



UNAM WAIVES STUDY FEES FOR MISS NAMIBIA

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Lazarus Hangula has extended a 50% waiver on the fees for Miss Namibia 2009, fourth year LL.B student Happie Ntelemo. Meeting the national beauty at his office with other university officials, Prof. Hangula told Ntelemo that she has done the UNAM community and Namibian people at large proud. He encouraged her to use the reduced amount to acquire study material. As a token of appreciation, the Vice Chancellor also handed a portrait of Miss Namibia with a congratulatory message signed by him on behalf of the university community for her achievement.



Ntelemo was touched by the gesture saying she was joyful to know the university community was behind her. "What I know is all because of UNAM, thank you," she said. Miss Namibia Pageant Coordinator Connie Maritz remarked that the year is going to be a tough one for Happie considering her social responsibilities as Miss Namibia and the fact that she is a final year law student at the university. Maritz told the Vice Chancellor and his team that Ntelemo is working hard to secure funding to take part in the Miss Universe pageant in the Bahamas. Maritz remained firm in her belief that Ntelemo will do Namibia proud at the international pageant. "She has all the qualities to beautifully represent Namibia."



Dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. Nico Horn also congratulated Ntelemo on behalf of the law Faculty staff and students saying "it is not a coincidence that you come from the Law Faculty".

LANGUAGE COLLOQUIUM ON COURSE

Preparations for the first Department of Language & Literature Studies (DLS) research colloquium due to take place on 31 July 2009, are on course. A number of papers and abstracts have started coming in among them, the following:

- Love in Alan Paton's The Hero of Currie Road, Prof Mbongeni Malaba.
- Paula Tavares: an Angolan woman's voice-body, Mr Jose Carlos Santos.
- George Weideman – a tribute", Ms Chrisna Beuke-Muir.
- Language, environment and community in story telling, Dr Levi Namaseb.
- Oshiwambo revolutionary names as a decolonizing strategy, Mr Petrus Mbenzi.
- Renegotiating Identity in Damon Galgut's The Good Doctor, Ms Carola Beyer.
- Regarding multilingualism and self-translation. Are we different, when we speak different languages?, Ms Maria Recuenco.
- 2 languages = 2 cultures?, Ms Guillemette Laude.
- Difficulties encountered in doing interchangeable interpretation between two languages, Mr Tjipena Mbutu.
- Linguistic factors impeding English reading comprehension of first year tertiary students in Namibia, Ms Cynthia Murray.
- What is a Dictionary? – Namibian University Entrants' Perceptions, Dr Herman Beyer.
- Trends in the Classification of Khoesaaan Languages, Prof Wilfrid Haacke.
- A Special High Tone in Otjiherero, Dr Jekura Kavari.
- Names of shebeens in the North-Central Namibia, Mr Petrus Mbenzi.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AND PEER EDUCATION ARE GOOD PRACTICES AMONG THE YOUTH AND BEYOND

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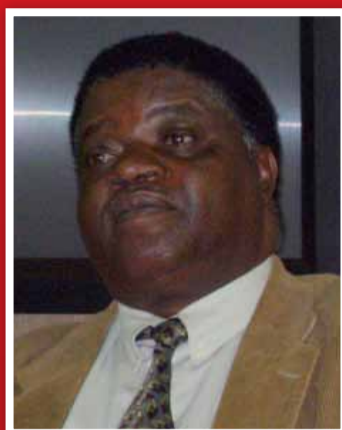
The HIV/AIDS Unit would like to express gratitude and encourage other units/centres to appreciate collaborative efforts coming on board with various focuses.

Through a collaborative venture between the University of Namibia and the universities of Zambia, Malawi and the Western Cape, the HIV/AIDS Unit based Peer Educators have learned a lot from other universities in exchange visits. The knowledge, skills and intervention techniques acquired has been used in reaching out to first year students throughout the first semester this year. The Peer Educators did interventions from Faculty to Faculty and also to schools within the city as well as within communities. Faculties visited were: Health and Medicine, Science, Economics Management Science, Education and Humanities. They also reached out to Neudamm, Ogongo and Northern campuses by incorporating them in the transformative training on "AIDS and Me" as well as "Body Mapping." The training they received never left them the same.

Faculties and communities around are requesting for more interventions from these student volunteers. The ELCIN Hosianna Church has also requested help with training of their youth confirmation classes for three consecutive years now. The feedback from the participants has been very commendable. For the readers of this article, I encourage you to go through this training programme. It does not matter if you are infected, affected or live in denial. The fact remains that you need to put the "Me into HIV." In addition to that, you can "deal with deep emotional residues of life in the time of HIV through a combination of peer counseling and art therapy". We have been working with "Positive Vibes" on this to train the Peer Educators and the results are patently obvious. You can meet the Peer Educators every Thursdays at the HIV/AIDS Information Kiosk usually located on your way to the New Lecture Halls. Alternatively you can make a booking with Aline Amutenya to visit the Body Map Exhibition in the HIV Training Room. The good that comes out of this workshops is peer support networks that tend to last beyond the workshops and the volunteering time terms. The HIV/AIDS Unit is looking forward to registrar UNAM Staff that are willing to go through training sessions to bring HIV/Aids pandemic closer to our communities. Interested individuals should kindly send their names to Aline Amutenya at aamutenya@unam.na . I thank you.

UNAM LAUNCHES NAMIBIA JUSTICE NETWORK

The Faculty of Law of the University of Namibia, jointly launched the Namibia Justice Network with the Ministry of Justice and the International Justice Network on Wednesday, the 24 June 2009 . The Namibia Justice Network is a collaborative website with essential legal resources for Magistrates, lawyers, law students, and ordinary people interested in Namibian law. Among other things the site takes advantage of the recent developments in electronic publication of Namibian Government Gazettes online and provides easy access for users to these laws.



Speaking at the occasion, Deputy Justice Minister Utoni Nujoma said the NJN initiative complements his ministry's objective to "leverage information communication technologies to provide efficient public services". The tool he said would provide many Namibians, amongst them magistrates easy access to Namibian laws, judgments and research papers.

Supporting his remarks, Chair of the Magistrates Commission Judge Sylvester Mainga expressed appreciation for what he described as the Justice Ministry's relentless efforts to "expose judicial officials to technology". He told the audience that magistrates often complained about a lack of resources such as laws, and law related material to use as reference for making their rulings. "This will now be something of the past," Judge Mainga cheerfully said. The magistrary and laws are now at the click of a button, and "they now have 24 hour access to Namibian law". The facility has judgments of the High and Supreme Courts, the Government Gazette and 112 Acts of Parliament in different categories. UNAM based U.S Fullbright scholar Steve Gray coordinated the project.

ANIMAL AUCTION AT NEUDAMM

The Neudamm campus of the Faculty of Agriculture & Natural Resources will hold its annual animal auction on Friday 10 July 2009 at the campus. The faculty will also be taking animals to the annual Windhoek Show from the 27 of September to 3 October 2009.

There are also plans to participate in the Okakarara Trade Fair from the 16 to the 20 September this year. The Faculty will also make use of the opportunity to sell large and small livestock at the shows.

Meanwhile, some of the Afrikaner breeds at Neudamm will be auctioned at the Namibia Genetics Large Stock Auction on 28 August 2009. The faculty will be running an Afrikaner Cattle Judging Course at the Neudamm campus to equip farmers and interested members of the public with ideal characteristics of Afrikaner cattle.



UNAM at the Karas Career Fair

WTO ESSAY AWARD FOR YOUNG ECONOMISTS

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organisation is launching an initiative under the name WTO Essay Award for Young Economists. The award aims to promote high quality research in economics on trade and WTO related issues among young researchers worldwide, and to reinforce the relationship between the WTO and the global academic community.

The annual WTO Essay Award will consist of a monetary prize of CHF 5000 to the author of the best research article on the economics of the WTO. A selection panel comprising of distinguished academics and international institutions will do the selection. The winning paper will be officially announced every year at the meeting of the European Trade Study Group (ETSG), the largest conference focusing on international trade. The first WTO Essay Award for Young Economists will be made in September 2009 at the ETSG meeting in Rome, Italy. The project will finance the attendance of the winning author to the meeting.

Young researchers are therefore encouraged to participate. Further details on the projects can be found on the WTO website www.wto.org

Namibian Artist: P.G. van der Walt: Solo Exhibition
Invitation to the Official Opening
 Opening: His Excellency Dr Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation
 Master of Ceremonies: Dr Tobie Aupindi, Managing Director: Namibia Wildlife Resorts
 Vote of Thanks: Mr Pieter van der Walt, Managing Director: van der Walt Investments
1 July 2009
18.30 for 19.00
Bank Windhoek Omba Gallery
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INTERESTING QUOTES / PHRASES

There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there."
 --Indira Gandhi

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."
 --Confucius

Be the change you want to see in the world.
 -Mahatma Ghandi

Truth always expresses itself with the greatest simplicity.
 -Pierre Schmidt

STAY IN TOUCH and BEAT PROSTATE CANCER

SYMPTOMS

- Urinary problems
 - Not being able to urinate
 - Finding it difficult to start or stop the urine flow
 - Needing to urinate often, especially at night
 - Weak flow • Pain or burning during urination
- Difficulty having an erection
- Blood in the urine or semen
- Frequent pain in the lower back, hips or upper thighs

Early detection is vital for successful treatment

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