

*My calling is two-fold: to work in multiple media, building effective and appealing communications out of good design and good writing; and to serve InterVarsity staff and chapter leaders, in their communication needs and by leadership within Graduate & Faculty Ministries.*

### A New Site for Cedar Campus

Don't worry, Cedar lovers! That's just a new *web* site. InterVarsity's beautiful training center itself is staying right where it has been for fifty years — along the shores of Lake Huron in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. (In fact, I'm headed up there this week with Ann, so we hope it hasn't moved on us!)

Working on this project as producer has been the major task I've been focusing on with InterVarsity's Web Team this spring. My job has been, first, to talk through a complete list of desired features and functionalities with John Egleston, Cedar Campus's web content coordinator. Then, after turning that wish list into drawings and specifications, I got to look on (and lend a hand as often I could) as my colleagues Tim Miller, Lydia Sidrak, and Nathan Lenz turned the vision into code. Finally, there were rounds of testing, troubleshooting, and fine-tuning. Lydia hates to get an instant message from me during these phases; she usually grins and asks, "What did you break now?" CedarCampus.org was fully launched a couple weeks ago.

This project exemplifies what's best about my job: the opportunity to come alongside both field-ministry people as well as my technical colleagues and see us all fulfill our mission.

### Next Up?

Quite a bit is coming down the pike, including an overhaul of InterVarsity's online resource library. The current library's technology is showing its age, so a group of us have begun the process of redefining how the library works — and then developing it.

Also upcoming are a series of meetings to initiate a web editorial board for our Professional Schools Ministries (PSM). My colleague John Terrill and I will be assembling a team to draft an editorial plan and to begin to build a network of correspondents.

### Tidbits

◆ "Divide & Conquer" is what I call a new time-management scheme I put in place this January. With three bosses (and many projects for each), my new calendar-ing, segmented agendas, and ruthless email triage have been a life-saver.

◆ This year I've been a member of the national Work Group for a visionary new endeavor: the Emerging Scholars Network. To learn more, please visit [EmergingScholars.org](http://EmergingScholars.org) (a site I'm responsible for, btw). Calling all academics: I hope you'll join.

◆ Recently I ran into a colleague I hadn't met before — but for whom the Web Team had just finished a website upgrade. When he learned who I was, **his face just lit up** and he gushed about how delighted his team was with their new web capabilities. Made my day.

### Heavenly Muse

One of my favorite writers, Wendell Berry, wrote this amazing sonnet as an epigraph to his own novel, *Remembering*. It has claimed a place at my desk as a prayer for my work:

Heavenly Muse, Spirit who brooded on  
The world and raised it shapely out of nothing,  
Touch my lips with fire and burn away  
All dross of speech, so that I keep in mind  
The truth and end to which my words now move  
in hope. Keep my mind within that Mind  
Of which it is a part, whose wholeness is  
The hope of sense in what I tell. And though  
I go among the scatterings of that sense,  
The members of its worldly body broken,  
Rule my sight by vision of the parts  
Rejoined. And in my exile's journey far  
From home, be with me, so I may return.

— from *Remembering* (San Francisco: North Point Press, 1988), ix



My colleagues Kevin and Steve ready to meet Urbana03 delegates at the Graduate & Faculty Ministries booth.

### Boyd's Eye View

Ann and I have been enjoying the opportunity to throw open the windows again, after what seemed like a long winter. One of my favorite parts of spring is tending the rose bushes and clematis vines we inherited from our house's previous owners. They're doing great this year (the plants, that is). I feel like a man with the blessings of "vineyards and olive groves that [I] did not plant" (Deut. 6:11).

Another recent highlight: my dot-com-era "hipster doofus" glasses snapped in half one day without warning. I have been surprised to realize that the new ones are only my fourth pair of specs ever! For a photo retrospective of all four pairs, visit [JonBoyd.org](http://JonBoyd.org). Seriously.

### Fiscal Year Draws to a Close

InterVarsity's fiscal year runs July to June, so that means there are six weeks left till my fund-raising status needs to be "in the black." I have \$4,000 to go. If you're able and willing to donate to support my ministry with InterVarsity, your gift could hardly come at a better time than this. See info about how to give in the lower right. Many thanks!

### Prayer Requests

Please pray:

- ◆ For wisdom and creativity in building the national resource library
- ◆ For solid team-building and vision-casting for the PSM editorial team
- ◆ For continued growth of the Emerging Scholars Network
- ◆ For my effective project management every day
- ◆ For fruitful fund-raising to end the year in the black

### Facts

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