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T-shirts for breast cancer research: Campus Store communications coordinator Brian Krocker and employee Lisa Ferrato show off the t-shirts for sale at the Campus Store

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## Brock goes pink for breast cancer

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In conjunction with Breast Cancer Month, the Brock Campus bookstore has kicked off October by partnering with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation to raise money to support breast cancer research by selling a “breast aware” t-shirt.

Brock University, along with 21 other university and college bookstores, have set the goal of selling 1000 t-shirts each, with the end result of 22,000 t-shirts sold to aid breast cancer research. Most of the money collected will go directly to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. None of the retailers will gain a profit from the t-shirts.

The Brock Cares campaign began on Oct. 1. On that day, the campus bookstore sold 438 t-shirts and have sold 750 t-shirts in total. Leaving only 250 t-shirts yet to be sold.

The t-shirts have the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation logo on the left-hand side and the back lists the names of the 22 universities and colleges who are part of the Canadian Campus Retail Association (CCRA). These schools include Concordia University, University of Toronto, Queen’s University, University of Calgary, Ryerson University, Vancouver Island University, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Grant McEwan University, McMaster University, University of Manitoba, McGill University, Mount Royal College, University of Western Ontario, Guelph University, University of

Saskatchewan, Wilfred Laurier University, University of Alberta, University of Waterloo, Thompson Rivers University and York University. Brock University is highlighted in pink at the top.

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*Brian Krocker, Communications, Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator at Campus Bookstore*

The CCRA comes up with ways to “give back to good causes”, said Brian Krocker, Communications, Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator at the Brock University Campus Bookstore.

“We all have someone affected by breast cancer,” he said.

The Campus Bookstore has recently lost a staff member to breast cancer and considered the breast cancer research effort a perfect foundation to show that Brock cares.

“Brock cares ... it’s a nice statement. It says it all,” said Krocker.

The project, which they are calling, “The Shirt, The Cause, The Day” was launched on Oct. 1 and will run throughout the month of October. T-shirts are being sold for \$10 plus taxes. Staff members of the campus bookstore will be wearing the t-shirt every Monday and Friday of the month to show their support and encourage students to contribute to the foundation.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1986 and is the leading national volunteer-based organization in Canada dedicated to creating a future without breast cancer. The Foundation works collaboratively to fund, support and advocate for relevant and innovative research, meaningful education and awareness programs as well as early diagnosis and effective treatment and a positive quality of life for those who have breast cancer.

For more information about breast health and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, please visit [cbcf.org](http://cbcf.org).

## Politics get hot at Brock University

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In front of a small crowd of roughly 40 students, it was politics in its truest form. Filled with rhetoric, underhanded jabs and subtly diverting the issues.

With a federal election within the next few weeks, the five candidates for the St. Catharines riding got fired-up in a debate held by Brock University, on Oct 3.

Topics of the debate ranged from dedicated federal support for education, to the purpose of the Canadian Military and crime in the Niagara Region.

The candidates included in the debate were Rick Dykstra for the Conservatives, who is the current Member of Parliament for the St. Catharines riding, George Addison for the NDP, Jim Fannon for the Green Party, Sam Hammond for the Communist Party and Walt Lastewka for the Liberals.

The debates opened up with the most appropriate question for the setting. The moderator for the afternoon, Rob Lanteigne, outlined the consistent tuition fees increases, the mounting student debt and other immense costs when attending university, and continued to ask what each party would do to provide direct relief for students.

Each candidate had two minutes to speak on the topic starting with Addison of the NDP, who claimed that the NDP would seriously take on the problem of increasing student debt, while making slants at the Conservative and the Liberal government of the past.

“Conservatives claim that they have fixed the problem, but they have not,” he said.

Dykstra, who was next, outlined the work the Conservative governments have done in the past and especially emphasized the new Canada Student Loans program that will be replacing the Canadian Millennium Scholarship fund next year.

The most animated of the politicians, Fannon of the Green party, used his time to speak of halving students loans after graduation, to deferring income tax payments until loans are paid off.

“It’s not a cost. It’s an investment in our future,” Fannon said.

The most idealistic approach to the situation was given by Hammond of the Communist party who said that they believe post secondary education should be a social function, like Medicare. He continued to say that with the increases in tuition fees, post-secondary education is becoming beyond the reach of many citizens.

Last to speak on the issue was Lastewka of the Liberals. He said that the federal government and the provincial governments need to be partners when it comes to education. The federal government has to invest in the future and not play catch up.

“Mr. Lastewka, you sat in the government of Mr Chrétien and Mr. Martin as this government cut funding to our health care system and education system that put us back ten years ... How can you sit there and talk about being a champion of education,” said Addison.

In an attempt to defend himself and his party, Lastewka, mentioned the infrastructural support from the federal government at Brock, including the residence buildings, cafeteria halls and the viticulture center.

“We put money back into the universities and we need to do that on an ongoing basis,” he said.

That was just the beginning of the heated debate. The politicians also butted heads on many other issues including Canadian troops in Afghanistan, locally-grown produce and the arts and cultural sector of the Niagara Region.

Overall, the politicians proved their intensity on the subjects discussed, giving St. Catharines residents a tough choice in the next few weeks.

For more information on the St. Catharines candidates, see pages 5 and 6.