

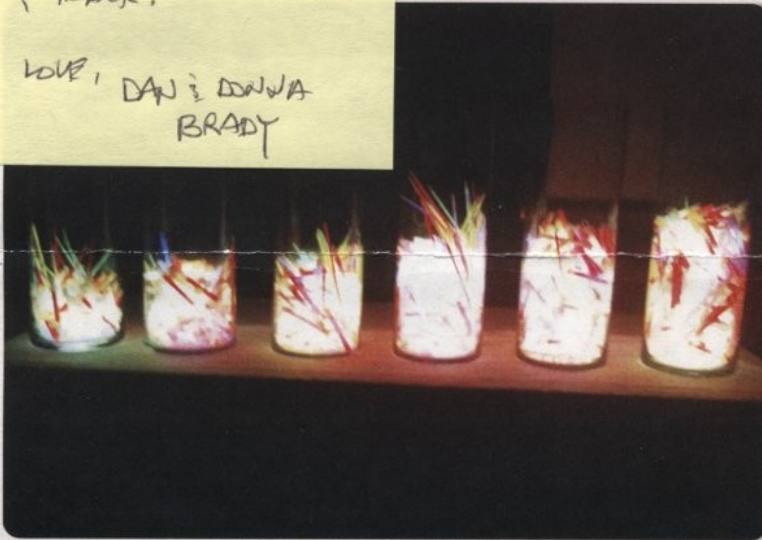
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL GIVING &
PRAYERS. HOPE YOUR
CHRISTMAS IS BLESSED
AND FILLED WITH CHRIST'S
JOY & PEACE.

LOVE,
DAN & DONNA
BRADY

FALL UPDATE

SEPTEMBER

INTERVARSITY



"YOU ARE THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD, A CITY
SET ON A HILL CANNOT
BE HIDDEN" MATTHEW 5:14

SOMETIMES A LITTLE CREATIVE
COMMUNICATION MAKES THE
BEST IMPRESSION. READ BELOW
TO SEE WHAT THESE GLOW
STICKS REPRESENT AND WHY I'M
EXCITED TO BE LEADING OUR
AREA IN THIS SEASON OF
COLLEGE MINISTRY ON LONG
ISLAND....

First time faith commitments..... increasing !

In August NY and NJ InterVarsity staff gathered for training and leadership development. We began by celebrating the amazing growth we have experienced over the past 6 years. With purposeful and intentional leadership, we have strategically and creatively communicated the gospel more broadly to our student generation. This combined with concerted ongoing prayer has brought over a thousand college students into god's kingdom. The cylinder on the far left represents the 05-06 academic year. Each glow stick stands for a new believer that chose to follow Jesus in that year. In 2006 there were 100 students who came to Christ, in 2007 there were 130, in 2008 it was 149, in 2009 we leaped to 223, in 2010 it was 220 and this past year.....294 students chose to follow Christ!! Read on to hear about this past fall



SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP



CAMPUS MOVE-IN DAY



FALL OUTREACH EVENTS

God's Moving.....on Long Island campuses

Taco Bananza.....

Planning for the fall semester started way back in May. Student leaders gathered at our leadership training conference in the Adirondacks called "Basilea". The leadership team from each campus spent several days planning their new student outreach activities. StonyBrook university sponsored a Taco Bonanza to gather students around some free food and introduce them to what InterVarsity is doing on-campus. A freshman wrote, "The tacos were great, I had two....okay three, but the thing that impressed me most were the InterVarsity members. They asked me about my transition to campus and how I was adjusting to my classes and the dorms. I could tell they were genuinely interested in me as a person. I was already looking for InterVarsity, but even if I had just come for the free food, I would have joined this club!" It is very strategic to meet incoming students quickly and invite them into the community of InterVarsity. Sponsoring special events like these in the first week of the semester has helped freshmen connect with InterVarsity.

I Hate Religion

The sign in the outdoor plaza at Hofstra caught many by surprise. It read, "I Hate Religion Because...." The boards were 6 feet tall with lots of space for students to write their responses and finish the sentence. "I thought InterVarsity was a Christian Club", some students said. With statements like that many conversations ensued that first helped students express their frustrations. Many had been disillusioned by hypocritical Church leaders and dishonest Christian institutions. InterVarsity students were then able to offer hope in that Christianity isn't Religion, but a relationship with God. People and organizations create Religion that often falls short of representing who God truly is. The best way to find Him is to pursue him yourself. From there students were invited to Hofstra's weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7pm. Keeping a visible presence on campus is important to our chapters. It gives the opportunity for students to connect with InterVarsity throughout the semester and discover for themselves what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Eight Inches of snow...

On the weekend of October 29-30th InterVarsity gathered over 500 students and staff up in the Catskills for our fall conference called, "The Big Event". These retreats allow InterVarsity to do discipleship training with students, explain our vision and purpose on campus, and provide a lot of good fellowship that unifies our chapters early in the academic year. An unusual winter storm was forecasted that weekend but it didn't stop students from attending what became our largest fall conference to date. We tirelessly encouraged students to invite their seeking friends. We had a record number of students who didn't call themselves Christians. We offered the gospel message at several different venues throughout the weekend. By Sunday afternoon, eight inches of snow was on the ground and over 20 of the 25 seekers had made commitments to follow Christ! We continue to see God powerfully draw students to Himself and sense that this is just the beginning of a work God is doing on campus. So far this semester, eleven students from Long Island universities have become Christians. The web of InterVarsity's impact spreads wider as these student return home to bear witness and show the love of Christ to their families and friends.

Can I come along?.....

SURE ! We would love for you to be more connected to what has become an exciting season of InterVarsity ministry on Long Island. Our numbers have quadrupled over the past 5 years from about 120 students to just over 400! Much of this is attributed to our increased focus on prayer and evangelism. Would you like to journey with us through prayer? Please e-mail me at danbrady@optonline.net and I will put you on our prayer team. Our increased growth has created the need to hire more staff. Your giving would help us keep pace with the growth God has blessed us with these past 5 years. If you have given previously and would like to start up again, or if you would want to be a new financial supporter, please use the enclosed envelope to make a year end contribution. Your gift will be receipted and go towards the work of InterVarsity Long Island.