

Shinerama on you crazy diamond

by K Brookland

This year's Shinerama raised thousands of dollars for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's research and treatment programs.

UNB's eight member Shinerama team, headed by Jason Stanley, worked all summer to organize a series of events including a softball tournament, and a car wash Saturday, held at seven locations around town.

Saturday's car wash raised enough money to take the team over the top of their \$15,000 target.

Stanley said he was "excited to see the amount of student participation and involvement. The students were happy to participate, and



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Shinerama raised over \$15,000 with events like Saturday's car wash to help fight Cystic Fibrosis.

enthusiastically raised money for the fight against Cystic Fibrosis."

This year, students in Canada are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Shinerama campaign and the

fact that they have raised more than \$15 million since 1964, including a record \$952,000 last year.

Stanley says the reason he and the other students work so hard is

simple, "because we care, and what better way is there for students who come to university than to spearhead their energy for a good cause?"

Aliant strike may end soon

by K Brookland

Strikers and Aliant management came to a tentative agreement Friday that may see the end of a four month long strike.

Students may still have to wait for telephone service a bit longer than usual this September.

Depending on the situation and the backlog of orders resulting from the strike, students could wait up to two weeks to have new phone jacks installed. If you already have

phone jacks, it may only take a day or two to get your phone hooked up.

Also, if you've never had Aliant phone service in your name you will have to consent to a credit check in order to get phone service.

As a promotional offer, when you dial the 1-800 number for residential service, an automated message will offer you a free MP3 player if you sign up for Aliant internet services with an Aliant dealer or online at www.aliant.net.

UNB Student Union sued

by K Brookland

The UNB Student Union has recently been involved in two law suits.

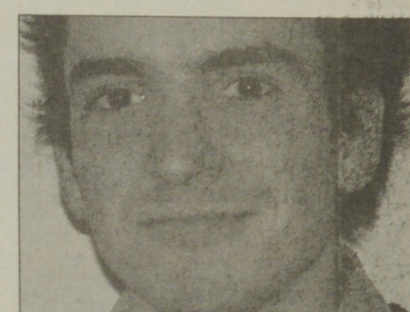
The first involved former long-term employee Marlene Brewer. LeBlanc said "there was a discrepancy in her contract," which was the source of contention.

Brewer was to be paid an amount for every year she worked for the Student Union, however, "the contract didn't have a clear clause as to how much was due to her if she was laid off," said LeBlanc.

The Student Union and Brewer settled out of court.

Brewer said "I'd rather not talk about it. There was a clause in the settlement stipulating that I wasn't to discuss the settlement."

Another law suit is pending but LeBlanc said he is not at liberty to discuss the issue.



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UNB SU President Greg LeBlanc.

UNB libraries user-friendly

Special to The Brunswickan

Welcome to the first installment of a column that will provide you with news and tips to help with your studies and research at UNB.

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Don't be shy to ask for help. A few minutes with library staff can save you hours of frustrating and fruitless searching for the journal articles, books, databases, and other information resources you need. We'll point you in the right direction.

How to get your damage deposit back

by Aaron M. Savage
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As a result of my involvement with the UNB Student Union Advocacy Centre, I know that many landlords will claim against a tenant's damage deposit unjustifiably and, in many cases, as a matter of course. Unfortunately many trusting students fall victim to unscrupulous landlords who will do whatever they can to keep your damage deposit out of your hands and in their pockets. Fortunately there are a few very simple things you can do to protect yourself.

The best advice I can give is to not damage your apartment. If you leave your apartment with holes in the walls you will lose most, if not all, of your deposit. I also recommend you do a thorough cleaning of your apartment prior to moving out. If your landlord is forced to hire cleaners to do this, all the money she or he pays will be deducted from your deposit. In this regard a little common sense goes along way.

Some of you may not realize that your landlord can only ask for a damage deposit amount that is equal to one month's rent. If your rent is \$500, the maximum damage deposit your landlord can request is \$500. Do not be fooled by a landlord who tries to tell you

otherwise.

There are a few ways you can pay your damage deposit. You can pay the amount to your landlord directly. She or he is then required to deliver it to the office of the Rentalsman.

You can deliver the amount to the office of the Rentalsman yourself. This is probably the best way to pay it because, unfortunately, not all landlords will deliver your damage deposit to the Rentalsman. In these cases, the likelihood of getting your deposit back at the end of your lease is slim. If your landlord has not delivered your damage deposit to the Rentalsman, feel free to contact the Office of the Rentalsman to discuss your options.

I recommend that you personally deliver your damage deposit, via certified cheque or bank draft, to the office of the Rentalsman yourself. This can save you a lot of grief down the road.

I have represented many students who could not recover their damage deposit simply because they were unable to prove they did not cause the damage complained of. To avoid this problem I recommend the following:

Once you arrive in your apartment meet with your landlord to complete an accommodation inspection report. This form is available at the Office of the Rentalsman and the UNB Student

Union Advocacy Centre. Meet with your landlord and complete the form before you move in and again upon your departure. Should your landlord make a frivolous claim against your deposit, the accommodation form will be an important piece of evidence for the Rentalsman to have.

If you really want to cover all of your bases, take pictures of your apartment upon your arrival and again upon your departure. In the event your landlord claims against your deposit unjustifiably, you will be armed with the evidence needed to defend your position.

It has been my experience that if you personally file your deposit with the Office of the Rentalsman, take pictures of your apartment prior to moving in and upon your departure, complete the accommodation report with your landlord, and leave your apartment clean when you move out, you should have no difficulty getting your damage deposit back.

The above is not intended to constitute legal advice. Should you wish to discuss the application of a particular scenario to any of the information contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact Aaron M. Savage at asavage@msc.com or (506) 443-0157. Aaron is an associate with the law offices of Stewart McKelvey Stirling Seales in Fredericton.



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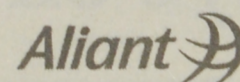
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