Remember this guy? Many of us will recall getting our freshman Zoo Book, rummaging through to see who our classmates would be. Do you remember the excitement and anticipation of Going Off to College? You may have noticed that our 25th Reunion is coming right up, and it’s time to anticipate a return to Carleton.

One of the excellent things about Carleton reunions is that you know, from the minute you meet the first Carleton student helping to staff the event or the first graduate from any class at all, you will find yourself in good company. Just as it was freshman year, you’re suddenly surrounded by intelligent, thoughtful, creative and irreverent people, and you never know what fun and insight will come of the gathering. The reunion experience stimulates mind and soul, but this time there’s no stress, no grades, no pressure—and the food is a lot better!

This past August, sixteen of us from the class of 1986 gathered at Carleton to begin planning our 25th reunion. Many of our shared memories were around the music popular in the ‘80s. In the end we are taking a line from the Talking Heads’ song Once in a Lifetime for our reunion theme: “Same As It Ever Was”. (Other lines in the song also resonated for us, such as, “How did I get here?”) Of course, much has changed at Carleton over 25 years—new buildings, new faculty, a new president this year (very promising!), an ever-changing student body, and lots more computers on campus. But so much remains constant in the Carleton experience—a willingness to explore and question openly, the acceptance of who we are as individuals and appreciation for what each of us does to engage and improve the world around us, a certain whimsy and disregard for the narrow path. About 50 of our class members have already signed on to help plan this reunion, so the enthusiasm is building.

In the immediate term, we’d love for you to do the following:

- **Fill out the “bio book” form**, which has fun questions to get us all reacquainted and get us psyched about reunion. The form is online at go.carleton.edu/86bios. At the very least, we’d love to have up-to-date contact information for everyone, particularly current email addresses.

- **Reach out to your friends** from our class, so that we can all take this opportunity to reconnect. Use the enclosed directory to find folks with whom you may have lost touch.

- **Nominate fellow class members for awards** using the enclosed form.

- **Plan to join us for our 25th reunion at Carleton.**

  **Thursday, June 16 – Sunday, June 19, 2011**

  More details will follow in future mailings and emails. We hope you will find yourself reminiscing about the past, energized in the present, and newly inspired about the future!

Looking forward to reconnecting,

Your Carleton ’86 Reunion Committee