Class of 1958 50th Reunion

In the fall of 1954 I arrived at Carleton from Madison, South Dakota, unsure of what to expect, but sensing that there was a much larger world of knowledge than I had experienced during my first eighteen years. Gradually Carleton opened up many new vistas for me. I met other students from places that I had only read about in books. I took classes where I was exposed to new ideas and thoughts. All of us lived, ate, studied, worshiped, and expanded our horizons together for four years.

My years after Carleton were spent teaching, raising a family, and moving often. I began my teaching career in Colorado, and Paul and I later lived in Europe, Venezuela, Florida, Virginia, and Maryland. I have always been proud to say that I graduated from Carleton where I received a well-rounded education and experienced four years on campus with quality people. When I talked with others, I realized how special our teacher/student relationships had been. We knew what it was to work hard as well as have a good time together. Carleton continues that special away-from-home living in a community within a community. Carleton exposes students to elevated levels of thinking and gives them the initiative to go out into the world and make a difference.

As Francis Hutchins challenged us upon our commencement, I have continually sought to keep from becoming obsolete. I give to Carleton to support the quality of education that enables students with integrity and wisdom to help solve the problems our generation has left unsolved and even helped to create. My wish is to help perpetuate Carleton as an institution that instills in its students concern for others.

Shirley Wiegman Rudolph ’58 and Paul Rudolph

How much to give to Carleton and how to give it?

Jane and I have been a little indecisive about this. After all, we’re not particularly old and certainly not ready to cash in only 50 years out of college. We are cautious about invading the savings that we will need over what remains of hopefully long and healthy lives. But who knows how long and how healthy? And then there’s the market….

On the other hand, a current gift would give us immediate satisfaction and would be immediately useful to Carleton. We concluded that we might satisfy our concerns through the combination of a cash gift now and a bequest that takes effect on the death of whichever one of us survives the other.

Of course, this will not be our last gift to Carleton and may not even be our largest. We’ll see what the future holds, comfortable that we have enough flexibility to provide for ourselves and to leave something meaningful to Carleton.

If you are thinking about Carleton, please consider doing what you can today—while keeping the options open for tomorrow.

Allan Gunn ’58 and Jane Gunn