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Students, faculty pay tribute to Trayvon Martin





MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Students and faculty gather at the Memorial Student Center Plaza Friday to commemorate the life of Trayvon Martin. Martin was killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, Fla. by neighborhood watch officer George Zimmerman.

Death of Florida teen shocks Herd community

BY TRAVIS EASTER THE PARTHENON

While wearing hoodies and carrying packets of Skittles, members of the Marshall University community and the surrounding area came out Friday to commemorate the life of Trayvon Martin.

exactly happened and how to custody and then released. Sanprevent another shooting like ford police are still investigating this in the future.

"We at Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Marshall and the Huntington community wanted to give our regards, respect and support to the family of Trayvon Martin," said Andrea Booker, races and spoke about the imcriminal justice major from Sarasota, Fla. who helped organize the event.

the incident and Zimmerman has yet to be charged.

Speakers included Keelon Hinton, associate professor of psychology at Marshall. He discussed the different challenges faced by people of different portance for young people to stay involved in order to bring about change. He encouraged the crowd to keep the movement going.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. sponsored a "Justice For Trayvon" rally on the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Friday. Marshall faculty and students, as well as members of the community, took the podium to talk, share poetry, discuss what

Seventeen year old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, Fla. The shooter, George Zimmerman, alleges Martin attacked him and he acted in self-defense. He was taken into

"This movement has to go above and beyond one meeting,"

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AND THE WINNERS ARE: Delta Zeta & Alph Alpha Sigma Phi

Greek Week concludes, Delta Zeta and Alpha Sigma Phi take home the title

BY FRANCES LAZELL THE PARTHENON

PHC and IFC presented the American Cancer Society and the Cabell County Relay for Life with a check for the amount of \$17,740.12 Sunday at the awards ceremony held after the annual Greek Sing.

The Marshall fraternities and

sororities began collecting money on Feb. 8 and continued raising money for two months.

Megan Kelly, Greek adviser, said adding fundraising to Greek Week gave Greeks a great way to have fun while helping others.

"We saw this as an amazing opportunity to get involved and really make a difference in the battle

American Cancer Society \$17,740 journeen thousand seven hundred and forty dollars and REEKS AGAINST CANCER les Palor negkeles

MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON Members of the Marshall University Greek community presented the American Cancer Society with a check for \$17,740 on Sunday.

The sororities and fraternities set the goal of \$10,000 to be raised. Lee Tabor, IFC Greek adviser, said the entire Greek community

against cancer," Kelly said.

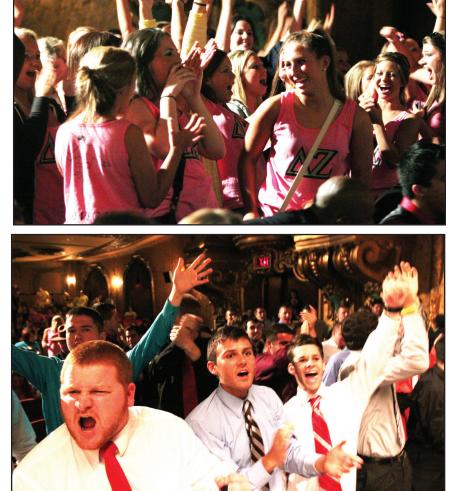
went above and beyond. "Due to the diligence and drive of our chapters here at Marshall, we, the Marshall University Greek community is proud to present the American Cancer Society with a check for \$17, 740.12," Tabor said.

PHC president Brittany Ables (Delta Zeta), NPHC president Whitley Mayo (Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated) and IFC president Josh Dameron (Alpha Sigma Phi) presented the American Cancer Society with the check.

Of the sororities, Delta Zeta raised the most money, and Alpha Sigma Phi raised the most money out of the fraternities.

"It was definitely nice to get the entire Greek community involved," Ables said. "It set a competitive pace, which encouraged us as a whole. However, It affected us on a personal level,

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Delta Zeta and Alpha Sigma Phi celebrate following the announcement of each as Greek Week champions.





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Students to garden for Earth Day

BY CHRISTINA CARRION THE PARTHENON

Earth Day is approaching, and Marshall University's student groups are preparing their presentations.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition practiced preparing its raised bed gardens Friday with some experienced help from Major Roy Ramey.

"A college experience is all about learning something," Ramey said as the students echoed that sentiment.

Maj. Ramey invited SEAC students to Avalon Farm, his sustainable farm, to see his own raised bed gardens and to educate and provide hands-on experience in making the gardens for their

presentation. "I think your knowledge is

better when you know how to

do something as opposed to

just reading about it," said

Marshall Cooper, junior en-

vironmental assessment and

policy major from Athens,

Ohio. "It was a lot more ben-

A raised bed garden is

planted densely to limit

weeds within a contained soil

plot on top of the ground and

separated by a sheet of tarp.

The students built and filled

two raised bed gardens with

limited machinery during

hands-on activities," Cooper

said. "I feel like that's the

most important part of why

we are learning what we are

"I wish that we did more

their time at Avalon Farm.

eficial to participate in it."

studying - so that we can actually experience it and know how to do it."

SEAC helped plan and create the student garden on campus, which is a raised bed garden but credits the skilled Physical Plant tradesmen for building the raised bed, said Lauren Kemp, unofficial president of SEAC.

Avalon Farm received food scraps from Marshall's cafeteria to create compost for the students' visit and the student garden. Maj. Ramey said he hopes to increase the food scraps from one to all three cafeterias next year.

Major Ramey has several other sustainable plans he hopes to incorporate at his

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CHRISTINA CARRION | THE PARTHENON

SEAC students weed a raised bed garden at Avalon Farm. The students were practicing building the garden for their Earth Day presentation.

Fraternities, sororities hit Buskirk Field for 'Apache Relay'



MOLLY URIAN | THE PARTHENON Members of the Delta Chi fraternity, Matthew Wohl and Seth Rabatin,

BY MOLLY URIAN THE PARTHENON

Marshall University sororities and fraternities tested their physical skills and knowledge Saturday during the "Apache Relay."

The five-obstacle Greek Week event was set up in different spots on campus beginning with a water event on the Recreational Center field and finishing with a sack race on Buskirk Field. Participants were also questioned in Smith Hall on trivia and asked to put a puzzle together in the Memorial Student Center.

While the Greek Week theme was the 90s, the event tied together aspects of the "Amazing Race" and the Apache Relay Race from "Heavyweights" movie. A total of four sororities

participated: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sigma, while nine fraternities took on the challenges, excluding Sigma Phi Epsilon.

This was the first time the Apache Relay was added to the list of Greek Week events.

Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Alpha took the winning first place titles for the event.

McKenzie Cooley, PHC enrichment vice president, said after brainstorming new events, the Apache Relay was created to introduce something that was competitive, but less serious so that everyone focused on having a good time.

"I liked that it was different than most of the other have ever done before," Cooley said. "It was nice to have an event that incorporated physical activities and mind games. I think the event was one of the most successful events we have had all week. Everyone who participated had a great time, and we would love to see this event again next year during Greek Week."

Brittany Ables, PHC president, said she was excited to see the whole campus involved so it was not just athletics or physical ability, but knowledge as well.

Lee Tabor, Greek adviser, said he believes the event went very well.

"All the chapters seemed to have an amazing time," Tabor said. "There was a good level of competition among the various chapters. events and nothing like we However, everyone showed tacted at urian@marshall. an excellent amount of

sportsmanship and rooted each other on. It is events like this that really show the integrity, enthusiasm and true unity among the Greek community. These students are the leaders, scholars and top men and women at Marshall.

"My favorite aspect of the race was watching what came to be known as the three-legged marathon from the Cam Henderson Center to the corner of Third Avenue and Hal Greer," Tabor said. "I absolutely hope to see this event again next year. We will continue to work and make improvements."

The Apache Relay was one of several events that were included in Marshall's Greek Week 2012.

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run to the last event on Buskirk Field. Pi Kappa Alpha won the event for the fraternities while Delta Zeta topped the sorority brackets.

Faculty members head overseas to observe new school model

BY HILARY FREEMAN THE PARTHENON

The June Harless Center will be sending two of their faculty across the Atlantic Ocean to try to create better schools for West Virginia.

Brea Wiles and Terabeth Brumfield are two of six Cabell County educators that have been chosen to go observe a different kind of school-the Riggio Emilia model.

these schools is that it (Riggio Emilia) is a very hands-on approach to learning," Brea Wiles, Studio Educator of the **MU Early Education STEM** Center, said. "The schools use a lot of resources in their community as a way to teach their children through those resources."

These schools also focus their work at the heart of the community, Wiles said.

"The community is very involved in their educa-"What is special about tion programs by providing

resources for the schools, resources they may need, and especially recycled materials," Wiles said.

Recycling is especially important in these Italian early-education centers because it teaches them how to use recycled materials in a practical way, Wiles said.

"I know that it (recycling) is a big concept in Italy and so using those materials to create art out of them or to beautify their school is a good use of the resources

they have and a good way to include cultural values," Wiles said.

Understanding the importance of culture and cultural differences is very important to being able to implement these models in West Virginia schools, Wiles said.

"The other part of going for this experience is going to be immersed in the culture-what these children are experiencing, their families and the family dynamics and how those work together for their children's here - in Cabell ounty and education," Wiles said.

The educators going and sponsors of this trip hope to make big changes right here in West Virginia for early childhood education.

"We want to be able to implement that type of school for the children here so we are trying to get a better understand of what it looks like in a normal school day and hopefully be able to bring it back to the STEM Center and not just

eventually West Virginia as well," Wiles said.

The West Virginia Department of Education, along with PNC Bank and West Virginia University, hope to be able to send a county team from West Virginia annually, Wiles said.

This year Cabell County was chosen as the representative for the state.

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Islamic Week kicks off Monday in student center

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Interfaith will have Islamic week Monday through Thursday in the Memorial **Student Center.**

Shaheed Elhamdani, sophomore chemistry and political science major from Huntington, said Islamic week is there to help students understand the religion with elections coming up.

"Especially with the growing political atmosphere right now and the way things are, people are uncertain about what it is," Elhamdani said. "They don't understand the concept behind it and what we believe. Islamic Week is our

way of reaching out."

Ammar Haffar, senior biomedical sciences major from Scott Depot, W.Va., and president of Interfaith, said a table will be set up where people can receive information about Islam from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the student center.

Haffar said there will be a lecture "Unveiling Sharia" where Interfaith will discuss Sharia law and politics from 6 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Shawkey Dining Room at the student center. He said Sharia is Islamic law that came from the Quran and teachings of the Prophet Muhammed.

"Sharia law has been a

hot topic that was heavily discussed at the beginning of the election season, especially by the Republican candidates. and there has been a bill circulating around at least half the states on banning it," Haffar said. "The purpose behind this is to explain what Sharia is and discuss its role in current political discourse."

Haffar said there will be an "Islam Question and Answer Session" where people can ask questions to Islamic students about the religion from 6 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the BE-5 Multi-Purpose Room in the basement of the student center.

Alpha Phi Alpha hits right note with 'College Gospel Explosion'

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the office of multicultural affairs will have an event to expose a spiritual atmosphere to the campus.

"College Gospel Explosion" is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Jon Austin, junior accounting major from St. Albans, W.Va., and president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said "College Gospel Explosion" is an event that will have local churches, praise bands, dance teams

and musical instrumentals to share the gospel with students. He said he thinks most students do not attend church because they do not have the transportation, and this event is a way to bring the gospel directly to them.

"You can't be one-sided in your thoughts," Austin said. "In some way, all of us have something that we believe in and something that gives us truth. If you look up to God or any other god you serve, I think you get truth somehow through spirituality. Gospel music brings truth to people."

Austin said two Alpha

Phi Alpha graduates are helping with the Gospel event including RaShad Sanders, 2008 Marshall alumnus from Huntington.

"I think it would be a good experience, both inspirational and uplifting for people," Sanders said. "It will give people a chance to experience a Christian environment away from home. A lot of students don't get a chance to go to church while they're at school. It will give them a chance to experience something that will be uplifting and inspirational to them."

The event is free to the public.

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Promoting individuality

THE VILLAGE COLLECTION CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

BY ZACHARY MORRIS THE PARTHENON

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The Village Collection, a locally owned and operated shop on Fourth Avenue, will be celebrating its 35th anniversary.

The shop has always been located on Fourth Avenue. It was housed in another location down the street for approximately 25 years before moving to their current location, 900 4th Avenue, where they have been for about 10 years.

Vicki Rosenberg, owner of the Village Collection, said she opened up the shop because of her longtime love of clothing.

"I have always loved clothing," Rosenberg said. "On my lunch hours when I worked downtown, I just walked around and looked and looked and looked. Then one day, I just decided to take the plunge, and it all worked out.

"We don't carry a lot of the same style," Rosenberg said. "If I order a style of a dress, I might get two. Whereas other people who order a dress might get fifteen of the same thing. When you buy something here, the chances of other people having it are slim."

The Village Collection's clothes come from Atlanta because Rosenberg said the people there are always so nice and that she can obtain styles from all over.

"I pick out things for all age groups," Rosenberg said. "Everything I pick out is not necessarily what I would wear but what I think will sell. I do not want to carry any brand that a store downtown — or even the mall — carries, and that's hard." It took the Village Collection two and a half years to get the TOMS shoes line. Rosenberg said they have not even had the collection for a year, and the number of sales has been outrageous. They are the only locally owned retailer that sells the shoes.

"I had just seen it in a couple magazines so we decided to call about it, and they were full on their distribution nationwide," Rosenberg said. "We called them almost every week, and eventually they opened up their distribution again, and we were able to acquire the brand."

Sarah Lyon, junior criminal justice major from Clifton, Va., said she's bought multiple pairs of TOMS shoes from the Village Collection.

"I won my first pair of TOMS from the raffle the Village Collection had at RecFest," Lyon said. "I went down there and honestly couldn't choose which ones I wanted. I now own four pairs of TOMS. They're some of the most comfortable shoes I own, and the selection they carry is unlike any other retailer around."

Rosenberg said she loves owning her own business and has many favorite aspects after 35 years.

"Naturally, it's because you're your own boss," Rosenberg said. "You also make a lot of friends through customers. Some people have been shopping here for years. My very first customer who ever walked through the doors still shops here."

She said if she could give advice to someone interested in starting his or her own business, it would be to pick something he or she is really passionate about and to be prepared for the good and bad times.

"I really think you have to find your niche," Rosenberg said.

Recently, TOMS released sunglasses as a new product to its line. The Village Collection submitted an application for those, but because they carry TOMS shoes, it didn't take as long to obtain the sunglasses. She said those have also sold really well too.

The Village Collection will be supporting the "One Day Without Shoes" promotion April 10: A day to raise awareness for how beneficial one pair of shoes can be for a child. Posters will be around Marshall's campus in an effort to increase awareness. Interested students can contact the Village Collection about getting involved. The Village Collection will also be ordering more TOMS than normal. They will have T-shirts, and the employees will be barefoot.

The Village Collection will also be hosting a "Style Your Soles Party." "Style Your Soles" is an event in which customers can purchase a white pair of TOMS, and artists from TOMS will come in and draw on the shoes. The event will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. that day.

Rosenberg said she expects the store to continue to do well in the future.

"We have to keep getting different lines," Rosenberg said. "As long as we continue to provide great customer service, be individual and carry lines that other places around here don't sell, we will be fine."

She also said that the experience has been difficult.

"By the time you pay the taxes, the insurance, the

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GREEK SING

MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Members of Alpha Xi Delta perform for Greek Sing on Sunday. Greek Sing is the final event for Marshall University's Greek Week. As a result of the week's fundraisers, the sororities and fraternities at Marshall donated approximately \$17,000 to the American Cancer Society.



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COLUMN Ryan Plan would hurt people with disabilities

BY MIKE ERVIN (MCT)

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is a serious threat to Americans with disabilities. Ryan is taking aim at Medicaid, which serves more than 8 million disabled Americans. It helps pay for such essentials as prescription drugs, wheelchairs, prosthetics and therapies. Ryan's plan calls for block-granting Medicaid, which means the federal government would give the states a lump sum of Medicaid revenue to spend as they see fit. This may sound nice, but it really is a sneaky way of ending the guarantee that people with disabilities have to Medicaid. States could conceivably restrict eligibility in ways they cannot currently, thus limiting access to Medicaid services

for people with disabilities. Since about 40 percent of Medicaid money serves people with disabilities, the The budget plan released incentive for states to dump



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EDITORIAL Tracking of cellphones is a Fourth Amendment violation

As each new technological advance manifests, civil liberties become more challenged. This is the case with cell phones— the appendage that nearly all Americans currently have. Although we may love our smart phones because they give us the world at our fingertips, they also open up the door to easier use of phone tapping and tracing. The New York Times reported Sunday that there has been a macro-level push by law enforcement agencies across the country to expand the use of cell phone tracking in order to prosecute and locate.

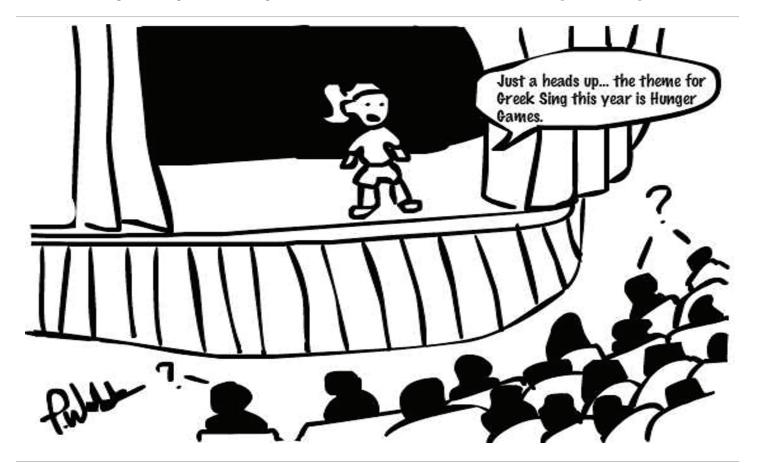
What was once only the ability of federal agents has now trickled its way into the everyday practices of local and state law enforcement, with little court oversight involved.

In January, the Supreme Court ruled that police where in direct violation of the Fourth Amendment after attaching a tracking device to a suspect's car with an expired warrant. As technology and ways of tracking individuals' moves forward at a rapid speed, the current law is left behind, antiquated and tenuous. Some police departments require warrants

to track and locate cell phones for non-emergency cases. However, there are others that use a more broad discretion. According to records obtained by the New York Times, cell phone providers are also benefiting from the use of tracing and tapping cell phones, often times charging law enforcement agencies from \$200 to \$2,000 for a trace or tap.

Many departments and agencies attempt to keep this practice concealed, according to the report. This, they believe, will minimize public backlash to their self-conscious actions. They are right in believing that this can and should result in a large public outcry.

Why? Because the Fourth Amendment is meaning less and less. Civil liberties are looking like a thing of the past and have been since the Bush administration's push to fight terrorism and disregard the Constitution. States legislatures and Congress should consider how far they are willing to let this practice go. The laws are currently not suited for the current technologies we have. They should be revised to bolster Fourth Amendment rights, not degrade them.



them off the rolls or duce their coverage to save money would be powerful.

States would face increasing financial pressure to do so because Ryan's plan also reduces federal spending on Medicaid by \$810 billion over 10 years. This is about 22 percent below the level needed to maintain the Medicaid program over that period of time, according to the American Association of People with Disabilities.

Ryan would also make deep across-the-board cuts that could severely impact disabled Americans' access to housing and education.

Ryan put forth a similar draconian budget last year. Fortunately, he didn't completely get his way. He has to be stopped again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am the program director of The Luke Lee Listening, Language, and Learning Lab here at Marshall. We were very excited to have an article published about our program in Tuesday's Parthenon written by Molly Urian and thought it was a well-written article. Unfortunately, there were some errors in the article that we would like to have fixed if possible.

I as well as one of our speech language pathologists was interviewed in the article but the speech pathologist who was interviewed was Jennifer Baker and in the article it has her as Karen McNealy. Dr. McNealy is the chair of our department (Communication Disorders) but she is not a speech language pathologist in our program. Dr. McNealy is actually an audiologist. There was also a picture of the children with my classroom teaching assistant Johnna Gaunch and she was labeled classroom teacher as well but is considered the classroom teaching assistant.

Jodi Cottrell, Au.D., CCC-A

Program Director The Luke Lee Listening, Language, & Learning Lab at Marshall University

'Complacency should be destroyed'

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE THE PARTHENON

Have you done anything original? I think this is a question we should ask ourselves on a daily basis. I was listening to the recent hit "We are Young" by Fun and I realized that students at Marshall are squandering their youth. The song summarizes the experiences of your typical Marshall student by describing how love can be found amidst a drunken night of revelry. If this is the reality of our youth, then ,by God, we're wasting it. I think a trip to Barcode or Rehab on a Friday night will illustrate my point.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating temperance and anyone who knows me can tell you. Drinking a fifth of vodka and snorting a line of coke is a personal choice that I am no position to criticize. I'll never get in the way of your shot. What I advocate is taking the initiative toward an original way of life.

Technology creates boredom, but not for obvious reasons. Many would cite our reliance on social media has dehumanized the human experience. I wouldn't argue against it, but it's not due to lack of face-to-face interaction -- after all, we've had the telephone for over a century now. Technology creates boredom because it offers a prepackaged ex-

The 21st century is boring.

especially at Marshall, certainly lack it. We listen to recorded music, we drink the same drinks, go to football games, go to class, go to sleep. Now what is the difference between that and WVU? There is nothing wrong with this. However, it does get boring because it's unoriginal. It's all been done before and now, it's done so exactly, so efficiently, one could mea-

Find your passion and never let go of it. Complacency should be destroyed whenever it arises. Your best can be better and always strive for it." > HENRY CULVYHOUSE

perience. Everything we experience on our computers, our iPods and our iPads was programmed. We have no input whatsoever in creating that experience, save flipping the "on" switch.

The tendency for prepackaged experiences has extended beyond the realm of technology. As much as we claim spontaneity, the youth in this country ,and sure it into exact portions. Lack of original, fresh, new experiences breeds a cancer of the soul. Whatever we do to escape boredom, we become bored again. This is because a experience prepackaged is not our experience. We don't own it anymore than the air we breath. Therefore, its really not worth anything. It's a passive

action and it does not lead to personal growth or inspiration. In short, it's just a diversion from the fear and trembling of daily existence.

We need to shake things up. Therefore, I declare a "War on Boredom." We will fight boredom on the shores, we fight boredom in our houses, but we will never give in to it.

The fight will be a vicious one. It will require the sacrifice of prepackaged experiences. Instead of looking to what we have around us to get our kicks, we need to look at what is inside us. Find your passion and never let go of it. Complacency should be destroyed whenever it arises. Your best can be better and always strive for it. Whatever your passion is, never stopping pursuing it. This pursuit, which will drive boredom to its grave, should never end. Believe me, it's quite a trip.

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Alpha Xi Delta performs at Greek Sing.

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salaries — it all adds up," Rosenberg said. "When you own a business, you dream about it, you think about it 24 hours a day."

The celebration for the 35th anniversary will be April 4, and they will be offering a 35 percent off promotion for the event.

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one of our sorority sisters passed away from cancer a few years ago. It gave us the chance to show how strong our sisterhood is."

Marshall University was the first university to pass the Relay for Life Relay.

In addition, PHC and IFC named the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington, as the campus wide Greek philanthropy.

Mike Patick, director of management and operations for the Boys and Girls club, thanked the Marshall Greeks.

Greek Sing is an annual performance, which each fraternity and sorority compete in.

Delta Zeta took first place

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farm and while he shared his experience with raised bed gardening, he also TRAYVON **Continued from Page 1**

"Movements Hinton . swell up and then die down because there is no planning after the first meeting like this."

Brenda Green, from the West Virginia American Civil Liberties Union, said she praised the organizations investigating the shooting, and called for the investigation into how Stand Your Ground laws are applied.

Josh Curry, secretary for

Alpha Sigma Phi, said after

his chapter's hard work, it

was great to see it all come

together, especially because

the dance was more serious

than fraternity dances nor-

"I was thrilled to see the

crowds' reaction," Curry

said. "I loved it I was com-

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For the sororities, Alpha

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Florida Statute 776.013, better known as the "Stand Your Ground Law," allows for a person to use harmful or deadly force to defend themselves or others, if they are presumed to have had a reasonable fear of imminent death or great bodily harm.

Rev. Donte Jackson of the First Baptist Church of Huntington spoke against stereotypes and encouraged the crowd to find their purpose in life.

"No matter who you are or where you find yourself

tonight, don't let stereotypes define you," Jackson said.

It is believed that Martin was stereotyped by his shooter because of the manner of his dress at the time of the shooting.

To end the event, there was a slide show presentation covering the highlights of Martin's life and the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. collected donations to benefit the Justice For Trayvon Foundation.

"If I can ask one thing,"

Greek Week for sororities and Alpha Sigma Phi won the entire Greek Week for the fraternities.

The individual events for Greek Week were Tug-O-War (Sigma Sigma Sigma; Pi Kappa Alpha) soccer (Alpha Xi Delta; Alpha Tau Omega), spades (Alpha Chi Omega; Pi Kappa Alpha), volleyball (Delta Zeta; Alpha Sigma Phi), football (Sigma Sigma Sigma; Alpha Sigma Phi), trivia (Alpha Chi Omega; Pi Kappa Phi), ROTC field day (Alpha Xi Delta; Alpha Sigma Phi), basketball (Alpha Xi Delta; Pi Kappa Alpha), campus relay (Delta Zeta; Pi Kappa Alpha) and a hot dog eating competition (Sigma Sigma Sigma; Tau Kappa Epsilon).

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Jonathan Austin, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha and co-sponsor of the event said. "Remember what you hear today, don't just come here to pay tribute, but take something home with you."

The shooting prompted rallies like this all across the country, with several leaders and lawmakers, including President Obama, weighing in on the situation.

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in the Greek Sing sorority the awards for Chapter of Excellence, a series of Alpha Sigma Phi took first awards that assesses the place in the Greek sing frafraternities and sororities in specific categories as

> well as overall. Alpha Xi Delta won overall Chapter of Excellence for the sorority division.

> Erica Law, Alpha Xi Delta president, said she is so proud of her chapter and their accomplishments.

> "It is humbling to realize that after all of our hard work it is still appreciated," Law said. "All of our community service, our involvement in activities on campus and in the city is recognized. It is a great feeling to know we are appreciated."

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Delta Zeta won the entire

imparted an inspirational Mohandas Gandhi quote that affected the group -"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's

came in third.

greeds."

SEAC will build two smaller versions of their practiced gardens on campus, as well as present information about

making compost during the Earth Day celebration April 18.

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