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The Von Lee theater is renovated to a Noodles & Company in February 2007. The Von Lee, which was a local movie theater, was a staple on Kirkwood Avenue that closed and was bought out by the restaurant chain.

Chamber: Kirkwood chains OK to stay

City still examining effect of corporate dining downtown

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Panda Express, Chipotle, Noodles & Company and other downtown restaurant chains are safe – for now.

The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce said Tuesday they would not restrict the number of chains or formula-based restaurants allowed on Kirkwood Avenue and the Courthouse Square.

This statement comes in response from a soon-to-be-proposed ordinance that Mayor Mark Kruzan formulated.

In Kruzan's April 29 State of the City address, he discussed how protecting locally owned and operated businesses is at the top of his list.

"Local enterprises are what will get this country through the recession," Kruzan said. "They are the cradle of entrepreneurial spirit. ... Our message is not that chain business are not welcome – they, after all, employ people and satisfy demand – but we want to encourage a climate that fosters local first."

Following his address, Kruzan put together a group to work toward drafting an ordinance to limit the number of chains and formula-based restaurants in the downtown area, which could also be expanded to Fourth Street, said Morgan Hutton, director of advocacy for the Chamber of Commerce.

On Tuesday, however, the Chamber of Commerce stated that it does not support the possibility of the proposed ordinance.

"It is in the process of being brought forward," Hutton said. "It probably won't be (presented) until after the first of the year."

The group will meet for the second time on Dec. 8.

The Chamber of Commerce found several points of concern including proven history that chains do not compete against local business, according to a press release. The Chamber does not see a future threat to the look of the downtown area nor a reason that would justify new legislation.

Larry Webb, Cafe Pizzeria co-owner and co-manager, has watched businesses move in and out of Kirkwood Avenue since he started managing in 1972.

"They haven't affected anything as far as I know," he said. "A hundred of them might. The more that come has to affect someone, but one restaurant probably wouldn't hurt us. They've come and gone over the years."

The biggest effect chains have caused is parking issues downtown, Webb said.

"The whole problem down here is that we don't have parking," he said. "I worry about losing more parking than I do about chains."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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IU guard Jeremiah Rivers goes in for a layup after making a steal during an exhibition game against Grace on Wednesday at Assembly Hall.



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ABOVE IU guard Matt Roth and the rest of the bench erupts in cheers after several IU steals during an exhibition game against Grace on Wednesday at Assembly Hall. **BELOW** Indiana coach Tom Crean cheers on his team.



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IU 96 - GRACE 73

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Men's basketball columnist Jordan Cohen reviews IU's first game of the season. See Sports page 6.

IU BASKETBALL TIPS OFF

Hoosiers get fight from underdog in debut

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Nearly everyone has talked to junior guard Jeremiah Rivers about the dances he did while sitting out last season.

For 30 minutes Wednesday, he couldn't find a rhythm. The timing was off. With about eight minutes left in the second half, Rivers found sophomore forward Tom Pritchard before putting in two dunks of his own in the

open court.

His play set off a run for IU that ended with a 20-point lead and an eventual 96-73 victory for IU.

The Hoosiers continued to add separation in the second half, though the game had been close throughout as Grace College buried 3-point shots and challenged IU's transition defense for easy layups.

The first half saw a team still

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Atmosphere a 'saving grace' for Lancers

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When Grace senior forward David Swanson heard his team would be playing IU in an exhibition game, he thought it was a mistake.

"I said, 'Indiana University in Bloomington?' I was very confused," he said.

The game wasn't a mistake. The Lancers took on IU in the first of two exhibition games for the Hoosiers,

losing 96-73 to their in-state foes.

While the game was more of a throw-away for IU, it meant more to Grace.

Grace junior guard David Henry said he used the IU game as motivation during his long summer workouts.

"You know you get to play IU, and it makes it worth it," he said.

Two buses of fans came down

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Coal Free IU to raise renewable-energy awareness

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Coal Free IU will have its first discussion panel to inform students about the harmful effects of IU's on-site coal plant and to raise awareness about alternative energy options today.

Coal Free IU began in September after the Sierra Club, the nation's oldest and largest environmental group, launched its "Beyond Coal" campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to shut down the more than 60 coal plants

"COAL ON CAMPUS: COAL AND THE FUTURE OF ENERGY AT IU" DISCUSSION PANEL

WHEN 7 p.m. today
WHERE Indiana Memorial Union Persimmon Room
MORE INFO Free and open to the public and organized by Coal Free IU.

on college campuses across the country and to help them transition to 100 percent clean, renewable energy, said

Sierra Club coordinator Monica Embrey.

"I'm really hoping that people get an idea of energy at IU," said sophomore Novella Shuck, academic events coordinator for Coal Free IU. "I hope that they don't take anything for granted and that they get an understanding of the realities and challenges that we face."

"Coal on Campus: Coal and the future of energy at IU" is the topic of the discussion panel that will feature Bill Brown, office of sustainability;

Ben Brabson, professor from the physics department; Jeff Kaden, University engineer; and Michael Beczkiewicz, networking coordinator for the Southern Indiana Renewable Energy Network.

Shuck planned the discussion panel in order to raise awareness about both the environmental and public health issues associated with having a coal plant on campus.

The Sierra Club identified IU

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