JMU’s steel drum band welcomes all students to learn and perform regardless of musical experience

The $68 million Forbes Center houses the School of Theatre and Dance, which will undergo changes next semester.

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By HOLLY WARFIELD

“Those are a million people you want you to make in order to make serious noise nationally,” Sparks said. “That's one step at a time. They try not to let big events completely define them, and they try not to define themselves by the big events. They try not to define themselves by the successes or failures they experience.”

JMU’s steel drum band performed at the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival. The group consists of 33 students and plays four to five concerts each semester.

By BENNETT CONLIN

“This way is just more accurate,” Arecchi said.

By JESSICA NEWMAN

“It's a fantastic opportunity for you to try it out and to see if it's something you want to continue and see if you're interested in pursuing something like this,” Arecchi said.

By ERIN FLYNN

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The Ewok village is located on the outskirts of the forest, and is surrounded by towering trees and dense undergrowth. The village is made up of several circular huts, each made from the branches and leaves of the surrounding trees. The huts are connected by a series of winding paths, and are said to be built in such a way that they can be quickly and easily defended in case of attack.

The Ewok are a peaceful and friendly people, and they have a strong sense of community. They are known for their love of nature, and they spend much of their time in the forest, exploring and gathering food.

However, the Ewok are also very protective of their home, and they will fight to the death to defend it from outsiders. The Ewok have a long and storied history of battle, and they are said to be very skilled in the art of warfare.

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Students help provide essentials
Organization hopes to become a nonprofit and help Ethopian orphanage

By AMANDA CASCIO
contributing writer

Inspiration to make a difference comes in many forms. For sophomore international affairs major Dessie Mengsteab, the desire to serve others sparked from a week long visit to Nepal.

At the start of the spring semester, Mengsteab sought advice from Yonathan Mebrate, her mentor at JMU. From there, she was told that supplies were greatly needed, especially diapers, blankets, gloves and baby formula.

Mengsteab said she was inspired to help with the orphanage. "I immediately went to the director and said what I could do," Mengsteab said. She was told that supplies were greatly needed, especially diapers, blankets, gloves and baby formula.

"If you're collecting royalties, you're profiting from the conflict of interest that comes from professors assigning books they've written," Flage said. "If you don't want to buy the books, that's fine, you can buy another that costs $145.09 new on Amazon. "The Art of Questioning: An Introduction to Critical Thinking," by Daniel Carr, has a paperback that costs $25 in the bookstore that students can buy. However, the book costs around $20 new. "It's me then I get the check," Flage said. "Someone is going to get the money and it's me then I get the check." Flage has written nine books, five of which are still in circulation. When it came time to decide on a textbook for his Discrete Structures course, computer science professor Ramon Mata-Toledo saw the book he had in mind was written by Professor Flage. To qualify for the competition, students had to win prizes of $750, $500 and $250.

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Increased restrictions may pose difficulties for Greek life...

...the junior also said that the ban's effects were seen at the events that took place this past weekend. "It messed up our plans in that we weren't really able to meet in large groups or anything like that," he said. "So, I mean, usually that's something we like to do, we like to hang out together and we weren't really able to do that as much as we would have liked to this weekend."

Even though the junior believes the situation is a tough one, he still doesn't agree with FSL's decision. "I think the students are fine with this change," he said. "I think the students are fine with this change, it's simply a way to clarify and reflect all the policies that we have in place."

"In fact, I think students will hardly notice it," Semid Schenker, a sophomore music theatre major, agreed and believes that the change will benefit the department. "I think it is a good thing for [the] department to reflect the differences in curriculum between the three theatre majors," he said.

"I think students will hardly notice it,"火花施耐德，一名音乐戏剧专业的大二学生，同意并认为该变化将对部门有利。"我认为这是一件好事，因为这反映了三个戏剧专业的不同课程。"他说。
One dollar is equal to 24 Ethiopian birr, "Mengisteab stated on move out day to collect students' unwanted semester and smaller events every month, including a donation certified by next semester."

"I had to buy the book just for the sake of buying it, and we never ended up even opening it," senior health science major Sabrina Jauer said about her U.S. history book for her general education class. "It's going to sit around gathering dust while I wonder what the impact of the only ones out there."

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"We started out and we knew we didn't want to have dues" Morgan Byrd, a sophomore international affairs and public policy double major and treasurer of Fostering Abyssinia, said. "As long as we have people to help, we can figure everything else out." Byrd remains confident in the efforts and abilities of the organization.

Fostering Abyssinia is the best way to accomplish this goal.

"What we really want people to know, is that there are about 300,000 children in Ethiopia who are HIV positive and won't even make it through the winter."

"New members are always welcome," Bekele said. "And spreading the word is really appreciated."

"We had no money and no way to fundraise," Byrd said. "It's just not being pragmatic or economic." Seth said. "It is one of the only ones out there."

"You can make whatever nasty remarks you want about the author without being afraid of getting sued," Flage said.

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Enough is enough

Actions must be progressive in order to stop and correct police brutality

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The news for the past year or so has been full of incidents of police brutality and racial profiling, making many wonder whether we live in a police state. Do we have a society where our police officers are viewed as the protectors of our lives and property? How can this be? As a consequence of the Ferguson protests, Black Lives Matter movement, and the death of Freddie Gray, who died of a spinal injury after being transported on a rough ride in a police car, police brutality has been put on national agenda.

Although a national dialogue is needed and it is something we should be responsible for joining in on, I believe that systemic inequity needs systematic corrections.

Laws need to be rewritten so that they protect citizens and that only through merit, not label, can we gain respect or recognition than any other ordinary citizen.

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Imagine starting HIV in a class full of students on diversity and an open discussion about race and religion. How long should this happen in a high school? This is precisely what happens at my school as part of a larger curriculum known as Students of Women’s Gender Studies (WGS), and I believe we need to have more of this kind of dialogue and activity in our schools. However, in the absence of sex education in high schools, it is crucial to have these conversations in the classroom, which is why I am so passionate about the WGS program.

The Ministry of Health ranks the country amongst the countries with the highest number of new HIV cases in the world. However, the media and society still tend to ignore the issue, treating it as a taboo. The Ministry of Health has also been criticized for not doing enough to combat the epidemic. While there is a lot of work being done by NGOs and others to educate people about HIV, the government has a responsibility to play a bigger role in this fight.

When it comes to sex education, the government has a long way to go. Many schools do not offer sex education classes, and even if they do, the quality of education is questionable. As a victim of sexual assault, I know firsthand how important it is to have these conversations in schools and in other settings. However, the government needs to take the lead and ensure that these conversations happen in schools and other public spaces.

Our education system needs to be reformed to address these issues. While there have been some efforts to improve education, much more needs to be done. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education needs to take the lead and ensure that sex education is included in the curriculum. This is especially important in schools that have large populations of girls and young women.

I believe that the Ministry of Education and Higher Education should make sex education a compulsory subject in all secondary schools. This will help to ensure that all students have access to accurate and comprehensive information about sexual health.

In conclusion, the government needs to take a more active role in addressing the issue of HIV in the country. The Ministry of Health and other relevant agencies should work together to ensure that sex education is included in the curriculum and that there are resources available to support those who need it. The government also needs to work with other organizations to ensure that there is enough support for those affected by the epidemic.

WGS 200 should be included in GenEd program

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in a more visible way. The Patriot Act, the
most controversial piece of legislation to pass in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, is no longer secret.
Specifically, the part of the law known as Section 215, which allows for the National Security Agency to collect phone records in bulk, remains intact. The law is so entrenched that it’s not expected to be enjoined, at least by the courts, any time soon.

One of the most significant changes in the law is the collection of bulk phone data. The government is allowed to collect all call data, both local and international, on everyone in the United States, and it can search this data without a warrant. This is a major concern, especially for people who may have something to hide or who simply want their privacy respected.

The Patriot Act was originally passed in response to the 9/11 attacks, and it has been renewed multiple times since then. However, it has come under scrutiny in recent years, with some members of Congress calling for its repeal or reform.

Even though the law has been in place for over a decade, there are still concerns about its constitutionality and the potential for it to be used for purposes other than national security.

In the wake of the recent court rulings and political debate, it seems likely that the Patriot Act will continue to be a topic of discussion in the coming years. Only time will tell if the law will be reformed or if it will remain in place.

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March and April proved to be the launch period for the 2016 presidential campaign. For months, the candidates had been building their political presence, announcing lobbying firms, stockpiling campaign cash, and repackaging themselves.

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By CINDY FREEMAN

Territorial, the main character of the coming-of-age novel “Territorial,” by Harrisonburg native Taylor Vaughn, returns to the big apple.

Vaughn was born and raised in New York City. After living there for two months, she wanted to get back to the city as soon as possible. Getting that real-life experience is something that she did at JMU.

“Getting that real-life experience is key to getting along,” Vaughn said. “It taught me how things really work in the industry.”

“I had to take a class called concert production and promotion and it’s honestly because of that class that I came up with the idea for the restaurant,” Vaughn said. “I was doing research and started looking into the food industry and I thought it’d be really cool to own a restaurant.”

The artists are like my kids, “Vaughn said. “You become a fan and you help them manage their careers.”

“I help them with their new sound systems, wardrobe, transportation and everything went completely smooth and it was a breeze,” Vaughn said.

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Things are getting saucy

New downtown restaurant impresses with good mix of spices and cheese

By JOANNA MCNEILY
The Breeze

The smell of summer filled the air as the cool took hold of the town. Harrisonburg Social BBQ has recently opened its doors and has recently taken over the space previously occupied by Lark’s, the former Lark’s outlet for Tastee Freeze, and the Common Sense." We went in hungry and left...
One step closer

JMU ends its spring schedule after holding annual spring game on Saturday

**By ANDRE HABRESH**
The Breeze

On Saturday, the JMU football team held its 38th spring game at Bridgeforth Stadium.

The football staff set up the game with six scenarios of the offense against the defense, rather than a traditional personnel vs. personnel game, due to a small number of available athletes because of injuries and graduating players.

In the first scenario, Towson (0-28-1, 0-17 Colonial Athletic Association) pounced on freshman left-hander Eric Yankey as he gave up five runs on four hits in just the first inning.

After winning the first two games of the series, JMU (15-25, 4-17 CAA) began its fifth inning before JMU (15-25, 4-17 CAA) began its five-run rally, including a three-run blast to center.

“Towson’s offense was really good today, but I felt we got something done this spring,” Withers said. “I think more in-depth in what we want to do offensively now, defensively now. I see guys talking and communicating a lot more, trying to get into the open field.

“We are so much further ahead than we were this time last year on everything,” Withers said.

According to Withers, other standouts this spring include tight end Jonathan Kloosterman, sophomore defensive tackle Keondre Domino and senior defensive back Jordan Wilkins.

The spring game started with position drills that pitted offensive players against defensive players. Offensive and defensive linemen battled for ground, scoring points as the offense was allowed to drive from its own 35-yard line. A defensive stop means six points for the defense.

The second scenario of day featured more common play as the offense was allowed to drive from its own 50-yard line. The winner of each battle was awarded a point for his team.

The three combined threw 92 passes and completed 60 of them for 579 yards with three interceptions. They were sacked 11 times.

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The defense under a special spring game scoring system. The winner of each battle was awarded a point for his team.

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Sunday's postgame quotes: Caitlin Vafora looks to round third base in the Dukes’ 8-0 win on Sunday afternoon against Elon University.

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BASEBALL

JMU travels to Liberty and Radford in the next week

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JMU had five errors in Sunday’s game which is uncharacteristic of the team as it only had six in the previous three games.

“That’s the bottom line, you don’t deserve to win with five errors ... we’ve been doing really well with our defense, I don’t know where it came from,” McFarland said.

On the offensive side, JMU put up 12 hits. The Dukes have recorded 10 or more hits in four of the last five games they have played. However, against Towson on Sunday, JMU struggled with leaving men on base, McFarland said, and left eight runners on base.

Heading into the last month of the season, JMU still has the need to fix some things before the CAA Championships get going. Husum said, “We need to improve our hitting and pitching.”

McFarland added, “We need to get the pitching over and fine-tune what made them go to the bullpen.”
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