

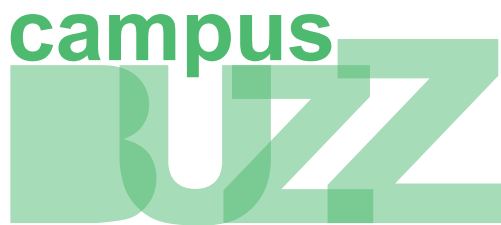
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From the Editors Desk

The Year 2014 was indeed a very successful year for Great Zimbabwe University. The success enjoyed during the year can be attributed to the rapid transformation that the University has been enjoying since 2012 when Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo was appointed Vice Chancellor. The final six months of 2014 were very hectic for the University as it hosted a number of prominent personalities in the country. Among those people who visited the University were His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chancellor of Great Zimbabwe University, Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe and the Honourable Vice President, Cde Emmerson Munangagwa. Also to visit the University were Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development, Dr Godfrey Gandawa and prominent musician, Dr Oliver Mtukudzi.

During the same period, the University held its seventh Graduation Ceremony

while the Herbert Chitepo Law School and the Mashava Medical Centre were officially opened.

In this second issue of The Campus Buzz, a bi-yearly magazine published by the Information and Public Relations Department, some of the events and developments that have been taking place at Great Zimbabwe University are reported on. The coverage starts from June to December 2014.

In our lead feature story, we focus on how Great Zimbabwe University's embracing of social responsibility has transformed the lives of the Mashava community. We hope you will be inspired and reinvigorated as you read this feature on how a single dream can breath life into a dead town and bring fresh hope to a community that had resigned its fate to eternal poverty.

Also featured are news articles on various developments at the University. The articles are deliberately varied to ensure all stakeholders enjoy their reading of the magazine.

As stated in the previous edition of this publication, the name Campus Buzz is a product of careful thought. The magazine just like the buzzing of the bee to alert you of its presence, or that of a telephone to alert you of an incoming call or better still of a bell to remind you of a time that has arrived, is meant to alert you that Great Zimbabwe University is leaving no stone unturned in its quest to bring high quality higher education, academic facilities and products.

Enjoy reading this issue of The Campus Buzz.

Anderson Tawanda Chipatiso



2014 a successful year for Great Zimbabwe University

In his remarks to mark the end of 2014, Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo thanked members of his management team as well as all members of staff, the students body and all stakeholders for giving him unwavering support that resulted in Great Zimbabwe University scoring a lot of success during the year.

Professor Zvobgo described 2014 as an eventful year characterised by "most beautiful times". He said as much as the University had accomplished a lot in 2014, he believed that the potential to achieve more in the following year was far greater. Outlining his vision for 2015, the Vice Chancellor said a lot of emphasis would be put in providing more teaching and learning facilities around the campuses. He envisaged an increase in accommodation in the coming year through a public-private-partnership (PPP) agreement GZU struck with one of the leading financial institutions in the country.

In addition to hosting the highly successful 7th Graduation Ceremony where 1138 graduates were capped by His Excellency, President R.G. Mugabe, the University opened two very high profile facilities, namely the Herbert Chitepo Law School and the Mashava Campus Medical Centre. At the graduation ceremony, the University awarded music superstar Oliver Mtukudzi with an honorary Doctor of Ethnomusicology and Choreography degree *Honoris Causa*, a move that won GZU local, regional and international praise for recognising the musician's contribution to society.

During the same year, the University acquired the Industrial Campus which now houses the School of Social Sciences. The University also established the School of Gender and Cultural Studies which lies in the heart of Masvingo City as well as the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culture at Mucheke Campus. The University also set up its first library, located in Masvingo City, over and above faculty libraries across all campuses. The facility can be accessed by students from the surrounding satellite campuses. To further its continued community engagement initiatives, the University purchased the former Mazorodze Surgery. This is a surgery-cum-clinic formerly owned by the late veteran nationalist and national hero Dr. Simon Mazorodze. The clinic is being renovated into a state-of-the art clinic for students and the community. New degree programmes were introduced which include seven honours and five masters degree programmes in pursuance of the university's niche area of culture, humanities and arts. Among these are the Bachelor of Laws Honours Programme in the Faculty of Law and the Bachelor of Commerce Honours degree programmes in Risk Management and Financial Engineering in the Faculty of Commerce. In the Faculty of Social Sciences, Bachelor of Science Honours programmes in; Local Governance, Counselling, Politics and Public Administration and Peace, Conflict and Governance and Masters of Science degree programmes in Counselling Psychology and Gender and Policy Studies were introduced. All teaching venues were equipped with white boards, to do away with chalk and provide a professional teaching and learning environment. Most venues were also equipped with overhead projectors for as a way of promoting a safe and professional environment.

The cumulative effect of the above mentioned developments is that Great Zimbabwe University has fast transformed into a University of Choice, not only in Zimbabwe, but in the region as well. The University has seen the biggest increase in our student enrolment in 2014, reaching just below 10 000. Of the figure, 134 are international students drawn from within SADC countries including Namibia, Malawi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia.



Professor R.J. Zvobgo (second from left) poses with the MEGAFEST 2014 Outstanding Businessm

Professor R.J. Zvobgo scoops top business award

Vice Chancellor, Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo scooped the second position in the prestigious Megafest Top 20 Successful Businessmen for the Year 2014. The Megafest awards are held annually to recognize and honour luminaries of the Zimbabwean industry as a whole, for their outstanding contribution, exceptional efforts and achievements in their respective fields. The award came as due recognition to the great work and achievements

that Professor Zvobgo spearheaded at Great Zimbabwe University in 2014. In 2014, the University opened two modern facilities, the Herbert Chitepo Law School and the Mashava Medical Centre. The Herbert Chitepo Law School was officially opened by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde R.G. Mugabe. During the same year the University established three schools, namely the School of Social Sciences, the School of Gender and

Cultural Studies and the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culture. The University also set up its first library, located in Masvingo City, over and above faculty libraries across all campuses. The University also purchased the former Mazorodze Surgery which is being renovated into a state-of-the art clinic for students and the community. New degree programmes were introduced which include seven honours and five masters degree programmes in

pursuance of the university's niche area of culture, humanities and arts. All teaching venues were equipped with white boards, to do away with chalk and provide a professional teaching and learning environment. It was against that background of great achievements that Megafest, a Bulawayo-based organisation that deal in business consultancy and training, awarded Professor Zvobgo with the esteemed award.

Professor Zvobgo gets award for Outstanding Contribution to Education

Great Zimbabwe University, Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo, has been conferred an Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education by the World Chancellors and Vice Chancellors Congress. In an event held between 27th and 28th June, 2014 in Mumbai, India. It was attended by Chancellors, Vice Chancellors and

Deans of various universities from around the world, Professor Zvobgo was honoured for being a "thinker, doer, role model and a believer in change". In addition to being conferred this award, Professor Zvobgo was invited to sit on the Governing Council of the Congress for the next three years. In the citation for the award, the Chairman for

the Awards and Academic Committee of the World Chancellors and Vice Chancellors Congress, Mr Edward Smith, said Professor Zvobgo's leadership contribution to the field of education was renowned and the aim of the Awards was to recognise "the Best of Best". The core objective of the Awards is benchmarking Educational Practices.



& New Vision, Mission & Core Values for GZU

As Great Zimbabwe University moves towards total fulfillment of its mandate in culture and heritage reclamation, the University has adopted a new vision, mission and core values. The new vision, mission and core values were a result of input by both members of staff at the University through the strategic planning committee and members of the University Council. At a Strategic Planning Consultative Meeting held at the end of May 2014, GZU Council members had a chance to critically evaluate the vision, mission and core values together with the strategic plan for the period 2014 to 2018.

The new vision for the University is now: To be the centre of excellence in culture and heritage studies as well as the advancement of other academic disciplines for the promotion of the development of society. While the new mission statement is: In order to support the vision, we shall: Reclaim and preserve our African culture and heritage; Mainstream culture and heritage in our teaching and research; Lead in the development of entrepreneurs and professionals in the creative industry; Provide our stakeholders with an enabling environment for research and empower them with entrepreneurial skills; Produce versatile

graduates equipped with skills and competencies relevant to the needs of society; Attract and retain highly competent staff, Use ICT-based solutions in teaching, learning, research, administration and innovation, and; Uplift communities we serve through our involvement in their development. The new core values are: GZU has adopted the following principles and standards of behaviour to define the University's culture and ensure a conducive work environment for the attainment of the Vision and Mission.

Core Values
 " Unhu/ Ubuntu
 " Excellence
 " Integrity

" Results Focus
 " Quality
 The new vision, mission and core values follow the University's adoption of a new logo and flag late last year. In a resolution made at its 23rd Meeting, the GZU Council approved a modified logo for Great Zimbabwe University which now bears a more pronounced image of the Great Zimbabwe National Monuments, a ceremonial axe (gano) on the right side (in place of the dagger in the old logo) and a black ink pot instead of the bluish pot in the old logo. Below the shield is a yellow ribbon outlined in black with the words of the motto "Knowledge, Culture, Development".

President Mugabe caps 1063 students

His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chancellor of Great Zimbabwe University, Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe capped 1 063 students who graduated with first and higher degrees at Zimbabwe University's eighth graduation ceremony on 31 October 2014.

Among the graduates was music icon Oliver Mtukudzi who was conferred with an honorary Doctor of Ethnomusicology and Choreography degree *Honoris Causa*. He becomes the second recipient after President Mugabe to be conferred with an honorary doctorate by GZU. The ceremony also saw two students graduating posthumously, one of whom was the late National Hero Brigadier General Eliah Bandama who graduated with a Masters of Business Administration in Human Resource Management. Speaking at the Graduation Ceremony, GZU Vice-Chancellor Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo said the University has awoken from its slumber and has made its mark on the terrain of higher education nationally, regionally and internationally. He said the University has witnessed a real transformation in curriculum development during the last twenty-four months. The transformation of the University's curricular has centered on rigorous efforts to align all programmes to the niche of culture, heritage and arts. He said the institution has already embraced the country's economic blueprint, Zimbabwe

"Furthermore we have been requested by Swaziland education authorities to train their teachers to teach culture and heritage in their schools' curriculum,"

Agenda for Sustainable Socio-Economic Transformation (Zim-Asset).

He said, "Zim-Asset now flows freely in the veins of GZU and informs every one of our endeavours. To that end, we infused the tenets and objectives of the economic blueprint into our strategic plan, from which we can navigate the trajectory of our operations. As an institution of higher learning, ours is mainly to provide the technically competent and critically needed human resources through human capital development".

Professor Zvobgo added that the university will endeavour to participate in the promotion of economic development through culture since its marketing niche is culture and heritage.

Professor Zvobgo said that the quality assurance watchdog, ZIMCHE had approved the teaching of fourteen (14) new undergraduate and Master's degree programmes in 2014. Among these are the Bachelor of Laws Honours Programme, the Bachelors of Science Honours programmes in; Local governance, Counseling, Politics and public administration and Peace, Conflict and Governance. There are also the Bachelor of Commerce Honors degree programmes in Risk Management and Financial Engineering and lastly the Masters of Science degree programmes in Counseling, Psychology and Gender and Policy Studies.

He said following the high quality of research demonstrated by some of our staff and students in the Faculty of Education, the Faculty has been requested by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to spearhead their programme for teacher development. They have also been requested to take the lead in the programme of training teachers to teach indigenous languages in the country.

"Furthermore we have been requested by Swaziland education authorities to train their teachers to teach culture and heritage in their schools' curriculum," he said.

The Vice Chancellor said while the construction at the University's main site continues to experience serious financial challenges, the University out of its own efforts has succeeded in moving its students from both the Teacher's College and the Polytechnic College to its own premises at the School of Social Sciences in the Industrial area.

Professor Zvobgo added that the transformation of the University's physical structures has seen the increase in student enrolments during the past two years from an enrolment of 4329 in 2012 to 9958 in 2014.

He said the University has also been able to tremendously increase international students' enrolment over the same period, from zero in 2012, to 158 students drawn from SADC countries, among them, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia, Swaziland, Malawi and Zambia in 2014.

In pursuit for an ICT driven University, Professor Zvobgo said the University embarked on numerous projects that managed to improve some of the manual

processes which undermined rapid modernization of management and learning systems by increasing bandwidth and network connectivity. He said there are now 10 computer laboratories and several software developments such as the Short Message Service (SMS) platform which have improved communication between the University and students.

Professor Zvobgo said Great Zimbabwe University has become the University of Choice and has received several national and international awards in the last two years.

"Your University, Your Excellency, was awarded the Best Upcoming Regional University by the European Club of Rectors and European Business Assembly, at Oxford University in December 2013. Early this month, the Vice Chancellor was admitted

into the European Club of Rectors, again at Oxford and became a lifetime member of the Oxford Academic Society. In recognition of the University's growth and development, Your Excellency, Your Vice Chancellor was also presented with the Award for the Greatest Contribution to Education by the World Congress of Chancellors and Vice Chancellors in Mumbai, India only a few months ago. He was also appointed to sit on the advisory board of the Congress for the next five years," he said.

Professor Zvobgo hailed the progressive spirit of university staff members and students which has seen the university growing.

"I applaud the team spirit of togetherness and the unity of purpose that we now possess. I thank you," he said.

PRESIDENT MUGABE Officially opens Herbert Chitepo Law School

His Excellency, the President of the Zimbabwe and Chancellor of Great Zimbabwe University, Cde Robert Gabriel Mugabe has challenged Zimbabweans to stop mourning about lack of money to fund developmental projects and take a cue from the innovative ways that Great Zimbabwe University adopted to build its state-of-the-art Herbert Chitepo Law School. Speaking before he officially opened the Herbert Chitepo Law School named in honour of the late national hero and Zimbabwe's first black lawyer Herbert Tapfumandini Chitepo on 31 October 2014, President Mugabe urged Zimbabweans to learn from Great Zimbabwe University how the University had mobilised financial and material resources to build the Law School in record time, despite the prevailing harsh economic environment. "Hamungomirire mari chete! Our people are prepared to make bricks, even building. We can

even make financial contributions, but there has been lack of drive which this man (GZU Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo) has in abundance," said President Mugabe.

The Chancellor was impressed by the initiative that Great Zimbabwe University had taken to name the law school in honour of Herbert Chitepo.

He said had it been him in the same scenario he too would have named the law school after the late national hero, Herbert Chitepo. "We are happy that Great Zimbabwe University built a real tribute for you," said the President.

Chronicling the life of the late national hero and pacesetter lawyer, President Mugabe said Advocate Chitepo was a selfless leader who made immense personal sacrifices to kick-start the Second Chimurenga. He said Chitepo played a key role during the early stages of the decisive phase of the liberation struggle as the chairman of Zanu, together

with his wife, politburo member Victoria Chitepo.

The Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development, Dr Olivia Muchena was equally impressed and said Great Zimbabwe University has seen tremendous transformation under the "sterling" leadership of Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo. "As we will all agree, today is indeed a memorable milestone in the life of Great Zimbabwe University. It is one that all other state and private universities must take a leaf from. While some other institutions are sulking and thumb sucking waiting for government to think for them and bring development to their door steps, the more robust and development oriented ones such as Great Zimbabwe University are breaking new ground and doing the impossible," said Dr Muchena. In his remarks at the historic ceremony, Vice Chancellor Professor Zvobgo said it took not only physical and material

resources to built the law school but mental resources as well. "Your Excellency and Chancellor, one of my discoveries in recent times is that resources do not necessarily exist in physical and material form, they also reside in the human mind. The mind is man's best resource and when conjured up at the right time and combined with the inspiration from the goddess of imagination, innovation and creativity the result is what we see this morning. One becomes merely a midwife for delivering a baby such as this," said Professor Zvobgo.

The Vice Chancellor said Great Zimbabwe University decided to name the law school after Herbert Chitepo because "there was no other name that was more deserving".

"As we all may know, the late Comrade Herbert Chitepo was a Zimbabwean lawyer and politician. He was the first African lawyer in the then Southern Rhodesia when he qualified in 1954. The late Nationalist and National Hero was a pace setter who made many firsts in his lifetime. His pace setting is what moulds the vision of the Law School today. I assure you that the School will be as pace setting as the distinguished luminary and hero after whom it is named," said Professor Zvobgo.

Professor Zvobgo said the Herbert Chitepo Law School is distinct in so many ways. He said the teaching and learning equipment is like no other in the region and that the school's curriculum is

even more distinct as it is adequately fed with culture and heritage related modules.

"These pave the way for the production of a new cadre of law student and a lawyer whose values and world view are well crafted in cognizance of our history," Professor Zvobgo said.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Great Zimbabwe University Council, Mr Simplisious Chihambakwe thanked President Mugabe for gracing the opening ceremony.

"This is a sincere measure of the importance His Excellency attaches to the establishment of this unique Law School whose mandate is enshrined in the University's niche of arts, culture and heritage," said Mr Chihambakwe.

Mr Chihambakwe expressed the University's gratitude to Amai Victoria Chitepo, the Chitepo family and government for allowing the University to name the school after the late national hero. He said Chitepo was an iconic embodiment of law practice who inspired many people.

"Let me hasten to add that when history books are written, it will go on record that Great Zimbabwe University made a first in naming its law school after no other than the befitting legend. I am proud to be the Chairman of the Council that has added this piece of history to the study and practice of law in Zimbabwe," he added.

The GZU Council Chairman said his Council was impressed by the "energy and zeal to succeed" with

which the Vice Chancellor moved the project in less than a year.

"Council stands here today, almost in disbelief at what everyone here is witnessing this morning. This energy has been translated into the resurrection of the city and bringing to the forefront the good image of the University as it has done in reviving the previously dead town of Mashava. The one distinction that we all saw in the Vice Chancellor is his ability to harness the interest and participation of the entire Council in University projects," said Mr Chihambakwe. Speaking in his solidarity address, Professor Ngwabi Bhebe said the association was proud to be associated with the quality of work that Professor Zvobgo was spearheading at Great Zimbabwe University.

Professor Bhebe said the naming of the law school after Advocate Chitepo was befitting.

The late Cde Chitepo's last born son, Mr Khule Chitepo, who spoke on behalf of the family, said his family was moved by the decision by Great Zimbabwe University to name the law school after his father. He described his father as an inspirational character who overcame abject poverty and orphanhood to become a celebrated lawyer and national hero.

The Chitepo family donated 155 books and legal manuals that were personally signed and used by the late national hero to the law school library.



The celebrations and merry-making characterised the graduation ceremony at Great Zimbabwe University, held on the 31st of October 2014. The event was graced by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chancellor of the Great Zimbabwe University Cde Robert Mugabe.

During the event, the legendary musician Oliver Mtukudzi was conferred with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Ethnomusicology and Choreography (Honoris Causa) by the University because of his legendary work in the music industry during the past 36 years.

Mtukudzi has not only created a good name for himself through his music but has uplifted cultural, moral and intellectual beliefs of the nation as a whole. His use of African instruments clearly shows his loyalty towards African culture and heritage.

In his citation, Dr Zivenge the Dean of the Faculty of Culture and Heritage Studies said "Mtukudzi's devout use of African instruments speaks for the preservation and celebration of African culture, heritage and creative arts which, as you know, are the nerve centre of the curriculum of this university. Hence, the recognition by Great Zimbabwe University Council."

Mtukudzi rose to stardom in 1978 with his earliest album "Ndipeiwo Zano" and from that time he has worked with more than 100 musicians. Further, Mtukudzi has been nurturing youth and developing them and in 2003 he founded the Pakare Paye Arts centre, which works mainly with the youth.

During these years, Tuku has been an advocate for the emancipation of women, girls and children in general and is the first artist to make a strong public commitment in the fight against HIV and AIDS. He does all this through his music and film distilled through a permutation of story-telling.

Tuku has received many awards nationally and internationally, which compliments his good works that he has done over the years, not to mention his humanitarian work.

During his latest tour in Masvingo, Tuku visited Alpha Cottages where he spent time with the orphans and played music for them.

With all these achievements, Tuku has been seen befitting to be conferred with an Honorary Degree of Philosophy in Ethnomusicology and Choreography. Mtukudzi becomes the second dignitary to be conferred with an Honorary Doctoral Degree after His Excellency President Robert Gabriel Mugabe.

Oliver Mtukudzi conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree



GZU EMBRACES SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

"Trust people, and they will be true to you; treat them greatly, and they will show themselves great."

Great Zimbabwe University (GZU) seems to be heeding those wise words that were spoken some 150 years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of America's greatest philosophic minds of all times.

It comes as no surprise that GZU is formulating a new paradigm to development by merging the need for quality education for its students and meeting the expectations of the wider society in which the institution operates.

This is being achieved by striking a fine balance between the institution's core aims of becoming the University of Choice and satisfying all stakeholders whilst avoiding the pitfalls of alienating the host community.

The institution's Mashava Campus, in particular, has had a positive bearing on the outlook and livelihoods of the community as a whole. Not only has there been a dramatic facelift of the once sleepy community over the previous fourteen months that the campus has been in operation, there also has been a notable growth of enterprise.

Prior to the arrival of GZU, Mashava had become a sad tale of economic decline and hopelessness. Residents had become accustomed to ever deteriorating social services as Shabani Mashava Mines (SMM), once the biggest employer in town, continually scaled down operations in face of viability challenges, retrenching thousands of employees and creating a ghost town in the process.

Ageing infrastructure, dilapidated buildings and disintegrating social services - not to mention erratic water supplies, were issues that had become characteristic of life in Mashava. As is the case in all declining communities with declining incomes, the family unit was dealt a heavy blow as households struggled to remain intact.

Fast forward to August 2013 when the new campus was opened, a new lease of life was given to the community, "a breath of fresh air" as one resident called it.

The mere presence of a large number of students was, in itself a blessing the community. Gone were the days of empty, dead silent streets because the students revived the vitality that had long been forgotten.

"It's amazing how conditions have improved since the coming of students. I had never imagined that this place would have so much life again," says Violet Rushiya, a mother of four who makes brisk business selling various refreshments just outside of the Teaching and Learning Centre.

"I struggled a lot with no income when I got laid off from work some seven years ago. There was usually no money in the house to look after my family but I have to admit that things have improved a great deal since I opened my business here."

Rushiya's story is not unique. When the campus was opened, local people saw a business opportunity which they grabbed. Many constructed makeshift market structures in the vicinity of the centre and elsewhere to tap into the new market presented by GZU students and staff alike. Unsightly as they were, the structures not only brought some shopping convenience, they sustained families and augmented incomes too.

Now everything is set to change for the better. GZU, in the spirit of social responsibility and inclusive development, is building decent structures for the informal traders close to the centre. This development has seen the unsightly structures - an eyesore in themselves - being pulled down and preparations for traders to be moved to the new stalls.

"We are sensitive to the needs of the community because we understand we don't operate in a vacuum. Our aim is driven by the desire to providing community service by spearheading developmental projects that are beneficial not only to students but to the wider community as well," says Acting Director of Projects in the Works and Estates

Department, Barney Taderera.

When completed, the new market place will boast cleaner surroundings with a double concrete sink and toilets with clean running water. This will mean that fresh food items like fruits and vegetables will be sold cleaner so as to meet basic hygiene standards.

This development is just an example of several bigger projects with a broader reach that have been initiated by GZU since the multi-campus system was adopted a few years ago. Notable among them is the improvement of pumping capacity at the waterworks where a new supplementary pump was bought and is currently in the process of being installed to work alongside the old one.

It is worth mentioning that the water situation has greatly improved since the arrival of GZU in this mining settlement. From receiving water supplies once a week some two years ago, residents now share in the benefits of hosting the university as every residential area now receives water at least once every day.

"Pumping capacity has indeed improved with the arrival of the university. We used to implement severe rationing measures but now the situation has softened and we look forward to having normal water supplies throughout the day soon," says a Mr Shoko who works as a pump operator at the water works.

Optimising water supplies in Mashava has been a vision of the university even prior to the opening of the campus. Courtesy of GZU, the piping system from the Shashe supply dam received a major revamp in early 2013 following the laying of sixteen kilometres of new piping. Rusty pipes and dysfunctional valves were replaced with new ones.

Recently, the university facilitated the construction of a dedicated power line to the waterworks. This has resulted in a 24 hour pumping schedule which has led to more reliable water supplies to all areas as the water works are no longer subject to load shedding. With the impending commissioning of the new pump, there is a promise that water rationing will be a thing of the past sooner than later.

Part of the Tokwe line, which draws water from a downstream reservoir after the confluence of Shashe and Tokwe River, has also received significant resuscitations and is awaiting final operationalisation.

When completed, the project will see water being pumped from the mighty Tokwe River to a bigger purification plant at King Mine. The success of the project will also be of paramount importance to the achievement of unlimited water supplies to households.

Back to Violet Rushiya who feels she has more to say on the transformation of Mashava being championed by the university.

"We are also pleased with the network coverage that we understand is the result of the new booster which was built by Great Zimbabwe," continues Rushiya.

Not really. The booster was not built by the university but by Econet Wireless, following close consultations with the university after it was discovered that the area received very poor signal. More signal strength was needed to cope with the growing number of users in light of the coming of students. The benefits are now flowing to a very wide area as people can now even surf the internet on their mobiles, an unimaginable development some two years ago.

Before transferring students to Mashava Campus in August 2013, GZU had entered into a lease agreement with SMM, giving the university exclusive rights to use some of SMM's properties. The university then went on to refurbish close to five hundred ramshackle houses and turned them to first class student accommodation and is in the process of upgrading more. Upgrades on many buildings for use as tutorial accommodation have also been done. Several locals have been absorbed as employees in these projects, reversing the tide of unemployment in the community.

"We are pleased by the good relationship that exists between our organisations and I would like to say thanks to GZU for these projects," says SMM Properties Manager Wilson Museba, commenting on his company's working relationship with GZU.



New market stalls under construction

New pump and dedicated Power line



G.Z.U hosts the National Students' Conference at Mashava Campus.



The culture of fear, silence and being shy to openly discuss matters relating to sexuality and reproductive health among youths for their benefit has no place in the 21st Century where HIV and AIDS and other non-communicable chronic conditions such as cancer and diabetes are decimating the young generation, Mr Nicholas Mutami, Dean Faculty of Arts Great Zimbabwe University has said.

Delivering the keynote address at the 2014 SayWhat National Students' Conference hosted by Great Zimbabwe University at the Mashava Campus from 14-17 December, Mr Mutami, who was the Acting Pro Vice Chancellor, said tertiary institutions have an ethical and intellectual responsibility to set an example by openly debating the issues surrounding HIV so as to find creative responses to the epidemic.

The conference was held under the theme "promoting a culture of learning and sharing on effective Student Reproductive and Health Response (SRHR) for young people". The objectives of the conference were to facilitate information sharing and cross learning among key stakeholders in the students and youth SRHR sector, to create platforms for policy dialogue and advocacy on the SRHR issues affecting students and youth in Zimbabwe and to develop technical capacities for key stakeholders to respond to the students and youth SRHR concerns.

Mr Mutami, said that the majority of young people in Zimbabwe aged between 15-24 years are highly sexually active and are at risk of sexually transmitted diseases and other reproductive health challenges. He summoned all stakeholders to join hands in strengthening the capacity of tertiary institutions to respond to key SRHR issues of students.

According to Zimbabwe demographic Health Survey (ZDHS 2010/ 2011), the average age of sexual debut is 19 years and the same report reveals that young people have the highest number of new HIV cases with an average HIV Prevalence of 10% for the 15-24 year age group.

The conference was attended by 200 delegates who included students, Deans of Student Affairs and lecturers from Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Great Zimbabwe University (G.Z.U) host the 8th SAYWHAT national students' conference, at Mashava Campus, which provided a platform to open up on sexual and reproductive health challenges encountered by students at tertiary institutions.

OUTSTANDING

GREAT ZIMBABWE UNIVERSITY HELD ITS ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY, AT THE MAIN CAMPUS IN NOVEMBER.

Twenty students make history as Herbert Chitepo Law School starts lectures

Twenty students made history on Monday 27 October 2014 when Herbert Chitepo Law School commenced its first lectures.

After a year of construction of the ultra-modern Herbert Chitepo Law School and consultations of key bodies in the academic and legal arena on the structure and content of the programme, the Great Zimbabwe University's Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree programme was approved by the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE). The Law Society of Zimbabwe and the Council for Legal Education also endorsed the teaching of the Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree programme at GZU. This has paved the way for the launch of the degree programme on 27 October 2014 with an initial enrolment of 20 students.

The 20 students will have their names carved in the history of GZU for being the first crop of students to study law with the University. They will also enter the history books of the country for being the first group to learn at the school which was named after an emblematic figure in the country's legal and liberation history, Advocate Herbert Chitepo,

the country's first black lawyer who stood for democracy and justice.

Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo said the University found it fit to name the school after Advocate Chitepo because he was an eminent nationalist, who led the liberation war from Zambia and the first black lawyer in Zimbabwe, also the first black lawyer to be admitted as a barrister in England, and the first Attorney-General of an independent Tanzania.

"We are proud to be associated with this huge name. Our graduates will uphold the basic principles of human justice, democracy and rule of law which Chitepo stood for. It will help them foster the sense of responsibility to national good and social equality in their country. Every graduate will leave pumped up with the nationalist spirit; commitment to the

development of Zimbabwe and patriotism," Professor Zvobgo said.

Not only does the School carry a symbolic name, it has astoundingly beautiful facilities that have won the admiration of many visitors. During a recent visit to the Herbert Chitepo Law School, Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development Dr Godfrey Gandawa described it as a clear example of achievement by the University. The Deputy Minister was impressed by the progress GZU is making despite the economic hardships the country is facing. The opening of Herbert Chitepo Law School indeed marks a new landmark for GZU. Barely two years ago the University was having a stunted growth but the arrival of Professor Zvobgo as Vice Chancellor in 2012 has ushered in a new era for the University.

Deputy Minister impressed by University's development

Dr Godfrey Gandawa, the Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development accompanied by Mr. Fredrick Mandizvidza, CEO of Zimdef (Zimbabwe Manpower Development Fund) visited Great Zimbabwe University to tour the buildings and other facilities that were acquired since 2012.

The Deputy Minister toured the Mucheke, City Industrial and Mashava Campuses. He also visited the Centre for African and Asian Studies (CAAS), the School of Gender and Cultural Studies and the City Campus Library. Dr Gandawa said he was very impressed by the improvements and additions that the University has achieved during a short period of less than two years since the appointment of Professor Zvobgo as Vice Chancellor.



GZU on road to greatness:

Honourable Mnangagwa, Vice President and Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Honourable Emmerson Mnangagwa has hailed Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo for the rapid growth and expansion of Great Zimbabwe University over the last two years. Honourable Mnangagwa who gave a public lecture on "**Constitutional Changes and the Future of the Country: Socially and Economically**", to hundreds of people from all walks of life at Great Zimbabwe University on 3 October 2014, said since the appointment of Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo as Vice Chancellor in October 2012, Great Zimbabwe University's qualitative and quantitative growth and expansion has been beyond expectation. He said if that growth and expansion is sustained, Great Zimbabwe University will be a beacon of excellence in higher education in the

country.

"We back you. Everyone in leadership is in support of your vision. You have done wonders and continue to do so," said Hon. Mnangagwa to Professor Zvobgo.

In his lecture, Hon Mnangagwa said the incorporation of economic and social rights in the new Constitution, the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment (No 20) Act, 2013, which was approved by the people of Zimbabwe through a referendum held on March 16 2013 is an integral part of the new constitutional order that ushers in a societal transformation.

He said that the new Constitution recognises diversity, unity and common desire for freedom, justice and equality as well as the historic resistance to colonialism, racism and all forms of domination and oppression.

"This is a constitution by the people for the people thereby guaranteeing its effective implementation in achieving the social, economic and political goals of our beloved nation," he said.

The Honourable Minister of Justice said if effectively implemented by everyone, the new constitution provides the basis of a socio-economic facelift to the lives of Zimbabweans.

He said Section 3 of the Constitution obligates the State and all institutions and agencies of government at every level to put measures in place to facilitate rapid and equitable development while Section 13 Subsection (4) enjoins the State to ensure that local communities benefit from the resources in their areas.

"The placing of economic and social rights in the Bill of Rights will provide a number of benefits to the people and to the State which they did not have before," he said.

Hon Mnangagwa said the scope of fundamental rights and freedoms has been widened to include right to environments that are not harmful to people's health and their well-being, the right of everyone to the opportunity to earn a living by work without being forced (labour rights), the right to food and water which recognises the fundamental right of all people to be free from hunger and to have access to food sufficient to promote healthy development and survival.

The new Constitution also recognises people's rights to health care, language and culture, administrative justices, and Child and Women's Rights. People can no longer be refused emergency medical treatment by any health care institution. It protects the right to language, an essential aspect of culture; a person has the right to use the language of their choice among the 16 official languages.

Minister Mnangagwa said as Zimbabwe is a democratic state, the Constitution set up independent commissions to buttress democracy such as the Human Rights Commission, Gender Commission, Media Commission, National Peace and Reconciliation Commission and the Anti-Corruption Commission.

In his welcome remarks Vice Chancellor, Professor Zvobgo said Great Zimbabwe University had been honoured by Minister Mnangagwa's acceptance of the University's invitation to deliver the Public Lecture... *To next page..*

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Professor Zvobgo said the Public Lecture helped the appreciate the constitutional changes that they had witnessed without full comprehension and understand the country's socio-economic future.

"This lecture could not have come a better time. It is fitting that all people, young and old, should understand the country's constitutional changes and have an appreciation for the country's social and economic future. In this way, the trajectory for the country's course for socio economic transformation is illuminated," said Professor Zvobgo.

The Vice Chancellor said as Great Zimbabwe University was gearing up for the official opening of the cutting edge Herbert Chitepo Law School, it was

even more appropriate that the lecture was held at Great Zimbabwe University.

"The law school is unique for many reasons. Chief among these is the rich cultural-heritage fed curricula which will produce a well balanced lawyer who is solidly rooted in the culture and heritage of the country. I hope that today's lecture will be recorded and disseminated to the first crop of unique law students who are due to commence their lectures by the end of this month," he said.

After the public lecture, Minister Mnangagwa was taken on a tour of the Herbert Chitepo Law School. During his tour, the Justice Minister said the School will usher in a new breed of lawyers and was poised to become a major school of law in Southern Africa.



Above: Honourable Vice President Mnangagwa and other guests who included Minister Josaya Hungwe around the Herbert Chitepo Law School after the Public Lecture.

Right: Honourable Vice President Mnangagwa and Vice Chancellor Professor Zvobgo share a joke as they leave the venue of the Public.



GZU signs MoU with Ministry of Education

Right: GZU Registrar Ms S Tirivanhu and Mr Muguse, the Director of Training and Staff Appraisal in the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education shake hands after signing the MOU. Looking on is Mrs Mugwada.



Great Zimbabwe University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Secondary and Primary Education that will facilitate the training of teachers in languages. The Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented by the Faculty of Education at GZU.

Mr Muguse, the Director of Training and Staff Appraisal and his Deputy Mrs Mugwada, signed the MOU on behalf of their ministry while GZU Registrar, Ms Sinikwe Tirivanhu and the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr Andrew Chindanya signed on behalf of the University.

In his welcome remarks at the signing ceremony, Dr Chindanya said his Faculty had been identified to be part of the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education's Education Personnel Capacity Development Programme which intends to capacitate the Ministry's human resources in various disciplines.

Dr Chindanya, whose Faculty already teaches English, Ndebele, Shona, Tshangani and TshiVenda, expressed great enthusiasm over the MOU.

Ms Tirivanhu thanked the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education for putting their faith in GZU. She said GZU was determined to improve the quality of education in the country by training high quality teachers.

The School of Gender and Cultural Studies recently hosted a half-day review workshop for the Master of Science Degree in Gender and Policy Studies regulations. The Master of Science Degree in Gender and Policy Studies degree is expected to commence in January 2015.

Experts in the field of Gender and Policy Studies attended the workshop where they shared their knowledge with staff from the School of Gender and Cultural Studies at GZU which is headed by its Chairperson, Mrs Ellen Farisayi Zvobgo. The experts included Professor Rudo Gaidzanwa from the University of Zimbabwe who has published 50 publications related to Gender, Dr N Machalaga a Social Development Specialist from United Nations who has published 30 Gender-related articles and Dr Chauraya from Midlands State University who is a Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Education and was involved in establishing the School of Gender at the Midlands State University together with Mrs Zvobgo.

At the review session, GZU lecturers, Miss O Mbirimi, Mrs E.F Zvobgo, Dr J.T. Zikhali, Dr M. Sibanda and Mr C. Chikunda, who teach different modules, presented their course content to the panel. The panellist responded by giving their earnest views, insights and made the necessary recommendations for every presentation. Prof Gaidzanwa, representing the rest of the panel, commended the hard work that the school is putting towards the introduction of the degree programme. Highlighting on the need to adopt the recommendations by the panellists for the various course outlines, Professor Gaidzanwa advised the lecturers to continue working as a team to ensure the success of the School.

Mrs Zvobgo expressed gratitude on behalf of the University and the School of Gender and Cultural Studies to the Gender experts for the opportunity to discuss the degree programme with them. She said that the purpose of the review was to ensure that the programme becomes, "a good product which is marketable."

Mrs Zvobgo said that there were a number of plans for the School which include introducing a Masters in Gender Studies, a Postgraduate Diploma in Gender Studies and an Undergraduate degree in Gender Studies. She that an Advisory Board will soon be constituted to advice the School. The Chairperson informed members of the review session that the School has since found an External Examiner from India.



City Campus Library now fully Operational

Fully Subscribed ... Students have fully embraced the City Campus Library

After months of renovations to a building bought by the University in 2012, the City Campus Library was on 22 August 2014 opened to its users.

The opening of the City Campus Library means that after years of sharing library facilities with other institutions, the University now has a library that it operates independently.

The City Campus Library services users from both the Main Campus and the City Campuses, excluding the Herbert Chitepo Law School which has its own Library. The Mashava Campus operates its own libraries. The opening of the City Campus Library has been greatly embraced by students who are currently visiting the library and using it to full capacity. The GZU Librarian Mr Lawrence Chikwanha said he was excited and proud with the opening of the City Campus Library.

"I am excited that for the first time in history the University now has its own library without any interference and we promise to offer services to the satisfaction of our users," he said.

The Librarian said that a Library for the School of Tourism and Hospitality Studies will be opened at Mucheke Campus while a Heritage Documentation Centre will be opened in liaison with the Faculty of Culture and Heritage Studies. The Librarian and his team extend their profound gratitude to management and the university community for the latest development.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

During the Semester :

Mon - Fri - 9am - 10pm;
Sat - 8am -1pm
Sun - Closed

Vacation :

Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm
Weekends - Closed

When a Block is running the Library will open on Sat & Sun from 8am - 4pm

Delegates praise GZU for hosting successful NSA workshop



Delegates to the 18th Names Society of Southern Africa International Conference (NSA) which was hosted by Great Zimbabwe University in Victoria Falls from 23-25 September 2014.

Delegates to the 18th Names Society of Southern Africa International Conference (NSA) which was hosted by Great Zimbabwe University in Victoria Falls from 23-25 September, have hailed the University, through the Faculty of Arts, for successfully hosting the biannual event.

In their remarks at the end of the conference, the delegates hailed the event as very successful and fulfilling of their expectations. The delegates also praised Great Zimbabwe University management for the support it gave towards the successful hosting of the conference. GZU management was further commended for sponsoring "a huge number" of lecturers (27) to attend the conference and present papers.

In a clear endorsement of the successful organisation of the 18th NSA, the delegates voted three members of GZU's organising committee into their NSA Executive, Ms Tendai Magena as Vice President and Mr Sambulo Ndlovu and Mr Liketso Dube as committee members.

The 18th Names Society of Southern Africa International Conference attracted several renowned academics from the subregion who interrogated a variety of theoretical perspectives and issues about the ascribing of names to people and places among others.

In his welcome remarks, read on his behalf by the Dean of Faculty of Education Dr Andrew Chindanya, Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo said as the academic centre for culture and heritage in Zimbabwe, Great Zimbabwe University is proud to be associated with the Names Society of Southern Africa.

Professor Zvobgo said names are sources of human identity and are an important window into people's culture, heritage and past as well as reveal human emotions and relations at critical times in people's history.

Professor Zvobgo said the Names Association of Southern African was on home soil at Great Zimbabwe University for many reasons. Professor Zvobgo said onomastics forms part of the flagship research at the university. He added that GZU is one of the few universities in Africa that started offering onomastics as an academic discipline following on the efforts of onomasticians in Southern Africa.

NSA is a society dedicated to the study of names, naming, and naming systems. The general *To next page ...*

from prev page.. areas of interest of members of the society cover personal names of all sorts given names, family names, nicknames, etc. all known under the term 'anthroponyms', geographical names also known as toponyms, the use of names in literature 'literary onomastics'.

PAN AFRICAN FEEL AT VARSITY ...



The coming of students from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to learn at Great Zimbabwe University has added to rich Pan African feel at the University which already has students from Namibia, Malawi, Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Dzimbahwe Arts Festival thrills Masvingo and Mashava Communities

Hundreds of people from Masvingo and Mashava communities were on the weekend of 16-19 October 2014 treated to some exciting musical and theatrical performances when veteran and upcoming artists performed at the 7th edition of the annual Great Zimbabwe University Dzimbahwe Arts Festival.

Running under the theme; Creative Diversity and Inclusion, the 2014 edition of the Dzimbahwe Arts Festival attracted performing artists from different genres, academics from several local and regional institutions as well as lively crowds at different venues in Masvingo City and Mashava where diverse activities were staged.

As per its tradition, the Festival opened with an Academic Symposium where academics presented papers centred on arts, culture and heritage. Several papers, which included: African Philosophy and Creative Arts by Professor L.O. Ugwuanyi, a visiting Professor from Nigeria, Arts Festivals in Zimbabwe: Challenges and Opportunity in Struggling Economy by Mr D. Maphosa of Savvana Trust, Intangible Cultural Heritage and Creative Arts by Professor J. Mapara, History and Restitution in Masvingo in the 1980s by Dr G.C. Mazarire, and, The Archeology and Society by Dr Mujere were presented at the Festival. The papers stimulated exciting debates as academics and artists discussed issues related to arts, culture and heritage.

Once the academic beat was done, it was time for artists to let loose their talents. Stand-Up comedian, Clive Chigubhu had people laughing their lungs out at the Official Opening Ceremony with his witty, tongue-in-check commentary on Zimbabwe's social environment. Not to be outdone were several other artists who took to stage to entertain the packed Charles Austin Theatre. The Director of the Festival, Dr William Zivenge told the audience that it was Great Zimbabwe University's mandate to promote and preserve the country's culture and heritage. Dr Zivenge said the Dzimbahwe Arts Festival was a way by the University to celebrate culture's contribution to the development and the preservation of Zimbabwe's cultural heritage.

A new addition to the DAF programme was the Miss Dzimbahwe Contest. The contest which attracted a crowd of more than 2000 people was won by Fadzai Mubati while Chaelene Kadzunge and Monalisa Tsoro were first and second princesses respectively. Dion Cooper won the Miss Personality title. A cultural dance by Great Zimbabwe University Students from Nambia, performances by high riding musicians, Trevor Dongo, Shinsoman and Masvingo-based Alchemey kept the crowd dancing at the Miss Dzimbahwe Contest.

Veteran sungura musician, Hosea Chipanga and high-riding gospel musician, Blessing Shumba headlined the Family Fun Day segment of the festival which was held at Mashava Campus. The family show which ran the whole day attracted huge crowds.

School of Gender to address gender inequalities

Great Zimbabwe University has taken the initiative to address the gender inequalities that are prevalent in our society today by introducing the School of Gender and Cultural Studies, Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Zvobgo has said.

In his remarks at a recent Public Lecture titled "Understanding Gender within an African Context" which was presented by Professor Rudo Gaidzanwa and hosted by the School of Gender and Cultural Studies, Professor Zvobgo said literature reveals that women continue to be marginalised because of a number of factors which include; cultural and religious beliefs and practices, stereotypes and patriarchy. He said the impediments have to be addressed if gender equality is to be achieved.

The Vice Chancellor said colonialism brought changes in gender relations. During the pre-colonial or

traditional society gender roles were complimentary and resources were communally owned but colonialism changed the gender relations by according the males a superior status and women a low status. Professor Zvobgo said he finds it difficult when Western countries give prescriptions to African governments on how they should manage behavioural issues as conditions for availing aid saying Africans should have the courage to educate their children that because they are Africans they have moral obligations that they have to strictly adhere to.

He said ubuntu was central to Africans and without it (ubuntu) Africans cannot be Africans.

"They are certain things we value as Africans which may not be palatable to people from other continents. It is important to educate our children to walk in the world where they have to fight domination by other cultures. We should never doubt that we are Africans. Students therefore need to be guided to make comparative analysis of the African and Western views of gender and gender inequality. Issues such as Gender, Ethnicity, Race and Class, Sexuality; Masculinity and identity, culture, religion; Euro-centric and Afro-centric views of Gender and have to thoroughly interrogated by scholars for them to present new knowledge and more insights," said Professor Zvobgo.

In her lecture, Professor Gaidzanwa said there was confusion about what Africa is about, stands for and what happened in the past. She said all the confusion stems from the fact that issues about Africa and Africans have not been adequately explored from an African perspective by Africans themselves but by foreigners to the Africa and Africans.

Professor Gaidzanwa said there were many issues such as those of marriage, relationships, sexuality that Africans still have to come to terms which African Academics should educate people about. She said local academics should explain and make sense of African customs to the world from an African perspective.

In her remarks, the Acting Chairperson of the School of Gender and Cultural Studies, Mrs Ellen Zvobgo said Professor Gaidzanwa for launch the public lecture series by School through "an educative, insightful and valuable" lecture. She said the lecture had given insights into issues of gender and culture. Mrs Zvobgo thanked the University management and staff from the Faculty of Social Sciences for helping in the establishment of the School of Gender and Cultural Studies.



PROUDLY GZU...

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THE FIRST JOINT EDITION OF THE RESEARCH AND INTELLECTUAL EXPO-SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (RIE-SET) WEEK. THE A FOUR-DAY FAIR SHOWCASED CREATIVE ACTIVITY AND SCHOLARSHIP IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN ZIMBABWE.

Faculty of Education seeks to enhance psychomotor activities in education

The Faculty of Education is excited by the establishment of the Ministry of State for Liaising on Psychomotor Activities in Education and Vocational Training and is already in the process of finalising regulations for programmes that will train diploma holders in fields such as building, agriculture, textile technology, carpentry, metal work, as teachers.

Dr Andrew Chindanya, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, said his Faculty was eager to help the Ministry of State for Liaising on Psychomotor Activities in Education and Vocational Training deliver on its objectives by training the diploma holders from polytechnic colleges into teachers who would be able to impart their knowledge to more people and help create employment in the country.

The Ministry of State for Liaising on Psychomotor Activities in Education and Vocational Training was introduced last year to recognise and acknowledge the significance of practical skills in education.

The emphasis of the Ministry is that the primary and secondary schools should re-introduce practical subjects as a way of equipping children with practical skills that would be of use after graduating from learning centres. It is hoped that practical subjects in schools would instill valuable skills among children which they would use for creating, rather than looking for, employment.

Swaziland's Education Ministry, Varsity seek cooperation

Swaziland's Ministry of Education and Training has engaged Great Zimbabwe University's Faculty of Education to explore how the Faculty can help that country's capacity building of lecturers in special needs education and other disciplines.

Ms. Thoko Nxumalo, Director for Staff Training and Development with Swaziland's Ministry of Education and Training, spent the last week on July 2014 at Great

Zimbabwe University as a guest of the Faculty of Education familiarising herself with programmes and activities availed by the Faculty.

Ms Nxumalo said her Ministry was eager to collaborate with Great Zimbabwe University through capacity building of lecturers from her country in special needs education through research and training through short courses, undergraduate and post-graduate degree programmes. She said there was a skills gap in areas of special needs education in her country which needed to be addressed urgently.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr Andrew Chindanya assured Mrs Nxumalo that his Faculty had the

competences in the areas that her country was looking for.

"The capacity is there, the zeal is there as well," Dr Chindanya



Lecturers participate in China Conference

Two lecturers from the Faculty of Education, Dr Emily Ganga and Dr Kudzai Chinyoka flew the Great Zimbabwe University flag when they participated at the International Society for the Study of Behaviour Development (ISSBD) Biennial Meetings at Shanghai, China from July 8-12, 2014.

The lecturers travelled to China courtesy of support from Great Zimbabwe University who funded their accommodation and meals through the Research Board and a travel grant from the Jacobs Foundation, Zurich. They got the travel grant after their presentations (posters) won at ISSBD Regional Conference in Pretoria between 25-27 September 2013.

In China, the Dr Chinyoka and Dr Ganga presented their posters at the ISSBD Conference held at the Shanghai Convention and Exhibition Centre and hosted By East China Normal University. They were awarded certificates for presenting their posters.

The two lecturers attended the opening ceremony, the key address and welcome reception, symposia and



poster workshops of the ISSBD Conference. They also participated in the Pre-Conference Workshop where presentations in **Peer relations from a cross-cultural perspective**, **Family relations from a cross-cultural perspective** **Methods in Research on Public Policy and Child Development** (Emphasis was on how to effectively supervise a doctoral student), **Writing and Publishing** and **Maximizing the social impact of research**, where covered.

Dr Emily Ganga (left) and Dr Kudzai Chinyoka (right) display their posters at the International Society for the Study of Behaviour Development (ISSBD) Biennial Meeting in Shanghai, China.

STUDENT LEADERS RECEIVE TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP



The Great Zimbabwe University Student's Representative Council (SRC) went through a three-day induction programme at Fairmile Motel (Gweru) which was facilitated by the university.

The induction programme, termed The Leadership Workshop, was meant to equip the student leaders with leadership skills to assist them during their term of service.

The student leaders were accorded the opportunity to learn more about the different aspects of leadership and the University from the designated facilitators of the programme. The Dean of Students Mr Lovemore Chirobe officially opened the workshop while the then Acting Registrar Mr Innocent Chinyemba officially closed it. The presentations were based on, University Public Relations, Ubuntu/Unhu Leadership, Conflict Management, Grooming and Etiquette, University Structure, Committees and Protocol, Admissions Structure, ZIMASSET, The University Act and Ordinances, how to promote Culture and Heritage as Student Leaders and the role of the Students' Representative Council.

The SRC members applauded the initiative and promised to implement what they had learnt about leadership and other areas of governance at the workshop. They pledged to uphold the University's name and image at all times.

The induction programme ended with an excursion at the White Waters Recreation Centre where the SRC members had the opportunity to engage in various activities including horse riding and playing Volley Ball as part of recreation.

Registrar, Ms Sinikiwe Tirivanhu presents a hamper to Professor Rungano Zvobgo at the belated End of Year Party. Looking on are Deputy Registrar Human Resources and Administration, Ms Colletta Musara and Human Resources Administrative Assistants, Ms Anna Nyabvure and Ms Faith Mukaiwa.



Celebrating Our Success

Celebrations and merry-making characterised the belated 2014 End of the Year party held for Great Zimbabwe University staff.

The party was held under the theme 'Celebrating Our Success' as the Great Zimbabwe University community celebrated several personal and institutional achievements recorded in 2014.

In his remarks, Vice Chancellor Professor Rungano Jonas Zvobgo applauded all workers at the University for displaying a higher level of team work and dedication to duty throughout the year.

The Vice Chancellor said he was extremely appreciative of the support he and the management received from both teaching and non-teaching members of staff at the University. He said hosting the end of the year party was an expression of gratitude and recognition towards the collective effort workers made towards the successes achieved in 2014.

Professor Zvobgo highlighted the achievements the institution managed to achieve in the past year saying the success was a sign of hard work and commitment by the worker.

Among other achievements in 2014, the University opened two very high profile facilities, namely the Herbert Chitepo Law School and the Mashava Campus Medical Centre. It also acquired the Industrial Campus which now houses the School of Social Sciences and established the School of Gender and Cultural Studies as well as the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culture at Mucheke Campus. The University also set up its first library, located in Masvingo City. New degree programmes were introduced which include seven honours and five masters degree.

"It looks like we have been here for a long time," said Professor Zvobgo about the achievements.

Professor Zvobgo called for a unity of purpose among all workers if Great Zimbabwe University is going to maintain the high rate of growth and expansion it has experienced in the last two years. He lamented the tendency by some workers who rush to the labour courts at the smallest allusion of misunderstanding between them and the University. The Vice Chancellor encouraged all staff members to avoid litigations which stop the institution from progressing. He said the workers should pour their hearts out to the Registrar before reporting cases to labour courts.

"Let's sit down, let's as much as possible avoid litigations which financially ruin the institution. My appeal is let's not kill our institution," Professor Zvobgo said.

GZU RILE CHANCELLOR'S GAMES



Great Zimbabwe University Staff Games Team was crowned the champions of the Chancellor of Zimbabwe State Universities Staff Games (CZSUSG) after dominating in most of the twelve sporting disciplines and events. For their dominance, the GZU Team won the overall winners' trophy.

GZU, who bagged 11 gold, four silver and five bronze medals, won the overall trophy after results from all the 12 different sporting activities and events were combined. The events included chess, netball, pool, table tennis, basketball, soccer, tennis, darts, volleyball, athletics, tug of war and cultural dance.

Athletics produced the greatest medals haul for GZU as it collected seven gold, three silver and one bronze while the team collected gold medals in table tennis, tug-of-war (women), tug-of-war (men), tennis (men), a silver medal in basketball (men) and three bronze medals in pool, chess and tennis. The women's 4X100m and 4X400m relay teams totally dominated those events and won among themselves more than 10 medals in the individual events.

In affirmation to the fact that the University are the custodians of arts, culture and heritage among the local universities, GZU stole the show on the culture night with their exacerbatng performance, much to the delight and applause of the crowd.

Overall Positions

Institution	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1. GZU	11	4	5	
2. MSU	10	6	2	
3. NUST	5	7	7	
4. CUT	3	3	4	
5. LSU	3	2	5	
6. UZ	2	3	4	
7. ZOU	0	5	4	
8. BUSE	0	1	1	



GZU SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SPAR

Herbert Spencer, in one of his most famous quotable quotes said, 'Life is the continuous adjustment of internal relations to external.' In this light Great Zimbabwe University has extended its corporate relations with Spar Corporate Retail; in a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony which was held at the Great Zimbabwe University board room, the two parties signed an understanding in which SPAR Corporate Retail agreed to attach Retail Management Students for Work Related Learning in their Company. The Understanding is an experience of the desire and willingness of the Parties to work closely in support of Work Related Learning. The parties also agreed to collaborate in Work Related Learning in a bid to expose students to practical aspects of studies in Retail Marketing.

Spar went on further to promise that they will ensure that the student attaché acquires knowledge and experience from all their departments. To add on students will also be provided with uniforms so as to identify with the company. Spar also assured the university that they would provide the students on attachment with free breakfast and lunch as well as an allowance to cater for their transport and basic needs. With this MOU, GZU urges its students to concentrate on their studies and work tirelessly to ensure that they yield good results. In the same vain, the university is working frantically to source for Work Related Learning Placements in the industry so that students may complement their theory with practice and not have a tough time in securing the placements.

SPECIAL DAY Great Zimbabwe University celebrated this year's Secretaries Day by organising a training workshop for all its secretaries at a local hotel. The workshop was facilitated by Training Dynamics' Mr. Derrick Bradley and covered topics such as The Sensational Assistant, Personal Effectiveness, Interpersonal Effectiveness, Attitude and Grooming & Etiquette. All the secretaries received presents from their respective departments and sections. The Acting Pro Vice Chancellor Mr. Nyanga presented the gifts.



The Mashava Campus Directorate organized a men's forum address for male students in Mashava. This was a platform for Deans and Directors to talk to male students and advice them on the perils of university life as a male student. Hazards like alcohol and drug abuse, sex especially with older women, homosexuality and satanism were expressly advised against. The speakers on the day were Ms. Mudavanhu (Mashava Campus Director), Mr. Chapepa (AA Mines Safety, Health & Environment Manager), Dr. Zivenge (Dean of Culture & Heritage Studies) and Mr. Chirobe (Dean of Students). Dr. Zivenge told the students that all in all there were in control and have power over their choices which affects the rest of their lives. Dean Chirobe's message was that the students must think about their actions and plan accordingly and Ms Mudavanhu expressed concern over male students being sexual involved with older women which she warned was abuse. She also advised them to find someone to talk to about any problems that they may have.

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