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## DSA, Admin reach agreement

by Allison Johnston

The Dalhousie Staff Association is endorsing a tentative agreement in spite of its shortcomings.

The DSA and the Administration came to the agreement Saturday with the help of conciliator Dannie Hood.

"A lot of people are upset about it," said George Evans president of the DSA, who feels that the members deserve more.

Marilyn MacDonald, spokesperson for the Administration said "there was give and take on both sides."

There were three major issues on the table. Bette Yetman, Chief Negotiator for the DSA, said that they lost on the issue of wages, won on the issue of job evaluation, and came to a draw on the issue of sick leave.

The DSA bargaining team is recommending the agreement to the its members for practical reasons. "The Union has to look down the road," said Yetman, and a full strike would not necessarily guarantee a better settlement.

"The Administration is comfortable with it [the deal]," said MacDonald, "it's a deal we can afford to live with."

The contract is for three years and the DSA has received a "slight increase in wages," said Evans, "and COLA [cost of living adjustment] in the third year."

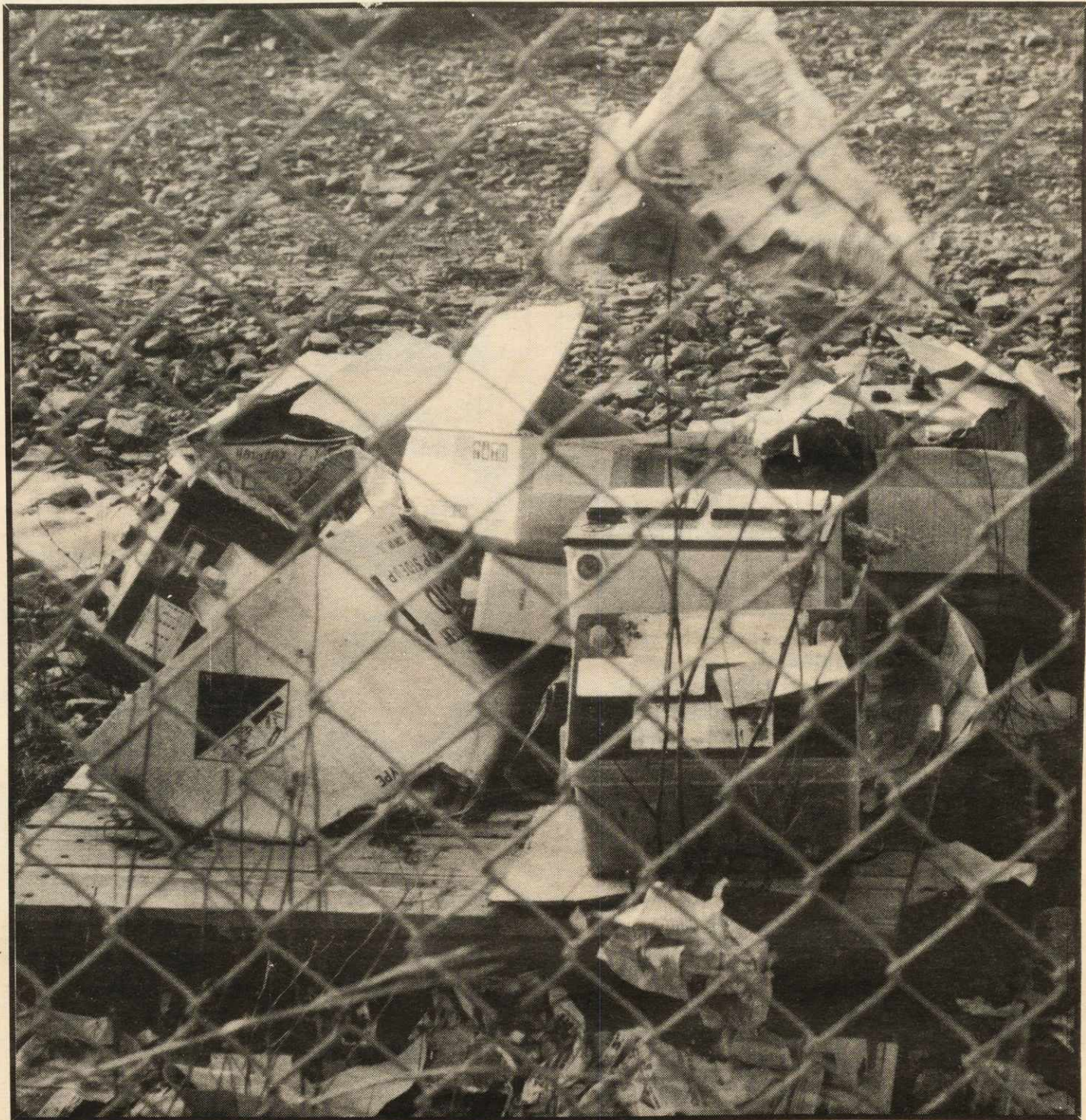
The DSA will be voting on the agreement, the 15,18,19 of February. Yetman said "I am projecting that it will pass."

When asked if the vote was merely a formality, Evans said "it could still be rejected."

Evans is angry at the Administrations allocation of money. He feels that spending two-hundred thousand dollars on a consulting committee to beautify the campus shows the improper priorities of the University.

As of Tuesday, all DSA members are back at work and will remain there unless the tentative agreement is voted down.

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City charged with waste irresponsibility.

### Incinerators in our future

# Environment gets burned

by Stephanie Nolen

*A recent announcement by the Metropolitan Authority (MA) about plans for solid waste management, including an incinerator, caught Halifax environmentalists off guard, and angry.*

On Wednesday, January 31, about 350 people gathered at St. Mary's University for an information evening organized by the MA. They were greeted with a polished presentation about waste management and incineration, but most were unconvinced that the MA plan was a good one.

Disposal of solid waste is rapidly becoming a very serious issue for Halifax. The landfill site which currently holds the city's waste will close, full, in 1994. It currently receives 50,000 tonnes of garbage each year.

Gerry Isenor, a technical consultant with the MA, presented the plan put forth by the city. It includes a residential recycling program, which will remove an estimated 15 per cent of the waste stream, commercial recycling (ten per cent), composting (ten per cent), an increase in tip-

ping fees as a disincentive, and household hazardous waste collection. The remainder of the garbage, some 40 per cent will be incinerated.

The incinerator will cost \$250 million to build, with 43 per cent responsibility for taxpayers.

After eight months of study, the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee proposed to the MA an integrated plan involving the options the city is now proposing, but did not advocate the strategy which includes incineration, expressing "serious reservations."

Nonetheless, elected members of the MA have voted in favour of this option. It is also favoured by consultants and MA staff. Despite the committee's recommendations, the plan which includes incineration is being advocated as the most viable one.

For the meeting, the city imported a Maine doctor, Frank Lawrence, to discuss the health effects of incineration.

"No method of solid waste management provides zero risk," said Lawrence. "There is no more health risk in incineration than there is from a landfill."

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