Duke Cru's *Faculty Appreciation Dinner* Monday, Feb. 28th at the Faculty Commons

Professors play an important role in our Duke experience; yet, rarely do we take the time to thank them. They work in a very demanding environment that provides little incentive to excel at teaching, and often the only time they hear from students is when they're complaining about a grade. Moreover, it's easy to forget that professors are people too and that they value being appreciated for their efforts. In light of this, Duke Cru has an opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love by doing something special for them, and our hope is that God might use us in our professors' lives to help point them to Christ.

Here's the basic idea...

Duke Cru is hosting a dinner where you can invite one of your professors to be your guest. The event will not include any evangelistic appeal, but the professors will know that the dinner is being put on by a group of Christians. The entire evening will be a time to thank your professor while getting to know them a little better. This will also be an opportunity to let your professor know that you're a Christian by inviting them to the dinner. In this way, God can use your invitation to build a spiritual bridge between you and your professor even if they can't attend the dinner.

Here's how invitations will work...

Grab an invitation. Think and pray about whom to invite. Then go to that professor's office and say something like,

"One of the reasons I'm stopping by is because I want to invite you to a dinner. I'm involved with a Christian group on campus and we're hosting a faculty appreciation dinner. You're one of my favorite professors and I'd like to invite you to attend this dinner as my guest. It's going to be held at the Faculty Commons on Monday, Feb. 28th from 5:30-7pm. Here's an invitation that explains the details. When I heard we were hosting this dinner, you came to mind as someone I'd like to invite. You're a great professor and I've always appreciated how you.... If you can let me know by next week whether you'll be able to attend, that'd be great. I hope you can make it."

[Handwrite your email address and the RSVP deadline date on the invitation.]

Once you've invited a professor, add their name to the invitation list at www.dukecru.com/fad. When your professor lets you know whether they're coming, update their status on the list. You can also let your professor know that you'll come by their office around 5:15 on Feb. 28th so you can walk with them over to the dinner. Imagine walking into the Faculty Commons and seeing it filled with Cru students and professors.

Here's what will happen at the dinner...

- You'll sit with your professor as you enjoy a fine meal.
- You'll share with others at your table what you appreciate about your professor.
- A few students will address the entire group of professors and express our appreciation.

Invite your professor soon and have them RSVP within a week of inviting them.

If the first professor you invite can't come, think and pray about another professor to invite.