





Those were the days, when we had an eternity of time between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

What did you do with that time?

Maybe you went home, and spent six weeks doing nothing other than spending a bit too much time with the parents.

Or maybe you grabbed a minimum-wage seasonal job: retail stores, restaurants and UPS were top employers of the Class of '85. Sarah (Ladner) Maris spent her winter breaks working as a bank teller in a local mall, counting thousands of french-fry-scented one-dollar bills deposited by McDonalds and hundreds of greasy twenties from the local gas station. These jobs were not glamorous, but they helped make a dent in the tuition bill.

Some hearty souls chose to embrace the Northfield winter wonderland, working punch-the-clock jobs on campus and enjoying evenings kicking back on the quiet campus. Campus security guard at night, Kyle MacKay spent her days in Burton as a dorm guard, attempting to sleep and reading the entire Lord of the Rings trilogy in a cold, dim dorm room, imagining a warm, crackling fire.

The more diligent among us, including the lab rat, Dave Alberg, geeked out in the lab every night. Dave's challenge was to breach the nightly goal-line stand thrown at him by the boys in the Barn and trudge back to campus to log a few more hours of research. Dave was able to stand his ground every night except one. We're sure that one night of lost time cost him the Nobel Prize, but it was probably worth it.

No matter what we did for Winter Break, the one thing we had in common is that we couldn't wait for the return of all the students to campus so we could catch up with friends and classmates!

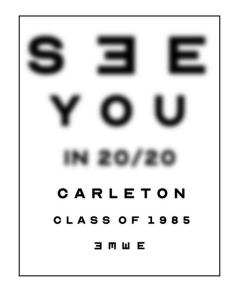
As you remember your own Winter Break adventures and stare down your own inner goal-line stands around these holidays, grab your calendar and get your plans in place to get yourself to Northfield in June. It will be just like coming back after the long break—catching up and sharing stories with classmates you haven't seen in way too long.

And start thinking about our class heroes. Who among us has done something remarkable since Carleton, either in their field, or in the community, on a national or even micro level? We will be honoring our inspiring classmates at the '85 Class Dinner on Saturday night. **Share your Class Hero nominations** here.

Note that Reunion registration opens in early March. You'll want to sign up early to get a space in the air-conditioned townhomes reserved for our class.

Can't wait to see you in 2020!

Marya and Kyle







Marya Then

Marya Now







Kyle Now





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