

# New major goes international

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"A recent poll revealed that over 70 percent of the American public supports foreign language and international studies requirements in high school and/or college, and more than one-third of college-age students polled said they are more likely to take courses that focus on other countries, cultures, or global issues today than before September 11." (Taken from a Policy Statement, US Department of Education.)

A new major was approved by the faculty of Dana College during April's faculty business meeting. The name of the new major is International Studies. The goal of this major is to honor the life and work of Dana alumnus Paul Simon with the creation of an academic program or institute dedicated to the pursuit of justice and peace in the global community by graduating responsible citizens and effective communicators prepared to lead productive lives in harmony with the ideals of service in the Christian tradition.

Also another goal is to create an academic program of study based on Dana's mission, goals, objectives, and general education which integrates, mutually supports and gives purpose to academic and classroom experiential learning, learning across disciplines such as the humanities and social sciences, historical, regional, and religious perspectives, and language proficiency.

The major was created by several of Dana's own faculty. They are:

- Stewart Brewer, History
- John Lyden, Religion/Philosophy
- James Smith, Business
- Sybille Bartels, Languages

The creation of the major was a team effort and was created by collaboration. Admissions Counselor, Johan Windmuller, gave much input and support for the major.

"Johan Windmuller was an International Communications Major, so he was excited when we talked about getting this new major," said Dr. Sybille Bartels.

Just like all of the majors, the International Studies major has many core courses that students would have to take. Such classes are History 101, History 102, World Civilizations I, World Civilizations II, Geography 203, Introduction to Geography or Geography 204, World Regional Geography, Political Science 302, Comparative Government, Religion 111, Introduction to Religion, Communication 378, Intercultural Communication and a 300-level language course. These are the core courses a student would have to take which roughly equal between 24 and 36 credits.

The student would also have to select from the emphasis options. They would have to select nine credits from each of two of the following areas: Religion/Philosophy, History, International Business, and Languages. There is also an "immersion experience," which is a cross-cultural immersion experience of study, service or work. This is to be chosen from any combination of a Discovery Term Travel and a summer or semester study or internship. There is special consideration for study abroad financial aid as needed.

There is also Interdisciplinary Discussion and Research which consists of 202 Current global issues, 301 Current global issues, and 399 International Studies Research. The college description of these courses says they are team taught, featuring a speaker



*Dr. Sybille Bartels, one of the authors of the new major, teaches in one of her many German classes. Photo by Chris Johnson*

series, discussion, and research.

Two distinctive features of this major are one term of study/service abroad (such as the University of Aalborg), which would be supported by a Dana College scholarship and loan funds, and at least one Discovery Term session of travel abroad which would have a priority for need-based loans and scholarship funds that will be given to students in International Studies.

Perhaps this new major will be the first in a trend of new offerings that will diversify Dana College and attract new students.

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## Campus Activities Reminder

*Paintball Saturday. Sign up in the Campus Center*

*Harp Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday Sponsered by SAO*

*Spring Fling Week*

*Monday: Rollerskating*

*Tuesday: Inflatables in the Oval*

*Wednesday: Dana*

*Commando*

*Thursday: Dana Idol 2*

*Friday: Mentalist*

*Christopher Carter*

*Registration for classes continue*

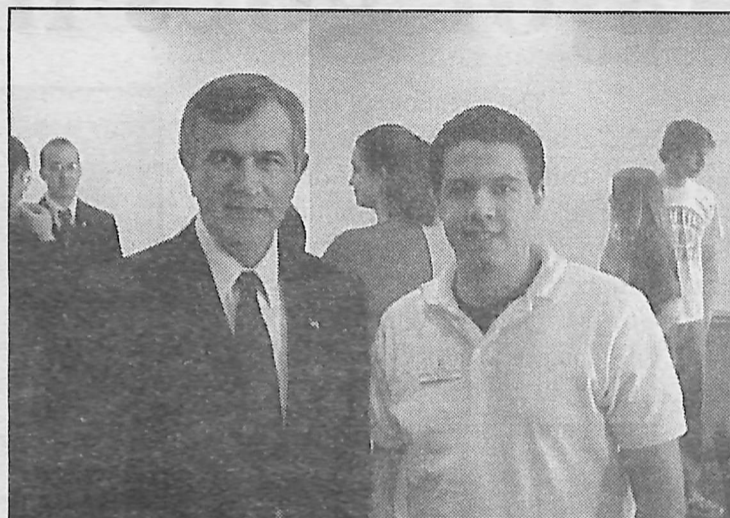
## Campus conservatives attend convention

**B-Train**  
Staff Writer

Originally out of around 15 either members or friends of the Campus Conservatives, nine were scheduled to go to the convention; but as it turned out only three were able to make it. The event was supposed to be \$25 that included a hotel room, a list of speakers, dinner, breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt, but luckily a donor made the cost \$0.

The three of us, my future vice-president Sara Siebler and conservative independent Chris Korver, headed out to Lincoln at around 4pm, Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. We parked at the wrong area, which was alright because Lincoln gives visitors two parking ticket waivers. At the "Heritage Room" in the Lincoln Student Union were all of the leaders and active members of the College Republicans across the state, with the largest amount coming from Creighton, Kearny, and Lincoln chapters. The Secretary of State John Gale was mingling with everyone and I had a chance to talk to him, along with a few other future law students, about his time as an active lawyer. Also present was a future governor candidate and his son.

The event went on with nominations for leadership roles in the Federation of College Republicans. I was surprised that everyone there but the three of us had formal outfits on, but we told them we



*Sophomore Bernado Hinojosa poses for a picture with Nebraska govenor, Mike Johanns.*

were from Dana College and they said, "Oh." Everyone seemed to get along great, and there was a good mix of females and even minority students were there.

After nominating the next executive council, we all left to go check out The Cornhusker, a very nice hotel. On our floor was a party, I know many people would think "Republican party, god that sounds exciting," but apparently there are a lot of fraternity leaders that came and everyone had a blast.

The next day we overslept and came halfway through the first speaker, the chairman of the Nebraska Republican Party, but this gave us time to play in UNL's recreational room until Hal Daub, former congressman and Omaha Mayor made a speech. After his speech, we moved into the lunch room where congressman and former Husker head coach Tom Osborne was to speak. As we were walking there, Daub actually held the door open for the three of us, he was anxious to meet Osborne.

care, and Osborne told her "just one picture." He left right after his speech on family values and privatizing social security.

The next two speakers were Doug Bereuter, another congressman, and the Mike Johanns, the governor of Nebraska. Both gave good speeches and Johanns actually gave some time to talk to the crowd personally. Again I was lucky to have my picture taken with him. After his term is over he might run for president. Once the speeches were over, we all took pictures and took home a t-shirt and other republican paraphernalia. The convention occurs every two years and is open for any conservative girl or guy. There will also be many events in the future for anyone interested in participating.

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# Opinion

## Letter to the Editors: Senior solutions to complaints

It happens when I'm having a conversation with teammates and friends or even when I happen to overhear some freshmen voice their opinions in the cafeteria like it's a new concept that no one else has ever thought of. I have come to realize that Dana students have a lot of complaints, and very few are doing anything about it. Over the past four years I've heard every complaint over and over again and rarely do I hear a new one. Most of these complaints come from the freshmen and sophomores who spout off their opinion like it's something they have only come to notice. Let me offer some advice on the most popular issues; student parking, the meal plan, and visitation and alcohol policy.

Every single year students complain about the lack of parking near DCC. As a result, they illegally park and receive parking tickets and threats of towing. So what's a student to do? What you should do is talk to the Dean of students, the President or someone else that can actually do something about the problem. Each one of these people can assist you better in getting

your ideas of a new parking lot heard. But, what you do instead is curse, rip up the ticket and refuse to pay them and ultimately put the blame on someone else. Way to go, rebel, but the \$10 is tacked onto your student bill and in the end you will still pay for it and you have made no changes in the Dana world. Let's be realistic. Looking around DCC there really is no space to add another parking lot. Need I remind you there are at least two half empty parking lots only about a three minute walk away. If 85% of the students on campus are athletes, then why are we all being so lazy? So you don't commute to class, those of you still complain about having to move your cars at night. Have you ever asked anyone, I mean someone who really knows something, why there is this rule? It's a fire hazard, and unless each one of you would like to be woken up at night to move your car for an ambulance or fire truck to get close to the building this rule will stay in place. Besides, by everyone moving their car at night, it lets everyone the next day feel a little bit better when they get a "good parking spot right out front."

Moving my way up the list towards the number one spot is the complaints about the meal plan. Let's list off the excuses: Why do we have to have it? It costs too much. I never eat there anyway. The food isn't any good. I can answer these questions one by one. First of all, you chose this school knowing a meal plan was required, I'm very sorry you are not happy with your choice to attend Dana. The solution: talk to someone in charge and find a way to modify the plan; FYI, this may take more than one visit and little investment of time. Second, the issue of cost. The money you pay to eat doesn't just go towards the cost of food. Did you notice the people like Pat and Nate Dude that work there don't do their jobs for free. Consider the cafeteria like a restaurant and be a little appreciative towards others and don't complain too much. Third, many of you say that you don't get to eat there very much and it's a waste of your money. True, but did you know the cafeteria can make you a pretty filling sack lunch if you tell them ahead of time? Also, the idea of a third meal plan, possibly

the name Bronze, has been tossed around for years amongst students, maybe someone should finally take action on the thought and see if it can go into effect. Lastly, this biggest issue, the food is never any good. Speaking for all seniors I think I can safely say the cafeteria has made a lot of advances since the days of only two line choices. So some students still complain and so do I but I'll be the first person to fill out the surveys they offer. Did you ever notice the comment box above the cereal area? A couple times of someone saying they wanted deli bar more often and \*poof\* the deli bar makes an appearance regularly.

Drum roll please, the number one issue facing Dana students today is: Alcohol and Visitation Policy. I'm right there with you, I am not a fan of the visitation policy and the alcohol policy could use some updating. Each of these policies was probably put into effect near the founding year of Dana back in 1894. As college students I think we can handle some responsibility and if I chose to have a member of the opposite sex in my room past hours it's really nobody else's business. Residence Life would argue that there needs to be some respect shown to roommates and other members living on the floor. Solution, have a good talk with your roommate and don't be afraid to tell them when their significant other has worn out their welcome for the night. As for the

alcohol policy, I'll let you offer your own opinions. But neither one of these problems is going to remedy themselves. I know the Residence Life is well aware of students concerns, but what really needs to be done is a committee of students to talk out the idea with them. Possibly there needs to be a proposal written or that wishful thought needs to be formed into a more concrete solution.

Let me remind each one of you that for one reason or another you chose Dana. Maybe you just wanted to play sports and didn't look at the college any further than that, and I really don't feel sorry that you didn't make a fully informed decision. So as I see it you really only have three choices; transfer, continue to do what you're doing now (nothing), or take action. I, myself, complained about the lack of Dana student writers in this very newspaper, but nothing will really change by me complaining to the wrong people (my friends); I should have voiced my opinion the the editor. I made Residence Life well aware about my opinions on visitation policy and lost my job over it. But I'm not discouraged because I felt like I actually took a stand rather than denying my opinion and as more stand up against it things will start to happen. Besides, sometimes the brisk walks from the parking lot to the dorms sober me up a little and the hangover isn't so bad in the morning.

- Signed A Wise Senior

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# Sports

## New coach, new attitude for softball

**Kathy Wells**  
Co-Editor

The softball team has new faces on the coaching staff this year. Marcie Roff, the new head coach, brings fresh enthusiasm for the sport, and with some unique practices, she hopes to take the team to nationals.

To prepare themselves for their upcoming season they traveled to Orange, Ca. There they played in the Sunwest Tournament over spring break. The ladies tied for seventh in the NAIA standings. Once they were back, their conference play was waiting for them. They swept Briar Cliff in their conference opener. The ladies are currently 5-5 in conference

play and 14-17 overall.

The pitching staff is led by senior Kelly Heller with a current ERA of 1.40, which places her second in the conference. She was also named the SCHEELS/GPAC pitcher-of-the-week for March 22. That week she had five strikeouts and in 19 innings she only allowed one earned running. She also had a great week at the plate that week going 4-9.

Freshmen Sarah Sempeck leads the team in batting averages at this time, standing at a .367. Senior Gloria Otto is right behind her with a .357 and she currently leads the team in RBI's at 19. Freshmen Janez Anderson is presently the homerun leader with three. Not far behind her

is sophomore Marissa Bretschneider who has two homeruns, 9 RBI's, and leads the team in stolen bases with 11.

As a team, the Vikings have a batting average of .310 which is the third best in their conference. Their current team ERA is 2.19, which is also the third best in the conference. They have 115 RBI's and 5 homeruns. Their current slugging percentage is .394 and their on base percentage is .367.

They still, however, have plenty of conference play left. Tonight they play a double header at home against Dordt starting at 5 p.m., and April 17 they play another double header at Dakota Wesleyan starting at 1 p.m.

## Room Lottery

*The room lottery for housing next year takes place next week. Don't forget to draw your number on Monday, and rooms will be chosen on Tuesday. Be there or be homeless.*

## Up Coming Sporting Events

### Track

April 17 Doane Relays Crete, NE

### Baseball

April 17 Northwestern College Orange City, NE 1:00 P.M.

April 18 Briar Cliff College Blair, NE 1:00 P.M.

### Softball

April 16 Dordt College 5:00 P.M.

April 17 Dakota Wesleyan 1:00 P.M.

April 21 Mt. Marty 5:00 P.M.

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