

THE BREBEUF

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The students of 'Ten A' are honoured to present the first issue of the Brebeuf-News. The men of "Ten A" prepare this issue with the sincere hope that it will inaugurate a tradition of active student participation in the life of the school. A school is built on its students. Therefore, MEN of Brebeuf, let us build well.

'THE RECTOR SPEAKS'

This first issue of your weekly students' bulletin is auspicious. It proves that you, who are privileged to be members of Brebeuf's first student body, have all the enthusiasm and ingenuity required to initiate the various students' activities.

Brebeuf High School is now a reality. These opening two weeks have been excellent --- a wonderful start. This is in large part the result of your orderliness, your cooperation with the Faculty and your fine spirit. You are shaping well the future of Brebeuf High School. Congratulations!

Father Colliard S.J.

'THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS'

"At the moment Brebeuf is the finest Jesuit School in Toronto. By Oct. 15th it will be one of the best. By November 15th it will be the best". (especially in Greek)

Father Meagher S.J.

The Editors - 10A

"STUDIO GRADUM FACIANT"

Do you recognize this Latin Motto. Of course you do, for it is the motto of BREBEUF.

The students of 10A submit the following translations of the school motto.

'Let us make the step by effort'

(Paul Sanagan)

'With eagerness they produce the pace'

(Peter Sterback)

'They build the ladder by desire'

(Neil Enright)

'They procure the position by eager application'

(Michael Lynch)

'They gain the rank by desire'

(James Sproul)

HOW WOULD YOU

TRANSLATE THE SCHOOL MOTTO?

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'THE VICE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS'

"I welcome all to Brebeuf and hope for a great Initial year --- a year which is the beginning of a first class Jesuit School.

Mr. Gazelcy

A WORD ABOUT THE NAME OF OUR SCHOOL

BREBEUF HIGH

St. John de Brebeuf, the patron of our school, was born in France on March 25th, 1593. On March 16th, 1649 he bravely died at the torturing hands of the fierce Iroquois Indians near Midland, Ontario. On Thursday of this week we, the first students of Brebeuf, will journey to the Martyrs' Shrine at Midland to pay our tribute to this noble Jesuit missionary after whom our school is named.

Who was this Brebeuf? From the size of his coffin discovered in 1956 at Fort Sainte-Marie we can conclude that he was a huge man well over six feet in height. The Huron Indians with whom he worked called him 'Echon' i. e. 'one who carries burdens'. Physically he was a giant of a man.

Spiritually he was also a giant of a man. Living in the midst of paganism and savagery he never forgot his God, his faith or his fellow man. When the day came for him to die for his God, his Christian faith and his Huron Indians he wrote one of the most amazing pages in Christian martyrdom.

The Iroquois revered him as the symbol of all that was noblest and best in the Huron. Therefore on the day of his torture they tried to make him cry out for mercy. If they could break this giant blackrobe of the Hurons they could humiliate the whole Huron nation.

Brebeuf was fastened to the torture stake. The hot coals beneath his feet began to burn his tender flesh. Iroquois knives delicately carved painful lines on his legs and arms. He didn't blink an eyelash. An opening was made in his wrist. A thin stick was pushed beneath the skin till it reached his elbow. Red hot tomahawk blades were placed around his neck. Still Brebeuf showed no sign of pain. His Huron friends proudly watched. His angered Iroquois torturers began to rage. They poured hot water over his head in derision of Christian baptism. They punched his face.

Then Brebeuf did something that stunned the Iroquois. He opened his mouth and began to preach of the Christian God. The Iroquois who admired oratory second only to bravery were being beaten at their own game. They rushed forward and cut out his tongue. Brebeuf looked at them and seemed to speak with his eyes. They cut out his eyes and stuffed hot coals in the sockets. Then knowing they had been defeated by this giant Huron blackrobe they cut out his heart and drank his warm blood to get some of his bravery, nobility and courage.

This, students of Brebeuf, is the man after whom our school is named.

(Michael Williams --10A)

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NEWS ITEMS:

SPORTS -- The gym will be ready for P.T. this week.

-- In the way of active sports this year we shall have a Junior Basketball team (age 17 after Sept. 1st), and a Bantam Team (age 15 after Sept. 1st)

-- There will be spring football practices.

-- Plans are being made for track and field - John Swalwell -- 10A

News Items cont.

DRAMA: A night of entertainment in the spring is under consideration. The actors in the school can anticipate an opportunity to act in a scene from the play 'Julius Caesar' by Shakespeare. Mr. O'Connor, head of dramatics, informs us that other dramatic plans are being made.

So keep your eyes open and your ears attentive actors and stagehands for more news.

(Paul Sanagan --10A)

DEBATING: In early November Brebeuf will be host to the debating teams of two other Jesuit High Schools: Regiopolis of Kingston and Loyola of Montreal.

The subject of the debate is being decided by letter at the present moment.

The Brebeuf Teams will be chosen from the five men picked by each English teacher in the near future.

FIRST STUDENT OF 1976:

Mr. Luka and his wife have registered their new 9 pound three ounce baby boy, Christopher, for the fall of '76. Mr. Luka's second child was born just before school opened this year on August 22nd.

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Luka from the students of Brebeuf.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF BREBEUF:

"Not only does Brebeuf have Greek, Latin and French, but if you are quick, you can pick up a little Italian." (Brian Menton -- 10A)

"We, pioneers, are mighty proud of the Big B." (Jack O'Rourke -- 10A)

"Now I know 'How the West was Won'". (Robert Hopson -- 10A)

"Mud, mud, everywhere; you can hardly see the school for mud." (Richard Mullin -- 10A)

"This is one of the few schools in Toronto that comes right down to earth." (Michael Daoust -- 10A)

"The school in the field is finally shaping up with Mr. O'Connor picking all the weeds." (James Sproul -- 10A)

WHAT WE HEAR AND NOTICE

- in Religion with Fr. Pare -- "My office is freezing".
- in Greek with Fr. Meagher -- "Jump, Jim, Jump."
- in Latin with Mr. Barry -- (he breaks six pieces of chalk per class)
- in French with Mr. Desgrosseilliers ---- ("E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E")
- in English with Mr. Barry -- "Speak from the Diaphragm, MEN"
- in Geography with Mr. Sullivan -- "I never get mad, but I have a violent temper."
- in Math with Mr. Puccini -- "one more time"
- in History with Mr. Barry -- "Turn to the cartoon".
- in Science with Mr. O'Connor -- "Forsooth"
-- "Thing-a-ma-bob"
-- "Wee leaf"

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ANYONE FOR JACKETS?

BREBEUF HIGH will have two types of jackets. Both jackets shall be red and white. On the back large, white letters will spell BREBEUF. The cost of the jacket will be reasonable. The jacket made of light material will be \$11.00; the one made of heavy material will be \$12.50.

(John Swalwell - 10A)

Goodbye from 10A ---

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