszaros granted visa

DOWNSVIEW (CUP) - Istvan Meszaros, the Marxist professor Canadian immigration authorities tried to exclude from a teaching post at York University on the grounds he was a "security risk", has apparently won his eight-month fight.

Meszaros received word January 5 that he had been granted an entry visa to Canada. He had returned to England December 29 after being in Canada fighting his case since September. He returned only after Manpower and Immigration Minister Robert Andras had assured him he would personally review the case.

Meszaros will return to Toronto, January 20 to begin teaching political philosophy at York.

Meszaros' lawyer, Paul Copeland, of Toronto, said the eight-month court and legal costs would be about \$8000, which he hoped to collect from York University. In a similar case two years ago, York picked up the tab for the entry fight of Gabriel Kolko, noted critic of American foreign policy and now a history professor at York.

Meszaros came to Canada in September to force the government to open its files on the case. Immigration authorities declared him illegally in the country and he was ordered deported by the Immigration Review Board while Bryce Mackasey was still Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

The case received international attention, and academics around the world rallied to support Meszaros. Under pressure, Mackasey agreed to personally review the case if Meszaros returned to England. Meszaros refused because once out of the country he would have lost his right of appeal.

Mackasey then withdrew a conditional offer to allow Meszaros to stay and teach at York for one year only.

Dalhousie Political Science Chairman J.H. Aitchison said he was glad Meszaros got his visa. Aitchison said he did not know all the details of the case, but said it "appeared to be a case of arbitrary exclusion without good grounds."

The case is notable for the question it raises about the review process in the immigration department. If Meszaros had not come to Canada, Copeland speculated it was highly unlikely his case would have been favorably reviewed.

And by using the "security risk" label, the government was able to blanket the flimsiest of evidence in secrecy, and use it as a club to which Meszaros had no defense. He had no idea what evidence the charge had been based on. Rumors floated that he was Russian spy and at one point, Mackasey's executive assistant Zarie Levine told a newspaper reporter that Meszaros was "no golden-haired boy" Meszaros has filed suit against Levine.

With the help of New Democratic Party MP Ed Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby), himself a member of York's political science department, Meszaros got in touch with the new minister, Andras. In a telephone call December 24, Andras told Meszaros he would honor the promise of his predecessor to review the case.

Andras reportedly told Meszaros no grounds existed for his exclusion from Canada. The government wouldn't intervene in the appeal, Andras said, and Meszaros had all the benefit of all possible routes of appeal. The statement in effect guaranteed the government wouldn't issue a security certificate. The certificate would have prohibited the appeal board from opening the security risk issue. In that event, the board would have been forced to settle the Meszaros case on a strict question of law without any humanitarian considerations. In appeal cases a board ruling can be reversed on humanitarian grounds.

But more important, Andras' statement is seen by observers as proof the govern-

unionize teaching assistants there with

little apparent success. The Canadian

Association of University Teachers

(CAUT) is studying a proposal to affiliate

to the Canadian Labor Congress, but many

observers forsee a rocky road for the plan.

Most local faculty associations belong to

Elsewhere in Manitoba, the faculty

associations at Brandon University and at

the University of Winnipeg say they are

watching their University of Manitoba

counterparts' efforts with interest. But

both are merely filing the agreements they

have negotiated with their respective

faculty associations with the Manitoba

department of labour for enforcement,

rather than seeking collective bargaining

certification for themselves.

ment had no grounds for the original charge that Meszaros was a security risk. In September Meszaros said he thought

the label came from some Canadian immigration official in London who seemed to think all Marxists were security risks and bomb throwers.

Meszaros fled Hungary in 1956 when the Stalinists regained control after the abortive uprising that year. He was a noted civil rights advocate in his homeland and served as an assistant to the cultural affairs minister in the short-lived revolutionary government.

He went to Italy and then to Britain where he later became a British citizen without any problems. While teaching at the University of Sussex he was offered a position at York and resigned. But when he applied for landed immigrant status in Canada, while still in London, Canadian authorities there refused and the battle

York University officials played a very low-keyed role in the dispute. York president David Slater sent telegrams to Mackasey but left the bulk of affairs to Arts dean John Saywell

When the original refusal of Meszaros' landed immigrant status application arrived in late June, Saywell sent Meszaros a telegram offering one year's salary as settlement, plus an offer to help Meszaros get his old job back at Sussex.

York originally agreed to pay Meszaros his salary although he wasn't teaching, but stopped payment in October and froze the bank account. At that time Meszaros couldn't touch the money and the immigration department could charge he was illegally employed if he did.

Meszaros spent the four months in Canada living with York professors Ellen and Neil Wood, studying andwriting. But he said during that time the waiting game destroyed his concentration and he was doing no constructive work.

Harbour Drive going through the downtown core to Robie Street and eventually into a Northwest Arm Bridge also Manifoba may set precedent;

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The University of Manitoba Faculty Association is attempting to become the only English speaking Canadian University with unionized teaching staff.

The Association has asked the University Board of Governors to as the collective bargaining agent for U of M's 1,080 full-time faculty members. It wants to be able to bargain not only about salaries and working conditions, but over university spending priorities.

collective rights under the Labour Act, while the University of Brandon, York University and the University of Alberta have bargaining agreements with the university's respective Board of Governors. Dalhousie Faculty is negotiating to receive similar rights (see accompanying

At Manitoba, Faculty Association President, Jonas Lehrman charged that the rapid growth in the university's student population over the past 15 years has resulted in "the development of a centralized administration which has

The administration growth is "out of all proportion to growth at other universities, not only in just size, but in power... they're stronger here than at any other university in Canada," he said.

As examples of misplaced priorities Lehrman cited the 26 percent cut in research grants last year and the low budgetary allocation to the library, while administrative costs were one of the highest in Canada.

University president Ernest Sirluck has denied the charges, claiming ad-

board of governors to decide whether to grant voluntary recognition by Feb. 1. If the board refuses recognition, the association will take its case to the Manitoba Labour Relations Board.

faculty members belong to the association and that the organization has collected signatures from "a good majority" of the faculty to support its request for recognition.

The Graduate Students' Union at the University of Toronto is currently trying to

profs attempting to unionize

The University of Quebec already has

ministrative costs declined last year on a percentage basis. The faculty association has asked the

Lehrman said about 75 percent of the

Relationship Among Agencies carry over of work from meeting to meeting City City Planning Committee Committee tentative acted-upon decisions decisions questions other recommendations questions questions recommendations Citizens Advisory recommendations Committee City Manager City Manager carry over of Staff Staff work from week Committee Committee reports - recommendations - answers Staff

Changes proposed for entertainment

by Glenn Wanamaker

Student Council has accepted in principle a proposal to clean up the Entertainment situation in the SUB. However, implementation of the proposal is being left up to the Committee on Alternate Student Government.

Peter Greene, in charge of many entertainment events, reported to Council that the entertainment committee does not

FLASH!

Immediately following the last Council meeting, Arts rep Ken MacDougall moved that a special in camera session be held. No reason was given but the motion succeeded by a simple majority. All members refused to comment after the 30-minute session, though Communications Secretary Steve Long said "it was a joke."

referring to the behind doors meeting. Vice-President Joan MacKeigan concurred: "Oh look, it wasn't even worth..." And so it it was - the in camera session that is. Or is it the other way around? The GAZETTE will have the truth in 2 weeks.

work together as a unit. "We cut each policy actually is. other out, and we don't work together as a

He said \$8,000 was lost on three shows because of poor planning. "Give us an organization we can work with, and we'll have a lot better entertainment at a lot better prices.'

His accepted proposal asked for a Council-appointed Chairman who would pick a committee to work with. The Committee would be given a budget to work with, and they would have to report to Council regularly. Two thousand dollars will be expended

on lighted bulletin boards to improve communication of Council information. The boards will be placed in the Life Sciences, the Killam Library, the Arts and Administration, the Tupper Medical building and Fenwick Towers.

Several Dal organizations received grants of between \$200 and \$300, including the Sociology Anthropology Course Union, the Ski Club, CUSO, the Chinese Society, and the Russian Club.

The motion condemning the university's direction-less policy of tearing down houses with nothing to replace them was "deferred" until next Council meeting. No one could report on what the University's

Several reports were presented to

Council including Eric Swetsky's report on Senate. Several motions resulting from Task Force Committees on the Quality of Student Life were carried. Reports from the Course Monitoring Committee, the Leisure and Recreation Committee and the Communications Committee will be detailed next week.

no new Soc chairman

by Glenn Wanamaker

The touchy situation in the Sociology Anthropology Department appears to be slowly building to a climax. No one at either the high faculty level or the apparently attempting to delay matters as long as possible.

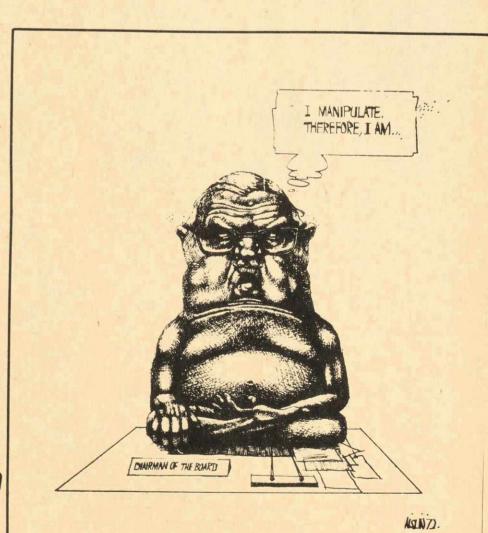
The search for a new departmental resignation of Don Clairmont before Christmas.

Professor Mangalam has resigned from his position of Chairman on the Graduate Education Committee, because of student success in gaining parity and reportedly

because of alienation from the rest of faculty and staff.

The latest candidate, and most likely at the moment, is Doug Campbell. Some observers say he is the compromise choice departmental level is making any moves, and most likely will only be interim

Faculty dismissals from the department and denial of tenure cases have yet to be Chairman goes on, following the dealt with, leaving at least three professors wondering about jobs next year. Normally, faculty is advised by December 31 about renewal of contracts. But because of budgetary problems, the university is conveniently delaying



Brandon University Faculty Association president Bob Florida explained the group will simply send the labour board agreements signed in the last two years, and the labour board will enforce them. He said university negotiators have not objected to the plan.

The Brandon board of governors "has voluntarily recognized our group as the body which bargains for the faculty. Manitoba never did so they have to go through the certification route," Florida

Florida and University of Winnipeg faculty president G.R. MacPherson claimed communication with their administrations had been better because their institutions were smaller than U of