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Winter Storm Helena



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Snow covers East Carolina University's mall following Winter Storm Helena, the first snow storm of the season to hit North Carolina.

Helena barrels into Greenville with wintery mix

Cayla Rodney
TEC STAFF

During a state of emergency, the City of Greenville and the Greenville Police Department began preparations to ensure local safety during Winter Storm Helena, which hit this past weekend.

Winter storm warnings called for up to four inches of snow and sleet to the Greenville area and more than one-quarter-inch of freezing rain. This possibility led ECU Alerts to advise students who traveled on Friday to get to their destination before dark. East Carolina University also cancelled classes on Monday.

Off campus, the city took preventative measures to guard against unsafe

conditions with the city staff applying the brine solution to city-maintained streets, bridges, parking lots and sidewalks Friday afternoon, according to the City of Greenville's Public Information Officer Brock Letchworth. "Additionally, the city is pre-placing barricades in certain areas in preparation for the potential of road closures," he said.

Though the city prepared roads for the impending snow this weekend, the GPD has called in additional traffic safety officers to monitor roads through Monday.

Over the weekend GPD Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter asked residents to stay off the roads as much as possible "to help ensure your

safety, and the safety of the officers working".

"If you have to travel, it's a good idea to top your car off with gas, clear snow and ice from your car and keep a cold-weather kit in your car in the event you get stuck on the road," said Hunter.

Hunter recommends these kits include blankets, bottled water, food, a shovel, cell phone charger and a first aid kit.

In addition to the safety of citizens, Hunter reminded pet owners to bring their pets inside.

"As a general rule of thumb, if it's

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Spouse charged in Fay accident

Samual Privette
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's marketing and communications manager for enrollment services, Patrick Fay, was charged with reckless driving for "disregarding the red light" and causing a fatality, according to the Dec. 30 police report from the Virginia State Police.

The Virginia State Police report, written by investigating officer A. A. Campbell, says Patrick Fay, who was driving the family's 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser, ran through the red light at a busy intersection and collided with another vehicle.

His wife, ECU professor Rebecca Fay, died last Monday after succumbing to injuries related to the car crash near Roanoke, Virginia.

Virginia State Police said Rebecca Fay was in the passenger seat at the time of the crash and that Patrick Fay and two children, who were also present, suffered no serious injuries.

The accident occurred Friday, Dec. 30 when the business professor visited friends in the area for the holidays. Fay, 38, was taken off life support five days later in Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Rebecca Fay, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, joined ECU as an accounting professor in 2011 after receiving her PhD from Virginia Tech.

ECU's College of Business Dean Stan Eakins praised Fay for her ability and popularity among students and faculty, calling her "one of the stars of the college."

"She had a tremendous academic future ahead of her ... a future leader of this college," said Eakins.

In a press release, fellow College of Business professor John Reich, chair of the accounting department, said, "Dr. Fay was very talented and dedicated to her work. She was willing to work with students outside of the classroom to help promote their intellectual curiosity. Her presence will be sorely missed."

Rebecca Fay's funeral was held Saturday at Pate Chapel of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. Additionally, a family friend has up a GoFundMe page to help support Fay's family.

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Whirligig to debut 'Importance of Being Earnest'

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Coming to Greenville on Jan. 12, Whirligig Stage's production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" is set to bring witty comedy to the community.

Oscar Wilde's iconic comedy tells the story of two libertine young men who use false identities to woo the women they love.

"It was written in the late 1800s but I think it's very relevant now," said Elana Kepner, the director of The Importance of Being Earnest. "It's about the different facades people wear in society and how they interact with each other. It's really fun to watch."

Kepner thinks the verbal comedy, mistaken identities and social misunderstandings are perfect for a wide audience to enjoy.

"Even people who wouldn't consider themselves theatre people really enjoy it," Kepner said. "It's a good piece for even English classes."

Kepner's rendition keeps many of the original concepts, but also introduced new elements to the production.

"We've given it a contemporary setting,"



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Sara Topham, David Furr and Brian Bedford star in the "Importance of Being Earnest" on Broadway.

Kepner said. "And I was really interested in exploring how it could be translated to modern culture."

The cast includes two members of the ECU community. Jennifer Scott Mobley is a theatre history professor and plays the role

of Lady Bracknell, the formidable duchess. Jenna Olsen, a stage management junior, works as stage manager for the production.

"All of the cast is collaborating with everyone and a lot of great ideas are coming through," Olsen said.

Kepner said she has enjoyed working with the group.

"I'm really blessed with an amazing cast of people," Kepner said. "Everybody's really collaborating and bringing a lot to the table. Because I'm surrounded by such good actors and I have an excellent stage manager and it makes my job really fun and easy."

Whirligig Stage only recently opened and Olsen found the new company to be remarkably different from the ECU mainstage.

"ECU is very structured and organized, that teaches you these insanely important skills you need to be a stage manager and work in the field," Olsen said. "And Whirligig does apply those, but since it's such an up-and-coming theater company, those standards haven't been set yet. And part of what I'm doing is setting the standard for stage managers there."

The Importance of Being Earnest will run from Jan. 12-29. Tickets can be bought at www.whirligigstage.com

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BRIEFS

Armed Robbery at Warren's Hot Dogs

After an armed robbery at Warren's Hot Dogs Thursday, the Greenville Police Department determined the explosive device used by the suspect was non-threatening.

"A white male entered the business, placed what appeared to be an explosive device on the counter and demanded money," said GPD Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter.

The culprit got away before the police secured the area. Once on the scene, GPD explosive Detective Dog, Nitro, determined that the device was not a real bomb.

"Detectives are in the process of obtaining store surveillance footage," said Hunter. "The case remains under investigation."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenville Police Department.

Councilmember to host town hall meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Kandie Smith will host "Tomorrow's Horizon, Today," a town hall meeting today at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting will give citizens an opportunity to provide input about what's important to them prior to the Council's upcoming planning session.

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Snow and ice covers cars outside University Park on 10th Street. The winter weather forced East Carolina University to cancel Monday classes for student safety.

Snow, ice force ECU to cancel classes

Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

Although the snow may be a welcome sight to students, the cancellation of Monday classes due to the snow from last weekend opens up many safety concerns for faculty and students at East Carolina University.

Dean of Students Lynn Roeder said the decision to cancel classes due to inclement weather is handled by a number of university officials that are part of the Emergency Response Team. This group discusses and



Lynn Roeder

implements the final decision.

Last Friday, the team opted to cancel classes Monday due to the snowy and icy conditions on the road most faculty and students would need to take to return from campus. The decision to do so was sent out via ECU Alert.

Roeder said ECU's administration strives to be as proactive as possible when dealing with winter weather by monitoring weather forecasts

from the National Weather Service ahead of time to ensure the safety of everyone at ECU.

"How the decision is made is we keep watching these different projections and weather maps and the conditions," said Roeder. "We try to do everything we can to make good decisions early, so we don't have students and faculty and staff driving in poor conditions."

The decision is then shared with students and faculty through the ECU Alert system, as well as the weather alert banner that can be accessed online ECU's website.

"I'd encourage students, anytime we have this [weather] to always look at or sign up for the ECU Alert," said Roeder. "And of course everybody needs to use common sense. We always encourage students to use their own judgment."

The ECU Alert system provides students and faculty with advice and instructions on how to handle winter weather via text messages and email. They often include times the next Alert may occur so students and faculty can plan accordingly.

"When traveling, please stay alert, avoid cell phone use, leave early to allow for additional

travel time, reduce speed, increase following distance and be patient," said an ECU Alert that was sent out last Thursday before the weekend's snowfall. "Conditions experienced by individuals will vary and everyone is personally responsible for their own actions and safety."

Roeder said in an instance that students cannot get back to school in time for classes due to weather, ECU will work with them to ensure everything works out for everyone involved.

"We make sure the dining staff are here, that students are fed and the residence halls are open," said Roeder. "And sometimes we'll open the Rec Center or Mendenhall later in the day, so people on campus have something to do."

With the winter weather now in full effect, the university said it wants students to be aware of the precautions and information shared through the ECU Alert system and the ECU website. Officials urge them to take the messages into full consideration throughout the winter season, especially when traveling.

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GPD targets pedestrian safety

Melissa Glen
TEC STAFF

After numerous pedestrian accidents this year, including a recent fatality, the Greenville Police Department is focusing on what it can do to improve pedestrian safety for 2017.

Mary Price, 52, was hit by a car on Jan. 1, while crossing Stantonsburg Road late in the evening. Price died from her injuries shortly after the emergency responders transported her to Vidant Medical Center.

Kristen Hunter, GPD's public information officer, said the victim was not crossing at a crosswalk.

She said because of this, as well as the issue of low lighting in the area, police do not anticipate any charges being brought against the driver who was not impaired at the time.

Hunter said the particular area already had a work order in progress to improve the lighting.

Looking forward, she said GPD wants to focus on improving lighting and overall fixing road conditions in the city to ensure a safer environment for pedestrians.

"There are a lot of areas where there are crosswalks fading, sidewalks may not be available or may only be

on one side of the road, pedestrian signs may be blocked by trees or other signage," said Hunter. "In February, we will be presenting some recommendations to the city council."



Kristen Hunter

Hunter said another main issue regarding pedestrian safety is the stigma most pedestrians have against drivers.

"A lot of people grow up and are taught that the pedestrian always has the right away and that is not always the case," said Hunter.

Hunter said pedestrians need to realize while it is technically not illegal to cross midblock in North Carolina, the fault will most likely be of the pedestrian if an accident does occur.

As part of an initiative to prevent the number of pedestrian accidents, the GPD took part in a statewide campaign called "Watch For Me NC" last year.

The campaign focuses mainly on education and enforcement, and resulted in the department beginning to cite people who choose not to cross in crosswalks.

Not only has the department turned to

punishment as a solution to the problem, but it has also started a good ticket campaign which rewards pedestrians and drivers who are making good decisions.

Sup Dogs and The Scullery partnered with GPD, allowing each person who received a "good ticket" to exchange the ticket for an item at the restaurant.

Hunter said the department wants to continue this campaign this year and expand on both education and enforcement.

She added that GPD plans to focus on educating citizens by uploading informative videos to its social media, as well as its public access channel GTV9.

Hunter said as far as enforcement, the department is looking at trying to pass a city ordinance within Greenville, stating it would be illegal for anyone to cross midblock if they were outside of a certain radius of the crosswalk.

Hunter said her advice to pedestrians is to always use a crosswalk, wear bright clothing and avoid distractions.

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ECU community mourns student loss

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East Carolina University student Tylik Banner, 18, passed away Dec. 21 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Banner was a freshman biology major from Cornelius, North Carolina. He is remembered by many of his friends at ECU for his time at Camp Pirates, a three day summer program where students can familiarize themselves with the campus and its resources before starting college.

Kobe Owsley, a freshman at ECU said he became friends with Banner after participating in the program with him the past summer, describing him as kind, loving and outgoing.

"I want people to know that he was the

nicest person you would ever meet," said Owsley. "I am going to miss how he was always there for me no matter what."

Sophomore Geoffrey Whitley, who was on staff at Camp Pirates when



Tylik Banner

Banner attended said he was "a ball of sunshine."

"My nickname for him [Tylik] was 'Light Bright,' because he knew how to make you laugh and light up the room," said Whitley. "He strived every day to do his

best, and he always had a smile on his face."

Whitley, along with a few other ECU

He strived every day to do his best, and he always had a smile on his face.

Geoffrey Whitley

students who knew Banner from Camp Pirates, as well as the Office of Student Transitions and the Dean of Students, are in the process of planning a memorial for Banner once school starts back.

At the time of publication the date of the memorial was not yet finalized.

Whitley said he wants to give students an opportunity to share their own

memories of Banner and hopes to plant a tree on campus in his honor.

"It is always tough to lose a student," said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Virginia Hardy. "Our thoughts and condolences are extended to the family of Tylik Banner."

Hardy said students who are grieving should feel free to use any campus resources, including the counseling center and the dean of students office.

"We know that his friends and classmates here at ECU are mourning Tylik's death," said Hardy. "The Pirate family is here for our students and for Tylik's family — once a Pirate, always a Pirate."

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too cold for you, it's too cold for them," said Hunter.

Other than warnings about safety while traveling, Letchworth cautioned students about potential issues at home. "It is important for them to try to keep their pipes from freezing," said Letchworth. "This preparation includes closing the vents on crawl spaces and letting water drip from faucets to keep it moving. Just a drip."

Major businesses that were closed Saturday included Pitt County Animal Services, Pitt Area Transit and Pitt County Solid Waste and Recycling.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared the state of emergency from Jan. 6 to Jan. 7 while Pitt County warned citizens of severe conditions until Jan. 8.

Winter Storm Helena left the area covered in a wintry mix. The city ran on a delayed schedule the following Monday after the storm and the city's public transportation remained closed.

"Everything went very well considering the road conditions," said Letchworth. "Greenville Police reported eight traffic accidents due to the conditions. There was no damage of any significance to city facilities"

These accident report numbers are relatively low for the city compared to past storms. Hunter said that many people have listened to the warnings about staying off the roads and added that the storm falling on the weekend helped keep people in their homes.

Overall the city management was pleased with the safety measures taken.

"All of the preventative measures put in place by the city were certainly effective," said Letchworth. "A lot of credit should be given to the public works staff and the public safety staff for their efforts during the winter weather."

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PIRATE RANTS

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Can I please get a legit burrito place in this new student center?

Put speed bumps on College Hill before somebody gets killed by an idiot going 65 mph

Are you ready for school to start Monday.....oops i mean Tuesday. Great start to the semester guys.

So at what point does ECU kick you out for grades?

If you haven't been to a duck party, you are a quack live a little.

Ladies! If you don't wear a bra it's rather easy to tell. Trust me, I don't mind. I was just giving you a heads up.

The German department rocks. Last week we had a visit from Santa Niclause and everybody had to get undressed. Well, we took off one shoe. But still. And we got candy in that shoe.

If we should be stopping to let pedestrians cross in crosswalks on Charles Blvd between 14th and Greenville Blvd, the city needs to install some overhead street lights. After dark, you can't see pedestrians that have made it to the median or are waiting to cross on the sidewalks.

It's hilarious...numerous students around campus are constantly complaining about student loans and debt, tuition increases and fee increases... and then they vote Republican. It's like going to the butcher and asking for spoiled meat.

Trump saved 1,000 jobs at a Carrier plant by telling them that they will be penalized heavily for exporting American jobs. Oh wait, they chose to keep the plant open and save the American jobs in exchange for over 7 million in tax breaks at the expense of the middle class. Trump 2016.

Hi, I'm the guy that grew up in a trailer park and ate off of food stamps my entire life. But these programs are all handouts now. I deserved them and nobody else does because I'm better. Trump 2016

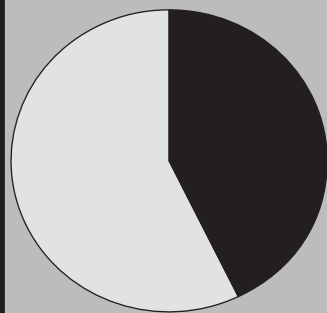
Make American Hate Agai....I mean, continuously reduce education spending so nobody understands the meaning of racial discrimination, income inequality, socio-economic and environmental justice, or the fact that every human being deserves to exist and live a dignified life.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Seth Gulledge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

ANSWER

Do you feel prepared for exams?

YES - 44.9 %
NO - 55.1 %



QUESTION

Did you benefit from ECU cancelling classes two days in advance?

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Our view

Early cancellation benefits students

Thanks to Winter Storm Helena, the students at East Carolina University got a small extension of the already long winter break. Although most of us perhaps wish we could continue playing in the snow instead of going to class forever, the ECU faculty deserves credit for how it handled this particular situation.

The anticipation of waiting for that fateful text from ECU Alerts regarding classes is a frustrating feeling at times. When it came to winter storm Helena, ECU reduced loads of anxiety by informing students of Monday's cancellation, three days early. This courtesy gave students the option of spending a few more days at home or making the trip back to Greenville.

While most students were enjoying the winter weather, ECU faculty and Greenville worked to reduce the icy conditions the best that they could. Although we don't have the plows and equipment that they have in many northern states to handle these conditions, they did a commendable job limiting the chaos.

The ECU faculty kept the safety of students at top priority, and they deserve our gratitude and appreciation. Even though classes are resuming today, students are still reminded to use their judgement when it comes to the conditions.

New year brings new mindset



Mary Katherine Karcher
TEC STAFF

From the deaths of several beloved celebrities to the infamous clown crisis, 2016 was not an ideal year and most people might like to wipe it from their memories.

There seems to be a collective consensus when it comes to just how terrible 2016 was. On a global level, we dealt with issues of international violence and conflict. On a national level, we dealt with what has been called the most historic presidential election ever. On the local level, at East Carolina University, we dealt with all of these issues on a more concentrated level.

As a campus community, we witnessed ECU students' involvement in the election as some of our peers passed out pamphlets, held rallies or promoted voting. We witnessed many civil protests that drew our attention to social issues that are important to a campus as diverse as ECU's.

"We should not repeat the past and with this new year and new semester, we need a new mindset."

In addition to all the political angst and social controversy we saw on ECU's campus this past semester, students fought through the struggles that came with their classes, social life, draining bank accounts and most dreadful of all — final exams.

After accepting the fate of final grades and heading home for winter break, it's time for our second semester of this academic year and the beginning of 2017. While some of our fellow Pirates graduated, many of us will return to campus this week with a renewed spirit and the drive of New Year's resolutions.

Maybe 2016 was not so bad here at ECU.

As always, we had ECU football and tailgating, Halloween weekend and we did in fact make it through finals. That being said, we should not repeat the past and with this new year and new semester, we need a new mindset.

Whether your goals for this 2017 semester include getting in shape or making better grades, consider what we have learned from 2016.

Get involved in what is important to you; ECU is known for its diversity and when it comes to sports, clubs and other groups there are plenty of options for everyone. Budget your money, including Pirate Meals and, as you never know when a hurricane could leave you stranded in your dorm or apartment for days at a time. Drink your coffee, go to class and study like every week is finals week and look forward to every weekend like it's the New Year.

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Kidnapping not associated with BLM



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About a week ago, four Chicago teenagers were charged because they tied up and tortured a boy all while live streaming on Facebook. The four suspects were black teenagers and the victim was a white teenaged boy.

Yes, I believe this incident to be considered a hate crime. What the suspects did to this male was absolutely appalling and I was so hurt to see a human being go through such abuse. However, to associate the Chicago torture incident with the Black Lives Matter movement is unacceptable and even more, completely disrespectful.

The problem with black on white racial instances like this, and the incident in Texas when five police officers were shot and killed last year, is that individuals completely ignorant to the purpose of what "Black Lives Matter" means will associate these crimes with #BLM simply

because the suspects are black. Black Lives Matter is supposed to strengthen the value and advocate importance on a black individual's life.

Black Lives Matter is supposed to symbolize equality and suggest minimization in the achievement gap between black individuals and other races. Black Lives Matter is not a hate-group built for "domestic terrorism", or any vessel for negativity or abhorrence.

It is simply a statement many black people along with other minorities groups use to stress importance on specific lives that are not always treated as valuable in this country.

Many people on Twitter made it a point to hashtag #BLMKidnapping and famous Twitter accounts like Mike Cernovich, Glenn Beck, Charlie Kirk and Steven Crowder took the opportunity to make this sad incident a way to generalize and attack black people as well as the Black Lives Matter movement.

Nowhere in this long Facebook live stream did any suspect represent, call-out or even mention

Black Lives Matter.

So my question to the individuals who hashtagged #BLMKidnapping or any individual that would categorize this hateful act as a part of BLM is, when will the racism, hypocrisy and generalizations stop? When will you all become educated on to civil advocacies as simple as a hashtag? And if we are making the Chicago kidnapping incident a racial issue, how should we generalize all white people when white police officers continue to kill black men without a valid excuse?

Yes, the Chicago kidnapping incident was a disgusting and hateful act, but the incident has no association to Black Lives Matter, in fact, I think it's safe to say many Black Lives Matter supporters are just as angered by the crime as any other human being would be.

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The Music House, owned by ECU professor John O'Brien, sits at 408 W. 5th Street and is both a bed and breakfast and live music venue.

>> FASHION RECAP 2016 trends continuing in new year

Madison Lawson
TEC STAFF

Taking the fashion world by storm, 2016 was a year filled with innovative, yet familiar designs. With the use of unique textures, monochromatic pieces and a little bit of '90s flare, the runways have never looked better.

Designers pushed the envelope last year, with oversized and playful combinations. Marc Jacobs' spring collection was the epitome of playful, as he included many pastel colors, huge platform heels and holographic pants.

As far as streetwear goes, many of today's adolescents fell in love with throwback trends. Chokers, baseball caps, crop tops, body suits, distressed denim and matte colors have taken over stores like Forever 21 and H&M.

"Old band t-shirts definitely came back in style this year as well," said junior fashion merchandising major Monica McGuire. "I even stole one of my brother's old Def Leppard shirts from when he went to their concert way back in the day."

Kanye West made his mark with his transparent sandals in the Yeezy Season 2 collection. Many other designers, like Steve Madden, were inspired by the transparent look and created clear boots of their own and for a much cheaper price. The Yeezy Boosts also gained a huge following as West claimed to have sold 40,000 in two minutes. In addition, over-the-knee boots, Adidas Superstars, Rihanna's pink Puma slides, lace up booties and barely-there sandals were also the shoes of choice for 2016.

Kim Kardashian West, Kanye's wife, caught the eye of many fashion magazines in her monochromatic outfits. Although some may argue having everything one color is boring, others say the simplicity of it is sophisticated and draws attention to a woman's natural beauty.

"Monochromatic outfits elongate the body and make women appear slimmer

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Preserving an era

Local building doubles as inn, music venue

Lauren Sura
TEC STAFF

A historic oasis of the 1900s, The Music House lies within the growing and modern city of Greenville, offering a unique live music venue and Victorian-inspired bed and breakfast.

The house, located at 408 W 5th St., was originally built in 1902 by the prominent Moyer family, which was then purchased by current owner and East Carolina University professor John O'Brien.

O'Brien is a musician who came to Greenville from the bustling city of Los Angeles who had the dream to live in a big, old house when he moved.

"I've always wanted to live a big, old house," O'Brien said. "I grew up in one. My parents put it back together as I was growing up and I helped them."

However, many of the big, old houses that had once been in



An old piano sits in the Music House showcasing O'Brien's goal of preserving the 1900s era it was built in.

Greenville were torn down due to the growth of the city, while the some are owned by fraternities and sororities, and others by businesses or the government.

After spending nine years in Greenville, the house went

up for sale, and its location and condition at the time made the house affordable to O'Brien.

O'Brien mentioned how, from a preservationist standpoint, the house was in great condition, even if not in the view

of the normal person.

With the help of his dad and his brother, O'Brien made the house livable after more than

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ALBUM REVIEW

Cudi brings new sound with original vibes



Jose Hernandez
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is a definite step in the right direction.

Kid Cudi, the stage name for Scott Ramon Seguro Mescudi, is well known for both his fearless experimentation and dark, almost depressing lyrics. Making his debut in 2008 with his first mixtape "A Kid Named Cudi," the Cleveland-born MC found quick success after capturing the attention of Kanye West.

After being signed to West's label, GOOD Music, Cudi began a rapid climb to top charts with the aid of his "Man on the Moon" series which included "Day 'n' Nite" — Cudi's most successful single at No. 3 on Billboard's Top 100 for 2009.

Since then, Cudi has released five other albums, one of which was with his experimental alternative-rock band WZRD.

Cudi has always been known to wear his heart on his sleeve and his sixth studio album "Passion, Pain & Demon Slayin'" is

no exception. It's exactly what it says on the tin: "an exercise in pleasure while at the same time being a cleansing journey."

The album kicks off with "Frequency," a vice-heavy tune reminiscent of Cudi's "Man on the Moon" phase, and should provide a breath of fresh air to any fan who misses the spacey, sex-and-drugs vibe of Cudi's previous works.

"By Design," another stand-out track, is a melodic-pulse of a song aided by the production expertise of greats such as André Benjamin (André 3000), Pharrell Williams and Plain Pat. The combination of upbeat piano and Benjamin's vocals create a stark contrast to Cudi's traditional glum moodiness.

However, on the other end of the spectrum, is "ILLusions" — a deep pit of emotions where Cudi acknowledges the darkness in his life. Here, Cudi is speaking about his demons which range from his battle with crippling depression to his previous drug addiction. He recognizes his demons and makes it clear that it's time to let them go.

Cudi sings, "These illusions in my head, ohh (I never wanna leave)/ Hallucinating, flying through air, ohh, so long/ To the demons in my head, ohh (No more misery)/ Hallucinating,



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Kid Cudi performs on stage. His latest album, titled "Passion, Pain & Demon Slayin,'" dropped last December.

flying through air, ohh, all so long/ Free, free."

While the production value of the album is incredible, Cudi still falters at times where his once well-renowned lyricism takes a back seat to less fulfilling noise. There are many moments where Cudi creates a vacuum filled with unnecessary hums and yells that take the listener out of the "lost in space" feeling that previous

tracks set up effortlessly.

This is not to say that album suffers to the point of failure, quite the opposite.

It's clear that Cudi has taken the feedback from his 2015 release "Speedin' Bullet 2 Heaven," an experimental move into rock territory that did not take well with either critics or audience.

"Passion, Pain & Demon

Slayin'" goes to show that Kid Cudi is coming back. One can only have high hopes, and expectations, for the future of the now-cleansed lonely (former) stoner.

RATING:



3 out of 5

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HOUSE

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four years of work. Most of the light fixtures, walls and floors are in their original or only second finish while the electricity and plumbing was updated to current standards.

"I'm very committed to preservation," O'Brien said. "I wouldn't have thought of doing it any other way."

O'Brien hadn't always planned for the house to become a bed and breakfast, however, with the help of family and friends, he made a life-long dream come to fruition.

"When I was a little boy, except for being a musician, the only other thing I could think I would like to be was to be a butler, so I sort of am now," O'Brien said.

The bed and breakfast has been running for about three years and can be found on Airbnb, a reservation system that allows O'Brien to easily book rooms and not have to make an individual website.

"All my friends thought I was crazy," O'Brien said. "It kind of got me a little bit scared. But I completely like doing it."

O'Brien does mainly everything himself, maintaining the house and serving guests, with help from the occasional college students in the yard and hiring help for larger events.

"I've always loved having people in," O'Brien said. "This house is a great house for entertaining."

The house offers a variety of unique features, from the double exposed staircases to the men's and ladies' parlor rooms.

O'Brien kept everything as authentic as possible to the time-period of the house, even featuring vintage wallpaper by the famous William Morris.

"It's old-fashioned for its age but there was a great variety of what houses could look like in that period," O'Brien said. "This one was definitely very late Victorian style."

Much of the décor on display in the house all came from the three antique shops that were on Dickinson Avenue: Dapper Dan, Fabulous Shop and Remember When.

"I've always loved history, I've also dearly loved old houses," O'Brien said. "I like the look, everything about that."

The house's music room offers a special music experience to its guests, whether it be a concert ranging from blue-grass and jazz to classical, a charity benefit or a wedding reception.

Though everything in life continues to change as time goes on, O'Brien feels that the house will continue its legacy with or without him, in one way or another.

"You really have a feeling when you have a house like this that it's really not your house, you're just keeping it for whoever's going to come after," O'Brien said.

He added, "I would actually hope that it would be lived in but still used in some way that is available to the community. I think it's really cool that when you have a house, that someone can live in it."

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FASHION

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and taller," said McGuire. "It is also easy. [There is] no thought put into it since everything is one color."

Vogue Magazine recently released an article predicting the upcoming trends for 2017. Just like 2016, it expects a full return of many favorite trends from the past such as statement earrings and khakis. Designers are also anticipating a rise in fashion that not only looks chic but speaks volumes.

Due to the increased popularity of veganism, feminism and other social movements in pop culture, designers foresee a rise in a new type of apparel — activism attire. At Spring Fashion Week 2017 in Paris, designer Stella McCartney created looks with large slogans sprawled across them such as "Thanks Girls," "No Leather and No Fur" and "Love."

Promoting and honoring these movements seems to create a sense of togetherness — a feeling that is somewhat new in the world of high fashion.

"People are becoming more comfortable speaking out for what they believe in," said McGuire.

Designers are also anticipating stripes, plat-



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Whitney Briggs, senior speech and hearing sciences major, wears a distressed crop top and choker.

form shoes, athleisure (athletic-leisure) and the color pink to be popular on the runway this season.

Athleisure continues to rule the runway just as the desire to stay fit rules society. There have been many high fashion brands, such as Tory Burch, that have created separate lines

for athleisure apparel.

"It makes it easier on everyone," said McGuire. "You can go from the gym to the grocery store in athletic wear and you can dress it up or down while still looking fashionable."

With 2016 over, one can hope the new year brings more unique style

inspirations. In the words of fashion designer Carolina Herrera, "Fashion has always been a repetition of ideas, but what makes it new is the way you put it together."

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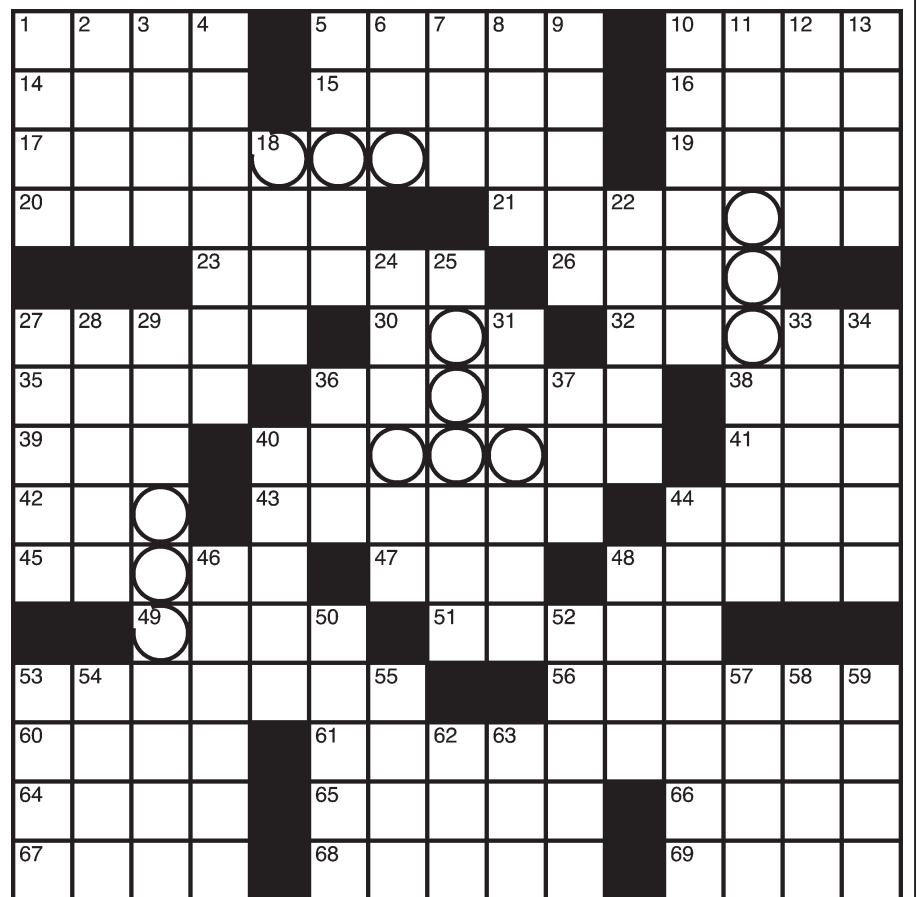
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PUZZLES

ACROSS

- 1 Doofus
- 5 Dodge Aries and Plymouth Reliant
- 10 Smack on the mouth
- 14 Letter-shaped support piece
- 15 "For real!"
- 16 Pop singer Brickell
- 17 Dice roller's exhortation
- 19 Scrabble piece
- 20 TV preview
- 21 Taken as a whole
- 23 Satchel feature
- 26 Margarita glass rim coating
- 27 Curved sword
- 30 Application info: Abbr.
- 32 Pool measure
- 35 What soccer shootouts resolve
- 36 Peaceful state
- 38 P-like Greek letter
- 39 Actress Thurman
- 40 Actor with near-synonymous first and last names
- 41 Museum hanging
- 42 Amount after costs
- 43 Suitcase attachments
- 44 Yuletide
- 45 Not so hot?
- 47 ___ Lanka
- 48 Swollen
- 49 Upper, in Ulm
- 51 Male voice range
- 53 "Toodle-oo!"
- 56 Evaluate for tax purposes
- 60 Wee bit
- 61 Cause trouble ... and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
- 64 Time in office
- 65 Emulate Vesuvius
- 66 Scarlet letter of fiction
- 67 Slow Churned ice cream brand
- 68 Hagar of Van Halen
- 69 Wine bottle number



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

- 1 Random House vol.
- 2 Woodwind instrument
- 3 Dalai ___
- 4 Locks on heads
- 5 Soup mix brand
- 6 "Blue Bloods" extra
- 7 Pie-mode connection
- 8 TV host Kelly
- 9 Applies weatherstripping to
- 10 Stovetop whistler
- 11 Pretty darn simple
- 12 Housecat's perch
- 13 Watermelon eater's discard
- 18 Four: Pref.
- 22 Saddled (with)
- 24 People with skill
- 25 Toaster snack
- 27 Publicity ploy
- 28 Evangelist ___
- Simple
- McPherson
- 29 Verses by Allen Ginsberg, e.g.
- 31 Shake it on the dance floor

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- 33 Burglar
- 34 "Deck the Halls" greenery
- 36 Free (of)
- 37 Yearbook gp.
- 40 One on horseback
- 44 Room with a crib
- 46 Steel girders
- 48 Luxurious
- 50 Greets the judge
- 52 Well-dressed

- 53 Mention in a footnote
- 54 Broke up some clods
- 55 Senorita's "other"
- 57 Weapon with a tip guard
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- 59 Walk of Fame figure
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Mens: B

The men's swim team looks to collect its third American Athletic Conference title in as many years and will look to rely on head coach Rick Kobe's expertise to get it there again in his final season coaching. Junior Boleck DePawlikowski returns as a front runner in his third season as a freestyle and individual medley specialist. Joining him is senior breaststroke specialist Erle Craven who has already posted NCAA B qualifying times in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and now holds the No. 31 fastest time in the nation for the 100,

and No. 33 fastest time in the 200. Senior Fran Krznaric rounds out the top-three men as he also returns looking for his third championship. Along with his individual medley success, he has also been a key part of ECU relays including the .01 out-touch of SMU two years ago that won the Pirates their first AAC title. The men's side lost top-notch seniors last year and will have to learn to work with new lineups if it wants to bring home the title for a third straight year.

Womens: B-

The women's swim team is led by senior freestyle specialist Marion Albert who has posted the best times for the Pirates in four separate events, three coming at the Georgia Tech Invitational and one in their loss to Navy this season.

From short distance to long distance, Albert now holds the individual record for the season in the 100, 200, 500, and 1,000 freestyle. Junior Vandella Norrman returns to lead ECU in breaststroke and holds the top two times this season, both coming at the Georgia Tech Invitational in the 100 and 200.

She was part of an injury-plagued women's team who placed fifth in the AAC Championships, but won a gold medal in the 200 breaststroke while setting the all-time school record. Rounding out the women is junior Juliette Lajoie who scores points in both backstroke and butterfly. Originally scouted as a backstroker, she developed a quick knack for butterfly at the college level after the team was plagued with injuries. In order for the women to have a successful season they must limit injuries and work with new line-ups.

Georgia Tech Invitation: A

Right before Thanksgiving break the men's and women's swim teams competed in the Georgia Tech Invitational where they notched 76 final races in A, B, and C heats, a record for the invite. Both teams combined for four top-50 national times, five NCAA B cuts, and two varsity records. Craven, DePawlikowski, Victor Santos, and

Maxime Cadiat also qualified for the AT&T Winter National Championships later that month based on their record-setting performances in this invite. Cadiat collected three ECU all-time top-10 marks during the invite, and six other Pirates each entered the record books once.

Senior pitcher named preseason All-American

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Left-handed pitcher Evan Kruczynski will enter his senior season with big shoes to fill after being named Pitcher-of-the-Year for the American Athletic Conference by Perfect Game last season, and now most recently to the 2017 Preseason Third-Team All-America by the same publication.

In 2016, Kruczynski earned two other All-America honors, one from Perfect Game and the other from D1Baseball. His honors were capped with his success in bringing home the Pirates' pitching triple crown by leading the team in wins (8), ERA (2.01), and strikeouts (95). He averaged less than one hit per inning pitched, accumulating 107 hits allowed in 116.2 innings pitched. His 116.2 innings is the second-most in school history.

In 14 of his 17 games started he pitched at least six innings and gave up three or less runs. Along with his triple crown last year he was one of five Pirates named to the Charlottesville All-Regional Team after they advanced with wins against Bryant, William and Mary and Virginia. After advancing, they faced off against No. 5 Texas Tech in the Lubbock Super Regional where he picked up ECU's first-ever super regional win and still allowed just three runs on six hits. He was relieved an out shy of six innings by

Sam Lanier, who was later replaced by Matt Bridges. Bridges helped earn the win for Kruczynski, who in-turn picked up the save for himself.

After pitcher Jimmy Boyd graduated at the end of last season, the starting rotation for the Pirates will be shifted around Kruczynski. Senior Jacob Wolfe and redshirt junior Davis Kirkpatrick look to be front runners to grab weekend series starts with Kruczynski. When the Pirates have mid-season games, Kruczynski has at times been shifted around to start the matchup, but the Pirates will most likely look to a younger pitcher to start more games after the loss of Boyd. All other pitchers will be returning for ECU, including Bridges and Lanier who got a taste of high-pressure college games last summer. Sophomores Chris Holba and Cam Colemore, and junior Evan Voliva, who saw time in various games last season will most likely assume those same roles behind Kruczynski and the other weekend starters.

The Pirates will begin testing pitching variations on the first day of practice on Jan. 27, and will put the rotation to test during their first weekend of action on the road at Ole Miss on Feb. 17.

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