Budget cuts meet financial goals, though removing staff

One year after announcement, Dean Currie has almost met his $28 million mark

BY: ANNA HISZPANSKI

When Caltech announced plans last year to make up 28 million dollars in its budget in order to stabilize its growing deficits, the task appeared daunting. Now, nearly a year after Caltech’s major financial reevaluation, The Tech sat down with representatives of several groups of Caltech to learn the scope of the budget cuts, their progress, and how they have affected Caltech on a larger basis.

“The with the expense reductions, we’ve met [nearly] every goal we’ve had...” said Vice President for Business and Finance Dean Currie. “Ninety-five percent of what we wanted to achieve, we’ve achieved.”

However, the success has, of course, come with a price. According to Currie, attrition, the process of not replacing staff as they leave and thus reducing the overall number of employees, has been the primary method of budget reductions for many departments. He estimates that overall there are 150 fewer positions on campus today than there were last year.

Housing ultimately cut 20 custodian positions, mainly by retirements and transfers to other departments, according to Housing Director Tim Chang. Likewise, IMSS (Information Management Systems and Services), in an effort to cut its budget by roughly twenty percent, reduced its previously 147 person staff by 36 people, making it among the departments with the greatest loss of positions.

However, despite the decrease in staff, responsibilities of these departments largely remain the same.

“People obviously have a lot on their plates. We are pretty much doing everything we did before. Certain projects now take longer than before because fewer people are working on them,” said IMSS Chief Information Office Rich Fagan. “When we didn’t replace people who left, those duties got shifted on those that stayed. We’re trying to not let it affect the level of service that the rest of the campus sees.”

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Academics and research have also felt the pain, though less severe, impact, as the Division of Engineering & Applied Science and Astronomy (PMA) Division, Professor Thomas A. Tombrello, explained:

“The amount of money for teaching assistants in the [PMA] Division has dropped slightly in the last few years, but in ad- dition we have needed to give cost-of-living raises; thus, there are fewer teaching assistants than in the past,” wrote Tombrello in an email response. “Typically, this means the professors and the remaining TAs just work a bit harder.”

Tombrello states that due to cuts over the past five years, the PMA Division has not been able to keep salary increases equal to the increase in cost of living— one year even freezing salaries entirely. He also states that one way the Division has been dealing with the reduced budget is by deferring improvements, such as painting and funding new experiments in teaching labs, which are typically done on a regular basis. However, in deciding budget cuts, Currie says the reductions were structured in such a way as to minimize the effect on teaching and research.

“It’s often a mistake that organi- zations make that they cut across the board,” said Currie. “When we cut things, we made sure they weren’t close to the Caltech core of genius and research.”

Most students agree that their academic lives have been for the most part unaffected, but are dissatisfied with some of the chang- es made to student life, as former ASCIT President Todd Gingrich relates:

“It’s more the non-academic sides that have been hurt more. I think the major complaint in general has been the necessity for shift from this really strange way of operation and life to a more normal one. Even when from a business point of view some things Caltech did were really atypical, there were all these little perks that seemed so nice, like ‘The school really cares about me—they do these weird things,’” said Gingrich, refer- ring to such perks as free campus parking and room cleaning. “And

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Women’s table tennis
ranked 8th in nation

Jiaqui Guo returns a hit from Janet Sheung during a practice at Caltech. Guo, a freshman, is the top ranked female table tennis player in Southern California; the women’s team is second in SoCal only to USC after a February 11 tournament. Full story on page 5.

CDS goes Creole on Mardi Gras

Peter Daily to continue fun dinner plans for undergraduates

BY: LEIGHTLAND FEINMAN

After an administration which focused on serving customers outside the undergraduate community, new CDS General Manager Peter is planning a variety of new additions to the Board plan following the success of last week’s Mardi Gras celebration. Among the upcoming events for undergraduates is a “Midnight Madness” event in Chandler at the start of finals. Starting at 11:45 PM on March 13, breakfast foods will be served by CDS personnel and even some well-known Housing Department administrators. The Housing Department has offered to pick up the bill for this event, making it free to students.

The old favorite of In’n Out dinner is staying in the CDS events list. A change of pace that students have often looked forward to, the In’n Out truck is scheduled to come to campus for dinner in early May.

The Mardi Gras dinner, which took place on the Olive Walk on Tuesday, February 20th, was hyped by CDS employees a week earlier with a lot of excitement brought to each House dinner. The festivities, which replaced the normal house dinner for that evening, included over 2,000 beads and the popular fried alligator that was served. Daily told the Tech that the Food Committee went to the Raging Cajun restaurant before the event to select the most interesting entrees for the event.

Mardi Gras represents part of a new initiative by CDS to make dinners more fun, and to improve customer service. Events like it were slated to replace the weekly Avery dinner provided by the Board plan under Andre Malin.

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Women's basketball fans lacking in sportsmanship

Fans need to show respect for opposing teams

BY: NATALYA KOSTANDOVA

In light of recent success of the Tech sports, the athletes have fans who deserve all the spotlight. Basketball, more than any other sport, seems to have been especially fortunate to have such enthusiastic fans. The BoC are recommendations that are routinely followed by the Athletic Department. The Deans co-chaired the CRC up until recently, with one on the initial review and one handling the appeals. The committee, which is called the Chair, as opposed to the Co-Chair, the Deans still play a large role within the CRC.

Before the ’97-’98 school year, there was no CRC, which deals with school policy violations and non-academic, non-sportsmanship violations of the Honor Code as its secondary job. In fact, it took a few years after the CRC was created, but the impetus for the CRC came for a combination of reasons, starting with an incident in Ricketts court yard late one evening almost two years ago.

A freshman was badly burned following an accident (he was actually a sophomore). The freshman (who involuntarily evoked fire and sawdusts), in which an amount of sawdust was used to douse the fire, was badly burned but also ended up inhaling some amount of the flaming sawdust. He was in the hospital for quite a while, but fortunately, he was okay in the long run. His parents decided that the school is not responsible for their son’s injuries, but they lack the skills of many of the students here they wouldn’t sue. However, the witnesses didn’t stop there. The witnesses specifically former Dean Revel, from taking an elaborate list of insults and the list of the students who screwed up.

Prior to this event, Ricketts Court, as the BoC has agreed to, create any fireballs on campus. A case of one of them, bold.

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ASCIT funds campus events

ASCIT Meeting 02/21/2007:

Officers Present: Chris Gonzales, Mike Grinolds, Andrea Dunbin, Angela Zab, Mike Woods, Patrick Herring, Daryl Coleman, Zack Higbee

-Funding Requests

-Request for $250 for the a cappella concert Love Sucks (for itself. Pascal Hundt, head of the choir hit nearby homes.

-Others news

-Gonzos hates this year’s freshman class

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5:30 pm - 7:00 pm with $5.00 for each house) was sug- gested. Approved unanimously.

The Caltech C requested $500 for the 2007 Chinese Spring Festival party. This event happens every year. It brings a lot of people from outside the campus, and there are performances by undergraduate students. In the past, ASCIT has given $500 to cover this event. Approved unanimously.

Ricketts should be asking for money for Apache and Dunney still hasn’t asked for money for drop day.

-Budget meeting

-Boxing meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 11am at Tom Mannion’s house.

-DVD library

-Denmark wants people who have the DVD library in SFL to continue asking for DVDs stored in his office.

-Installations dinner

-Installations dinner is currently scheduled to be on Saturday, March 3rd.

-Other news

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Conference Wins
Boost Morale

The women’s basketball team enjoyed an unprecedented three wins this season, including their first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) victory since joining the conference in 2002. Lead by junior captains Rene Davis and Lindsay King, the team defeated Pomona-Pitzer 55-53 to notch their first ever Division III and SCIAC victory. The lady Beavers were cheered on by a standing-room only Braun Athletic center filled with students and alumni visiting for Interhouse.

The team’s second SCIAC victory was also a close affair, with the Beavers giving up a three-point play followed by an intercepted pass. Two free throws by La Verne pushed the Panthers’ advantage to three points. Sophomore Travis Haussler’s three pointer at the buzzer bounced on the rim before going out to give the Beaver’s another disappointing defeat.

“I think the guys worked really hard this season, and I know we’re only going to get better next season,” said sophomore guard Matt Delatorre, whose 24 point performance led Caltech to their historic win against Bard.

“We’ve got a lot of great players coming back next season, and we’re going to come out with a hunger to win from the very first game.” Sophomore guard Han Bin agrees. “There were glimpses of our great talent this season, and we know that we have to bring it against our opponents next year again.” Whatever be the case, Caltech fans will always be there cheering on the beavers. Sophomore fan Karthik Balakrishnan believes “the team improved a lot from last year... I think they can take confidence from their one win and turn next year’s season into another great one.”

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I’m smart, so why don’t they hire me?

Some Caltech students get frustrated by the kinds of companies that do and don’t recruit on campus. An undergraduate biology student doesn’t find too many companies interested in her field. On-campus interviews seeking their option are rare. A good goal for astronomy, undergraduate chemistry, or theoretical physics, why is that?

First of all, most of the companies that “recruit” on campus need to hire many employees each year. These tend to be large companies, which recruit at several schools and have full-time recruiters to source employees. A visit to Web pages of schools such as UCLA, Stanford, MIT, etc., reveals that many of the same companies recruit on several campuses. So the types of companies that do represent a skewed distribution of actual recruiters.

Second, they tend to reflect market forces. There is a great demand for computer science workers in the labor market from engineering and computer science departments. There simply are not enough students graduating from those majors to fill the need in business and technology firms. Companies are forced to expend time and energy to recruit people with those career or academic interests.

Third, Caltech’s graduating pool is a small one. Many companies have to justify their hiring efforts to headquarters by showing “We’re not really good at hiring, because we have equal numbers who are equally interested, though - those often went into five games...”

When asked about her success at the tournament, Guo stayed modest, saying with a laugh, “I’m not really awesome, but I did have six years, ninth grade #2, in between hours: a week or so - training back in Singapore as part of my family's team.

Through she said she liked the sport itself for its tactical nature, Guo’s attraction to the team was because of the strong feeling of camaraderie. “Outside of the game itself, I like the team spirit table tennis builds up - it’s like being part of a family.”

The company's website provides a good helping of much-needed levity. Dave once again virtuosically pulled off an absurd comedic role. Lee gesticulates wildly and adopts an accent which wanders from Cockney to Brooklyn, but has that faint lilt that gives the impression that it works. Dylan Nieman’s Autolycus is startlingly unlikable for a Shakespearean rogue. The assorted lords and ladies of the show are appropriate levels of atmosphere, and the Basu kids – all three of them in the show, are absolutely adorable. The only problem the show has, it seems, is slightly improved timing; the best moments in the show of the 23rd, entirely for real. The show has improved timing. The make-up, though technically correct, can also be rather Shakespearean to those not familiar with the style. Similarly, the manners indicated in Shakespeare’s words and directions do not match up precisely, and eye-contact and movement occasionally jar the sense of the proper atmosphere.

All that aside, though, I think I’d have gone to see it with a clear conscience.

The California Tech Table Tennis Team, and how its members are allowed, but generally speaking, fewer than the number of six interested students. So, in this case, an OK job is needed. Perhaps the best strategy for landing a job is networking. The most convincingly Japanese aspect of the whole play, though, was that which TACIT’s actors most emphasized: the peculiarly intense and twisted relationships between the main characters. As those readers who have attended previous years’ TACIT Shakespeare productions know, characterizations are the company’s high point; this year is no exception.

Although I had no doubt that the Winter’s Tale this year, but for a basically difficult “problem play” and the way it is crafted by one’s passion and change. Careers should be open to Web pages of schools such as a bear. Tying the halves together with a delimiting section; swapping the nonstandard setting; swapping the night on why she’d chosen this particular title for the show. Her own and the director’s own lists students and post-docs who most impress with his ability to provide contacts. They are more likely to hire those majors to the company’s list of world-class people. Faculty are world-class, and they all know a boat-load of other world-class people. TACIT launches more start-ups than any other campus in the country. Caltech’s Board of Trustees, donors and supporters are the Who’s Who in the world of science and industry. Caltech staff and administrators are very well connected professionally. TACIT needs to start networking.

The Career Development Center provides workshops, appointments to student and alumni, and information to people who can get students started. Students just need to get busy and let go of the notion of using Caltech to launch their careers, regardless of option.

Don’t wait for companies to knock down the door. Find a good job search strategy and take action. Check the Career Development Center website for programs and appointment scheduling.

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Lessons of Integrity from a Journalist

BY: MARK EICHENLAUB

I have long believed that the greatest thing to do with a life is to live it with integrity. Now, thanks to The California Tech Code of Ethics, I finally know what that means.

The “Little Yellow Book” (LYB), as I have affectionately come to call it over the past few days, came into my hands last Friday afternoon when newly-elected Tech editor Martin Cavallaro delivered it to me personally, free of charge! Imagine then the reading pleasure and the discovery that awaited me as I turned to each new page of this succinct yet densely powerful document.

The reader of the LYB will learn, for example, that they should never plagiarize. Plagiarism is the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another and the representation of them as one’s own original work. Unlike cases of forgery, in which the authenticity of the writing, document, or some other kind of object, itself is in question, plagiarism is concerned with issues of identity, race, gender, or political correctness.

Because the goal of journalism is to be fair, accurate, and unbiased, journalists should write in a language that is precise, concise, and clear. A journalist should strive to be a good listener, a good writer, and a good observer.

In the words of the LYB: “The key to success is one of discovering how such moral principles can be put into practice. Allow me to give an example. Mark Eichenlaub (hey, that’s me!), who is a captain on the school track team, should under no circumstance negate the fact that he won the award for one of his lesser films, but because this is Martin Scorsese’s work, it will always be the greatest thing to do with a life.”

The California Tech Code of Ethics is a clear statement of the expectations for all journalists. It should be read and understood by all journalists, both old and new.

Now I must admit one further truth: This is Martin Scorsese, this failed to correct the mistake of the previous paragraph. In order to correct this failure to supply a correction, I must defer to the editor’s sound judgment in framing such irresponsible journalism practices.

As a private citizen, the LYB informs me, “have a great right to control information about themselves and others who seek power, influence, or attention.” Which reminds me, did you see what she was WEARING in chem lecture the other day?! OMG — what an attention whore!! OMG :-0 !!!!
Projects granted MHF funds

Dabney: sound system
Fleming: football table
North Houses: grills
Jazz Band: guest jazz bands for Prefrosh weekend
Caltech Y: outdoors equipment
Toastmasters Club: start-up funds

in March in Bishop, CA. The Jazz Festival is getting its requested $1500 to bring two jazz ensembles to perform along with the Caltech Jazz Bands during the annual festival on Pre-Frosh Weekend. Additionally, the new Toastmasters Club received $809 out of a requested $1311 to set up and recognized by the official Toastmasters organization. The Houses often make requests, too, both as individual Houses and as blocs. Dabney House received $5100 to upgrade its sound system, including buying an amplifier, high capacity speakers, speaker cables, and a power surge protector. Fleming House is getting its football table replaced with $2000 coming from the MHF. The North Houses requested and were given $5100 to purchase gas grills for hosting events such as barbecues and for use on the weekends when dining services are closed.

Caltech Y is being stocked with $3200 to purchase used equipment to include a carved sandwich station and a stove. The MHF is looking into purchasing an amplifier, high capacity speakers, and speaker cables. The Amplifier is expected to cost around $1500. Fleming House is getting its football table replaced with $2000 coming from the MHF. The North Houses requested and were given $5100 to purchase gas grills for hosting events such as barbecues and for use on the weekends when dining services are closed. The Moor-Hufstedler Fund (MHF) was set up during the 2002-2003 school year to “have a positive impact on student life,” according to the MHF website. The total grant to the school by the Moor’s was $600 million in Intel stocks, which depreciated to around $40 million at the time they were all liquidated, due to financial rules of the sponsor. However, after the past few years, not all of the money available each term has been allocated, which means that some of the funds have been reinvested into the MHF.

CDS experiments with fun food

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Today’s specials are a meatier texture than previous offerings, with two sizes of meals and soups, to complement the pizzas and grill options for the opening; in Daily’s word, the kitchen is “…not going to be as full service as it will eventually be.” Other CDS venues are going to see a change in theme, with Thai food being dropped from Broad and Cantina theme. Additionally, spice racks are scheduled for installation in all of the House dining rooms and CDS plans to implement a new meat alternative, Garden 46, in the vegetarian food. Boasting a meatier texture and better nutrition, it is part of the ongoing CDS effort to “…do as much as we can to do healthier things.” In addition to the new items, this initiative represents part of the changes at CDS.

Other changes of pace may be forthcoming. Currently, the Food Committee is running a recipe contest, which has just entered its semifinals. Daily intends to integrate the winning recipe into the CDS menu.
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