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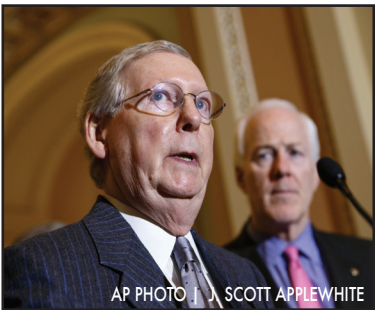
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TODAY'S WEATHER:

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Thursday's Weather	
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Night Rain Changing to Snow Late	27

Forecast provided by Student Meteorologist Bradley Wells & Joseph Fitzwater

Student wrongfully confesses to assault

THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University student wrongfully confessed to a Jan. 16 assault on another man near the university.

The Huntington Police Department cited "extreme impairment by drugs and alcohol" as reason for his false confession.

Richard William Hoobler, 22, of Huntington, wrongfully identified himself

and his roommate, 21-year-old Jason Scott Miller, in a surveillance video as individuals assaulting a man.

According to Huntington police, the assault took place on the 1400 block of Fourth Avenue at approximately 1:30 a.m.

A search warrant was granted for the men's residence.

Police were able to collect evidence of drug activity and additional charges may

be pending, police reported.

Along with those findings, police obtained information that two different individuals were the culprits of the assault.

Upon being contacted by detectives, the two new suspects confessed.

Chase Mooney, 22, and Zachary Smith, 24, surrendered Tuesday on warrants charging them with the felony assault.



Madelynn Coalson, barista at Bittersweet Coffeehouse, brews a cup of coffee using the house's pour over method. SOFIE WACHTMEISTER | THE PARTHENON

CHANGING THE BREW

"I knew Huntington had a need for something different. It's a great way to diversify what we're doing and then be able to offer something to the community that's not here."

By SOFIE WACHTMEISTER
THE PARTHENON

Bittersweet Coffeehouse is bringing a new and diverse method of brewing coffee to the Huntington area.

Madelynn Coalson, a barista at the coffeehouse, said each cup of coffee is made individually.

"Pour over is considered a third wave coffee," Coalson said. "Each batch is ground individually so you get the freshest cup you possibly can.

Then it's hand poured and takes about five to seven minutes."

Bittersweet Coffeehouse is the only coffee shop in the area that uses the pour over method.

Owner Rita Evans guessed the closest coffee shop using this method might be in Lexington.

"Our menu is what separates us from other coffeehouses," Evans said. "Third wave coffee goes back to the roots of coffee. This is a manual

process, and it does take a little bit of time, but it's handcrafted. The beans are ground per cup, and there are different grinds, different filters and two different methods even though they're both considered pour overs." Evans said they do more than ground the beans.

"Plus we hand pack each espresso shot, so it's not automatic," Evans said. "We measure everything out. Every morning we have to test the grinder

to see how the shots are pulling, the time, the color and volume."

Marshall University student and first time customer, Claire Litton, said she enjoyed the atmosphere and what the shop had to offer.

"I think the variety of coffee is impressive," Litton said. "I like that they have pastries as well. The prices are comparable for students and I like to

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President office decorated with student artwork

By AMY NAPIER
THE PARTHENON

Strands of yarn intricately woven in the pattern of a scarf remain untouched. Pieces of an old soup can press into a series of feathers. These elements make up the pieces of artwork hanging in Marshall University Interim President Gary White's office, and they are all student creations.

Donald Van Horn, dean of the College of Arts and Media, said previous Interim President Michael Farrell decided to incorporate student artwork in

his office approximately 10 years ago.

"He hurried and collected up pieces for the office," Van Horn said. "Then when Dr. (Stephen J.) Kopp took over, he liked the idea and set up a tradition."

Kopp attended the annual Student Juried Exhibition every year he was in office and selected his favorite pieces to display.

Four pieces hanging in office are "Painting Ephemera One" by Allen



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: "Chicken Soup" by Ashley Taylor, "Untitled" by Kaitlin Arwood and "Painting Ephemera" by Allen Armel are displayed in Interim President Gary White's office.

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VAC gallery exposes students to national art

By **MATTHEW PRANDONI**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Visual Art Center first opened Aug. 25, 2014 providing classrooms for students to learn and gain more art experience.

The gallery contains professional artwork from all over the country for art students to have examples.

Megan Schultz, director of the Visual Arts Center Gallery and facilities coordinator, said students learn more by being exposed to professional artwork.

"It's really important for our students to be exposed to actual artwork created by professional artists," Schultz said. "The more exposure to those artworks the better."

Schultz said teachers bring their classes down to see examples of artwork. She said seeing the artwork in person gives the students a better idea.

"It is very convenient when they just have to walk downstairs to see all these great exhibits

of great artwork," Schultz said.

Cody Wheeler, a graphic design student at Marshall said the VAC is good for designers and for people looking to get into the arts programs at Marshall.

Wheeler said the VAC is better than the one in Smith Hall.

"There is much more space, bigger galleries and everything's better," Wheeler said.

Graphic design major, Brianna Jarvis, agreed with Wheeler.

"I think that the Birke Art Gallery is more intimate, which I think has its perks for sophomore review," Jarvis said. "But as far as our new gallery goes, there is a lot more space to have more elaborate capstones."

Art and workspace is provided to the students who are taking classes at the VAC.

The VAC Gallery is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. It is located on 927 Third Ave. in Huntington.

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Guests attend the grand opening of Marshall University's Visual Arts Center Sept. 20, 2014. The VAC gallery continues to feature a wide variety of national art.

Pan-Hellenic Council presents bake sale in MSC

By **NICHOLE HENDERSON**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) put together a bake sale from 11 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member Kayla Marshall said the event was for multiple purposes.

"We are doing this event to help with fundraising, to complete our community service initiatives and to help fundraise events that we want to have on campus," Marshall said. "This is one way for us to give back to the black community and to Marshall's community as well."

NPHC had a table set up with a variety of sweets including cookies, cake pops, brownies and cupcakes.

Students took turns approaching the table and asking for prices for the items on sale.

"Overall we were happy with the turn out so far, a lot of people were really interested and happy to see our bake sale," Marshall said. "They liked the presentation so we were really excited about that and we raised a lot of money."

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member Charles Payne said NPHC looks forward to hosting more events than they did last semester and hope that more successful bake sales will help them achieve their goals.

"Our next big event will be in February and it is the 'Soup for Soul' event for Black History month," Payne said. "We are going to have a soup making contest and entertainment for people to come out and enjoy."

Payne said NPHC would like for the student body to recognize them more on campus and understand that they are a part of Marshall's Greek life.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Alexia Johnson said they look forward to seeing people at their events.

"We would like students to know that we are here to help the Marshall community and the Huntington community," said Johnson. "Also, we would like them to know that we are very approachable and we love to speak to people and we look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events."

Payne said NPHC welcomes all students to talk to them and find out what they are about.

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MU Women Connect event features unreleased film



Laura Michele Diener, director of women's studies, gives a lecture at "Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain" Wednesday in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

By **ALLYSON CARR**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Women Connect presented a free screening to inform students on chemical safety Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.

The women's studies program organized a chemical safety awareness event for students interested in learning more about the chemicals in the region. A screening of "Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain" was shown with a short Q&A after.

The film was made in honor of the 30th anniversary of the world's deadliest industrial disaster in Bhopal, India. In 1984 a pesticide leak from a Union Carbide killed more than 10,000 people in just a few hours.

Guest speakers, Maya Nye, executive director of People Concerned About Chemical Safety, Renu Pariyadath, a Ph.D. Candidate in the Communication Studies Department at the University of Iowa, and Charles Somersville,

dean of science, took time to answer a few questions after the film.

"It is important for students to understand chemical safety, so in case of an emergency we can make informed decisions, to know how the chemicals work so we can make the community safer," Nye said.

Laura Michele Diener, director of women's studies, clarified that it is essential to understand the effects wchemicals can have on female bodies.

"Most people think of the immediate effects of chemicals, such as, sickness and burns. Although, there are long term effects for women and the reproductive health," Diener said.

Effects in the reproductive system caused by chemical leaks can be birth defectives, increased and abnormal menstruations.

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Fifth Third Bank to offer Tax preparation assistance Feb. 5

By **ERIKA JOHNS**
THE PARTHENON

Financial Stability Partnership of the River Cities Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is partnering with the Fifth Third Bank Financial Empowerment Mobile tour to assist students with tax preparations Feb. 5.

They are assisting individuals within the Tri-State community with their 2015 tax preparations along with providing free credit report checks.

Zack Reedy, junior natural resources and recreation management major said he is taking advantage of the opportunity.

"I am thrilled to be able to take advantage of this great opportunity that will

be taking place on our campus to obtain a free credit report as well as speak with accredited representatives about searching for a summer job," Reedy said.

Participants will be able to meet one-on-one with experts from the Fifth Third Bank, communicate with representatives from Consume Credit Counseling, search for online jobs and obtain a free credit report.

People may be eligible for free tax preparation if their overall income is below \$60,000 and also may be entitled for an earned income tax credit up to \$6,143.

In order to participate a photo I.D.,

a social security card with your name present, your spouse and all dependents, all W2's, 1099 forms and any other tax information are required.

"I'm glad that our campus allows a countless amount of opportunities for preparing students for the real world when we have to face it, Reedy said. "Marshall University has a lot of events on campus that will benefit us for the future, VITA will definitely assist me for my future along with other students," Reedy said.

VITA will be take place in Corbly Hall at Marshall University 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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SGA sets dates for presidential election

By **SKYLER HUNT**
THE PARTHENON

The Student Government Association has set the dates for the 2015 Marshall University Student Body Presidential Election.

Every spring, a new presidential election takes place on Marshall's campus.

Lila Mangus, student body vice president of the student body, said next week SGA is electing the new elections commissioner.

"This person is in charge of making sure the rules are not broken during the time of campaigning," Mangus said.

The elections commissioner explains the rules to the candidates on filing day and makes sure they are aware of campaigning rules.

Filing day is when potential presidents, vice presidents and senators sign up to run for office.

Student Body President Duncan Waugaman said filing day is Feb. 24, and it is very important.

"Filing day is important because it is your one chance to get your name on the ballot," Waugaman said. "It is also the first step to becoming the next president, vice president or senator."

Potential presidents, vice presidents and senators are required to have a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of 40 credit hours completed.

Elections are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 10 and 11 and votes must be in by 5 p.m. to be counted.

SGA will be answering questions at filing day and they are also available to answer questions in the SGA office upstairs, in the Memorial Student Center.

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Corrections

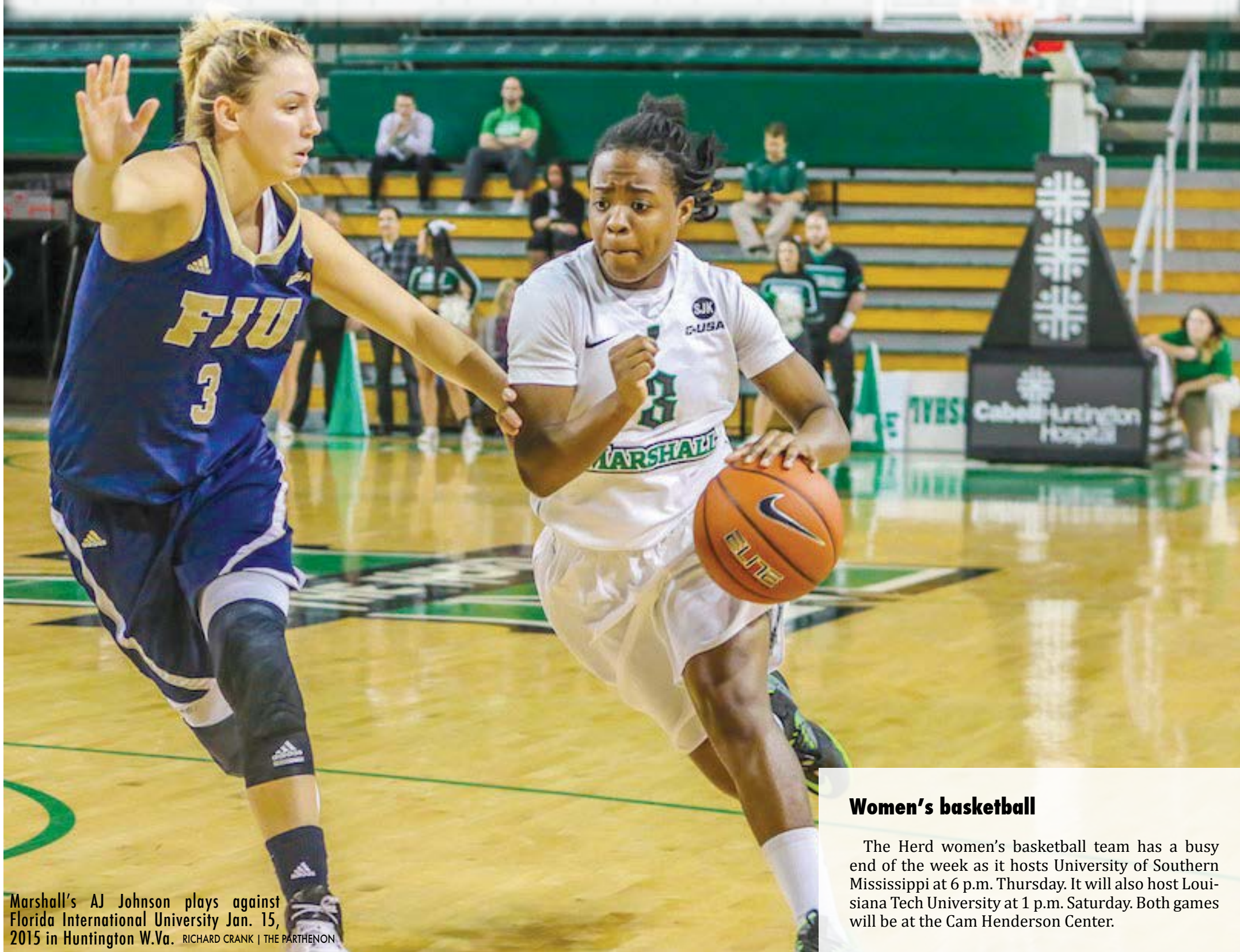
In a photograph associated with an article about Higher Education Day at the Capitol published Wednesday, Corley Dennison was wrongly listed as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dennison is actually Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Higher Education Policy Commission.

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Upcoming sports



Marshall's AJ Johnson plays against Florida International University Jan. 15, 2015 in Huntington W.Va. RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Women's basketball

The Herd women's basketball team has a busy end of the week as it hosts University of Southern Mississippi at 6 p.m. Thursday. It will also host Louisiana Tech University at 1 p.m. Saturday. Both games will be at the Cam Henderson Center.

Track and field

Marshall University track and field will host its first Thundering Herd Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Chris Cline Athletic Complex.

The invitational will include about 1,000 athletes from schools in nine conferences. Events will start at 4 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday.



Marshall's Elaine Derricott races in the Ohio Dual Dec. 4, 2014 in Huntington W.Va. HERDZONE



Marshall swimming and diving faces Xavier University Nov. 1, 2014 in Huntington, W.Va. RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Swimming and diving

Marshall University swimming and diving will host Western Kentucky University at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Fitch Natatorium. This will be its last meet before conference competition starts.

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EDITORIAL

Keystone proposal gains opposition from environmentalists, democrats

Of great debate at the moment, especially where the abuse of government power is concerned, is the proposed building of the Keystone XL Pipeline, a proposal that is gaining a lot of opposition not only from environmentalists, but many democrats in the senate.

The Keystone pipeline is an extensive pipeline system designed to transport Petroleum derived from the oil sands of Canada's vast boreal forest to oil refineries positioned along the Gulf coast. Roughly half of the system is already built. Keystone XL refers to the completion of the pipeline that would connect it to the Gulf of Mexico. Canadian company TransCanada is building the pipeline.

Strong opposition to the project by environmentalists stems from the damage extracting the oil from the ground would cause. Two methods are used to do this: one results in toxic runoff, and the other causes the destruction of forestland. However, the greatest opposition comes from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe who refers to the Keystone XL as an "act of war," since the pipeline will cross their lands in South Dakota, causing environmental damage.

In response to the passage of a vote in November in favor of the pipeline, Rosebud Sioux President Cyril Scott expressed his outrage.

"The House has now signed our death warrants and the death warrants of our children and grandchildren," Scott

to this came last week when congress proposed H.R. 407, an atrocious proposal that would make it easier for the government to seize Indian lands.

Another major problem is the Republicans' insistence that the pipeline's construc-

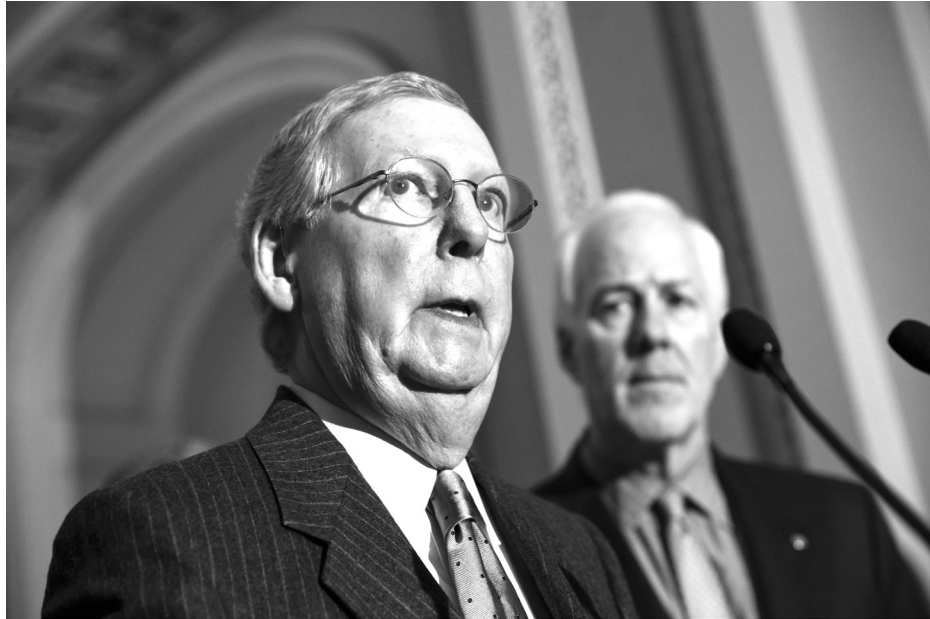
only create about 35 permanent jobs.

Keystone XL is just another example of corrupt government officials attempting to line their own pockets. One such politician is Speaker of the House, John Boehner, who invested in oil companies that have a stake in Canada's oil sands and then pushed an agenda for the approval of the Keystone pipeline.

And Boehner is only one of many. The U.S. political system is mired in corruption fed by politicians, mostly republicans, who pay millions in corporate and special interest money to legislators in return for favorable votes. It is no surprise then, that the very first issue pushed when republicans took control of Congress was Keystone. It is true that certain democrats are in favor of the pipeline, but they are a minority in this issue. Citizens of this country need to investigate claims

made by U.S. politicians before casting their vote. If voters take certain politicians at face value, believing everything they say, they are hurting their fellow Americans.

The bottom line: As long as corrupt senators gain our votes, and congress remains a cesspool of corruption with its own agenda, the American people will be the ones who lose.



AP PHOTO | J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE | FILE

Monday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, joined by Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, speaks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington to discuss the status of the Keystone XL Pipeline bill. Supporters of the Keystone XL pipeline say the privately-funded, \$8 billion project is a critically needed piece of infrastructure that will create thousands of jobs and make the U.S. dependent on oil from friends, rather than foes. Critics claim it will be disastrous for the pollution blamed for global warming and put communities along its 1,179-mile route at risk for an environmentally-damaging spill, all for oil and products that will be exported anyway.

said. "The Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not allow this pipeline through our lands. We are outraged at the lack of inter-governmental cooperation. We are a sovereign nation, and we are not being treated as such. We will close our reservation borders to Keystone XL. Authorizing Keystone XL is an act of war against our people."

The republican response

tion would create jobs for thousands Americans, which is only a portion of the truth. The pipeline's construction will create jobs for about 42,100 Americans, according to a review by the State Department. What republicans fail to mention is that those jobs would only be temporary, covering a period of roughly two years. The review estimated that the pipeline would

STATE EDITORIAL

W. Va. takes tips from other states

Officials visit North Dakota to explore the problem of economic growth

THE CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL

Local government officials from the Parkersburg area are on a trip to North Dakota to find ways to deal with a problem that most of West Virginia hasn't experienced for several decades: economic growth.

It will be a good problem to have in West Virginia for a change.

While job and population losses are likely to continue in the southern part of the state, other areas are expected to fare better, particularly along the Ohio River near Parkersburg.

A Brazilian company, Odebrecht, is considering building a huge petrochemical complex in Wood County that could create more than 2,000 permanent jobs and have a \$2 billion impact on the region's economy in coming years. The potential multi-billion investment has been dubbed Project ASCENT, for Appalachian Shale Cracker Enterprise.

But 2,000 new jobs in an area that has experienced job and population losses since 2002 will bring problems not likely experienced in the

region since the area's first chemical plants were first built in the 1940s and 1950s.

That equates to needs for new housing, new roads,

possibly new schools and much more. West Virginia government officials have long forgotten what that growth was like.

To be prepared and learn from the challenges faced by other rapidly growing areas, mayors, economic development leaders and

police chiefs of the Mid-Ohio Valley traveled to Minot, North Dakota, for two days of meetings. They hope to learn how to

handle a major influx of workers.

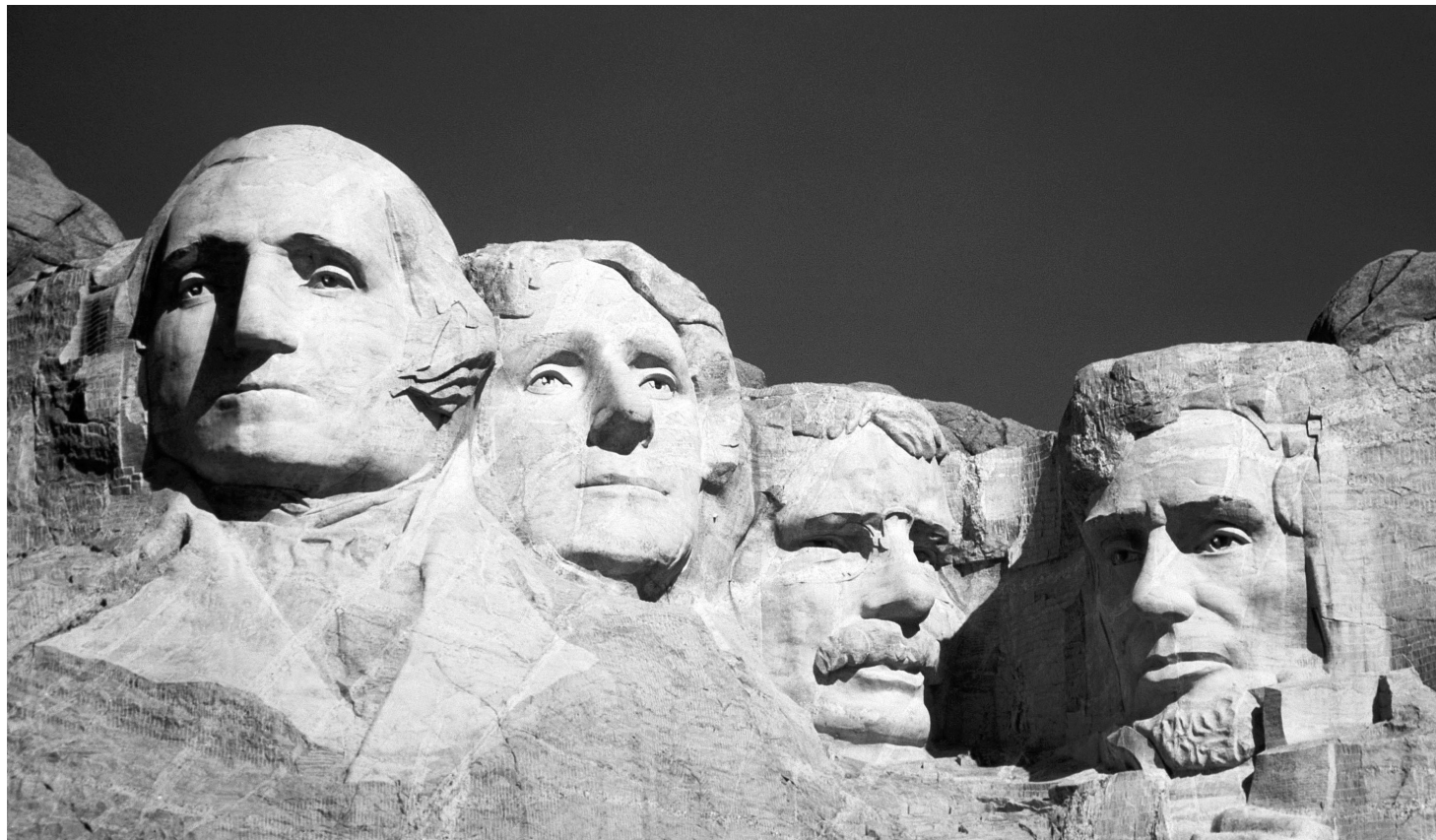
"We have an agenda that's pretty packed," Parkersburg Mayor Bob Newell told MetroNews.

Newell and the mayors of Vienna, Belpre, Ohio, and Marietta, Ohio, and several other officials flew to North Dakota over the weekend for meetings Monday and Tuesday.

Because of the shale drilling boom, thousands of workers have descended on Minot in recent years. Minot's population, roughly equivalent to Parkersburg's, grew by more than 4,000 new residents — almost 12 percent — between 2000 and 2010.

"We want to learn how they were able to cope with the housing shortage that they had and the sudden strain on their city resources," Mayor Newell said.

Rapid economic growth will be a nice problem for the area to have. And it will be even nicer if the area is prepared for it, like the Parkersburg area officials are working to do.



AP PHOTO | FILE

This undated file photo shows the statues of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. Gov. Dennis Daugaard will talk about how South Dakota tourism, a huge industry for the state, performed in 2014 on Jan. 22.

Company with chemical spill ties cited 8 times

By JONATHAN MATTISE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

After Freedom Industries leaked chemicals into 300,000 people's drinking water last year, a company run by ex-Freedom employees is facing environmental violations a few towns away.

State regulators have cited the new firm, Lexycon, eight times since August. Infractions include pouring chemicals without a permit, lacking proper "last-resort" walls to contain spills, and hosting tanker-trailers of unknown chemicals, among others.

Former Freedom executive Dennis Farrell, who faces up to three years in prison on pollution charges in the spill, consulted for Lexycon.

Robert Reynolds, an ex-Freedom consultant also charged in the spill, had consulted for Lexycon.

Lexycon president Kevin Skiles owned 5 percent of Freedom's shares and was a Freedom research and technology official.

The facility was run by Freedom, then sold to Lexycon in May during Freedom's bankruptcy proceedings.



State regulators have cited the new firm, Lexycon, eight times since August.

Dairy industry braces for a milk bust following 2014 boom

By DANA FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite record-setting milk sales in 2014, plummeting prices are forcing some dairy farmers to spill the surplus down the drain.

The current glut is due to global factors and overproduction. And dairy farmers say they worry about the futures markets predicting dwindling prices in 2015.

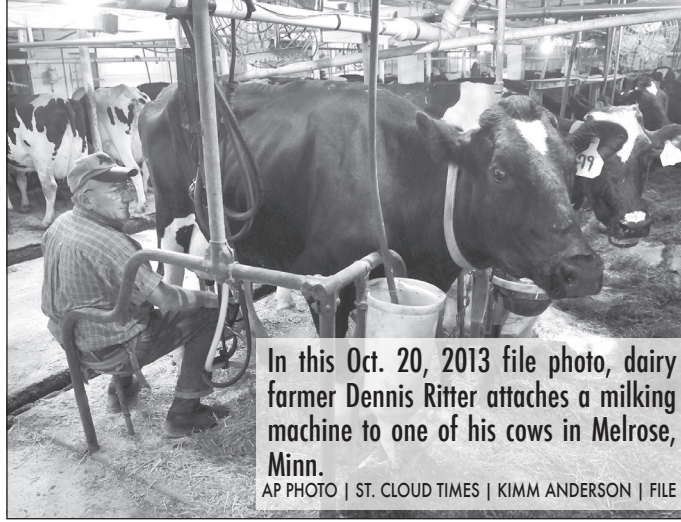
But shoppers in the dairy aisle are milking savings by

the gallon — below \$3 for skim milk in some places.

Norbert Hardtke is the director of milk marketing at Family First Dairy Cooperative in Madison, Wisconsin.

He says farmers responded to global demand and record-high prices by pumping more from each cow and expanding their herds, which oversaturated the market.

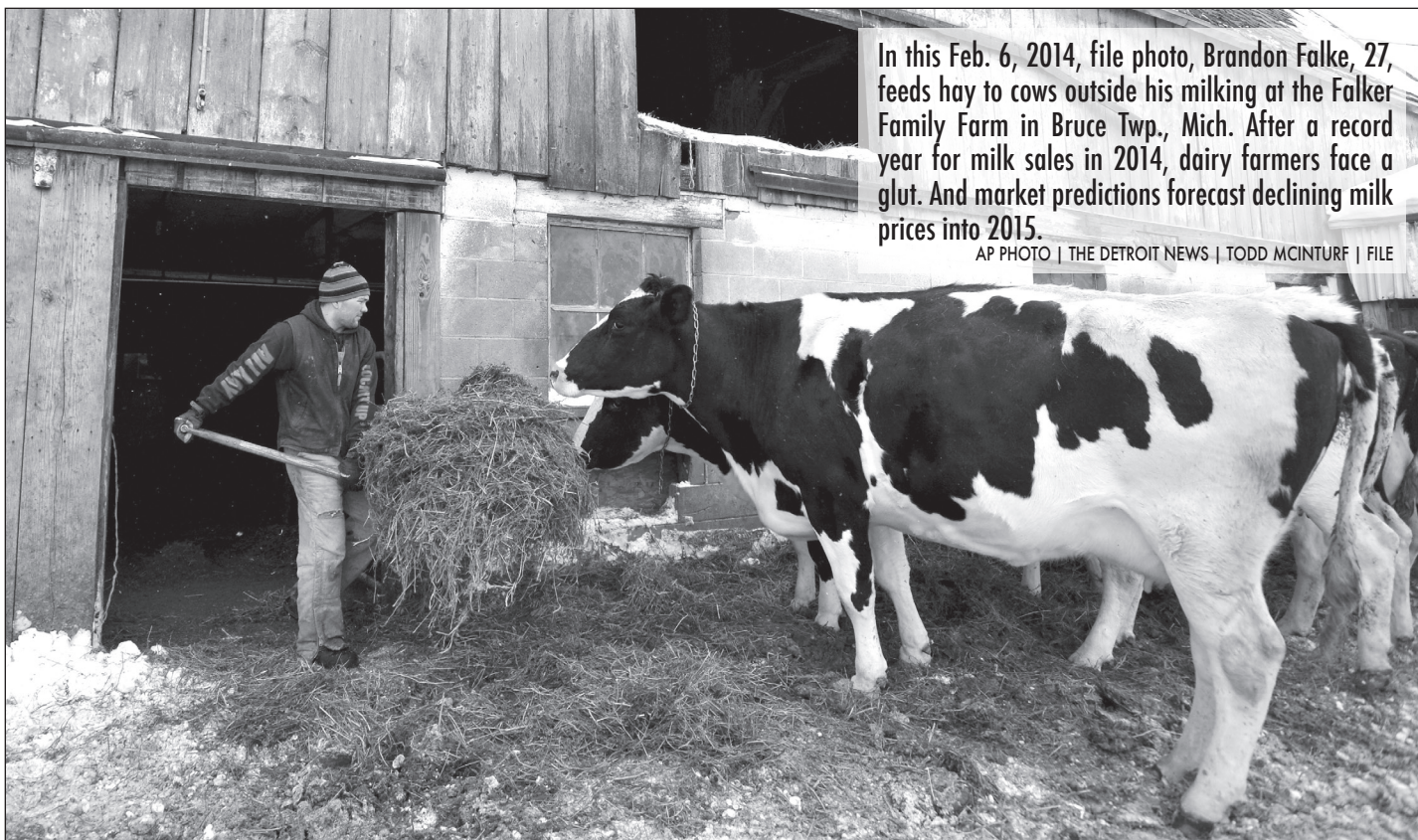
China also pulled back on imports after stockpiling milk powder and Russia halted trade with the U.S.



In this Oct. 20, 2013 file photo, dairy farmer Dennis Ritter attaches a milking machine to one of his cows in Melrose, Minn.
AP PHOTO | ST. CLOUD TIMES | KIMM ANDERSON | FILE



In this May 23, 2014 file photo, grocery and dairy assistant Reyna DeLoge stocks dairy products at Vitamin Cottage Natural Grocers, in Denver. After a record year for milk sales in 2014, dairy farmers face a glut. Already disheartened, farmers say they worry as futures markets predict dwindling prices in 2015. But in the dairy aisle shoppers are milking savings.
AP PHOTO | BRENNAN LINSLEY | FILE



In this Feb. 6, 2014, file photo, Brandon Falke, 27, feeds hay to cows outside his milking at the Falker Family Farm in Bruce Twp., Mich. After a record year for milk sales in 2014, dairy farmers face a glut. And market predictions forecast declining milk prices into 2015.
AP PHOTO | THE DETROIT NEWS | TODD MCINTURF | FILE

ART

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Armel, "Chicken Soup" by Ashley Taylor; "Untitled" by Kaitlin Arwood and "Numimous" by Jillian Smallwood.

Armel's piece is a mixture of oil paint, paint tubes and small incense sticks. He said he wanted to use all of his left over materials from the semester to create an abstract composition.

"I was really shocked when I found out my piece had been picked because it really didn't fit in with the others," Armel said. "It was an oddity."

Taylor had a canvas with mixed media painting. Its main focus is a can of chicken noodle soup, and it features several feathers.

Arwood utilized yarn for her piece and created a colorful scarf, while Smallwood's traditional approach showcased a sketched drawing.

This year's annual Student Juried Exhibition is set for April 9 at the Birke Art Gallery in Smith Hall.

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COFFEE

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support local businesses, too."

Evans said since the opening in December 2014, the owners and six staff members have used the time to get used to how the business works.

"It's been great," Evans said. "We're right on track. We opened the day that school let out for Christmas, so it gave us some time. We had already been training for several months."

Evans and her husband Jeff bought the building in February and immediately remodeled it.

"I'm a big coffee connoisseur," Evans said. "I've been in and out of coffeehouses. I knew Huntington had a need for something different. It's a great way to diversify what we're doing and then be able to offer something to the community that's not here."

Bittersweet Coffeehouse is located at 2001 Seventh Ave. and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Meet an INTO Marshall Student

Ruiqing Zhao

By JARED CASTO
THE PARTHENON

Ruiqing Zhao is a Chinese graduate student who has been at Marshall University for four months. Previously, Zhao obtained his undergraduate degree in Human Resource Management at Huaqiao University in China. Currently he is an INTO-MU student studying academic English. So far, Zhao has enjoyed the smaller population of Huntington and the cleaner air compared to his hometown. Zhao has also adopted an enjoyment for American football, a sport that isn't very popular in his native country. After graduating, Zhao hopes to get a job for a few years, gain experience and eventually return to his home.

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Q: How long have you lived in America?

A: I have lived in America for about five months and I've been at Marshall for four.

Q: What is the biggest difference in American from your home?

A: The biggest difference at Huntington is the population is less than my hometown. Huntington doesn't have big tall buildings. In my hometown we have a lot of tall buildings. Huntington almost doesn't have traffic jams. Huntington air is also cleaner than my hometown and I like that.

Q: How and why did you choose to come to Marshall?

A: First, I checked Marshall. The rank is not bad. Second, my GPA and English level are not very good. Marshall gave me offers to come here.

Q: What are your plans for after you graduate?

A: I think it's best I can find a job here to get some experience. And about four years later I'll go back to my home because I still want to go back.

Q: Are you interested in having a job here or at your home?

A: Actually, in my hometown. I just want to get some experience here.

Q: How do you keep in touch with your family?

A: With my family, I use WeChat. And we also have FaceTime and Talkie chat.

Q: What has been your favorite experience so far in America?

A: I think it's football games. Because in my hometown I don't have many chances to watch the football games. I know that Marshall University is very good.

Q: Is there anything else you would like students at Marshall to know about you?

A: I just came here five months ago and I have found some interesting things. I'm so busy with learning my English. I think I must improve it first before I do anything else.



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