

# Travel broadens student horizons

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For some people on campus Discovery Term means that they sit in a classroom for about three hours a day. For others around campus it means worldwide travel. This past January, Dr. Ian Anderson of the History Department and Dr. Scott Hermanson of the English Department led a group of students on a trip through the streets of London.

Their journey into the country lasted 10 days. While they were there, they saw castles, cathedrals, plays, and much more. They took day trips to places like Canterbury and Greenwich. Dr. Anderson feels that there is a need for more students to participate in such opportunities. He feels this way because he describes it as, "sight specific learning."

Going on the trips offered during Discovery Term gives students the chance to take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it in a real world setting. As a history professor, Anderson found the visit to Canterbury very rewarding. While the group was there, they saw sights like Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Globe Theater, and the Royal Observatory. The students were able to read about these places and then see them. Anderson described Canterbury as a place that unites history and literature. He spoke of Thomas Beckett and the pilgrims that flocked to Canterbury. "We walked the streets where it happened," he said.

While on the trip, the students didn't just go sight-seeing. They were given assignments. The students had to go to the Imperial Museum and seek out a specific exhibit, which they would write a



Left: Group photo of the students, guests, and teachers who traveled to England for Discovery Term.

Above: Sarah Siebler crossing historic Abbey Road in London.

Photos Courtesy Sarah Siebler

paper on. The tricky part was getting to the museum. They had to figure out and then use the public transportation system in order to get there. "What impressed me the most was the more they found things for themselves, their horizons expanded," said Dr. Anderson.

The students were allowed to go exploring. About the exploration aspect of the trip Dr. Anderson had this to say: "It offers the experience of traveling and eating in a cosmopolitan capital and seeing culture differences."

This is not the only trip offered by Dana to go abroad this past January. There was also a trip to Guatemala. After those students came back from Guatemala, they presented their information they found in the Forum for everyone to hear about their experiences.

There are also several trips being offered this coming Discovery Term. Right now there are plans for trips to Thailand, Germany, Hawaii, Denmark, Rome and Greece, and trips to first nations and reservations. There will be a Discovery Travel Fair held in the campus center March 10 from 11 am to 1 pm. This fair will

include representatives from past travel and from the proposed trips. If anyone is interested in any of these trips, attendance to the fair is encouraged. This will give everyone a chance to get more information. They will also be able to talk to students who have taken the trips and see what they have to say about it.

One thing that keeps students from taking trips abroad is the cost. There are, however, funds set up to help with this specific problem. The late Sen. Paul Simon has established the International Travel and Study fund for students to borrow money interest free to help cover the cost of the travel. Eligibility for the fund is based on the quality and merit of their application, their financial need, and the length and cost of their travel. When borrowing from the fund, students must in return perform to the best of their ability while participating in their particular program, share their experience with the community, complete their undergraduate studies at Dana, and finally repay the loan as they are able to. Aside from this fund there are also scholarships to help with the cost of such a trip.

The cost of the trip depends on what trip you go on. The faculty does its best to keep the cost as minimal as possible. The length of the trips vary from trip to trip also. All this information will be presented at the Discovery Travel Fair.

Going abroad can be a once in a lifetime experience for people and for others they are never even given the chance. Everyone at Dana is welcome to share in such an experience and there are always opportunities. It is up to individuals to decide whether or not to take advantage of them.

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## Campus Activities Reminder

*Open Swim  
7:00-9:00 P.M.  
Every Tuesday  
and Thursday.*

*Winterfest dance  
is to be held on  
March 5.*

*Swing dance lessons  
are going to  
be held March 8  
in Argo.*

*"Discovery Travel Fair"  
will be held in the  
Campus Center from  
11:00-1:00 P.M.  
on March 10.*

*Hope Game-night  
will be held on March  
10.*

*Don't forget to  
watch DVTV  
every Wednesday  
night at 9 P.M.*

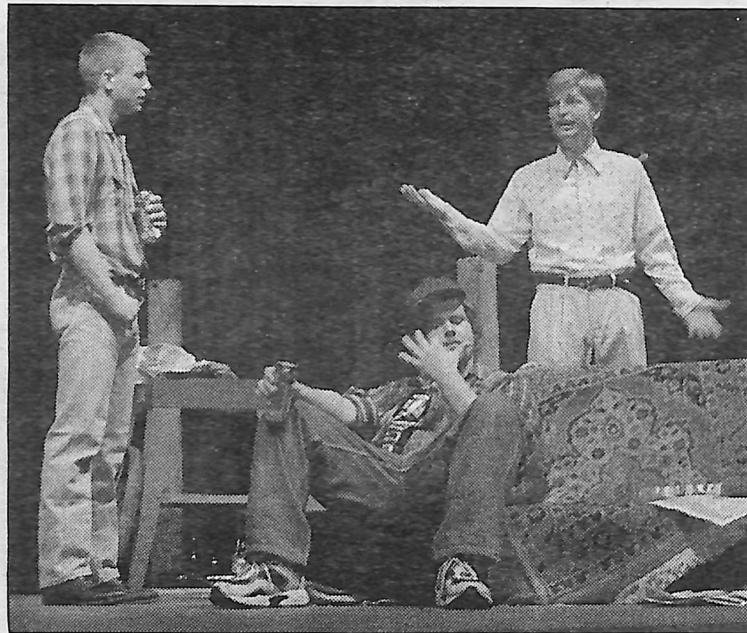
## Students bring more One-Acts to stage

**Rene Nicolay**  
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Finishing up a series of student directed, one act plays on the Dana campus is *Lone Star*, a comedic play by James McClure. The play is directed by senior Jeremy Stoll as a project for an independent study course that will assist him in getting his theatre emphasis.

Senior Scott Taylor plays Roy, a criminal and a veteran. Playing Roy's "slow" brother, Ray, is Freshman Kirk Schjodt. Making his Dana theatre debut is Senior Jason McCune, playing the hapless, dorky appliance store owner known as Cletus. Set behind a bar someplace in a generic town in Texas, the one act play deals with the relationship between brothers Roy and Ray, and specifically, a 1959 pink Thunderbird convertible.

"The convertible



*Students rehearse for upcoming opening of one-act play.*

*Photo by Chris Johnson*

is a symbol," Stoll said, "of the way we hold on to tradition and a certain way of life." The character Cletus is apparently a catalyst of this change, as well as comic relief.

But why did Stoll choose this play in particular, especially in comparison to the more dramatic one act plays prior to this one? "Two

reasons," he said. "One, it's really damn funny. But also, it deals with a theme that's universal: how our lives change and how we resist that change."

Stoll is, of course, no stranger to the theatre world. A Dana theatre regular, he's had his share of experience on the stage. He plans on teaching English

and theatre, and hopes to direct future plays, so this independent project is a welcome venture. His plans directly after graduating, however, are a bit vague. "I might apply to schools in the US or overseas, but I'll probably just end up selling fruit," he said.

The directing experience, though still in progress, has been enjoyable. All three actors, according to Stoll, have brought in different aspects and personalities, balancing each other out with true comic chemistry. "I thought the play was funny," Stoll said, "but with these actors, it's funnier than I originally thought."

*Lone Star* will be shown in MFAC next week on the 10th and the 11th at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. Stoll warns viewers, though, to leave the kids at home. "It's a unique show," he said. "Definitely not like the typical plays at Dana."

## Ready your ears, it's time for the Bach Festival

**Becky Hultgren**  
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The annual Bach festival is right around the corner and the preparation for the festival can be heard ringing through out the halls of MFAC. Dr. Palmer's VOICES class has been working hard preparing for the upcoming concert on Sunday in Omaha at St. Michaels Lutheran Church.

Every year the VOICES class puts in hard work to learn songs by

Lutheran composers and also songs by J.S. Bach.

"The Bach Festival is an annual event celebrating the sacred pieces written by Lutheran Composers and the music written by J.S. Bach," said Dr. Palmer, VOICES instructor. Palmer has been preparing and successfully taking his VOICES class to the Bach festival for four years now.

During the festival, you could enjoy the sounds of the Dana VOICES and other various

church choirs from Omaha. Two of the pieces that the VOICES will be singing are "Angus Dei" and "Kyrie." After the VOICES have completed their singing, the other choirs will sing pieces of their own. Towards the end of the concert, the choirs will make a mass choir and sing some Bach favorites, including "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

The Dana VOICES meets every Wednesday and Friday from 12 until 12:50. For the past couple months they have been preparing for

this festival. As a VOICE member this is a big event. The VOICES performs two other times through out the year. They performed at the church service for Sights and Sounds and they will have an end of the year casual performance.

So if you would like to listen to beautiful sounds and have time on your Sunday night, go out and support the VOICES class and the other choirs. The concert starts 7:00 p.m. at St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Omaha at 132<sup>nd</sup> and Blondo.

# Opinion

## Tomboy faces cruel cosmetic makeover

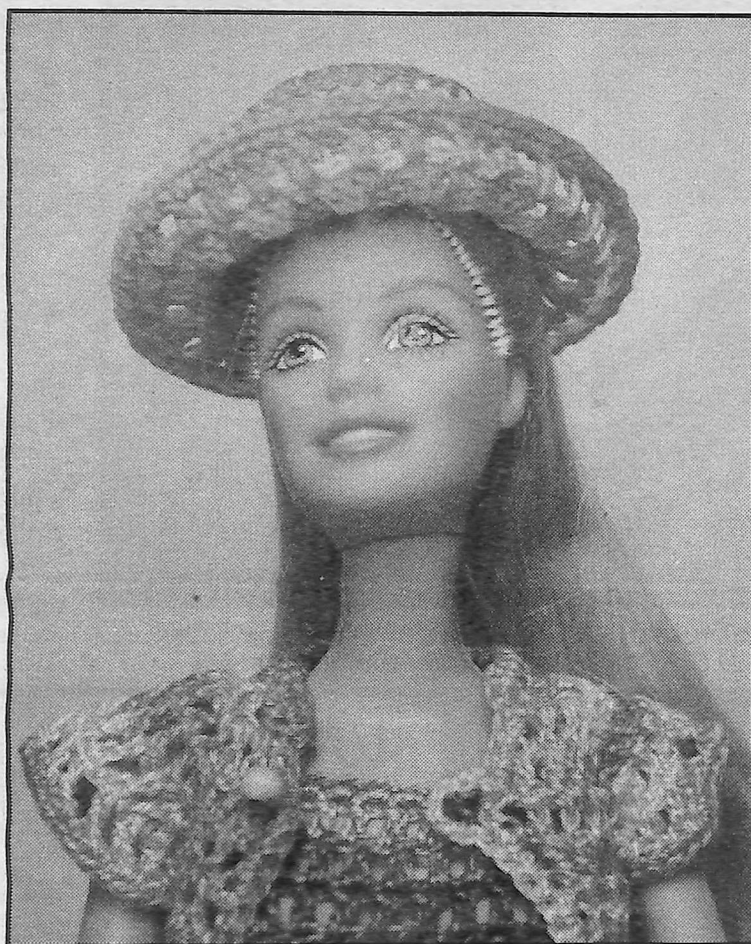
*That night was the longest four hours of my life.*

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I'm not the most, shall we say, feminine of girls. I'd rather play Halo on my brother's X-Box than go shopping, I'm more likely to wear a burlap sack than a dress, and I've been known to break out in hives at the mention of fashion magazines. So when a friend of mine asked me if I'd like to join her at a Mary Kay get together, I thought she was either playing a cruel joke or was victim to a temporary fit of insanity. But her friend apparently needed as many people to come to this fiasco as possible, and not one to say no to a friend of a friend's plea, I hesitantly accepted.

That night was the longest four hours of my life. And I'm not just saying that because I think an eyelash curler resembles a torture device.

It started out reasonably mild. Surrounded



by black skirted Mary Kay consultants, I applied facial cleanser, moisturizer, and foundation along with several other girls. This was no big deal, being no stranger to the hygienic rituals of face scrubbing. Once we moved on to applying eye shadow, it got a little more tricky, but it was nothing to run from. I did learn, to my surprise, that my wide-set eyes required

placing darker colors toward the inside of the eye.

Fascinating.

Though the meeting was certainly no intellectual debate on Nathaniel Hawthorne, it was mildly interesting from a sociological standpoint.

But as I examined my sample mascara brush, I had to wonder what the point of it all was. How was

my friend of a friend getting money from this? It seemed to me the night was almost over, and all we had done was learn some information about our faces that we really didn't need. Then, it began...the two hour long brainwashing session.

Oh, it was subtle. Especially for a cosmetics industry. But it was brainwashing, pure and simple. Young women sat, starry eyed, as the lead cultist filled their heads with visions of a 40 k payroll, if they just became Mary Kay consultants themselves. It would be so simple! You work when you want, where you went, and soon, you'll be driving a lovely pale pink convertible to the top!

Even now, I shudder at my own lack of willpower. Clearly, my mind was fogged from the smell of lipstick. Why else would I have paid a ridiculous sum for a package of skin cleanser? There had to be a catch to the rosy world of Mary Kay, and I had it figured out. Though they insisted they didn't use a pyramid scheme (which is illegal, as any business major can tell you), but as I considered the pressure

Mary Kay consultants were put under to get more people in the business, I could only come to the opinion that they had somehow found a loophole, and created a legal pyramid scheme.

What's a pyramid scheme? Basically, in your classic pyramid scheme, you make money solely on recruiting others. They promise high returns and a lot of money for little work. With a cunning mixture of psychological warfare and modern jargon, businesses that use pyramid schemes are often sneaky.

While the group of girls around me drooled at such glittering prospects (and, I'm ashamed to say, myself as well), the lead Mary Kay woman asked my friend what would prevent her from joining their wonderful organization. My friend replied, "I'm pretty sure I'd like to use my skills to benefit the world in a better way than...selling makeup."

That was enough to snap me out of my golden hued dream world. How could I have forsaken my dream of being a bestselling author and the supreme ruler of the world? I silently steeled myself for the remaining hour.

The glamour world is a dangerous, expensive one. I'll go as far as getting my eyebrows waxed and shaving necessary areas, but as for the rest - I'll leave it up to the pink suited women of the Mary Kay cult. My world of videogames and pants is so much safer.

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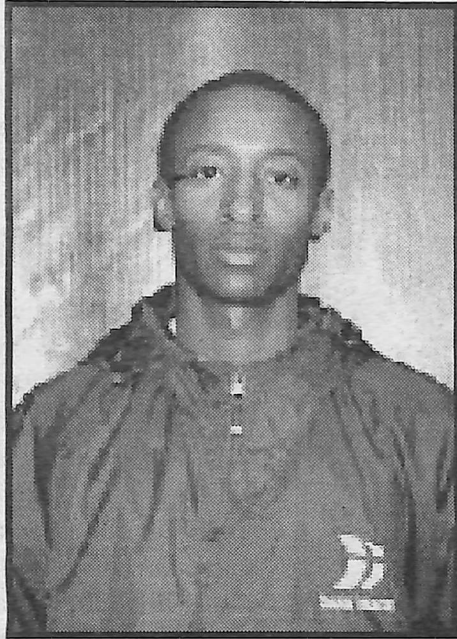
# Sports

## Indoor Track Team Travels to Nationals

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Senior standouts Garry Clark and Marcie Smidt earned GPAC Championships at the conference meet at Doane College on February 21, 2004. Clark repeated as the indoor 600-meter champion, while setting a new field house record with a time of 1:22.23. Smidt earned her first title in the high jump by clearing 5'4". Head Coach Allen Friesen and his athletes hope to carry their momentum from the GPAC Championships into the national events.

Eight track athletes will travel to Johnson City, TN March



Garry Clark, a senior sociology major from Washington, D.C.



Marcie Smidt, a senior communication major from Superior, NE

4-6 to compete in the NAIA Indoor Championships.

Upperclassmen Garry Clark, Marcie Smidt, Tiffany Poole, Chris Humphries, Willie Shelton, and Melissa Respeliers, along with underclassmen Travis Hines and Megan Faz will compete in their respective events throughout the weekend.

The team will have a little time to relax and recuperate after the conclusion of the indoor season, since the outdoor season begins with a throwing meet at Midland Lutheran College on March 31.

The team will then host their first event of the season on the third of April.

### Up Coming Sporting Events

#### Track

March 4-6 NAIA Indoor Championships, Johnson City, TN.

#### Baseball

March 6 Waldorf College Blair, NE 12:00 P.M.

March 7 Waldorf College Blair, NE 12:00 P.M.

#### Softball

March 6 Waldorf College Blair, NE 1:00 P.M.

March 7 Waldorf College Blair, NE 1:00 P.M.

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