For us now, For Carleton later

My education at Carleton and the University of Chicago, and Lee’s at Smith, continue to enhance our lives daily. Helping our alma maters flourish is both a goal and a pleasure.

We want Carleton to enhance its position in the top rank of U.S. colleges. Carleton has less than half the endowment per student of its peers (Amherst, Swarthmore and Williams)! This provides a strong impetus to increase Carleton’s endowment.

We redid our wills recently and decided to give a quarter of our resources to our colleges and the rest to our three children. Strengthening our colleges is one way we try to “give back” for the blessings that have been bestowed on us.

I look forward to seeing you and all of our classmates at the reunion in 2008.

Don Switz ’58

Four years at Carleton were a very rich experience for me, and my degree has helped open doors since.

Dave and I have had good careers – he as a college professor in education and I as a weaver and weaving teacher. Now that our two children are well established and we’re happily retired, we’re in a position to help Carleton in return.

We have been encouraged to make gifts during our lifetimes, so that we can see the benefits. However, we are uncomfortable substantially reducing our income.

For us, then, an annuity makes sense, and we found Carleton’s Charitable Gift Annuity the right method for us. The process is straightforward. We provided the Carleton staff with our ages, the year we wanted to start receiving income, and the amount of our gift. The staff figured the rest, using standard rules and tables. This gift was easy to accomplish, and it was completed in less than a month. We receive a fixed income for our lifetimes; whatever remains belongs to Carleton for the benefit of students and faculty. We are proud to know that our legacy at the College will help others in this fashion.

Mary Rawcliffe Colton ’58

For more information about ways to make a 50th Reunion Gift, you may contact Mari Aylin or Mike Tompos ’83 in the Carleton Development Office. The toll-free number is: 800 492-2275. Thank you.