Karol Jozef Wojtyła, Pope John Paul II
1920-2005 ‘Crossing the threshold of hope--’

By Erin Maguire

One million young people from around the globe chanted these words in Toronto, Canada at World Youth Day in 2002 greeting their spiritual father. Hunched over, with the hint of a small smile on his paralyzed face, the Pope greeted his “dear young friends”. Renowned leader of millions, activist and peacemaker, Karol Josef Wojtyła died on April 2, 2005 in his own apartment in the Vatican; his death was attributed to heart and kidney failure. Pope John Paul II, who had a special love for the youth, often spoke of them as “the salt of the earth and the light of the world”. In the dark of April 2, youth around the world joined together, mixing salty tears of mourning for the loss of the man who spoke those words—a man of spirit and fortitude, who worked to join the world and working tirelessly to revolutionize ties with other religions.

John Paul was by no means benign about his work—or often seeking to expose and explain controversial issues; he was opposed to contraception, gay marriage, and women priests. During his 26 years as Shepard of over one billion Catholics in the world, John Paul II illuminated and defined the role of pope through his actions. After being ordained priest in 1946, Wojtyła was named Auxiliary Bishop of Cracow by Pope Pius XII in 1958, and in 1964, according to the Vatican website, was “nominated archbishop of Cracow by Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal June 26, 1967.” On October 16, 1978, Cardinal Karol Jozef Wojtyła became Pope John Paul II, the 263rd successor of Peter—the 264 pope.

During his years as pope John Paul made it a priority to witness to the people he served. Since his beginning in 1978 to the end, John Paul visited 317 out of the 333 parishes in Rome, and completed 104 pastoral visits outside Italy and 146 pastoral visits in Italy.

John Paul is known for his advocacy in the elimination of communism, for his visits with national leaders, and for his outreach to unify all religions. Reverend Billy Graham said in the foreword of LIFE magazine’s Pope John Paul II: A Tribute, “[Pope John Paul II’s] courageous stands for morality and faith in an age of rampant secularism, as well as his compassion for all who suffer and his strong commitment to social justice, won him the respect not only of his fellow Roman Catholics but of anyone concerned about the moral and spiritual confusion of our time:”

According to the Vatican website, John Paul held 737 audiences and meetings with Heads of State and 245 audiences and meetings with Prime Ministers. He is also known, as according to CBC News, “The Pilgrim Pope.” CBC News reported, “Since elected Pope in 1978, he has traveled to more places in the world and has spoken to more people than any other pontiff in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.”

In addition to traveling, John Paul and has written five books, 14 encyclicals, see POPE page 2

S.G.A. president, Pat Kilcur, advocates student involvement

Meetings will be held frequently to keep up with the various projects and to ensure their continued development. Kilcur adds, “I want everyone to know that new members are always needed and welcomed. Get involved, we’d love anyone’s help and input as we take this year to rebuild S.G.A.”

Kilcur plans to create specific committees handling nearly all aspects of student life at DeSales in a specific way, aimed at efficiency. He urges anyone who has any interest to contact a member of S.G.A. or to attend meetings. “We could use people with all different backgrounds, all students interested in different levels of commitment. I’d just like people to show up to meetings, our events, to really find their place at DeSales.”

“2005-2006 is going to be about change. Instead of talking about the problems DeSales has, we are going to start off the year running, working towards finding answers, solutions. We will work our hardest to bring the changes that the students want in the University,” concludes Kilcur.

Kilcur

DAWGS play Las Vegas at Bulldog Bash

By Marianne Maguirekas

The 4th Annual Bulldog Bash for accepted students took place on March 26, 2005. There were about 500 in attendance, of which 130 were students. The Bulldog Bash first started in 2002 as a way to celebrate and congratulate high school seniors who have been accepted to DeSales. The day is a final showcase of what DeSales can offer students.

Students were able to meet other incoming freshmen, present students, faculty members, and the admissions staff.

The fun-filled day was organized by the admissions staff and included many forms of entertainment. Billera Hall’s gym magically turned into a Las Vegas casino. Each table was festively decorated and pieces of colored cloth draped from the ceiling. The DeSales Admissions Welcoming Guides (DAWGS) greeted students and their parents and seated them to their table according to their major. The DAWGS dressed for the occasion in black and white hats and greeted guests with a smile. DeSales student, Lauren Schuenet,

See BULLDOG BASH page 2
You got the poison, I got the remedy...for your computer

By Pawel Pacyzki

After a hard evening’s work at the Copperhead, you sit in your desk at the corner of your PC and proceed with the less zesty and less enjoyable part of the day: surfing the Internet for information. John Prakopcyk, the English research paper due tomorrow promptly at 9:00 a.m. However, the nightmare begins even before you google the topic and are forced to stay up for four hours straight. Your computer runs slow the moment you push the power button, which just won’t go away, overwhelm your workspace, while web pages load at turtle-like speeds. Although this is far from a worst-case scenario, even these annoyances can quickly wear you down, promoting unnecessary anxiety and increased fear to make the deadline. But do not despair: we are here to help you in the battle against evil. You are not alone in this fight, as there are numerous antivirus and spyware programs which run in the background and slow down your computer, cause various annoyances, and modify your data and the way programs run. Symptoms also include a huge number of the aforementioned pop-ups, unexplained breakdowns and slowdowns, strange applications launching, and just plain whacked things your computer starts doing. The road to freedom from these programs is well charted. All you need is to gather your weapons: a firewall, a personal firewall, an anti-virus, and an anti-spyware program. Don’t forget to update all these programs as well so they detect new threats (which spyware profiteers create almost daily).

To Do List:
1.) Install Firefox, a firewall, an anti-virus, and anti-spyware apps twice a month
2.) Run anti-virus and anti-spyware tests at least once a week
3.) Update definitions for firewall, anti-virus, anti-spyware apps twice a month
4.) Run Windows Update at least once a month
5.) Defragment hard drive once a month
6.) Do not tempt to download free but harmful programs

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15 apostolic exhortations, 11 apostolic constitutions and 44 apostolic letters. He has canonized 482 saints and pronounced 1,338 people “blessed.”

John Paul II’s love of young people led him to initiate World Youth Day, for the convenience of Catholic youth around the world, in Rome, 1985. At WYD 2002 in Toronto, Canada the Pope invested his hope in youth as the future. He said, “I believe in youth, through so much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakenly convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope, the young are our future.”

In his earlier years, the Pope was known as “God’s athlete” because of his love of sports, especially skiing. Later in life, John Paul II was stricken with Parkinson’s disease which hampered his health, but did not hinder his dynamic enthusiasm to encourage and explain the Catholic faith.

Before becoming Shepherd of millions, John Paul II, Karol Jozef Wojtyla, Lolek—his nickname—became “L ol u s” (a name which sounds like “Lus” in English, b e c a m e known as “Lolus”).

“L ol u s” which means “Lovely,” K a r o l ’ s family took to calling him “Lolek,” which soon became his nickname.

As a boy, Lolek p l a y e d soccer with a rag ball with his father, night-cake cakes with his brother Edmund, and played with his friend Jerry Kluger, a Jewish boy when often Catholics and Jews were enemies. Lolek knew pain and was therefore later able to understand the pain that others might experience. Lolek’s strong love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.

Lolek was born to a family of different religions are called to walk this path together with those who accept the universal moral law. Dear brothers and sisters, peace in the world is our common mission!

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The DeSales University cheerleading team was on fire when the Minstrel Show began Friday, Jan. 17, at Allhoff Center. Students, faculty, staff and friends of DeSales University put their support behind the DeSales cheerleaders who put time, effort, and creativity into making this event a success. The show included a surprise visit by President Bernard O’Connor who made closing remarks about DeSales. Then, the DAWGS provided optional campus tours. Also, students were encouraged to make jokes about college and DSU on the spot, which intrigued the students. She experienced the building and she was mostly loyal to New York comedy clubs. The families enjoyed the different forms of entertainment throughout the day.

By following these simple steps, you will be amazed how much power you can wring out of your rig and how many hours you can save. Also, you will become more informed than the people on the AOL commercials who think spyware is good for their computers.

You can direct any feedback/questions/problems concerning spyware to me at pacp12@ymail.com. Finally, check out one of my favorite web sites, thisisbroken.com for a quick laugh on computers gone weird.

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I would like to start off by saying that I do not consider drinking to be a healthy practice. This is not a challenge to each of us to find God right now. Rather, I would advise the reader to pursue a life of prayer and understanding of the purpose and role God has for us, rather than delving into the depths of alcohol consumption. I believe that God has given us a gift to praise Him, and I think it is important to forgo all judgments about our physical appearance.

In today's world, we are faced with a fascina- tion with the booty. Sir Mix-a-lot, in his song "Booty Call," tells us that "you got a backside, and I got a booty." However, our obsession with the booty is not based on a logical or spiritual understanding of God. Rather, it is an obsession with the physical attributes of a person, and not with their soul or character. In today's world, we are often judged by our physical appearance, and this can be a source of great stress and anxiety.

On a personal level, I have found myself constantly self-conscious about my physical appearance. I have struggled with body image issues since I was a teenager, and this has led to a cycle of self-hatred and self-loathing. I have often felt like I was not good enough, and that I was not worthy of love or respect. This has led to a cycle of poor decision-making, and I have found myself in situations where I have put my own needs and desires above those of others.

I believe that God has given us a gift of joy and gladness, and that we should use it to bring joy to others. When I look at someone, I am not thinking about their physical appearance, but rather I am thinking about their character and their ability to bring joy to others. I believe that God has given us a gift of joy, and that we should use it to bring joy to others. When I look at someone, I am not thinking about their physical appearance, but rather I am thinking about their character and their ability to bring joy to others.
Irish travelers experience country and people

By Rebecca Karabelas and Pawel Paczuski

Whether you’d like to admit it or not, no one wants to sit at home on their spring break. When the sun is shining and the temperatures rise, wouldn’t you rather travel somewhere new and perhaps a little different, especially if you were in the company of your friends?

For four students, their spring break was not like the others. Brian Poore, Caitlin Walters, John Lanzilotti, and Trista Dasher were able to have the experience of a lifetime when they traveled to Ireland for six days and lent their assistance to students at Benaziun College, a private school in Dublin. They observed the classroom environment and were paired with instructors to assist them in teaching Irish language, French, History, and American Culture to students ages ten to seventeen.

Trista, a Psychology major, says the teachers seemed especially helpful, and, unlike in most American schools, “[The teachers] saw the kids as equals rather than establishing a hierarchy of importance.”

The classrooms were conducted much differently, and as a result, she affirmed that it was a great and enjoyable experience.

Caitlin added, “The kids especially enjoyed learning the aspects of modern American culture and comparing it to contemporary Irish lifestyle.”

“They understood our culture to revolve around California and New York,” she said.

But what would spring break be without a little down time? The visitors saw live performances of Irish bands, dances, and went sightseeing around the country, the shore, and in towns. For example, they visited a fishing village in the province, and did not overlook the famous St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin.

Finally, a trip to Ireland is not complete without some time spent in a local Irish pub—relaxing, chatting with the locals, and experiencing the true atmosphere of an Irish meal. Trista recalled an especially memorable moment when a group of boys played a card game called “Tonte” from a man who offered by Duran, a volunteer who laughed on the back of a forklift—a trip graciously offered by Duran, a volunteer who laughed.

On Monday, I worked at the South Jersey food bank filling orders of food to be sent to churches and charities and redistributed to those in need. I learned that a Gaylord is a big box, and how to successfully steer a push cart. I also experienced the exhilarating rush of riding on the back of a forklift—a trip graciously offered by Duran, a volunteer who laughed at my excitement.

Outside the Romero Center before dinner that night, I met 15 middle school-aged boys playing football in the Pro-Cathedral church parking lot. They were so excited when I asked if I could take their picture that they posed for me, and then carried on with their game. One boy, chomping the worm football and smiling, ran up to me and said, “Take a picture when I score the next touch down!”

After I took their picture, I wondered what those boys would be like when they grew up—would they sell drugs, would they be on welfare, would they have children outside of wedlock…do they already? They realized that at that minute, it didn’t matter. Those boys were living in that childhood moment, enjoying a game that kids all over the world play, caring only to field the next pass, and throw the football down on the line to score the winning touch down.

After dinner, I listened to Vince Gallagher, a graduate of LaSalle University who spent time in the army and Peace Corps, talk about the atrocities that take place in Latin America. I learned that in El Salvador 2% of the people control 90% of the wealth, and in Haiti, the children roam the streets and are shot to death for disturbing store owners. I learned that in Peru, the machines do not have safe guards and people’s fingers are sliced off, or they suffocate because of the fumes and lack of face masks.

On Tuesday, I delivered a meal to a man with AIDS who smiled said, “Thank you, Baby,” when I complimented his gray hair in comrmos. His smile was brilliantly white against his dark skin as he told me and my friend, Brian, who also helped deliver meals, how appreciative he was that we had driven in the snow to bring him his food for the day.

Earlier that day, I helped make the meals we delivered at a kitchen called MANNA where volunteers pack breakfast, lunch and dinner for people with HIV and AIDS.

The next day, we were not hungry, but we were not healthy either. I began to understand what it takes to budget money, but we were not healthy either. I began to understand what it takes to budget money, to work to reform the political structure of injustice. “The Urban Challenge” is one program facilitated by the Romero Center that furthers this call to justice.

On Sunday night, the first day of the Urban Challenge, I was put in a group of four people, my “family,” and told to buy food for the next day. We drove to Pathmark, the only major grocery store in Camden, with three dollars each—a little more than the elite recipients are afforded from food stamps. We bought oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, bread, applesauce, graham crackers, ramen noodle soup, and two pints of ice cream that where only one dollar a piece—a luxury that made other families jealous.

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Throughout the week, I worked with other college students from DeSales, Loyola, Fairfield and St. Louis, in Camden and Philadelphia at food banks, schools, with battered women, homeless people, prostitutes, ex-convicts and people with HIV and AIDS.

I learned that Camden, statistically the most dangerous city in the United States is a place where people still live, still laugh, still love.
Dante, Laurence, John, Preston, Francis, Theresa, Henry, Ben, Gail, Ruth, Jessica, whose circumstances are not their fault. I
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I was tired, but fulfilled. I felt satisfaction
of the poor—like a parent spends more
But, God is always there for every person
simply to love.
that the thought doesn’t even cross her
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remember the last time someone hugged
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For Humanity. This group included: Tom
For the next three days everyone
worked hard but that does not mean
We kept at Camp Royal, a summer
camp for autistic children. To pay for
our stay we spent Monday at the camp giving
them a full day of labor which included painting a roof and cleaning up brush and falling sticks. It was a great way
for us to spend our first day because we put in a
full days work and felt really good about it.
when the Chatham county Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. This group included: Tom Lelyo, Amanda Reese, Keri Terney, Liz Pflister, Jackie Lukasik, Emily Tatum, Toni Long, Natalie Antrim, myself and Father Hanley was the chaperone. It took a total of
nine hours to get from DeSales University Pitbins to left Pennsylvania at 7am in the cold morning weather and entered
North Carolina at close to 4:30pm with suntan and cold temperature.

Habitat builders ‘get it done’ in North Carolina

By Kelly Smith

During spring break a group of DeSales University students traveled to Pittsboro, North Carolina to
help with the construction of a house. The Habitat for Humanity organization helps those who
are small, less than 15 students per class.

It is apparent that the students are
learning in an academics-focused environment and are taking the
practical applications off of video games and channel the boys’
interest towards earning high school and college degrees.

The Nativity students have full days. After class ends at 3:00 PM, their schedule consists of two hours of sports and activities. They can choose from a few different sports to play, and compete with
other schools in the area. Local businesses have supported the effort, as a local store recently
donated two pairs of shoes for each runner on the track team.

After a two-hour dinner break, many
students return to the school. While
there, they can receive help from either
their teachers or volunteer tutors from
the community. When the students and their families went to school, they were middle-aged and worked at Nativity to give the students a hand.

Nativity also provides numerous activities for the students to go off-campus. During the week,
the students and their families went to a school-sponsored Harlem Globetrotters game. Another night, the 7th grade went to see a performance of Fences, a play that they
were reading. On Saturday, the students
go on field trips while their parents clean
the house on a rotating schedule.

Development director and business
director, David Woods, believes the
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academically, not just getting through
today and getting this grade.”

It is apparent that the students are
learning more than just academic knowledge. When Christina and I arrived, several
of the students politely greeted us, and
an outgoing, well mannered man named Josh led us on a concise tour of the
school. Clearly, someone is teaching these
young men in the way of “the gentlemen Saint,” our own Francis de Sales.

During the month of July, the Nativity
students came to the campus of DeSales
University for a month long experience of
research, science experiments, Shakespeare, and athletics. The Nativity
students also relish the opportunity to live
in the “dorms” or “Residence Halls” as
some would prefer. While the counselor
positions are currently filled for this summer, each year students are needed for
this exciting program.

“We can give to Nativity Prep by volunteering their time or donating, or giving of their resources. The school
raises every dollar that it uses. Each
student relies on a scholarship, which ensures
that he has a chance to stay at Nativity,” explains Woods. To further the cause of educating the young men of
Wilmington, there will be a wine auction on April 23
04. For more information, see Nativity’s website (browse the “Employment Opportunities”
bar on the left.)

Nativity Prep boasts a student to faculty
teacher ratio of 15:1. The class size
will never get higher than 61. Class sizes
are small, less than 15 students per class.
In the three grades currently making up the
class, there are only 27 students. In its
third operational year, Nativity will see its
first 8th grade class this fall.

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for the better. The cycle of poverty is a
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In Camden, I met mothers with
welfare and fathers who weren’t married; I
met children without parents. I met pain.
I met homelessness. I met AIDS, drugs
and prostitution. I met hope.

In Camden, met people. I met people who have
made mistakes, and people
who circumstances are not their fault. I
met humble people, who, amidst tragedy, still knew how to laugh. Thank you Will,
Robin, Duran, Carol, Sue, Larry, Frederick,
Thereesa, Henry, Ben, Gail, Ruth, Jessica,
Dante, Lawrence, John, Preston, Francis,
Richard, Louisa, Lois and everyone else I
met. Thank you for sharing your stories.

Edgy Eddie entertains

Comedian, Eddie Ifft, most noted for appearances on Comedy Central’s Premium Blend, and NBC’s Last Comic Standing and Lifetime’s Friday Night fun, entertained DSU students on Wednesday, March 30 at 9 pm at McShea Student Union. Ifft’s two hour comedic escapade included quirky personal stories, a few anecdotes of performances, where he also accompanied more risqué content of the risqué humor. Any backlash was received from some heckling students, who Ifft said. “Let’s take like 4,000 acres of campus, and abandon of campus.”

“Was someone like, ‘I have an idea,’” says Director of Student Activities, Lisa Scheeler. “Especially considering students were stealing publicity flyers from bathrooms in order to get his autographs.” Ifft’s autographs, by the way, were more than his name. Valgar teasing was included free of charge. Students and crew discovered Eddie at the fall conference that Student Activities attends to find hot net acts. Any timid ones. DSU Entertainment can give suggestions at the Student Activities Office at anytime, or contribute at the student activities crew meetings on Wednesdays at 5pm.

Eagles soar over Continental

The lights in Continental Arena faded to black. Within seconds, the pounding of drums filled the air, as Don Henley’s voice brought the fans to their feet. His words echoed throughout the arena, “I used to hurry a lot. I used to worry a lot. I used to run out but, rather each other true due to hysterical content of the risqué nature. Eddie was successful in creating an atmosphere for “kicking back.” Ifft said. “I thought it would be weird when I saw the small turnout, but Eddie’s routine is just like hangout with him,” says sophomore Jenn Lauffert. “In fact, the only thing weird is that he had a microphone.”

A menacing character, Eddie Ifft tells stories of tol, like getting a police officer and his 300 person audience to rudely awaken the passed out drunkard, who was being obvious at a previous show. Comedic material definitely became more personal as Ifft and the crowd really warmed up to each other. Laughs were plentiful where some also accompanied by moans, “ewws,” and assorted even foul “good” hand to the mouth. “You people are sick!” exclaimed. “You made me tell it!”

In fairness of how it was accomplished, by the end of the set everyone present was in good spirits, except maybe the few students who Ifft was not coming to listen to him as they were passing through McShea. “People enjoyed it,” says Director of Student Activities, Lisa Scheeler. “Especially considering students were stealing publicity flyers from bathrooms in order to get his autographs.” Ifft’s autographs, by the way, were more than his name. Valgar teasing was included free of charge. Students and crew discovered Eddie at the fall conference that Student Activities attends to find hot net acts. Any timid ones. DSU Entertainment can give suggestions at the Student Activities Office at anytime, or contribute at the student activities crew meetings on Wednesdays at 5pm.

Sin’s never looked quite like this

Part ultra gritty film noir, combined with an explosion of director Robert Rodriguez’s stylish digital genius on screen, Sin City made its balletic screened debut on April 1st. The film’s cyclical, vignette-style storytelling and impressive gamut of Hollywood’s ultra-cool immediately brought to mind Pulp Fiction, but Sin City is something totally new.

The film is shot in a palette of beautiful black and white, with occasional splashes of stylized color in blond hair, blue eyes, glow-in-the-dark blood and Yellow Bastard. Every frame is almost a direct lift from artist Frank Miller’s original comic book series. Miller also oversaw shooting on a day to day basis. It’s safe to say that never has a comic book been so seamlessly and faithfully been transformed into film (That having been said, watch American Splendor sometime). The film centers around three different but related stories that give the audience a genuine idea of what kind of place Basin City is, in a breathtaking two hours and six minutes of brutal violence, cold-blooded vengeance and occasionally selfless heroism.

Without giving away too much of the film, here’s a brief and patchy synopsis: The first major character we encounter is John Hartigan, in a his new era of the Bruce Willis cop, he is played, appropriately enough, by Bruce Willis. Throughout his two-part section of the film (involving saving a little girl from a pedophile, getting shot lots of times by a friend, and taking the blunt edge of corrupt government on the chin), he demonstrates the mental and physical toughness required to be the angel on a very, very unjust place.

Mickey Rourke shows up as the main character in the second story, a role he was born to play—-the hideously good looking, piece of band-aid covered iron, Marv, whose quest for vengeance of the death of a lover drives him to practice some rather unsavory professional forms of interrogation and one particularly creative dog-fleecing. Along the way, Marv is forced to take on the corrupt Sin City clegy (portrayed in an appropriately dirty fashion, but then again, so is basically everybody else), Marv, the quintessential antihero, sustains more than a couple blows to the head by a baseball bat, and sheds arguably as much blood as any other character in the film.

The third and perhaps most intricate storyline involves a deranged cop, Jack Raffley (Benicio Del Toro), a vigilant lover, Dwight (Clive Owen), the female hyena-boss Gail (Rosario Dawson) and a power-struggle for “Old Town” between the cops, the mob, and its current rulers: “the girls,” Mercenaries with Irish pride and lots and lots of explosives, Michael Clark Duncan with a big gold eye, and a gun barrel in a very awkward place all show up in this open-ended hellfire portion of the film that leaves the most unanswered questions and room for expansion. The story is bookended by two short sections involving a mysterious and calculating character played by Josh Hartnett. That mystery as well as any others will most assuredly be solved in later films.

The only thing sacred in Sin City is that, across the board, everyone seems to want to protect their mother or children. But, despite this high regard for family values, this movie is incredibly violent and occasionally gory. Also, nudity is handled in a very literal 1970s fashion, so leave the little ones at home, for goodness sake.

Though not for the faint of heart or easily confused, Sin City is the kind of movie that makes you marvel about movies. Robert Rodriguez seems to have moved on from the earlier triumphs of his “Machete” trilogy to something completely new and different. On top of directing and cutting the film, he also composed the fantasy score, proving yet again that he is as slick and versatile as he is completely insane. Sin is worth the price of admission and a trip to confession.

By Anthony Coppa

Blast from the past: the eagles kicking back in ’73 at Giants Stadium. Although fans had already begun to make an exit, Don Henley’s band had certainly not reached the limit yet. As tradition goes, the piano opening to “Desperado” triggered the flickering of many bic lighters being held high. Word for word the crowd sang along with Don Henley, as he turned up his charm and encouraged fans to “let somebody love you before its to late.”
by Paul Moracco

It’s rare that I listen to an entire CD because the music is decent. However, Franz Ferdinand is different. They’ll keep me dancing down the hall even after you shut the CD player off. I personally was distracted in class because I was too busy running through the track list in my head, especially the number three song, “Take Me Out.” It’s just a brilliant blend of a track list in my head, which was kept, the Bulldogs finished in the top ten of the nation since 1969.

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**By Dedan Brizzone**

The DeSales University baseball and softball teams each recently completed successful spring seasons. The women’s softball team recorded an 8-9 record and the baseball team had a record of 15-13. The women’s softball team returned to Center Valley from Chandler, Arizona with a 7-2 record to leadoff their spring season. The women’s softball team recorded a 4-5 mark on their spring trip to Tucson, Arizona as they competed in the Tucson Invitational Games. Each squad tested quality competition, giving the opportunity to turn up their level of play to begin the season.

The baseball team recorded victories against Roger Williams (4-2), Pitt-Bradford (8-2), Wesleyan (6-2), Arcadia (9-6), Juniata (3-1 and 11-9) and Lake Erie (14-1). Their two defeats came by slim margins, falling to Roger Williams and then Pitt-Bradford in the second game of a doubleheader.

“IT is always important to get off to a successful start. You learn a lot about a team by the way that they play the first few games of the year,” said senior infielder Nolan Neiman. “We learned that we have a lot of work to do. However, the bottom line is that we are 7-2 and off to the best start we have had since the seniors have been here.”

The men were lead in the desert by mosquito ace Matt Reppert. Reppert was stellar as usual, earning two wins on the trip in as many games, as well as recording a complete game in his second start. Reppert is approaching the school record for complete games in a career. He logged 15 innings total, holding opponents to just ten hits while earning an ERA of 0.60. Sophomore Jordan Gensch also recorded two wins on the rubber, earning both of his victories in relief efforts during 9.2 innings of work.

The offense was fueled by senior Ian Valach. The catcher led the team with a .290 batting average, including four doubles and a home run. Sophomore Jennifer Cybularz also helped out the staff, making four appearances and earning a team-low ERA of 3.92.

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The women’s offense put up heavy numbers all week. The team had 60 runs in the nine games while batting .316 as a unit. Graduate student Valerie Valach led all batters at the plate, hitting for an average of .455 on 18 total hits, including four doubles and a home run. Junior Danielle Jenson and sophomore Jennifer Murray also drove in 400 for the trip. Mara also had home run.

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It’s hard to imagine that just three years ago, DeSales University would be considered a basketball dynasty, winning three championships in a row and showing no sign of letting up. It used to be Kobe, Shaq, and Phil. Then the Lakers were considered one of the top teams in the NBA. The DeSales University Western Conference Finals and the Pistons in the 2004 NBA Finals. Then Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal had problems with each other, Bryant and Phil Jackson had problems with each other, and Bryant had problems with the law. Now Shaq is in Miami and Kobe is in Los Angeles and all Kobe has left in Laker Land is Jack Nicholson who sees his Lakers six games out of the 8th playoff spot. Don’t you love L.A.? The biggest surprise this year in the West is the Phoenix Suns, shining in the top spot in the Western Conference. For those on us on the East Coast, who never get to see these teams, this is especially a surprise. Our first real look at the Suns was on All-Star Saturday when Phoenix teams went 3-8 last about every event—Quentin Richardson, the 3-point shootout; Steve Nash, the Skills Challenge; and Shawn Marion in the Jam Session as they did just two seasons ago. The DSU women are also looking to return to postseason play, after falling just short a year ago in the MAC playoffs. Both seasons on the diamond are sure to be too much for the Rangers to handle.

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This year's Eastern Conference and the newest southeast division are one-horse races led by the Miami Heat. Now, how many people laughed when Shaq was given a key to the city, promised to bring a championship to Miami, and squirted the crowd with a water gun? I know I did. It was funny at the time, but the 13-game winning streak they had was no joke. The Washington Wizards also joined the southeast division as of March 2004, but the Nets may be the favorites with a goal of 60 wins this season. The Heat will be coming off of a 60-win season that featured a championship to Miami, and squirted the crowd with a water gun? I know I did. It was funny at the time, but the 13-game winning streak they had was no joke. The Wizards and the Nets may be the favorites with a goal of 60 wins this season.