University strives to reduce carbon emissions

By MEGAN DOYLE
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The University announced a new sustainability strategy that sets ambitious goals to reduce campus carbon emissions dramatically in less than 20 years.

The new Sustainability Strategy pledges to reduce the University’s carbon footprint by 50 percent per square foot by 2030, according to a Monday press release. The strategy also outlines goals to improve water efficiency, expand sustainability education and divert 67 percent of campus waste from landfills by 2030.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said in a press release that the plan builds upon the University’s past green initiatives.

“We have made a great start—our carbon emissions per square foot have already declined 15 percent since our 2006-2007 baseline year,” Affleck-Graves said. “During that time, we have invested over $10 million in energy efficiency, and we continue to invest in energy and water efficiency technology as well as recycling infrastructure. But in order to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves, we need the entire campus community to rise to the challenge.”

Director of Sustainability Heather Christopherson said plans for the new strategy began when the University founded the Office of Sustainability in 2008. The Office of Utilities was investigating all options for its energy demands,” Christopherson said. “We worked in conjunction with that effort and looked a lot at what other universities have done, what other corporations have done in terms of what their goals have been. We wanted to create goals that made sense for Notre Dame, that were achievable but aggressive.”

Christopherson said the strategy also includes plans to investigate more alternative energy sources.

Egypitans face civil unrest, political change

Office of International Studies cancels Cairo study abroad program

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

In light of the increased violence and unrest in Egypt, the Office of International Studies (OIS) canceled the Cairo study abroad program for the spring semester last week.

Ten Notre Dame students planned to attend the American University in Cairo (AUC) in the spring.

Kathleen Opel, director of OIS, said the University made the decision after the ongoing unrest in Egypt in Cairo (AUC) in the spring.

Citizens cast ballots, protest in historical parliamentary vote

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Crowds lined the streets of Cairo on Monday to cast their votes in Egypt’s first parliamentary election since the removal of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from office in February.

Political science professor Asher Kaufman said the election in an important step for the Egyptian people almost one year after the revolution that sparked the Arab Spring.

Irish finish regular season with third straight loss to Stanford

Students watch Notre Dame take on Stanford on Saturday. The Irish ended the regular season with a 28-14 loss to the Cardinal.

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Offbeat
Triumph charged in West Palm Beach toilet paper scam
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Talk about a dirty scam.
Federal prosecutors in Florida say at least three people working for a septic tank company duped customers into buying about $1 million in unnecessary products — in some cases enough toilet paper to last more than 70 years.

More than a dozen customers were told they needed special toilet paper to avoid ruining their septic tanks because the federal government changed regulations on toilet paper. The federal government does not regulate septic tank products.

The trio pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiring to commit wire fraud. The Miami Herald reported that they worked for FBK Products. A phone number for the Riviera Beach-based company was not working Saturday.

The trio faces up to two decades in prison when they are sentenced in February.

Enraged snowman arrested in annual parade
CHESTERTOWN, Md. — Who says “Frosty the Snowman” has to be jolly? A man in a “Frosty the Snowman” costume was arrested Saturday during the annual Christmas parade in Chestertown, on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. He’s accused of scuffling with police and kicking at a police dog.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses Mod Quad lights

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

In an effort to increase student safety on campus, members of the Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed the possibility of putting additional lighting on Mod Quad during their meeting Monday afternoon.

Student body chief of staff Claire Sokas said she hopes the university can begin to work on over the project is one the University architect, Arastoo said her subcommittee has also discussed the meaning of inclusion and how it applies to Notre Dame students.

“There are two types of inclusion,” she said. “One is about inclusion amongst the different groups here on campus.”

In this spirit of inclusion, Arastoo said her CLC subcommittee is working on the possibility of putting a Virgin of Guadalupe statue on campus to reach out to the Latino student population.

“The first step in that process is contacting the University architect,” Arastoo said. “So that’s something we would really like to get the ball rolling on and to have the backing of the entire CLC on.”

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Students participate in Black Friday shopping

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

When major retailers like Walmart and Target began their Black Friday sales over Thanksgiving break, the shopping rush drew some Notre Dame students straight from the dinner table.

Senior Michelle Ferreira, a Los Angeles native who stayed in South Bend for the break, started Black Friday on Thursday.

“I ended up leaving dinner at about 9 p.m. (Thursday), and I headed over to Walmart,” she said. “They opened everything at 10 p.m. and it was pure chaos. It was absolutely nuts.”

Ferreira had never heard of Black Friday before coming to Notre Dame, she said, and she was surprised by how seriously some took the sales.

“People waiting had lawn chairs out, it was completely packed,” Ferreira said. “You had to know what area you wanted, because people had obviously scoped it out days in advance. There was like a 200 person line in every aisle. I wanted to get out as soon as possible.”

Ferreira said some of her fellow bargain hunters let the mania get the best of them.

“I didn’t see pepper spraying or gun shots or whatever, but I saw people crying, I saw some disputes between people,” Ferreira said.

Ferreira walked out of the store unscathed with a number of items that she was surprised when it had been when she scoped it out days in advance.

Unlike Ferreira’s DVD hunt, Kareh did not have a plan of action when she arrived at the mall.

“I didn’t have anything specific in mind that I wanted to buy, but I knew Macy’s would have good deals. I would be interested in,” she said.

Junior Lexi Casaceli Black Friday shopping at the Lee Outlets in Lee, Mass., was even less deliberate.

“We went after lunch on a spur-of-the-moment trip because it was such a nice day out, so we would be able to enjoy the weather while shopping at the outdoor outlets,” she said.

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“Unfortunately, I saw nothing ridiculous,” Casaceli said. “We had missed most of the Black Friday deals at the outlet that went from midnight to 6 a.m., so the crazies weren’t out, although there were still a lot of shoppers.”

Casaceli said these giant crowds, at least in South Bend, may be a result of the economic climate.

“In South Bend, it’s pretty quiet,” she said. “We went after lunch on a spur-of-the-moment trip because it was such a nice day out, so we would be able to enjoy the weather while shopping at the outdoor outlets,” she said.

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**SMC implements new Mass translation**

By ALISON WINSTEAD  
News Writer

Sunday marked the first use of the new translation of the Roman Catholic Mass, and Saint Mary’s Office of Campus Ministry said the transition went without a hitch.

Regina Wilson, assistant director of campus ministry, said she hopes the new translation will help students think more about the meaning of the words they recite during the Mass.

“If I feel the change in the translation of the liturgy gives all the faithful a new and rare opportunity to reflect more carefully on what we are saying in our worship,” Wilson said.

Wilson said her office began preparing for the change and practicing the new translation in October.

“From what I observed on Sunday’s Mass people are paying more attention,” Wilson said. “They’re noticing new phraseology and words in the liturgy went on. The liturgy seemed to progress smoothly with a few little mix-ups as people spoke the old responses they all knew so well. It will take several months for all of us to internalize these changes.

The changes were made to unify the Masses more and for a better translation for the original Latin text. In the new translation, for example, the congregation will say, “And with your Spirit.”

Hyppolite said, “Adjusting to a new translation will just take time.”

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“This is the first time since the early 1950s that they’ve been able to vote. There have been elections [in the past] but they have been predetermined,” Kaufman said. “The party in power would expect seats in parliament and presidents could win most of the vote. The question now is: what will be the outcome?”

The week leading up to the first day of the election was not without violence in Tahrir Square. Kaufman said skirmishes between police and protesters killed more than 40 people.

“There were less casualties than in spring, but this has also stopped because we’ve arrived at the climax of election day,” Kaufman said.

“Those who oppose the military council say the military will curtail the new parliament, but it’s impossible to know what will happen.”

While the polls functioned Monday, Kaufman said the lack of voting infrastructure forced some to wait in line for up to six hours.

“The military council promised to give power to a civilian government, but there are skeptics who believe otherwise,” Kaufman said.

Tension between demonstrators and the military government has led to a disjointed landscape in Egypt. Kaufman said.

“Unlike a year ago, there is no unified front,” Kaufman said. “Not all parties that demonstrated last year participated again, so the unity that defined the movement a year ago is no longer there. There are disagreements, so there are reasons for a possible continuation of violence. There is a cause to be worried.”

While the Muslim Brotherhood was active in the spring protests, Kaufman said the group was not a major player in the streets. Instead, he said the party was organized in its campaign and is expected to win a dominant role in Parliament.

“The polls have not been closed yet,” Kaufman said. “But there are signs that the Muslim Brotherhood envisages a major victory. If they win, we will see an entirely new political landscape in Egypt. However, it is not certain what would be the official policy of the Muslim Brotherhood, especially in a secular democratic branch of the government.”

Despite civil turbulence and an uncertain future, Kaufman said Egypt has entered a new era.

“Democratic processes are bringing down rulers,” Kaufman said. “The Western world welcomed the Arab Spring and the downfall of Mubarak. So long as it continues with little interruption, this could be a positive evolution. Still, there are too many questions to be sure yet.”

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did,” Carter said. “I was really happy Coach Kelly put in [Andrew] Hendrix because I felt like [Tommy] Rees was having a bad day. He just was not there.”

Carter said she watched the game at home in South Bend with her family.

She said she thinks the Irish have a good chance of winning their bowl game.

“I hope we can play better,” Carter said. “The defense is doing better but I think we need to shape up our offense by giving the ball to [Michael] Floyd more.”

Senior Julie Hyppolite chose not to watch the final regular season game of the year.

“I was at a surprise birthday party for a family friend who turned 50, but was not pleased with the outcome,” Hyppolite said.

Hyppolite said she hopes the team can play better for the bowl game.

“|I feel like we play really sloppily sometimes, but I think we can do well at the bowl game. |”

Hyppolite said. “We have a lot of talent on our team and I think they can put it together.”

**Madrigal Christmas Dinners**

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“What’s in the strategy, as long as it economically makes sense, is to push as much as we can to natural gas which is a smaller carbon output than coal,” she said. “In this exact moment, it doesn’t make sense for us to invest heavily in solar or in wind.”

Educating students on how they can contribute to meeting sustainability goals is to change the mindset of everyone on campus [about sustainability],” Christopherson said. “The goal is to change the mindset of everyone on campus [about sustainability].”

Christopherson said the Office of Sustainability will also continue to promote its current projects. Over 100 classes focusing on sustainability are taught each year, and minors in Sustainability and Energy Studies are growing.

“The University’s $2 million Green Loan Fund developed by the Office of Sustainability is also used to fund projects such as high-efficiency data servers, environmentally friendly laundry equipment, real-time electricity metering in the residence halls and the annual CSFI light bulb exchange, the press release stated.

“One of the aspects of the strategy that is really important is that it’s really flexible,” she said. “It is part energy conservation, part look at fuel, part look at renewable [resources]... We can adapt to changing technologies.”

Small changes from students, staff and faculty members can also help achieve the strategy’s goals, Christopherson said.

“Being mindful of the energy that person consumes, so turning off lights; game systems and televisions when they are not in use, putting computers to sleep when not in use; when a cell phone is not in use, unplugging the charger...” all of those little things, if all of us do those little things on campus together, it adds up, she said.

Student body president Pat McCormick campaigned for his administration on the platform of improving Notre Dame’s sustainability. Shortly after he assumed his office last April, the Student Senate passed a resolution proposing the adoption of a comprehensive University sustainability strategy.

The resolution stated that the strategy should “include a plan that will aim to put the University on a trajectory to reduce the University’s carbon footprint 70 percent from 2005 levels by 2050.”

McCormick and other student government leaders collaborated with the Office of Sustainability and the Office of the Executive Vice President as they developed the final strategy over the past few months. While the new Sustainability Strategy does not exactly match the resolution, McCormick said he feels the plan is in progress.

“The ultimate compromise that ended up developing as we talked about this was that we would have an interim target, a 2050 target that... would be based on gross square footage so you could have a measure that could incorporate the future growth of the University,” McCormick said.

The plan, however, could still meet McCormick’s most long-term vision.

“What we are most excited about is that this still does put us on the trajectory to potentially have the kind of trajectory that we had hoped for in the Student Senate resolution by 2050, but it sets an interim target that allows us to have an interim set of goals,” McCormick said.

McCormick said he sees students as important voices as the University attempts to meet its goals.

“As we move forward, the key is going to be to ensure that students ultimately play a role in shaping this effort.”

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A Student Senate resolution by Oct. 25.

Junior Matt Keenan planned to study in Cairo in the spring. When he heard the news of the program’s cancellation, he said he was not surprised by the announcement but was “extremely disappointed.”

“I had a feeling it was coming, even though I was hoping it wasn’t,” Keenan said. “You know the whole time it kind of felt like it could be canceled. We knew since January things have been going on, and it can come up at any time.”

Keenan said after hearing this week’s violence in Cairo — specifically the arrest and detention of three American students — he knew there was a good chance the program would be canceled.

“With the recent things in the last week I was really hoping it wasn’t going to happen but I kind of understand that it would,” he said.

Junior Ian Montijo said he understands why the University would cancel the program, but still wishes he could go ahead with his studies at AUC.

“It comes down to the University having to be responsible for us,” Montijo said. “I don’t think the University wants to put itself in a spot where they’re at risk.

The Cairo group met with OIS at the beginning of the semester. Opel said, and the office gave them three options for the spring. The first was to stay in the Cairo program, knowing it may be canceled in the future. The second was to enroll at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the third was to enroll at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London.

Opel said most students were set on going to Cairo and decided to remain in the program.

Judith Hutchinson, assistant director of OIS, met with students Monday to discuss their options now that the Cairo program is canceled.

“Given the lateness of the semester and the fact that most other program deadlines are well past, the options are quite limited,” Hutchinson said.

Judith Hutchinson assistant director of OIS

“Given the lateness of the semester and the fact that most other program deadlines are well past, the options are quite limited,” Hutchinson said. Some students may be able to participate in a study abroad program at London SOAS, but I am as yet unclear if this will suit the academic needs of everyone in our program,” she said. He appreciates the measures OIS is taking to still offer students a study abroad experience in London. However, he said studying at a university in London is completely different from the cultural experience he hoped to have in Cairo.

“We’re always open to new ideas, and I can’t guarantee that we would open something quickly,” Opel said. “The beauty of the AUC is that it has a whole array of courses in business, engineering, arts and letters, sciences, whereas if they go on one of the other programs, they’ll be pretty much limited to Arabic Studies.

She said she thinks most students who were scheduled to go to Cairo in the spring would choose to attend SOAS.

“These details are still being worked out but we believe anyone who [needs] Arabic Studies [class- es] to complete their majors can go, and we’re in touch with SOAS right now,” Opel said.

But Montijo said SOAS isn’t a fit for his academic goals, so he has decided to stay at Notre Dame.

At the end of the day it would have been more expensive and the classes I can take here would fit better with the requirements and everything,” Montijo said. “In the future I was planning to go to Jordan or Morocco or somewhere else to take Arabic classes hopefully take classes there and travel around. Hopefully I’ll be there next spring.”

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Tradition should sometimes die. If it isn’t your first year at Notre Dame, you already know that the student body gets rather aggressive, really early about the Christmas season. Though I am all in favor of spreading Christmas cheer, I think there are a few traditions that can and should be scrapped, if only for the sake of my sanity.

Music: If I hear “All I Want For Christmas Is You” by Mariah Carey one more time in my life (which I inevitably will), I’m going to go Ebenezer Scrooge on the girl belting it at the top of her lungs.

Rely instead this season on some classical tunes like Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, and let Mariah save her hit for solo renditions to Nick and the twins.

Movies: Though I’m as much a fan of “Love Actually” as the next Domer, you have to admit we are putting all our eggs in one basket when the only Christmas movie gatherings are organized around this rom-com. You won’t shoot your eye out if you pop in “A Christmas Story” and reawaken Red Ryder dreams or choose “White Christmas” for a heartwarming seasonal experience.

Theme Parties: Ladies, say no to the red or green satin dress you have hanging in your closet for your winter formal. Someone else will undoubtedly be wearing it the same night you are if you bought it within the last three months. Attire does not need to be so literal when dressing up around Christmas time.

And how many ugly-Christmas-sweater parties can one student attend? The four Good Will-salvaged, hideous sweaters (which have been worn multiple times) sitting in a box in my closet are a testament to our abuse of this theme. I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t wearing one this weekend, but I’d be open to some more creative Christmas themes in the upcoming weeks.

Décor: While homemade snowflakes and plastic candy canes are cute decoration items in theory, you can’t go overboard if you stick to classic lights. Go Green this Christmas by putting together a page out of Dillon Hall’s decorating book. They put on an LED Christmas light show (that you can watch on YouTube) set to the tune of Christmas melodies. By switching from normal Christmas lights to LED, you can promote sustainability and maintain the traditional look of bright white lights that put anyone in the Christmas mood.

Maybe I’m just jaded. After all, these probably were all new concepts to me my freshman year that I’ll reminisce about for years to come. Nonetheless I encourage you to step outside of the box this holiday season and start a new Christmas tradition. Out with the peppermint Patties, in with whatever.”}

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Scene Writer

Our problematic tax system

Earlier in the year, I wrote about the Fair Tax. I argued that it would solve many of the problems our country faces today. This article will take a step back and ask, “What are those problems?”

We all know the United States of America has its fair share of abstract laws. The Constitution of the State of Tennessee contains a clause prohibiting people who have participated in a duel from holding public office. The General Laws of Massachusetts make it illegal for people to use stilts while working on construction. Many are viewed not only as trivial, but also humor- ous. After all, who in their right mind would want the police to spend time enforcing these laws? Though this may sound melodramatic, the federal tax code is getting to this point as well.

The first problem is its overwhelming length, which serves as a monumental inconvenience to the average citizen. Most people do not have the time to sort through a tax code that consists of 9,097,000 words. It’s even longer than the Bible! On top of that, people want to take initiative. According to The Tax Foundation, a majority of Americans are “willing to give up some deductions to make the tax system simpler.”

The problem is our government. With the exception of a few Republican candidates looking to make noise, the political world has been extremely lachrymose when it comes to addressing this issue. The tax code must be simplified.

The second problem is the partiality of the current tax code, which prevents people from paying their fair share to the government. Some, un- derstandably, may assume that I will spend the rest of this article ranting in favor of raising taxes on the rich. That won’t be the case. Both the upper-class and the lower-class need to accept blame. We can talk about a solution later, but this much must be a given.

On one hand, Warren Buffett claims to pay fewer taxes than his secretary. On the other hand, more than 46 percent of households will not pay the federal income tax this year. While both of these facts should seem absurd to you, our government doesn’t think so. Democrats cannot accept that 46 percent is too high. Republicans cannot accept that the rich need to pay more in taxes. In reality, both are right, but fail to realize it. The tax system simply has too many loopholes for people on every level of the socio-economic hierarchy.

The third problem is the lack of revenue provided by the current tax code, which adds weight to the already fragile public debt. Whereas the federal government is projected to spend $3.7 trillion this year, it is only expected to take in $2.3 trillion. That’s an astounding difference. Could you imagine if you spent $1.75 for every $1.00 received? I wouldn’t call that sound budgeting.

Even those who want to decrease spending to solve this problem know that we must first increase revenue. We need immediate action, and it is much tougher to decrease spending than it is to increase taxes. These are just my personal opinions, but I hope everyone does recognize the one common problem with our current tax code. It’s the result of partisanship. Before we go anywhere, our government must first learn how to compromise.

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Gentlemen of Notre Dame. Christmas has come early for you this year.

This Friday night (Dec. 2) Lewis Hall is holding its Jingle Ball SYB, and I am offering you the chance to dance the night away with one of the hottest Chicks around, who just so happens to be a dear friend of mine. To say that she is intelligent, funny and gorgeous only begins to scratch the surface. She was an extra in the movie “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” (she is also working for the FBI). She can ride a unicycle like a boss. She is proud to be a Nerdfighter, a Doctor Who-vian and a hardcore Harry Potter fan. She is essentially the most awesome person you will ever meet.

So gentlemen, if you are interested in having the time of your life with this lovely lady, email me at chasser1@nd.edu. Merry Christmas.

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Lewis Hall
Nov. 26

The indulgence generation

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BEST ROOMIE! Get ready for me to give you WASTED tonight” stated what appeared to be an average Facebook post. A lack of comments suggested that no one seemed to have found this post out of the ordinary. It’s sad to see how the “societal norm” is to act like an adult, a state in which an over- indulgent amount of drinking is necessary to have fun, a state in which we no longer need to be “hooked up.” We birth the consequences of our actions by choosing to engage in them without thought for others.

This state applies to more than just our college lives. I find the frequency at which we tell each other we “have a hangover” noticed a laxness in academic honesty in all levels of education, and one can’t help but see more examples such as avoiding some of the harsher conversations with family and friends because that may be slightly unpleasant. Many, but not all, of our generation are losing sight of the importance of self-respect, honesty and health because we can convince ourselves this is no big deal. Our peers are okay with it, so it can’t be that huge of a deal, right?

Newfash. This behavior is not acceptable just because we can get away with it. This behavior does have harmful consequences that impact our safety, our relationships and yes, our future. More and more students are being encouraged to step up when to say enough alcohol is enough instead of enjoying a drink with good company, while others keep filling their glasses.

We know that some of our bodies will be ravaged beyond repair due to the SFTS from alcohol.

A part of me believes that no one commented on that birthday post because we know better than we do. But do they? Fourteen of the top-20 countries with the highest suicide rates are in Europe, with an additional 10 countries ahead of the United States, which is 40th. Dubbed “the happiest country” according to a recent survey, has a higher suicide rate than India. China, and Senegale.

What’s causing these Europeans to take their own supposedly idyllic life?

Just glance at the European Union’s economic troubles and you’ll understand the source of their misery. One in five Greeks, Montenegro’s and Spaniards is unemployed, and it’s even worse for our age group. Stateside, we get nervous if unemployment is above 8 percent. Debts continue to build up and there is popular resistance to doing anything to fix the problem. Turmoil has forced prime ministers to step down, replaced with appointed-stand-ins who are entrusted with acting in the best interest of the people even though they were never elected.

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The Muppets haven’t been in theaters for 12 years, but they haven’t missed a step. Kermit, Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy and everyone else brought the magic and laughter of the beloved puppets to life again this Thanksgiving season. The gang introduces some new characters in their new film, making for some all-around family fun.

The movie begins with Walter (voice of Peter Linz), a puppet from Smalltown, USA. He and his brother, Gary (Jason Segel), are best friends, but during his teenage years, Walter goes through a tough time dealing with the differences between him and his human brother and friends. Walter discovers the Muppets during this difficult period, and he becomes a huge fan.

As adults, Walter and Gary still live in Smallatown, and Walter still idolizes the Muppets. The two are inseparable, and Walter even accompanies Gary and his girlfriend, Mary (Amy Adams), to Los Angeles for their 10th anniversary. While there, Walter insists on visiting the Muppet Theater, only to find it in ruin. He sneaks into Kermit’s office, where he overhears the sale of the theater to oil magnate Tex Richman (Chris Cooper). Richman secretly plans to demolish it to drill the oil he needs to keep the theater safe.

And so, Walter hatches a plan to find the Muppets, reunite them and raise the $10 million needed to keep the theater safe. His plan is not easy. The Muppets have spread out across the globe, from Reno to Paris, anger management to plumbing businesses. In addition to the daunting troubles at hand, they must convince a TV station to host their telethon and find a celebrity host. Their task list is long, but, in true Muppet fashion, they attack it with laughter and song.

Overall, the movie is adorable and sure to bring laughs. The song-and-dance performances are especially endearing. There’s nothing as inspiring as watching the Muppets give their theater a much-needed facelift while rocking out to “We Built This City” to motivate a long-overdue cleaning of your own room.

An original song from the movie, “Life’s a Happy Song,” is one of the highlights of the film. Walter and Gary perform the song at the beginning and end of the movie, delighting in the joys of having each other and the ones they love to weather life’s hardships. It’s moving, cutesy and sure to be stuck in your head for days. Segel is great as Gary. He already looks like a Muppet, making him perfect for the role. But his wide-eyed innocence also endears him to viewers as he struggles with his identity in the film. His humor isn’t dumbed down for the children in the audience and appeals to all ages.

Adams, his romantic partner, also holds onto the innocence of Smalltown, USA without sacri-

ficing her acting talent. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Rashida Jones, who plays Veronica Martin, the tough TV executive who finally gives the Muppets a slot for their telethon. She tries to be extremely stern and demanding, but it comes off flat — a disappointing performance from this actress.

But Jones aside, the movie is cute and funny. While most of the movie centers on the Muppets, there are memorable performances and cameos from big names like Jack Black, Neil Patrick Harris and Selena Gomez. Most of the jokes are definitely directed toward young children, but there’s enough higher humor to keep people above the age of 6 laughing.

The Muppets will give you the third-greatest gift in this world, laughter, and the film is worth it for that present.

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

Cambodian Thai isn’t the best place to take someone out for a sit down meal, but for a relatively cheap take-out option, it is my new “go to” and the best Thai food I’ve had in quite some time. Though I will recommend being conservative with your spice ratings — a friend of mine couldn’t handle what the server labeled as mild.

My quest for the best Thai food in South Bend is complete. If you’re looking for flavorful food and one of the toughest spice challenges I’ve faced, go to Cambodian Thai. At first glance, Cambodian Thai isn’t the prettiest girl at the ball. The storefront sign is easy to overlook and the inside is more cramped than a Morrissey double. If you are planning on going there, I’d recommend take out, as there is barely enough room to seat 15 people in the entire restaurant and there’s hardly ever a semi-quiet moment. Adding to the college dorm ambiance, Cambodian Thai is more than made up for it in the quality and quantity of their dishes. The first time I ordered, the waitress asked about spice level for my dish. Naturally, my hold self said, “spicy,” to which she replied, “American hot, or Thai hot?” I should have taken this as a warning. I should have kept my ego and bravado in check. Instead, I thought to myself, “Challenge Accepted,” and ordered Thai hot.

Having ordered take out, the drive back from downtown South Bend was unbearable with the hags of Thai food taunting us, waiting to be eaten while smelling delicious. I had the Green Curry, which is a coconut milk based curry with chicken, eggplant, bamboo shoots and plenty of spice. Even with a full serving of rice to go with it, I had to drink 8 Grab n Go juice boxes to handle the “Thai hot” level of spice. Still, it was worth every (mildly painful) bite and the best curry I’ve ever had within 50 miles of Notre Dame (yes, that includes my house and my mother’s cooking).

Other standouts on the menu included their Panang and Red Curry, which each had solid strong flavors and as much kick as you ask for. The noodle dishes (i.e. Drunken Noodles, Pad Thai) while good couldn’t remotely compete with the curry options on the menu. The portion sizes are more than enough to split if you’re feeling generous, but also manageable if you have big appetites. Prices ranged from $6-$8 for curry dishes, and $3-$7 for noodles. They are very flexible with making dishes purely vegetarian and such, just adding to my adoration of the restaurant.

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Selects

1 Flannel Shirts

It hasn’t snowed significantly yet in South Bend, but colder weather is moving in just in time for the beginning of December. Even though these cold few weeks are full of papers, tests and stress, it doesn’t mean they are all bad. Flannel shirts can now return in full force to block out the biting wind or act as a comforting layer of warmth during long hours in the library. With their bright or bold plaid patterns, each flannel is unique and shows some personality. So here’s to cold weather and that oversized flannel finally coming out for winter.

2 Plaid Wrapping Paper

It’s the perfect way to decorate a dorm door as well as the classiest way to hide presents bought for friends and family. The red, green and gold of a good plaid hearken back to the 1950s when housewives like Betty Draper hand crafted bows and tags for Christmas presents galore. Bring the spirit of the season to your hall by adorning just about anything with this holiday season staple.

3 HeyTell

HeyTell is a free iPhone and Android app that allows users to deliver voice messages straight to their friends’ phones, walkie-talkie style. The conversation thread is available too, so users can entertain themselves by listening to their entire back-and-forth record of voice messages. The app is perfect for quick communication, be it incoherent mumblings or crucial information, and is way more fun than lame text messages.

4 The Hunger Games

With the first trailers for the March 23 release of “The Hunger Games” popping up, there seems to be a renewed interest in Suzanne Collins’ first novel of “The Hunger Games” trilogy. Long-time fans are re-reading the novel to prepare for the upcoming movie release. Those drawn in by the movie trailer are reading the book for the first time. In “The Hunger Games,” Collins tells a gripping story of a futuristic, hierarchical society in which teenagers are pitted against each other in an annual, televised battle to the death.

5 Christmas Lights

Thanksgiving is over, which means it’s finally socially acceptable to deck your halls and rock around the Christmas tree. Don’t have the space to fit a Christmas tree in your small dorm room? Get in the holiday spirit by stringing lights around the room. If you don’t have a loft, part of the fun is in getting creative to avoid hammering nails in the wall — unless you don’t mind large fines at your end of the year room inspection.
Sports Authority

Bring on the hate for the Heat in new NBA season

Let’s get one thing straight here: I am a Miami Heat fan. You’re probably thinking, “Wow, the season hasn’t even officially been OK-ed yet and we already have an uneducated, hand-wagon Heat fan.” But that’s what I’m about. I don’t feel bad for LeBron James disappointed in his high schools and Chris Bosh cried in the tunnel and Dwyane Wade mocked Dirk Nowitzki and Erik Spoelstra still alive on the video coordinator he was a few years ago. But that was yesterday.

Now comes year two, where expectations are higher. “The DeFrankos” has been mostly for the Heat to win the east and the other position is still very thin.

But let’s not kid ourselves here. The Heat are so close last year in the Finals against the Mavericks. Late-game collapses in Games Two and Four ultimately sank the Heat as well. Every team would have swept the series.

So do they really need a third threaten center when Bosh, Udonis Haslem and, gasp, Joel Anthony almost won them a title? Do they really need a super point guard when James and Wade handle the ball so frequently and when Mario Chalmers (assuming they re-sign him) knocks down the occasional three-pointer?

Maybe they do, maybe they don’t, but questions undoubtedly remain for the defending Eastern Conference champions but allowing a lockout that shortened the season by 16 games, every team has some flaws.

Regardless, the haters will reemerge to rip Pat Riley’s organization, Spoelstra’s schemes, James’ clutch play, Bosh’s toughness, Wade’s foul calls and the team’s fans once Miami loses a few games. But that is perfectly OK with me. Bring on the hate.

Bring it on, Chicago. Prove that Joakim Noah, Carlos Boozer and Luol Deng can become the players they have the potential to be. Prove that last year’s regular season wasn’t a fluke. Prove that blowing a 12-point lead the last four minutes of an elimination game at home is an anomaly.

Bring it on, Boston. Prove that Goliath can return to form. Prove that Rajon Rondo finally has a jump-shot. Prove your Big Three is better than Miami’s Big Three. Bring it on, Orlando. Prove that Dwight Howard is the next great big man. Prove that you can keep that shooting 26 threes a game is a viable strategy.

Remember, you can hang with the big boys in the East. Bring it on, New York. You can try to play some defense in the East when you wait for Chris Paul. Your choice.

Bring it on, Los Angeles. Kobe, tell me how the sweet tasting thing is. Bring it on, Atlanta. Supposedly, they’re a division rival. I guess I’ll stop picking on the perennial fifth-seeded in the East.

Bring it on, Cleveland. Too soon? Well, good luck with Kyrie Irving. Bring it on, Dallas. See you in the playoffs. You don’t have to prove any- thing.

I am about loving the Heat. I am about loving the hate.

So, here’s a warm welcome back to the NBA. A welcome back to the Miami Heat. A welcome back to the Miami Heat hate. I’ve missed you.

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NFL

Packers search for perfection

Associated Press

There is perfection — what the Green Bay Packers are chasing.

And then there is perfection — what the Indianapolis Colts are trying to avoid. Neither team wants to broach the subject, although both are very aware it’s out there.

“We think a long way from there,” Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. “If we’re fortunate enough to get to that point, we might see our first or second time unbeaten after 15 or 14 games, maybe we can start talking about what you were talking about.”

What the rest of the nation is talking about is: 16-0.

And, in the Colts’ case, 0-16.

“I think all the losses are tough. At this point, we’re just trying to find a way to get a win,” Colts safety Antoine Bethea said. “We’ve got five games left now, so we got to keep our head up and stick to- gether.”

The Packers have been sticking it to just about everyone all season. They lead the NFL in points (382, 347 per game), and are or near at the lead in many other offensive statistics, including having the lights-out sort of season that Rodg- ers had in leading the Patriots to their perfect regular season of 2007.

Indeed, there are several similarities between the Packers and those Patriots, including a heavy concentration on passing, a mix of veterans and young- sters, and a well-established coaching staff with a strong ability to adapt during games.

But there are many differences, starting with Rodgers vs. Tom Brady, quarterbacks, which is deeper than just a matter of what Brady enjoyed. Sure, Brady had stars in Randy Moss and Wes Welker, but backups such as Julian Edelman usually were Donee’ Stallworth, Jabar Gaffney, tight end Aaron Hernandez and running back Kevin Faulk.

Moss had a record 23 TD receptions, starting with Kyrie Irving.

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Colts weigh option of taking quarterback in draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Money won’t solve the Colts from finding a quarterback in April’s draft.

They just have to make sure they’ve got the right man to succeed Peyton Manning.

Indianapolis vice chairman Bill Polian told radio listeners Monday night that the Colts could afford to keep Manning on the roster next season and still use their first-round draft pick on another franchise quarterback without sacrificing competitiveness.

“The payment to the first-round pick is not huge compared to what it was under the old (collective bargaining) agreement, so you could afford that,” Polian told a caller. “I’m perfectly fine with that approach.”

It would be a pricey move.

Manning agreed to a five-year contract worth $90 million in July, a deal that includes a $28 million bonus payment due in February. Manning hasn’t played since having neck surgery in May and has barely practiced since agreeing to the deal. If the Colts opt out of Manning’s deal, the four-year league MVP would become a free agent.

At 0-11, Indianapolis also holds a two-game lead in the chase for the No. 1 draft pick — a slot that most analysts believe will be used on Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck.

Last year’s top pick, Cam Newton, signed a four-year contract worth more than $22 million, meager compared to the six-year, $78 million deal St. Louis quarterback Sam Bradford signed in 2009 as the No. 1 overall pick.

What Manning reiterated his previous position that this is the time to select Manning’s successor if they find the right quarterback, Polian has declined to specifically talk about Luck, who some call the best quarterback prospect since the Colts selected Manning No. 1 overall in 1998. And Polian insists he’s not even sure where Luck fits in this year’s draft.

“A lot of names are being bandied about and Andrew Luck is one of them,” he said. “He can go back to school if he wants, but we don’t have to make that decision until Jan. 15, so they’re not even part of the equation yet. I have no problem on a number of occasions that if the right person was there we would make that pick. We were prepared to do that last year and came awfully close to making it. Who that person is, right now, I couldn’t tell you. But his future has been clouded because of the neck in-jury.”

After having the initial surgery to repair a damaged nerve that was causing throwing arm, Manning underwent another procedure, a decompression surgery, that removed pressure from the cord that was causing weakness in his arm. He said Monday that he is now able to throw during the final two months of the season.

In the meantime, fans are asking why the Colts haven’t moved on from Manning. The, Colts have lost eight of their last nine.

“I just have to go out there and do my job. I have a lot to do, which I get paid to do, I have to go out there and give my best effort,” said Jackson, who is unhappy he didn’t get a new contract.

“Regardless of what happens, the dropped balls and all, it’s not like it’s happening on purpose,” Jackson said. “Everybody has things that they have to go through in life. Right now this is what I am going through to better myself. I will be all right.”

Jackson is costing himself money with every lackluster effort, missed meeting, deactivating himself, not playing. It’s one of the most exciting players in the league when he has the ball in his hands. But, at 5-11, 145, he isn’t among the elite receivers and won’t be getting top money from Philadelphia after his contract expires at the end of the season.

The Eagles are in need of a whole lot more than another receiver next season. Their biggest problems are on defense. Reid’s decision to switch from Juan Castillo from his long-time position as offensive line coach to defensive coordinator was highly questioned at the time. It looks like an egregious mistake for coaching game.

Castillo had no answers for Brady, who had his way with Philadelphia’s defense. Brady seven points and had a chance to pull together. It’s hard. We’re not going to go our heads, we’re going to keep them up and moving forward, go make plays and go win ball games.”

Eagles DE Trent Cole said. “We know what kind of talent we have, so we have to pull together, we can’t go gettin together, we can’t go gettin low, we have to be a team and it’s hard to see us lose,” defensive end Trent Cole said. “We know what kind of talent we have, so we have to pull together. It’s hard. We’re not going to go our heads, we’re going to keep them up and moving forward, go make plays and go win ball games.”

It’s uncertain whether Vince Young or Michael Vick will start against the Seahawks. Young played the last two games because Vick’s knee injury.

Young threw for 242 yards, four yards against the Patriots, though his numbers were inflated a bit because of the score.

Questions mount for Eagles as playoff hopes continue to fade
Irish were on the outside looking in. After falling to Cincinnati in the Big East title game a week Nov. 20, the Irish held on to the slim hope that they would be selected for the NCAA tournament after a strong showing in the conference tournament, despite a mediocre regular season.

Against the Flyers, Notre Dame held set-point numerous times in the first set yet were unable to come up with the clutch point when it mattered. “We were right on the cusp there a couple times,” Dealy said. “It’s fun to go back and forth like that, but that’s the way things have been for a lot of this year.”

In her final match for Notre Dame, Dealy led the team with 14 kills on the day, followed by junior Hilary Eppink with eight and sophomore Andrea McHugh with seven. Senior Frenchy Silva totaled 15 digs in the defensive effort.

The match was the last in the careers of Dealy and Silva, co-captains and the lone two seniors on the young team. “We knew that this could very well be the last match that we would play in our careers,” Dealy said. “So it was nice to be able to play one more time. Usually Coach Brown schedules these games as tune-ups for the NCAA tournament. We were so close to getting there against Cincinnati.”

A win against the Bearcats in the Big East final would have secured an NCAA berth for the Irish who must now turn to next season as the team returns 12 of 14 players in 2012.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles come up short in both games of holiday tournament

By NICK BOYLE
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After two close contests, the Belles emerged without a victory in the Ohio Northern Thanksgiving Classic in Ada, Ohio. They fell to Ohio Northern 68-64 Saturday and to Otterbein 74-65 Sunday.

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In a back-and-forth second half, the Polar Bears took their largest lead of the game on a jump shot by sophomore forward Comie Yoder with 6:41 remaining, giving the tournament hosts a 62-47 lead.

Saint Mary’s gained an early lead against Otterbein (4-0) on Sunday. Going up 23-13 with seven minutes left in the half on a layup from Murphy, the Cardinals took the lead for the first time between the teams. The Cardinals fought back and had 12 rebounds before the clock ran out. The Cardinals fought back and closed the half on an 11-4 run, cutting the Belles’ lead to two.

The second half was tightly contested as the lead change four times between the teams. The Cardinals took the lead for good with 7:20 left in the game when they went up 56-55 on a field goal from Otterbein junior forward Rachel Snedgery. Otterbein closed the game on a 19-10 run, and Saint Mary’s went home without a win.

Along with Murphy’s double-double, Ronan matched Mahoney’s points with 18 against the Cardinals. Moving into conference play we know what we need to do to win games and we are working hard to fix our problems… We just have to execute on both ends of the floor to get the results we know we can.”

Patsy Mahoney senior guard

Saint Mary’s got its first victory of the season Nov. 10 against University of Chicago and is looking to maintain its winning ways against Trine University on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at home.

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Thank you, Hedwig.
You're dismissed.

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By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

With less than a second left, Notre Dame senior guard Natalie Novosel scored the game-winning basket from the free-throw line, and the Irish beat Duke 56-54 in the Championship game of the Junkanoo Jam in the Bahamas on Saturday night.

"It was hard earned," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We were taking bad shots. Defensively we weren't on our game. We just really played poorly at both ends. We were lucky to only be down 16 (points) at halftime."

In the first 20 minutes of play, Novosel only shot one of 10, far behind what her season average of just over 17 points per game suggested she should have by that point.

But Novosel made up for it late in the second half. She scored 15 total points, including the game-saving basket.

Junior guard Skylar Diggins led team scoring with 19 points, and the Irish went on a 21-3 run at the start of the second half as Duke shot 19 percent from the field in the second half.

"It was a role reversal in the second half," McGraw said. "The defense was the reason that we won the game. [Senior guard] Fraderica Miller, [graduate student guard] Brittany Mallory, all of them played well defensively. The defense was the offense. It was a good contribution from everybody, a good contribution in that game."

Against the Trojans on Friday, Diggins scored 22 points and brought in five steals for the Irish.

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ND Women’s Basketball

Last second magic

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Every year Irish coach Debbie Brown schedules a non-conference match at the end of the Big East championship for a little competitive practice before tournament time. But without a spot in the tournament this year, a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Dayton on Friday was all the Irish had to show for the extra game.

After a marathon first set that went 60 points, the Irish (17-13) could not derail the NCAA-bound Flyers (25-6), falling 3-0 (21-25, 25-21, 25-19).

"I think we approached this game differently than we often do," Irish senior captain Kristen Dealy said. "There's a little bit less pressure and more of an emphasis on enjoying the game with your teammates because we knew this could easily be our last match."

Indeed, it would be the last match for the Irish. When the NCAA selected the 64-team field for the NCAA tournament Sunday, the

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ND Volleyball

Campaign concludes with loss

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Riding a 10-game unbeaten streak, No. 3/2 Notre Dame took the long ride up to No. 14/13 Lake Superior St. over the weekend for a pair of key conference games. The team played some of its best hockey of the season during Friday night's 4-1 win, but the Irish were left with a sour taste in their mouths after a 5-2 loss Saturday.

"Friday's action got off to an exciting start, as the Irish (10-3-3, 7-2-3 CCHA) jumped out to a 1-0 lead just three minutes into the game off a goal from junior left winger Nick Larson. The Lakers (10-4-2, 6-3-1-1) evened the score just 20 seconds later, but the frenetic pace was calmed by Irish junior goaltender Mike Johnson, whose 29 saves kept the Lakers off the scoreboard for the rest of the night.

The game-winning goal came from the Irish power-play early in the second period. Freshman right winger Austin Wultrich found freshman defenseman Robbie Russo in the slot, and Russo finished the play with a rocket into the back of the net for his third goal of the season. All three of Russo's goals have come from the point on the power-play, which has made the young freshman yet another weapon in Irish coach Jeff Jackson's arsenal.

"We expected Robbie to come in and be an impact player for us as a freshman," Jackson said. "Part of the reason we recruited him was because of his