Class of 1958 50th Reunion

Few teenagers entering college can anticipate the many benefits of a liberal arts education. That realization comes later, long after graduation, when one reflects on the challenging, stimulating, and productive results of lifelong learning. We have thought about our own lives and have come to understand how much our Carleton experiences have shaped them. Therefore, we have decided to do what we can to ensure that future students will benefit from the intellectual “kick-start” a Carleton education provides.

Carleton means more to us than academic incubation, however. After all, it was at Carleton that we met and fell in love, adding empirical support for the pair-bonding prediction Larry Gould delivered to our entering freshman class. Our son Jim (Class of ’84) graduated from Carleton, as did his wife and our daughter-in-law Joan Sundquist (Class of ’83). Their union and successes in life further substantiate Gould’s pair-bonding maxim and Carleton’s power to stimulate intellectual growth.

Our financial advisors have admonished us more than once to lighten our position in a particular stock that has appreciated greatly over the many years we have owned it. Thus it made perfect sense for us to give some of this stock to Carleton, thereby providing:

- A tax deduction in a year of bountiful income
- Avoidance of capital-gains tax
- Full value to Carleton immediately

We made a stock transfer to Carleton last fall, and may make another before the books close on our 50th Reunion Class Gift. We hope that others who find themselves in similar financial circumstances will decide to do the same.

The big 50th will be celebrated in less than a year! We hope to see all of you in Northfield next June.

Dave Southwick ’58
Su (Dreyer) Southwick ’58

To reword President Oden’s well-known saying, retirement beckons me to think seriously about what it has meant to lead a worthwhile life. My humble beginnings were pure Americana. They used to joke about my hometown: “It’s not the end of the world, but you can see it from there.” By contrast, Carleton was a new world, awash with bready ideas, tantalizing novelty, and lasting values. After this life-changing experience, my debt to the College and its mission naturally gave way to positive charitable intent.

We reviewed our choices carefully. At this time, the best option for Patty and me is to make a significant gift from our estate to Carleton College via our wills. Critical to our decision was the flexibility that this arrangement provides for our future financial planning and needs. Many gift strategies are open to us at this stage of our lives. I hope that you, too, will remember Carleton in your will—or take another tack as called for in your situation.

We can’t imagine a better way to create a lasting legacy than to support Carleton in making life-changing opportunities available to future generations.

Bill Solberg ’58 and Patty Smiley

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.
Individual Endowment Market Values per Student, End FY 2005
For Carleton and the 16 Primary Reference Group Colleges

- Year-End Market Value per Student
- Comparison Group Average, 2005

Graph showing market values per student for various colleges, with breakthroughs for specific colleges highlighted.