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October 12, 2016 marked the 150th anniversary of the founding of Carleton College. This sesquicentennial is being celebrated from reunion 2016 through reunion 2017 with an extra special weekend October 13-15. The weekend overlapped with Family Weekend and included a full schedule of events. The celebration started with an event on Bridge Square with brief speeches by Northfield Mayor Dana Graham, St. Olaf President David Anderson, and Carleton President Steve Poskanzer to recognize the college’s relationship with the city of Northfield. Garrison Keillor was the special Sesquicentennial convocation speaker on Friday evening with a reception with birthright students.

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TRIO staff designed the week to increase TRIO’s visibility on campus and raise awareness of Carleton’s TRIO eligible population (low-income, first generation, and/or students with a documented disability), and encourage productive discussions about socioeconomic diversity. TRIO Awareness Week included a t-shirt and button day, raffle prizes, student and faculty stories, an interactive art display in Sayles, and a financial literacy workshop led by Student Financial Services.

Additionally, TRIO peer leaders collaborated with SAPB’s Real Talk staff to facilitate one-on-one discussions of socioeconomic identities in Sayles as well as TRIO’s campus-wide event each term. Class Act. Class Act drew one of the largest crowds ever, including 800 bringing the residents on their floors and a nearly even split of TRIO and non-TRIO students.

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A Message from the Dean

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The Carleton Organization of Nature and Outdoor Enthusiasts (CANOE) is one of Carleton’s largest and most active student organizations. Until very recently, the group considered Chaney House “home” with various other campus locations used to store their extensive collection of outdoor gear and watercraft. At the beginning of this term, the organization moved into the newly renovated “Wade House.” The renovation was made possible by a generous donation from the Johnson family. The house—formerly known as “Hill House”—was renamed in honor of the Johnson’s son, Wade, who died tragically in 2009 during a climbing accident shortly after graduating Carleton. Wade was an active member of CANOE and served as House Manager. Wade House now boasts over 10,000 square feet of living and programming space and is currently home to 16 students.

The home was renovated with the specific needs of CANOE in mind. A com- mittee of staff and students met for over a year with various contractors and architects to convey the needs of the organization. Unique features include several campus locations used to store their extensive collection of outdoor gear and watercraft. The property also has a large garage, specifically de- signed to store canoes and the organization’s fully-loaded canoe trailer. Since their move to Wade House, CANOE has witnessed an increase in the number of students participating in their off-campus trips, which are offered every weekend during the academic year. Congratulations to CA- NOE on their new home!
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