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In other news, the city council recently approved a new budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget includes increased funding for public safety, mental health services, and education. The council also voted to increase the property tax rate in order to fund these new initiatives. The budget was met with mixed reactions from the community, with some expressing concern over the increased tax burden.

However, there was also good news for the community. A local non-profit organization recently received a large grant to fund a new program that will provide affordable housing for low-income families. The program is expected to benefit hundreds of families in the area and is a significant step towards addressing the housing crisis.

Finally, the city is planning to host a major festival later this year. The festival will feature a variety of events, including music, arts, and cultural performances. The festival is expected to bring thousands of visitors to the city and is anticipated to be a significant economic boost.

In conclusion, while there are challenges facing the community, there are also many opportunities for growth and improvement. The city council, local non-profits, and the community as a whole are working together to address these challenges and create a brighter future for all.
Rachel Leatham, Program Director for Internships and Experiential Learning

Rachel joined the Career Center in March 2015 because of Carleton’s "stellar academic reputation and demonstrated commitment to students." The chance to work with talented, bright, and committed professionals made the job even more appealing. She says she was struck by the dedication, humor, and sense of comradery, and that it felt like a place where she could bring her diplomatic and public service experience to bear as new, exciting initiatives were being launched.

As a believer in life-long learning, she says "it’s thrilling to see the enthusiasm among students to serve communities and make a difference in the world." Whether securing a research opportunity or traveling to a new city without any known connections and thriving, or facing disappointment and rejection with optimism, she "has the privilege of hearing people discover their voices and gaining tremendous skills to use throughout their lives." She lives in Northfield with husband Benjamin, their 4-year-old daughter, and Monty (the wunderdog). Originally from Minnesota, she lived in and around D.C. for the prior 15 years, making for "a surprising feeling of culture-shock" upon her return. Since coming back, she’s enjoyed reconnecting with family in the area, and hopes to invest more time in "entertaining and cooking real food for guests, reading fiction, biking, and exploring new areas, near and far."

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Thanks to everyone who assisted in the success of Stopped. Guest speaker J.R.’s residency during winter term provided an interesting opportunity to talk about various dynamics of sex and gender. The Gender & Sexuality Center also, in collaboration with CSA, were able to send three students to the Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Ally Conference in Chicago. This opportunity allowed them to see how gender and sexuality are discussed at various campuses throughout the Midwest.

31 students completed the Green Dot 6-hour training during Winter Term, bringing our total number of students trained since fall 2015 to 230. Spring term trainings will be held on Thursdays during 15th, 26th, and 27th weeks. We will also hold a one-hour overview for faculty and staff. Green Dot facilitator training will be held at Carleton over the summer from July 31 – August 4 in the Great Hall. Up to 50 staff and faculty can attend and join our pool of Green Dot training facilitators.

Dacie Moses’ House hosted 96 people for the Firebells/Dacie Moses Valentine’s Brunch. We have had a busy guestroom month hosting alumni, parents, and Carleton guests for 15 nights. Student Workers had a homemade ice cream and chocolate sauce break from studying. Dacie’s is presently recruiting for House Residents and the Dacie Moses Award.

While there was a single confirmed case of mumps at Carleton in January, and subsequent suspected but negative cases which created an infectious period lasting until February 15, SHAC is grateful for the fact that 95% of Carleton students are fully immunized against this disease. Kudos to our medical and administrative staff for working so diligently with state and county health agencies to ensure everything went so smoothly! Also, we’re pleased to announce that there has still been regular access to counseling and increased psychiatric services throughout the term even as we’ve expanded our offerings with added group programming. If you’re looking for a counseling appointment, give us a call or just stop by—we’ll find something that works with your schedule!

The Office of Residential Life has been busy this winter term with the process to placing returning RAs for next year. In addition, we are preparing for closing on Thursday, March 16. We have 158 students leaving this winter term and 154 students returning for fall.

As spring draws near, students are utilizing the Career Center’s services and resources to assist with finding an internship that allows them to explore their career interests and develop transferable career-related liberal arts skills. Several Career Center staff members accompanied a group of Carleton students on Feb. 23rd to the annual Minnesota Private Colleges Job & Internship Fair at the Convention Center in Minneapolis. Students had the opportunity to network/interview with employers who were actively recruiting for jobs and internships. Thanks to generous financial contributions from Carleton alumni and parents, students can pursue diverse opportunities to gain professional experience domestically and abroad. The deadline for all domestic and international internship funding applications is April 15th. Applications are evaluated on the basis of the quality of their application and their level of financial need.

The Office of Health Promotion completed a successful winter wellness challenge. Many thanks to all of the folks who participate in the Carleton Coalition on Alkohol and Marijuana (CCAM) for the support and guidance! Data from the evaluation will be coming soon, but preliminary results indicate that those who participated in the challenge felt better equipped to handle their stress.

The Student Activities Office (SAO) has been busy this month. A few events hosted by SAO and the Student Activities Programming Board (SAPB) include the 37th annual Midwinter Ball, laser tag, and the Ethiopian American celebration. SAO also supports Carleton’s academic teams - Model UN, Debate/Forensics, and Mock Trial - who won many awards in their respective competitions this term.

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**Workshop Series - A Move Towards A More Inclusive Campus**

As part of a comprehensive plan for Student Life staff to gain training and awareness around issues pertaining to bias, discrimination, and exclusion, staff are participating in a series of workshops to equip themselves with the necessary tools for advancing equity and diversity in all aspects of their work and personal lives. These workshops address the complexity and challenges of being an ally and leader around issues pertaining to diversity. Participation counts towards the Equity and Diversity Certificate that is offered through the University of Minnesota’s Office of Diversity and Equity. Since the work of equity and diversity is about creating community, the workshops provide staff with opportunities to engage in meaningful small group discussions as they work through different scenarios, share self-reflections, and discuss their reactions to frameworks for addressing diversity and equity. These trainings emphasize building trust through attentive listening, respectful disagreement, and taking risks. These intentional efforts will assist the Dean of Students Office and the Division of Student Life with taking actions that affirm Carleton as a truly inclusive community.
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