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(From left) Candidates Tim Durkin, Conservative, Paul Bordonaro, PPC, Neil Ellis Liberal, Danny Celovsky, Green Party, and Stephanie Bell, NDP, speak at the Bay of Quinte All-Candidates meeting at Loyalist College on Oct. 8. Many topics were discussed during the meeting, including the cost of post-secondary school, OSAP, mental health, and housing.

Candidates shine light on issues

By Caleb Seguin

Every four years in this country, a federal election allows everyday men and women to choose a party platform, stand up for it and convince their neighbours and friends to make the same choice.

It is democracy at work, because in many countries around the world, people do not get a say.

The party platforms were presented last Tuesday night by local candidates running for election in the Bay of Quinte riding. The event, held in Alumni Hall, was an all-candidates' debate presented by Loyalist's journalism-communications program.

The journalism program and its news service, QNet News, hosted the all-candidates' debate for the Bay of Quinte riding, bringing together all six major political parties and their candidates (Incumbent Neil Ellis of the Liberals party is up against Stephanie Bell of the NDP; Paul Bordonaro of the People's Party; Danny Celovsky of the Greens; and Conservative candidate Tim Durkin.

The debate was filmed by students in the film and television program, and broadcast on campus radio, 91X.

The night started with all candidates having a two-minute introduction, it was an open forum debate which took questions from the audience. The questions covered a broad range of topics, including:

As much as these candidates can argue about the right way to fix climate change, at this debate focus was on the affordability of education and what funds are available for schools, and what grants and bursaries are available for students, so they could attend school and get the jobs that will help this country in the future.

You would think that an all candidates' debate at the college would have brought out more students, since the cost of education is what they should be fighting for, but most in attendance were college faculty and staff members and some members of the general public. There were a total of about 60 people in attendance.

A question that came from the audience was about post-secondary education in the 20th century, particularly the cost, and what the parties are prepared to do to assist students getting the education

that they need.

Paul Bordonaro of the PPC believes it is a shame that when it comes education that society can miss out on talent because students cannot afford to attend post-secondary school and get the education that they deserve. Regardless of how good their marks are, the cost will always be a problem, he said.

"It's hard right now to say free post-secondary education for everyone but I believe that that should be the future. But in the interim, people who have really great marks, and if they can't afford to continue their education, the state should pay for them."

Neil Ellis of the Liberal party, who is seeking re-election at the Bay of Quinte MP, said he believes that we should increase federal grants to help out students who come from low income families because for as many people who can't afford post-secondary school, there are people who can. The other initiative is interest-free loans or interest-free payments for two years and the fact that a student would not have to pay back loans until they earn more than \$35,000 a year.

Danny Celovsky from the Green party said he believes we should raise the tax on the wealthiest one per cent of the population and make schools tuition-free.

"If you're good enough to be accepted to a post-secondary school program, you should be able to afford to go there. Our country benefits as you pick up that education, so our country should be able to afford to help you get through that." Danny believes that the wealthiest in society benefit off us, so they should be able to afford to pay us back.

Stephanie Bell from the NDP party said she is still paying off her student debts almost a decade later, so for her, it is very personal.

"I feel that issue because I know what it's like to have them send me some mail that says they want me to pay \$350 a month, and I wonder how the heck do you think I'm going to do that?"

Bell said she believes the way we can move this country forward is making sure that everyone can go to school for free, whenever they want, at any time, young or old, so they can go and get re-trained at any point whenever they need to. If elected, the NDP party would immediately end all interest on



Photo by Jessica Munro

Candidate Stephanie Bell wears a colourful jersey after riding her bicycle from Bloomfield during the all-candidates meeting held at Loyalist.

student loans.

Tim Durkin of the Conservative party talked about how his daughter just started daycare and that means that he has to start saving up for her future education. He said his family is focusing on paying bills on time and thinking about the fact that it is very hard to save up \$20-\$30,000 down

the road.

The Conservative party believes that a lot of people are just getting by, and not getting ahead, because the cost of living is too expensive.

"We are going to create a universal tax credit that will help you afford more things and it will benefit those making under \$47,000 a year."

A tradition unlike her own

By Bec Gauvin

Andrea Altamirano Cadillo is an international student at Loyalist College. Like many international students, Altamirano Cadillo spends the shorter holidays like Thanksgiving at Loyalist residence, while most her friends and classmates on campus are home with family.

Because she is unable to go home, it can often become very lonely, and it is because of this that this year, she had decided to take part in Thanksgiving festivities, by both attending and preparing a Thanksgiving dinner with, and for friends, on both Thanksgiving Sunday and Monday.

"Thanksgiving is funny to me to celebrate, because I am from South America, and it is a North American tradition."

A native of Peru, Altamirano Cadillo says that there is no Peruvian holiday around this time, but she would still like to enjoy Thanksgiving.

"Because I am in Canada, I thought it would be nice to learn the customs here so I can show it off when I go back home! It also is a good way for me to understand and have something to share with my new friends here."

Altamirano Cadillo is a second-year film and TV production student at Loyalist, but she has a passion for cooking and baking.

"Thanksgiving has turned out to be really cool, because I love cooking and I love my friends, so I get to do the thing I love for the people

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I love!"

Altamirano Cadillo spent Sunday cooking in an empty dormitory while her roommates were away celebrating with their families, and when one of her roommates returned earlier than expected, she had food available for the girl, who had unfortunately not been able to have Thanksgiving with family.

Altamirano Cadillo also says that Peruvians also do not celebrate Halloween like North Americans do. Around the same time in Peru, "La Dia de la Cancion Criolla" is celebrated, which translates to "the Day of the Criollan Song." It is a traditional festivity that celebrates Peruvian food and music and it is characterized as "a beautiful festivity, and people go into the streets and dance and it's basically a living party everywhere."

Altamira Cadillo has one year left at Loyalist after her second year is complete, and she says she is "excited to be able to experience Thanksgiving next year!"



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International student Andrea Altamirano Cadillo prepares a special Thanksgiving dinner.



Shirley Foley stands next to a spare tire bumper painted to depict she and her husband Bernard's Crown Victoria parked in front of a fictional "Bernie's Diner" along with two other classics they own; a red 1950 Ford Custom Coupe and a '63 Big Mercury Hard Top.

Photo by Jonathan Matthie



Drivers and visitors enjoy the A&W Show and Shine. The season wrapped up on Oct. 8.

Photo by Gagandeep Sarangal

Car lovers share their passion

By Jonathan Matthie

Engines revved up in anticipation for the official season wrap of the A&W Show and Shine this past month, a series of 'cruise nights' which ran between May 7 and Oct. 8

The show on Sep. 17 began as host Gladys LaBelle played Elvis Presley's "Return to Sender" over the loud system and shiny cars from all over the Bay of Quinte area started to roll up and park in like sardines.

According to LaBelle, the event averages 140 cars on a regular night. The second-to-last show, however, is largely considered to be the most important event of the season at Belleville's A&W restaurant, featuring more variety than usual.

In upwards of 200 unique, colourful and likewise memorable aficionados lavish onlookers with a wealth of personal stories about their vehicles, the hobby, and its connection to the town's legacy.

But in a world where many 1980's and even early 1990's cars are being considered "classic automobiles," fewer owners attending the show and shine are from a generation born in or around the same era as the true, original classics. Now labeled with the moniker "vintage," these age-defining cars are still in a race to the finish line, fully restored and operational, but nonetheless represent a time in our history that will soon run out of gas and be impossible to replicate.



(Left) Bernard Foley has contributed much to the history of cruise nights and the A&W Show and Shine in particular, having attended these events for over 15 years in cities like Belleville, Picton and Napanee, making him one of the longest participants of the local scene. Foley, sitting here in his red and white 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria with his wife Shirley, has restored cars since 1987 and owns 14 of his own, eight of which still make regular trips with them.

(Right) Pam Antinozzi, with her 1968 Chevy Camaro SS 396 Tribute, met Ken Reichert and his 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner at a Show and Shine cruise event. For the local Trenton couple, it's as much about the happiness they've continued to discover together and among the like-minded people they meet at these events, as it is about their much-treasured automobiles.

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(Left) Bernard Foley's choice automobile for the season's A&W Show and Shine event: a red and white 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria, with a translucent red-winged angel on the front.

(Right) Bob Bosma and his wife Marianne collect an assortment of pedal cars for kids and A&W family bears and mugs. They now have a substantial collection, including 10 different food trays which can be attached to the side windows of his 1963 Ford Galaxy 500 XL. "It's these items, not my hardtop," he says, that often become the main attraction at events like the Show and Shine, or back home in Ameliasburgh where they also attend the Prince Edward Auto Club's annual Street Meet.

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Bernard Foley holds a scale model of his red and white 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria which normally sits on the dash.

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