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Innovation Hub: “Where Ideas Come To Life!”

by Mbulelo Mpofu

“Where Ideas Come To Life!” is not just a fly-by-night mantra. The 8th of November signalled the dawn of something ‘innovation’.

Thinking ‘in other terms’ is what our university thrives on and this was cemented by the newly-commissioned Innovation Hub.

During the graduation ceremony, the chancellor of the university who also happens to be His Excellency, the President of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa commissioned the Innovation Hub as a way of fostering the mentality of thinking in other terms.

Double congratulations were in order for NUST on the 8th of November as students were capped on the varsity’s 25th Graduation Ceremony and the pinnacle being the commissioning and official opening of the hub. It had been a long time coming since the majestic structure came to completion and its commission was a welcome develop to the university and the community as well.

The auspicious occasion did not disappoint in terms of attendance as scores of students and civilians alike thronged the university. The aftermath of the official opening has seen the varsity wasting no time and getting down to serious

business as the genetics department were seen executing some experiments. The architecture was not the only breath taking feature of the day but also the state-of-the-art equipment inside. The university would love to engage with other external forces to make innovation possible.

On our tour to the Innovation Hub, *NUST Today!* realised the need of a receptionist and this vacant post has to be filled soon. Currently, the offices of the Innovation hub are within the NUST TechnoPak and any information about the hub is accessible there.

The Helping Hand

by Mengezi Dube

“There are two days to note in life, the first being the day one was born and the latter the day that one realised why they were born”, are the words of Muziwenkosi Moyo, a motivational speaker/philanthropist and leader.

NUST Today! caught up with the confident young man who also happens to be the Minister of Information and Publicity at the NUST Student Representative Council (SRC) and had a chat about his impact on people’s lives. Mengezi Dube (MD) solicited information from Muziwenkosi Moyo (MM). The following is the interview:

MD: Who is Muzi and what is Muzi all about?

MM: Muzi is a young man who believes that anything is possible and anyone is capable of doing anything if they put the necessary work.

MD: The basis of our discussion today happens to be your philanthropic work and also the ‘Speech Brigade’. Tell us more about those two entities.

MM: Basically, the charity organisation that I established called; ‘The Helping Hand’ aims to reach out to the less fortunate so as to help them with their physical and emotional needs. The organisation was established in 2017 and goes way beyond dispatching food packs. We also offer what we call emotional healing and motivation talk. We visit orphanages and elderly homes to lend a hand.

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Muziwenkosi Moyo

MD: Nice, what are some of the hiccups that the organisation has faced and what mechanisms have been put in place to curb them?

MM: The major challenge that we have faced happens to be financial frailty since our economic landscape is crumbling. We are running on a shoe string budget since we are funding ourselves from our own pockets. God has been good to us though since, through our monthly subscriptions, my colleagues and I have soldiered on. The society has backed us as well through donations.

MD: How can one become a member of the organisation and how can one partner with you?

MM: It is easy, we share our contacts around and we have a next-to-nothing joining fee for the upkeep of the organisation. One can get in touch with us via our email address: muziwenkosisigidimoyo@gmail.com and our mobile phone number: +263 77 815 4101.

MD: What are the future projec-

tions for The Helping Hand?

MM: Basically, we want to grow from just a mere charity organisation to a motivational highway where we will have our own YouTube channel for motivational nuggets. We also want to grow our brand and be the best and by 2025, we aspire to achieve all of the goals.

MD: Swaying a bit from helping hand, tell us about the ‘Speech Brigade’.

MM: I was born to speak and I’m someone who has always wanted to be a referential point and arriving at NUST, where I study Journalism and Media. I ran for SRC and I’m currently the Minister of Information and Publicity. The ‘Speech Brigade’ is a brainchild of my love to speak and motivate as well since I’m also a product of someone motivating me through speech.

MD: Thank you for your time sir. Please continue with philanthropic work that you are doing.

MM: Thank you for having me.

“Igniting the fire”

Ronald Moyo (Entertainment correspondent)



From left to right: Charity Ngwenya; Tatenda Simukai & Mbulelo Mpofu.

Image credit: Tatenda Simukai (Rahj Images)

Anythin’ Goes tv is like nothing you have seen before. Taking talk shows to a whole new level is what this trio is doing. For starters, Anythin’ Goes tv is a YouTube Channel aimed at showcasing talent and discussing topical issues. Their mantra is, “Igniting the fire.” It has been the talk of town.

The show is co-hosted by Mbulelo “eMKlass” Mpofu, Tatenda “Rahj” Simukai and Charity “ChangTech” Ngwenya, all of whom are Publishing Undergraduate students at the National University of Science and Technology (NUST). Hailing from Bulawayo, Mutare and Victoria Falls, the trio has held the broadcasting and podcasting fraternity by the scruff of its neck. On one of the interviews we had with one of the hosts, Tatenda said that he got the inspiration to do the channel after his experience as a radio presenter in Mutare for Diamond FM. “Diamond FM is where it all started and after meeting up with my colleagues at school, the dream became reality.” The same sentiments were echoed as well by Mbulelo who reiterated that music, broadcasting and discussing with people was his dream.

The YouTube channel publishes content ranging from Table Talk discussions and music videos and is aiming to be the information highway at the tertiary institution. Charity, the only female host on the channel spoke of the dissemination of information not only being confined to journalists only. “The internet has been a blessing indeed for humanity and this has

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helped us to grow the Anythin’ Goes brand.” Quizzed on why the name of the brand has an apostrophe, Mbulelo talked of the trio trying to have their content being easily accessible online. “As a way of making us unique from other channels, we had to stylise our name so that we stand out”, retorted the bubbly presenter.

As part of their brand expansion, the students also have an Anythin’ Goes Podcast which is an audio complement of the YouTube channel. The podcast is run on SoundCloud, an audio hosting site. Some of the hiccups cited by the “Anythin’ Goers” as they would like to call themselves are lack of equipment to undertake their activities. They told us of how they use their mobile phones to record their vocals and visuals and this compromises sound and video quality. To access their content and to enquire more on them, #TeamAnythin’Goes left their social media handles which are Facebook (Mbulelo Emklass; Tatenda Simukai and Charity Ngwenya), Twitter (@Mbulelo49; Rahj Simukai and @ngwenya872).

Let’s continue supporting local talent and let us be interactive on Twitter, follow me @RonaldMoyo-NUST and also email me at ronaldmoyojourn@gmail.com. Let ‘s ‘think in other terms’ and render this publication a blockbuster. #NewsLikeNoOther!

By Tinotenda Gava (Sports Reporter)



Laroc holding his gold medal and trophy

Lukeout Mpala is an extraordinary talent that NUST can be proud of. A sporty individual who boasts a muscular build.

A wing/full back who has trod the rugby field with some aplomb. He plays both formats of the game, that is 7s rugby for NUST and 15s rugby for club.

Laroc, as he is affectionally known in the rugby circles plies his trade with Matabeleland Warriors.

To be a rugby player, Laroc had to go through various sporting disciplines to find his home. He started off as a footballer, then cricket, then volleyball till finally, rugby and it is because he loves working out.

He started off with Old Miltonians Club and then switched allegiance to Matabeleland Warriors. With a career spanning 4 years, he has won whatever is there to win and has made sure that NUST's flag flies high. Part of his

achievements in the game includes:

- Being the record-breaker of tries scored in one calendar year whilst he was still at Gifford High School in 2014 and helping Gifford High School beat Christian Brothers College (CBC) for the first time in their history.
 - Winning the U21 Zimbo Cup in 2016
 - Winning the National AIDS Council (NAC) Rugby Tournament in 2017
 - Breaking into the Zimbabwe National U23 side Southern Side in 2019
 - Coaching and mentoring Old Miltonians Club's U21 side in 2019
- As a parting shot, Laroc encouraged budding rugby players to be patient as success is not an event but a

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