The voice of the students at DeSales University

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

By Erin Magure

“John Paul II, we love you!” 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 Jozef 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 nations and hearts.

Lukasik said of the Pope’s death, “I feel the void left in my heart. He was a man of spirit and fortitude, who worked to unite nations and hearts. He was a personable; he reminded of a grandfather, with so much love and compassion for his grandchildren.”

John Paul has inspired young and old alike, and people of all religions and countries of the world. CNN described in its obituary: “a man who left a mark like few others in the 20th century, playing a leading role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe in 1989, traveling the world and working tirelessly to revolutionize ties with other religions.”

John Paul was by no means benign about his work—often seeking to expose and explain controversial issues; he was opposed to contraception, gay marriage, and women priests. During his 26 years as Shepherd of over one billion Catholics in the world, John Paul 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 first Polish Pope.

During his years as pope John Paul II made it a priority to witness to the people. “The Pilgrim Pope.” CBC News reported, “Billy Graham said in the foreword of LIFE magazine’s Pope John Paul II: A Tribute, ‘(Pope John Paul II’s) courage 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 the world, John Paul has written five books, 14 encyclicals, 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 involvement. 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.

DAWGS play Las Vegas at Bulldog Bash
By Marianne Miplakaras

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 Schurtz.

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15 apostolic exhortations, 11 apostolic constitutions and 44 apostolic letters. He has canonized 1,338 saints and pronounced 13,338 people "blessed."

John Paul II's love of young people led him to initiate World Youth Day, for the construction of the new cathedral in Rome, in 1985. At WYD 2002 in Toronto, Canada the Pope invoked his hope in youth as the future. He said, "Although I have speed through much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that there is no difficulty, no trial, 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 the future of Christianity."

In his earlier years, the Pope was known as "God's athlete" because of his love of sports and at times his competitive nature. Later in life, John Paul II stricken with Parkinson's disease which hampered his health, but did hinder his dynamic energy and enthusiasm. He was so strong that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope, the young are the future of Christianity.

Before becoming Shepard of millions, John Paul II was born to a small family in Wadowice, Poland. "Karlo," which is the equivalent of "Charles" in English, is a name known as "Lolusz" which means "Happy Lovingly. Karol's" family wished him to be called "Lolek," which then became his nickname.

As a boy, Lolek played soccer with a rag ball with his father, bought cream cakes with his brother Edmund, and played with his friend Jerzy Kluger, a Jewish boy when often Catholic boys weren't allowed to be his friends. Lolek spent his early years visiting his sick mother and praying for her with his father. His father was the first to steer him towards priesthood and the one who encouraged Lolek's faith.

Yet, Lolek had a painful childhood. After his father's death, his stepfather, Emilio Kaczkowski died and Lolek lost his mother at the age of eight. Only three years later, Lolek's only brother Edmund died and in 1941 his father passed away—when Wojtyla was only 21. These were just a beginning to the tragedies down, promoting unnecessary anxiety and increased fear to make the deadline. But do not despair: we are here to help you in the quest for the fast, efficient PC, free from the shackles of spyware, malware, worms and other bestial creatures ready to pilfer your precious computer.

None of us really care what all this stuff is, only how to prevent and get rid of it instantaneously. But for those of you who don't know, malware and spyware are small programs sold to others. The right after right John Paul convinced Edward Gereck to step down, thereby ending communism in Poland.

John Paul II, Karol Wojtyla was a man stricken by the pains of the world—suffering from the deaths of his friends in WWII by the hands of the Communists. John Paul II was a man who knew pain and was therefore able later relate to the pains of the world. The pope has always advocated for peace and has talked to many countries to overcome evil by evil, but overcome evil with good, overcoming evil with weapons of love becomes the way in which we can contribute to the peace of all. Christians and all believers of different religions are called to walk this road to freedom from these threats (which spyware profiteers create almost daily).

Other ways to protect and improve the overall well being of your computer is to install the latest Windows Updates (Start-All Programs-Windows-Updates), which offers critical patches to make your PC safer. Also, never use freeware that could download spyware or random applications from the Internet: spyware is often installed along with them. You can also speed up your computer by defragmenting your hard drive to make programs launch and run faster than ever before.

To Do List:
1.) Install Firewals, a firewall, anti-virus, and anti-spyware apps twice a month
2.) Run anti-virus and anti-spyware tests at least once a week
3.) Check your family's computers for spyware twice a month
4.) Run Windows Update at least once a month
5.) Defragment hard drive once a month
6.) Resist temptation to download free but harmful programs

Before: just double click My Computer on your desktop and right click your primary hard drive (usually Local Disk C:), then select Properties-Tools, click Defragment Now-Defragment. More advice is also encouraged to read Maximum PC magazine to get really cool tips on tweaking your own computer.

By following these simple steps, you will be amazed how much power you can wield over 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 pczap7@lycos.com. Finally, check out one of my favorite web sites, threebrothers.com for a quick laugh on computers gone wrong.

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dressed up as our mascot, the bulldog. Also, student Mark Arnold dressed up as Elvis Presley to go along with the rock music theme.

As guests arrived, Anthony Coppa '07 and Mike Southerton '06 played folk rock music at 1:00 PM Pete Rautzhan '95, Associate Dean of Admissions Management, and Thomas Dailey, OSF's 81, Director of the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture, welcomed everyone and explained the schedule of events for the day.

Some of DeSales' theatre and dance majors performed an Irish and Vegas dance, choreographed by Krista Ferraro, Assistant Professor of Dance. Justin Susum '05, Don Whitemore '05, Cesar Cervantes '05, Caitlin Kistella '07, Jeff Prakopcyk '07, and Mary Long '07 were highly entertaining and performed well together. After the dance families are lunch and hosted in activities. General traffic prizes were distributed, including two $250 vouchers for books, sweatshirts, and t-shirts.

The DeSales University cheerleading squad exhibited fine talent through their routines, flipping each other into the air with amazing heights. The cheerleaders also displayed their school spirit as usual and proved what teamwork can achieve. Then, stand-up comedian Veronica Mosey '95 alumni, returned to entertain students and
ng to wake him up by shaking him and
him to get out of bed, he still wouldn’t go.
I proceeded to climb down out of my bunk
in order to find out later that he was
in the top bunk in his room. I
simply couldn’t tell which room he was in
(when he stumbled out of the bathroom).
I grabbed my alarm clock and put it to his
face and set the alarm off. Still
stared movement. I climbed back up,
behind him to get up and leave, when
he finally woke up. He looked
and said, “Dude, you scared the hell out of
me.” I responded, “Dude, you’re in my
bed.”

This last sentence finally hit home.
He looked around and muffled incoherent
syllables of surprise as he managed
to quickly but clumsily climb out of
my bed. However, he didn’t even make it
back to his room. He found the first empty
room that he could reach and make that
apparently crossing the hallway. He took too
long a walk for this guy, I don’t know
all I know is that he was finally out of my
range and the matter settled enough
so that I could sleep by myself. I went back
to sleep. First thing in the
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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 someplace new and perhaps a little different, especially if you were in the company of your friends?

Four students, their spring break was a little bit of this, plus some Brian Poore, Caitlin Walters, John Lanzilotti, and Trista Dashner were able to have the experience of a lifetime when they traveled to Ireland for six days and lent their assistance to students at Beneazin 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 cen to seventeen.

Trista, a Psychology major says, the teachers seemed especially helpful, and, unlike in most American schools (i.e., teachers) saw the kids as equals rather than establishing a hierarchy of importance. The classroom environment was different, and as a result, she affirmed that it was a great and enjoyable experience.

Caitlin add, "The kids especially enjoyed learning aspects of modern American culture and comparing it to contemporary Irish lifestyle."

"It was all part of the Urban Challenge, a Catholic social justice program at the Romero Center in East Camden, New Jersey." Larry DiPauli, director of the Romero Center, defined the two pillars of Catholic social teaching as charity and justice. He said the mission for Catholics working for justice should be to give in charity, but also, to work to reform the political structure of injustice. The "Urban Challenge" is one program facilitated by the Romero Center further this call to justice.

On Sunday night, the first day of the Urban Challenge, I was put in a group of four other 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 welfare recipients are afforded from food stamps. We bought oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, bread, applesauce, crackers, ramen noodle soup, and two pints of ice cream that where only one dollar a piece—a luxury that made other families jealous.

The next day, we were not hungry, but we were not healthy either. I began to understand what it takes to budget money and how sweet ice cream tastes after eating far from gourmet food— that ice cream, though simple, was a pleasure I took for granted. I also began to understand the problem of obesity, and malnutrition among the poor.

Throughout the week, I worked with other college students from DeSales, Temple, Lafayette, Albright, and Philadelphia at food banks, schools, with battered women, homeless people, prisoners, engineers, 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. 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 car. 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 during that night, I met 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, clenching the worn 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 was fat with those boys would be like when they grow 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 who were living in that childhood moment, enjoying a game that kids all over the world play, calmly finishing the next pass, and throw the football down on the line to score the winning touchdown.

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 listened 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 machetes 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 cornrows. His smile was brilliantly white against his dark skin as he told me and my friends, 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. There I met a mother who was laid off from her job when she became pregnant with her two youngest daughters, 3-year-old twins. She is now on welfare.

On Wednesday, I met a 23-year-old high school drop-out who is going to graduate this year. Will volunteers at New Visions, a day shelter for the homeless, as part of an internship program with his high school. Realizing his potential to help the community, Will desires to go to college and major in Psychology with hopes to become a drug and alcohol counselor. Will said that he thinks his work will be well received because he said, "I will be able to relate to the people who live in Camden."

At New Visions, I saw crick pipes made out of car antennas and stuffed with brillo (a cleaning agent used to scrub dishes). Carol, the director of News Vision, finds the pipes in people’s clothes when they come to do their laundry.

Carol introduced our group to 76-year-old Lola, who takes care of babies that no one wants. Carol said that almost everyone knows Lola at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children because she sleeps over with her babies when they are sick.

Upstairs in the dining hall, I learned a card game called “Tontes” from a man who said he learned it in jail. He won almost every game and knew what cards I was holding. When I picked up a card I needed from the discard pile, he said, "You’ve been waiting for that one haven’t you?" He laughed at my amazement.

At New Visions, I also met 19-year-old Louisa, from Germany, who is volunteering there for the year. She said that after her first week of work, she was told not to distribute baby formula unless the person had proof they had a baby because otherwise, it might be mixed with drugs to increase the quantity of the drug, and thereby, the sellers’ profits.

On Thursday, I tutored children at LaSalle Academy. The school, for poor, academically challenged students grades 3-5, had a prayer service and reconciliation while I was there. After she confessed her sins, one girl, Ruth, came up to me and took my hand, and said, "Feel my heart. I could never race.

That night we heard Susan Polis, SFO, talk about the affect AIDS has had in her life—that she never thought, as a middle class white woman, she would live
New Jersey

By Kelly Smith

During spring break a group of DeSales University students traveled to Pittsboro, North Carolina to work with the Chatham County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. This group included: Tom Lelyo, Amanda Reese, Keri Teimey, Liz Pfeiffer, Jackie Lukasik, Emily Tamun, Tom Long, Natalie Antrim, myself and Father Hanley was the chaplain. It took a total of nine hours to get from DeSales University to Pittsboro. We left Pennsylvania at 7 am in the cold morning weather and entered North Carolina at close to 4:30pm with sunburn and warm temperatures.

We slept at Camp Royal, a summer camp for autistic children. To pay for our stay we worked Monday at the camp giving them a full day of labors which included painting a roof and clearing up brush and falling sticks. It was a great way to spend our first day because we put in a full day work and felt really good about our accomplishments. Amanda Reese commented later, “I noticed by the end of the day that a sense of teamwork had been established even though we were going to have an amazing week.”

Thanks to an unexpected hail storm on Tuesday, everyone had the day off. We spent the afternoon face to face with a Pizzazz butter buffet and competing with each other at a local bowling alley. However, Wednesday was back to the work site for our first day of work on the house. It was also the first time the DeSales students were met with other students from 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 site. Last year, there they can receive help from either their teachers or volunteer tutors from American Community Volunteers teamed to middle-aged came to Nativity to give the students a hand.

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

Development director and business management major Andrew Martinez, believes art, music, and social studies courses.

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Thanks to an unexpected hail storm on Tuesday, everyone had the day off. We spent the afternoon face to face with a Pizzazz butter buffet and competing with each other at a local bowling alley. However, Wednesday was back to the work site for our first day of work on the house. It was also the first time the DeSales students were met with other students from 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 site. Last year, there they can receive help from either their teachers or volunteer tutors from American Community Volunteers teamed to middle-aged came to Nativity to give the students a hand.

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

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School tutors spread Salesian spirit in Delaware

By Peter Magaro

At 8:00 AM, the students gather in the cafeteria, after 30 minutes of cleaning the school. As sunlight from the window brightens the walls of the converted community center, the Principal, Rev. Ed Ogeden OSFS, greets the students and reminds them about their field trip this week to Allentown Center, Alumnae, then announces that the school is writing letters to the Sudanese government about the treatment of its people. After the performing lines down, social studies teacher, Chuck Selvaggio, who taught English and Literature at Salesianum High School in Wilmington, Delaware for 16 years, introduces the students to a new vocabulary word. Using the root word of the week, pilosia (Greek, n, an intense fear or a specified thing), the 27 young men add “hydrophobia” to their already growing vocabulary. The students then begin their rigorous curriculum of math, Latin, Shakespeare, and music, art, and social studies courses.

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Edgy Eddie entertains

By Lacey Althouse

Comedian, Eddie Ifft, most noted for appearances on Comedy Central’s Premium Blend, and NBC’s Last Comic Standing, and Late Friday Night, entertained DSU students on Wednesday, March 30 at 9 pm at McShea Student Union. Ifft’s comedic escapade included quirky parcels, a few animated dramas of audience interaction, some assorted foul language, and even a brief piano sample when things got really desperate. Opening with tales of horror at the appearance of the campus’ “Children of the Corn” façade, Ifft comically attacked DSU for everything from awkwardly placed speed bumps to the pumpkin crowd at the Copperhead Grill, to the deafening quiet and gust of an exodus.

“Was someone like, ‘I have an idea,’” Ifft said. “‘Let’s take like 4,000 acres of land, and put it up with two buildings.”

Ifft got a taste of his own medicine by telling stories of toil, like getting a police officer and his 300 person audience to rudely awaken the passed out drunkard, who was being obnoxious at a previous show.

Comedic material definitely became more personal as Ifft and the crowd really warmed up to each other. Some where some also accompanied by moans, “yes’es” and even the “oh my god” hand to the mouth.

“You people are sick,” Ifft exclaimed. “You made it real.”

Regardless of how it was accomplished, by the end of the set everyone present was in good spirits, except for the few students who Ifft profiled for not coming to listen to him as they were passing through the exit.

“People enjoyed it,” says Director of Student Activities, Lisa Scheeler. “Especially considering students were stealing publicity flyers from bathrooms in order to get his autobiography.”

Ifft’s autographs, by the way, were much more than his name: Vulgar teasing was included free of charge.

Scheeler and her crew discovered Eddie at the fall conference that Student Activities attends to find hot new acts. Any one interested in DSU entertainment can read more about the Student Activities Office at anytime, or contribute can give suggestions at the Student Activities Office at anytime, or contribute.

The Eagles soar over Continental

By Tom Freeman

The lights in Continental Arena faded to black. Within seconds, the pounding of drums, the voice of the bass Joe Henley’s voice brought the fans to their feet. His words echoed through the arena, “I used to be a truck driver, I used to work a lot, I used to need a lot of money and I thought I’d break down.” On Friday April 1, 2005, The Eagles rocked the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey. They kicked off the “Hell Freezes Over” tour at Giants Stadium. Although fans...
Athletes welcomed in Arizona
By Dedan Brozino
The DeSales University baseball and softball teams each recently completed successful spring seasons in Arizona. The men’s baseball team returned to Center Valley from Chandler, Arizona with a 7-2 record to end 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 Tournament of Champions Invitational (TOC) each season.

“Their two defeats came by slim margins, falling to Roger Williams and then Pitt-Bradford in the second game of a doubleheader,” said senior infielder Nolan Neuman. “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 led in the desert by mound ace Matt Reppert. Reppert was stellar as usual, earning two wins on the trip in as many starts, 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 Jon Kensecki also recorded two wins on the rubber, earning both of his victories for complete games in a career. He logged 15 innings total, holding opponents to just ten hits while earning an ERA of 3.92.

Both the baseball and softball teams will have no time to relax after the quick start to their season. The DSU men are hoping to win their sixth straight conference championship and return to Appleton, Wisconsin for the College World Series 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 crucial as the Bulldogs find themselves at a crossroads with the program looking for the next step. The softball team will face Appalachian State in the East and then Pitt-Bradford on April 30th before heading to Chicago to face the Fighting Irish on May 2nd.

“Our main goal in Arizona was to get experience against live pitching and have a chance to play together outside before coming back and playing conference games,” said senior catcher Jennine Mara. “Overall, the trip went well and gave us motivation to work harder to improve our record, especially in the upcoming conference games.”

Neiman scored a team-high 11 runs to go down to the last possession. In the beginning it seemed as if DeSales’s communication and teamwork would be too much for the Bulldogs to handle. The Bulldogs proved they were there to play, when a shot from freshman Jim Ramsey found the back of the net just three minutes into the first quarter.

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In all sports, there is an invisible wall that athletes hit as the game goes on. Throughout Wednesday’s game, this wall proved no match for the Spurs, who wear their red and blue with pride. Chris Lavello added his name to the list when he scored deep into the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs brought the fans to their feet as Brian Cuttler showed why he deserves his captain band when he drilled the game tying shot into the back of the net.

DeSales hopes of a come back victory were soon shot down as Drew scored within the closing seconds to ensure a victory for the Rangers. Although the sweet smell of a possible victory left a poor taste in the minds of the players, progress is being made within the team. The team, although happy with the outcome of fans at the game, would like to see more faces in the crowd. Fans can swing the momentum of a game within the wink of an eye, but that’s not possible if home field advantage isn’t taken advantage of.

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Should the guys go off against two teams in head to head matches, the four Bulldogs will face off against Penn State on April 5th at Moselem Springs and then FDU-Florham on April 7th at Brookside Country Club. Also on the docket are trips to the Widener University Invitational (April 14th), a tri-match with two Bulldogs who wear their red and blue with pride. The Bulldogs found the back of the net just three minutes into the first quarter.

Photo courtesy of H.J. Spigelmeyer
Bill Neill prepares to smash the ball over the net.

In an average year, the Atlantic Division would probably have a few teams in the playoffs this year. However, all five teams this year have records worthy of a playoff spot in this summer’s draft. The Celtics are expected to have four teams among the five that will send them to the playoffs as the Atlantic Division Champions, while the matching for two Bulldogs who wear their red and blue with pride, isn’t taken advantage of for a playoff berth.

Ivanova!!!

A lot of people are asking, "What can we expect for the 2005 NBA Playoffs?" We will most likely see the Heat-Pistons Eastern Conference Finals and any combination of a Spurs-Suns-West Conference Finals. The Heat and Suns probably have to wait another year and use this experience for 2006. Spurs over Heat in Six.

Lax Out to Turn Heads
By Tommy Freeman
On Wednesday March 30, 2005 the hated rivals from Drew University stepped on the field to face off against the DeSales men’s lacrosse team. Drew went into the game bearing a 2-1 record, and knowing that if they were to leave with a victory, they were to leave with a blood dripping and bruises aching. DeSales went into the game with a record of 1-2, and the idea that nobody comes into the house and pushes them around.

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Franz Ferdinand Saves Rock!

by Lacey Althouse

On March 31, 2005, the Student Film Festival opened on the Main Stage of the Labuda Center for the Performing Arts at DeSales University. The show’s run concluded on April 2. The film festival is a student-produced annual event which provides an opportunity for students to experience the artistic world of the IV Film Program. Seventeen faculty-selected works from an extensive lineup of submissions made by majors from all classes, the festival included short films, movie trailers, television productions, clips, and projects of various genres.

"It [the festival] is a great opportunity to see what’s going on in the program," says senior Adrienne Leriche. "I really enjoyed it, and I feel as though it really covered a lot of interesting ideas that would appeal to a lot of people," says junior Thomas Leylo. "It’s hard to do a lot of advertising on a shoestring budget," says Mirigliani. "Although as producers we have free reign, other elements are still limiting." It is not unusual for students to work independently on projects in which they develop their own ideas, crews, and settings, in fact it is this ambition driven aspect that makes the major challenging. However, in order to combat limitations, also practiced is rallying resources, especially for an event as large as the festival. The theater program was a big help," says Mirigliani. "Dr. Kline oversaw the operation and guided us in the right direction." Film clips where divided by comedic commentaries and a fifteen minute intermission. Displays, constructed for each individual project, were exhibited in the lobby, as well as director commentaries, to provide an even more in-depth look into the process of film making.

"I didn’t go in with any expectations," says sophomore Randi Jerley, "Although I feel more themes could have been explored, I was impressed with the production aspect and even inspired by individual works."

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by Paul Moracco

It’s rare that I listen to an entire album because the music is decent. However, Franz Ferdinand is different. They’ll leave you listening to them. If you’re into it, they may leave you dancing. They’ll leave you tapping your feet long after you shut the CD changer off. Personally I was distracted in class once by Paul Moracco track list in my head, running through the constant high hat and a guitar riff that is great too. Sometimes you hear an album and people who like good music will think it was better than expected.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Have you noticed the way that they look at you now?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Find a time to sit down and explain to your roommate exactly how your Gerbil died from alcohol poisoning.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Avoid Le Histo.