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A Dal men's hockey player moves in against the Saint Mary's netminder. St. Mary's defeated Dal 6-4. See more sports coverage on page 15. Cette photo par Pascal Languillon.

## Exactly how did they get that number?

*Credit card marketing company calls students at home, raises questions about students' privacy*

BY KATIE TINKER

Students say they are concerned that a company selling credit cards is getting their home phone numbers from the university.

Over the past month, Clegg Campus Marketing has been phoning Dalhousie students and offering them credit cards. But what concerns students is that the solicitors know their targets are Dal students.

Michelle Williams, a third-year Political Science student, was called about three weeks ago while eating dinner. The Clegg representative who called asked if, as a Dal student, she would be interested in applying for a credit card in order to boost her credit rating before graduation.

She wasn't.

Williams has never applied to the company for anything in the past, so she says the company must have obtained her name from some sort of list or directory. And since Clegg pamphlets were mailed out with student union packages this summer, she thought maybe the

university had something to do with it.

"If they'd just called and said, 'is there a university student in the house' or something, I wouldn't have thought anything of it — but it was that they already knew I was a university student."

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Bridget Murphy, another student, wasn't home when Clegg called, so her roommate took a message from a telemarketer.

The Clegg representative said Murphy had applied for three credit cards — a Visa, a Mastercard and a Sears card. But Murphy says she had never applied for any cards.

"I called back and said I never applied for any credit cards, I didn't want any credit cards, so just take me off the list or whatever."

She says the marketer didn't

seem very concerned over the error.

"The guy just says 'well, I'll just get some information from you, then,' ... he wouldn't take no for an answer."

Murphy says when she did sign up she had to give basic information she thought the company would already have if they had her on file.

"You'd think if he really did have an application from me he would have already had all the things like my social insurance number. But all he had was my home address and phone number."

No one at the university seems to know how Clegg got student phone numbers — but they are emphatic they didn't get them from Dal.

Gudrun Curri, Dalhousie registrar, says students' addresses and phone numbers are strictly confidential.

"Under no circumstances do we release [students' information], ever. Unless we get a court order, we don't even release that information to the RCMP."

Brian Kellow, executive vice-

president of the Dalhousie Student Union, makes a similar assertion.

"We would never in a million years give out or sell students' phone numbers."

Kellow says the Clegg pamphlets are mailed out with

student union information every year as a one-time contract — Clegg gets to include their pamphlets if they do the mailing. But Clegg has a standing agreement

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## MA students left out in the cold

*Big ASS building too small for graduate students*

BY JANET FRENCH

Graduate students will suffer under new building plans which shuts them off from their department, some students say.

While Master's of Arts (MA) students are currently housed with their departments, the planned Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) building doesn't have any room for MA offices.

Tricia Leadbeater, a Masters

student in Philosophy, says the segregation from the rest of the department will stifle graduate work.

**"It marginalizes us from the rest of the academic community."**

"So much of our intellectual development depends on conversation. By not having a spot

designated in the building, we are losing those opportunities," she said.

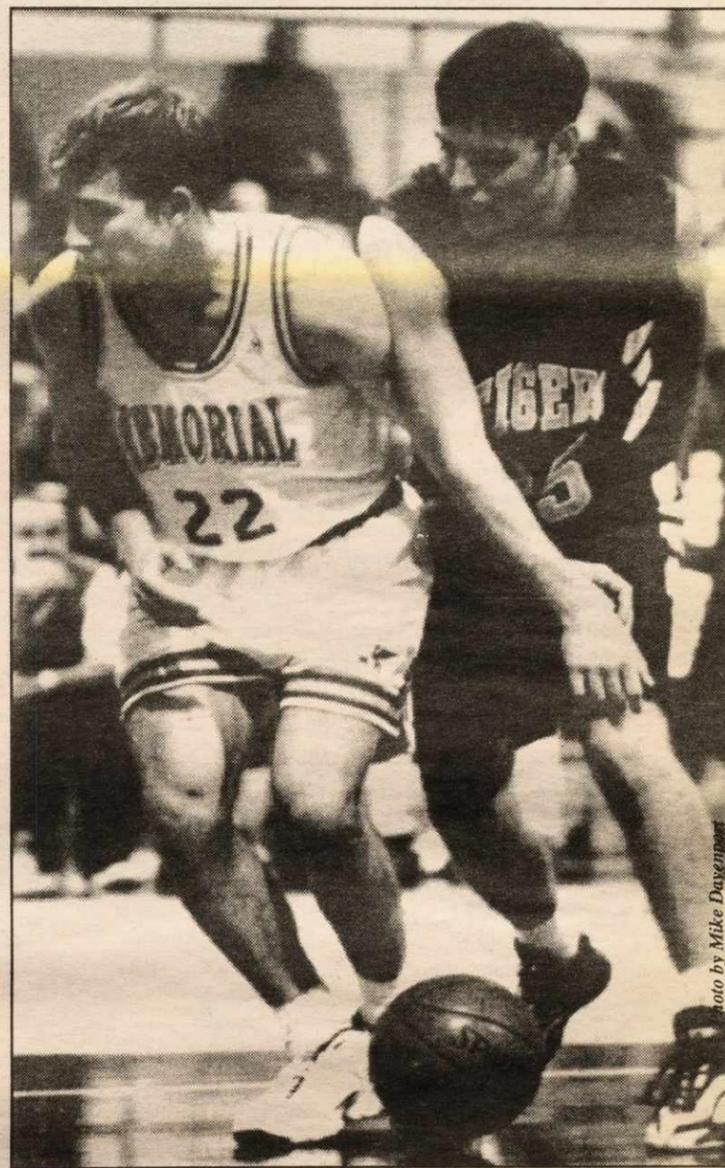
"It marginalizes us from the rest of the academic community."

Adam Rostis, a Masters student in Economics, agrees.

"It's a big hassle," he said. "When you're doing research you collect all sorts of materials and you just need a space to keep them. If you come to the university to do research and get differential treatment, you feel like a second-rate student."

But Melissa Furrow, acting dean of Arts and Social Sciences, says the benefits of the new building outweigh the costs.

"I know it raises a lot of anxieties because what people can see is that they're not going to have what they had before. What they can't see yet is what they might have is [better] than what they had



Dal basketball got off to a rousing start last week. See story page 15.

## Chair created in honour of local activist

BY DANIELLE CONNALL

Two anonymous donations totalling \$1.6-million will establish a chair in women's health and the environment in honour of a prominent environmentalist.

The Maritime Centre of Excellence for Women's Health will create the Elizabeth May Chair

for Women's Health and the Environment. The chair is in honour of May, the executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada, a national environmental organization.

May is a graduate of the Dalhousie law school.

The donations were

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Graduate students left feeling homeless by new ASS building.

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