

Lancer basketball action

Women's team fights back while men lose close one

Men give up nine-point lead from the first half

By Taylor Renkema

Lady Lancers' head coach Chris Eligh had some spirited words for his players during a second quarter timeout.

After watching his team allow 16 unanswered points, he shouted at them to "show some pride in their G** damn team."

The women's team seemed to take his words to heart as they battled back from the 16-point deficit in the second half to win 51-48. In game two of the double-header, the men lost 74-73 after losing a nine-point lead in the first half.

Eligh said despite the win, he was not impressed with the way his team played.

"There was no heart. I just told them to show some heart and pride, that's all they've got to do is show some heart," he said.

Haley Sisler, three-year veteran and guard/forward, said the comments helped fire the team up.

"It gives us a reality check and it gets us back in the game," she said. "That's what we need, because we clearly weren't playing well together and it gave us a push and made us play a lot better."

The women were missing one of their star guards, Jenni Thompson, who had a recurring ankle/foot injury, said Loyalist's Athletic Director Jim Buck. Before the game, Buck said he thought it could be a tough game with a short bench of just eight players, but after the game he said the women found a way to make it work.

Martine Gauvin, a guard and two-year veteran of the team, said while she was glad they came back and won, the team could have done better.

"We absolutely didn't play at our standard, we definitely played at their standard," she said. "But it's a good thing we came back."

Sisler said even though they won, it was a poor start to the season.

"We haven't been practising very well together lately," she said. "We've just been very sluggish lately and that reflected on our game."

Centennial guard Kadeja Hughes said her team should have fought harder.

"Loyalist is a team that we had a lot of

back-and-forth with last year, so we definitely expected that this game was going to be a fight."

In men's action, a last minute three-pointer brought the Lancers within one point of tying the Colts. Men's head coach Rich Whitfield said he's not surprised his team lost.

"How can you win a game when you miss 14, 15 foul shots?" he said. "And then give up 20 offensive rebounds? You just can't win at this level doing that."

In the 2011-2012 season, Centennial won the OCAA East Division Championship, and Loyalist was in ninth place of the 11 teams.

Colts head coach Jim Barclay said Loyalist has improved each of the three previous games against Centennial.

"They shot the lights out in the first half, they had eight three-pointers, we only had two," he said. "So in the second half we had to step up our defense."

Natiel McKenzie, a point guard/shooting guard for the Colts, said his team had to keep pushing until the very last second.

"We've got to keep coming out each quarter hungry. We don't want guys getting lazy, thinking the game's over. To see 14 [Matt Miller] hit that three-pointer in the last seconds of the game, that just shows you that the game's never over until the buzzer rings."

The Lancers had a nine-point lead in the first half, and by the end of the third quarter the Colts had taken over, leading Loyalist 58-53.

Guards Matt Miller and Pat Kalala lead the Lancers with four three-pointers each. Kalala said it's not always easy keeping the morale up on the court.

"You try to lead by example," he said.

"Through the pre-season, coaches have really stressed on me being a leader. I really didn't want it at first, but I'm pretty much used to it by now. You try to get everyone to pay attention to the game, and get them vocal."

Kalala said there's one major difference with this year's team.

"We have different personalities, but the best thing about being on this team is that everyone gets along, and everyone likes to hang around with one another."

Whitfield said the team has a lot to work on, including foul shots and rebounding, but echoed Kalala's thoughts.

"We're a team, we're a family. It really is one for all."



Lancer Brayden Gohn slam dunks the ball after a breakaway pass. Centennial edged Loyalist 74-73.

Photo by Taylor Renkema

Theft at Resource Centre 'hits close to home'

By Sam Normand

The Aboriginal Resource Centre at Loyalist College encourages an open-door policy for students, but over reading week, someone decided to open the doors for themselves.

Two iMac computers, a video camera and several laptops were stolen from the centre. Those responsible left marks from pry-bars used on the doors. Staff rooms were left in chaos, file cabinets rifled through, even keyboards and mice were taken.

Paul Latchford, coordinator for the centre, said he is confused why someone would break into a facility designed to help.

"It becomes personal. This centre is open to each and every student," said Latchford. "We've seen a mix of students come through, so I think people take it on a personal note. Most students in a college that have come this far, I don't think you would take something that you use. It's kind of cutting off the hand that feeds you."

The theft occurred during the weekend between Oct. 19 and 22, after the centre was closed. Latchford said he normally stays after hours, but had instead gone home for the weekend. When the center opened at 8 a.m. on the 22nd the break-and-enter was discovered. Police were in the building an hour later.

The centre hopes to have the missing equipment replaced, but it's too early to tell at this point whether they'll be able to replace every stolen item.

College officials did not return calls requesting an interview.

While the break in is an unexpected shock, Latchford said that it wouldn't discourage the open-door policy that is the hallmark of the resource centre.

"That's our style, the doors always open, always will be open. I don't think this will change anything," he said.

"I don't see any big changes for us other than, you know, maybe the existing stations that we have we may need to look at a better way to secure them."

Belleville police are currently investigating the incident, according to Sgt. Julie Forestell.

This isn't the first time that equipment has been stolen from the college. In 2011-2012, 13 iMacs were stolen from the college from various media facilities. Replacements were valued at \$2,300 each at the time.

In 2010, \$150,000 worth of equipment was stolen from the Loyalist school of trades program.

In both instances the equipment was never recovered but was replaced by the college.

Belleville city council looks at approving fair-wage policy

By Miller Reynolds

Contractors in the Belleville area may soon be working on a more level playing field.

Belleville city council will have to decide whether or not to approve a fair-wage policy, which would ensure that non-unionized and unionized workers will receive the same amount of wages for the same work being done on city projects.

Union representatives presented a

power-point presentation about fair wages at last Monday's council meeting, and council is now reviewing the policy.

Mike York, president of the Carpenters Local 27 in Toronto, said the fair-wage policy has been in place in Toronto for over 100 years, and would benefit the City of Belleville.

"It's been a very effective mechanism to ensure that workers are paid appropriately and accordingly to a standard rate within the industry," he said.

"It establishes a level playing field for all contractors wishing to do business with the city."

York said this policy would force contractors to rely on other qualifications to stand out from the crowd to be hired by the city.

"Once the decision making is based on who has the most productive workers, who has the safest workforce, whose workers deliver a quality project on time, then it's all driven by a more level playing field," he said.

"Why should one contractor have an advantage over all the contractors in the sector just because they exploit their workers to a greater degree?" he said.

Joel Neville, business manager for the Local 397 carpenters union, said the policy would attract contractors to work in Belleville.

"You're attracting a better tradesperson, people who are more inclined to go and work somewhere where they're getting a good wage, and if they don't than they're going to go elsewhere."

City councillor Pat Culhane, who has about 16 years of union work experience, said she needs more information before she can decide whether or not this policy is suitable for Belleville.

"Of course, I want to see reasonable, decent wages paid to people, and I see the problems in society today with people working two and sometimes even three part times jobs at minimum wage," she said.

"I have to have more information," she said.

Give some thought to choice of costume

Aboriginal Ronald Leaman offended by image created by Pocahontas costumes

By Tyson Leonard

Halloween is a holiday of fun and laughter for most, but for Aboriginals like Ronald Leaman, it can be frightening for the wrong reasons.

Leaman, from the Magnetawan First Nations, said he is offended when he sees people dressed up in cheap Pocahontas costumes with fake moccasins and headdresses.

Leaman, a second-year student in the custom border services program at Loyalist College, works in between classes in the college's Aboriginal Resource Centre.

Leaman said not everyone who dresses up as a culture is being offensive, though. He said it's an issue of respect.

"I do think it can be offensive for people that are portraying the culture wrong," said Leaman.

"If they portray the culture in a half decent manner, then it could be acceptable."

If they're doing it as an attempt to get to know more about the culture and to educate others, Leaman said it's acceptable.

To Leaman this means more than just picking up a package costume from the store.

"The people that are just going and buying the Indian suit, I find that can be quite offensive," said Leaman.

"To me it just seems like they're making a mockery of it."

Leaman said even if costume stores got rid of offensive costumes, people would still make them. As for stopping people from dressing in offensive costumes, he



Photo by Tyson Leonard

Ronald Leaman from the Magnetawan First Nations said he is offended when he sees people dressed up in cheap Pocahontas costumes with fake moccasins and headdresses.

said people have to take responsibility themselves.

"It's kind of hard to say no to certain costumes because it is Halloween. It's supposed to be fun, and you're changing what you normally do to be something different. So to say that people can't wear a costume it seems a little bit authoritarian, but I guess there would have to be limits," said Leaman.

Kelly Cooper, owner-operator at Costume Castle and Ballooniebin in Belleville, said she would never sell offensive costumes.

Cooper has been selling and renting Halloween costumes and balloons for almost 15 years.

"The Ku Klux Klan would not be acceptable, or anything else racist," said Cooper.

She said she doesn't consider dressing as a culture for Halloween to be automatically offensive.

"Different cultures have their different fashions, and I have no problem with renting Mexican sombreros and ponchos, because that's what they actually wear," said Cooper.

Cooper also sells costumes meant to resemble Aboriginal and Chinese dress.

Cooper doesn't see it as a race issue because people can dress up as a stereotypical German in lederhosen.

Halloween is all about having fun, just not at anyone's expense, said Cooper.

"As long as you're not making fun of somebody, and not putting down their culture or their traditions, it's fine," said Cooper.

Dr. Pamela Palmater, the chair of Indigenous Governance at Ryerson University, said cultural costumes are discriminatory no matter what the intent is.

"Discrimination has nothing to do with intentions, and has everything to do

with the impact it has on the individual," said Palmater.

Palmater works as a professor at Ryerson and has written several books on the First Nations and aboriginal identity. She was the runner-up in the last Assembly of First Nations leadership elections.

"What people are doing when they dress as KKK or as slaves is showing a profound acceptance of the horrors that different cultures have gone through at the hands of European colonizers or settlers," said Palmater.

The same goes for people who dress as stereotypical perceptions of indigenous people, said Palmater.

"It's more than just offensive, it actually promotes a negative attitude towards indigenous people, which is harmful," said Palmater.

There are more than enough different costumes ideas to choose from that won't offend anyone, said Palmater.

Palmater said there is a big difference between dressing as an indigenous person or a slave, and dressing as a European culture. She said the historical context of genocide and slavery can't be ignored.

It's everyone's responsibility to stop the practice of wearing offensive costumes, even storeowners, said Palmater.

"If you engage in a public activity, you have to respect the rights, human rights, of all the people you serve," said Palmater. "I think more and more as people raise these issues they will be addressed."

One of the most widespread campaigns against offensive costumes is the "We're a Culture not a Costume" poster campaign started by the Ohio University's Students Teaching About Racism in Society. The campaign features 11 posters with people from different cultures showing examples of offensive costumes.