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The Board of Trustees

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To the Carleton Community:

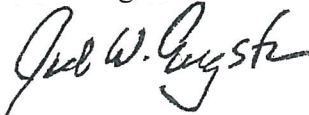
After more than seven years of leading Carleton, President Rob Oden has informed the Board of Trustees of his wish to retire at the end of this academic year, in June 2010. We reluctantly accept his decision, and are forever grateful for all he's done for Carleton and will do in this next year. His ceaseless energy and enthusiasm for the College and love for the liberal arts has been evident at every step, with every set of remarks to the community. Students often remark that President Oden's open friendliness characterizes the Carleton they have come to love. His encouragement for the entirety of the College's mission, including his enthusiastic support of Carleton athletics and the arts, is appreciated by all.

Rob's time at Carleton is now limited but he assured us his commitment to the College will continue as strongly as ever. Much has been accomplished during his tenure at Carleton, including the establishment of new graduation requirements, the hiring of 15 new faculty, and the building of Cassat and Memorial Halls. Yet, we have much to do together to fulfill the ambitious goals we have set in the coming months, including the successful conclusion of our \$300 million *Breaking Barriers, Creating Connections* fundraising campaign.

The Board of Trustees has primary responsibility for bringing a new president to Carleton, and to managing an efficient transition, but we will need the help of the entire Carleton community along the way. Over the next few weeks, the Board will create a search committee, which will be co-chaired by Trustee Cathy Paglia and me.

Rob will be with us until next June and we promise him support for this year and congratulate him for the great contributions he has already made to Carleton.

Best Regards,



Jack W. Eugster '67  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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