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## Team Ontario boosts Badgers baseball



Community Park will once again host the Brock Badgers in their quest for an OUA title

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The Brock men's baseball team has added three Team Ontario players for the upcoming fall season in catcher Cameron Graham, right-handed pitcher Dan Callaghan and infielder Matt Kissel.

Coach Jeff Lounsbury hopes the trio can add to an already potent line-up that fell last October by a single run in the Ontario University Association Championship-deciding

game against three-time champion Western.

"Graham is a very strong kid who has great power potential," said Lounsbury. "Defensively he is very solid and has great tools."

Graham, the diminutive catcher at 5-foot-9, 170 lbs, is a Sarnia native, playing his summer ball with the Sarnia Braves.

"My sister attends Brock, and when I visited the campus I liked the setting and atmosphere of

the university," said Graham. "I look forward to playing for the Badgers in the fall. I hope I can add strength behind the plate. I have a strong defensive game and I enjoy shutting down the opposition's running game."

Getting the ball to Graham will be right-handed pitcher Dan Callaghan of Mississauga.

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## Ontario Government to hear from citizens to reduce poverty

**The Ontario government wants to hear from citizens in order to reduce poverty levels**

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Since the election last fall, the Liberals, under the leadership of Dalton McGuinty, have promised to take a serious look at poverty levels in Ontario, and create a plan for its reduction by the end of the year.

The Ontario government has also launched a web site in order to have an open forum for citizens to voice

their opinions and to get some public input on their Poverty Reduction Strategy in order to learn more about the issue in Ontario.

"The engagement includes ... most importantly, listening to people who are living in poverty to get a better understanding of how best to meet their needs," according to a news release from the Ontario government.

An estimated five million people in Canada, and one out of every six children in Ontario, live in below the poverty level, according to an organization called Make Poverty History.

The Poverty Reduction Strategy is based off of the initiatives of provinces like Quebec and Newfoundland who have developed and implemented their own strategies.

Included in the proposal is an increase in minimum wage, increase in child benefits and more affordable housing. As of March 31, 2008 minimum wage increased to \$8.75 an hour and will be brought up to \$10.25 by 2010.

"Poverty reaches into every community – and so must the solution. We need to hear from you to make this happen," as stated in the gov-

ernment released pamphlet, entitled Growing Stronger.

The Ontario government has also set up an online survey and is urging people to respond in order to gain insight from citizens.

The Niagara region was prompted by a report they conducted called Legacy of Poverty to start formulating reduction strategies of their own for the region. This report showed that 14 per cent of Niagara residents are currently living below the poverty line.

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