Welcome

An introduction to Ms. Petra Crosby

Let’s walk & talk, a guide to campus and to life

International Student Orientation

Life @ Carleton

Beyond campus

Life after Carleton
WELCOME to Carleton!!!

Well, almost, you’re not quite on campus yet, but we’re excited to have you here in a few short months. You’ve probably recently graduated and are in the midst of savoring a well deserved summer break. College may be the last thing on your mind. And that’s perfectly fine, but just in case your thoughts have been straying to college and what it’s going to be like here in Northfield, we present you this modest guide to your first year at Carleton. We’ve tried to capture the excitement and energy of life as a Carl. We tried to jam in as much as possible and hope that it whets the palate and gets you excited to come, because we are really excited to have you!

Hmmm... perhaps this would be a good time to introduce ourselves to you so you know who the heck it is who so eagerly awaits your arrival. Well, we are Pangea, Carleton’s (non-exclusive) international student organization. Pangea serves both as a support group for international students, helping them adapt to life in the US, and as an organization that stimulates discussion of world affairs. We increase awareness of international issues and foreign cultures on campus, facilitate communication and build cultural bridges between international and American students. Bringing in speakers and hosting movie nights, food nights, coffee table discussions and various other events Pangea creates those intercultural ties. While we like to get stuff done, our agendas are relaxed and open to suggestions, especially from you! We’d really love to see you at a meeting and hear your ideas!

So one last welcome to each of you! Can’t wait to meet you and experience a crazy year at Carleton together! Till then, have a blast and relax! We’ve got your arrival covered.

Your eager Pangea officers and editor,
Aparna (Pres), Seth (Vice Pres), Khanh (treasurer), Ayesha (publicity) and Claire (publications)
Mother, lawyer, director of the Carleton College international Students program

As you can see this is the introduction to a single person on campus. Now, why is that... Let me just keep writing my article, and eventually I will update you on why that is.

Way before you come to campus she knows you. Knows your place of birth and the date. Knows which subjects you take in school and your mother’s maiden name. She has been working with your file for the last few months; it is right now hanging in the accepted students box in her well-organized office.

At this point it is reasonable for you to think: Oh no... she knows me and I have no clue who she is... so: here are some clues for you:

Her place of birth: small village on the river Danube in Bavaria
Date of birth: [redacted] (PCrosby demanded this to remain unpublished)
Her profession: director of the Carleton College international Students program

What does all this mean for you?

Petra is a nice person who is the mother of all Internationals on campus. That comes in all flavors; she has the love of a mother but she also has the power. For most people it works well, she is nice to you and usually the solution rather than the cause of any problems.

You will most likely get along well with Petra if you don’t cause her any more trouble than she wants you to.

Anything else? - special fact:
Petra does not like the word “petrafied”, yet she has to deal with it every now and then...  

Christoph Terwitte
I feel that the International Student Orientation was by far the most fulfilling, enjoyable and educative experience I’ve had as a freshman in my first term. The leaders put us out of our anxieties and made us feel at home. The experiences that they shared with us, the advice that they offered were all helpful. By the end of that week I felt I had made some good friends and mentors who would make college a home away from home. For someone who was stepping foot in the ‘United States’ for the first time, transition into a new place and college life couldn’t have been easier.

“Aparna Dua

“It’s the best week at Carleton you’ll ever have!”

“I have fond memories of that week!”
The central green of the college is a place to frolic and lounge. Fall and spring terms will see this grassy expanse full of people enjoying the weather, eating or primarily…playing Ultimate. For winter term two ice rinks are set up and the bald spot is flooded and frozen. These rinks then host the ever exciting broomball matches! It’s also fun to just scoot around the ice at night with friends, or alternatively if it’s the spring time, there may be an outdoor movie to watch. There’s almost always some way to amuse yourself on the bald spot.
Campus Center, also known as Sayles, is a common place you will hang out with people. Here you can find a general social area called great space, the post office, your mailbox, campus activities, snack bar, bookstore, career center, a 24 hr. computer lab, a Wells Fargo ATM and fun stuff like pool, ping pong, video games and foosball. The building is connected to Severance Hall and leads to Burton dining hall (great in the winter!). On week days, there are usually tables for various campaigns, people come and go in breaks between classes to check their mail or grab some food from the snack bars. On weekends, there are usually performances, dance parties or events. The mailboxes can also be exciting, every week there’s Friday Flowers and you can always leave people messages or little gifts. You can buy bus tickets at Campus Activity to go to the cities, the Mall of America or the airport. You can also borrow ping pong balls or pool sticks. Snack bar is an alternative to the two dining halls on campus. There will be flex dollars included in your meal plan which can be used in the snack bar. Open until midnight, the snack bar is also a popular place to take a study break and get late night snacks or coffee. You can find all the Carleton products and textbooks in the book store, among other books and groceries. The career center has great resources for finding jobs, internships or graduate schools.

-Tzu-Hsin (Cindy) Chiao
Willis is the main building for economics/political science and international relations studies. It’s also got some very pretty bathrooms on the first floor.

I never started using the Write Place until my sophomore year when I actually became a Writing Tutor. It was then that I realized what a wonderful resource it was for improving my writing. What I liked most about these consultations was that I could bring in almost any piece of writing I had at any stage in the writing process. I’ve used the Write Place even when I’ve not had a single word on paper and I’ve simply just wanted to bounce ideas off of somebody else. The Write Place works with students on everything ranging from those annoying citation questions to revising Writing Portfolios and scholarship application essays. However, the important thing to realize is that consultations heavily involve the student writer. You can’t just hand an essay over to the Writing Consultant and expect them to fix all the problems. The ultimate aim is for the tutors to help writers identify the problems in their own writing.
Religious and spiritual life at Carleton is varied and exciting. There are more than a dozen student religious groups on campus covering most of the world's major religious traditions. Membership is open to everyone, and these dynamic groups are often involved in planning services, dinners, speakers, holiday celebrations, performances, and occasional trips to the Twin Cities. Northfield also provides some religious opportunities as there are numerous churches, a temple and a mosque downtown. The Chapel, easily the most gorgeous building in Carleton, is the center of religious and spiritual life on campus. The Chapel is a very welcoming place; it has nice couches in the basement, and it remains open in case you need some quiet time for reflection or just a place to do your homework. The Chapel also organizes weekly services throughout the year for occasions such as Easter, Eid, Diwali and many more! These services are open to the public, free, lots of fun and you don't have to be practicing the particular religion to attend. Did I also mention that they're usually followed by delicious free supper?! Yes the Chapel is absolutely great and unfortunately it is one of the less well known secrets at Carleton. However, if you're not religiously inclined, the Chapel also organizes discussion groups, such as the popular ethics and service one, as well as trips to the Cities for movie showings such as the Da Vinci code, religious architectural tours, tour of art museums, etc. I strongly encourage all of you to attend some Chapel events this year because you're guaranteed to learn something new and you will not be disappointed.

Alaa El-Bashir
The Concert Hall and Arena Theatre are probably the two buildings on the Carleton campus from which people walk out feeling emotionally enriched and entertained. The Concert Hall hosts numerous musical concerts, recitals, etc. (not to forget the Freshman Talent Show during the New Students’ Week!). The Arena Theatre is known for hosting student-run plays and musicals. Shows are put on throughout the year, and you will be amazed to see the quality of the shows that students actually direct and participate in! All in all, it is all free of charge!

The basement of the Concert Hall is filled with practice rooms for musicians. Practice rooms (each one is equipped with a piano) are open to anyone regardless of whether or not one takes a music lesson or not. There is also a bigger practice room for the orchestra to rehearse, and you can also check out musical instruments from here.

Oh, here is another interesting fact. The basements of the Concert Hall and Arena Theatre are connected underground. It makes it easier for setting up stages and transporting equipment. So, if you ever get stuck in one of the buildings, you can always find your way out of the other building! I hope you will get to appreciate the Concert Hall and Arena Theatre as much as I do!

Sung-Wook (“Wookie”) Hwang
The Language and Dining Center (commonly known as the LDC) is one of the most frequently visited buildings on campus. This is especially true for international students since the office of International Student Programs and the International Lounge is located on the second floor of the LDC. This is where Petra’s office is, so mark it down on your maps! The International Lounge has comfortable sofas perfect for studying, watching TV and for taking a quick nap! This is also where Pangea holds its weekly meetings. The LDC is also home to the Asian Languages and Classical Studies departments as well as language labs. Most importantly, the East Dining Hall is located in the LDC. In the East Dining Hall, you can eat your meals while enjoying the magnificent view of the lakes. The upper deck of the LDC is a favorite meeting place for many international students and it regularly hosts special tables, such as the French or Spanish tables. So get familiar with the LDC as soon as you get on campus since you are definitely going to be spending a lot of time there!
Mudd houses the chemistry and geology department offices and labs. It’s connected to Olin on the first and second floors. Olin is the physics and psychology building. It also has a huge lecture hall where you may very likely take an intro class. Perhaps more encouragingly/ enjoyable, you may go to this Olin 142 to watch a SUMO movie. Two (usually relatively recent) movies are shown every Friday and Saturday night at no cost to you! Connected to Olin via the ground floor is Hulings, the Biology and Ecology building. All labs for ecology and evolution and microbiology are held here. The basement of this building is also home to tamarind monkeys, turtles, monitor lizards and some other animal species. It also has some huge aquariums good to sit next to and pass the time!!!
“Carleton is not a music school.”

Now why did I start the article with this quote? The main reason is that this is probably what you heard the people say about Carleton. The other reason is that it is true. Carleton College as the name suggests is an institution of higher education – a liberal arts college. (No need for me to clarify it, but I needed to state that for the article to work.) Because Liberal Arts College implies that a student can do many things it also implies that he/she can do music. And since Carleton is a very good one – which you know, because you will be coming here – it also offers a good education in music. Moreover, it offers great opportunities. For example, in Carleton, you can take part in any musical production, ensembles, private groups, or perform as a soloist (if you wish to do so). You can join the choir, orchestra and band without being a music major. As for private lessons - anyone can take them and the professors are all very highly qualified.

Apart from all that, the old music hall is one of the best places to meet people. The music listening room is especially inviting and open most of the time. In the both the music hall and the concert hall there are multiple practice rooms open to everyone, and it is a nice feeling to know that you can go and practice your instrument anytime - even in the middle of the night – without disturbing anyone.

Kevin Chau
Astronomy at Carleton is centered around Goodsell Observatory, one of the nicest and most prominent buildings on campus. The building, built in the late 1880s, houses three telescopes all of which are over one hundred and ten years old! Goodsell is also equipped with modern telescopes some of which are set up in the east lawn of the observatory. The telescopes are not only used for classes, but for open houses as well held the first Friday of every month. The open houses are a great opportunity for non-physics/astronomy majors to explore the wonders of the night sky with the telescopes. So don’t miss your chance! And, if you are planning on taking some astronomy courses at Carleton you will surely not be disappointed!

Boliou Hall, home to the department of Art and Art History, has fully up-to-date, well-equipped studios, classrooms, woodshop, auditorium, and the Slide Library. The studios in Boliou are constantly bustling with activity. The comfortable lounge also provides a quiet place for students to relax in. Occasionally Boliou hosts events such as lectures by visiting scholars, art history review sessions, exhibits etc.
If you are planning on taking math or computer science courses at Carleton you will definitely find yourself spending a lot of time in the Center for Mathematics and Computing (more commonly known as the CMC). The CMC is home to the Math and Computer Science departments, the Math Skills center, ITS and SCIC. The CMC also has several computer labs, one of which is open 24/7. The Math Skills Center will become your refuge for those long nights you spend working on the homework assignments for your math class. It’s a great place for studying and be assured that you can always find help there! If you are having computer-related troubles, the SCIC desk in the CMC is the place to go to. And finally, if you are one of those lucky freshmen who end up with a job at ITS (Information Technology Services) you’ll not only be studying in the CMC – you’ll be working there as well!
Laird~ Behind these magesic columns rest the english depart-
men-tal offices. There is also the place for the registrars office where you pick
up and turn in ‘add drop’ cards. You can also meet President Oden here
during his office hours!

Library~ Known on campus simply as
the libe, Gould library serves many purposes. There are
of course books, but there are also a couple computer
labs and most importantly, extremely comfortable
couches that are perfect for napping...

Leighton~ The Sociology and Anthropology
building also has the business office, printing and mailing and
the off-campus studies office in the basement.
The only expectation one can have about roommates is that everyone’s experience will be different. For some, their roommate becomes a trusted friend and for others becomes a nuisance. For most however, their experience lies somewhere in the middle. The roommate becomes neither a lifelong friend nor an eternal enemy, but maybe someone who you talk to at night or eat with occasionally. Most likely, you and your roommate will run with different social groups and share at best a few interests. You may not speak often, but roommates become the one you see at night, your support during hard times, and the one you talk to only about issues of the heart, as well as the one you squabble with over small issues about the room.

It is important not to come to Carleton with a romanticized concept of what your roommate will be. In your first year, you will be seeing and experiencing a myriad of happiness and hardship, thoughts and emotions, and you and your roommate may become closer because of it, or merely go you own separate ways.
Burton Hall is located on the west side of campus. It consists of 4 floors with the top being a substance free floor. It also has a dining hall in the basement which is really convenient for the complex residents. It is adjoined to Davies, Sevy and Sayles-Hill which makes it a really convenient place to live in. Even if you don’t live in Burton hall, it is still a place worth visiting during weekends as the first floor is the famous complex highway where everything takes place. Gatherings and parties are common in this building. During major sporting events such as the Super Bowl or the Champions League final, the first Burton lounge becomes the campus hotspot.

All in all, Burton is an amazing place to live in and you should consider yourself extremely lucky if you end up living in Burton your freshman year.

Kevin Chau, HK, ‘07
Burton Dining Hall

Burton Dining hall, the older of Carleton’s two dining facilities is well loved by students who are drawn by its cozy atmosphere, friendly staff, not to mention the ice cream! Located minutes away from both Stadium and West Gym, Burton is the choice dining facility of the cross country, football and swim teams who add a bustling, cheery element to the dinner time atmosphere. Students workers assigned to Burton dining hall enjoy this lively working environment and the experience of working on a large well run team of students, managers and chefs. The dining hall has a rotating menu but marks occasions such as Thanksgiving, Chinese New Year and Mardi Gras with special dishes and decorations which help to add flavor to a solid but at times repetitive repertoire.

Joseph Brown
Ok, this is the honest truth - **DAVIS** is the BEST dorm ever!

- Firstly, each room has a **private toilet and bath**. You can only begin to understand the advantages of this if you experience it yourself.
- Secondly, each room has an **AIR-CONDITIONER and HEATER**, which means that you can personally control the temperature in your room.
- **Thirdly, Davis rooms have walk-in closets!**
- Fourthly, it is part of the complex, which means that you do not have to brace the wind chill to get food, to get your mail, to print your essay or to visit your friends in Burton and Sevy!
- Fifthly, it is located near downtown Northfield. (Try walking from Goodhue to Econofoods and you will be very grateful for Davis’ convenient location)

AVIANNE BONEY
Question: What is the name of this dorm?

Hint: This dorm is the closest to town, compared to other dorms. It is only a few steps away from Burton dining hall (this is critical, especially during winter).

Some would say that the rooms are small…Hmmph!!? This is not true! Try to bunk up the beds and rearrange the HUGE book-shelves and closets, and you will have a spacious room. The book shelves are really huge (I have not been able to fill it up with books yet!)

In this dorm, you can talk with your neighbors without having to walk into their room.

Just raise your voice a little bit and you and your neighbor can freely communicate (good training for your voice!).

Answer:
So which dorm am I talking about? Of course, it’s

Musser!

Khahn Nguyen
Want to live in a dorm where you get to know your floormates well? Watson Hall is where you want to be! It's known for having the biggest double rooms and if you are even luckier, you might get a room where you can gaze at the beautiful Japanese garden. It is relatively close to the LDC and even if you get up ten minutes before your 8:30 class, you'll still be able to run to the LDC, grab a bite of breakfast, and run to one of the classrooms on the East side of campus.

The lounge on each floor is a great place to hang out or to study and if the lounge is too loud, you can always go to the basement to one of the study rooms to do your homework. Watson is also well-known for its nice shower stalls since it has a door for each shower stall, compared to only a shower curtain provided at most dorms. The building has seven floors and a basement. But no worries, there are two elevators for those who are too lazy to take the stairs. It's also right next to Cowling gym so it's great for any PE since most of the classes are held here. Watson is a great dorm and consider yourself lucky if you get selected to live there!

Tomoka Nakamura
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Also, since there are upperclassmen, it's pretty quiet and people can get work done in Nourse. There are four floors, three that are co-ed (men and women) and one (Fourth Floor) that is for women only. I lived on the all-women's floor and I gained a lot of good friends. As an international student, I didn't feel overwhelmed living on the girls' floor because it was easy to converse and get to know people. Every floor has an RA (resident assistant) and they are all very funny, outgoing, and kind. Every week there are study breaks, where the floor members can have relaxing conversations and get information about the upcoming week. Take my floor for example; we have a small fund set aside for floor activities. Sometimes we use the money for some cool stuff such as watching movies while enjoying some snacks. The RAs are very nice people and will always help you. Nourse is a very good place to live in and to make friends.

If I were you, I'd be very excited to live in Nourse this year! Nourse is close to all the main buildings on campus and it is pretty quiet (but there's always something fun going on in the building). Nourse is closest to the LDC (Language and Dining Center), Mudd (Geology and Chemistry), the Concert Hall and Arena Theater. We also have the pleasure of having Little Nourse Theater, a small theater where comedy and theater groups perform, in the basement. There's a good mix of upperclassmen and freshmen, so you get to know a lot of different kinds of people.

Piaomu Liu
Myers is distinguished by its practical and modern exterior that bears a striking similarity to its sister dorm Musser. It is situated (almost) in the middle of everything: close to the Rec Center and the Arb (for afternoon runs and hitting the gym), or over people playing Frisbee and reading between classes on the Mini Bald Spot while also near the LDC (for casually going to meals in your pajamas or stopping by to grab a sandwich on your way to a meeting).

Inside Myers, you find a lounge, a kitchen and two bathrooms on each floor; not quite the lavishness of Davis or Goodhue, but the setup lends itself to good floor life. The tiled walls are a lot of fun because you can walk around your floor and leave everyone a message near their door, and also come home to find out who stopped by while you were away. Other big pluses include the comparatively large closets, and the ease of studying in your room because of the usual quietness.

All in all, Myers may not be considered topnotch on campus, but it's an awesome place for your first year experience.

Lena Tjosvold
Evans Hall:

Evans Hall sits across from Myers and on top of Bell Field. Organized by columns rather than floors, it’s a bit disorienting sometimes, but don’t worry you won’t live here your freshman year at least. It’s primarily a sophomore dorm with lot’s of triples, quads and quints. In the basement/first floor is the Cave.

Offering refreshments, a pool table and tables in a relaxing atmosphere, the Cave is a great place to just hang out and listen to some live music on weekend nights.

Cowling Gym & Bell Field

Cowling Gym is on the east side of campus, close to Myers and Watson. It has a dance studio where most Ebony practices are held, as well as pe classes such as folk dance, yoga and aerobics. Cowling also has a basement pool, and there is another striking feature - right behind Cowling lies Bell Field. Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee games are held here and they can be watched from Bell Hill, directly bordering the field. Bell Hill has other uses as well. We are in Minnesota, the winter is not only dark, but also cold, frosty and long. So students need to go crazy every now and then, with scheduled snowball fights and *drum roll* traying!

The Cave offering refreshments, a pool table and tables in a relaxing atmosphere, the Cave is a great place to just hang out and listen to some live music on weekend nights.

1Microsoft Word does not recognize “traying” as a real word, but it has a well defined meaning - using dining hall trays to fly down a hill into the infinite whiteness of a snow-covered world; getting snow into all possible and impossible places just so that you can feel good about being cold and wet, and then take a hot shower and talk excitedly about your experience afterwards!

Christoph Terwitte
The Recreation Center ...

The recreational Center, or more commonly the “Rec” is many people’s refuge during the busy week of the term. Being active and getting out of your room can do wonders for a bad mood, even during the middle of winter. Take your pick of treadmills, weight training machines and a full indoor track that surrounds courts that can be used for various sports. My personal favorites are the climbing wall and bouldering cave. Zero experience is required and is a much safer option than starting outside. As for me I’ve been climbing the whole year and have enjoyed it superbly.

... and the Arboretum

For those preferring the outdoors, there is the absolutely huge arboretum which has hundreds of paths. I have used it primarily for random excursions in the middle of the night to be with friends. There are so many ways to be physically active around campus and I strongly recommend trying out as many as you can.

Luke Hankins
West Gym’s distinctive two domed roof is the home of the Carleton’s swimming, basketball and volleyball teams. The building houses a 25 yard pool, full sized basketball and volleyball courts, offices, and changing facilities for many of the varsity teams on campus. The pool and courts are often packed on weekends with students decked in blue and maze, screaming support for Carleton’s teams competing in the Minnesota conference. West Gym also caters to a wide range of non varsity athletes through PE classes and Intramural sports; The pool has flexible opening hours and classes for swimmers of all abilities and during fall and spring the playing fields behind the building are used for soccer. The coaches and fitness staff at West foster an atmosphere of friendly competition which is the hallmark of Carleton athletics.
Dacie Moses house, located near Musser-Davie-Burton complex, is a place where students are free to make food and bake, or simply a place to chill and relax. All the bakery ingredients are provided by the Dacie Moses fund and there are always people baking cookies or similar things. If you are not a big fan of baking, you are always welcome to drop by and check out the cookie box and see whether there are any cookies left. The house is also the place where the Knights (Carleton's first all-male a-cappella group) practice their songs and photos of the previous Knights can be found all over Dacie Moses' house. And if you are lucky enough, you might bump into our lovely German friend: Christoph might be playing the piano and making cinnamon buns at the same time.

Kevin Chau
Most of the MCAs (multicultural assistants) live in Stimson House. This also the Multicultural Center, a place for students to gather and talk about multicultural issues. They had the planning meeting for the international festival here too!

Parish is the language house & where the LA's live—They call me the “French Language Associate”:

I work at Carleton for the French Department. Students who learn French or who already speak the language come to the extracurricular activities that I organize. Every week there is an informal conversation hour called “Pause Café;” the French Movie Night (I show a French or francophone movie in French with English subtitles); the French radio show on krlx 88.1—Carleton’s student-run radio station—where I talk entirely in French and play all kinds of songs in French; and the French Lunch Table where students, French teachers, and I meet for lunch at the dining hall and talk French with our mouths full! In addition to all that, I have office hours for students who need extra help.

The other part of my job happens in class. I go to tutoring sessions three to four times a term and practice pronunciation with beginner-level students. This is a lot of fun!

And finally, I have class. Yes, I’m also a student. But I take only one class a term!

Headley Cottage ~

Voilà

Lucie Bravard
Life at Carleton

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As a student who pays the Student Activity Fee, you are automatically a member of CSA, giving you certain rights and responsibilities. The students elected to Senate are here to serve you.”

CSA is the college government body comprised of students elected by the student body. Depending on the amount of votes received, one can be elected as a senator for 3 consecutive terms or be elected as a one-term senator. The CSA meets every Monday night. The meetings are always open to the public and minutes are made available as well. Depending on which other sub-committees senators are part of, eg. Carleton Student Life, Budget Committee etc., meetings for sub-committees take place during different times outside of the usual Monday night. One of the main functions of CSA is to “improve the life of Carleton students by providing the organization necessary to express student opinions and ideas…” Thus the Senate ensures that proper funding for various groups and organizations remains consistent. Non-fiscal duties and other related issues are tackled by various sub-committees.

**Carleton Student Association (CSA)**
**Social Events:**

**New Student Week:**

The week after ISO. All the new freshmen are finally on campus and divided up into small “ice breaker” groups. While this can be fun... in general there’s some awkwardness (mainly from less-than-comfortable getting to know people ‘games’) and repetition. Look at it as a preordained time to be awkward and meet loads of people from your year.

**Freshman Talent Show:**

Right at the end of New Student Week there’s an all freshman talent show! All who feel so moved get 2.5 minutes of limelight, then they’re given the cane... Anyway, it’s a good time; lots of interesting info comes out and even upperclassmen try and sneak in. Oh! and you can probably count on some streakers.

**Ebony:**

A dance troupe of sorts that performs every term; Ebony welcomes everybody. And indeed you may feel that it includes everybody. Students sign up to choreograph and dance. By fourth week or so (could be later) the audience is guaranteed an eclectic show with a range of music and dance styles.
**Mid Winter Ball:**

Don’t worry. The mid-winter Ball is what you should look forward to during winter term. Take the Mid-winter ball class (if you don’t have time, there are crash courses on the day of the Ball!) and come to the Ball to discover for yourself that a bustling life is still going on during winter at Carleton. Bands will be playing live music while couples will fill every space on the dance floor.

**International Festival:**

Characterized by good food, good entertainment and good company, this event works for a good cause too! International Festival is an exhibition of food, performances, and activities from around the world. This can include everything from baklava to sushi, martial arts to musical arts, and henna to calligraphy. Everything is free, but donations are suggested. The money then goes to a charity organization. The past two years we’ve donated approximately $300 to The Center for Children’s Happiness (CCH) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

**Spring Concert:**

Taking place on a (hopefully) beautiful Saturday, this is the time to ignore studies and head out to the rugby pitch behind the rec. There you will find a multitude of Carls rocking out to some live music, eating yummy food, and enjoying other modest booths set up along the try line. It is in general a fun day long event dedicated to good tunes and sunshine frolicking (and yes this is likely to include some frisbees).
Night Life

At some point during New Student week 2005, somebody gave a speech pointing out that Carleton students have more fun on average than some group of students we were being compared to. He related the phenomenon to the average number of Frisbees owned by Carls, but for a lot of us — Frisbee-owners or not — the amazing fun factor is due to the way Carleton comes alive at night.

Whatever an awesome night means to you, you can experience it at Carleton. Dances happen almost every weekend. The Great Space in Sayles is regularly converted to a dance floor, as does the Sevy Tea Room and the Cave. Houses can register parties as well, so expect to find stuff happening in houses on and off campus. Carleton Parties come in many flavors, with outrageous themes, featuring bands and DJs from here and elsewhere. When Spring term comes around, those of you who can’t wait five whole days until the weekend will be saved by Mai Fette. This Carleton tradition gets people together on a heart-shaped island every Wednesday, where Carls hang out around a campfire and have a barrel of fun in honor of soon-to-depart seniors.

If you are not a party-goer, then you will probably catch a lot of interesting events that most parties miss. Just go to any bulletin board in almost any campus building and you will find information on plenty of stuff going on. Students and visitors talk, sing, and perform; clubs and interest groups get together, movies play in the SUMO theater, and many random, crazy events will happen just because it’s Carleton. If you study and not much else, the Life is open as late as the parties. If all else fails, anything goes in your own room, as long as quiet hours and sub-free rules are respected...sort of.

Have fun ;)

Ryan Smith
So what can I tell you about the weather in Northfield. FALL is amazing. SPRING, even more so. I guess that leaves winter to talk about, which is what I am assuming most of you are interested in. I’m not even going to pretend that it’s going to get ‘comfortably’ cold. The sun is going to set at around 3-4pm, the wind will cut through your body and if you’re lucky, the snow won’t have a hidden layer of ice that you will slip on.

First things first, don’t go off to your nearest department store and clean out their winter clothing selection. You’re going to arrive here in the fall and a simple jacket should keep you warm and alive, for the moment. It’s really a much better decision to purchase your winter clothing here because it will be perfect for Minnesotan winters. WEAR LAYERS!!

All that being said, winter really isn’t all about a struggle between life and death. Watch out for ice sculptures, snowball fights, sledding and a certain sophomore who prowls around campus in his shorts. You will find yourself whining about winter a lot even though deep down inside, you’re really in love with the winter wonderland.
So are you amazed yet with the amount there is to do here at Carleton? Here’s an attempt to summarize what my first year at Carleton looked like. After a warm welcome and a week packed with fun activities (Yes, I am talking about ISO), New Student Week brought the American students some from pre-frosh trips and others fresh from home. Classes and work catch up soon but one always finds time for the plays and concerts. I also went canoeing on the river Cannon one weekend and absolutely loved it. International week brought lots of speakers and the international dinner where we got to dress up in traditional wear and the Sevy dining hall looked alive and colorful. Before I knew it I was packing my bags to go home, for a much awaited winter break. When I came back I felt refreshed and ready for the winter term. The dipping temperatures are no myth, and it only hits you when you wake up to a completely snow covered surrounding. But, don’t let the cold weather keep you inside- Winter has a lot of fun sports like skiing, broomball and traying—all of which are loads of fun.

Frosh year @ Carleton!
Last but not the least—winter ball is the star attraction of the term where once again you can pull out your fancy dresses and suits and go all out to dance. For me it was especially fun, as my birthday fell on the same day! The best thing about Carleton is that the terms fly past with all the activities and work that you have.

Soon enough it was spring break. I stayed back and watched the campus transform from white to a vibrant green. It wasn’t surprising to see how the mood of the campus changed with the warm weather. People started playing Frisbee and basking in the sun. It was perfect weather to procrastinate! I attended the MUN conference in New York which was a brilliant experience. With the spring concert and international festival there was a constant buzz of energy and excitement on the campus. International festival drew a huge crowd with the student performances and lip smacking dishes from across the world. I performed an Indian dance with six other people. Overwhelmed? Don’t be. You’ll find yourself doing lots more and surprisingly enough you’ll find the energy and time for it. As the year draws to an end I wish I had somehow packed more into this fabulous freshman year. I needn’t worry for I still have 3 more years to go!

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Northfield – the town of cows, colleges and contentment! Although I haven’t really seen too many cows around... there’s definitely contentment to be found here in Northfield. And as for the colleges – well there’s our beloved Carleton and our friendly neighbors St. Olaf! Northfield is a small (and I mean small!) town located an hour away by car from the twin cities. The main street, Division Street, is just a short walk from Carleton. The street is lined with some rather interesting shops as well as bakeries, places to eat, and all the other quaint features of a college town. For practical purposes, there’s EconoFoods where you can do your grocery shopping. If you can’t find what you need at Econo then Northfield Transit will be happy to give you a ride to Target/Cub Foods. Carleton is a rather small college and at times it is nice to get away from the campus for a while. Goodbye Blue Monday’s and The Kitchen (actually it has been renamed Bittersweet, but that is a minor detail we choose to ignore) are both on Division St. Blue Monday’s is a cute and bustling coffee shop; it’s the perfect place for getting some work done while sipping on some delicious hot drink. The Kitchen is my personal favorite. It is a small “café-type” place that has some rather delicious looking items on its menu.
Once in a while, you are likely to get tired of the same old dining hall food. Northfield may be small, but there are some good places to eat downtown. There are two Indian restaurants – Chapatis and KurryKabab. Chapatis is really close to campus, but the KurryKabab owners are generous enough to give rides to hungry Carleton students! There is actually an on going debate amongst the students about which restaurant serves the better food. Once you get here, you can decide for yourselves! Other places to eat includes Hogan Brothers – a local favorite, the Tavern – home style cooking, Las Delicias – a Guatemalan place, Bill’s and Basil’s – a pizza place, and a few more.

If you enjoy window shopping, then a walk down Division Street is quite nice. There are many interesting shops for you to poke your head in and explore including an amazing bead shop, a used books store, some clothing stores etc. Other places of interest in Northfield includes the Bridge Square (in the middle of Division), a park (with slides and swings!) and of course the residential areas. And of course, there is the Malt-O-Meal… the odor emitting, cereal factory that has become legendary. There is definitely more to the town than I have described herein. I hope that you will enjoy exploring the uncharted corners of Northfield once you get here!

Ayesha Mahmud
Here, There, Everywh… Oh, well, not Everywhere…
With a population of only 17,000, Northfield, Minnesota has no taxis, buses, or trains. But that also means no traffic, no honking horns, or noisy bikes. So what do we do for transportation if we don’t own a car?
No worries. Anywhere you’d want to go on a weekday is right down the street in downtown Northfield. There’s EconoFoods, SuperCuts, Hogan Brothers, and even Wells Fargo down the street. Of course, the nearest McDonalds, Target, or Cub Foods is further away, but you can ride the Love Bus that runs from Carleton to Target/Cub Foods and several other places along the way. It’s also free! They only run on the weekends, but since you’ll be swamped with work on the weekdays anyway you probably won’t even want to go unless it’s a Friday. If you do have to go somewhere within Northfield on a weekday, you can call Northfield Transit and ask them to take you anywhere you want within the town. Just call their number 2 hours in advance and tell them where you want to go. This is free as well!
Sometimes you do get sick of Northfield. When you do, you can ride the Co-op bus up to Mall of America, MSP Int’l Airport, and Downtown St. Paul for $5 one way. They run twice on Fridays and Sundays, and run four times on Saturdays. If you want to go to Minneapolis, you can take a light-rail train from Mall of America up to downtown Minneapolis. From Downtown St. Paul, you can also get to other parts of the city (including other colleges such as Concordia, Macalester, and St. Catherine’s) with the city bus. You may feel isolated here at Carleton, but keep in mind that you have all these opportunities to leave campus. If it gets unbearable, the best solution is to find a friend with a car! Many students do get through Carleton without ever owning one though. Many of the graduating international seniors don’t even know how to drive. So don’t worry! If I, an 8 year resident of Tokyo, Japan, can survive without public transportation, then so can you!
So now you’re here. You’ve arrived at Carleton. It’s been a couple of weeks; you’ve settled into your dorm, met a few people, taken some classes and been to your first college party. By now you’ve probably also realized that Northfield isn’t exactly the hotbed of excitement. Fear not! The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St.Paul are only a bus ride away. The cities are a great place for students with a yearning for authentic ethnic food, a longing for music or theatre, or simply for some shopping.

For the food needy, along Nicolet Avenue in Minneapolis there is a strip of restaurants, affectionately called “Eat Street”. The variety of food that you can find here is extremely broad, ranging from Greek and German to Vietnamese and Indian. If you happen to be in St. Paul when hunger strikes, try Sakura for some tantalizing Japanese food.

For those looking for entertainment of the refined sort, St.Paul is the perfect place. The Ordway theatre shows high profile, internationally acclaimed Broadway shows, like Rent and Les Misérables, as well as hosting the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and other musical performances. On the other side of the river in Minneapolis, the Guthrie Theatre is also known for staging shows throughout the year.

As for shopping, the list of places to visit is long. There is everything within theses two cities. Window shopping, walking around town and just spontaneously wandering into stores is highly recommended, simply because it also allows you to take in the other landmarks including the Capitol, St. Paul’s Cathedral, etc.

So if you are ever sick of the Carleton bubble, make your way to the cities and you will not be disappointed. Also, keep a watch out for posters advertising trips to the cities. They are frequent and almost always worth it!
Hvordan Gor det?
Tak! Hej hej! Those were the two words that I heard the most while I was in Denmark. In English, they mean “thank you” and “goodbye”. During the fall term of my senior year, I went to study international business and economics with the Denmark International Studies Program, an affiliate of University of Copenhagen. Prior to studying in Copenhagen, I had never visited Europe and I was filled with excitement and curiosity when I flew to Copenhagen from Tokyo. It felt as if I were in a fairy tale when I arrived in Copenhagen...it was just so pretty!
The country of Little Mermaid and Hans Christian Anderson– Copenhagen was indeed fairy tale like. The houses were so pretty and streets of Copenhagen were fancy and artistic. There was an amusement park called Tivoli, which was just so gorgeous, especially during Christmas time. The lights, decorations, and music were mesmerizing.
People were definitely awesome. Due to a large number of immigrants in Denmark, there was a lot of diversity. I thor-
“After graduating from Carleton in 2004 and spending a couple of months in the unemployment wilderness, I found a job at a small law firm in downtown Chicago, Futterman and Howard, Chartered. After a few months of working in the clerk capacity, I was offered a position as a paralegal and my responsibilities involve complex research, analysis of racial, ethnic and cultural issues for discrimination cases, previewing & compiling statistical data; analyzing and maintaining legal documents; preparing and assisting filings and trial preparation; conducting court filings. My future plans include applying to law school and practicing immigration law.”

“When I am not working, I spend my time reading, and spending time with my friends, most of whom are Carleton grads. We recently began a dinner club where we meet weekly to enjoy great conversation and a delicious meal cooked by one of the members. In true Carleton competition, this has turned into quite the gourmet competition!” - Sasheen M. E. Kramullah ‘04
“Upon graduation from Carleton, I moved to Iowa City, IA, to start my Masters degree in music therapy at the University of Iowa. I had naively thought that things would be similar and that I would get into the swing of things very quickly. As soon as the school year started, however, I realized that I was gravely mistaken. Not only is the academic scene different at a large state school, the social atmosphere is not at all like it is at Carleton. I was devastated by the fact that I was lacking the kinds of social and emotional support I had at Carleton from the first day of the International Student Orientation to the day of the Commencement. I am enjoying my new field of study and new responsibilities, but being away from Carleton has certainly made me appreciate Carleton that much more.”

~SooMie Kim

“I’ve just finished my second year as a doctoral student in Mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania and I passed my PhD entrance exam now I can start working on a thesis! As a graduate student, I’ve come to really appreciate Carleton; many courses here at Penn are taught by TAs (like me!) and what do I know about my subject?) and the undergraduates are much more focused on simply grades, grades and grades. Although I wasn’t always very happy with the small community of Northfield, I now realize that Carleton can be the ideal place for a foreign student who might feel a little lost in a new country.”

~Alina Badus ‘04