Temporary Art Faculty Studios
Plans are underway to temporarily house studios for four tenure-track art faculty in the lower level of the 1910 portion of the old Northfield Middle School. The intent is to provide studio space for these professors to pursue their personal disciplines of photography, painting, and sculpture—clay, wood/metal, and welding. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Nutting House Remodeling
Plans are now finalized to renovate the second floor of Nutting House. The project was bid on by four contractors and Northfield Construction was awarded the construction contract. Work on the house will occur over a two-year period beginning this summer.

Maple Street Housing Project
Programming and conceptual design for this project continues and is producing an improved design and site development approach. The concept continues to be a plan to develop a single, air-conditioned, 60-bed facility, complete with a large community room and group kitchen; thirteen suites with integral living rooms, bathrooms, and kitchenettes for 3 to 5 students; a minimum of four accessible units (of the thirteen); study rooms; community laundry room; game room and lower-level storage lockers. The main entrance to the building will be from Maple Street with direct access to Watson Hall via an underground tunnel. The design is intended to be compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood at the street, in both scale and style. Special attention has been devoted to ensure that the new building will also be compatible with the Japanese Garden to the northeast. This facility is anticipated to replace the existing Watson House, Faculty Club Annex, and Chaney House garage. Parking will be provided in roughly the same location as the existing parking lot, relocated closer to the Faculty Club. Structural and architectural design will continue through the summer with actual construction intended to begin in late summer or early fall, initially with the demolition of the three buildings previously mentioned. The new facility is intended to be open for students by Fall Term '07.

Arts Planning Committee
The Arts Planning Committee was reconstituted this year with a renewed charge. The President stated that: “You will have completed your work when you can communicate how the imagined program offerings will move the campus toward the broader goals of curricular and learning development that you outlined. In this renewed charge, I am asking you to link your intended curricular and programmatic initiatives with physical planning and space requirements.”

The Committee has also been expanded to include additional trustees and faculty and two student members. Recent visits to Intermedia Arts and the new Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis served to further stimulate the Committee’s creativity and vision. A report is planned for the Fall Term with the expectation that we will be ready to move into architectural design work not later than the spring of 2007. At the same time, fundraising efforts are under way to communicate this endeavor to the wider Carleton community and to seek assistance and support for its accomplishment.

Campus Electrical Upgrade
Phase I of the campus electrical upgrade project has been progressing faster than expected and should be completed by the end of August. Campus personnel have been very cooperative in working with Facilities and the electrical contractor through the various power outages required to run the new power lines; Johnson House, Evans Hall, Cowling, Myers Hall, the Library, Music and Drama, and others have all had minor outages as we have worked through this process. In May, Leighton Hall was powered by a generator for about two weeks, and during the last half of June, Goodhue Hall will be off-line; both for switchgear and transformer work. Please bear with us as we intend to make these outages as seamless as possible. Once Phase I is completed, the north half of the College will enjoy a much more reliable electrical system.
New Acquisitions
Over the last year, Carleton has purchased three houses adjacent to the campus. Each property was considered for different reasons and presented in different ways. Two houses on Winona Street, 106 and 210 Winona, were offered for sale in the fall of ’05. Each of these houses will be used as rental housing for faculty. Houses purchased for rent to faculty remain on the tax rolls and the College pays property taxes on them. This past winter Keith Harrison, a long-time English professor, offered Carleton his house located in the upper Arb. The College had owned this property several times in the last 50 years. Because it was located in the Arb, the land was very attractive to the College. The house was in a very dilapidated condition and was demolished in March, following the closing. The land will be added to the Upper Arb.

Wind Turbine Update
Total energy production from the wind turbine exceeded 8.3 million kilowatt hours (kWh) by June 15. Since its start-up a little over a year and a half ago, the turbine has been generating power at an average of 12,787 kWh per day. The turbine’s production efficiency, as measured for hours the turbine was ready/available to generate, has been 35.1%. Its generation efficiency, while actually making electricity, has been 41.2% of maximum capacity, but if one includes all the down-time due to power outages, service/maintenance, and start-up/testing and de-bugging, the gross efficiency has been 33.1%. However, the gross efficiency is not a true measure of the turbine’s capability as we should not incur the kind of down-time we had during start-up and de-bugging in future years.

So far, the energy generated by the wind turbine has offset 6,862 tons of carbon dioxide, 23.1 tons of sulfur dioxide, and 16.6 tons of nitrous oxides that would have been emitted to the atmosphere by a coal-fired plant.

Summer Grounds Projects
Council Ring
In 2001, the Class of ’54 approached the College about making a class gift for a “Council Ring.” A council ring is designed to appear as a natural feature in the landscape and consists of a seating area in the form of a circle with a fire ring placed in the center. Council rings are usually in a natural setting, close to a major walkway where they can be seen but not heard. The preferred location is the area between Highway 19 and Goodhue Road on the north side of Lyman Lakes. Once the location and design issues are resolved, construction is anticipated to start this summer.

Lilac Hill
Grounds has been clearing and reopening the trails in the Lilac Hill area. Staff will clear out dead lilacs and invasive exotic species and then evaluate the remaining material and determine how to restore the site as a destination for the campus and the community.

Off-Campus Properties
Weedy and invasive vegetation will be removed from the foundations and lots of all campus properties this summer. Landscape upgrades will be completed at several off-campus houses and vacant properties. The houses have not been selected yet and will be chosen based on need and available resources.

Chemical Applications
Lawns on campus and off-campus properties will be treated for broadleaf weeds as needed in early to mid August. The distillers grain/corn gluten applications have reduced, but not eliminated, the need to use chemical weed control. Many locations will receive only spot treatment rather than broad area spraying. A notice will be sent out prior to treatment, and all treated areas will be posted immediately after treatment.