Dear Class of ’83 member:

Size matters! Now before you roll your eyes and sigh, let us make our case (something we all learned to do at Carleton). As the biggest Carleton class ever—558 strong—we were a force to be reckoned with! Fun fact: our class holds the school record for most Geology majors. It’s true—41 of us rocked the rocks!

Since graduating, our class has collectively focused on making Carleton more sustainable. The size of our carbon footprint matters, and in this case, itty-bitty is better. Finally, when several of us gathered on campus in August to begin planning our 30th reunion, we realized we all now wear reading glasses—heck yeah, the size of typeface matters!

One more size matter: we, the Class of ’83, have an excellent shot at breaking the all-time record for 30th reunion attendance at Carleton. So save the dates right now: June 20-23, 2013. Simply by returning to Northfield to hang out with your old friends, fellow majors, and floormates, you can make Carleton history! And we guarantee you’ll have a good time doing it. Here are a few things we have in the hopper:

- An afternoon of “Conspicuous Culinary Consumption,” exploring sustainable gastronomy, capped off by a cook-off. (Start forming your teams!)
- Biking to Thorstein Veblen’s homestead for a tour.
- A nuts-and-bolts discussion of the challenges faced in creating the Weitz Center for Creativity.
- Picnicking on the Hill of Three Oaks and a kickball game with the Class of 1998.
- Table talks—if you were at the 25th, you know how great these are!
- A “From Mudd to Mars” geology discussion and an “Election Reflections” roundtable. (Many of you know Jeff Blodgett ’83 is heading up Obama’s reelection campaign in Minnesota, but are you aware our classmate Jeff Cragg is the Republican candidate for governor in Delaware?)
- A date with the Class of 2003 for a “1980s Prom” (new wave as you want to be)—we were graduating, and they were being born! Let’s dance!

Of course, you’re free to simply lounge by Lyman Lakes! Have another idea for what would make our Reunion great? Let us know, and join in the planning! Also, if you would like to nominate someone to receive an Alumni Association Award, please submit his or her name by email (alumni-office@carleton.edu) by the end of October!

Be sure to check out our official class website, www.go.carleton.edu/1983, where you can share the highlights of your life in the online “bio book” and get the latest updates and information on Reunion. Also, use the enclosed class directory to urge all your friends to come to Reunion! If you’re a social networker, please join the “Carleton College Class of 1983” Facebook group and / or follow our Twitter feed: “@carleton83”!

Above all, we want to see you back on the Bald Spot next June! So get out the Sharpie and block off June 20-23, 2013, for a raucous / relaxing / riveting time in Northfield! Size matters, and the amount of fun we’ll have at Reunion will be HUGE!

Your Class of ’83 Reunion Committee