

## Violence a concern in residences



Taylor Dubeau, a second-year Recreation and Leisure student, shows off his battle-scars from the chaotic weekend on residence.

Photo by Austin McKay

### Partying in new location has resulted in several violent incidents

By Sean Macey

Partying at Loyalist College's new residence buildings this year has resulted in several violent incidents that sent two students to hospital by ambulance.

Taylor Dubeau, a second-year recreation and leisure student at Loyalist, said he needed four stitches above his left eye after he was hurt trying to break up a fight at a party on residence.

Dubeau said during his attempt to break up the fight, he was attacked by four people who pushed him to the ground and kicked him in the face. Dubeau was knocked unconscious before his friend pulled him out of the party. He was sent to hospital in an ambulance where he received his stitches.

He said although things got out of hand that night, most parties this year haven't been quite as rowdy.

"Most parties have been pretty easygoing and fun, but people are still getting to know each other so fights get started," Dubeau said.

He said college security wasn't aware of the incident until a couple days later when Dubeau told them. He said they had no idea of the incident.

Dianne Spencer, executive director of college advancement, said students are responsible for their own safety. If they see a problem at a party, they need to get help.

Dubeau said he doesn't think security is doing a bad job, but he thinks there needs to be more guards and some should be designated to the new residence area.

Meagan Jessup-McCue and Meaghan Martindale, students on new residence, were also victims of the out-of-control partying. The window above their front door was smashed by an empty liquor bottle that was thrown from outside. Martindale was at a friend's house when it happened while Jessup-McCue was sleeping.

"I feel like res has gotten a little rowdier this year, so I'm not surprised by it," said Martindale. "[It] seems like every weekend there's huge parties and huge fights."

They said they are satisfied with the job security does, but know there's only so much that can be done.

"I haven't seen any parties stopped. I've seen fights happen and security see them happen but the fight came back and still continued," said Martindale.

"I like the security guards here; I think they do OK," said McCue.

They still haven't heard when their window will be fixed. For the time being, the window has been covered by a piece of cardboard.

"It's been pretty scary, we haven't been really sure if something's going to come in through the window," said Martindale.

Although some students were victims of random acts, first-year student and rugby player Kyle Fernhout said peer pressure played a big part in his hospital

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## Some students wonder if police security is enough

### Investment of video cameras could help with identifying criminals

By Shelby Wye

Loyalist College security has responded to several violent incidents on campus by offering the protection of police officers on residence during pub nights.

But some students are wondering if the police presence is enough.

Meaghan Martindale, a first-year busi-

ness student, had her residence townhouse window smashed last weekend. She said it took college maintenance a few days to put up cardboard, and there was still glass scattered on their deck Thursday.

"We are lucky no one was there because a lot of glass was broken and it could have really injured someone," said Martindale. "It's obvious that we are in college and kids are going to party but some of this is going a little too far. I've seen countless fights and arrests and now windows being smashed."

Martindale said the school should invest in more video cameras for the upper-year townhouses. She said she believes that more cameras would have helped security identify who broke their window. Security at the upper-year townhouses at all times would be appreciated as well.

The problems are not selective to the upper-year townhouses. The 'old' residence is also suffering, despite security being present in the village nearly around the clock. Leah Jobe, a nursing student living in the basement floor of her building, got a close-up view of a fistfight out-

side her window while she studied.

"There needs to be more people out there. So when people are screaming obscenities at each other, then they can stop it there before it starts," Jobe said.

Police officers have been on the campus since Frosh Week. They patrol the old residence, enforcing the rules of the campus. This includes keeping drinks inside the 'wet' residences, stopping fights once they start and keeping the students safe wherever they can.

Students are provided with the resources to protect themselves and their

peers, whether they choose to follow through with their complaints is a different story. Peter Bek, this year's residence leader, said the increased security is a positive step.

"The police are here to help. Students shouldn't feel scared of the cops or the fact that they are here. They should definitely approach them if they have any problems," he said.

For less pressing concerns, he recommends students speak to their residence assistants as soon as possible. "We are all just here to help."

## New look for Shark Tank Pub

By Jack Carver

New furniture and a new paint job have changed the look in the Shark Tank Pub for new and returning students this year.

After a survey last spring asking students if they wanted new furniture in the Shark Tank Pub or the Link Lounge, the surveys came back in favour of the pub. Chris Detering, president of Loyalist college student government, said students asked and they delivered.

"During the summer and fall, we do surveys out to the students, the summer survey is entertainment ideas for the following year and a lot of pub night event sort of things, while the winter survey is mostly facility enhancements," said Detering. "Students were saying that they wanted a newer look to the pub, students asked and we deliver as much as we can."

The process starts after the survey results come in. The student government then works with the procurement centre to pick a designer. The student government worked with John Smale of Pace Design on the different wood finishes and colours for the furniture and made sure they were stackable.

Student government doesn't know yet how much the upgrade costs.

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Chris Detering, head of student government, stands in front the new furniture in the dining area of the Shark Tank Pub. Renovations also included a new coat of paint.

Photo by Jack Carver

## New OSAP process causes student concerns

By April Lawrence

Many Loyalist students are worried that they will not receive their Ontario Student Assistance Program loans quick enough to help their financial conditions.

Students are concerned about how things are working, said Laura Russell, a financial aid advisor at Loyalist College.

The financial aid office has been giving emergency loans and bookstore vouchers to help with the gap students will have with the delay in receiving their loans. Students have expressed concerns with the uncertainty and indefinite timelines given by the new process.

"It's been confusing, and it's frustrating moving from Oshawa to here and trying to sort out all this OSAP stuff," said Joe Walsh, a child and youth worker student.

Other students echoed his concerns with the new process and the time it has taken for them to receive their loans.

The Ontario Student Assistance Program has created a new process called OSAP Express in an attempt to get students their loans faster.

Russell said this new process has been in the works for years and has just finally come into use. The process requires students to take a master student financial assistance agreement to a designated postal service, before their enrollment can be confirmed and their loan directly deposited into their bank account.

The express process will not require students to stand in line to sign loan agreement papers at the beginning of each semester. Students now only have to sign a loan agreement once in their entire post-secondary studies.

In an attempt to make the process move more smoothly, Loyalist College worked to have their electronic connection with the Ontario Student Assistance Program office in Thunder Bay, Ont., but the system is not working, said Russell. Due to the electronic system not functioning properly, the financial aid staff at Loyalist has to manually confirm each student's enrollment and send it to Thunder Bay. The enrollment confirmation then has to go through the main office in Thunder Bay, making the process of receiving loans take longer than was expected.

"We're still trying to get it all worked out. It will hopefully be quicker in January but I can make no guarantees," said Russell.

## Residential schools have impact throughout lives

### Affects of experiences cross the generations, says Aboriginal services coordinator at Loyalist

By April Lawrence

The affects of residential schools run deeper than the compensation offered by the federal government, says the coordinator of Aboriginal services at Loyalist College.

Paul Latchford said the affects from the schools run from generation to generation, and has an impact on more than the person that went to the school.

The children didn't have proper contact with family or other people and that can affect the rest of their lives and how they are with their own children, he said.

Through talking to many people in

his community, Latchford said money isn't what the victims want and he wonders if it is the right way to approach the issue.

"I don't think that you can put a dollar value on it," said Latchford.

People applying for common experience payment for residential school abuse had until this week to send in an application.

The application claims, filed under the Independent Assessment Process, were sent electronically by Sept. 19. Payments are provided under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

"I can't believe that you can put a time frame on it," said Latchford.

The goal of residential schools was to have Aboriginal children adopt Christian and English beliefs. It was hoped that the students would pass what they learned on to their children and that within a few generations the native cul-

ture and traditions would be diminished or abolished.

Attendance at these schools was mandatory and the children were forcibly taken from their homes, said Latchford.

At the peak of the residential schools in 1931, there were 80 schools in operation. In total, around 150,000 Aboriginal, Inuit, and Metis children were forced to attend the schools.

Children were exposed to physical, sexual and emotional abuse at the residential schools, said Latchford. He added some of the biggest abuse was the children's separation from their families. Without family ties, the children weren't given the opportunity to be in a nurturing environment.

The core values of the children were disrupted by the schools, said Latchford. They didn't know who they were. They didn't know their culture and were constantly put down for who they were, he

explained.

Victim compensation started to be called for in 1990 by Phil Fontaine, leader of the Association of Manitoba Chiefs. He wanted the churches involved to acknowledge the abuse that happened in the schools.

In 1996, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples released a report that recommended a public inquiry into the schools. That recommendation was never followed.

In 2007, the federal government formalized a \$1.9 billion compensation package for the victims of the schools.

The compensation known as the Common Experience Payments were made available for residential school victims alive as of May 30, 2005.

Former students are eligible for \$10,000 for the first year they attended the schools as well as \$3,000 for each subsequent year.