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After 40 Years A New Brebeuf

Exactly forty years after the very first students entered the original Brebeuf , the current student body and staff will return to 211 Steeles Avenue later this month and experience firsthand the beautiful new, state of the art school building. At press time, the Brebeuf community was busy packing up at the 'temporary Brebeuf" at 640 Lawrence Avenue East and preparing to move back over the Christmas holidays in time for the start of school on January 5, 2004.

As the pictures below indicate the new building is set on the same footprint as the original campus but provides nearly twice the square footage, including the chapel, double gym, separate theatre auditorium and a fully wired media centre/music room and audio-visual production area. While the new Brebeuf is truly a modern state of the art facility, the Brebeuf traditions and spirit are already evident within the new building. The statue of St. Jean de Brebeuf has a very prominent location near the main entrance, overlooking much of the school and providing a tangible reminder of the origin and purpose of Brebeuf College School.

The Brebeuf Alumni Association, working with the Brebeuf administration and staff, is organizing a special "Mass of Welcome and Reunion" followed by an Open House and Pub Night on Saturday, April 24, 2004. All alumni, spouses and families are welcome. Further details will be posted on the alumni website www.brebeuf-alumni.org as the event date draws closer.

Main Entrance to Brebeuf - October, 2003 (Photo by John A. MacDonald '82)



Brebeuf Futures Foundation

While funding for the new school building is in place, the budget for equipment, furniture and other necessary supplies is severely limited. As a result, the Alumni Association has established the Brebeuf Futures Foundation to raise funds to ensure that the equipment and furnishings within the new building are of sufficient quality to continue to produce well educated and well prepared graduates. We sincerely appreciate the very generous donations many alumni, representing nearly every graduating class, have already made to this campaign over the past twelve months. However, Brebeuf needs your support more than ever as it begins a new era. Enclosed in the newsletter is a pledge card and return envelope through which you can forward your donation. Contributions received prior to December 19, 2003 will be eligible for a full charitable tax receipt in 2003. Donations received after this date are certainly welcome and will be receipted in 2004. Please note that contributions can be pledged over a two year period. All donors of \$100 or more to the Brebeuf Futures Foundation will be recognized on the donor wall in the new school building. Thanks again for your ongoing support! Frank MacGrath '82 Chairman, Alumni Association

Rear exterior of new building - October, 2003 (Photo by John A. MacDonald '82)



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This article appeared in the final issue of the "B" for 2002-03 school year.

Joe Will Retires

After 34 years of Service, Mr. Will Retires

A new award has been introduced to recognize a long and distinguished career.

Mr. Joe Will retired from Brebeuf College School on June 27, 2003, completing his thirty-fourth year as part of the Brebeuf community.

Mr. Will arrived at Brebeuf in September, 1969, having been hired as an English teacher and Football Coach.

He continued to teach Senior English throughout his career, and also served for many years as part of the administrative team, with responsibility for attendance.

Mr. Will also devoted countless hours to student athletics during his time at Brebeuf, coaching Senior Football, Basketball, Hockey and Baseball.

To honour his many contributions to our school, and to ensure that his name will be linked to Brebeuf College into the future, a scholarship award has been established in his honour.

The Joe Will Award will be awarded annually to a graduating student who has made a significant contribution to the quality of school life and whose character and accomplishments exemplify the mission of the school.

Congratulations to Mr. Will and good luck. Not only will you be missed but your class, your hard work and dedication to the school will never be forgotten.

Editor's Note: current and former Brebeuf staff honoured Joe at a retirement reception in June. A number of alumni attended including former football players Mark Bragagnolo '74 and Oscar Fava '74.

Brebeuf Website

The Alumni Association maintains a web site 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 alumni@brebeufcollege.net

The Alumni website is: www.brebeufalumni.org

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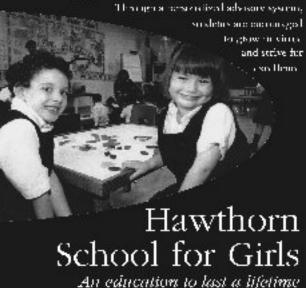
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Bob Lato Leaves Brebeuf

After 30 Years of Service, Mr. Lato Takes on a New Challenge

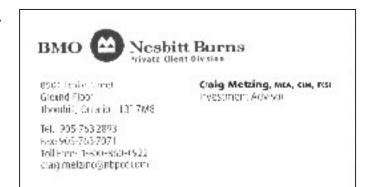
When Brebeuf College opened its doors for the first time in September of 1963, Bob Lato was a student in the first grade nine class. Graduating from Brebeuf in 1967, he proceeded to York University to earn the first of several degrees, but returned to begin his teaching career at this school in September, 1973. With the exception of a study leave to earn a doctorate degree at OISE, he has been a staff member here at Brebeuf ever since. Hired initially as a teacher of Mathematics and Computer Science, he served the latter part of his career as the Head of Student Services department.

Over the years, he was very involved with students in a variety of contexts working as their teacher, counsellor, coach and mentor. He led a number of trips overseas, helping students to acquire leadership skills while serving the underprivileged in India and Africa. His gentle manner, his wisdom, and his conscientious commitment to his students and our school will be greatly missed.

Bob Left Brebeuf in September, 2003 to take up a new position with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as a teacher and counsellor to youth at Sunnybrook Hospital.

News from Brebeuf

- Brebeuf remains one of the top math schools in Canada! Our students placed first in our board for the Waterloo and Pascal contests. We placed FIRST in Ontario for the Father Holmes Contest, beating out such schools as UCC and St. Mike's. We ranked in the top 25 for all of Canada in the National Math League contest.
- The Brebeuf Rugby team was the semi-finalist at last year's OFSAA Rugby Sevens Tournament.
- The Brebeuf Redmen are now the Brebeuf Bulls, a name more appropriate to our age but one that will strike fear in our opponents for years to come!
 The bull is taken from the school crest, derived from the Brebeuf family coat-of-arms.
- After a fun-filled competitive week, Brebeuf raised over 46,000 cans for last year's Can-Aid food drive for the local food bank. This was the best record ever and 26,00 more than last year! Brebeuf students remain "men for others".
- Do you remember being part of a Nation? Rockies, Marauders, Knights, Devils, Raiders, Hawks? Mike Daoust '67 and Alex Sabatini '93 have revived the Nation system, which died out in the mid 90s. The new Nations celebrate our Jesuit heritage and are named after the Jesuit Martyrs: Chabanel, Lalande, Garnier, Daniel, Jogues, and Lalement.
- Brebeuf lost a lot of great staff last year, partly because of the elimination of Grade 13. We thank them all for their years of service: Chris Arczewski, Lisa Drago, Raylene Hogan, Alberto Sala, Michelle MacKinnon, and Mike Kennedy.

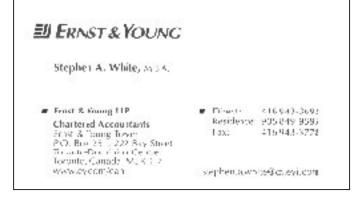




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Remembering Larry Uteck

by Peter Barbetta '70

Our Brebeuf community has lost one of its bright lights with the passing of Larry Uteck. On Christmas Day last year, Larry died after a courageous five-year battle with ALS.

Larry came to Brebeuf in September 1966 as a high spirited, competitive and somewhat rambunctious young lad from Thornhill. As a grade niner he barely made the school's Senior football team. The coach, Fr. Clem Kambeitz, with his keen eye for talent, decided to take a chance on the tough young kid even though he moved rather slowly. Larry had neglected to tell anyone that he was recovering from a severed Achilles tendon suffered in the spring of that year and that he was not to play competitive sports for a year.

By mid-season Larry earned a starting position and thus began the football career of one of Brebeuf's greatest athletes. Larry's outstanding feats on the football field put the young school's name on the map. He led Brebeuf to convincing victories over archrivals St. Mikes and De La Salle and was recognized as one of Toronto's best athletes.

Larry excelled at virtually all sports at Brebeuf but he was certainly not a "jock".

He was an avid reader with a keen interest and passionate opinions in politics, world affairs and religion. He was an active participant in school politics and was always ready for a debate. He was admired by many of his fellow students but remained humble about his accomplishments. He was a generous and loyal with a patient ear for troubled friends.

Larry was extremely proud of Brebeuf but was never shy about challenging authority or questioning traditional thinking. Many of his days at Brebeuf would end with the school secretary's closing announcement- "Would Larry Uteck please report to the office."

Following high school, Larry pursued his career in football as well as his academic interest in Asian studies. He travelled through China, Viet Nam and Cambodia shortly after the Viet Nam war. He had a distinguished career in the Canadian Football League as a hard hitting defensive back and kick returner.

In 1983, Larry became the head football coach at St. Mary's University. His players loved him and often stood in awe when he would demonstrate proper tackling techniques without equipment. He eventually became the athletic director at St. Mary's and also was elected a councilor and then deputy mayor of Halifax.

Sadly, Larry was diagnosed with ALS in 1997. The insidious disease (as Larry once described it) eventually robbed him of all his bodily functions but it never came close to touching his high spirit. Through his illness, with the assistance of his loving wife Sue, Larry continued to go to work every day and to attend the St Mary's Huskies football games. There was not a dry eye in the stadium when the entire Huskies team charged into the stands to present Larry with the Vanier Cup immediately after their 2001 victory. It was a crowning moment for Larry's years of dedication to the sport he loved.

Larry will be greatly missed by his family and by his many friends from Brebeuf. The wonderful memories and his courageous spirit remain as an inspiration for us.

God Bless you, Larry.

Editor's Note: Brebeuf College and the Brebeuf Alumni Association are very pleased to announce that as part of the April, 2004 Grand Opening Celebrations the upper field at Brebeuf will be formally dedicated as Larry Uteck

In Memoriam

Please pray for the deceased and their families. Al Purdy, father of Mark '82, Grant '86, Logan '97. Herb Kelly, father of Herb '72, Pat '83, Mike '85. Mrs. Brennan, mother of Fr. Rob Brennan, S.J. Sergio Morassutti, father of Sandro '92 and Adriano '88. Bedros Aprahamian, father of Garo Aprahamian '92 and uncle of Ara Papazian '87.

Mrs. Younder, mother of Joe Younder, former staff member.

Robert Johnston, father of Ann Johnston, current teacher.

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Charlie Lewis - In Memoriam

Charlie Lewis '76 passed away on April 9, 2003, after courageously battling a blood disorder since August of 2002. Charlie is survived by his wife Suzanne and their three children Kathleen, Emily and Brendan.

For the past thirteen years Charlie was a faculty member at St. Michael's College School, teaching History, Latin, Geography and Law as well as coaching lacrosse, wrestling and football.

Charlie was always an enthusiastic supporter of Brebeuf and was one of the founding members of the first alumni association executive in 1982. Over the years Charlie would often come by Brebeuf to visit the staff and help out where needed, Many Brebeuf classmates and alumni, some who first knew Charlie from his work with youth at St. Edward's Parish, attended his funeral, swapping stories about his terrific sense of humour, his deep spirituality and his positive outlook on life. John Hugh Boyd' 77, a longtime friend of Charlie's reports that "Charlie and I go back to the days when we were students at St. Edward's school and altar boys together ... Charlie 'came out of retirement' to act a a server at my wedding. I will certainly miss seeing him". The Brebeuf community expresses its condolences to the Lewis family.

Alumni Scholarship Winners

At the June, 2003 Brebeuf graduation, more than 300 students in the "double cohort" joined the ranks of Brebeuf alumni. The Alumni Association doubled the usual number of scholarships it presents so that both graduating classes were recognized. The Father St. Clair Monaghan Scholarship was awarded to Alvin Chick '03 (Grade 12) & Edward Boxler '03 (OAC) while the Peter Knopfel '81 Memorial Scholarship was won by Mina Khalil '03 (Grade 12) & Darryl Guerrero '03 (OAC). At graduation, Richard Morris, father of Jim '77 and Pat '79 was on hand to present the inaugural Jim Morris Memorial Award in Journalism to Brendan Kennedy '03.



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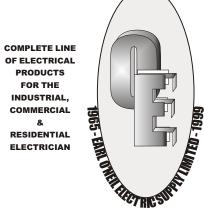




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Where Are They Now?

Pierre Abinakle '98 completed his Civil Law Degree and Common Law Degree at the University of Ottawa and is currently attending Duke University and completing his Masters in Law. Pierre will be practising International Law in New York in 2004.

<u>Tom Babits '87</u> is Director of the Primary School at Upper Canada College.

<u>Pierre Cenerelli '86</u> is living in Outremont, Quebec and working with the Quebec Provincial Government.

<u>Paul Collins '77</u> is a lawyer with Lang Michener in Toronto.

<u>Duane Crichton '92</u> is a film director and recently directed the video for Canadian Idol winner Ryan Malcolm.

George Cummings '91 is the manager of information technology at Pirel Inc. in Boucherville Quebec.

Tony Dean '82 is married to Debra and living in Newmarket with their two children Kayla & Ian. Tony works at CIBC's head office as a fraud investigator. Tony is still fishing and competes on the Bassmania tournament trail each summer.

Aldo Di Felice '81 is the President of TLN Telelatino Network in Toronto.

Michael Doyle '77 (and former Brebeuf staff) is pursuing his doctorate in theology at St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland.

<u>John Hoddinott '80</u> - John is with the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington D.C.

Michael Ibisoglu '02 is at Ryerson studying mechanical engineering.

Rainer Iraschko '86 Rainer took a degree in electrical engineering at U of T and then completed his Ph D in 1997 at the University of Alberta. Rainer and his wife Sue have a beautiful one year old daughter, Sabrina.

<u>Daniel Johnson '92</u> is an account manager with En Ville Catering.

<u>John Kim '02</u> is in 2nd year working towards a BBA at the Schulich School of Business at York.

<u>Charles Laframboise '76</u> is Manager of Technical Services at United Synagogue Day School.

Alex Maggiacomo '90 has been volunteering his time to coach rugby at Brebeuf over the past several months.

<u>Kirk McDonald '68</u> is the Chief Procedural Accountant with Toronto Terminal Railways and Secretary of the Pension Fund.

<u>Paul McGovern '92</u> is a police constable with the Toronto Police Service.

Sandro Morassutti '92 and his wife Allison are proud parents of a baby girl, Mia. Anyone wondering what it was like to have a baby born during the SARS crisis should contact Sandro.

Connor Murphy '92 and his wife Frances (daughter of Jim Barry and sister of Kevin Barry '90) recently celebrated the arrival of their first child, Kathleen.. Rumour has it that Granddad Jim Barry is already reading young Kathleen poetry from Triple Bronze!

Ed Nowicki '80 Ed is married to St. Joe's grad Elke Iraschko and they now live in Calgary where Ed is a professor of electrical engineering. Ed & Elke have three children Peter, Sophia & Christopher.

Terry Nowicki '82 after graduating from U of T Engineering in 1986, Terry took a B. Ed and has been teaching Math at Mother Teresa High School in Toronto for the past 13 years. At the moment Terry is on a leave of absence and is presently travelling in Australia with plans to sail, snorkel and scuba dive as much as possible.

<u>Tony O'Brien '78</u> - Tony is the Vice President - Risk Solutions with St. Paul Guarantee Insurance in Toronto.

<u>Brian O'Neil '92</u> is managing the Toronto constituency office of the Hon. Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

<u>Grant Purdy '86</u> is Vice-Principal at St. Thomas of Villanova School in King City.

<u>Jim Robertson '77</u> operates Robertson Marketing Group in Markham and sends his greetings to all classmates from the grad class of 1977.

<u>John Saunder '67</u> writes "I was one of the first students enrolled at Brebeuf in 1963. I assisted in the 'burial of the time capsule' behind the corner stone'" John is now living in Midland.

<u>Linton Soares '02</u> is in 2nd year at U of T studying Christianity & Culture, Political Science and Music.

Former Staff:

Michelle Gazeley, former Brebeuf secretary and daughter of Neil Gazeley, was recently married to Joe Fowler. Michelle is now the secretary at St. Joseph's Wellesley High School.

<u>Father Edward Granville, S.J.</u> is celebrating his 60th year as a Jesuit in 2003.

Father Winston Rye, S.J. is returning to Toronto in January 2004 following his most recent appointment as Principal of St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's, Newfoundland. Father Rye will be the Superior at the Dale Ave. Residence and Director of Development for the Jesuits of Upper Canada. He looks forward to reacquainting himself with the Brebeuf community.

Long time Brebeuf staff member <u>Tom Sullivan</u> sent in a note advising that "<u>Fergus O'Connor</u> and <u>Bob Wiles</u>, two of Brebeuf's early staff members circa 1963-1967 are both living in Ottawa. Bob works for the federal government and Fergie just retired from teaching".

Where Are They Now? Send your update to: alumni@brebeufcollege.net

Mel O'Brien '67 sent in a lengthy update several months ago. Among his many memories of Brebeuf Mel noted: that the first senior football team at Brebeuf were known as "The Fenians" Mel and 4 classmates had to travel to St. Joseph's Morrow Park to take Latin. Mel recalls his classmate Peter Sterback who became a musician in Toronto with "The Big Town Boys" Now living in Skibbereen, Ireland on a farm, Mel notes that he really misses the Leafs and Swiss Chalet. He is currently teaching music after years of performing.

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Notes & Events

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- Grade 9 Registration: any alumni with family members interested in attending Brebeuf beginning September, 2004 should contact Mike Pautler '76 at 416-393-5508
- Attention Class of 1993 any alumni interested in planning our 10th year reunion please contact Jonathan Page at jonathanpage@rogers.com
- 2004 marks these milestone anniversary years: 1969 (35th), 1974 (30th), 1979 (25th), 1984 (20th), 1989 (15th), 1994 (10th) and 1999 (5th). If you would like to hold a special anniversary alumni event for your year, please contact Mike Da Costa '92
- Alumni interested in becoming involved in the student co-op work programme should contact Rick Nacarratto or Larry Vindischman at 416-393-5508.

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Floor Hockey '04

Floor Hockey returns this winter. Be among the first alumni to experience the new double-gym at the newly built campus at 211 Steeles Avenue east. Subject to construction completion, the Alumni Floor Hockey tournament will be held in early March, 2004. If you are interested in participating, please contact Peter Gillespie '85

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Alumni Hockey Returns in 2004

After more than a year without alumni hockey, it's time to head back to the ice and revive some old rivalries! After the 2003 tournament was cancelled due to low team registrations, the Alumni Association re-grouped and came up with some strategies to increase participation in this event. It's now time to start organizing for May 2004.

In order to have a successful tournament, we need a minimum of 10-12 teams. For years this tournament had 16 teams participating; in 2002 the number fell to 10 teams and in 2003 we only had 6 teams committed. With some effort from Year Rep's we can rebuild the tournament to 16 teams. However, we need participation from the classes throughout the 1990's in particular. Year Rep's are encouraged to come forward and put together a team from their class. The Alumni Association will provide you with names, phone numbers and email addresses for your year. If you are interested in becoming a Year Rep, contact Bryon Disera '81 at 905-727-0225 or disera@sympatico.ca.

The tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in May and will be held at Beatrice Ice Gardens (York University). The cost of the tournament will be approximately \$550 - \$575 per team. An organizational meeting is planned for February so that all year reps can share their ideas for ensuring the success of this tournament. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2004 Alumni Hockey Tournament; for those who don't play hockey, be sure to come out to the Friday night pub it's always a good time and a chance to catch up with old friends.

Alumni Golf Recap

The Alumni Golf Classic moved to Sleepy Hollow Golf Club this June in order to accommodate a shotgun start and a growing field of golfers. The "young alumni" from 1990 and 1991 took home the team prize with Mark Hansen, Alex Maggiacomo, Mark Afheldt and David Grant taking the first place prizes in the team scramble format. In individual stroke play Bryon DiSera '81 continued his strong showings winning the low gross trophy with a round of 75 edging out Tom Pasquale (Class of '73) who carded a 78. The closest competition of the day came in the "Most Honest" category with Jon Page '93 and Paul MacDonald '75 ending in a tie at a score of ... we're still calculating their totals! The 2004 tournament will be held on Monday, June 21st at Sleepy Hollow at 1:00 pm.

Grand Opening

Official Grand Opening of "The New Brebeuf"

Satuday, April 24, 2004 5:00PM Mass 7:00 PM Alumni & Friends Pub Night and Open House

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