Hi Classmates,

When each of us think of Carleton, we picture different spaces at school. My list starts small but never ends:

- Dorms I lived in and where I went to parties
- The dining hall where I ate most of my meals and where I worked (if only I could forget that smell!)
- My favorite study spots in the libe
- The buildings where I took most of my classes
- Sayles: the mailboxes, a friend in the info booth, and the fries
- Division Street with More 4, Blue Moon, Hogan Brothers and The Reub, and
- The less visited but no less important parts of my time at school: the Hill of 3 Oaks, Dacie’s, and even the track above West gym (my ankles will never recover from that place).

But at the center of it all was the Bald Spot, and out of any place I'd love to be able to be there. Thanks to the demands of work and home, life in my 40's is now more disjointed than it was then. Time with friends is squeezed into a busy schedule and I don't have a place I walk through several times a day and run into friends. On beautiful spring days I can't beg my boss to hold class outside. And forget about broomball with beer in 10 degree weather - I'd never do that now!

I can't say I'd like to be 20 again, at least not without the knowledge and sense of self I've developed in the last two decades, but I'd love to be back there with all of you to relive some of that magic. Reunion, of course, isn't exactly the same, but it's as close as we're going to get without a Delorian.

So mark **June 15-18, 2017** on your calendar, because it's time for our 20th Reunion! Registration will open and a detailed agenda will be provided in March, but right now you can find information on housing, hotels, costs, and other basics at:

The main reunion page: https://apps.carleton.edu/reunion/
Our class page: http://apps.carleton.edu/alumni/classes/1997/
Our class Facebook page: search for Carleton Class of 1997

We’re planning a variety of fun activities, including trivia, a beer tasting, some TED-talk style presentations from classmates, and a dance party in the dorm. If you’re bringing kids, there’s Camp Carleton for kids going into first grade up to age 11, separate teen programming, and we’ll have all-ages activities for the littlest Carls too. And don’t worry – there’ll be plenty of unstructured time for just reconnecting with the people who made our time at Carleton so special.

June 15-18, 2017, Northfield. See you on the Bald Spot!