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Summertime, and the living is *easy*?

Summers are an interesting transition time in the life of an InterVarsity staff worker. Summer is my breathing time: time to regain perspective, do some studying, secure some funding, and take a little vacation. And yet, the new school year is right around the corner. I feel like I've barely left last year behind, and still here I am thinking about all that the fall is going to bring with it. As my faithful partners in this ministry, I thought I might invite you along as I reflect on all that God did last year on campus, and all that I'm anticipating Him doing this year. Care to join me?

First, **Let's Thank God Together for Some of the Things That He Did This Past Year!**

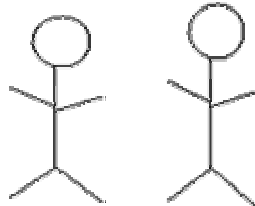


Thank you, God, for Skidmore students who pray! We saw significant growth in commitment to God and to the fellowship at Skidmore this year, and I believe it's a result of students seeking God's face and His guidance together as they lived out their faith on campus.



Thank you, God, for financial support! Through all of you, the Lord provided \$39,115.95 in financial support for the ministry this year.

Thank you, God, for leaders at Union! In the spring we had students who stepped up to leadership and took ownership of the fellowship. They've come to understand the importance of a student-led fellowship, where they are responsible for making decisions about how to run the fellowship, and how to reach the campus with the love and truth of Jesus.



In case you are confused, these are not the two Union leaders. I just don't have a picture of them to show you, so I drew one instead!

Thank you, God, for great training. I have received excellent training this year, which has equipped me to better serve students. Most recently, I attended national training in Madison, WI in July, where I took a class called "Biblically Speaking." It was excellent training, and I plan on putting it to good use in the fall, when I will be doing a lot of speaking.



Skidmore students at Basileia '03

Thank you, God, for non-Christians who are pursuing You on both campuses! We had 2 or 3 (out of 8) not-yet-Christian Skidmore students who attended Basileia (our end of the year chapter camp) this year. We also had many non-Christian students drop in on our Bible study and prayer meetings throughout the year at



Former Union leaders, planning

Skidmore. Many of them came on numerous occasions, they asked great questions and really enjoyed the experience of being in Christian community. At Union, as a result of our surveys during the mission in the spring, we have at least one non-Christian student who got involved in a GIG (Group Investigating God) with one of our members. The two women engaged in a great study of Scripture in the spring, and have continued to correspond through the summer.

Thank you God, for great plans for the fall! Both leadership teams have spent much time praying and planning for the fall semester. They have some great things planned, which leads us to the second part of this time of reflection...

Let's Ask God to Bless the Coming Year!



Skidmore move-in, 2002

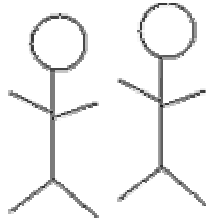
Lord, we ask that you'd bless us as we reach out to new students. The beginning of the year provides us with great opportunities to meet, serve, and build relationships with new students. At Skidmore, we'll be helping new students move in, surveying the campus about their religious beliefs, and establishing a small group specifically for freshmen. At Union, we'll be handing out cold water during move-in, along with information about the

fellowship, what we believe, and when and where we meet. We'll be giving students opportunity to express interest in being involved with the fellowship. Pray for these efforts, and for great connections with new students! Pray that many students will decide to follow Jesus on both campuses.

Lord, we ask that you bless the leaders of each fellowship. The student leaders will be working hard this year to balance their school work, their extra-curriculars, their friendships, their relationship with God, and their service to their fellowships. Pray that they be blessed with great time management skills, and good delegation skills. Pray that God would continue to fill them up, that their quiet times with God would always be sweet and refreshing.



Hard-working Skidmore leaders



Hard-working Union leaders (just pretend!)



Lord, we ask that you'd send students to Urbana. 2003 is the year for Urbana® 03, InterVarsity's 20th student mission convention.. It will be held from Dec. 27 – 31 in Urbana, Ill. We hope to send delegates from both Skidmore and Union, and that they will gain a new

vision of God's heart for the world. Cost is a major factor in determining whether or not students will attend. If you'd like to contribute to Urbana scholarship money, please contact me as soon as possible.



Lord, we pray for my evangelism project. As part of the fabulous training I receive, I am working on a thesis-like project that's scheduled to be finished in November. I am looking at the role that community has played in evangelism throughout the past 50-60 years, and how it has changed. More specifically, I'd like to develop training material that will help student leaders in a present-day, postmodern context to think about how to use Christian community to draw people to Christ. To put it in other words, I'd like to help students think about how to create a community where both Christians *and* non-Christians are able to grow in their obedience to Christ in the context of a common community.

Thank you for joining me as we've thanked God for what He's been doing, and agreed in prayer for the things He's going to do. I am thankful for your partnership in this

P.S. You Should Go to My Website

You can read about a lot of these things, past and present, in more detail on my website. You can also read about some things that I didn't mention, like my ketchup and mustard makeover at Basileia, or what a photograph of a tiger has to do with my training in Madison. Just go to www.daniellebailey-ivcf.org and read all about it. However, if you're dying to know about these things, and you don't have access to a computer, just give me a call. I'd love to talk with you and tell you the stories!

ministry! It's a blessing to have such a faithful team of people to pray and give in order that the work of Christ may be done on campus.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

*Your partner in serving Christ,
Danielle*



Lord, we ask for \$7,500 more in order to be fully funded for the '03-'04 year. In order to raise this \$7,500, I'm looking for 12 donors to give \$50/month. Would you pray with me that these 12 donors would begin to give by the end of this calendar year?