Three members from the Tourism and Hospitality department Mr. O. Chikuta, Mr. C. Njerekai and Miss T. Chibaya attended a training program under the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) that was held at the Rainbow Towers in Harare. The program ran under the theme: “Train the Trainer Program”.

This highly powered training program was jointly organized by the Ministry of Tourism and the Zimbabwe Tourism Authority. The program was officially opened by the Minister of Tourism Cde Walter Mzembi and the program’s facilitators all came from the THEMIS Foundation which is the UNWTO Operational Instrument for Education and Training.

Only two African countries participated in this event: Angola and Zimbabwe. Participants were trained in the areas of tour guiding, front desk and restaurant services.

The Faculty of Law confirmed that a team of two MSU students and a patron departed for Washington DC to participate in JESSUP International Law Moot Court competition. The students Thompson Chengeta and Emma Chitova both level 5.2 students will take part in the international law moot competition while Mr A. Takawira will be a judge in this competition.

The Executive Dean of Law further explained that only four African Universities including Midlands State University will take part in these Jessup International Law Moot court competitions. The competition will run from the 21st to the 28th of March 2010. We wish the trio all the best as they continue to raise the Zimbabwe and MSU flags high.
The Human Resource section has officially announced the appointment of new following people to the following posts Sub-librarian, Director Research and Post-Graduate studies, Director, Cleaning Services and Student Development Fellow with effect from the 1st of March 2010.

Mr E. Tisikani joins the Midlands State University as Sub-librarian with effect from the 1st of April 2010. MSU will benefit from his wealth of experience from the University of Zimbabwe.

Ms F. Takura was appointed substantive Director of Cleaning Services. She joined MSU in 2000 as a Janitor in the department of Student Affairs and was promoted to become a full time Warden, then Acting Director of Residences in 2004 respectively. In 2009 she became the Acting Director of Cleaning Services until the 1st of March 2010 when she was confirmed substantive Director.

Mr I. Chaka who joined substantive student development fellow.

Dr D.Z. Moyo was appointed substantive Director Research and Post-Graduate Studies where she was acting since the 1st of June 2009. Dr D.Z. Moyo joined the University in 2000 as a Senior Lecturer in the department of Biological Sciences. She continues to offer lectures on a part time basis in the same department. Meanwhile Mr C.N Gwatidzo of the faculty of Social Sciences and Mr A. Chawanda of the Faculty of Science and Technology had their contracts extended until March 2013.

The department of History and International Studies received a boost of two new lecturers Dr J. Matunhu and Dr M. Chingono. The department of Communication Studies appointed Mrs F. Greent while Mr Moyo has been appointed acting Chairperson of the Theology and Religious Studies department.

Mr Nyamutowa also joined the faculty of Natural Resource Management and Agriculture to spearhead the formation of the Agricultural Economics. Mr J.T. Rugare and Ms J. Mwazi were appointed teaching assistants in the department of Agronomy.

The MSU Vice Chancellor and staff welcome them and wish them a pleasant and rewarding stay at MSU.

The Deputy Director-ITS Ms M. Mativenga confirmed that the University recently acquired about five hundred brand new computers from International Computer Aid.

The computers have been since distributed to various offices to assist in the University operations. However, the greatest beneficiaries are the students who have had the library boosted as well as the AVU lab and the Hellenics Hall which now has more than two hundred and fifty brand new computers available for research to both students and staff.

A new dean Mr Gift Manyatera was recently appointed to head the Faculty of Law.

The Dean is a holder of a Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree (LLBS) from the University of Zimbabwe, an Intellectual Property Law Masters (LLM cum laude) from the University of Turin, Italy in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland and a Master of Science in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance (MSc CLEF) from the International University College of Turin.

He has been specializing in all aspects of intellectual property, such as patent and trademark prosecution, drafting of legal contracts, negotiating, licensing and franchising agreements, property transfers, designing corporate strategies and carrying out consultancy and researches in various fields of Intellectual Property Law for a number of prominent International Corporations.

He has worked in various capacities. He started off his career in the Attorney General’s Office as a State lawyer and then moved into private practice where he eventually became a partner with Makosane and Partners Legal Practitioners. He has also worked with the United Nations Inter-regional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in its Security Governance and Counter Terrorism Laboratory in Lucca, Italy.
THE SHOW IN PROGRESS

The MSU Music Society in conjunction with the department of Music and Musicology is holding talent shows popularly known as “Face the Microphone”, every lunch hour from the 18 of February to the 10th of April 2010.

The show intends to give the students an opportunity to be able to manage events at a larger scale, to market the department, to give the community an opportunity to learn more about music and to remove the misconceptions surrounding the music degree programme.

The first four weeks of the show were dedicated to auditions to identify individuals who will compete in the quarter, semi finals and final competitions.

The winners will have an opportunity to attend a one day workshop that will focus on nurturing the talent, voice training and procedures of recording.

Mr Mutemererwa who is the patron of the Music Society, indicated that the society is appealing for funds for prizes winners and to screen the shows on international and local television.

THE SHOW IN PROGRESS

The Archaeology department tours Nyanga Ancient Ruins

The Archaeology department toured Nyanga Ancient Ruins in Manicaland Province on the 19th of March 2010.

The tour to Nyanga was a familiarization tour for the first year students in the department which was aimed at enhancing students understanding of cultural sites and conditional assessment of cultural heritage property and documentation of such cultural property.

The delegation which was led by Ms F.Chaterera, who is the field trip co-ordinator, and other staff members from the department, passed through Utopia House, a historical building which is located in the city of Mutare and the Museum Antiquities and Transport in Mutare.

The department is also planning to have another trip to Chimoio in Mozambique sometime in April 2010 to visit one of the historical sites which has strong memories for all Zimbabweans.

Some of the students that attended the tour

The trip was an eye opener to both students and staff members on the cultural heritage of Zimbabwe.
Every healthy person has a strong body defense system, to defend the body against diseases. The white cells (lymphocytes) play an important role in this.

CD4 cells is a special type of lymphocytes with a marker on its surface called CD4 HIV mostly affect these cells. CD4 helps to show how much of your defense system is still working. When an individual gets infected with the HIV/AIDS the virus will start to attack the immune system.

During the first years, the immune system, although weakened by the virus, still functions well. The infected person will have no symptoms or will have minor symptoms of HIV eg skin disease, a little loss of weight and repeated sinusitis (flulike symptoms). A lot of people at this stage do not know they are HIV positive.

After several years, the individual’s immune system becomes weaker and more vulnerable to diseases that it could fight before. These disease are called opportunistic infections because they take advantage of the weakened immune system.

Usually it takes 7-10 years after infection before the person becomes very sick, if s/he is not taking antiretroviral therapy (ART)

Opportunistic infections are infections that develop as a result of damage to the immune system and they take advantage of the opportunity provided by the weakened immune system. Infections tend to appear at predictable stages of immune deterioration.

Opportunistic infections are significant causes of morbidity and mortality in HIV infected individuals. Opportunistic infections can be prevented by:

- Early identification of HIV infections
- Early enrolment into HIV programmes with close monitoring for clinical progression
- Timely initiation into anti-retroviral treatment.
- The risk of the HIV positive patient developing some opportunistic infections can be reduced by giving tablets on a daily basis. This is called prophylaxis.

A good prophylaxis is not expensive, or complicated but can increase the duration and quality of life. The most commonly used prophylaxis is cotrimoxazole and it reduces the risk of developing the following opportunistic infections:

- Pneumocystic pneumonia (PSP) (which used to be called pneumocystic carinii or pneumocystic jiroveci)
- Toxoplasma brain abscess
- Isospora belli organism which causes chronic diarrhea and weight loss
- Salmonella species
The MSU Fundraising Committee was officially launched on the 19th of March 2010 at the Senga Training Centre amid. Prominent business persons in and around the Midlands came to witness the event and made pledges in cash and kind towards the goals of the committee. The committee has been mandated to spearhead the fundraising activities that are aimed at ensuring the completion of the administration block and embark on new construction projects. Among the priority areas are the student halls of residence, the faculties of Commerce, the Law and Library.

The occasion was graced by prominent businessmen in and around the Midlands Province and some member of MSU staff. The Vice Chancellor took opportunity to introduce to the guests the fundraising patrons, Hon Mrs S.M. Holland (Minister of State for National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration) and Hon E.D. Mnangagwa (the Minister of Defense) who took the guest down the memory lane as they recounted their wartime escapades. The two demonstrated the importance of unity of purpose, reconciliation and working together for both of them displayed that though they belong to opposite sides of the political pendulum, they both had national interests at heart.

The fundraising committee managed to garner $34,450 in pledges, seven tones of cement and ten cases of mineral water for the next four fundraising activities. They also received $3580, and R100 in cash towards fundraising activities and $800 was donated to the MSU Music and Musicology Band.

The patrons pledged to twin the University with Universities in Australia, the UK, New Zealand and America as well as sourcing for assistance from the Chinese through the Look East Policy which would see the construction of the block and other construction works through.

The following people comprise the fundraising committee: Mr. C.N. Gwatidzo, who is the chairman, Mr. G. Moyo, Mr. G. T. Gurira, Mr. A. Johnson, Ms P. Siwadi, Mr. C. Chiduwa, Mr. P. Muringani, Mr. E. Size, Dr C. Msipa, Mrs. I. Mangoma, Mrs N. P. Macheka, Mrs V. Matunhu, Mr. L.T. Kanengoni, Mr. S. Mupemhi, Mr. R. Duve, Mr E. Mupfiga and Mr. P. Kutyaurip0.

The MSU fundraising committee would like to thank all the people who extended their hands towards the completion of the Admin Block.
COCCIDIOSIS.

This week we will talk of diseases that affect rabbits. This is a disease which is often fatal in rabbits. It is caused by a protozoa known as coccidian which is of the Eimeria species. It mainly affects the liver or intestines.

Symptoms

Normally seen 4-6 days after infection.
Rabbit seats huddled up
There is anorexia
Emaciation
Pot belly
If not treated death occurs

Treatment

Sulphamethazine (sulphur drug) that can be used to control secondary infection.
Coccidiostate drugs are also used

Prevention

Avoid overcrowding and wetness
Practice strict hygiene.
Preventative Drugs can also be used

MSU STUDENTS IN FATAL ACCIDENT WHICH KILLED ONE ON THE SPORT

A road accident that occurred 10km away from Mvuma to Gweru claimed a first year female student from the faculty of Commerce. Nancy Shingai Musasa who was the third daughter of the MSU former Bursar Mr L Musasa died on the spot after a car they were travelling in burst a tyre and over turned. She was buried on the 30th of March 2010 at her rural home in Zvishavane. Nancy was 20 years old and pursuing her honours degree in Marketing Management.

Members of staff who include the Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Rungano Zvobgo, The Registrar Mr E.Mupfiga, the Librarian Mrs Macheka, the Bursar Mr P.Kutyauripo, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor Mrs I.Mangoma, the Deputy Registrar Mrs V.Chirasha, representatives from the Faculty of Education, Commerce and the Division of Student Affairs went to Zvishavane to pay their last respect to Nancy Musasa. Over fifty students also attended the funeral.

The MSU Council, Senate, staff and students express their heartfelt condolence to the Musasa family. May her Soul Rest in Peace.

Condolence messages

The MSU community wishes to pass its heartfelt condolences to the members of staff who have lost one of their beloved.
The following members of staff Mr and Mrs Matsa for the loss of their child, Ms T.Dzumbunu for the loss of her daughter, Ms N.Moyo for the loss of her husband.
Mr Killian Parazi of the catering services also passed away on 3 April 2010 and was buried on the 5th of April at his rural home in Chirumanzu.
May the soul of the departed rest in eternal peace.