



First-year photo of Peg Craig, 1963.

# Finding Jesus in the counter-culture

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
1963-1967

Peg Craig '67

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**M**y college days were long ago and at this distance it's sometimes hard to sort out what I remember and what I think I remember. I have glimpses into the past—of songs and prayers, of hugs and shared laughter, but my memories could easily be disputed by those who were there with me.

That said, I know Bob McIntyre '67 arrived on campus when I did and prayed for a prayer partner. The Lord answered with two prayer partners: Lee Silverness '67 and Brian Backstrand '67. These students prayed together and by God's provision connected with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) rep from the University of Minnesota. An IVCF chapter was formed my freshman year but I didn't become active until the following year.

The sixties were tumultuous on college campuses and some Carleton students joined the movement to topple authority. Rules were being challenged and long established practices overturned. When I arrived, everyone was

expected to attend a religious service—whether Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist or Jewish—once a week and sign in to prove it. At the same time, Christianity was being viewed by some as obsolete and irrelevant. The class that gave Carleton IVCF also started the Reformed Druids as an option for religious observance.

In the midst of this, our group nourished those who wanted to stay true to biblical teaching and practice and reached out to those who were curious about the validity of Christian belief. We met weekly for prayer and praise and in small groups for Bible study. As I remember there were 30 or more students involved each year. The IVCF rep from the U would occasionally

lend guidance and support and we had opportunities to share with groups at the U, Macalester and St. Olaf.

During my senior year I met with the other leaders first thing in the morning for prayer and planning. Bible study, daily prayer and trusting in God's goodness—things I practiced then—have remained part of my life and I have seen the fruit of Bob's prayers in my life and in life at Carleton through the years. ♦

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