

brebeuf college school

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THE YEAR 1974-1975 IN REVIEW

At the end of the year we send you this review of school events at Brebeuf. If we have missed some events of particular importance to you, we beg pardon in advance. Of course, we realize that a summary of this kind cannot do full justice to all the happenings at the school, but we hope that these pages will help you to recall some of the highlights of the year just closing.

ACADEMIC

As the academic year nears completion, we are glad to report that it has been a very successful one.

Mr. Harold Mills of the Ministry of Education recently inspected our school and has stated he was extremely pleased with the quality of education at Brebeuf and impressed by the dedication and competence of the staff. He made special mention of the spirit and morale of the school and appreciated our insistance on moral and spiritual values.

The record of student achievement indicates that some 30% of our students qualified for the honour roll of 1st class honours. There will be 10-12 Ontario scholars in the graduating class and a number have qualified for University Scholarships in the preliminary selections. In general the staff feel that a good spirit of study and scholastic achievement prevail at Brebeuf.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & RETREATS

Daily at 8:25 a.m. in the student chapel the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated for the convenience of the students and staff. Special class Masses are arranged from time to time by individual teachers or the class masters.

Each First Friday a special Mass is offered in the Gym at 9:00 o'clock and the principal liturgical feasts have their special eucharistic celebration.

The Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) is available to students and staff at any time on request.

This year thirteen days of Retreat were arranged for the students of Grades Nine, Ten and Eleven. For each of the five Grade Nines this took place just prior to the Christmas holidays. The four Grade Tens and the four Grade Elevens held their Retreat days during January and February prior to the second term examinations.

Week-end Retreats were arranged for the senior students in early May at Sharon, Ontario. However, due to clash of activities these retreats had to be cancelled. As an alternative the Grade Thirteens (forty-six of them) then opted for a full day of retreat on May 8th. and May 9th.

All these Retreats took place at Regis College on Bayview Avenue under the leadership of ten young Jesuit theologians. These "faith-experience" days offer our students an opportunity to re-evaluate, experience and share in more depth their faith in small groups or communities in a climate more favorable than a classroom situation.

COMMUNICATIONS ARTS

T.V. BREBEUF produced a large number of commercials and 2-minute mini-documentaries in class. Also in the after hours a cartoon show and a serial show were prepared. Mike Moirier, Steve DaSilva, Costante Bortolin, John Boyd, Frank Englehardt and Dan Brennan worked many hours video-taping sports events. A tape was made of the television play "Twelve Angry Men".

 $\ensuremath{\text{T.V.}}$ BREBEUF hopes to purchase new equipment for the coming academic year.

THE BREBEUF LAY ADVISORY BOARD

Fund-raising is an important phase of the work carried out for Brebeuf by the advisory board. At present it is involved in the Talent-Dollar Project. Other activities for the fall term are in various stages of planning. The school is most grateful to these dedicated people who for many years have helped solve problems at Brebeuf both by their sage advice and by their sponsoring of money-raising activities.

The members of the board are:

Mr. S. Bacsalmasi
Mr. W. E. Barrack
Rev. C. J. Crusoe, S.J.
Mrs. J. P. Ryan
Mr. J. A. Fraumeni
Mr. W. P. Moher
Rev. St.C. Monaghan, S.J.
Mrs. W. C. Mullaly
Mr. U. J. Vigneux

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Last September, Messrs. Michael Skebo and Blair Day, directed a 3-day trip to Algonquin Park for environmental studies: geology, cartography, topography, hydrology, ornithology and physiography. Twenty-five students of special aptitude and interest in these areas profited from this unique experience which we hope to be able to offer again next September.

Geology excursions to Bancroft and the Niagara Escarpment also took place during this past year.

This August, seven students will backpack through Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland to study geology, ornithology and the environment.

Future expansion and improvements in this innovative programme include trips to Canada's other National Parks and an excursion to Iceland.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

As our fiscal year has not yet closed, the following statement is tentative. However, it is reasonably correct:

REVENUE:

Tuition fees:

\$137,000.00

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EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits:

Lay teachers: \$126,000.00 Office Staff: 9,000.00

Administration costs: 8,000.00

Interest on bank loan: 21,000.00

TOTAL

\$164,000.00

Deficit

\$27,000.00

This deficit will be substantially decreased by a contribution from the Brebeuf Lay Advisory Board after the returns of the Talent-Dollar Project have been completed.

It is to be noted that "Tuition fees" include donations from the Knights of Columbus, the Brebeuf Ladies Guild and some individuals. Since these donations were given specifically as BURSARIES FOR NEEDY STUDENTS, they ultimately appear as part of tuition fees.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Fund-raising activities dominated the early months of the academic year. Once again the chocolate sales provided the necessary financial resources for the undertaking of various social, academic, athletic and religious activities. Funds were donated to the athletic department to help defray transportation costs of teams and spectators. The music program also received some financial help to buy much needed instruments. Other less publicized groups also received aid from the Student Council treasury.

The coffee-houses, movie nights and dances sponsored by the Student Council were all well attended, properly chaperoned and thoroughly enjoyed by Brebeuf students.

Generally, this year's Student Council was able to maintain the fine tradition of service to the student body and proper cooperation with the school administration. As usual the Student Council activities climaxed with the election of the new Student Council executive on May 2nd. and the Brebeuf Formal on May 16th.; this formal was held at Inn On The Park.

TRAVEL

Nineteen students from Brebeuf made up the first contingent of Canadian students to travel to Cuba. The trip took place during the March Break. In addition to enjoying the obvious pleasures of a Caribbean island with its beautiful sand, sea and sun, the students were exposed to a culture different from their own as well as an alien political system. The students saw a great deal of Cuban society - its good and bad points in the relatively short span of time spent there. Excursions were arranged to a cigar factory, a sugar factory and sugar cane plantation, a tobacco farm, a special secondary school, The Revolutionary Museum, The National Art Gallery and tours of Havana. The students were accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. DiRocco and Mr. Clattenburg. The reports of the students indicate it was a worthwhile trip, tiring for all but absolutely enjoyable in the experiences shared and exchanged with the Cubans.

CREATIVE WRITING

Brebeuf's annual anthology of student poetry "Triple Bronze" celebrated its fourth birthday this year. Over one hundred students and two members of the alumni were represented in this year's edition. An initial printing of 350 copies sold out in one week.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The winners in the Brebeuf Annual Public Speaking Contest:

JUNIOR ELOCUTION:
JUNIOR ORIGINAL SPEECH:

Frank Marsiglio 9A Chris Herbener 9C

INTERMEDIATE ELOCUTION: INTERMEDIATE ORIGINAL SPEECH: Bruce Saunders 10C Bernard McGouran 10B

SENIOR ELOCUTION: SENIOR ORIGINAL SPEECH: Shawn Murray 11A John Mullen 11B

In the senior section of the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest, John Mullen and Jim Goldhawk were participants. John won the first round but had to withdraw from further competition owing to another commitment. Peter Cochran won one round in the junior section.

WRITING

Brebeuf students participated in at least two outside writing contests:

The Royal Canadian Legion sponsored a competition for secondary students from Grade 9 to Grade 13 on a Remembrance Day (November 11th.) topic. Peter Glossop of 10C has won three rounds (the Toronto championship) in the poetry section and is advancing to a regional competition. Bruce Saunders, also of 10C, won two rounds and was runner-up in the third round of the short story section.

Teachers and school boards across Canada are cooperating this year in a Canada Poetry Contest. John Archer of 10A has won the Grade 10 level of this contest within Metropolitan Toronto Catholic schools. His poem now advances to the provincial level of the contest.

THE BREBEUF LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild held a supper dance on November 1st. at La Gondola; a profit of \$1,807.24 was realized. Mrs. G.B. Oude-Reimerink, Mrs. K. Maxwell and Mrs. D. Sheridan were the conveners of this very successful event.

A Communion Breakfast was held on February 9th. at the Bayview Country Club. This was preceded by mass at Regis College; the mass was concelebrated by Father Monaghan, Father Crusoe and Father Granville.

On February 26th. a successful bridge, convened by Mrs. W.B. Miller and Mrs. C. Heintzman, was held in the Brebeuf gymnasium. The profit was \$1,340.90.

The mothers of our Grade 12 students helped with the reception held after the Grade 13 graduation. And on the night of the Closing Exercises the Guild served refreshments to the parents, guests and students.

The Guild was generous to various organizations within the school: the Yearbook, the Library, the Athletic department. It also made money available for a trophy case at the entrance and gave subsidies for a student trip to the Martyrs' Shrine and for expenses of the students' retreats.

DRAMA

In cooperation with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Chicago the Brebeuf Players staged Brebeuf's 16th. dramatic performance, Reginald Rose's "Twelve Angry Men". This play, which was originally premiered as a television drama on CBS Playhouse in 1956 and later made into a movie and a successful stage play, was adeptly handled by the 14 actors. Under the able direction of Mr. Blair Day this drama played to over 1000 people during its 3-night run. Denis Armstrong, Shawn Murray, Tom Harrington and Charlie Lewis received the warm applause of the audiences for their skillful interpretation of their characters.

ATHLETICS

Brebeuf's athletic programme continued to expand this year with the addition of swimming and badminton to our T.D.C.A.A. representation. Our swim team came an excellent second while Todd Binns won the singles title. Our football, basketball, hockey and wrestling teams were all strong contenders in seeking the T.D.C.A.A. championships.

The activity that boomed the most at Brebeuf this year was the popular olympic sport of gymnastics. Led by a sensational Grade 9 student, Frank Nutzemberger, the team placed third in the finals. Frank himself, in his first year of T.D.C.A.A. competition, tied for first place as best all-round gymnast at the meet.

A very popular winter carnival was held at Morrow Park this year as a combined Brebeuf-Morrow Park Carnival; it was a great success. Classes 9A and 9E had a terrific struggle for top junior class.

Paul McCann worked hard as S.A.A. president and was the master of ceremonies for the S.A.A. awards presentation. Some of the top athletes in each sport were selected as follows:

CROSS COUNTRY - Bantam: A. Boyd
Junior: S. Thomas
Senior: M. Nestor

Denier. M. Nesto

SKIING - Steve Sinclair

BASKETBALL - Bantam: P. Cusimano
Junior: S. Melchiori
Senior: P. Cochran

TENNIS - Todd Binns

SWIMMING - Carl Toth

WRESTLING - Jim Jenkins

GYMNASTICS - F. Nutzemberger

TRACK & FIELD - Bantam: A. Boyd
Junior: P. Stasiuk

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M. Nestor