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STUDENTS CAMPAIGN AND LEADERSHIP WAS THE BEST!

BY ALFRED SALWA

OBSERVING MZUMBE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION (MUSO) GENERAL ELECTIONS

Bachelor Degree of Business Administration in Procurement and Logistics Management

Leadership can never be separated from campaign because one will definitely do it formal in front of the mass or do it underground but with the same target of convincing others.

This was seen in the Mzumbe University Student Organization (MUSO) General Election which was conducted at December 2014

As we know, personal and organization effectiveness is proportion to the strength of leadership, MUSO constitution 2009 as ammended 2014 has clearly stated the procedures and all activities to be conducted in general elections.

This resulted to a very peaceful election, election without injunctions to the court and election with no physical violence.

The election process started after the dissolving of the SRC of 2013/2014, during the day 10 members were elected to make the MUSO election committee. This committee specifically oversee the election of the President, Vice president, Faculty and School representative and Senators. The committee after preparing and displaying its timetable the issue of forms for the applicants began. Many student showed their interest on leadership by buying the forms, filling and submitting them with courage. Though it is still a challenge to women / ladies their participation in leadership is not of such portion as men. There after the process of screening stared, but many eyes focused at the presidential post of which seven strong leaders were spotted interested.

It took the committee not less than 12 hours to screen the presidential applicants and at last, three of the top layer were presented by the committee.

One candidate from the school of business, a second year student pursuing bachelor of business administration in procurement and logistics management with a GPA of 4.4 (first class) and two candidates from school of public administration all male.

The competition was very tough due to the competence of the candidates and their historical background. A day after

the announcement of the candidates , one candidate among the two candidates of SOPAM voluntary decided to step down of the competition, this reminded me that ‘you can find smart, talented, successful people who are able to go only so far because of the limitations of their leadership’.

The camping continued in all post and this time only two giants had to compete each other for the presidency. It was a door to door, class room to class room, hostel to hostel and all possible areas campaign.

I was very focused like my opponent but members judged us from each angle , our social life, our class performance, our appearance and all that they could judge and think of. During the campaign everyone was concerned with what I as a candidate will do on several aspects if I was elected, but I was busy wondering what I will do if I wasn’t elected. This is very obviously to many candidates in todays world of politics and leadership, because many leadership campaigns are accompanied with risk (financial risk and security risk) and lot of sacrifices. For example, I had to forgone the whole one week lectures and invest the time in campaigning. We all leaders do this because ‘the hardest thing about campaign is how to win without proving that you are unworthy of wining” Adlai .F. Sterenson.

During the voting day, 2940 members participated and within them, 84 votes were invalid. The former Prime Minister of Muso wining only 1255 votes while Alfred Salwa wining 1601 votes and becoming the new MUSO President. Members cheered for the results announcement from 2200 hours to the morning. Students have a courage and hope of their democratic leaders elected.

And it is therefore the role of the leaders to fulfill what they promised and preserve the Constitution of Mzumbe University Students Organization of 2009 as ammended in 2014 and ensure students welfare is at all-time maintained and given priority.

I hope Muso will maintain this peacefully practice of election each year in a very positive way. It is in this level where great leaders are made , and so praying Muso to preserve its status as the “Treasury of Tanzanian leaders”.

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THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES INSTITUTIONS 12th - 13th MARCH, 2015

As the country strives hard to become a middle-income country by 2025, the contribution of development practitioners in this process is highly needed. In their efforts to contribute to this process, development studies scholars from various institutions in Tanzania had the first national conference of Development studies Institutions on 12th and 13th March, 2015 at Landmark Hotel, Dar es Salaam. The purpose of the conference was to discuss various development challenges facing the country and the field of development studies itself. One of the issues discussed in this historic conference was the contribution of Development Studies (DS hereafter) in the development process of our dear country, Tanzania and the world at large. As we are aware we are living in an increasingly complicated world where complex development problems call for equally sophisticated answers which are often in short supply. The question here is: can Development Studies, as we know it today, play a role in providing answers to development challenges facing our country today? Or perhaps, are we asking the right

questions to get the right answers when researching development challenges? In this 21st century characterized by knowledge-intensive development is the DS generating the right knowledge, and skills, to feed into evidence-based development policies? Are our development researches guided by the right methodologies? How effective and efficient are communication and or dissemination channels? Is Development Studies innovative enough to face the future with the kind of focus and rigour needed to secure a place in an otherwise crowded world of academics? These are some of the questions contemporary scholars of development studies are confronted with.

In recognition of these development questions, researching development was one of the key areas addressed by the conference. This is because dynamics and complexity of development process coupled with globalization call for evidenced-based development policies. It is more so for developing countries, African countries in particular, where development challenges have tended to overwhelm even well-intentioned public policies. Knowledge

becomes paramount in realizing equitable and inclusive development. In this context, therefore, researching development is an important, but often neglected, aspect of the field of development studies. It goes without saying that development scholars have an important role to play in ensuring that relevant knowledge is generated and used in the design and implementation of development policies. However, researching development can be quite problematic often complicated by the complexity and multidimensional nature of most development problems. Unfortunately, there is little critical discussion of the national development research agenda in terms of who is doing what, where, why and to what consequences or impacts.

Therefore, as development scholars and researchers we are faced with a herculean task of ensuring that DS contributes effectively in shaping and or influencing development policies. What is not clear, however, is the extent to which our research agenda on one hand and the development agenda on the other are in tandem. In other words, to what extent are our teaching and research activities are designed to inform policy processes and in turn be informed by developments in the real world of politics and development policy. As the country, region and the world at large are implementing wide range of development programmes and or policies what should be the role of development research. To what extent are we as development scholars and researchers prepared in terms of theories, methodologies and communication strategies. Given its multidisciplinary nature, is development research different from monodiscipline researches in interrogating development challenges? These are some of the issues debated and shared during the conference which at the end this group of scholars came with some ideas on how to undertake development research for the benefits of the society at large.



Dr Kijaji Elected as the first Secretary for the Development Studies Association of Tanzania

Within development studies there are few countries or places where associations exist including UK and Nordic countries. Such associations provide platforms or fora to discuss issues of mutual interest and come to common understanding of what needs to be done to advance the discipline. As far as DS is concerned this has implications not only as academic field of study but also on the common understanding of what DS is or is not. In recognition of this, one of the major outcomes of the first National Conference of Development Studies Institutions in Tanzania was the formation of the Development Studies Association of Tanzania (DSAT). One of the major aims of DSAT is to provide, among other things, an avenue for development scholars and researchers to share ideas on how best to teach DS and undertake development research and in so doing contribute more effectively in addressing development challenges. Dr Ashatu Kijaji (Director, IDS-Mzumbe University) was elected as the first secretary of DSAT. Together with Dr Kijaji, the first leadership of the DSAT comprises Dr Adalgot Komba (Director, IDS-University of Dar es Salaam) as the chairperson; and Prof. Kim Kayunze (DSI-Sokoine University of Agriculture) as the Treasurer.

THE VOICE OF YOUTH ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

BY TAYAMIKA MATTAO

A student of Mzumbe University, 2nd year pursuing a Bachelor degree of science in economic policy and planning.

Today I have an urge to speak to my fellow youth about reproductive health and its importance. Why focus youth? Well, our country (Tanzania) has a growing population of youth which includes adolescents and young people aged 1-24. This group of people is in the reproductive age which ranges from 15-49 years of age. It is therefore necessary to focus on this group of youth since they are the ones at high risk of suffering unwanted pregnancies, abortions as well as sexually transmitted infections since they are sexually active. In the efforts to provide proper education about youth reproductive health various organizations in partnership with the Ministry of health and social welfare works in Tanzania countrywide on family planning, gender health. Engender health is a non-governmental organization in Tanzania since 2003. It has several projects which care based fro family, funded by USAID, responding to the needs for family planning. Such organization focus on capacity building, training of health service providers , supply of equipment to offer long term and permanent methods of family planning , service delivery involving outreaches, policy and advocacy, addressing. Gender based violence and violence against children. Together with this, such organizations increase access to services and information about family planning and reproductive health. Such type of education is essential to be provided to youth to equip them with the knowledge that will set their minds free and help them think critically and make wise and proper decisions with issues related to sexuality. This is because, due to African culture or norms and traditions many youth fail to talk to their parents or other adults and question them about their doubts about sexuality. This leaves most youth with inadequate and false information and hence leading them to fail into the pit of endangering the lives of many girls in the reproductive age. For example it is a common question among

young unmarried people have in mind idea family planning is for married people but this in sot true. How can such young people get out and be set free from prisons that they have kept themselves into.

Who is to be blamed? Who will take care of the consequences caused by such failures? There are so many questions that we can question ourselves, in the end the answer is one – ME and YOU. We are responsible for seeking the education, acquiring it and later extending it to our fellow youth. Create awareness and help later extending it to our fellow youth. Create awareness and help reduce unwanted pregnancies and abortions. It can be done, well, as a peer educator I would like to use this opportunity to share with my fellow youth the little knowledge I have acquired about reproduction health. Family planning involves. Modern ways as well as pear educator, I would like to use this opportunity to share with my fellow youth the little knowledge I have acquired about reproductive health. Family planning involves modern ways as well as natural wand and it as neither be long-term, short-term permanent methods, Unwanted pregnancies can be avoided, abortion can be avoided. How? This is possible through family planning which involves the use of male condoms females condoms, pills hormonal implants, intra uterine contraceptive device (IUCO) and natural methods. I will try explain these methods briefly. The natural methods include the use of period calendar, citing symptoms of changes and body temperature, extensive breast feeding as well as cycle beads. These natural methods highly, require the woman to be aware of her menstrual cycle and I should be a constant one between 26-32 days. For a woman how does not have between 26-32 days. For a woman who does not have regular menses, the natural methods are not best options for her and should therefore opt for the modern ways of family planning. The modern ways include male and female condoms which are the most short term method of family planning, pills which can either be normal contraceptive pills or emergency

contraceptive pills. These pills are taken on regular basis until the time when one will decide to conceive. In the first three months some women face some minor abnormalities such as headache, swelling of breasts and nausea. These abnormalities differ among women due to normal formation. The other method is injection after every three months. In the first three months some women miss their menses while others experience a change in their menstrual cycle, weight addition, headaches and some delay to conceive and get pregnant in the first 6-12 months after stopping the use of injections. Injections do not cause cancer, they do not lead to birth of deformed children neither do they impair pregnancy not do they lead to infertility. Another modern method is the use of implants. These are tiny plastic that medically inserted in the arm beneath the skin. They induce hormones that prevent the formation of pregnancy. They work like the injection.

Other that the method above, the other method is the intra uterine contraceptive device (cooper T) this is a tiny T shaped plastic which is inserted in the cervix to prevent the formation of pregnancy. It can prevent pregnancy for 10-12year. It is advantages because it is long-term and efficient, it can be inserted 48 hrs after birth, it does not have any induced hormones and immediately after its removal a woman can get pregnant. Together with these methods there are also permanents methods which are male and female sterilization. The truth about sterilization is that, it does not affect intercourse it does not affect the menstrual cycle and it does not imply the removal of the reproductive organs. All in all it is the right of each and every youth to be equipped with reproductive health knowledge so as to avoid unwanted pregnancies, reduces the rates of abortion and helps youth to live healthy. I therefore call upon all youth in Mzumbe and Tanzania at large to create awareness and equip youth with reproductive health and help the live healthy.

“MY CHOICE, MY FUTURE”

DCC Gets **New Winning Team**



Prof. Ganka Nyamsogoro
Principal



Ms. Lucy Massoi
Deputy Principal



Prof. Shiv Tripathi
HoD- Business Studies



Dr. Coretha Komba
HoD- Administrative Studies



Prof. Honest Ngowi
HoD-Short Courses & Consultancy

Mzumbe University Dar es salaam Campus College gets a new Management, after the 73rd Mzumbe University Council appointed Prof. Ganka Nyamsogoro, to be the Campus College Principal who will serve for a three years term effective from January 2015. Before his appointment, Prof. Ganka Nyamsogoro was the Director of Mzumbe University School of Business.

Mzumbe University Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Josephat Itika has appointed Ms. Lucy Massoi, to be Deputy Principal, Prof. Shiv. Tripathi to be the Head of department of Business Studies, Dr. Coretha Komba to be Head of Department of Administrative Studies, and Prof. Honest Ngowi as the Short Course and Consultancy Head of Department.

Speaking during the New Year get together party whereby the new management was introduced to the Campus College staff, the outgoing Principal of Dar es Salaam Campus Principal Prof. Andrew Mbwambo commended the DCC staff for their support given during his term. "The team spirit demonstrated by DCC staff led successful achievements during my tenure" Prof Mbwambo also insisted that a primary purpose of the management is to promote and hold team spirit.

Speaking on behalf of the new Management, Prof. Ganka Nyamsogoro thanked outgoing management and DCC staff for their contribution which enabled the Campus College to meet institutional goals. He also insisted to uphold this team spirit to the new management.



THE TEAM SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED BY DCC STAFF LED SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENTS DURING MY TENURE

~ PROF MBWAMBO

Towards Newer and Higher Heights in Research, Short Courses and Consultancy at MUDCC

BY PROF PROSPER NGOWI

Since January 2015, the Department of Research, Short Courses and Consultancy at Mzumbe University Dar Es Salaam College Campus (MUDCC) has developed ambitious but realistic plans to move the University into newer and higher heights in the areas of research, short courses and consultancy. Among the innovative approaches towards this goal include collection of CVs from staff to build a database of competitive research and consultancy teams. Another one is sharing with the academic staff various competitive research opportunities funded by various institutions.

These include research and publication opportunities from the Senegal-based Council for Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA); Ethiopia-based Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Finland-based United Nations University (UNU); South-South Scholarships for researchers in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia; the African Tax Research Network; University of Bradford Conference

and the African Finance Journal Conference in Cape Town South Africa.

The Department is also undertaking various collaborations initiatives including preliminary discussions with the European Union (EU) Social Protection Systems Programme on possibilities of MUDCC becoming a focal point for research on its programme. There have also been renewed discussions on collaborations in short courses between MUDCC and Stellenbosch University of South Africa.

In the area of consultancy, the Department has prepared and submitted proposals for various assignments including to Water Aid (various assignments); proposal for court users' satisfaction survey for the Judiciary of Tanzania and proposal for consultancy assignment on survey of large tax payers' perception for Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA). The main next step is capacity building for the MUDCC staff for more successful participation in competitive consultancy and research bids.

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Master of Applied Economic & Business offered at Mzumbe University

The Mzumbe University has continued to aggressively pursue internationalization of its academic functions. Adding to the process, MU launched a new master programme "Master of Science in Applied Economics and Business" in knowledge partnership with CMR university of Bangalore India. The programme is being offered at the Dar es Salaam Campus College of the University.

The programme is the first one of its type in the country in terms of content, scope and stakeholders' benefits. The programme was officially inaugurated on January 16th, 2015 at Serena Hotel, in Dar es Salaam by the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, His Excellence Mr. Debnath Shaw. The course delivery has commenced in February 2015 with a total of 19 students in first cohort.

In the inaugural speech, the High

Commissioner said, "this partnership is another step in the rich history of deep rooted Indo-Tanzanian partnerships across different sectors." He noted that the programme brought a new dimension by adding the economic analysis part to the conventional business degree programmes. Stressing on the need for high quality application oriented programmes, he mentioned: "We must ensure that the programme continuously maintains both the academic rigour and practical relevance to growing Tanzanian economy,"

The Principal, MUDCC Prof. Ganka Nyamsogoro welcomed all the guests and students of the first cohort during the occasion. CMR University Vice Chancellor Dr. Anand Joshi also participated as Special Guest in the launch programme. According to the course coordinator, Prof Shiv Tripathi, the program would provide students with

rigorous economic analysis methods and tools and thus, it is differentiable from a generalized MBA program. There also would be industry collaboration to make students face and know the realities. "We will be working with industry players such as insurance companies, financial institutions and others to provide our students with real experience," He added

The course duration is 18 months: twelve months of coursework to be run in two semesters, and a minimum of six months for dissertation work.

Apart from CMR University, the Mzumbe University Dar es Salaam Campus College also collaborates with University of Bradford to offer two programs: MSc. Development Policy and Practice for Civil Society (MSc. DPPCS) and MSc. In Economic & Finance for Development (MSc. E&F)

Five storey building increased number of international collaborations

The contraction of five storey building within the Mzumbe University Dar es salaam Campus College contributed the university to increase number of collaboration programs between the University and other international university includes Bradford University and CMR University of Bangalore India. The Mzumbe University Acting Vice chancellor noted that when resented a Campus report to the Member of the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) visited Dar es Salaam College on March 3rd 2015.

He said, this construction of five new storey building has strengthened cooperation with foreign universities, so far, we collaborate with Bradford university to offer two distinct masters degrees, likewise this year we have initiated a mutual alliance with CMR University of India to offer masters of science in applied economics and business.

Professor Itika noted that the University has a strategy to engage actively in utilization of emerging economic opportunities, and

it has already encouraged the stakeholders to participate in pursuing some courses necessary in gas and minerals sectors, he mentioned courses such as strategic negotiations in natural resource contracts, accountancy and finance in gas and oil, gas and oil law as well as initiating, organizing and running of big scale projects.

Moreover he has urged the parliament audit committee to support the endeavor of the University by convincing the government and other donors to finance the construction of more classes in three plots bought by the University.

Speaking after receive campus report, inspecting a five storey building and three plots bought by institution at the varsity's Dar es Salaam Campus. The Acting Chairperson of the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Mr Aden Rage commended for its efforts to ensure many Tanzanians get access to institutions of higher learning. He advised the University Council to expedite development of the three

plots valued at for the benefit of the country.

Mr Rage said information that the building met required standards was good and that it would help in admitting more students, hence supporting the nation's objective of expanding higher learning to as many citizens as possible.

The university decided to utilize the once open space plot No 941/2 for building the five storey building which has three lecture theatres, two executive offices for principal and deputy principal, conference room and two wings libraries equipped with wireless internet connectivity has been erected at a loan cost of 2.1bn/- from CRDB.

Before the construction of the five storey building the Campus College was rent class rooms at Msimbazi center were by some students were allocated at Msimbazi center, the building helped the varsity to have a capacity to admit 1,000 students, up from 600 earlier.

MUSO GET NEW LEADERSHIP

Mzumbe University Students Organization at Dar es Salaam Campus College (MUSO-DCC) welcomed new leadership on 21st January, 2015 after a daylong, campus-wide election extravaganza. The organization welcomed in several newly elected students' representatives including Mr. John Muruga who was elected student body President, and Ms. Maimuna Dumba was elected student body vice President. The post of the Prime Minister was taken by Mr. Uswege Ibrahim.

Speaking after they were sworn in, the new President promised students that his government will jointly work together with the University management in improving the provision of various services at the University. For instance, Mr. Muruga said that his government will ensure that from now on students get reports as soon as possible so that they are able to encounter any problem that it may arise in their day to day student life.

He noted that students need to follow rules and procedures whenever they needed to demand for their rights, since they are very necessary steps in any move they want to make. He cited the regulations governing examinations need to be properly followed so that students do not go against the law.

He reminded students that doing examinations is part of the reason why they were at the university; therefore they are obliged to study hard and follow rules and procedures adhered by the University for their ultimate success.

On his part the dean of Student Dr. Feksi Mtey congratulated the newly elected leaders for being elected in a fair and free election, and urged them to work together whenever they wanted to reach to a certain decision they should make sure that the whole cabinet reach consensus before they take matters to the top management of the University

Dr. Mtey also asked students to make sure that they study hard so that when they

finish their studies they become good ambassadors of the University. MUSO leadership should be the bridge between students and the University management in order for both parties to reach mutual goals. He also encouraged the new leaders to observe the MUSO 2009 by-law in their daily undertaking.

Meanwhile the outgoing President Mr. Benedicto Mabula on behalf of his government thanked students for the support they showed him during the whole period of his leadership. He said his government stood to make sure that students rights to receive better education, and follow university rules and regulations. He challenged the new leadership to make good use of the organization fund through following the student body's constitution.

My Mzumbe University Dream

My name is Edwin M. Chao, it's a privilege to write in the Mzumbe University (MU) alumni newsletter. I completed my degree course in Health System Management (HSM) in 2009-2012, a class of 126 plus in class, it was a hard journey that being said there is no river that goes straight without meandering to reach to the end is tough.

My dream was to always come to study at Mzumbe University, there is something different about MU from other Universities. Though everyone must pass through some difficulties in life as students, I never gave up with the courage from my family, friends and colleagues. I really learnt from my late father Prof Mathew Chao who taught me to never give up and to keep on reading because every day there's something new to learn, my mother Mrs Chao and Dr Chao for their

support. Therefore I really indulged in the course. God bless the team that set down and created the course. Life on campus was wonderful; the one thing I enjoyed was meeting different people from Tanzania and other parts of the country.

During my studies at MU, I observed a few issues that were of a challenge and needed to be implemented by the university, firstly increase of on-campus dormitories, and most importantly water problems, like. Every year the intake of students increases, hence it is vital to have more on campus dormitories. In regards to water problems, I am of the view that one source of water cannot be heavily relied on, perhaps if the university constructs wells, it may just reduce shortage of water that's depend from the mountains. During my time there I also observed that the hospital system was not so good, so I

advice, (if it has not been implemented) that new system needs be placed for better monitoring of services. Lastly I also advice that a recreational center be built, by the university, this will allow the students to refresh after classes or studying and will certainly keep them from harm, such as drugs.

HSM course from the university gave me an opportunity to be employed under the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Gairo District Morogoro. From the course I have been able to apply what I learned, such as Strategic Management (taught by Mr Simime) Economic Health (taught by Dr E. Kihombo) and Organizational Behavior (by Mr Nyaruba) and applying it in my working environment. Hopefully I will return again to study Masters Program in Health Management in the near future.

Mzumbe University made me a better person

My name is Josph Mbago. I do not even know where or how to begin, but Mzumbe University (MU) is like my home, starting way down at first degree level and then my post graduate degree. Without doubt, my most challenging studies were at first degree, I can recall the first time being out there alone, as I had never gone to a boarding school. The first year was great but not as sweet as the last year, being a senior. All in all, the lecturers prepared me a lot, especially in interview aspects. The presentations prepared me a lot, to not be afraid and to speak out, "No one is ever wrong". The class 2007- BBA Marketing class, I really have no words to say, all the of the Lecturers from BDS (Business Development Studies) were superb. From my perspective they prepared us for the real world.

After a year and a half after completing my first degree, I applied for a master's program. Though by profession, I am a sales and distribution officer. After receiving my masters degree in cooperate management, it really changed my life, it made me become a better supervisor, trainer, a great listener and to cope with different people in working environment and beyond. The master's

program taught me, that I can manage my own business if I wished to own. Apart from that, a Prof Shiva once told me that as a owner of a business or manager, "when presenting to make sure because people have confidence in you, sometimes you have to humor others". That saying, nobody is always perfect but as teamwork an organization can grow and prosper.

I am sure a lot has changed at Mzumbe since I finished my studies. There are so many accomplishments that I have read in the newspapers and online; One being that MU has expanded infrastructure on Main Campus and Campus Colleges, through raising funds to build more dormitories and classes.

I am sure there are more than 800,000 plus students who have finished from Mzumbe, since even becoming a University (when it was Institute of Development Management

IDM- Mzumbe), That being said, perhaps the university can create and publicize an alumni for us, where we can also donate at least a minimum of 10,000-20,000 shillings, I am sure by donating this amount we can better Mzumbe University for the future younger generation who will excel. In addition I hope that the University can publicize more, about the students' alumni, on television, radio, newspapers and social media.

Last but certainly not least I give out all credit to everyone there, from the top management to the bottom management. Back in my day we had no internet in the dormitories nor the so called Wi-Fi, which I hear nowadays is available, and there are many ups and downs to providing this service, my one contribution would be that the University outsources the service to company that will be able to provide the service at best affordable rate that can be included in the students fees, so that even those students off-campus can access and surf the net utilizing academic literature. Also it would not be bad if outsiders too can have access, for instance if someone is coming for a seminar or training and wishes to access the net, just to go and pay and with a click, do work needed.

I HOPE THAT THE UNIVERSITY CAN PUBLICIZE MORE, ABOUT THE STUDENTS' ALUMNI

Mzumbe University **made me a better person**

My name is Emael Mrema, I am Tanzanian, and I am glad to be a part of the Alumnae of Mzumbe University. By profession, I am an accountant who graduated from Mzumbe University with a Bachelor in Business Accounting and Finance in 2009. My experiences at Mzumbe University have been elevating. I first attended Mzumbe University back in September 2006, after having studied abroad in a Pacific country called Papua New Guinea most of my life. Coming back home to Tanzania, having to study at an African University (one of the best in East Africa I might add) was new, yet exciting and a little nerve racking. I chose to be an accountant because I basically loved working with numbers from the early age of 9 years old. Also, it's the ultimate career choice where your future is guaranteed in being able to work in any industry. Most, if not all registered companies in Tanzania (and all over the world) are subject to the being accountable and transparent in keeping their financial records, hence the need of an accountant. My educational journey at Mzumbe university was challenging at

first (mainly due to language barriers, I had difficulties in learning the Swahili language) but, on the whole Mzumbe University has a comfortable environment, friendly students and concerned Lecturers whose main goal is to give their students quality higher learning education. Mzumbe's academic and non academic staffs want their students to withstand and hold their own in the local and international job market. I am so grateful to God almighty for the many opportunities that studying at Mzumbe University has given me as of now, including the fact that I was a recipient of a two year international scholarship for a postgraduate degree in Lugano, Switzerland. Let me encourage prospective and current students who are thinking of or are attending Mzumbe University, to keep striving to meet their full potential, by making use of all the amazing educational resources that Mzumbe University has to offer. I wish each person the very best and I want to encourage you to select Mzumbe University as your number one University choice in Tanzania.

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO GOD ALMIGHTY FOR THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT STUDYING AT MZUMBE UNIVERSITY HAS GIVEN ME AS OF NOW, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT I WAS A RECIPIENT OF A TWO YEAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR A POSTGRADUATE DEGREE IN LUGANO, SWITZERLAND.

Strong values from **Mzumbe University**

BY THOMAS OKELLO ATITO

I am more than proud to be an alumna of Mzumbe University. The University imparted in me strong academic and professional values which have been very useful in my legal profession to date. I joined Mzumbe at certificate level in 2003/2004 and subsequently proceeded to degree after incredible performance through the help of my able lecturers.

The professional skills that I was taught at Mzumbe, have sustained me in my work place in one of the leading law firm in Tanzania that is REX Attorneys providing legal services to different clienteles and currently Unilever Tea Tanzania, a global

company. The approach of mixing academic and practical as methodology of training that Mzumbe is known for, personally equipped me to face business world which is solution oriented.

The learning environment is very conducive albeit with challenges which are common to any learning environment in the world. The legal world is changing very fast as such practical training for student should also change to meet these demands. I am more than happy and available to come and visit and share some of practical needs of business world.

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MU STAFF PARTICIPATE IN OBAMAS' MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

Mr. Aloyce Gervas who is working at Mzumbe University as the Assistant Lecture-International Management and the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Mzumbe University was appointed among other few Young Leaders in Africa to participate in the Prestigious Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders (YALI) in the United States of America. He was selected under Public Management Track and was based at Florida International University, Miami for five weeks before travelling to Washington DC in a Presidential summit organized by the President of the United States of America.

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders is the new flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). President Obama launched YALI in 2010 to support young African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. The MW Fellowship, which began in 2014, have been sending potential young leaders who have proved exemplary leadership potentials, community service, civic engagement and visionary minds to the United States each year for academic coursework and leadership training and will create unique opportunities in Africa for

Fellows to put new skills to practical use in leading organizations, communities, and countries.

Mr. Aloyce travelled to the United States for seven weeks. He had a unique opportunity to meet President Obama in person at the summit in Washington DC where together with other leaders they discussed different issues pertaining to the African Continent and Tanzania in particular with other senior officials of the US government.

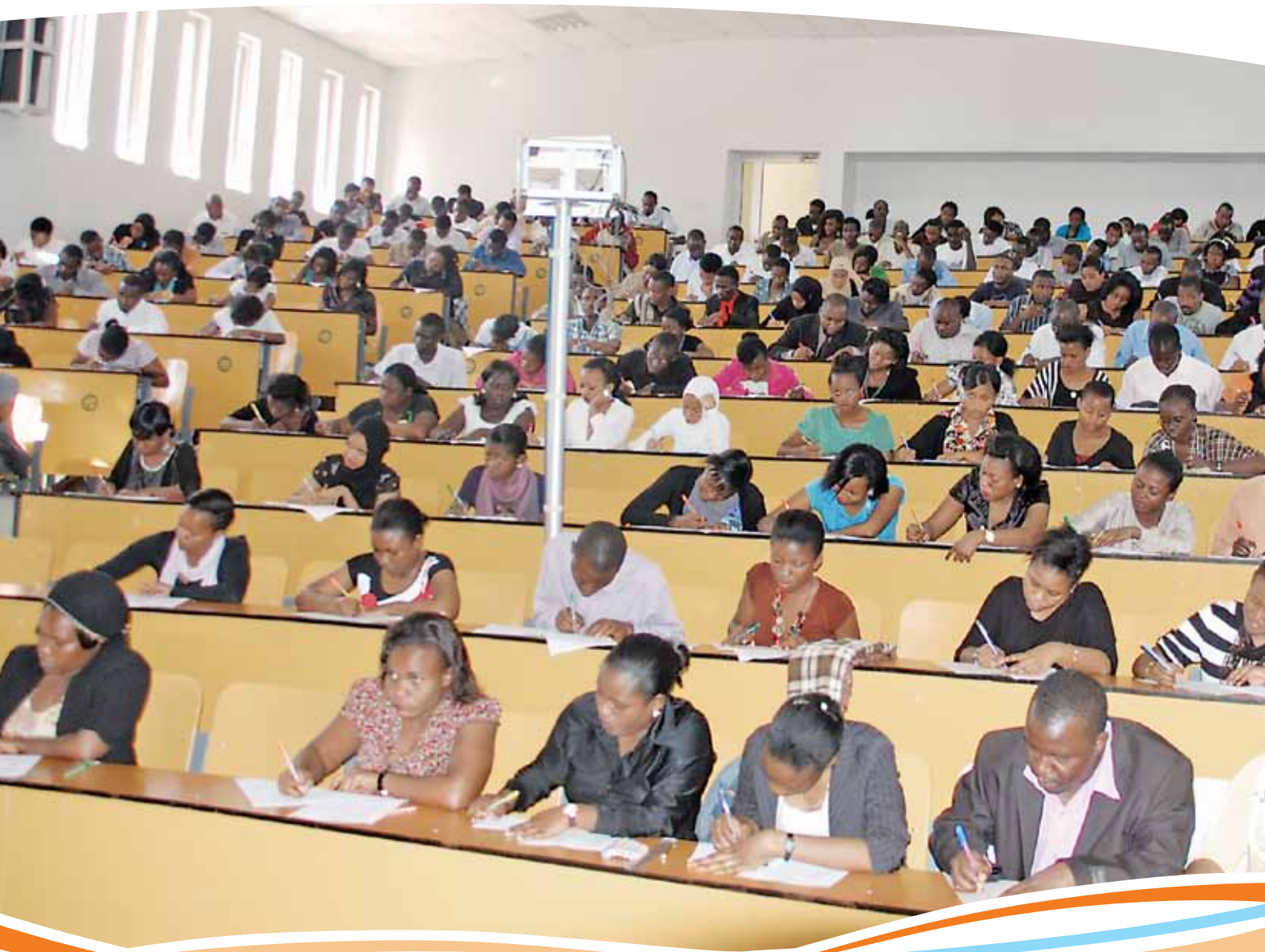
Mr. Aloyce has over seven years of experience as a young leader from students, community and professional organizations in senior positions. He has extensive skills in leadership and management in both corporate and social sectors. He also works with the community through youth organizations focusing on unleashing the potentials of young people, provision of opportunity for young people to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal and community development, addressing physical and social needs of the communities, and to promote better relations between all people through a framework of friendship and service. He is the Past Country Chair (Tanzania) for Rotaract International Club, Charter & Past President of Rotaract Club of Mzumbe University, Past President of Youth of the United Nations Association and he is now the Secretary



General of Rotary International, Morogoro Central Club. Mr. Aloyce has a Master of Science in International Management Degree from the University of Nottingham. Upon completion of the MWF, Aloyce plans to continue his work in research, public and community development projects.

It is a privilege and honor to Mzumbe University and the entire Mzumbe community commends him for a deserved appointment to such a program.





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