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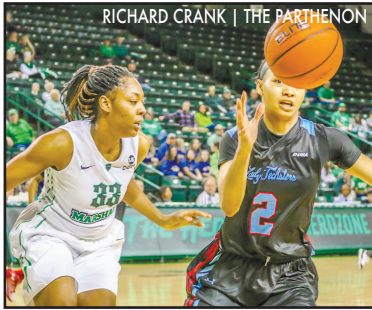
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TODAY'S WEATHER:

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Marshall University Meteorology **Tuesday**
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FLOOD WATCH in effect for Cabell County

Morning Moderate Rain Showers		47
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KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

By **SKYLER HUNT**

The Parthenon sat down with all three presidential candidates to detail their platforms and priorities. Polls are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Memorial Student and the Rec Center.

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DAVID OYE + LUKE COOLEY

- Smart registration, which will allow increased course offerings, taking into account students who will not show up or will drop the class by using predictive analytics.
- Donate left over meals from the dining halls to the Huntington community.
- A ceremony on Veterans Day for Marshall University Veterans. Classes would be excused during the ceremony.
- SGA should not only help the campus, but it should also help the Huntington community.
- Our staff is one of the largest in years.
- Cut budgets of presidential staff



DUNCAN WAUGAMAN + IZZY ROGNER

- Students should know all of the extra fees they are paying every semester when they receive tuition slips.
- A safe way for Marshall Students to get around Huntington all hours of the day and night by implementing a transportation system.
- Alumni and older students should stay in the stadium during halftime, and we believe we can achieve this by selling alcohol in the stadium.
- Students, faculty and staff need a break before Thanksgiving, a fall break if Marshall decides to adopt a 15-week calendar for the fall semester.
- We want diversity, and there are 14,000 students on campus. We want our cabinet to represent the different types of students.
- We believe students need to know things because they are the priority.



ALEX PARLOCK + HALEY BREEDEN

- #ReigniteMU
- Bring the life back to campus during the weekends.
- Digital message boards in highly trafficked areas on campus to show students when there are events or if there is bad weather.
- In the 10-year plan, there are 600 parking spots that are to be taken away from Marshall. We want to bring more parking to campus for commuter students.
- A bus system to offer students without cars a way to get groceries without having to walk in the snow.
- Diversity in our cabinet.



EPA selects Huntington for \$200,000 grant

By **LEXI BROWNING**
THE PARTHENON

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams announced Monday Huntington was selected as one of 20 communities to receive a \$200,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The grant,

received under the EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning program, will help transform former manufacturing facilities between the Highlawn neighborhood and Marshall University.

Williams said the AWP grant will fund cleaning and proper preparations necessary to construct a baseball field for Marshall's team and a polymer center.

"I am committed to having a baseball stadium," Williams said. "Anybody who will be coming in under the development will understand that's something that I am interested in assuring occurs."

Williams said the goal of creating a polymer center is to

train individuals in polymer manufacturing and bring in individuals who have ideas for polymer development.

The collaborative effort responsible for the progressions includes Huntington, Marshall University Research Corporation, Marshall University Brownfields Assistance Center, the Rahall Transportation Institute, the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing and Rubberlite Inc.

"Each of these entities by themselves bring something that creates a differentiation for us in

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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

By **SARA RYAN**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's semi-annual Countdown to Commencement is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

Countdown to Commencement prepares graduating students for the spring commencement.

"It's bringing all the services related to commencement to a central location, said Roberta Ferguson of the Marshall registrar. "It's designed to be convenient for the graduates to take an hour or two to come and take care of everything instead of going around campus to the various administration offices. We find that a lot of the graduates bring their family members with them so we try to make it a really festive

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News

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Tri Sigma Chili Fest to benefit children's charities

By **NICHOLE HENDERSON**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Sigma Sigma Sigma will have their annual Chili Fest 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Sigma Sigma Sigma house. All proceeds are being donated to Tri Sigma's philanthropy, the Foundation Center. "Our proceeds help out two training facilities, Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas and the North Carolina Children's Hospital at UNC Chapel Hill," said freshman Celia Morales, foundation chair.

"The Foundation provides therapeutic play for terminally ill children to help them cope and understand their illness." Lara Sedlock, president of Tri Sigma, said Chili Fest is an event Tri Sigma does every year and it hopes to top the \$2,000 it raised last year. "I want students to know more about play therapy for terminally ill children," Morales said. "While kids are sick in the hospital it's hard to stay positive, but with the foundation we are able to provide funds and an opportunity to make a

child forget about their illness through play." The ticket price is \$5 including all-you-can-eat chili, a peanut butter sandwich or a piece of cornbread, and a drink. Tickets can be bought at the door or from any member of Tri Sigma. Tri Sigma will also be selling tickets all day in the Memorial Student Center Monday and Tuesday. **Nichole Henderson can be contacted at henderson86@marshall.edu.**

Marshall profesor featured in saxophone recital



PHOTOS BY RYAN FISCHER | THE PARTHENON



By **MIKAELA KEENER**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's College of Arts and Media presented a saxophone recital Monday featuring Edwin Bingham, Marshall professor of saxophone and jazz studies. Bingham performed pieces by Yvon Bourrel, Paul Creston, Brent Pierce and Phil Woods. Three movements were performed followed by a brief intermission. Matt Taylor, professor of saxophone at Morehead State, Chris Clark, professor of saxophone and music department chair at West Virginia State University and Chris Mikel joined Bingham on stage for a finale movement. "It is fun to work with people," Bingham said. "It's fun to have some collaboration with colleagues and get together and make music for the joy out of it." Henning Vauth, coordinator of keyboard studies at Marshall, accompanied Bingham

throughout the recital. Christopher Rasmussen, student at WVSU, said his favorite part of the recital was the performance of the piece "Sonata, op. 19" by Paul Creston. "I played the Creston sonata before, and that was my favorite because I knew it the best," Rasmussen said. "But the other one that they played, the 'Three Street Scenes' was pretty cool too." Bingham said two pieces performed contained elements of neoclassicism. "Neoclassicism is sort of a harkening back to the classical period of Mozart and Hayden, but with contemporary musical language," Bingham said. "So a lot of the music in the early twentieth century became very complex and very complicated and very dissonant. Neoclassicism is the return to simplicity and to a little bit less dissonance." **Mikaela Keener can be contacted at keener31@live.marshall.edu.**

City council meeting addresses Huntington's expansion

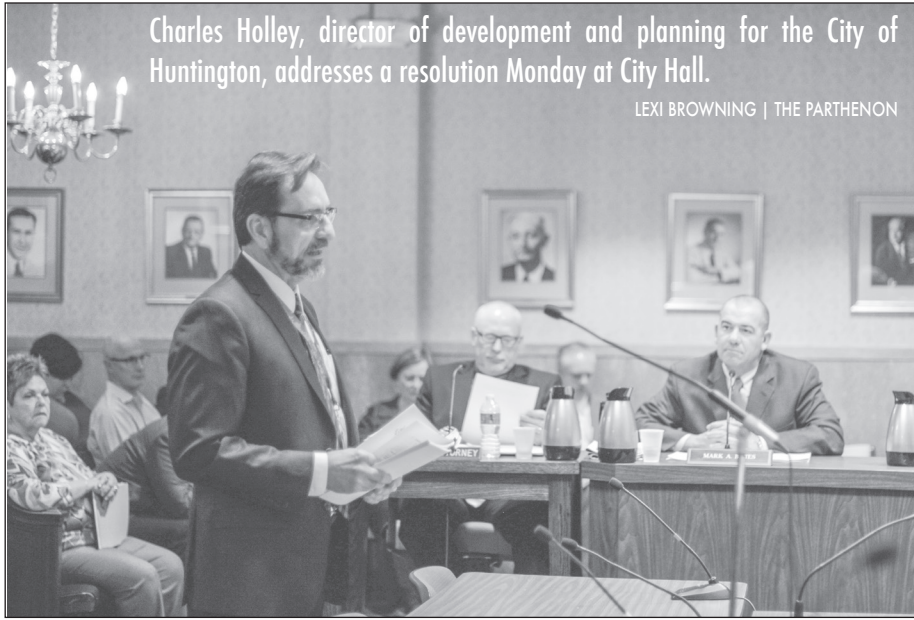
By **LEXI BROWNING**
THE PARTHENON

Huntington's City Council praised the city's success of receiving a national grant Monday and approved the authorization for Mayor Steve Williams to apply for funds on behalf of the Healing Place during a City Council meeting. The council recognized the United States Environmental Protection Agency for selecting Huntington as one of 20 communities to receive a \$200,000 grant for cleaning former industry areas. "There are great opportunities we have before us in our city," Williams said. "The property between Marshall University and Highlawn represent a

magnificent opportunity, but it's also a reminder of recent failures." Williams said cleaning the areas of potentially harmful contaminants from the previous industries were vital for launching a polymer-manufacturing center, creating recreational areas and transforming the riverfront park. A resolution passed authorizing the mayor to apply for a Governor's Community Partnership Program to fund the Healing Place, a rehabilitation facility for men battling with addiction, with \$3,000 for the expansion of its client intake. Matt Boggs, director of development at the Healing Place of Huntington, said the highly

anticipated expansion would require additional furnishings for 22 men. "[This] is huge," Boggs said. "Our founders original vision as to become a 100-bed facility, and from January 2011 to now, that's what we as staff and board of directors have tried to accomplish. Seeing a vision become a reality is amazing to be apart of and witness. This is just the beginning." The ribbon cutting ceremony for the unveiling of the second floor expansion will take place at noon April 9. John Stump, Steptoe and Johnson PLLC attorney, said the bonds will have a fixed interest rate of 3.26

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POLICE BLOTTER

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

By **TYLER FERRIS**
THE PARTHENON



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Disorderly Conduct

MUPD reported to Towers West Feb. 28 at 3:55 a.m. in response to an irate resident. MUPD was previously called because of the same individual. The man was cursing an employee of the building. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Western Regional Jail.

Speeding DUI

A man was pulled over at the 2100 block of Third Avenue March 1 for driving over the speed limit. He was registered driving 55 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. The officer smelled the odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. The 26-year-old, white male failed three sobriety tests and registered a .082 blood alcohol content. He was arrested for speeding and driving under the influence. He was taken to Western Regional Jail

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American Red Cross returns to Marshall for spring blood drive

By **ERIKA JOHNS**
THE PARTHENON

The American Red Cross is having a blood drive 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the basement of the Marshall University Memorial Student Center. Winter storms have affected the amount of blood supply the Red Cross has for patients because of blood drive cancellations. According to a press release, Carolyn Kean, chief executive officer for the Greater Alleghenies Blood Services Region, said blood donors are a big help when there is severe weather. "It is the blood products already on the shelves that help save lives when severe

weather hits, and thanks to our generous Red Cross blood and platelet donors, blood products were available for patients who still needed transfusions despite the weather," Kean said. The America Red Cross accepts blood donations of all types, but is especially in need of types O negative, B negative and A negative. "I participate in the blood drives at Marshall University because I know there is a chance of saving someone's life, and that is a beautiful thing," Communication studies major Derrick Law said. **Erika Johns can be contacted at johnk@marshall.edu.**

SPORTS

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Player of the week

Chukwuka Ezeigbo

Position: Center
Class: Senior
Hometown: Trenton, NJ

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**
THE PARTHENON

Chukwuka Ezeigbo's contributions to the Marshall University basketball program go well beyond that of a weekly honor.

Ezeigbo could be labeled as the player of the year, or the past four years for that matter. She has been a member of the Marshall program longer than head coach Matt Daniel, playing all four years of her collegiate eligibility at Marshall.

Saturday, Ezeigbo and her senior teammates were honored during pregame for their careers as members of the Herd.

She scored five points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a 66-58 loss to University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Just a day later, Ezeigbo was named

to the All-C-USA second team and the conference's All-Defensive Team.

Ezeigbo leads the conference in field goal percentage and ranks second in rebounding among active players with 10.3 rebounds per game. She also ranks fifth in the conference in blocks this season with 38.

Ezeigbo is flirting with averaging a double-double this season with 9.9 points per game and 10.3 RPG heading into the C-USA Tournament. She led the conference with 13 double-doubles this season.

During her career at Marshall, Ezeigbo has represented herself as a high-character student-athlete off the court, while bringing defensive presence on the court.

Ezeigbo ranks fourth in school history with 115 blocks for her career. At 6-foot-3 inches, she has the size to consistently

disrupt shots at the rim, but her mobility and awareness is what has made her so valuable on the defensive end.

Ezeigbo can hedge effectively in pick and rolls possessing the foot speed to stay with perimeter players momentarily before recovering to her man in the paint.

Ezeigbo has vastly improved on the offensive end, converting close range shots and securing second chance opportunities for the Herd because of her work on the offensive glass.

Daniel said Ezeigbo is always ready to work during practice and games.

"[Ezeigbo] is pretty resilient and she comes to work every day," Daniel said. "She's the first one on the floor, typically in practice and for games as well."

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RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Herd women's basketball to open C-USA tournament

"I think every game is preparation for post season play."

-Coach Daniels

By **ADAM POLSKY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's basketball team will open the C-USA tournament Wednesday with a chance for revenge against University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Thundering Herd ended the regular season at 16-13 (8-10), good for the ninth seed in the tournament, while the 49ers are just ahead at 14-16 (10-8) with the eighth seed. The Herd lost its last game of the regular season to the Niners team, 66-58, in the Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall begins conference play without its floor general, as junior guard Norrishia Victrum has missed the past two games and will miss the remainder of the year with a torn Achilles tendon.

Sophomore guard McKenzie Akers and senior guard AJ Johnson have stepped up and taken over ball handling duties in her absence.

Head coach Matt Daniel said he thinks Akers and Johnson are making the most of the situation.

"I think they're doing the best they can," Daniel said. "It limits us bodies so their fatigue

is involved as well, but I think they're doing a fine job."

The Thundering Herd is participating in C-USA tournament play for the ninth straight season but has never made it past the semi-finals round.

Daniel said a lot of people did not have his team even making the tournament this year.

"I think every game is preparation for post season play," Daniel said. "A lot of people had today being our last day of basketball and were not there. I think that's a measure of where we're headed and what we've gotten accomplished so far this year but our year is not over."

Senior center Chukwuka Ezeigbo and forward Leah Scott will attempt to prove their All-C-USA Second Team Honors to be no fluke with their leadership throughout the tournament.

Tipoff is set for 5 p.m., and the winner will face top seeded Western Kentucky University Thursday in the quarterfinals stage.

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Chukwuka Ezeigbo goes for a shot against Louisiana Tech University Jan. 31 in the Cam Henderson Center. ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

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EDITORIAL

Canadian lawmakers propose in vitro legislation that may overstep bounds into women's sex lives

According to the Canadian Press, Quebec lawmakers have proposed legislation to require women to sign a waiver stating they have been sexually active for an extensive period before being administered in vitro fertilization.

The idea behind the proposed legislation is to allow for the opportunity for natural conception to occur and reduce the need for in vitro procedures.

The legislation would not have the force of law, but would obligate women to sign the waiver in the doctor's office.

This proposition begs the question, what exactly is adequate sexual activity?

According to the proposition, it is one to three years of frequent sexual activity depending on age. The term "frequent" is not clearly defined, which means it could mean anywhere from weekly to monthly.

What the legislation doesn't account for are those women who choose to have a child without a father. Sure, single women could have lots of sex, but they would (hopefully) be using protection to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and thus pregnancy.

What of the women who are not sexually active but wish to become mothers? Would they be denied in vitro treatments?

Also, there is no way a

lesbian couple could have children without in vitro fertilization. They can be sexually active for a good long while and no pregnancy would ever come of it.

The proposed legislation would even hurt heterosexual couples where either partner is deemed infertile or incapable of carrying children. Women would still have to prove their sexual activity even if they have known about their infertility for awhile.

This proposed legislation is a blatant invasion of a woman's privacy and is non-inclusive and discriminatory to single and queer women. It is one thing for a doctor to ask "Are you sexually active?"

and another to ask about frequency. It is also questionable practice to potentially deny a patient in vitro fertilization based on lack of sexual activity, especially when sexual activity has very little to do with how the effectiveness of the procedure or how it is performed.

With the very conservative trend in governing women's bodies in the United States, one can only hope the dominantly white-male Republican legislatures across the nation do not adopt this concept.

Science has made it possible for women to have the choice of motherhood with or without the presence of a father, and it should stay that way.



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COLUMN

Keeping time with Apple

The device is not supposed to take away your phone, it is merely supposed to be an accessory. Just like a great pair of shoes is to an outfit.

By AMANDA GIBSON
COLUMNIST

The Apple Conference took place Monday showcasing a variety of new products including the Apple Watch.

The Apple Watch is one of the newest advances in technology, with a 38-42 millimeter touch screen, it is fully equipped to interact with apps, answer texts, answer calls, etc. The Apple Watch is the newest way to control your entire life...from your wrist.

What will the Apple Watch mean in the grand scheme of things? My prediction is the Apple Watch will only be consumed by a small market, considering the reported cheapest watch will be anywhere from \$349-\$399. The most expensive watch will be priced at a whopping \$10,000-\$17,000. Nevertheless, good technology is expensive, and if you are invested in keeping up with the latest technology, then the price may be worth it.

For me, it is an internal battle. I will not be a consumer of the Apple Watch anytime soon, merely because it is technology I do not need at the moment. And that is the issue, what exactly is necessary in the Apple Watch that people will actually need? The biggest argument I have heard from Apple Watch admirers is that it makes it more of a convenience to answer texts and calls because, in theory, your phone is right there on your wrist. Nifty, right? We will see. The Apple Watch, just like



everything else, is a change that we will have to get used to. It will definitely be a change to see people talking to their wrists and obsessively gawking at their watches. But, the device is not supposed to take away your phone, it is merely supposed to be an accessory. Just like a great pair of shoes is to an outfit.

Speaking of accessories, this new device is not only bringing design to Apple's technology, but it is bringing technology to fashion. Apple produced an entire line of interchangeable bands

to go with the watch. They range from athletic bands to more flashy bands made with shiny buckles and fashionable colors. Apple is now not only integrating technology into our lives, but they are adding an element of fashion to our technology that we can wear and display.

Apple's release of the Apple Watch is either going to make it or break it. I think it will be off to a rocky start, but eventually it will be like every other piece of technology in our lives: we will find it necessary. Design and impeccable technology is what Apple is known for and I doubt they will produce any less in this newest release. And they will throw in a little bit of fashion while they are at it. It will take a little adjusting, but this newest accessory will, no doubt, fall far from anywhere but astounding.

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ABOVE: Apple CEO Tim Cook explains the features of the new Apple Watch during an Apple event on Monday in San Francisco.

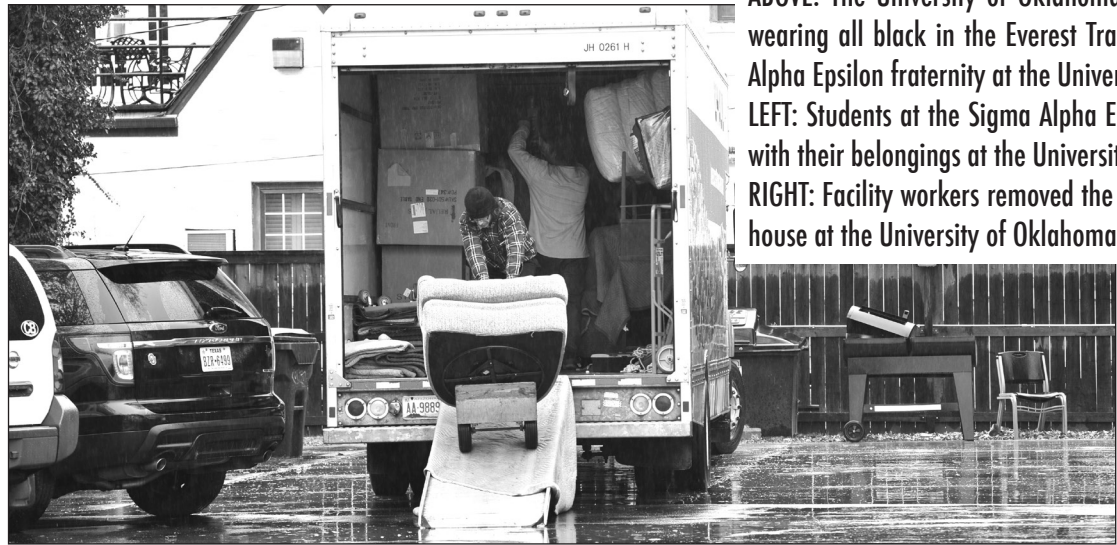
LEFT: The new Apple Watch is on display in the demo room after an Apple event on Monday in San Francisco. Pre-orders for the Apple Watch start April 10. The device costs \$349 for a base model, while a luxury gold version will go for \$10,000.

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OU severs ties with frat after racist chant



ABOVE: The University of Oklahoma football team and coaches line up wearing all black in the Everest Training Center in protest of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of Oklahoma Monday.
LEFT: Students at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house load up a moving truck with their belongings at the University of Oklahoma Monday.
RIGHT: Facility workers removed the letters from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at the University of Oklahoma Monday.



By **SEAN MURPHY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The president of the University of Oklahoma severed the school's ties with a national fraternity on Monday and ordered that its on-campus house be shuttered after several members took part in a racist chant caught on video.

President David Boren said he was sickened and couldn't eat or sleep after learning about the video Sunday afternoon. The video, which was posted online, shows several people on a bus participating in a chant that included a racial slur, referenced lynching and indicated black students would never be admitted to OU's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Oklahoma football team decided to protest rather than practice on Monday. At the team's indoor practice facility, coach Bob Stoops led the way as players, joined by athletic

director Joe Castiglione, walked arm-in-arm, wearing black. Meanwhile, a top high school recruit de-committed from the university after seeing the video.

Boren attended a pre-dawn rally organized by students and lambasted those fraternity members as "disgraceful" and called their behavior "reprehensible." He said the university was looking into a range of punishment, including expulsion.

"This is not who we are," Boren said at a midday news conference. "I'd be glad if they left. I might even pay the bus fare for them."

National leaders of Sigma Alpha Epsilon said late Sunday that its investigation confirmed members took part in the chant and announced it would close the local chapter. The national group said it was "embarrassed" by the "unacceptable

and racist" behavior.

Boren said members have until midnight Tuesday to remove their belongings from the fraternity house. He said the fraternity was "not totally forthcoming," and he was still trying to find out who was on the bus so the school could consider disciplinary actions.

He said the university's legal staff was exploring whether the students who initiated and encouraged the chant may have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination.

"We are also going to look at any individual perpetrators, particularly those that we think took a lead in this kind of activity," Boren said.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said the efforts by the university and the national fraternity to repudiate the racist comments were "an appropriate step."

It's unclear who recorded the video, when it was recorded and who initially posted it online. Boren suggested it was likely taken by another student who didn't agree with what was being chanted.

OU Unheard, a black student group on campus, posted a link to the video after someone anonymously called it to the group's attention Sunday afternoon, communications director Alexis Hall said Monday.

"We immediately needed to share that with the OU student body," said Hall, a junior. "For students to say they're going to lynch an entire group of people. ... It's disgusting."

The video appears to have been taken on a charter bus, with at least one of the chanting young men wearing a tuxedo.

Telephone and email messages left Monday with several members of the fraternity

seeking comment on the video were not returned. Other members declined to comment.

"I was shocked they were just doing it openly on the bus, like they were proud of it," said Jared Scarborough, a junior in construction science. "From the chant you could tell they had done it before. It wasn't a first-time thing. And it was everybody. And the fist-pumping."

North Mesquite High School football star Jean Delance, a top offensive lineman prospect, told KTVT television and KRLD-AM in Dallas-Fort Worth that he would not attend Oklahoma. He said he spoke Sunday night with coach Bob Stoops, but wasn't told about the incident.

"I'm very disappointed in the coaches not letting me know. 'Hey Jean, this is going on. Be aware. I don't want you to be shocked tomorrow when you

wake up,'" Delance told KRLD. "But that was just heart-breaking right there."

A university police cruiser was parked Monday outside the fraternity house, a sprawling two-story, sand-colored brick building on a street lined with Greek houses just west of the center of campus. The Greek letters were removed from the side of the house Monday afternoon.

The University of Oklahoma, located in the southern Oklahoma City suburb of Norman, has about 27,000 students, about 5 percent of whom are black. The Greek system is largely segregated.

Boren said fraternity members had "violated all that we stand for."

"Effective immediately, all ties and affiliations between this University and the local SAE chapter are hereby severed," he said in a statement.

CITY COUNCIL

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percent for 20 years with an ability to refinance the bond after 10 years.

"The total amount being borrowed is less than the \$6 million that was approved in the ordinance and actually is under \$5.4 million," Stump said.

Stump said bonds will be available for investment Monday and would close on March 26.

Williams praised the efforts of the Public Works Department in snow removal during last week's winter storm.

"All six plows operated for 72 consecutive

hours from 7 p.m. Wednesday to 7 p.m. Sunday," Williams said. "No injuries and no accidents or mechanical problems were reported."

Williams requested constituents identify pothole complaints throughout the city and submit all appeals to their district's council member by March 20.

Two resolutions concerning grants for the Huntington Fire Department also passed, allowing the mayor to apply on behalf of the HFD for a Firehouse Subs safety foundation grant and enter into a State Farm Insurance grant for the department.

The Firehouse Subs grant totals \$25,517.95 to purchase 15 Automated

External Defibrillators and two training AEDs. The State Farm grant issues \$5,000 for 800 units of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Councilwoman Rebecca Thacker withdrew her sponsorship of the resolution prohibiting advertisements placed upon the Greater Huntington Wall of Fame after debate and the resolution was sent back into committee.

The council also confirmed the appointment of Michael J. Emerson for his first term with the Huntington Municipal Development Authority with a unanimous vote.

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COUNTDOWN

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atmosphere. We have refreshments and some background music. We try to make it truly a celebration for the graduates to celebrate their educational achievements."

Multiple organizations and services are setting up at the event to give seniors the opportunity to fully prepare for

graduation.

Graduates can purchase cap and gowns, class rings, graduation announcements, etc.

HigherOne and Financial Aid members are attending the event to complete loan exit counseling and allow graduates to pick up information about debt management and loan payment and consolidation.

The Graduate College and Career Services members are attending to discuss

graduate programs and after graduation plans.

Seniors will also have the opportunity to get pictures taken in a cap and gown.

"Even if we have a rainy day, we hope our graduates will make an effort to come in," Ferguson said. "I'm sure they will find it worth while if they do."

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the Huntington area that sets us apart from other communities not only in West Virginia but throughout the nation," Williams said.

Brownfields, as defined by the EPA, are properties in which reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous pollutants and contaminants.

Mark Ferrell, director of intergovernmental relations for Region III of the EPA, reported the EPA has invested more than

\$19 million in brownfield projects in West Virginia, including an assessment grant of \$200,000 for Huntington in 2008.

"This city has a proud industrial heritage, Ferrell said, "and your leaders have demonstrated a forward looking vision for returning old dormant properties to new and productive reuse. Standing here today, I'm proud of the partnership EPA has with West Virginia brownfields assisted center."

Ferrell said Huntington could transform more than 78 acres of former manufacturing facilities that lie vacant and waiting to be reawakened with the award.

Alan Letton, president of Rubberlite,

said the commercialization will not only transform Huntington into a leading manufacturing community, but also the economy of the state.

"What Rubberlite brings here is the opportunity to really focus our expertise in business and our partnerships in business to bring them here and recruit them and show them that this has become a haven for manufacturing," Letton said.

Further progressions toward the planning and governing of the polymer center are in development.

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What is your major? I am a clinical lab science major.

What's your favorite thing about art? It relaxes me, I feel like if I haven't drawn for a while I feel really good after, even just sketching. And I love using color and color theory.

Has there ever been a time when you could use your passion for art to help in your studies? Yeah, sort of like how you have to observe in art is helpful for observing differences in cell types. A lot of stuff in clinical lab science and hematology, you look at different white blood cells and try to tell them apart. So I guess if you're good at observing art, it is helpful.

If you could give one piece of advice to a large group of people, what would it be? Believe that you are beautiful.