

The Campus House



CHRISTIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AT ETSU

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Hello from the Campus House! We attempt to keep Campus House alumni up to date with news through a periodic newsletter. We realize that it rarely contains news about you, but hope these will spark some memories of the connections you experienced here. You can also find these online.

This letter appeals for funds from you, the Campus House alumni. Why? First, your connection with the Campus House is personal. You attest to the effect of campus ministry on a student's life. Secondly, we sense the need and the opportunity to add a large room onto the Campus House. Such a project requires funds.

The Campus House, that dear old building that sits at the corner of Pine Street and University Parkway, has been used by CSF for nearly forty years of ministry. Many of you love the building because of the memories contained, because of the experiences shared, because of the marked spiritual maturity, because this place and these people were in the right place at the right time to enable your relationship with Jesus.

CSF was launched as a ministry of the local Christian Churches / churches of Christ reaching to ETSU. It continues to be so. While nearly forty congregations contribute annually to CSF, the support received only maintains expenses of current ministry. There is no surplus for a project.

Do we need a bigger room? Yes. ETSU still has not provided a suitable, stable meeting room on campus for student organizations. Some campus ministries meet on campus, but are subject to inconsistency and must use a different ministerial model than CSF. The Campus House provides the same kind of ministry you experienced: Bible study, worship, a common meal, and plenty of relational opportunities for hanging out, service, and prayer. While our current group isn't bursting the seams of the building, space is always a consideration. We can continue ministry as we always have, but the current building will continue to limit ministerial opportunities.

What are we asking? Simply, we are challenging all Campus House alumni receiving this letter to give to this project. It's investing in something that invested in you. To those of you who graduated from ETSU twelve years ago or more we are specifically asking you to consider...

...giving a one-time gift to help with the building project that we estimate at about \$100,000. We are challenging the younger alumni, as they are a little closer to the experience of campus ministry, to contribute to the building and also to give toward the expansion of ministry expenses. We have no special number to suggest for gifts toward the building project, nor do we have some kind of fund-raising gimmick to make this work. We envision a simple, small plaque hanging at the rear of the new room mentioning all who considered this effort important.

In summer 2009, we appealed to alumni through 'Such a Time as This'. That effort netted \$2150. We are extending that appeal to Campus House alumni through the end of March 2010. So, valuing the ministry of the Campus House, would you consider a gift toward this project and inspire your Campus House peers in the same? CSF hopes its alumni will contribute a significant percentage toward this room. We will present that sum as a challenge to the contributing congregations to inspire them to finish the task.

HIS peace,

Mike Luzadder

