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New School Building Underway

By Michael Da Costa '92

After years of patiently waiting, Brebeuf College's dreams are coming true and a new building is about to be constructed. It is scheduled to open in September, 2002. The school board has received government funding to the tune of \$24 million to build a state of the art high school for an enrolment of 1000 boys.

The facility will include:

- a double gym
- a 350 seat theatre
- a chapel for sixty people, dedicated to St. Jean de Brebeuf
- a large library with computer access
- large forum at the main entrance
- specialized music rooms
- TV studio

- MIDI lab
- exercise room
- retail shop
- greenhouse
- intra/internet access in each classroom
- NO portables!

Two areas that are not covered in the architect's design under the government's funding formula are the Chapel and some of the technology. To prevent the architects from taking money out of other areas in the building in order to fund these two projects, the school community, including the Alumni, are embarking on an ambitious fundraising project to raise a minimum of \$500,000.

Immediately after Christmas, the

portables will be relocated to the upper athletic field. The students will be accommodated there until the new facility is ready. The present building is scheduled to be torn down in March or April. There will be an official closing ceremony and social in February.

We at the school are excited that a first class school such as Brebeuf will finally have a truly first class facility. While many will miss the old building and the memories associated with it, we are confident that together with the Alumni we can maintain the best Brebeuf traditions of excellence in academics, sports, and spiritual formation built up over the last thirty-seven years.

The Building Fund

The Brebeuf Alumni Association is pleased to announce its formal support of the school's fundraising campaign to raise \$500,000 for the new building.

To ensure that this fund-raising campaign is a success we are asking each graduating year to work together on a "class gift" of \$10,000. In return each year raising \$10,000 or more will have a classroom named in that year's honour and the names of each contributing alumnus listed on a plaque in that room.

Although this campaign will not officially begin until January, 2001, several alumni have already agreed to lead their respective years

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| '79 Peter Teolis | '81 Bryon Disera |
| '82 Frank MacGrath | '82 Drew Munro |
| '85 Peter Gillespie | '92 Mike Da Costa |
| '86 George Longo | '88 Paul O'Neil |
| '92 Brian O'Neil | |

In order that all graduating years are represented by at least two alumni, we are looking for volunteer

year reps to coordinate the fundraising for their class. If you are willing to help out as a year rep, please contact Frank MacGrath at 905-726-4488 or fmacgrath@gtigolf.com

For grads in years 1991-2000 we suggest a contribution of \$100 per alumnus. For alumni from 1967-90, we suggest a contribution of \$150-\$200. These donations will receive a full charitable tax receipt. Any and all donations will be most gratefully accepted.

If you wish to forward your contribution now, please fill out the donor form on page 7 and return it to Brebeuf College School c/o Rosemary Lavery, 211 Steeles Ave East, Toronto, Ontario M2M 3Y6. To receive the tax receipt, please make your cheque payable to "TCDSB - Brebeuf College" and indicate your graduating year so that we can properly credit your class' overall fundraising campaign.

In Memoriam

Melody Adams, daughter of Paul Adams '71

Mr. and Mrs. Caruso, parents of Tony '83 and Joe '80

Caleb Coughlin, grandson of Mrs. Mary Coughlin, former teacher

Mr. and Mrs. Cromien, parents of Peter Cromien, teacher

Brebeuf Website

The Alumni Association maintains a website and email directory to help alumni stay in contact with the school and each other. Help us grow the email database by sending your email address to

brebeufalumni@hotmail.com

The Alumni website is

www.brebeuf-alumni.org

Visit the new school website at

www.brebeufcollege.net

designed by Paul Krevs '02, son of staff member Rado Krevs.

Brebeuf's Last Hurrah

The Brebeuf community is cordially invited to come to Brebeuf on Saturday, February 24, 2001 to mark the occasion of the closing of the existing building.

To celebrate this important milestone the Brebeuf Alumni Association is planning a special evening to include :

- 5:00 PM - Mass in the school gym and official closing ceremonies
- 7:00 PM - Open House & Pub Night including an auction of Brebeuf memorabilia

All alumni, parents, current and former staff and friends of Brebeuf are invited to attend. For further information please contact Frank MacGrath '82 at 905-726-4488 or fmacgrath@gtgolf.com or Michael Da Costa '92 at 416-393-5508 ext 80017 or brebeufalumni@hotmail.com.

Please note that this date may change due to the construction schedule.

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HAWTHORN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Earlier this year the Brebeuf community lost two of its most prominent members, Robert Meagher and Father Lorne Trainor, S.J. The following articles were written by Neil Gazeley, Brebeuf's founding Vice-Principal and Bob Lato, '68 Head of Guidance.

Brebeuf's First Principal Passes Away

by Mr. Neil Gazeley

Robert Meagher M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., C.C.T., Brebeuf College School's founding Principal, died on June 1, 2000. An outstanding individual, Bob retired as a Judge of the Court of Canadian Citizenship.

He is remembered as a man of many talents -- educator, teacher, scholar, musician, author, mentor, motivator, theologian, and friend. He was the recipient of the Canada 125 Paul Harris order of Collingwood.

We at Brebeuf remember him best as the school's founding Principal whose talents as an administrator, teacher, and organizer were admired. He organized a school which became one of the outstanding high schools in Toronto. His demands for doing things always "first class" are well remembered by me. His concern for developing real "Christian Gentlemen" was always at the forefront of his administration.

On June 25, 2000, a memorial service was held in Collingwood, Ontario, at which witness to his greatness was given. Among the many who were present at this memorial were representatives from Brebeuf -- Father Don Beaudois SJ, Tom Sullivan, Peter Lee, Mike O'Driscoll, and myself. As Bob himself wrote: "And remember love is stronger than death."

Let us remember in our prayers with love, Robert Meagher.

Memories of Father Trainor

by Bob Lato '68

Fr. Lorne J. Trainor, a former Jesuit teacher at Brebeuf, died in the late afternoon of Monday 31, January 2000, at the Jesuit Infirmary, Pickering, Ontario.

I was a student of Father Trainor in the 1960s, when he taught me Latin, mathematics, and religion. Later, I was his colleague in the 1970s and early 80s. My respect and admiration for this humble man and his work always increased.

Father Trainor was born in 1923 and entered the Society in 1949. After completing the Novitiate at Guelph he studied Philosophy in Toronto. After his philosophical studies he went on to do his Regency in Kingston. Father Trainor returned to Regis to do his theological studies; he was ordained to the priesthood in 1960. He came to Brebeuf College School in 1965 and taught there until 1984.

My memories include the following: a teacher who was always present after school to offer assistance; a librarian who devoted countless hours to tending to the academic needs of the school; a lover of all teams from Montreal and a hatred of all teams from Toronto; a great fan of the Ferguson-Shack punch-ups; his favourite saying "Me thinks the lady doth protest too much"; and reading his breviary on late afternoon strolls around the campus.

Let us remember the humility and goodness behind that memorable smile.

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Principal's Message

By Joe Brisbois

On Wednesday, October 18, our School Board approved the phased construction of the New Brebeuf College on our school grounds. The architects guiding this exciting project are Robbie Sane Architects Inc.

Our Alumni will be called upon, by our school community, to provide financial support to assist in the building of this new facility and to help make our dream a reality. Everyone wants the school to be a fitting tribute to Brebeuf's proud and rich heritage. The school heritage is shaped by students from the past, present and future.

On November 1st, we held a very successful Career Day. I would like to thank those Alumni who volunteered as Guest Speakers. It is truly a great experience for current students to hear about life from those who have already graduated. This "real-life" information helps our students make better decisions about their futures.

Mike Da Costa has been very active in maintaining an extensive database of our Alumni. Please call Mike at the school or email your current contact information to brebeufalumni@hotmail.com

Brebeuf College continues to be a great school and the Alumni play an important role in this success. Your continued support is very needed and much appreciated.

Editor's Note: On November 28th Joe was appointed the new Principal of St. Michael's College and will return to his alma mater in 2001. The Alumni Association extends its appreciation to Joe and wishes him the best of luck at St. Mike's.

Brebeuf Documentary Connection

Dr. Jay (Maurice) Smith, is a psychiatrist living in California who attended Brebeuf in its first two years. As an opponent of the Vietnam War, Jay was interviewed for a documentary about other protesters and what influenced them to reject the war. As Jay explains: "There was a movie made back in the 70's which was a docudrama of a book which in turn was drawn from a trial transcript. "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine" was an incident wherein several of us from Georgetown University led by one of our profs, the infamous Daniel Berrigan SJ, raided the selective service offices in Catonsville, Maryland and destroyed the draft records. I made a speech at the Jefferson Memorial during the preamble to the trial about why wrong is wrong and right is right. I based it on the concept (which seems even more popular today, thank God) that a 'culture of life' supersedes all other forms and war defiles that objective. The speech is in the new movie which is an update on the principals of that event and the Chicago Seven, another group of radicals." For Jay, his years at Brebeuf under the Jesuits was part of the reason for this protest.

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Basketball Tournament

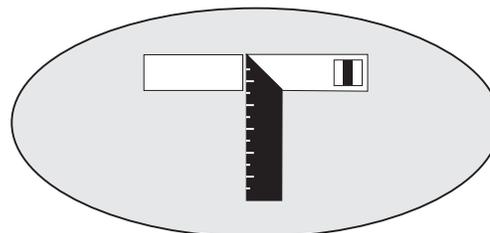
There is a tourney planned for Spring 2001. Those interested in helping to organize the event should contact Valter Viola '82 at vviola@cplib.ca.

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Jay Smith continued from Page 4

Below is a partial transcript from an interview he gave about the influence of Brebeuf on him:

The seminal point in my conversion [to anti-war protester] stems back to my education at a high school in Toronto. My name was Maurice Smith back then, before the need to change, and I was influenced strongly by my school's philosophy, my teachers' determination and my friends. The school was named Brebeuf High School and was at that time Jesuit by administration and nature. My teacher was a man named Les Luka who was determined to harness my big mouth. I was an academic under achiever but knew how to talk. He drove me into the first annual senior public speaking championships and I won. I knew, thanks to Les Luka how to work an audience. Brebeuf however gave me a scroll but kept the trophy which makes me mad now as then. They're apparently tearing down the building now, so God knows the fate of the trophy!

MS: How did the philosophy play a role?

JS: Aside from the usual Jesuit over achievement, the school had a REASON to excel. It was actually printed on my scroll and all awards they gave out, at least back in 1963/4. The reason was not for reward or gain. They said the true measure of a successful student and human being was 'they feel more keenly in themselves the impulse toward a perfection that is higher'. It is one of the best anthems for life I have ever heard. It is my motto to this day when searching for reason, and, no doubt gave reason to why we did what we did at Catonsville.

JS: Les Luka was a teacher of mine and he came down the stairs of Brebeuf during a class break on that lousy day, searching for me and Richard Snyder, knowing both of us had US roots. He simply stated that "the President has been shot in Dallas and there is no word yet on how serious." It was a big shock for Richard as he was from Dallas and felt an immediate affinity. There was no love in Texas at that time for the Kennedys in general. I remember looking at Richard and we both grew up in an instant - we were both entering draft status.

MS: You are here - What happened to Richard?

JS: Believe it or not the Brebeuf Alumni Association just reunited us. He had joined up but a mutual acquaintance had told me he had died in Vietnam. I'll avoid the obvious Mark Twain remark about exaggerated death. I can say that Richard was one of those good-looking, preppy kids that ended up in thousands and thousands of graves. I am glad he made it but I still see my classmates of subsequent years. I see them in my sleep and I still cry for those that didn't make it. I visit THE WALL all the time to say another goodbye. Its covered well by the movie script but I don't have knowledge of how the screen will finally reflect these influences. We are still trying to find some alumni from Brebeuf and Georgetown to fill in gaps on the formation of my anti war and anti military industrial complex views. We are all a product of nurturing by our friends, family and teachers. None of the events in Catonsville or Washington would have happened without these influences. This made the early end possible and the killing could stop. Even a simple high school class leads to this change in history.

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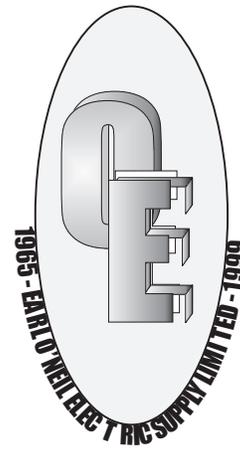
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Where Are They Now?

John Bacsalmasi '78 lives in Paradise Valley, Az., with his wife of 15 years and his four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. His oldest daughter is modelling with the Ford Agency. John is selling technology equipment along the U.S. East Coast and can be reached at jbacsalm@insight.com

Andy Boyd '79 has left the Brebeuf teaching staff after 14 years to move to Cardinal Carter High School in Aurora.

Greg Casey '74 currently, he is the Director of Quality Assurance for Coors Brewing Co. in Golden, Colorado. Married with 2 sons, Greg writes that he enjoyed the article on Don Clattenberg's retirement in the last alumni newsletter and was there on the night of the famous wrestling match. Greg extends an open invitation "to all Brebeuf grads for a VIP tour of the Coors brewery should they find themselves in Colorado".

Craig Chong '95 after graduating from McMaster's Computer Engineering Program in 1999, Craig joined Bell Nexxia's Client Engineering Department. Craig is getting married in the spring of 2001.

Finton Clarke '86 and his wife Antonietta Grieco have moved to Silicon Valley and are expecting their first child in December 2000.

Jason Copp '92 sends word from Africa that he is working in the Aquaculture and Fisheries Department of Bunda College at the University of Malawi assisting on a CIDA project.

John Duffy '78 is a priest at St. Thomas More Parish in Scarborough.

John Ford '69 writes in that classmate Bob Carly '69 is a frequent contributing reporter for CBC Radio, usually on "This Morning" or "Sunday Edition".

Marc Kielburger '94 is the first Brebeuf alumnus to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. Marc is a graduate of Harvard University and is currently studying at Oxford.

Michael Letros '88 is an institutional equity salesman at RBC Dominion Securities in New York. Classmates can reach him via email at

playboy@canada.com

Donal Lynch '85 has been working full time in the computer field for the last 10 years after being involved in the residence life/student affairs programmes at York University.

Richard Mahoney '78 is living in Ottawa and is a partner with the law firm Fraser Milner Casgrain. Richard is a former Executive Assistant to Paul Martin and has also worked for former Prime Minister John Turner. He is also a former President of the Ontario Liberal Party. He is a frequent commentator on Canadian politics on various media outlets. Richard can be contacted at richard.mahoney@fmc-law.com

Greg Mason '86 is with Coca Cola in National Accounts. Greg and his wife Connie have a son Daniel (2 years) with baby #2 due in January.

Pelayo Matute '84 has been working at IBM Canada as a software specialist since 1995. For the past several months Pelayo was working in Madrid Spain, then Sydney Australia on the IBM Software for the Olympics.

Mike McWilliams '92 is finishing his last year of his LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School and his MBA at the Schulich School of Business. He will article next year with Gowling, Lafleur, Henderson law firm. Mike can be contacted at mmcwill@yorku.ca

Neil Petrunia '76 after graduating from York in 1983 Neil worked at the Banff Centre for the Arts and since 1988 has operated his own graphic design studio in Calgary. For the past two years he has also taught at the Alberta College of Art & Design.

Doug Ramsey '73 married with two teenage daughters and living in Whitby. Doug is now in his 27th year of service with the Metropolitan Toronto Police.

Joseph Raso '93 is studying film at Columbia University.

Dan San Pedro '94 is working at TSN as an editor.

Andrew Sun '84 is currently working in Asia for a recording company and as a writer/arts journalist.

Rick Sznadler '82 works as a research specialist at the Toronto Star. Is living "a stone's throw from Brebeuf" in Thornhill with his wife Margaret and daughter Monica.

Paul Teolis '83 is currently living in Los Angeles. After working for Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks Studio since 1995 as an animator on such films as Prince of Egypt and Road to Eldorado, Paul has recently left the studio to concentrate on writing live action screenplays.

Steve Thompson '73 wrote in to advise that he and his wife Louise Shaughnessy also make the list of Brebeuf-St. Joseph's Morrow Park marriages profiled in the last two issues. Steve, Louise and their four children are living in Kitchener.

Mark Tiller '70 is a Priest at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church in Acton, Ontario.

Leslie Trojniak '92 is a financial planner with Investors Group in Toronto.

Tim Whelsby '84 after studying classics at York, Tim has opened his own antique restoration business, Beresford Repair & Restoration. Tim and his wife Kathleen live in the High Park area with their two children.

Julian Wong '98 is in his 3rd year of the Hospitality and Tourism Management Programme at Ryerson as well as working part time at Travelinx Inc.

Alumni Profile

Dan Kennedy '87 sent in a very interesting recap of his recent international cycling trip. The full article is posted at www.brebeuf-alumni.org

Dan and his girlfriend Kelly began their trip July '97 in Toronto, then during the next five weeks cycled to Vancouver, then to Japan and the experience of beer at \$19 / litre. After five months hiking in New Zealand, they moved on to Australia and then to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Laos.

The final leg went through Northern Europe, Berlin, Holland and Amsterdam before finishing this great adventure in England and Ireland.

Travelogues and photos can be found at www.interlog.com/~gkgraham/kelly_and_dan/

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Ice Hockey Update

By Bryon Disera '81

After capturing the B division title by defeating 1989 4-3, Team '83 has been promoted to the "A" division for the 2001 tournament. In the 2000 "A" division final, 1982-84 defeated 1981 for the second year in a row. 1977-79 finished in 4th place and moves to the "B" division. In the "C" division, 1969/73 took the title.

Special thanks to Norm Lang '85 and Drew Munro '82 for their help with the tournament and to our sponsors: Nestle (John Murphy '74), Greg Curran '81 and John Younder '81.

The 2001 tournament will be held on May 4-5 at the Beatrice Ice Gardens. We are still looking for more teams - please contact Bryon at disera@sympatico.ca

Floor Hockey

by Pete Gillespie '85

The 2000 Tournament was held February 18 - 19, at the venerable Brebeuf gymnasium. There were several new team entries this year and the competition was as fierce as ever, with Logan and Mark Purdy leading the way once again for Team '97.

The 2001 tourney will be held at St. Joe's Morrow Park owing to construction at Brebeuf, either the weekend of February 10th or 17th. Your team can include members of your graduating year, or friends and family from various years. Individuals can also be accommodated.

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- Theatre Brebeuf will be presenting William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* February 15, 16, and 17. Tickets go on sale in January.
- James Kim '00 was awarded the St. Clair Monaghan Scholarship for excellence in academics and extra curricular activities. James is currently pursuing an arts degree at Western.
- Derek Chow '00 received the Peter Knopfel Memorial Scholarship for his strong commitment towards academic and social achievements. Derek is currently pursuing an arts degree at U of T.

Las Vegas Revue

The Las Vegas Revue and Casino was a smashing success! On November 17 & 18, over 200 people, mainly alumni, came out to gamble, listen to great music and comedians, and rekindle old friendships. For many, the charity auction at the end of the evening was the best part.

Paul Adams '71 was the main organizer of the event, and through his efforts he was instrumental in making the night a success and creating a new Brebeuf tradition. John A. Macdonald '82, Rosemary Lavery, and Tom Butash are among the many organizers deserving recognition.

Thanks to the many alumni who donated auction prizes: Dr. Jay Smith '67, Daniel Johnson '92, Bryan Duarte '86, Peter Cosentino '83, John Kaukonen '76, David Black '75, Alan Beaton '77, Mike Da Costa '92, Frank MacGrath '82, and Roman Turlo '82 Staff.

Staff News

Jim Barry, former staff and Brebeuf pillar, is teaching part-time at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto. He is also still editing English textbooks, many of which are used at Brebeuf and throughout Canada.

Jean Guy Bernard known for his unique sense of humour and his concern for students, Jean Guy retired in June after teaching at Brebeuf since 1987.

Mary Coughlin began teaching Latin and business at Brebeuf in 1989. Mary was a tireless behind the scenes worker at Brebeuf, helping organize numerous Theatre Brebeuf productions, graduation ceremonies and other school events. Mary's June retirement also marked the end of a Brebeuf tradition - the teaching of Latin.

Phyllis Doyle of the Brebeuf secretarial staff since 1986, retired in June 2000.

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Alumni Golf

The 17th Annual Brebeuf Alumni Golf Classic was held on June 27, 2000 at the Silver Lakes Golf club with over 65 alumni attending.

Current staff member Rick Naccarato took home top honours with a round of 76 followed closely by Tom Pasquale '73 with a 79 and Mark Purdy '82 with an 80. The team of Roy Boesch, Marc Wolff, Dan Coletto and Jim Coletto representing '77-79 was the winning team followed closely by Jim McGovern '81, Mark Purdy '82, Paul Cullen '83 and Jeff Hayward.

Paul Adams '71 maintained his grip on the coveted "oldest alumni golfer award". The 2001 tournament will take place on June 26th at Silver Lakes.



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