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First snowfall of the season

Devan McGregor, 5, throws a snowball during the first snow day of the year on Wednesday after 10-15 centimetres of snow fell overnight. Environment Canada issued the first snowstorm warning of the season in Belleville and eastern Ontario yesterday.

Break-in leaves students worried

Residents locking doors more often following incident

By Jessica Campbell and Michelle Heshka

Students in Loyalist College residence say they are still concerned for their safety and well-being after a break-in on campus last Thursday evening.

One of many students concerned was Vanessa Chesney, a second-year student in the child and youth work program who lives four doors down from the incident.

"My roommates and I never used to lock our doors because our sched-

ules don't match up and were always in and out of the apartment, but now, that's what we make sure happens. We lock our doors no matter what. It's alarming and scary to think this could happen again especially because they were not apprehended."

The Belleville Police Service have called the incident an armed robbery. Four men entered a residence that was at the time hosting a party. With parties on a college residence come guests frequently entering and exiting, so the armed robbers remained unnoticed.

According to police, these robbers were believed to have had firearms. They stole personal property from several students, including wallets and miscellaneous electronics. It was a terrifying night, many students say. Some have been debating whether

they truly feel safe at Loyalist.

"It was extremely scary having all the cops around the school and knowing what measures they had to take," says Charlise Morrow, a first-year art and design foundations student and campus resident.

The late Thursday night events were serious enough to result in a statement from Maureen Piercy, the president of Loyalist College. Nov. 22, one day after the incident, Piercy sent out an e-mail to all staff and students alerting them that there was an incident and that Loyalist will be taking action to heighten security.

"Loyalist College has thorough security protocols and professional personnel in place. Our first priority is always the safety of our students and

staff. With respect to the incident on campus this evening, we are making adjustments to our security arrangements for the coming days as a prudent measure."

Chesney feels that Loyalist doesn't prepare students for such events.

"I think the school should educate students on what to do if something like this were to happen again."

Morrow agrees that Loyalist should have more security on patrol. She stressed that security should be tightened, especially at night. She says security should do their rounds more frequently and should be monitoring more closely.

Belleville Police say some of the stolen items have been recovered. Suspects are still at large at this time and the investigation continues.

Fighting the winter blues

By Guillaume Nolet

This time of the year, it is normal to have less energy or to feel a bit under the weather. However, for those individuals dealing with more severe seasonal effects that greatly influence their day-to-day routine, a form of clinical depression, called Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD, is sometimes diagnosed.

Tom Watson, a life insurance broker at Guardsman Insurance Services Inc. in Kingston, is one of them. He was diagnosed with SAD a little over three years ago.

"My symptoms are the worst during daylight savings because not only are the days getting shorter, but the time change throws my whole body clock off," says Watson.

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Trenton downtown unveils community mosaic memorial

By Dayna Lefebvre

After over a year of anticipation, Trenton citizens gathered downtown on Sunday to watch the official unveiling of the community mosaic memorial.

The mosaic – which features thousands of photographs from the Quinte region – was started in 2012 by the Trent Port Historical Society and put together by Prescott artist Chuck Street. The photographs featured on the 64-foot mural were submitted by the community and feature historical landmarks, businesses and portraits of community members old and new.

"It's another great day in the City of Quinte West," said Mayor John Williams at the event.

"For years there was a mural here before, it had a number of pictures of Trenton old and new," Mayor Williams said. "It was great. The problem is it was starting to fall apart, so we decided that we had to unfortunately cover it up."

"I just want to say how proud we are of what's been done here. It just shows the history of the city and how were able to accomplish so much together," Williams told the crowd.

After the unveiling, dozens of citizens crowded the wall, searching through the photos and pointing at loved ones and landmarks.

The mural is unique in the fact that the photographs all came from the collections of community members, giving it an authentic perspective on the



Photo by Dayna Lefebvre

Trenton community members gaze at the photographic mosaic mural in downtown Trenton on Sunday. The mural, which was put together by the Trent Port Historical Society, features over 4,000 images submitted by community members and has taken over a year to complete.

Quinte region.

It features a film reel motif – a nod to Trenton's history as Hollywood North – with several prominent landmarks, including the Bleasdale boulder, Dufferin school, the old swing bridge and aerial views of the town.

The Trent Port Historical Society

raised over \$30 000 for the project through private and corporate donations. The \$10 000 leftover funding from the project will be going towards the continued restoration of the old town hall.

"The mayor mentioned your community spirit, and as an outsider see-

ing your community I can really see it shine through," said artist Chuck Street. "I spent a lot of time getting to know the community."

"I learned that the motto of Quinte West is 'striving towards a magnificent future' and I can see that's happening around here, not just striving

but you're achieving it," Street told the crowd. "You should all be very proud."

The mural is a permanent addition to downtown Trenton and has been likened to a photographic time capsule. It is located along the community policing building, overlooking Captain Georges restaurant.