‘Drug czar’ warns against marijuana use

By PETER DURBIN
News Writer

The former “drug czar” under President George W. Bush, John P. Walters, presented on the dangers of illicit drugs and potential solutions to a growing problem Thursday evening.

Walters, the former Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy from 2001 to 2009, gave a presentation titled “Pot: Hot or Not? The Young, American Democracy, and the Drug Problem,” addressing the effects of marijuana and illicit drugs and their potential legalization.

Walters, who now serves as executive vice president of the Hudson Institute, highlighted how the consumption of most illicit substances decreased during the years 2001-2007.

He also discussed how drug use among teens is growing, citing a culture that has embraced marijuana and advertised it as a natural remedy.

Walters stressed the importance of screening programs that accelerate the process of an addict realizing he or she has a problem.

“The use of court-mandated treatment has helped get people the care they need,” Walters said.

Gutiérrez promotes Pope’s ‘preferential option for poor’

By GABRIELA MALESPIN
News Writer

Fr. Gustavo Gutiérrez, the John Cardinal O’Hara Professor of Theology and the ‘father of liberation theology,’ presented the keynote address, “Pope Francis and the Preferential Option for the Poor,” Thursday afternoon as part of the International Conference on Archbishop Oscar Romero, hosted by the Kellogg Institute.

The keynote speaker, Saint Mary’s Italian professor Robert Morse, shared his experience as a professional European basketball player. Morse also discussed his favorite parts of Italian culture and cuisine.

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SMC celebrates diversity with Italian dinner

By CHELSEY FATTAL
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Student Diversity Board and Italian Club held the first annual Diversity Dinner, featuring three speakers and small-group discussions in Regina South Thursday.

Senior Catherine Sullivan, vice president of the Italian Club and hostess of the event, introduced the event. Sullivan’s parents were also in attendance, as guests who were born in Italy, and they shared their Italian cuisine with students.

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Starbucks opens on Eddy Street

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

The Starbucks in LaFortune Hall has competition -- it is no longer the only one in the immediate area for Notre Dame students after a new Starbucks officially opened on Eddy Street on Thursday morning.

Store manager Lindsay Egilmez said it is a place for students to gather and enjoy each other’s company.

“The store is for football games, a great place for students to come enjoy and study and for off-campus students and local guests,” Egilmez said. “Eddy Street Commons is a great halfway point intersection for all the above.”

The new Starbucks replaced a Romy’s Cafe in the Eddy Street branch of Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Jim O’Connor, vice president of sales and operations for Follett Higher Education Group said.

“When the cafe originally opened as Romy’s Cafe, the Eddy Street Commons was
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What is your favorite study spot on campus?

Anne Chan
sophomore
McGlinn Hall
“Library study rooms in the basement.”

Dan Andree
sophomore
Alumni Hall
“Rohr’s.”

Brad Tener
sophomore
Alumni Hall
“Badin.”

Sarafina Joseph
freshman
Pasquerilla West Hall
“Geddes.”

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Friday
Women’s Tennis: Notre Dame Invitational
Eck Tennis Pavilion
All day
Free and open public.

Labor Cafe
Geddes Hall
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Forum on work and labor issues.

Saturday
ND Women’s Tennis: Notre Dame Invitational
Eck Tennis Pavilion
All day
Free to the public.

Saturday Vigil Mass
Baslica of the Sacred Heart
6 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Music by Women’s Liturgical Choir.

Sunday
Men’s Golf
Warren Golf Course
Clubhouse
All day
Gridiron Classic.

Film: Brave
Deiartello Performing Arts Center
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Cost is $4 for students.

Monday
“Candide” Auditions
Washington Hall
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Sign up at Crowley Hall.

“The Pace of Praise”
Hesburgh Library
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Religion & Literature lecture, featuring Robin Kirkpatrick.

Tuesday
Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic
Warren Golf Course
All Day
Free and open to the public.

Men’s Soccer vs. VCU
Alumni Stadium
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Free with student ID.

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A bulletin board in Saint Mary’s Regina Hall provides residents with resources in a campaign to raise suicide awareness. Resident assistants in each dorm created a board for their hall to offer support to students living there.
Expert advocates for nonviolence

By ALEXA DeSANTIS
News Writer

A crowded Hesburgh Center auditorium hosted the 16th annual Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace Thursday, where Maria I. Stephan, a non-resident senior fellow of the Atlantic Council and a senior policy fellow of the U.S. Institute of Peace, gave her view on the power of civil resistance.

“Civil resistance, if there is one message ... is not magi- cal,” Stephan said. “It does not win by melting hearts and minds. It wins through planning, strategy and effectively applied pressure. All of that can be learned, taught, built on and shared between activists and movements.”

Stephan’s speech addressed much of her work with Erica Chenoweth, a former Yoder Dialogue speaker and their 2011 book “Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict.” She said during the period from 1990 to 2006, nonviolent campaigns were twice as effective as violent ones when against oppressors.

“Nonviolent campaigns, we found, statistically have a 46 percent success rate against oppressive groups, whereas armed campaigns have only a 20 percent success rate,” she said.

Although the effectiveness of nonviolent resistance has de- clined since 2011, there is more hope for the future, Stephan said. While this is primarily because authoritarian regimes learn from each other, diverse groups of people have the pow- er and desire for civil resistance.

“More and more people in different countries are engag- ing in nonviolent resistance,” she said. “In the period 2010 to 2013, there were more nonviolent campaigns than in the entire decade of the 1990s. What is clear is that people are increasingly learning from each other and are turning to this method of struggle in order to advance rights and fundamen- tal freedoms.”

Stephan said civil resistance, in comparison to armed strug- gle, is a more effective way to achieve peace.

“The vast majority of atroc- ies globally occur when states are responding to armed insur- gencies,” Stephan said. “Arms insurgencies win about 24 per- cent of the time, but the level of casualties, notably civilian casualties, are often astro- nomical. Most genocide mass atrocities occur in this type of context.”

The Yoder Dialogues have been held annually since 1999, and are put on in honor of John Howard Yoder, former theolo- gy professor at Notre Dame. The Yoder family supports the event each year, and it consists of a lecture followed by a discus- sion, normally on a topic related to nonviolence and peace.

“The Yoder tradition has been very involved in ... internation- al solidarity around peace and justice issues,” Stephan said. “[The] Kruc [Institute] is a place where you can meet people. You have activists coming together with policy makers coming to- gether with academics, so it is a great place to swap notes about what types of interventions actu- ally work.”

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Mod Quad hosts third annual ‘Drip n’ Dodge’

By CLARA YANG
News Writer

Mod Quad’s third annual “Drip n’ Dodge” will bring a splash of color to White Field Saturday as part of a fundrais- ing effort for Camp Kesem, which provides support to children whose parents have cancer.

The event, which is co-sponsored by Knot, Pasquerilla East, Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls, features altered games of dodgeball with teams of four to six people hurling paint- covered balls at one another. Water guns filled with paint are also provided so that people waiting to play can splash them to the teams playing. Pasquerilla East president sophomore Mary White said.

“Camp Kesem organizations will use soft dodge balls and require participants to wear protec- tive goggles, White said.

“Last year, it was a rainy day, so less than 20 teams were playing on the day,” White said. “This year ... our goal is at least 30 teams to play ... we expect a fun day out on White Fields.”

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SMC SENATE

Sets aside club funding

By KATE ZUROVCHAK
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s senate met Wednesday to discuss this year’s objectives and bud- get for the College’s student organizations.

Senior student body presi- dent McKenna Schuster chairs the SMC senate, which is the only voting body on campus. The Senate’s main responsibil- ity is to ensure each club and sports team receives adequate funding.

Senior vice president of fi- nance Marissa Pie said each of the College’s 54 recognized stu- dent groups begins with a bud- get of $100, and athletic clubs receive $1,000.

Student groups also have the chance to apply for travel grants and sponsor- ships, Schuster said.

“The Council of Clubs, which is composed of presidents from each student club and group, approves all sponsorship funds, Pie said.

This year, Schuster said one of the Senate’s main objectives is to keep the student body up- dated about its decisions and actions.

“Instead of being transparent and keep the student body in- formed, we are emphasizing the importance of town-hall style meetings,” she said.

The Senate also aims to sim- plify the budget for recognized clubs and sports teams and make it more comprehensive and available to the student body, Schuster said.

“We formed this year’s budget after carefully analyzing last year’s budget,” Schuster said. “A great amount of thought and research was put into this year’s allocations.”

The senate also hopes to cre- ate incentives for students to participate in school events and spirit weeks, such as the Navy Dance and Love Your Body Week.

Schuster said she would like to see increased attendance at athletic competitions, social events and lectures.

“Students will receive a punch card to record their at- tendance at various events,” she said. “When the punch card is filled out, prizes will be offered. It’s a fun incentive.”

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Teams must pay a registra- tion fee of $10 and proceeds will go to Camp Kesem, a na- tionwide camp Notre Dame has sponsored and hosted for the past 13 years, White said.

“[Camp Kesem] is a sum- mer camp for kids who just need to sort of get away for a while,” Costello said. “[Camp Kesem] greatly appreciates any donation they can get because they are not a huge organization, so anything helps for them.”

The first 50 people to sign up will receive free Drip N’ Dodge stickers, and the event will include food, drinks and music.

“This year, Drip N’ Dodge will be the best yet,” White said.

Siegfried president sopho- more Anthony LaGuardia said the prizes for the win- ners of the tournament add excitement to the event.

The third place team will win a Papa John’s pizza party up to $100. The second place prize is six all-inclusive tick- ets to the Niles Haunted House and Screm Park in Niles, Michigan. The first place prize is worth $300 dollars but is still a mystery.

“We got a little bit,” Costello said, “[Camp Kesem] greatly appreciated the money to Camp Kesem, but hoped to donate the extra money to Camp Kesem, but due to some SAO and Hall presi- dents Council pro- cedural regulations, the money can only be used on the event.

“I think the main reason behind this is because SAO not only wants to ... put on events that raise a lot of money for charity, but they also wanted to get students involved,” LaGuardia said. “So I think that they think that the best way to do is to not just donate the mon- ey you receive but spend the money to make a cool event for ... [is] part of the charity.”

White said last year’s weather restricted partici- pation, but she hopes for more students Sunday.

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eating some of the best food in the world," Morse said. "Many of my favorite experiences have happened in Italy." Morse also said he was named one of the top 35 basketball players in Europe.

Sophomore Italian student Stephanie Bramer said she attended the event for great food but got much more. "I would've never guessed I would also get my professor's life story tonight too," Bramer said. "I love Italian food and I love my professors. I had to come because it was the perfect mix."

Senior Ana Martin, president of the Italian Club, who is originally from Mexico, said she hopes the event will continue and expose students to more diverse cultures.

"My hope is that this is only the beginning," she said. "I want every culture that represents the Saint Mary's community to be represented." Sullivan said she hoped the event provided an authentic experience.

"The Italian Club wanted to host the Diversity Dinner to inaugurage the club and to give an experience of the Italian culture," she said. "We hope to offer an exquisite dinner, cooked by real Italians."

Sara Bauer, a senior Italian minor said she attended the dinner to relive her Italian study abroad experience. "I spent a year in Rome and most everyone said I was excited for the opportunity to have some Italian food and reconnect with girls I made in Italy," she said. "I think that Professor Morse is a wonderful and interesting person in general. I had to come for the good food and wonderful reminiscing."

"Each year we're hoping to build, and I think it's becoming stronger," Sullivan said. "And it's encouraging that our campus is really uplifting women's diversity." The Chinese Cultural Club has already signed up to host the next Diversity Dinner.

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Walters presented statistics that showed the the criminal justice system is the largest reason people enter treatment.

"It would benefit if people could be educated by family members or friends, but ultimately the single greatest source of intervention and treatment begins with the criminal justice system," Walters said.

Walters said he wanted the audience to know how pertinent it was to seek out the necessary resources to help a family member or friend who is potentially struggling with addiction. "In almost every case if [drug users] get themselves treatment, there's always someone who has been a source of compulsion to do that," Walters said. "Although this usually is initiated by the criminal justice system, friends and family can be a vital resource of help."

Walters warned against the potential dangers of legalizing marijuana for recreational use, citing evidence that claimed crime rates in Denver have increased dramatically since the installation of marijuana dispensaries in the state.

"Denver is becoming the new Detroit," Walters said in regards to the growing rate of crime in the city. "When a student from the Denver area challenged this statement, Walters drew the crowd's attention to a potential business owner's point of view, and how marijuana legalization causes aprehension in an owner's mind."

"Who's going to want to bring a business to a city or region where they can't get a workforce that is reliable?" Walters said.

"It would be nice if people could consider the potential dangers before legalizing marijuana," Walters said.

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"This is a beautiful, brand new Starbucks with a Notre Dame inspired atmosphere and a very large seating area both indoor and outdoor, which is conducive to everyone, whether they are studying, having a good conversation over a latte or meeting with a professor," Egilmez said.

Caitlin Kinser, marketing manager of Notre Dame Retail Operations, said the cafe does not offer student discounts, but will find other ways to draw in students.

"We would love to partner with student workers to provide them with a place to perform," Kinser said. "We are also looking into partnering with academic departments and professors to bring public academic readings to the cafe."

Kinser said the cafe will be a full-service Starbucks.

"The full line of drinks, seasonal beverages and foods will be available at the cafe," she said. "All of your Starbucks favorites and future new offerings will be in-store."

Kinser said the cafe is open to student workers. "Starbucks at Eddy Street has and will continue to accept applications from all interested students," Kinser said. "We highly encourage any students who are interested in working at this beautiful new cafe to apply to work here!"

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Gutiérrez focused his talk on the Christian call to solidarity and social justice for the poor, while emphasizing the need to understand the fundamental connection between Christian theology and the eradicateion of poverty. Gutiérrez said "with the teachings of Francis, we are going back to our source." To announce the gospel is this: Jesus is trying to make present the kingdom of God today, in our history." Gutiérrez said. "To speak about the church means also to recall this link between the love of God and the love of our neighbor." Gutiérrez said the biblical passage of the last supper serves as a memory of Christ and his message of serving and loving thy neighbor. This passage, as well as others, demonstrated the connection between the church and the poor, he said.

"We have to recall a central point of the Christian message: we are challenged for this memory," Gutiérrez said. "The center point is the relation between the kingdom of God and the poor. This point, I think, when we fulfill this, we are really in the center of the biblical message. The question of the poor is not only a social issue, it is above all a biblical issue." Gutiérrez also highlighted Archbishop Oscar Romero’s work with the impoverished and marginalized in El Salvador and said Romero’s legacy served as a “witness of the central point of the Christian message”.

Gutiérrez read a quote from Archbishop Romero, which states that we must be judges by which to judge if God is near or is far away. Everyone concerned about the hungry, the poor, evil, and good, he said, must practice justice and be a police custody, for those who have been tortured, for prisoners, for old people who have suffered, these have God close at hand.

According to Gutiérrez, the ability to love and serve thy neighbor is best exemplified by an understanding of spiritual poverty and the ability to engage in solidarity and friendship with the poor.

Gutiérrez said the correct way to serve the poor is not to imitate a life of poverty, but rather to condemn poverty as a condition that humanizes others. He said the church does not condone poverty because it represents the marginalization and exploitation of human identity.

"Poverty is never good. ... Real poverty is not only economic, it is political, social," Gutiérrez said. "The poor are [perceived as] insignificant people for several reasons: cultural reasons, racial reasons, gender reasons. To be poor is to be nothing."

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Homesick for Ireland

Kiera Johnsen
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The best way to describe the end of the study abroad experience is like waking up after a dream which felt so real it made you wonder, “What just happened?” It almost feels like you were in a time warp. South Bend seems the same, yet you’ve changed so much in your absence. When I first came to college, the number one thing I wanted to do was study abroad, and I did. Now, upon returning to South Bend after a total of eight months (including the summer) away, I find myself confused as to what to do next. Everyone always tells you what to do in preparation for and during the study abroad experience, but no one explains how to deal when you return. No one explains to you how to be less homesick for the country you’ve just left.

Wherever a student goes, he or she leaves as a different person, and Ireland was no different. Forgiving my cheesiness, but this special Emerald Isle captured my heart. I spent my spring semester in the tiny college town of Maynooth, Ireland, in County Kildare, home of the National University of Ireland at Maynooth (now known as Maynooth University). In a way, it is exactly what you imagine a cute Irish town to be: it has a medieval castle, farms on the outskirts, several pubs and a church.

I have been to seven countries, and Ireland is the only place I have ever gone where I was awakened by mooing cows outside my window at eight in the morning after they escaped their farm and paraded around our apartment complex. Ireland is the only place I have ever gone where the two hour bus rides across the country to visit Galway were never boring because wherever you looked was pure beauty. As we progress through our college years at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, it becomes clear that sexual assault is not something that happens to the ambiguous “other.” Email reports arrive in our inboxes far too often, notifying us of acts far worse than the words “non-consensual sexual contact” can begin to convey. Such words are the facts we are told, but the personal reality of sexual assault is far worse.

We must acknowledge that a proliferation of rape culture exists nationally. And it is a problem that continues to plague us here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. Just this week, we received two email alerts, the first of the year, citing reports of sexual assault and sexual battery on the Notre Dame campus. The alerts are the formal notification of a particular incident, but hints of the overall culture appear in other ways – sexually explicit posts on anonymous online confession accounts or overheard conversations in the hallways.

In the last few years, the Gender Relations Committee and Student Government have worked to make Notre Dame a community that recognizes the gravity of sexual assault on campus. And a growing number of students are willing to talk about the problem and react compassionately to victims. Prayer services bring together a tangible support group without singling out the victim or asking the victim to relive the events of the attack. Posters showing support for survivors of sexual assault that hung on our doors last year made it known that even one assault is too many. But often our efforts to support survivors stop there — with kind words and prayers.

We are called to do more, and we ought to do so. While these new initiatives are encouraging, we as a community have a long way to go. Each one of us must act to take a stand against sexual assault and violence, before any incident occurs.

It’s easy to feel that we can have no tangible impact on the situation, that we cannot end the unhealthy sexual culture that exists in our world. But if we truly believe that one is too many, then each of us must act so there will be one less.

Whenever we hear someone speak about a person as if he or she is a sexual object, we are obligated to speak up and speak out — whether it happens on social media, in the dining hall or in the classroom. Every word that demeans the value of another person contributes to and strengthens a culture that tolerates rape and abuse and exploitation. We cannot expect to change how we treat others if we speak about them as sexual targets.

As the Notre Dame community prepares to mark its Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we are called to be aware. More than that, we are called to be active. Together, if we demand and foster a community founded on love and respect, we will move one step closer to being the community we aspire to be.

The Observer Inside Column

Speak up and speak out

Kiera Johnsen

It is happening even if we don’t want to admit it: crude sexual harassment on the @UNDCrushes Twitter account, inappropriate advances by a classmate on a cab ride back to campus and the aftermath of violence that cannot be forgotten. These are some of the experiences that many of us have encountered.

“Stop seeing the obstacles you face as reasons why you can’t do something. See them as a reason why you can.”

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I love those pictures that double as visual illusions. Google "visual illusions" and you'll see examples of what I am talking about. There is, for example, the intricate picture of a woman whose face and outline doubles as a pastoral landscape. Her "hair" doubles as a horse, her "eyes" as hooves, her "face" as mountains, her "nose" as a bird. Or there's the much simpler and perhaps most common example of these illusions: the "vase" which, at second glance, becomes two faces which gaze at each other in empty space.

When I was in junior high, I combined my love of these illusions with science as I devised what was, in my mind, the perfect experiment for my eighth grade science fair. I spent hours upon hours frustrating tele-marketers and family alike as I searched for more of these illusions on the only portal my family had to the world wide web: dial-up internet.

Just as the ticking time bomb of my parents' patience was getting ready to explode, I completed a "test" comprised of 20 of these visual illusions. Although I don't remember the contents of the test (or how "scientific" it actually was), I remember the question I sought to answer: "Who recognizes visual illusions better, girls or boys?"

Growing up, my parents had taught me up to that point that every competition had to have a winner. So, for me, this experiment was nothing more than an opportunity to have another competition. I couldn't wait to see who had "won!"

The Ferguson, Missouri, shooting of Michael Brown has become a focus of discussion, with many in the media and the public calling for the "decriminalization" of all violence victim. In his 1913 autobiography, the police will not find themselves outgunned. A big desk was simply at an odd angle. If I could move it to be flush against the wall, I would have much more room, just enough room, it seemed, for a couch on the other wall. And, with a little bit of work, I could clean those areas that had accumulated the most dust. It could be a hospitable place after all.

I little couch shopping and a few rounds of clean-up, after I have an office that I am proud of. Yes, many of same challenges exist, but it doesn't eliminate the reality that I DO have a space that can be welcoming, if I can see and commit to a vision to make that way. In the book of Genesis, God tells us that his creation is good. Why do we so often tell ourselves and work as if the reality exists otherwise? Let's commit together to see creation more in line with God's goodness. God's reality of love can be our reality too, if we take the time to make it that way.

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Scott Boyle grew up in the Back Yard Gang, and it became a favorite of gangsters nationwide; law enforcement agencies were woeful ignorance of history. For the last century and a half, law enforcement has often been play-acting like the Black Panther Party, America quickly realized the police were once again ill-equipped for the tasks assigned them. This led to the formation of the first Special Weapons and Tactics — SWAT — teams. Over the next decade, these highly trained units were essential to the defeat of terrorist groups like the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Yet as always, criminals kept innovating. In 1985, the Polynesian regime was bringing in weapons and training for the Indian commandos. Matasareanu robbed bank of America's North Hollywood branch. The pair were armed with four assault rifles illegally converted into machine guns, and has sharply reduced their use in piercing ammunition. Phillips was covered from the neck down in aramid body armor, while Matasareanu wore a bulletproof vest and a metal plate over his chest. Although Matasareanu was killed in the shootout with the LAPD, the pair repeatedly shrugged off pistol and shotgun bullets, while firing back with their own automatic rifles. Police officers were forced to commandeer assault rifles from local gun stores to even the odds; with no armored car, LAPD SWAT borrowed the bank's own delivery vehicle to rescue the wounded. Before the two robbers were killed, they'd managed to shoot 18 police and bystanders.

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By ADAM RAMOS

Scene Writer

“Too Bright,” the third LP from Mike Hadreas, who records under the moniker Perfume Genius, is a testament to how the personal is political. His first two records were lo-fi collections of vulnerable songs backed mostly by piano. They discussed abuse, addiction, suicide and his identity as a gay man, with a bracing emotional honesty.

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By ALLEGRA WALLFORD
Scene Writer

As much as I would love to say that “Red Band Society” is this season’s must-watch show, I cannot recommend it. Upon seeing the previews for the show, I was excited to see the premiere last week but was disappointed with what I saw. I wanted to see the second episode before I allowed myself to judge the series, and I can now confidently put it on my skip list.

The show’s pilot episode introduced several characters, each representing a common stereotype of teens. There’s the snotty cheerleader, the bad boy, the annoyingly smart girl, the funny black friend and the new kid. The characters aren’t developed more than that, aside from the fact that they are each diagnosed with a serious medical condition. The heartless cheerleader, Kara, ironically, has an enlarged heart. Emma, the nerdy girl, struggles with anorexia, while the black friend, Dash, has cystic fibrosis. The bad boy Leo and the new kid Jordi both have potentially terminal cancer, and the narrator Charlie is a young boy in a coma. These conditions do add to the characters’ identities, but I worry that the show will fail to go beyond developing their characters within the scope of their respective conditions. However, while the character development is lacking, the writers do a good job of bringing some humor into the show. Leo, who is missing a leg due to osteosarcoma, plays golf using his prosthetic leg as a club. The cheerleader Kara’s parents are introduced as a worried heterosexual couple in the pilot, but in the second episode they are a lesbian power couple. When her mother discovers that Kara needs a heart transplant, she tries to cajole a male nurse to move Kara to the top of the transplant list. The nurse responds that the hospital doesn’t give in to bribery, to which the mother responds, “Listen girlfriend, we didn’t become Our magazine’s 7th most powerful lesbian couple in Southern California by working our way up a freaking list. Now tell me who I have to call to get a quality ticker around here.” Humor aside, the show glorifies serious illness. These kids are supposedly very ill, but they are all beautiful and healthy looking, not to mention having a grand old time.

Now for the biggest issue I have with this show: it’s completely unrealistic. I normally don’t have a problem with shows being impractical; in fact that’s usually what makes a show enjoyable. However, because the show is taking place in a pediatric ward of a hospital and addresses very serious medical conditions, the writers need to be careful. This is tough territory to navigate, but it’s definitely doable, as seen in “The Fault In Our Stars.” Hopefully the show can strike a balance between heartfelt fun and serious issues, but until then I’ll discuss the ridiculousness of the show’s setting. First of all, the hospital looks nothing like a typical hospital. It is beautifully designed, with lots of windows and spacious, decorated rooms that look like something out of “House Beautiful” magazine. Next, there is a startling lack of parental units in the hospital. These kids have serious diagnoses, and none of them seem to have a family that is there to support them. Nurse Jackson (Octavia Spencer) acts as a tough-loving mother to the teens, but even so there is a noticeable lack of supervision and support. The patients walk in and out of the hospital like it’s no big deal, taking joy rides in doctors’ cars and attending frat parties in the middle of the day. The narrator, Charlie, says “The only thing harder than breaking out of a hospital is breaking back in.” Yet, once the teens return to the hospital they are only given a slap on the wrist and then it’s off to physical therapy! The setting reminded me more of “The Suite Life of Zack and Cody” than a pediatric ward of a hospital.

I’m sad to say that “Red Band Society” does not live up to the hype, but don’t take my word for it – it’s worth checking out at least the first episode if you’ve got some free time.

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EMMA WATSON ADDRESS

By ERIN MCAULIFFE
Scene Writer

Hermione Granger was the original #GirlBoss. A heroine who had book-smarts and wasn’t afraid to show them off or contribute ideas to her sometimes “dimwitted” male counterparts, she was the empowering female figure young girls needed. Hermione not only brought us this enabling fictional character, but she brought herself to the forefront of the #HeForShe campaign, a movement to get men more involved in the issue of gender equality.

“How can we effect change in the world when only half of it is invited to participate?” she said. “I want men to take up mal invitation. Gender equality is your is-in the conversation? Men, I would like to do my part too and in doing so, be a more true and complete version of ourselves.”

She acknowledged the stigma against the word feminism and its perceived connotation of “man-hating.”

“Why has the word become such an uncomfortable one? I think it is right. I am paid the same as my male counterparts. I think it is right that I should make decisions about my own body. I think it is right that women be involved on my behalf in the policies and decisions that will affect my life. I think it is right that socially, I am afforded the same respect as men,” she said.

Watson’s eloquent, empowering speech has attracted lots of news and social media attention this week. One of the first to respond to the #HeForShe movement was Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

Gordon-Levitt has addressed the negative associations with feminism before, most notably on the Ellen Show back in January.

“I do call myself a feminist. Absolutely.” Joseph explained on the show. “It’s worth paying attention to the roles that are sort of dictated to us and that we don’t have to fit into those roles. We can be anybody we want to be.”

Levitt brought these views back to the forefront on Monday, tweeting a video asking people to respond with what feminism means to them. He tweeted the video asking to get #Feminism trending, as the first author of the movement, responding with raw, impassioned emotions these two can produce.

With Watson and Levitt supporting this motion to reform society’s view of “the f word,” the campaign is sure to continue to receive media attention. Let’s just say that when the two stood on stage at the Oscars together last year, I may or may not have tweeted, “OMG EMANAT AATSON AND JOSEPH GORDON LEVITT TOGETHER CRINGE OMG WHAT LOVE POWER COUPLE!” an unfiltered display of the raw, impassioned emotions these two can produce.

Although Watson and Levitt are at the forefront of the topic of gender equality this week, the subject of feminism has been a contentious subject addressed by everyone from Beyonce to Tina Fey this year.

Beyonce has been the topic of numerous feminist articles this year – referencing her own autobiography, “The Lion Kingdom” and the campaign she plans to use some of the submitted responses in an upcoming feminist-focused episode of her TV show, “hitRECord: On TV.”

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This call to revive and refine feminism and gender equality is especially relevant after the recent media photo leaks of celebrities, all female, on 4chan. Unfortunately, after Emma Watson delivered her address for gender equality, threats were posted on the website warning “Emma, You Are Next.” Although this blackmail, thankfully, proved empty – according to CNN, this is exactly the type of demeaning objectification these movements are working to eliminate from our culture.

The movement is being promoted by celebrities, which works to bring it to the attention of the public. However, we must continue where they leave us off – we must promote gender equality in our own lives, we must not restrict people’s aspirations due to accepted gender roles and we must support each other in this movement. For as Emma Watson so ardently stated, “Ifnot (us), Who? Ifnot now, when?”
Big Ten nears upsets

Associated Press

A look at some things to watch as Big Ten play begins in earnest:

Game of the week:

Minnesota (5-1) at Michigan (5-1)

The Little Brown Jug is on the line. So, it seems, is Brady Hoke's job based on the noise coming out of Ann Arbor. Last week's 16-point loss to Utah at home, following the 31-0 defeat at Notre Dame two weeks earlier, has made this as much a must-win game as there can be in late September. As of midweek, Hoke still was undecided on his quarterback. Devin Gardner, the starter in 21 of the last 22 games, has thrown six interceptions already. One of the things Michigan has done well is stop the run, and that will be key this week. Gophers workhorse David Cobb is running for 135 yards a game and is the only weapon for a Minnesota team that ranks 124th nationally in passing. Michigan has won six straight against Gophers, all by 14 points or more, and 22 of the last 23 meetings.

Best matchup:

Maryland at Indiana. The Terrapins play their inaugu-
ral Big Ten game against a Hoosiers team that upset then-
No. 18 Missouri on the road. Look for lots of points in this one. Indiana's Tevin Coleman is the nation's leading rusher (189.7 y.p.) and will be going against a Maryland defense that's worst in the Big Ten this year.
Observer Staff Report

Continuing to recover from some early-season struggles, the Irish prepare for a difficult inaugural weekend of their 18-game ACC schedule when they travel to take on Miami and No. 6 Florida State this weekend.

Notre Dame will open Friday against the Hurricanes (7-4), who have had bright spots as well as rough patches to start the season. They began by hosting the Hurricane invitational and sweeping Seton Hall, Florida A&M and Florida Gulf Coast in nine consecutive winning sets. After going 1-2 in both the TCU Nike Invitational and the Hoosier Invitational, the Hurricanes returned home last weekend and beat UNCG and Missouri to maintain a spotless 5-0 record on their own court.

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The undefeated Seminoles are led by three preseason all-ACC honorees, including junior Nicole Walch, who leads the team with 181 kills. They finished their non-conference schedule this past weekend with 3-0 and 3-1 wins, both against No. 22 Texas A&M.

Notre Dame (3-8) wrapped up its non-conference schedule this past weekend in the Purdue Active Ankle Challenge, picking up its second and third wins of the season against Morehead State and St. Louis to finish second in the tournament.

Notre Dame’s success came on the heels of a frustrating 1-7 start to the season, marked by the loss of senior outside hitter Savannah Leaf, who is also second in the conference with 163 kills.

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Three freshmen have assumed regular starting roles to fill the vacancies – middle blocker Sam Fry, outside hitter Sydney Kuhn and libero Natalie Johnson. Fry leads the team in blocks with seven and block assists with 44. Senior Jeni Houser and graduate student Nicole Smith have provided a veteran presence as well, with a team-high 175 kills for Houser and 81 for Smith.

As the Notre Dame squad continues to come together, it will face some of its toughest tests in its first ACC games this weekend against two talented teams.

The Irish will face Miami at 7 p.m. Friday at the James L. Knight Complex in Coral Gables, Florida, followed by Florida State at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Tully Gym in Tallahassee, Florida.

By JOSH DULANY
Sports Writer

The Irish get their fall season underway this weekend with the Notre Dame Invitational at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Illinois, Louisville, Purdue, Tulane and Akron will all be at the event, which will give every player three singles matches and two doubles contests. Irish coach Jay Louderback said the team is excited for the tournament and he is looking forward to seeing his team in action.

“In all the fall tournaments, the biggest thing is just match time,” Louderback said. “All the players have been practicing and they worked hard over the summer, but there is nothing like getting out there and playing in matches. It will be big for all of them to get back out there.”

Beyond getting the experience, Louderback said the Irish are focused on figuring out doubles pairings and finding out how different members of the team play together.

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Freshman setter Maddie Dilfer jumps for a set during Notre Dame’s 3-1 win over Northeastern Sept. 13.

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Notre Dame travels to face Miami, Florida State

Irish begin fall season at home

““We are still deciding on the exact groups,” Louderback said. “We probably won’t really commit until right at the tournament and, again, the big deal is just to see as many combinations as we can and find out what works well.”

Two players Louderback will not see this weekend are sophomore Monica Robinson and junior Quinn Gleason. Both will be heading to Pacific Palisades, California, for the International Tennis Association Women’s All-American Championships. Robinson starts play Saturday, while Gleason is expected to start play Wednesday. Louderback said he is excited for both of his players’ success.

“This is a great deal for the first ACC games and Monica,” Louderback said. “It’s the first national tournament of the year and for them to get in and face some of the players from around the country will be big for them and should end up helping the whole team.”

Despite the absence of Gleason and Robinson, the Irish will have several top players in action this weekend. Louderback said he is excited to see each of them, but most of the buzz is around the two highly-recruited freshmen Brooke Broda and Allison Miller. Louderback said he looks forward to seeing the freshmen in competition, but is more focused on just seeing everybody play matches against quality teams.

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Washington Nationals fall to Mets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman tested his healing right hamstring, playing third for the first time in seven games Thursday night, and the Nationals fell to the New York Mets in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Matt den Dekker singled home three runs and ran home another in the ninth inning, and Ruben Tejada singled home another run in the ninth. Curtis Granderson also had three of New York’s 15 hits and drove in three runs.

Carlos Torres (8-5) pitched the ninth, and Jenrry Mejia worked the ninth for his 28th save.

Nationals left-hander Gio Gonzalez (9-10) faced Mets righty Jonathan Niese (9-0, 4.82) in the series opener against a playoff-bound Washington Nationals’ 7-4 loss to the New York Mets in the opener of a day-night doubleheader Thursday.

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The postgame was full of praise and a few less-than-complimentary looks at the sometimes bemused Nationals from the New York Mets.

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The Nationals lost for the second straight game.

The team was left out of Thursday’s early game two days after it departed following a tumbler catch in the series opener.

Manager Matt Williams said span could be an option in the late game. “If for some reason he doesn’t feel good, then we have other options, too,” Williams said.

Mets: After David Wright 3B (inflicted left shoulder) said Wednesday he’s in the beginning stages of a six-week rehab program in hopes of avoiding surgery, manager Terry Collins Thursday said he may be more aggressive in resting Wright next season. “What I’ve got to do is forget about releasing details of the case, said he didn’t know if Miller ever saw the DVD or opened the package. His only communication with the NFL was the 12-second voicemail on April 9 from league offices confirming receipt of the package, in which a woman says, ‘You’re right. It’s terrible.’

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Rice video sent to NFL in April, law official says

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The video of Ray Rice punching his fiancée inside a casino elevator was sent to NFL headquarters in April 2013 after the attention of league security chief Jeffrey Miller in April 2013, a law enforcement official says.

The NFL has repeatedly said no one with the league saw the violent images until TMZ Sports released the video earlier this month. Miller said Thursday through an NFL spokesman that he never received the video.

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The National News section of the page includes articles about various sports topics, including news about the Washington Nationals’ loss to the New York Mets in a doubleheader and updates on NFL security chief Jeffrey Miller’s handling of video evidence of domestic violence allegations involving Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice. The article highlights Miller’s role in the NFL’s investigation of the incident, including the timing of when the NFL saw the video. The National News section also contains updates on legal proceedings involving Ray Rice and the NFL, discussing the NFL’s response to the video and the implications for league security operations.
Otters look to knock off Vermin

By MICHAEL IVEY
Sports Writer

Carroll will look to improve upon its 1-0 record and take control of the division Sunday when it takes on Sorin at Riehle Fields at 3:30 p.m.

Despite putting up 21 points against Fisher last weekend, Carroll (1-0) sophomore captain and running back Zachary Dodd said his team will make changes on the offensive side of the ball.

“We are going to add some things on offense this week,” Dodd said. “Last week we had a good showing so we aren’t going to do anything drastic, just build on some things. Because we don’t know much about Sorin’s offense, our game plan is more to just make adjustments as the game goes on.”

Dodd believes his defense, which shut out the Green Wave (0-1) last weekend, will be a major factor on the outcome of the game. “The strongest part of our team is our defense, especially the line,” Dodd said.

The Irish take the course for the first time this fall season on Sunday at 4:30 p.m., at LaBar Fields.

Pyros attempt to stay perfect against Howard

By HUNTER MCDANIEL
Sports Writer

The interhall season is now in full swing, as Pasquerella East will square off against Howard on the gridiron in each team’s third game Sunday afternoon.

Coming off two wins in the first week of the season, the Pyros (2-0) look to continue their early-season success and place themselves in good position for the playoffs. Pasquerella East sophomore captain Noelle Gooding said the team keeps its perfect record in perspective, however.

“(We are) going in confident, but we still have to keep our heads in the game,” Gooding said. “Coming off those two wins, we have a lot of confidence as a team, but we just need to keep going strong like it’s a clean sheet.”

Gooding attributed Pasquerella East’s success to a veteran presence and balanced approach.

“We have a combination of returning players with a strong offense and defense, (who are) working well with our coaching staff,” Gooding said.

All of those strengths are important to reach the team’s lofty goals, Gooding said.

“We want to) make it to (Notre Dame) stadium,” says Gooding. “Last year, we made it to the semifinals and we look for similar success this year.”

ND hosts Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic Sunday

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
Sports Writer

Note Dame returns home for the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic this Sunday, hoping to replicate its early season success at Warren Golf Course. For senior Patrick Grahek, the biggest goal for the team this weekend is finishing an entire tournament strongly.

“As a team we are still trying to finish solid holes of competition,” Grahek said. “We have been close individually with each of us holding good 36 or 45 hole strokes, but this week our big focus is staying in the moment to focus for all 54 holes. If we can do that, we will have a chance to win week-in and week-out.”

The Irish will also benefit from a stable lineup with no new adjustments.

“The lineup this week has not changed since this last weekend,” Grahek said. “Our team was only 10 shots out of first after 36 holes last week with half of our guys not performing their best. We have home field advantage this week and will definitely gain some confidence and comfort from playing at home.”

“We do not feel any need or necessity to win this weekend. So as long as we play our games and put together our best rounds individually, the team result will take care of itself.”

At the Windsor Memorial Classic last weekend, sophomore Matt Rushin had the strongest showing of anyone on the team, placing fifth in pars with 38 and finishing 14th overall in the individual field. Senior Tyler Wingo closed the invitationals with lowest final round score on the team for the final day, finishing two-over par on Sunday and 41st overall. Wingo also led the Irish with a team low of 3.25 strokes on par-three holes. Grahek and sophomore Liam Cox tied for 45th place, the third and fourth finishers for the Irish in the tournament.

Grahek, in addition to being confident in the team’s steadiness, said he looks forward to the advancements the team has playing at home.

“This weekend is particularly nice to be at home so that we can remain in our comfort zones around campus,” Grahek said. “[Both] at our varsity golf facility and with our families in town to support us. It will be an emotional week for the seniors as it will be our last chance to compete at our home course.”

There is also another element to the Irish’s homestand that gives Grahek confidence. “We are undefeated at home so far this year, individually and as a team, and we are planning to build onto that pride,” Grahek said.

The Irish opened the season at the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge, winning the team competition by 19 strokes and placing three golfers in the top five individually. Grahek tied for the top spot, the highest finish in his career.

The Irish take the course for the last time this fall season at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic beginning Sunday, while play carries through to next Tuesday.

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points (for a win), there are so many other things that can come into play. If you start worrying about that, then I think the thing we have to concern ourselves with is ‘Can we play well?’"

The No. 1 ranking for the Tar Heels, however short-lived, was no fluke, Clark said. The team is extremely talented, featuring two senior forwards, Tyler Engel and Andy Craven, who have scored seven goals between them this year.

“They’ve got very skilful players so we have to defend well in our own half,” Clark said. “Their back four [defenders] don’t come out too far, so you’ve got to be patient and you’ve got to find ways through them. It’d be nice to not give them an early goal. … We came into that last year, and they are a hard team to break down when you give them a goal.”

In addition to the first conference home game, this weekend will also mark the registration deadline for Notre Dame’s sixth annual Grassroots Soccer Tournament. Founded by Clark’s oldest son, Dr. Tommy Clark, the organization’s primary goal is to help educate people in Africa and around the world about HIV. The organization is especially close to this year’s soccer team, who spent part of the summer in Zimbabwe, Clark said.

“I think that was special,” Clark said of the trip. “Our team joined in all the clinics. Our guys took part in at least nine clinics; the last week they were doing two-a-day. And I think they realized you make a big impression on kids who don’t have very much.”

All the proceeds of the tournament, which consists of three-player squads competing for the chance to play for the championship during halftime of a women’s soccer game, will benefit Grassroots Soccer.

Notre Dame hosts North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Alumni Stadium followed by the Grassroots Soccer Tournament’s registration deadline Sunday, with play all next week.

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Sophomore goalkeeper Kaela Little throws the ball out in the 2-1 loss to Texas Tech Aug. 29. Little had her fifth shutout of the season Thursday.

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“[Anna Maria and Kaleigh] were very dynamic,” Romagnolo said. “They had some great combinations up front and they were threatening the other team from behind. They brought so much quality and unpredictability to the offense.”

Schneider’s and Simonian’s assists were also their first points of the season, highlighting a complete team effort from the Irish, Romagnolo said.

“I think our midfield played fantastic,” she said. “And when I say midfield, there were about six players who really played there and they all went in and played fantastic. … To be honest, it was a fantastic team effort and everyone was really good.”

Sophomore goalkeeper Kaela Little recorded her fifth shutout of the season, turning aside 15 Hoosier shots and collecting five saves. After the Irish took a 2-0 lead, Virginia Tech began to push forward and recorded four shots in the final 10 minutes of regulation.

“Anytime a team is down at the halftime of a game, you really have to know that you’re responsible for the development of the younger guys, because they want to learn. We will be a young team this year and we need everyone to contribute. There is no doubt our freshman have the talent level, so it is our job to get them ready from a competitive standpoint.”

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Notre Dame junior Quentin Monaghan prepares for a hit against Virginia Tech at the Eck Tennis Center on Feb. 28.

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Princeton, New Jersey. Sophomore Eddy Covaleschi and seniors Michael Fredricka and Dougie Barnard will also travel to the Vredevelt invitational to compete in singles matches.

The final group, which consists of freshmen Drew Dawson and Brendon Kempin and juniors Eric Schnurrenberger and Nicolas Montoya, will head to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to compete in the Crimson Tide Four In The Fall. This group of Notre Dame players will go head-to-head against schools including Florida State, Princeton, Rice, Tulane, Samford, Dartmouth, South Alabama, UAB and Illinois.

Monaghan said the team has to take advantage of these tournaments as opportunities to teach the younger, more inexperenced players how to elevate their game in a competitive environment outside of practice.

“As an upperclassman, you really have to know that you’re responsible for the development of the younger players,” Monaghan said. “You don’t always realize it, but the freshman look to you for guidance. It’s really important that you do everything right to set a good example for the younger guys, because they want to learn. We will be a young team this year and we need everyone to contribute. There is no doubt our freshman have the talent level, so it is our job to get them ready from a competitive standpoint.”

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Irish freshman forward Jeffrey Farina makes a cut during a 1-0 home loss to Kentucky Sept. 8. Notre Dame plays North Carolina on Friday.
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ND comes home to face Tar Heels

By ZACH KLONSKINSKI
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No. 3 Notre Dame will kick off the home portion of its ACC regular season schedule Friday, hosting No. 8 North Carolina after spending the last two weekends on the road against conference foes.

The Irish (3-1-2, 1-0-1 ACC) faced off against then-No. 20 Syracuse two weeks ago and No. 2 Virginia last weekend, earning a win and a tie, respectively. While some might consider four out of a possible six points a successful road trip, especially against strong competition, the Irish may have let two points slip away against the Cavaliers (4-2-1, 1-0-1 ACC). Leading 1-0 and up a man after a Virginia red card, the Irish were forced to settle for a tie, something that did not sit well with Irish coach Bobby Clark or his team.

“We were disappointed,” Clark said. “I think before the two games you could have said we would have been happy with four points. Certainly I think we felt the opportunity to take three points last week and we let it slip. … But I thought there were a lot more positives than negatives that came out of last week’s game. I thought the team did a lot of things well.”

This weekend, Notre Dame will look to rebound against North Carolina (5-2-0, 1-1-0 ACC), who was ranked No. 1 last week before being shocked at unranked rival Duke, 2-1. The Irish played their inaugural ACC match against the Tar Heels last year, earning a 1-1 draw at Alumni Stadium. However, with the result of last week still in Clark’s mind, he said he is taking a ‘big picture’ approach to this year’s match.

“It’s important we play well,” Clark said. “The only thing we can really control is playing well. Getting three points is going to be important for us.”

“I think we need to have a great game plan, execute it and make sure we’re ready to go again on Thursday afternoon,” Irish midfielder Taylor Schnei...