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## Welcome to Carleton College

The [College](#) strives to provide a liberal education of the highest quality. The goal of such an education is to liberate individuals from the constraints imposed by ignorance or complacency and prepare them broadly to lead rewarding, creative, and useful lives.

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### Getting around

You will find an aid to navigating this server at the bottom of many pages including this one, often in the form of a clickable image if your browser supports graphics. We encourage you to create a bookmark for this page.

The Carleton Office of Admissions provides [material of interest to prospective students and other visitors](#). Those looking for information on other departments can begin with either the [Campus guide](#), which covers everyone from Academic Computing to the Writing Program, or the [Academic Programs](#) area which lists the departments of instruction. There's also a guide to [student life](#), a special area dedicated to our [Alums](#), and "[Carleton in the News](#)."

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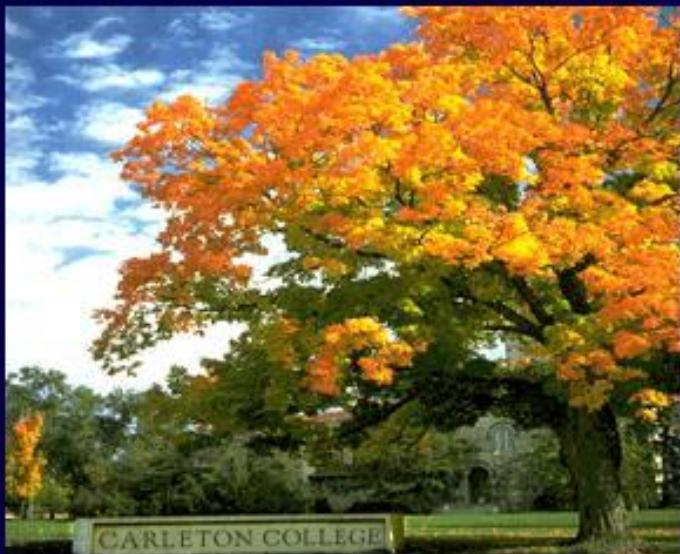
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Note also that we've only jumped ahead 8 months, but the page has changed significantly in that time.

Things to notice here: the right-side navigation, and the minimalism. Most Internet connections at this time, if you even had one at home, were over dialup (56kbps was fast).

Side note: what *are* "The Bald Spot" and "The Hot Spot"? These continue to appear for a while.

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Centered text is hard to read and process, so it's surprising that this was a convention for a while in the late 90s. Also: where should my attention focus? This is a usability nightmare.

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Engage **your** mind.

We jumped ahead 18 months, and another big change in look and feel.

I can pretty much guarantee there was no alt text for this image. Also, did you notice all of the drop shadows on this page?

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The next few pages in this slideshow share a similar layout. Notice what “enhancements” are added during this time period.

Top-bar navigation appears for the first time.

The 2-column layout with right-side navigation/content was prevalent during this time period. Note that the left-center column is wider than the right. This was also common at the time.

Also, we’re still centering content in the left-center column here.

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our [Spring Concert](#)?

our [Halloween Concert](#)?

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Historical note: Most home Internet connections are still dial-up (56 kbps), but DSL (faster Internet over landline, usually something like 2-10 Mbps) is starting to make its way to the home market.

Here, we add news just below the top nav bar.

This was before my time, but apparently former Pres. Clinton brought out Schiller during his speech.

**Commencement 2000** - 423 seniors will receive the bachelor of arts degree on June 10. President Clinton will speak, and George H. Dixon, Joyce A. Hughes '61, and Bruno Nettl will receive honorary degrees. Check here for official and up-to-date information.



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More news!

**Homecoming Weekend** - Homecoming is Saturday, October 21 and all the traditional activities have been planned. [Read the schedule of events...](#)

**Class of 2004 Family Weekend** - Family Weekend is an opportunity to experience the rich variety of activities and talent available at Carleton. October 20 - 22, 2000. [Read the schedule of events...](#)

**The Student Gateway** - The new portal for Carleton students makes it quick and easy to find what you need. (Previously called the Bald Spot.)



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Contacting institutions was so much easier back in the day.... No social media!

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A significant layout change here. The center real estate highlights photos --- a nod to the present-day slide show? Secondary navigation floats to the right.

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Q: where does your focus go first? Do you think that was the site designer's intent?

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and to sustain a commitment to the liberal arts.

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More secondary  
navigation down here.

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Search bar down here? Why?  
(Also a link up top.) What would Krug say?

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Were you missing the news up top? Because it's back.

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The Inauguration of  
**Robert A. Oden Jr.**

The Inauguration of Robert A. Oden Jr., Carleton's 10th president, is set for Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, 2002.  
[Full details >>](#)

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Look at the top navigation bar. See what changed in terms of navigation? In your opinion, was this a good change in terms of usability, or a poor choice?

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Search got fancier too. Do you see vestiges of this in Carleton's present-day pages?

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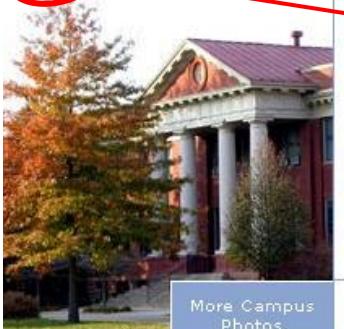
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Founded in 1866, Carleton College is an independent and highly selective liberal arts college with a diverse and exceptionally able student body, a talented faculty whose first priority is teaching, and a continued commitment to the liberal arts. Carleton is a national college enrolling approximately 1,900 students drawn from all 50 states and several other countries.

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## Features



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**Patrick Dougherty** spent three weeks constructing an environmental sculpture on campus using materials harvested from the Cowling Arboretum and the McKnight Prairie. [View exhibit.](#)



**We've Got Spirit—Yes, We Do!** The Gender Neutral Cheerboys and the Honking Knights pep band draw fans to Laird Stadium with wit and irreverence. [Full story.](#)

## Highlights

Fall '02 [Voice](#) (Carleton alumni magazine) now available.

[In the Gould Library Athenaeum](#): Author Reading/Book Signing featuring Chris Finan, author of *Alfred E. Smith: The Happy Warrior*. Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

[Inaugural Convocation](#) with Robert A. Oden Jr., Carleton's 10th President. Oct. 25 at 10:50 a.m.

[More Events](#)

## News

[Men's soccer: 5-0 triumph of Aurora \(Ill.\)](#)

[Quiz Team Takes First Place At Iowa State Tournament](#)

[U.S. News & World Report Ranks Carleton Fifth](#)

[Carleton Welcomes Class of 2006](#)

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Only a week has passed since the last snapshot, but we see a major change here.

Accessibility for slow Internet connections.

The 3 column layout makes an appearance, and morphs over time.

Again, it's a bit hard to know where to focus.

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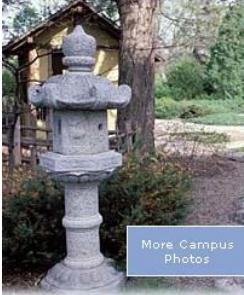
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## Features



The Lord of the Rings:  
The Return of the King  
- A Benefit for  
Carleton College

Please join us for the grand finale of the **Lord of the Rings** trilogy on Thursday, December 4, 2003! Barrie Osborne '66, producer of the highly acclaimed films, will once again host a benefit pre-screening for Carleton College, two weeks before the film opens nationally.  
[Event details.](#)



Carleton to host User and  
Network Services Day on  
Friday, December 5th,  
2003

Carleton College will be hosting the 4th Annual **User and Network Services Day**, a conference for technology (IT) staff from local private colleges. This year's conference has attendees from over 17 institutions. User and Network Services Day provides networking opportunities for technology professionals faced with similar challenges. [More info.](#)

## Custodial Staff Featured in Star Tribune

Carleton's custodial staff was featured in a story in the Star Tribune that highlighted their student scholarship fund. More than half of the custodians contribute from their paychecks to a fund that awards a scholarship to one student each year. [Full story.](#)

[Previous Features](#)

## Highlights

[Carleton Geology Faculty, Students and Staff Present Research](#)

[Upcoming Convocation schedule for Winter Term 2004](#)

Fall '03 issue of the **Voice** (alumni magazine) now available!

[More Events](#)

## News

[Carleton Joins Independent 529 Plan](#)

[Computer Science Students Place at Programming Contest](#)

[Men's Basketball: Forkrud, Greenberger pace Knights in exhibition victory](#)

[Men's Basketball: Tanner Schick tabbed for MIAC player of the week honors](#)

[Women's Basketball: Engel leads Knights past Norse](#)

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“Professors are engaging, peers are inspiring, and one learns SO MUCH about oneself and the world.” —Lizzie Fink ’10

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Fall 2007 Voice



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## Campus Events Calendar

Today (Friday, February 8th)

DEADLINE: Project 60 Applications—  
Extended to February 155:30pm International Cooking Night *Asia House*6:30pm SUMO: Freedom Writers *Olin Hall*  
1498:00pm Christopher U. Light Lectureship  
Concert II: Music of Alex Freeman *Concert Hall*9:00pm SUMO: Stand and Deliver *Olin Hall*  
1499:30pm MC Cool Breeze *The Cave*11:30pm SUMO: Freedom Writers *Olin Hall*  
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## News & Stories from Carleton

### Varsity Athletics

Men's Basketball: Drake Receives  
Academic All-District AwardWomen's Basketball: Knights Overcome  
Slow Start to Pick Up Victory  
Knights Earn Academic All-Conference

### Sustainability

The Mighty Turbine - January 2008 Data  
shout

Truly Execrable Sci-Fi Prose

### Carleton News

Climate Change Expert to Present  
ConvocationPresident Oden Pens Essay on "Middle  
East Mosaics" OCS Experience

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We've jumped ahead in time. This is the first big change we see in a while. We see “frames” with different levels of navigation, and the 3-column layout has moved down to make room for the slideshow of images (which appears in the blank spot).

Why is this blank? Most likely, because the image was changing as the archive took the snapshot.

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[Seeing Is Knowing: the Universe](#) Perlman Teaching Museum

[Fall Term meal plan change deadline](#)

[Multicultural Alumni Network Board Meeting](#)

[Russian in Moscow Agreement Forms DUE](#)

[French in Paris Agreement Forms DUE](#)

[Ecology in Australia Agreement Forms DUE](#)

[Music Lesson Assistance Form Due](#)

[1st Five Week Course Drop/Add & S/CR/NC Course Designation Deadline](#)

[English in London Agreement Forms DUE](#)

[Geo in New Zealand Agreement Forms DUE](#)

[Pol Sci in DC Agreement Forms DUE](#)

*Ongoing*

[Masquerades in Africa \(Version 1.0\)](#) (through Nov. 17) Gould Library

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**Carleton News**

[Carleton College Celebrates the Opening of its new Weitz Center for Creativity with Two Inaugural Art Exhibits](#)

[Carleton Hosts a Community Open House at its New Weitz Center for Creativity](#)

[Carleton Awarded Grant to Launch Annual Contemporary French Film Festival](#)

**Varsity Athletics**

[Women's Golf: Kabasakalis Ties School Mark, Knights Set New Mark in Wartburg Invite First Round](#)

[Volleyball: Youso Leads Knights to 3-1 Weekend](#)

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More real estate devoted to the content in this part of the page. Which could just be because apparently Friday, September 16, 2011 was a very busy day on campus.

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Carleton students don't conform to a mold. Carleton students are diverse, open-minded, and curious. —Grace Whitmore '14  
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**Today (Wednesday, June 25th)**  
 8:30am TIAA-CREF Individual Retirement Counseling Alumni Guest House Library  
 10:00am Web Wednesdays Sayles-Hill Great Space

**Thursday, June 26th**  
 East Dining Hall - Open East Dining Hall  
**Ongoing**  
 Registration for Fall Term (through Sep. 12)

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[Carleton Responds to Northfield Flood Emergency](#)  
[Carleton's "Lighten Up!" Garage Sale Postponed](#)

**Community Connections**  
[Carleton and Northfield Historical Society Present Inaugural Jesse James Film Festival](#)  
[Carleton Alumni Set to Return to Campus for Reunion Weekend June 19-22](#)

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Now, the content is more balanced, which is easier on the eyes.

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## World-Class Academics

Carleton is renowned for its rigorous liberal arts curriculum and excellence in undergraduate teaching.

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## A Friendly, Vibrant Campus

Carleton students balance academics with a full life outside the classroom, through hundreds of student groups and campus activities.

[Campus Life & Photos](#)



## Affordable to All

Carleton offers some of the best financial aid in the U.S. We're committed to meeting 100% of financial need for all admitted students, all four years.

[Financial Aid Estimator](#)



## Global Opportunities

More than 70% of Carleton students study abroad — from Paris and London to Shanghai and Timbuktu.

[Off-Campus Studies](#)



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### Today (Sunday, November 30th)

10:00am Sunday Morning Brunch Dacie Moses House, 110 Union St., Northfield

#### Ongoing

Oology: The Art & Science of Eggs (through Jan. 5, 2015) Gould Library

Process of Illumination: Scribal Imagination in the Middle Ages (through Jan. 5, 2015) 4th floor, Laurence McKinley Gould Library

Weitz Café Closed (through Jan. 4, 2015) Weitz

Winter Break (through Jan. 4, 2015)

Registration for Winter Term (through Jan. 2, 2015)

Bookstore Winter Break Hours (through Jan. 2, 2015) Bookstore, Sayles-Hill Campus Center

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[Carleton's Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale Returns to the Weitz Center](#)

Photo Feature: Autumn Beauty

#### Varsity Athletics

Men's Basketball: Knights Pull Away from Vikings to Win Season Opener

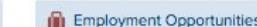
Men's Cross Country: Knights Headed Back to NCAA Championships

#### The Carletonian

Student Projects Shed Light on the Dark Ages

#### Voice

Man vs. Machine



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Slide show should be here. It was not captured in the snapshot.

This view was fairly consistent up until the beginning of this year (ish), when the homepage changed to sliding frames. How was this page similar to, and different from, pages of other colleges you looked at when making your college decision?