Jewish ritual object stolen from Evanston

I live in the hall director apartment in Evanston, next to the library.

While I was away this past week, my mezuzah, a Jewish ritual object, was ripped off my door frame. I had placed it in a small wooden frame on the wall near the entrance to my room. It was securely attached with several nails, and it is almost certain that the mezuzah was taken by force with a small crowbar or similar instrument.

This mezuzah is significant to me because it holds a great deal of meaning and sentimental value. It was given to me by my mother during my bar mitzvah and has been a constant reminder of my Jewish identity and heritage. The mezuzah is a symbol of faith and protection, and I would greatly appreciate it if the person who stole it returned it or provided information on its whereabouts.

I believe that the mezuzah was stolen not only because of its sentimental value to me, but also because of the lack of security in our community. This incident highlights the importance of increased security measures and awareness of the safety of our ritual objects.

I hope that whoever has this mezuzah will contact me or anyone who may have information about its location. Thank you for your assistance.

Rabbi Joel Reznick

Carleton is committed to financial aid

In last week's Carletonian (January 11), I wrote an opinion piece calling for an end to the Carleton College budget surplus and the related tax that the students pay in the form of mandatory extra fees.

The Carletonian's budget surplus program is a financial quagmire. It results in the surplus of $6000, and the expenses involved in the CSA all-campus dinner ($2000) and the expenses involved in the CSA all-campus dinner ($2000). The surplus is not only a result of the mandatory fees, but also of the lack of transparency in the budget allocations.

The lack of transparency in the Carleton budget surplus program is a serious problem. It is important to ensure that the surplus is not being used to fund unnecessary expenditures or to cover losses in other areas of the budget. It is crucial that we hold the administration accountable for their financial decisions and ensure that the Carletonian's mission of providing financial aid is not being compromised.

I would like to hear from students about their thoughts on the surplus program, and if they have any suggestions for how to improve the transparency and accountability of the budget process. I encourage students to reach out to me or the administration to express their concerns.

Sara Schnur

Viewpoint Editor

Letters to the Editor

Putting our mouths where our mouths are?

With its current structure, Carleton could further the Milwaukee Brewers, a twenty-five year old team in the behemoth, and still have enough left over for the Minnesota Twins. $35 million is the amount Carleton is currently spending on its athletics programs. The fact that the College is not devoting all of its surplus to athletics is due to the fact that Carleton's athletics programs are not generating enough revenue to cover their expenses.

For Carleton to become a reality, it will need a decision, however, and students did not have the chance to voice their opinions. According to recent attempts to improve student opinion, investing sums of money this large should be left to qualified professionals. If the CSA is to become a reality, it will need to be supported by qualified professionals in the student body, and it will need the students' voice.

A number of colleges similar in size and reputation to Carleton already publish a lot of the opinions they are in, withholding only the opinions of each individual. Carleton's student community is not a democratic process. The Carletonian needs to reflect the school's integrants and values.

Carleton made a conscious decision not to invest in tobacco. A thought-provoking decision, I find it very upsetting to think that many people will take the time to stop the tobacco industry, not to mention the harm it inflicts on people, and still allow a guest to do it.

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