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Greetings, Class of ’86!

You may ask yourself, how’s the weather in Minnesota?
You may ask yourself, where are my classmates now?
You may ask yourself, how many more reunion letters are coming?

Our chosen theme for this reunion comes from the Talking Heads’ song Once in a Lifetime. It resonated with the planning committee in many ways. Seriously, when your 25th college reunion is in sight, it’s definitely a time for reflection. For some of us, life is perhaps turning out as planned. For others, perhaps not so much. Many of us may be just “letting the days go by.” One of the great things about the culture of Carleton is that so many different paths are valued and appreciated. We all have a story to tell, and getting together to share our perspectives and experiences makes life richer. That’s just one of many excellent reasons to come to reunion.

We have all kinds of activities planned for this reunion, with programming to amuse and engage adults and kids alike. We’ll have athletic events; performances; panels, discussions and lectures on a wide range of subjects, with classmates and faculty; tours of the exciting new Weitz Center for Creativity; service projects; and more. Here are two exciting highlights in the Saturday (6/18) program: TJ Stiles ’86 (National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize winner) will give a presentation, and Somewhat Fierce (formerly Something Fierce) will play live for a dance party. We’ll make Burton and Sevy our headquarters, with the “Not My Beautiful House” lounge.

This reunion is of, by, and for the class of ’86. We need your help to make it happen. Here are the things you can do right now:

- **Set aside the dates for our 25th Reunion at Carleton: June 16 –19, 2011.**
- **Fill out your “bio book” page** at go.carleton.edu/86bios. It’s an entertaining way to start getting reacquainted. At the very least, we’d love to have up-to-date contact information for everyone, particularly current email addresses.
- **Contribute to our class gift,** if you haven’t already done so. We’ve set goals of $360,000 and 50% participation, and while we’re making headway, every contribution helps. Go to go.carleton.edu/give to make your donation.
- **Reach out to your friends** from our class, so that we can all take this opportunity to reconnect. Spread the word that Reunion is The Place to Be. For contact information on college friends, visit the alumni directory at www.carleton.edu/alumni/directory.

Registration materials will be on their way to you in March, so keep an eye out for that packet. This reunion only happens once in a lifetime, so don’t miss it!

Looking forward to reconnecting,

*Your Carleton ’86 Reunion Committee*