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NGAONE - EDITORIAL



Editorial Comment:
Exciting developments at ZEGU

WE welcome all our valued readers and stakeholders to this exciting edition of the NGAONE Newsletter, which is the second of the year.

Now, the first issue of the quarterly newsletter released was quite exciting, according to the feedback we received. We intend to keep giving you all the latest developments at ZEGU timeously, through this publication and at times through the 'Special Bulletins' that may come in-between.

Progress at our campuses and learning centres (Bindura, Harare, Chitungwiza, Chiredzi and Chipinge, respectively) is encouraging, as the number of both Conventional and Block Release student enrollment is ever growing, especially in the marginalized communities of Chipinge and Chiredzi. The institution has great plans for these and many other places, where ZEGU seeks to spread its foot print.

On the events front, the ZEGU 2022 Open Day was arguably the biggest event on the calendar of the second quarter, and it would be an understatement to say the event was a success; it was a spectacle, as schools from across the country thronged the institution for an in-depth Career Guidance at an event that was punctuated by the presence of corporates.

Proposals for a second Open Day of the year have been made in order to align the event with those that are held internationally. However, approval is being awaited to that end, as the institution has all but endorsed May as the ZEGU Open Day month, on the backdrop of amazing support from schools and the corporate community.

Going forward, the institution's array of new courses continues to draw students to the institution in the wake of ZIMCHE approving more short courses to the institution. No doubt, short courses are in demand in various educational portfolios and it is our hope that students may edify their educational portfolios with these courses on offer at ZEGU.

It is also interesting to note that the higher education institution is also actively engaging the wider world in various developmental initiatives, as a number of initiatives are being fostered across the globe to create a conducive environment that will see universities play an important role in the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The institution, however, remains resolute in its faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as it is through him that development comes from; hence, we continue availing platforms where our students and staff can grow spiritually. An example is the most recently held Spiritual Festival, which was held at the Bindura Campus, where many students found Christ, while others were baptized and some received professional counselling. The institution goes that extra mile in equipping its students and staff members as the body of Christ.

Now for these and many other stories that unfolded during the second quarter of the year 2022, please go through this exciting publication, where a Sport section has also been included, as our students continue to shine at national events.

Before I pre-empt most of the exciting issues ahead, adios.

Enjoy....



DINNING FOR

A Greater CAUSE



ZEGU LAW SCHOOL Dinner Dance

Dining for a greater cause

ORGANISERS of the recently held ZEGU LAW Students Dinner have expressed joy at how the event turned out to be a major success with approximately 90-students turning up to make the event live up to its billing.

Running under the theme: "Lets Dine for a Cause", one would be forgiven to think the event was a corporate run event, as there an aura of glamour and ... embalmed the ZEGU dining hall.

The gentleman had their tuxedos on, while the ladies were certainly dressed to kill.

Speaking in an interview with the NGAONE news crew, event organizer and law student Takudzwa Chinyemba praised the spirit of togetherness among law students to make the event the success it became, despite encountering a lot of obstacles, chief among them, finance.

"The most challenge we faced were finances since it was a self funded dinner, which wasn't countered in by the University Admin. So, most income came from ticket sales. There was extensive selling of tickets to make the event successful. We had to fork out money from our personal pockets to beef up the finances and hire out stuff we needed," said Chinyemba.

Chinyemba himself, a 4th year Law student, however, added that despite acting as students, the university also played a part in making the dinner a success. Said Chinyemba: "...Critical players to make the event possible were the ZELSA board, ZELSA Events Organizing Committee, Dean of Law Faculty and the University Administration".

The purpose of the dinner was to enlighten and equip Law students to have the right qualities and values they carry with them in the Legal field, while to also educate and raise awareness to the Law students that the legal profession starts now, and outside in the global world is just a continuation of a profession which started at the Law school.

A total of 90 students attended the occasion. Every law student at the university was eligible to participate.

Commenting on future events, Chinyemba said more events of the same magnitude will be held, but with varied outcomes compared to the dinner.

"It's high time other faculties think outside the box and do the same. There's need for a push for associations or societies within other faculties who can have the drive and an innovative mindset to push for such events.

"...There will be more events like these not only for ZEGU students, but inviting other Universities for such important events going forward," he added.

PROFESSOR RODGERS MATSIKIDZE SAID

Young, upcoming lawyers implored to be entrepreneurs



Prof. R. Matsikidze addressing audience - ZEGU LAW SCHOOL Dinner Dance

Young, upcoming lawyers implored to be entrepreneurs

YOUNG and upcoming lawyers should strive for more than just becoming Court and Litigation lawyers to become law entrepreneurs, University of Zimbabwe Professor Rodgers Matsikidze said, while addressing the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) law students, yesterday the institution's Faculty of Law chambers, in Bindura.

Addressing the NGAONE news crew after the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti Law Students Association (ZELSA) organised dinner, Prof. Matsikidze said it was imperative and beneficial for modern day lawyers to be more business minded, as there were a lot of avenues that could be exploited to eke out a living.

"They (Lawyers) should be entrepreneurs. They should make employment; not to look to be employed. They should use their skills to do other things.

"Law doesn't mean that you are supposed to be a lawyer or supposed to be a judge. You can be a very successful entrepreneur in techno, business, farming and mining because these are skills and skills are extracted from law, but they are not limited in terms of use. You can use them wherever. I know many lawyers who don't even know a court house, but are successful business people," said Prof. Matsikidze.

Across the globe, the trends are showing that professionally trained lawyers are running successful businesses that have nothing or little to do with the profession.

Locally, many trained lawyers are making it big in various industries, as they stretch their intellectual and entrepreneurial capabilities in fields like agri-business, retail and even manufacturing just but to mention a few.

He added that the younger generation to succeed in life and business they should realise that everything is done step by step and not overnight.

"The major problem we have seen currently is this kind of get rich over night, where one doesn't have the foundation or roots. I like what one very respectable man of God says. Apostle (Ezekiel) Guti says 'Its step-by-step building on success'.

"So success is not some Cinderella story. You have to put the foundation and move step-by-step. So the pit fall is that they want to get rich quickly, they want to drive the nice cars quickly...., but there is no magic in success it's step-by-step."

Young and upcoming lawyers were also encouraged to be humble and shun arrogance, as it can destroy a career.

Responding to questions from the media as the dinner curtains came down, ZEGU Registrar, Innocent Chinyemba said the institution remains committed to producing fully trained professionals who will match the required standards of country just like what the bigger higher education institutions are doing.

"As a fairly young ambitious institution, we make sure to stick to the regulations of the Government in order to churn out professionally trained students in various fields of expertise," said Reg. Chinyemba.

A total of 90-students attended the Faculty of Law dinner, where ZELSA also took the opportunity to crown Mr and Mrs ZELSA.

The Faculty of Law dinner was commended by deans and top management from around the institution an indication that other faculties will soon be following suit.

OUT... TO THE WIDER WORLD

ZEGU Faculty of Law reaches out...

Faculty of Law reaches out to wider-world

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) law students plan to engage with the wider world legal fraternity so as to get the much needed exposure, while fostering relations at varsity level, reckons Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University Law Society Association (ZELSA) president Chris Zindi.

ZEGU excitedly awaits its first Faculty of Law graduates this September when the university holds its first graduation ceremony since the outbreak of the COVID- 19 pandemic in 2020.

Responding to media questions, president Ngwenya was in a bullish mood citing that the recently held dinner was a resounding success and set the tone for the Chancellor Ezekiel Guti-led institution avenues to link up with like-minded law schools on the scene and abroad.

"The motive for hosting the event was to create a relationship between the students, faculty (of) administration, school administration and the legal community, as the students do not live on an island.

"Currently, we are not yet in firm constant contact with the outside world except in instances of meeting with other students on attachment and national moot courts. However, it is our intention to start engaging with different law school faculties with events like inter-schools moot competitions, mass lecturers, dinners and other social events, with the approval and assistance of the school administration," said Zindi.

The ZELSA chief congratulated his staff and all concerned stakeholders for making the dinner a success, but was quick to point that there were various challenges that were encountered during preparations.

"It (Dinner) took a lot of preparations, as it was the first of its magnitude. It had its lows such as financial constraints which we are trying to deal with.

It, however, was a success due to the maximum efforts made by each member in ensuring that we deliver the best we could over time. And we hope to have more of these, with the inclusion of other departments," he added.

ZELSA expects to host more of these events.

Information coming from the body (ZELSA) indicates that an exhibition that will be augmented by an exhibition dinner is on the cards next year.



ZEGU LAW SCHOOL Students and Guests Dinner Dance



MISS ZEGU 2022

A Breath of FRESH AIR...



Miss ZEGU, a breath of fresh air

The NGAONE News (NN) crew took time to chat with the young and beautiful newly crowned Miss ZELSA, Linda Tanatswa Mandaza (LTM), who managed to come out tops in the search for the Faculty of Law's 'Belle'. So, we managed to get a chance to hear her side of the dinner story, which culminated in her being the 'Queen of the Night', amongst a host of beauties. Please see excerpts below:

NN: What was the feeling like when you were announced Miss ZELSA given the stiff competition?

LTM: I was very excited when they announced me as the winner. Yes, it was a stiff competition. There were many beautiful ladies that were beautifully dressed, but I am highly honoured and proud that I was selected to be the winner.

NN: Are there any specific roles attached to being by Miss ZELSA?

LTM: From the looks of things, it is the first time the faculty has crowned someone as Miss ZELSA (Faculty of Law), but basically, I feel that the inherent role is to make sure that there is maintenance of high-quality services at the faculty of law, that is academically and socially.

NN: What do you think will be your impact on the varsity as Ms. ZELSA?

LTM: Ms. ZELSA is a title that showcases that am a young lady who is beautiful, as well as well equipped with a sharp brain. I believe am beautiful as well as academically talented to empower myself as a young woman. I will be the face of the faculty as well as the bridge for the law students in case of any grievances or issues that require the authority's attention. I believe I will be someone who will advocate for my peers.

NN: Apart from winning the prestigious crown, what else made the night special?

LTM: The night was special to me as I was surrounded by people I love. The environment was just amazing. The setup was just awesome. I could feel a sense of belonging to the ZEGU family. It was wonderful; everyone dressed up, mixing and mingling it just felt like we were at our own mini-Oscar awards.

NN: What would you say was the most important lesson from the guest of honour's speech?

LTM: As a God-fearing lady, I was inspired by the fact that the guest of honour (Professor Rodgers Matsikidze) commenced his speech with the word of God. He explained that for one to be a great lawyer, one has to have God. Also, the guest of honour gave us a hint of what awaits us in the real world of practice, a move that opened our eyes to what we have to do so as to be outstanding lawyers.

left: **ZEGU LAW SCHOOL**

Winner of Miss ZEGU Best Dressed at Dinner Dance

REGISTRAR COMMENDS FACULTY OF LAW

ZEGU Champions Spirit of Development



ZEGU Registrar: I. Chinyemba

Registrar commends Faculty of Law

ZIMBABWE Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) Registrar, Innocent Chinyemba has applauded the Faculty of Law for successfully hosting the Faculty of Law Dinner saying, "...Students need this kind of space".

The Bindura-based higher education institution eagerly awaits its first graduation from the faculty of law, since its commission.

Interestingly, the law students' graduation coincides with the institution's 10th Anniversary, since it's commissioning in 2012 by Chancellor Ezekiel Guti.

Speaking to the NGAONE news crew, Reg. Chinyemba expressed optimism for the future ahead in as far as growth of the ZEGU is concerned.

"We cherish the developments that have taken place in the past 10-years at the university. The rate of growth that the institution has recorded over the past 10-years cannot be compared to other higher education institutions that have been into existence for over 20-years.

"What ZEGU has achieved so far is commendable. The designation of the Law Degree, which has just happened a year before the anniversary. Coming to today's event (Faculty of Law Dinner), this is very encouraging.

"This event changes ZEGU from just being a monotonous institution,

just being an ordinary institution. This kind of arrangement makes ZEGU unique. You can see how the students were happy. It shows that they need this kind space, while also refreshing away from their books," said Chinyemba.

He added that the institution is looking forward to engage other higher education institution through events similar to the law dinner, as a means to create synergies for students, while also prioritising internal events for other faculties.

Commenting on the Faculty of Law intakes at the institution the ZEGU chief said the institution has been currently only restricted to taking a specific number of students per intake, but however expressed optimism for the future, as the institution continues to get enquiries for enrollment in the faculty.

"Currently, the Law Society of Zimbabwe in conjunction with the Council for Legal Action has restricted our intake to one intake per year, with a maximum of 50-students, but we are liaising with the institutions to have an increase in the enrollment figures.

"We know that it's a restricted profession, where they (Law Society of Zimbabwe and the Council for Legal Action) would want to monitor the training of lawyers, but we still feel that the way we have grown so far, we have got the potential to handle more than just 50-students," he added.



ZEGU LAW SCHOOL Dinner Dance image

ZEGU champions spirit of development

STUDENTS have hailed the University's mantra, "Developing a total person" after the successful hosting of the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) Faculty of Law Dinner held recently in Bindura.

The Chancellor Ezekiel Guti-led institution has since its inception championed the spiritual and intellectual empowerment of students and staff members.

Recently the Faculty of Law successfully organised and hosted a dinner where Justice Rodgers Matsikidze met students, as the guest of honour, to impart knowledge and to share experiences of expectations and probable pitfalls for those enrolled in the ZEGU Faculty of Law.

Responding to questions from this publication, newly crowned Mr ZELSA, Obrien Leonard Ngwenya said the dinner allowed a platform for students to mix and interact with professionals, which goes a long way in justifying the institution's mantra.

"SPIRIT OF TOGETHERNESS"

Vice President's speaks

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"First and foremost, I would like to appreciate the University, in particular the administration for allowing us as students an opportunity to socialize and interact with each other on professional social events.

"This goes with the understanding of the university that "students" as humans we are social in nature henceforth it is important to allow such events to take place.

"In sealing this; this opportunity is an eye opener to the realities of the mantra "Developing a total person.." to which the university allows us to mix and interact with real professionals on social occasions such as dinner," Mr ZELSA.

Commenting on being crowned Mr ZELSA,he expressed shock at being crowned the eventual winner, but also took time to give praise to his fellow colleagues, affectionately known as the "Katonas" and those who voted for him to scoop the gong.

However, despite the role having no roles cast in stone yet, Mr ZELSA promised to work hard on making Mr ZELSA role mean something tangible at the institution.

"...In this case, I want to put it clear that it is my intention to maintain the integrity of this crown to its full flavour. I am quite aware that there are no expressed standards or duties associated with the prestigious Mr. ZELSA title, but rather, there are implied standards that need to be maintained to secure the value and integrity of this title for the purposes of passing this torch to another person in future.

"More importantly, this title entails that its bearer is an ambassador of the faculty in the context of social events or activities. Cognizant to this, as the bearer of this title, I intend preserve and dignify this position without prejudicing the faculty of Law which I represent," he said.



ZELSA Vice President hails "*Spirit of Togetherness*"

ZIMBABWE Ezekiel Guti Law Students Association (ZELSA) vice president Vongai Loice Gono has hailed the spirit and sense of oneness as the major contributing factor in making the recently held Faculty of Law Dinner a success.

The current ZELSA leadership revived the dinner culture; a culture inherited from past students after the COVID- 19 pandemic had suddenly suppressed any gatherings of such a magnitude, with Governments across the globe grappling to curb the spread of the menacing virus.

Addressing the media, Gono said the success of the event hinged much on the spirit inclusiveness of the students body dovetailed with the institution's arms.

"The event turned out to be a huge success. The turn up was amazing, there was a massive interactive spirit (which was the goal) and the experience was just beautiful especially the part when our speakers shared with us the way to make it in our quest.

"All law students did participate although mostly indirectly, turning up on the event was now

just icing on the cake which others because of different reasons some could unfortunately not make it. You find that law students, through various social media platforms were posting posters and spreading the word, thus clearly showing they all played a role. "The others who could not make it apparently seemed to have personal reasons." Participation of students, staff and guests in the activities made it even easier and more enjoyable. I remember at one point the whole room was on the dance floor dancing, such jovial occurrences bring people close together thus the whole point of the event," said Gono.

The Zelsa VP revealed that her association is making efforts to host even more events of this magnitude. "The Zelsa team has a lot of events lined up for the faculty. Some include the afore mentioned inter faculty dinners. "We are planning more moot sessions within the faculty, the full participation and function of the legal aid by the students, just to mention a few," she added.

The Zelsa organised dinner was attended by 90-law students from the institution. According to sources from the institution, efforts are being made to engage other law schools from various faculties at such occasions.

MORE THAN JUST A DINNER!

Law School Dinner Dance

More than just a dinner

LAW students are generally described as a serious bunch or bookworms to say the least, however, the recently held Law Faculty Dinner brought out the lighter side of the upcoming law practitioners at the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU).

Clad in probably their best outfits for the occasion, the ladies and gentleman who fly ZEGU's brand up high at various law forums both locally and internally successfully planned and held red carpet event in mining town of Bindura, recently.

Indeed, the fruits of hard work paid off for the organizing committee and school campus authorities who took part in the infancy planning stages and on event day.

Like they say, "Boys will be boys" ...the gentleman had a less glamorous entrance unlike the ladies, who drew attention in their fancy outfits braving the chilly Bindura nights in with flair and ...

In the early stages of the event, one would have been forgiven to take the event for a beauty pageant due to the fashion taste possessed by the ZEGU law ladies.

Entering through the glass-door entrance, a red carpet provided the perfect platform for a 'cat-walk' for all ladies, who had heads glaring in one direction, with no words uttered.

However, giving a fair comment to the gentlemen in Tuxs, they gave each other turns to escort their beautiful ladies from the entrance, through the red carpet to their final sitting positions.

It was a marvel!

A photo-shoot session punctuated the occasion for the fashion crazy ladies, as a state-of-the-art studio make-shift was set-up in the ZEGU Dining Hall.

The way students handled themselves before the guest of honour, ZEGU Registrar, Dean of Law and the Marketing Director was commendable.

Like true Christians, the students did not let the fun and pomp carry them away, instead, they sat for a good two hours, listening attentively to speaker after speaker.

It was during the mid-stage of the event that students politely asked the guest of honour and ZEGU staff to join them on the dancehall that real fun commenced.

Registrar Chinyemba showed his silky dancing moves as students formed a circle around the delegates, before taking the centre stage after they (delegates) had retired to their seats.

The Dj on the day fused his music much to the liking of students with a fusion of Amapiano, African Jazz and local popular tunes much to the liking of students.

There's no talk of dinner which passes without mentioning of 'food'. The Chef and his team were up to the task as they dished delicious and healthy food and drinks to delegates.

As delegates munched on their food, the lively MC of the night, 'Aunty Melo' to the podium to announce the Miss and Mr ZELSA, which as expected got hearts racing in the room.

However, there could only be two winners, as Obrien Leonard Ngwenya was crowned Mr ZELSA, while the lovely Linda T. Mandaza was crowned Ms ZELSA, respectively.

ZEGU LAW SCHOOL Dinner Dance image



BREAKING NEW GROUND

at ZEGU Main Campus, Bindura



ZEGU BREAKS NEW GROUND,

as Bishops descend on campus

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU)'s developmental projects continue to build up in the wake of the commissioning of the new Arts Block, as the ZAOGA FiF Bishops led by Senior Bishop Nelson Guti officially held the ground-breaking ceremony for the building of a new state-of-the-art administration block at the Bindura Campus.

ZEGU has set a trend in setting up state-of-the-art facilities at its campuses, as the institution's drive to meet international standards continues.

Braving the chilly-moist Bindura weather, Bishops descended upon the ZEGU campus for a deed that will certainly change and shape the legacy of the institution for the greater good.

Speaking to the NGAONE news crew on the sidelines of the ground breaking ceremony, Senior Bishop Nelson Guti said developments like this (New administration block) will see the many students benefiting, as the development was a fulfillment of the works of the ZEGU Chancellor Professor Ezekiel Guti. "We have come to fulfill the work started by the man of God, Chancellor Professor Ezekiel Guti, who could not attend with us today's ceremony." This development is testimony that this school will continue to grow and continue to serve our children in many years to come.

"This Administration block will carry many offices and will go a long way in uplifting the university, which is different from other universities. Our students will prosper," said Snr. Bishop Guti.

Among other offices, the new administration block, which is set to open its doors in eight months will also house a Council Chambers and state-of-the-art auditorium that will be used for various conventions and meetings.

ZEGU Projects Manager Engineer Masuka expressed joy at the development saying it shows that the vision of Chancellor Prof. Guti was true before adding that the institution is also making headway in commencing new construction projects on the campus. "... I am so overjoyed because such a project shows that the church is growing; it shows that the vision is true and it shows that God is in it.

"Indeed, we recently opened another block (Arts Block) that was built in record time - in a month - and it is one project which shows that ZEGU is going beyond our imagination.

"As we will be starting work on this administration block, we also have the Chapel to be done. We also have the Perimeter Wall and the ground entrance for this place, which will be done as we go on with this 'Talents'.

"I am highly privileged and honoured to be part and parcel of this vision. I want to encourage you; come along and let's build for God never leave you alone," said Engineer Masuka.

ZEGU Registrar, Innocent Chinyembe described the development as a milestone for the institution, as the development also serves to meet the requirements of the country's education guidelines. "To us, it's a milestone, as university management to see the development of the university."...We see the construction of the administration block as a development which meets requirements from our regulator, the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE).

"We want to thank the Board of Bishops who supported us today by coming to officiate at the ground breaking ceremony," said Reg. Chinyemba.

ZEGU's approval ratings have been coming from sectors of the globe, as enrollment levels continue to grow. Current developments at the institution will only see the institution growing from strength to strength as envisioned by the Chancellor.

GROUND BREAKING - BINDURA CAMPUS Main Campus



SPIRITUAL REVIVAL FESTIVAL

Hundreds Born Again...!

Hundreds 'born again' during Spiritual Revival Festival week

PURSUANT to its quest to produce 'Spirit-filled and God-fearing' professionals that will transform the world, the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) successfully hosted the week-long Spiritual Revival Festival, which saw many students receiving Christ, as their saviour.

The festival which was held at the institution's Bindura Campus, is an annual event hosted to win souls to the body of Christ and to facilitate counselling, among other issues.

Students braved the early morning chilly weather and the windy cold nights to congregate and give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spearheaded by a spirit-filled team of nine (9) Elders, the event commenced as expected with high numbers of students and staff attending the morning devotion services, however, it was the evening services that drew more congregants.

It couldn't have gone any other way, as the euphoria and electric atmosphere generated by the jubilant Praise and Worship team gave students and staff the much needed space and time to get in the spiritual realm, as they communicated with the Maker.

An atmosphere of miracles, deliverance, healing, and breakthroughs characterised the services during the course of the week, as morning services were mostly devoted to prayer and sharing of the word. The icing on the cake was the fact that evangelists were on point and shared life changing messages, thereafter, counselling sessions would continue during the course of the day.

Many were delivered from spiritual husbands/wives, healed from headaches, set free from witchcraft, and Satanism.

The week proved to be of great importance in as much as developing a total person is concerned.

Statistics from the week-long festival were encouraging. Total Converts (60), Water Baptised (29), Holy Spirit Filled (6), Holy Spirit Re-Filled (150), and the delivered and Counselling (200).

A statement from students who graced the festival read, "...We want to thank our Chancellor Professor E.H Gutu for sending us a team of powerful evangelists; the office of Dr. J Gutu and university management, including the Registrar for the unwavering support towards the success of this Spiritual Revival Festival.

"To God be the glory," read the statement.

Unlike circular universities, ZEGU seeks to produce professionals who will also re-produce leaders who will transform the lives of people spiritually and physically wherever they will go as leaders and workers.

Evangelist who made the festival a success include, Evangelist Mutizwa (Team Leader), Evangelist Mavhunga, Evangelist Kusena, Evangelist Vicky, Evangelist Runyowa (Visiting), Evangelist Mazambara, Evangelist Martins, Evangelist Kusena and Elder Mabika (Visiting), respectively.

SHORT COURSES...serenade pastors towards ZEGU

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU)'s short course programmes have caught the attention of pastors from the ZAOGA FiF Ministries International, most of who rushed to get application forms, in Harare and Chitungwiza, respectively at the recently held Pastors Prayer Convention.

Only recently, the Zimbabwe Centre for Higher Education (ZIMCHE) approved a number of short courses for the Archbishop, Chancellor Ezekiel Guti-led institution, ZEGU, a move that has seen the broader public warming up to the institution.

Addressing a pastors' convention in Seke, Chitungwiza, recently, a ZEGU marketing executive implored the brethren to enrol with the institution to further their education by taking advantage of the short courses on offer at the institution.

"ZEGU has a number of exciting short courses that will certainly go a long way in aiding your portfolio as pastors.



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CUSTOMER CARE TRAINING

Improved Consumer Experience

ZEGU sets sight on improved customer experience...follow up trainings on the cards

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) has remained committed to providing the best customer care experience to its stakeholders, if the recently held Customer Care Training workshop is anything to go by.

Born out of the need to build capacity of its staff members spread out across the country; the training workshop is only the beginning of various capacity building initiatives being implemented by the ZEGU management.

Speaking during one of the sessions of the Customer Care Training workshop, ZEGU Registrar Innocent Chinyemba said the university will stop at nothing to empower its staff members, as means to build capacity of its human capital.

"Given the discussions and questions coming out from staff members during this training workshop there's no doubt that there is need for other workshops that will make sure all staff members' knowledge of the institution and customer care, amongst others are enhanced.

"There is need to continue on this path and I am sure everyone here agrees with me," said Reg. Chinyemba.

His words echo the sentiments made by the ZEGU Pro Vice Chancellor Evelyn Garwe, who spoke earlier in the workshop.

Said Pro VC Garwe: "We have gathered today to help each other know what is expected of us to mould good relations with our stakeholders.

"Let's treat our customers as partners for life."

The Customer Care training workshop hinged on issues such as others professionalism, personal grooming, hygiene, mental wellness, business body language, and types of body language, among a host of issues.

All departments from the university were presented.

Over 140 employees from the institution's various campuses and learning centres spread out across the country attended the workshop.

The Chancellor Ezekiel Guti-led institution is riding on a wave, as it is one of the fastest rising higher education institutions in Zimbabwe and the continent at large.

The Customer Care Training was facilitated by Odeline Kava, popularly known as Vakoma.

More capacity building initiatives await staff, as management moves to improve the institution's customer experience.

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EXCITING MOVE!

BNC, ZEGU partnership boon for Bindura town



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THE corporate community continues to warm up towards the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU), with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the university and Zimbabwe Stock Exchange-listed mining concern, Bindura Nickel Corporation (BNC), setting the tone for enhanced cooperation and research between the two entities.

This year, ZEGU celebrates its 10th Anniversary and it is through such partnerships, that the tertiary institution's growth horizon continues on the right trajectory.

Signing of a cooperation agreement with BNC - a corporate of note, both locally and internationally - signals great things to come for the sleepy mining town of Bindura, as potential can be unlocked through such partnerships.

No doubt, the university's wealth of knowledge coupled with its squeak clean reputation as a tertiary institution of note proved to be too attractive an opportunity for BNC to make its mark, as a partner, through close cooperation with ZEGU.

Despite signatories being tight-lipped about the whole MoU, as it is still in its infancy stages; for ZEGU, cooperating with a big corporate like BCN presents opportunities for enhanced research on various aspects and given the fact that both entities are located in Bindura makes it more interesting for residents of the town.

The MoU has undoubtedly brought about excitement to both parties concerned and the neutral alike.

Founded in 1966, BNC is a subsidiary of Zimnick Limited and is operated and majority-owned by Mwana Africa plc, an African multi-national mining company based in Johannesburg, South Africa. The operating subsidiary of BNC is Trojan Nickel Mine Limited.



SPORTS NEWS

Leopards break JINX



Sport News

Leopards break jinx.... reach ZUSA Games quarter-finals

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) senior soccer team, also known as the Leopards scaled new heights at this year's Zimbabwe University Sports Association (ZUSA) Games held at the University of Zimbabwe sports grounds after overcoming the odds to reach the quarter-finals, where they sadly lost to the hosts.

Having won the hearts of a couple of hundred supporters in the stadium, the Leopards serenaded their fans with a blend of football worthy of recognition from the local Premier Soccer League gaffers.

After coming out third in their group, the team qualified for the quarter-finals and were pitted against the hosts, UZ, where injuries and somewhat bad officiating left a bad taste in the mouth, as the Leopards lost 5 - 0.

However, that did not deter the neutral supporters, and even the home supporters from giving the ZEGU Leopards a standing ovation for a shift well worked up, with team captain Apus Reza fondly known as Nasri to the Leopards' fans, the standout player.

No doubt, his displays lifted the team to re-writing the ZUSA Games history books, as the ZEGU Leopards played their best football to reach and play in their first-ever knock-out game in the competition.

Leopard's head coach expressed satisfaction with the boys' display at the games, despite losing in their first-ever knock-out match, saying his team is already looking to the future and hoping to build from this fine display in all matches at the tourney.

"It is our hope that the next games will yield better results since this is a learning curve to the majority of the players, who are in their first year and second year, respectively, and still have plenty of years to play," said

The gaffer added, "...Injuries also played a big part in the games when one of the new kids on block suffered an ankle injury; this reduced the morale of the boys because the medical took time to assist," he added.

If it wasn't for the injuries, who knows, maybe the boys could have gone all the way.

Kudos to the boys for taking the fight to the hosts who had the majority of supporters on the day and for giving their best for the Bindura-based outfit.

ZEGU, as an institution, encourages students to engage seriously in their curricular and sporting activities.

"We would like to applaud the support of the ZEGU administration for giving us the opportunity to participate and compete in ZUSA cluster 2 games as we raised the University flag high as our students portrayed the university vision very well as they also marketed the university during the course of the games,"

DEFYING THE ODDS

ZUSA Basketball teams...

Basketball teams defy the odds

THE ZEGU Ladies Basketball team put up a splendid show at the recently held Zimbabwe University Sports Association (ZUSA) Games, as they placed 5th out of the 14 teams that participated on the day.

Opponents on the day must have heaved a huge sigh of relief, as one of the ZEGU key players, Tashinga J. Chikore, suffered an injury, which meant she could not continue in the tournament.

This was a devastating blow as the ladies' team was jelling well and could have done much better had it not been for the unfortunate injury. What the ladies achieved was no mean feat given that the ladies' team and the men's team were sharing one coach, unlike their opponents. Under the circumstances, where the coach was having to support both teams that were playing at different venues, the teams' performances have to be applauded.

Speaking of the men's team, the ZEGU team did not disappoint, as they were ranked 6th out of 14 teams that participated, an improvement from the last showing in the games. The two teams deserve a pat on the back after the stellar performances on the court.



GROUP OF DEATH SINGLE “WIN”

NETBALL ladies Team humbled..

Netball ladies team humbled in group of death..., 'will' to soldier on expressed UNLIKE the basketball ladies who shone at the Zimbabwe University Sports Association (ZUSA) Games, at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), the tourney wasn't a bed of roses for the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) ladies' Netball team, who managed to fashion just a single win after being placed in the group of death.

Odds were stacked against the ladies, as they were pitted against the games' heavyweights, the University of Zimbabwe, and the Midlands State University (MSU), amongst others.

The loyal fan would have been hoping for a miraculous Houdini act from the ladies, but on this occasion, it wasn't meant to be, as the ladies managed to fashion only one win.

However, the below-par performance was not because the ladies are bad at the sport, but the Netball Court used at the UZ was a hard surface, compared to what the girls have become accustomed to at their Bindura base.

Noting the reason for their below-par outing, the ladies have lobbied the ZEGU authorities to construct similar courts, like the ones being used by other institutions so as to have them acclimatise with the feel of the court before major tournaments like the ZUSA Games.

A statement from the ladies' team read, "...not being familiar with the hard surface courts they used at the games".

However, the ladies went down fighting, putting up a gallant show and hopes for the next edition are huge, as the ladies are looking to challenge the big Universities because indeed, they do have the potential to excel.

Ladies pool team tilt varsity balance of power ...show "big-timers" how it's done

IT was literally plain sailing for the ZEGU Ladies Pool team, whose tactfulness and eagle's eye for the 'pocket' saw them brush aside their opponents in the group stages with ease, before being knocked out in the "Battle for Bindura" by their neighbour, the Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) in the fight for the 'Bronze' medal at the Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association (ZUSA) Games held at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), recently.

The ladies had used their shrewdness to overcome their opponents in the group stages; hence, it wasn't even surprising that BUSE had been beaten comprehensively in the group stages by the ZEGU ladies only to come back stronger in the fight for the bronze medal.

Commenting on the heart-breaking outcome, which saw the Bindura 'Pool' bragging rights go to their neighbours, a member of the ZEGU technical team who chose to remain anonymous pointed out that the ladies pool team will only get better as time goes by since they are still young in the game.

"However, the ladies went against all odds when they defeated all the teams in their group including BUSE, who they later battled with in the clash for the bronze medal.

"Experience was the key in this game and our girls had little experience in playing such a big game," said the source.

For their splendid efforts on the pool table, the ladies were well awarded as some of the team members were recognised after the games, which will do more to calm and spur the team for future encounters.

"Despite the defeat in the playoff of bronze medal, we managed to have the third-best player in Female Pool Garnet, who received a bronze medal for her good skills, and we also have two ladies nominated to join the MSU team for ZTISU games, who are Nicole and Garnett," he added.

The stellar performances by the ladies come on the backdrop of rather hurried preparations for the game. One wonders how the ladies would fare in such tournaments when given ample preparation time.



VOLLEYBALL TEAMS BREAK NEW GROUND

the (Darts) team put aside their woes to put on a great performance

Shamiso Matiashe, a darts queen is born

LATE ZUSA Games preparations proved to be the major undoing for a promising ZEGU Darts team, which has all the hallmarks of future stars, like Shamiso Matiashe, who was rated the 4th best player after winning all her singles matches.

The team left an impression on all who watched them throw their arrows.

After battling to acquire ample arrows for the games, the team put aside their woes to put on a great performance, which sent shivers down the spine of opponents, including the hosts.

Insiders, who preferred anonymity pointed out that the organisation of the games, which saw both female and male teams playing at the same time was a plot to demoralise the young ZEGU team, which had the potential to get the better of all participating teams.

Hence, due to the number of arrows available, the ZEGU team failed to perform as expected. There was even a 'walk-over' against the team, sadly.

However, hope is never lost, as no tactics could stop Shamiso's roll, as she steam-rolled past opponents, one after the other.

Her solo run wouldn't go unnoticed as an invitation to train and play in the Zimbabwe Darts team was extended to the young lady.

Overall, the ZEGU Darts team is pregnant with talent only waiting to be tapped and nurtured.

The 2022 ZUSA games were hosted by the University of Zimbabwe at the institution's Harare campus.



Volleyball teams break new ground

THE ZEGU Volleyball teams performed beyond expectations at the recently ended Zimbabwe University Sports Association (ZUSA) Games held at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), as both teams improved their varsity rankings to 8th out of 14, to become seeded.

For the men's team - affectionately known as the "Deacons" - the much-awaited fixture was against Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE), a battle for bragging rights. Indeed, the game lived up to its billing as it was a close, but fierce fixture in which the Prof. Ezekiel Guti-led institution outshined its neighbour on the day.

BUSE is widely regarded as one of the country's volleyball powerhouses given its exploits in recent years. However, on this occasion, the day belonged to ZEGU. For their efforts, a ZEGU player was recognised and asked to assist another powerhouse in upcoming competitions.

A spokesperson for the Deacons said, "We managed to have an outstanding player Original Mangwiro who was requested by Midlands State University (MSU) to join their team; to blend for the upcoming ZTISU games scheduled for July 2022," he said.

Time constraints restricted the ladies' team who were well on course to register a major upset at the 2022 ZUSA Games. The ladies had all but booked a place in the quarter-finals, but due to time constraints, the games were halted meaning there was no further action.

With such potential, only good days beckon for this blessed, strong, skilled, and spirited ladies' team.

Only God knows its full potential.

The fact that the teams are all rated amongst the top 8 universities in the game out of 14 means that at next year's ZUSA games, both the ZEGU teams will be seeded.

A member of the technical team who also spoke to the NGAONE crew could not hide his joy at the achievement by both teams saying, "We shall be a team to watch for many, therefore, we should start to prepare now so that our players would have harnessed more skills," he said.

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