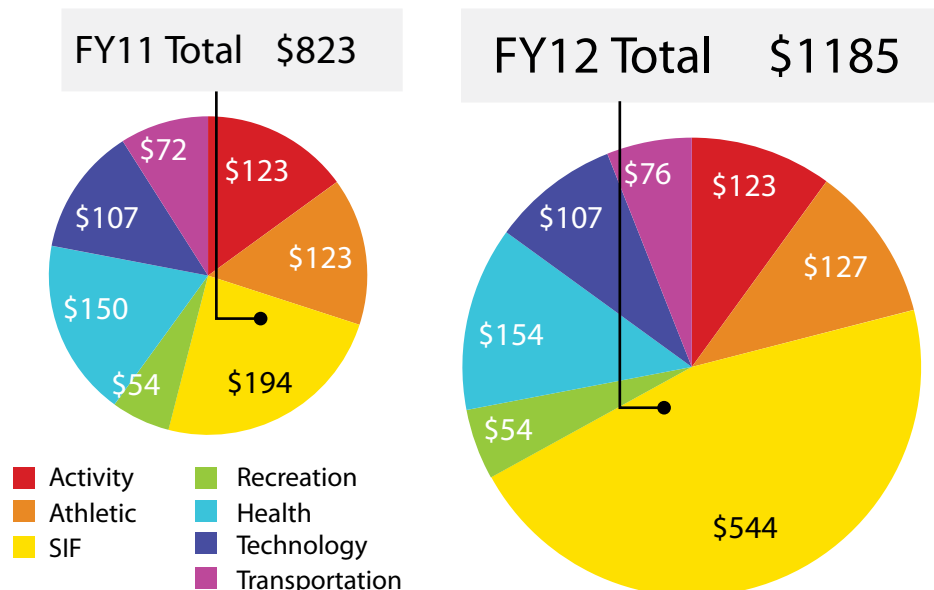




BoR announces tuition, fee hikes



By Mike Donohue
SGA Editor

In response to a \$356 million shortfall, the Board of Regents (BoR) voted on Tuesday to raise tuition at Tech by \$106 per semester and the Special Institutional Fee, also known as the Academic Excellence Fee, by \$350 per semester. The tuition increase will not affect those students who entered Tech in Fall 2008 and are under the Fixed for Four tuition plan. It will also not affect those students

who are Zell Miller scholars and paid by the HOPE scholarship. All graduate and undergraduate students will be affected by the fee increase, and those who are not Zell Miller scholars will see an increase as their HOPE payout is reduced to 90 percent of 2010-2011 tuition levels.

With the tuition and fee increases, in-state undergraduates not on Fixed for Four will pay \$3641 per semester, and out-of-state undergraduates will pay \$12,746. The Special Institutional Fee, previously known as the Academic Ex-

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cellence Fee, will be \$544 per semester, up from \$194. Other research universities will pay an extra \$250 per semester in fees. The BoR justified the higher increase for Tech by saying that Institute enrolls fewer students than the other universities and that the technical programs cost more to run. This increase will raise the amount for mandatory fees to \$1185. The total amount for Spring 2011 was \$823.

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Professor sues for racial discrimination

By Hahnming Lee
Editor-in-Chief

Current CEE professor Mulalo Doyoyo has brought suit in Fulton County Superior Court against the Institute under the Georgia Whistleblowers Act, which protects public employees from any action for speaking out against improper conduct of any superiors. Doyoyo has also brought an additional action in Federal District Court against the Institute for racial discrimination during his tenure application process.

The Institute has denied all the allegations in court documents, claiming that all actions taken by the school were for "legitimate, non-discriminatory, nonretaliatory business reasons."

According to court documents, Doyoyo was pressured in Dec. 2007 by Laurence Jacobs, associate dean of the College of Engineering, to change the grade of a graduate student with whom Jacobs was allegedly having a romantic relationship.

Doyoyo claims that he saw Jacobs, the graduate student and the student's daughter at Atlantic Station late one night and that Jacobs was seen dropping the student off on Tech's campus one morning.

Jacobs allegedly asked Doyoyo to change the

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Graduates separate from BoR health plan

By Aakash Arun
Contributing Writer

With the help of the Graduate SGA Executive Cabinet, Stamps Health Services has made the decision to cancel its current arrangement with health care provider Pearce & Pearce Insurance.

The decision comes as a result of problems for current students stemming from the present health care policy. A new insurance policy that will be customized according to the needs of individual Tech students is currently in development.

The Graduate Executive Cabinet discussed the issue of health insurance when it presented its 2011 White Paper on March 31.

"From my position, I hear all the complaints from graduate and some undergraduate students. When changes need to be made, we send a request to the BOR and they send a request to Pearce & Pearce and eventually it may or may not come back to us," said Brandon Polander, graduate vice president of Health Services.

While Tech has a fee that sustains the Health Center and pays health care costs, many institutions sustain their health centers with student insurance plans. Students at Tech are required to pay higher premiums, and as a result, Tech is trying to achieve lower interest rates by separating from the current insurance plan. This will result in greater control over the insurance policy.

Tech has followed this particular formula before.

"This is something we've done in the past. Before Pearce & Pearce Insurance, [Tech] had an insurance plan outside the BoR consortium.

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Junior's closes after decades at Tech



Photo by Michael James / Student Publications

The historic Junior's Grill, located in the center of campus, closed on Thursday after almost 63 years at Tech. Owner Tommy Klemis cited poor business as the reason for closing but still holds hope that a "third resurrection" is possible.

By Vijai Narayanan
News Editor

After nearly 63 years of service to the Tech community, Junior's Grill closed its doors for the last time on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The facility has been a Tech tradition since 1948, when it was known as "Pilgrim's" and located at the corner of Techwood Dr. and North Ave. Following several different moves, Junior's Grill has been located in central campus since 1994.

"Old traditions sometimes need to pass away because new traditions are beginning and I feel the campus has been growing in such a wonderful way over the many, many years, and I think it is time to let new traditions begin," said

Tommy Klemis, the operator of Junior's Grill and son of one of the co-founders.

According to Klemis, the decline in business in recent years was one of the primary factors resulting in the decision. Since its move to the current location, Tech has greatly expanded its variety of dining options, including facilities in the Student Center and Tech Square.

"Business has changed a lot in recent years, and that aspect of Junior's has not been as strong as it has in the past. Because that part of it is diminishing, I think it's time to yield to new directions for the school," Klemis said.

Klemis said that he hoped to close without much fanfare, but word of it spread around the campus.

"We've been serving Tech students for

many, many years, and we've made a lot of memories. It's been a blessing to all of us. I wish we could go on, but I think I'm going to enjoy watching the campus going forward. I'm so proud of the direction it's going," Klemis said.

Klemis does hope that Junior's can make a comeback, though.

"All I'm asking for is for someone to help me find a way to keep Junior's going ...," Klemis told the Tech Daily Digest. "I would be a part of any initiative that gets us there."

Junior's Grill is currently located in the Bradley Building, an annex of the Evans Administration Building. Because of the poor business, Klemis said that

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student's grade to a higher one. In response, Doyoyo said that he was willing to oversee several oral exams and give additional problems to help give her the opportunity to raise her grade. The student continued to perform poorly. Doyoyo then changed her grade to a low C. Doyoyo claims that Jacobs asked for the student's grade to be changed from a C to an A.

During a phone conversation about the matter, Jacobs allegedly told Doyoyo that "I would owe you one," if Doyoyo gave the A. Despite receiving several requests regarding the matter, Doyoyo claims he eventually sent an email to Jacobs saying that he would not raise the student's grade as it would violate Tech's Honor Code.

Doyoyo also claims that he approached Joseph Hughes, the chair of CEE, with his concerns about the Honor Code and claims that Hughes said that he would "take care" of the matter. According to court documents, Hughes "then 'took care' of the matter by doing nothing."

Doyoyo also claims that he discovered the student was teaching an undergraduate course in Spring 2008 despite the fact that the student was on academic probation. Doyoyo informed several other professors of his concern for having a student on academic probation continue to teach an undergraduate class, and a group of them agreed.

According to court documents, the professors called a meeting with Hughes to ask him

to address the situation. Hughes allegedly declined to do so, and the professors then took the next step of sending a memorandum of protest to the Dean of Engineering. The group allegedly received a reply that accused the individuals of violating student privacy, and the professors were eventually "interrogated" for the source of knowledge that stated the student was on academic probation.

Doyoyo also began to seek tenure at this time. The Area Committee, a group that provides an assessment of the professor during the process, gave him high marks relating to some of his research. The report stated that, "... his work had advanced the state of the art." Despite this, Hughes allegedly undermined Doyoyo's application, and his actions led to Doyoyo's denial of tenure and his eventual dismissal.

As part of his case, Doyoyo also claims that part of the denial of tenure could have been racially motivated. According to the court documents, the CEE department is made up of "approximately 46 professors," only two of whom are black and two of whom are Asian. Doyoyo, who is black, has filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity.

When contacted, Institute spokesman Matt Nagel declined to comment, citing Institute policy for litigation and personal matters. Doyoyo's attorneys also declined to comment about the case at this time.

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it would be difficult to find a replacement. It is unclear what will happen to the space in the coming months.

Rich Steele, the acting executive director for Auxiliary Services said, "There is so much dynamic change on campus with the Clough Commons Starbucks and the new North Ave. Dining Hall which makes this a challenging conversation. We will have to think about the brand and tradition of Junior's Grill for the long term without Tommy Klemis running it."

Steele said that the decision to close Junior's Grill was ultimately made by Klemis.

Students and other members of the Tech community expressed their sentiments about the diner's closing. For many, Junior's was an introduction into both Southern and Tech culture.

"This is such a huge Tech tradition. We've been talking about what they're going to do with this space. We'd like to see it preserved, but we're not sure what it could be used for... maybe they could use it to teach a Tech traditions class two or three times a week," said Zach Dicke, a third-year ChBE major.

"Dr. Suess once said 'Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.' That's the attitude we must bring to this event. It's a loss for Tech, but we must look at the memories we've made over all the years," said Billie Pendleton-Parker, the assistant director of the President's Scholarship Program.

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This week in Student Government

By Mike Donohue, SGA Editor

Each week, this section includes coverage of different aspects of Student Government, including the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both governments.

Budget

The Conference Committee, made up of three Undergraduate Representatives and three Graduate Senators and chaired by Joint Finance Committee Chair Brad Bauerkemper, decided on a final budget of \$4.33 million. CE Rep. Evan Boyce, MATH Rep. David Lowry and Junior Rep. Alex Walker represented the undergraduates, and AE Sen. Evan McClain, ME Sen. James Black and CEE Sen. Aaron Greenwood represented the graduates. GSS and UHR voted 28-1-2 and 50-0-1, respectively, to approve the final version.

The two sides discussed two issues at length: funding for the printing of *The Tower* and funding for a homecoming concert hosted by the Student Center Programs Council. Lowry voiced support for *The Tower* and said that the increased funding is to accommodate the book printing semi-annually as opposed to annually. Greenwood and McClain said that graduates rarely see research articles print in color and that the publication budget should be comparable to other student publications. There was a motion brought forward to nei-

ther decrease or increase the funding from prior year and to keep it at the same level. In a 4-2 vote, with Greenwood and McClain dissenting, the motion passed to keep funding at \$11,050.

Walker voiced displeasure that the graduates had cut the homecoming concert completely from \$60,000. She said that the concert was one of the most popular events on campus. The graduates did not want to fund the concert because the event would only benefit 2000 people and there would still likely be a cost on top of that for tickets. There was a motion brought forward to fund the total at \$30,000, and with a vote of 4-2, with Greenwood and McClain dissenting, the motion passed.

Jacket Pages

The Undergraduate House voted 41-5-4 to allocate \$13,000 in case the current effort to replace Jacketpages fails to deliver on several administrative requirements requested by Assistant Dean of Students Danielle McDonald. The House first had to move \$3000 into the Prior Year account from the Capital Outlay Account in order to pass the bill.

The Graduate Senate post-

Bill Summary			
Bill	Amount	GSS	UHR
Disc Golf	\$2550	30-0-1	47-2-1
WREK Accountant	---	28-4-1	40-50-3
Underwater Hockey	\$1716	30-2-0	47-0-3
American Helicopter Society	\$413.31	28-2-3	48-0-0
IFC Moveout Dumpsters	\$1983.80	16-15-2	45-5-0
NPHC Constitution Change	---	---	48-0-2
Student Center Mobile A/V	\$30030	19-8-3	2-50-0
Bill System UI Improvements	\$500	29-1-1	---
FY 2012 Budget	\$4.33 mil	28-1-2	50-0-1
PY: \$13,699.39	CO: \$289,402.68		

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poned the bill indefinitely earlier that day, worried that JFC policy prevented them from funding an expense in the next fiscal year. After the House vote, the Senate will need to take up the bill via an email meeting to vote on it.

Speaker Election

After holding debate in closed session and conducting its vote by secret ballot, the Undergraduate House of Representatives elected Brooke McDaniel, current junior representative and vice president of communications, as its first Speaker of the House. McDaniel was the only candidate on the ballot, and 44 of 50 representatives cast votes for her.

McDaniel presented her platform in open session, saying that her experience as a representative and executive cabinet member qualified her for the position. She said that she would work to increase attendance of representatives and implement a paperless bill system.

ISyE Rep. Matlock Rogers spoke against entering closed session, saying that having a single candidate made entering closed session unnecessary. Junior Rep. Elle Creel disagreed, saying those potential objections should not prevent the House from conducting its business. The House voted 38-9-2 to move the discussion into closed session.

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We've got someone on board, [Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs] Carol Moore, who has been involved in this process many times," Polander said.

While the potential impact is still unknown, the intention of the switch away from Pearce & Pearce is to reduce the premium and increase benefits.

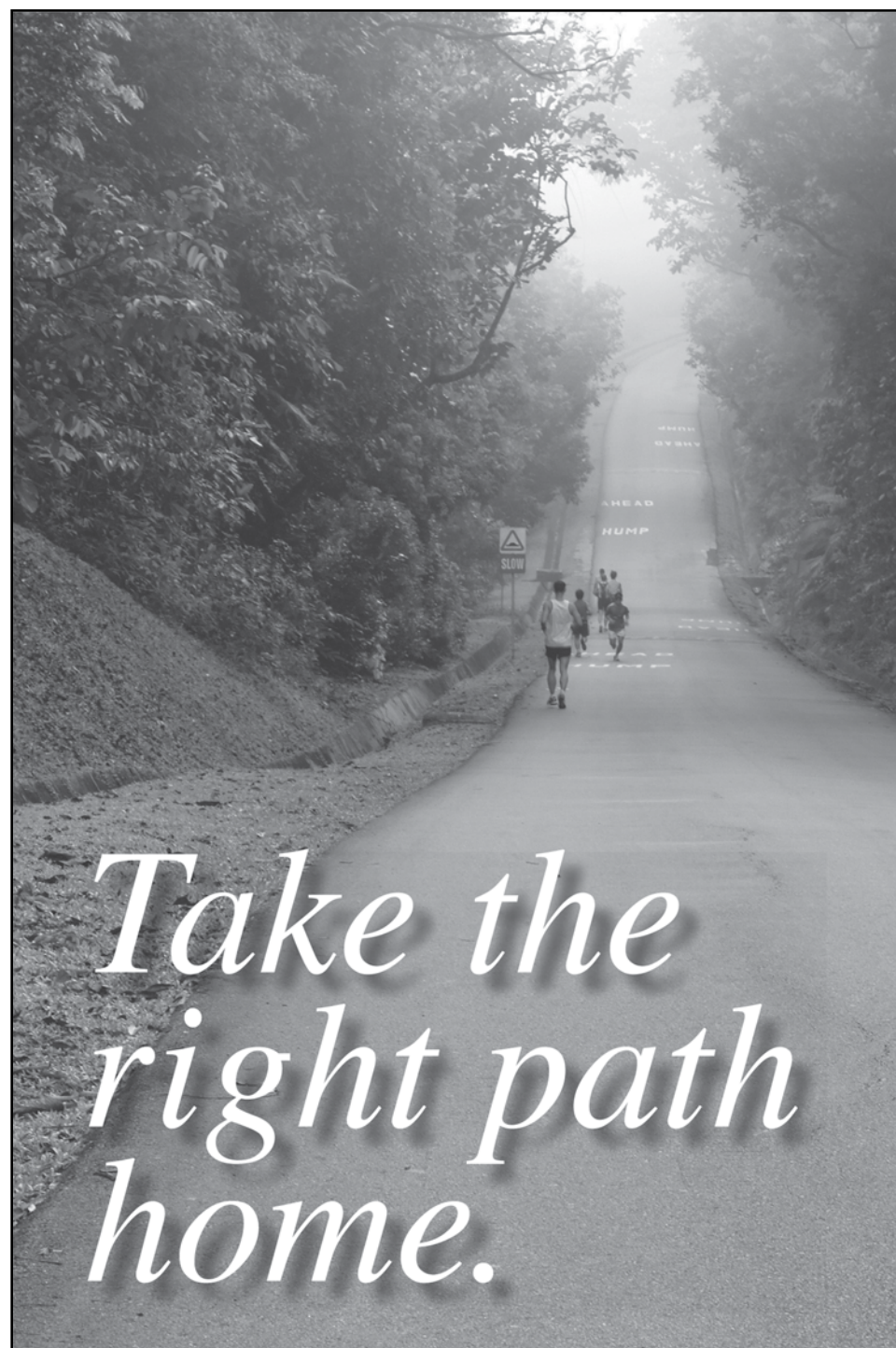
Each graduate student on the committee will have a vote in choosing the benefits package. The Executive Board has gained input from a number of students around campus to select the most cost-effective and most beneficial option.

This summer, the Graduate Executive Board will write the Request for Proposal (RFP), the official statement of services required from vendors.

The Director of Stamps Health Services will administer the RFP, and so the Health Center will continue to be involved in the entire process of restructuring along with the members of the graduate committee.

"Everyone involved in this decision has some history with health insurance. We have the OK from the Board of Regents, and President Peterson has officially announced our desire to separate from the BoR," Polander said.

UGA has also recently made the same decision. However, unlike Tech, UGA has not elected to involve its own health center in its RFP.



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Enrollment increases for summer semester

By Babatunde Adigun
Contributing Writer

According to a document released by the Georgia Tech Office of Institutional Research and Planning, the state of summer enrollment in the institute since the economic crunch of 2008 has improved. Summer semester has since seen enrollment on the rise with an average increase of about 19 percent throughout the Institute in the past five years.

Counter intuitive as it may seem, summer enrollment is inversely related to the decrease in funding.

"Summer offering and enrollment are dependent on other things and not only the financial crunch. The Pell Grant, HOPE Scholarship and other internal factors play a huge role as well," said Paul Kohn, vice president of Enrollment services. The increase came as no surprise to Kohn. Since the economic downturn, recipients of the Pell Grant have been able to use their grants for summer school, a provision which will be terminated next year.

Many students have taken advantage of this provision to try graduate a semester earlier. "I decided to do summer school to get out earlier or on time since I'm also co-oping as well," said Bobby Barrett, a third-year AE major.

A lot of students are also using their HOPE tuition to attend summer school provided they have not exceeded their maximum number of HOPE hours.

"Rather than work low paying jobs, students are re-evaluating that decision to see if they can knock out a few classes to keep them a step ahead," Kohn said.

However, many students are unsure about how HOPE will affect the rising attendance of summer school. As costs continue to rise, many students are forced to evaluate whether taking summer classes will be a fiscally responsible decision.

Another factor that has increased enrollment in summer is the nature of the colleges themselves. The tuition collected in Summer is managed differently than that of the Spring and Fall. In the Fall and Spring sessions, the money is sent to the state treasury. However, in Summer, the departments are allowed to keep a portion of the revenue they get from tuition. This creates an incentive for the respective department to offer summer courses. If they have a high number of students enrolled, they can use the money gained from summer enrollment to offset budget cuts to their department.

With the rash of increasing cuts, many colleges are continuing to make summer classes more visible and attractive to students.

"As a result, many departments have tried to promote summer offerings by running ads, and you'll see the different colleges in the Institute are offering more courses this coming summer," Kohn said.

Approximately 250 freshmen students start during the summer session as opposed to Fall, so different colleges at the Institute offer more classes so they can have a full workload in the summer.

"I'll be working this summer, but I'm taking a few classes too and when I registered, I noticed they had added a few more classes which I think is a good thing," Barrett said.

Tech hosts annual Green Week

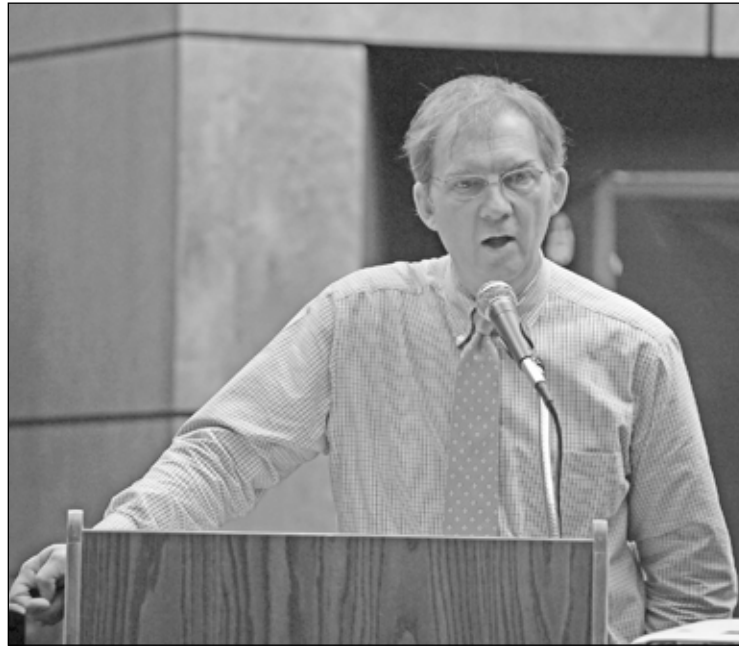


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Jonathan Evans, author of the book *Ents, Elves, and Eriador: The Environmental Vision of J.R.R. Tolkien*, led a book signing on Tues.

By Isaac Park
Contributing Writer

This week marks the fourth annual celebration of Think Green Week, a five-day schedule of environmental events and initiatives intended to promote campus sustainability. The weeklong festivities, which feature an eclectic mix of movie showings, guest speakers and even a fashion show, culminate with the Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 22. Lasting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Instructional Center walkway, the Friday event is free and open to the public.

Tech's Earth Day Celebration is one of the largest in the Southeast, drawing over 3000 participants and featuring more than 70 different exhibits. This year's theme is "What It Means to Be Green," reflecting a focus on true,

committed environmentalism.

This year's celebration, like previous celebrations, was organized by Earth Day Committee Chairwoman Cindy Jackson. Over the years, she has observed the rapid evolution of Tech's relationship with environmentalism.

"We've made incredible progress in the last decade," Jackson said. "Georgia Tech has gotten much more into the green movement. When I got here, we recycled two different types of materials. Now we're up to 17."

In 2007, because of heightened interest by sponsors and demand for more events, the Earth Day Celebration was expanded into Think Green Week.

Monday's event was a screening and discussion of *Bag It*, a documentary centering on American plastic consumption. Also discussed was the Seven-Day Plastic

Challenge, a quick and relatively painless way to reduce the use of plastic.

Tuesday's event was a book signing and Q&A session with Professor Jonathan Evans, the author of *Ents, Elves, and Eriador: The Environmental Vision of J.R.R. Tolkien*. Attendees were encouraged to bring gently used books to donate to charity.

Wednesday's event was a screening of the documentary *Crude: The Real Price of Oil*. The critically acclaimed film details the struggle of thousands of Ecuadorans in their legal battle against Chevron over widespread contamination of the Amazon Rainforest.

Thursday's event was the "Throwaway Runway," an eco-fashion show that featured vintage, repurposed, and couture designs made from gently used clothing. The show's sponsors partnered design students from Bauder College with models from Tech.

Also on Thursday was the Sustainability Bike Tour, a nine-mile guided bike ride through the streets of Atlanta. Stops were made at public parks, notable LEED-certified buildings, and the Truly Living Well organic produce farm.

Based on attendance and enthusiasm at Think Green events this week, Jackson is confident in the success of Friday's Earth Day Celebration. As for its impact on campus awareness, she remains optimistic about the future of sustainability efforts at Tech.

"Students have always been involved in sustainability efforts," Jackson said. "But in the past few years, they've just become so impassioned. There's a lot of enthusiasm for the green movement on campus."

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Calculated annual rates for undergraduates with a 15-hour course load starting after Fall '09.

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"I think the decision of a higher fee at Georgia Tech is the result of a market comparison....When you compare the different institutions and see where they are in terms of tuition and fees, Georgia Tech is at 75 percent of its peer institutions," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson. "We're raising tuition because we're trying to maintain the quality of the programs."

Usha Ramachandran, vice chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, said that the BoR attempted to keep the overall increase under 10 percent, ensure that the HOPE scholarship pays close to 90 percent of tuition and maintain the academic excellence of the University System of Georgia. The increases result in a nine percent increase in tuition and fees for University System students and will mean HOPE pays for 87.4 percent of tuition.

"We wanted a balanced strategy that meets the academic needs of our students while maintaining access and affordability," said USG Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. in a press release.

The BoR created the \$100 Special Institutional Fee in Spring 2009 to cover revenue shortfalls due to the recession, setting it to expire after one semester. The BoR reinstituted the fee in Fall 2009 and doubled it to \$200 in Spring of 2010, fixing an expiration date of Summer 2012.

"I would not make the assumption that because of the sunset those fees will totally go away as

opposed to being rolled into tuition or some new set of fees. The reality is costs continue to go up, our support from the legislature has continued to decline....If we are to maintain quality for all students, we need additional resources," Davis said.

Graduates, who will pay for over 75 percent of the increase out of their stipends, which are usually small, spoke strongly against the fee increases.

"I view them as shameful and detrimental to the graduate body," said Graduate Student Body President Anthony Baldrige. "This represents about a five percent pay cut for the average graduate student for the extra fee."

Graduate Student Body President-elect James Black, likewise spoke against the increases in mandatory fees.

"The politics of the situation prevailed, and the [BoR] increased tuition revenue through the fee. I actually think the [BoR] mandated 'Institutional' Fee is a misnomer and should be called what it really is: the 'Tuition' Fee," Black said in an email.

Undergraduate Student Body President Corey Boone said he was disappointed in the fee increase but relieved by the relatively small increase in tuition.

"I think that the work that Elle [Creel, director of external affairs], Kristen [Greig, Student Lobby Board chair], and I have done throughout the year to cultivate relationships [with the BoR] was integral in making sure that tuition didn't go up more than it did," Boone said.

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