

Resolution SS0708-36

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COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS  
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**A RESOLUTION APPLAUDING THE UNIVERSITY'S SUSTAINABILITY  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND EFFORTS**

Whereas, The University improved its overall "D-" grade on the College Sustainability Report Card in 2007 to a "C", making us only one of 13 universities to improve by one full letter grade or more;

Whereas, University President John Jenkins has created the Energy and Environmental Issues committee to raise awareness of and advise the administration on environmental issues;

Whereas, The University power plant has undergone a series of improvements aimed at decreasing greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas, Notre Dame Food Services has made many strides towards food sustainability, offering locally grown food, sustainably produced seafood and coffee, and an extensive recycling program including the donation of unused food to local organizations for the homeless;

Whereas, Notre Dame improved from a "C" to receive an "A" grade in Investment Priorities, making it a leader in this category amongst all other American colleges and universities measured, through its significant investments in renewable energy funds;

Whereas, The University and its Administration have yet to be publicly commended for their actions by members of its own community; and

Whereas, Despite all of its remarkable progress in the areas of sustainability, much work remains to be done in order to make Notre Dame a truly sustainable campus and a leader in college sustainability; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Student Senate appreciates, commends and applauds all of the University's efforts in progressing towards a goal of campus sustainability and encourages the Administration to continue expanding these efforts in order to achieve the ultimate goal of college sustainability.

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