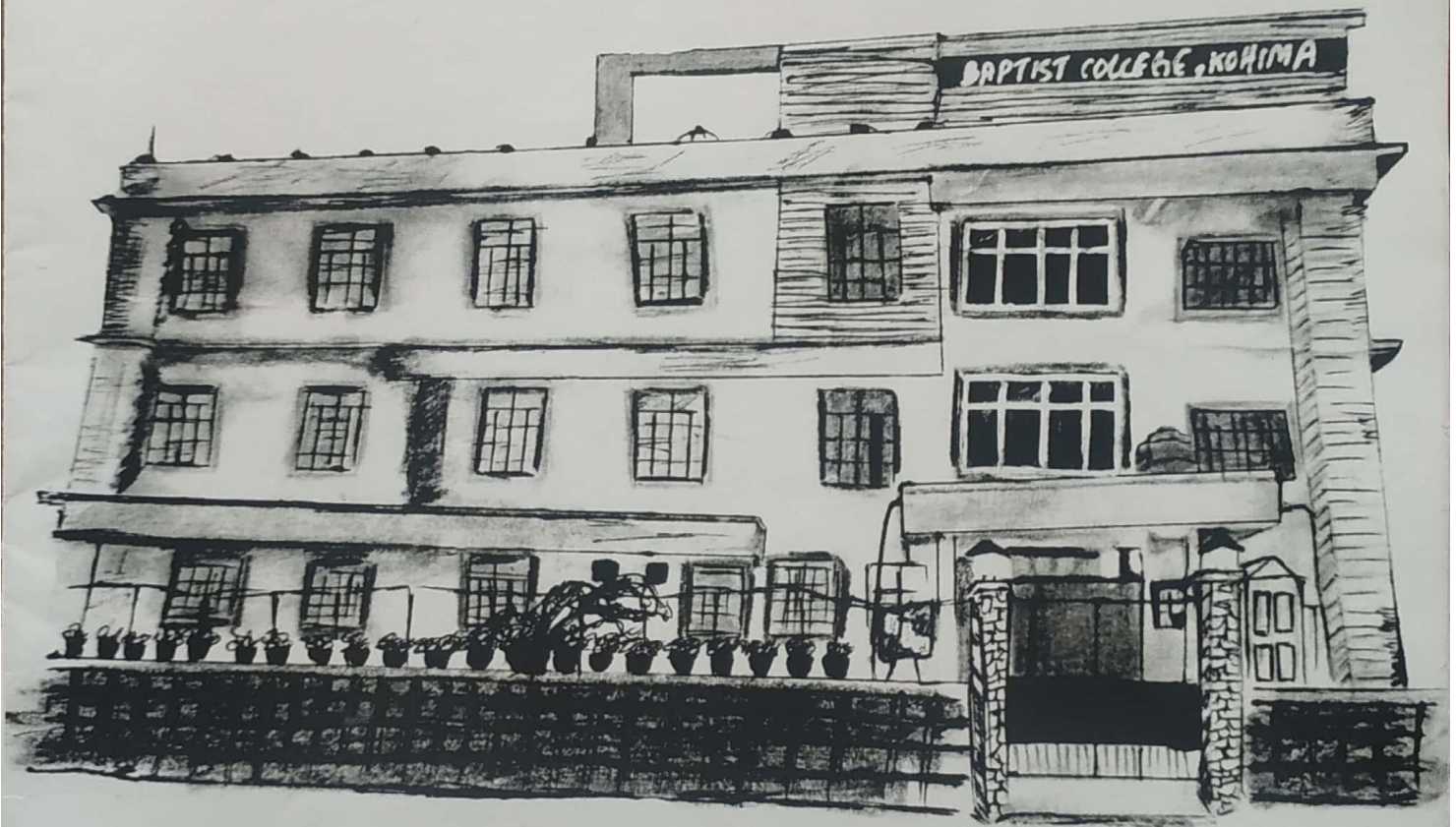


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Congratulations:

- 1) To Ms. Neikienuo Kense, 4th Semester on being elected to the Student Council as the Vice President .
- 2) To Mr. Pfütsükote Ketsu Koza, 2nd Semester on being elected to the Student Council as the Information and Publicity Secretary.
- 3) To Ms. Chimshe Lam, 4th Semester for winning the first position, Voice Of Zoommax, 2022.
- 4) To Mr. Chubanungba Imsong, 2nd Semester for winning the most coveted title of Mr Zoommax, 2022 and title of Mr. Creativity.
- 5) To Ms. Diezenuo Chüzho, 2nd Semester for winning the most coveted title of Miss Zoommax, 2022 1st Runners Up and title of Miss Ramp Walk.



Neikienuo Kense



Pfütsükote Ketsu Koza



Chimshe Lam



Diezenuo Chüzho
&
Chubanungba Imsong

A Chat with Dr. Isenbeni



- When did you take up teaching as your profession in Baptist College? Was it your first choice?
-I took up teaching in the college in the month of June, 2005. Initially I was on contract, then I appeared interview in 2006 and got selected to a permanent post. . Yes, teaching was always my first choice.

- What are the things you have learned from your students?
-Through the years there have been quite a lot that I have learned. In the course of my interaction with different type of students, something significant which I have learned is that it is important to make space for opinions, that it is necessary to allow sharing of reasonable insights and understand relevant problems instead of arriving at conclusions and pronouncing condemnation based on external behaviour.

- How do you feel when your students get good marks in your subject?
-I feel great, it motivates me to do better and I feel rewarded. But on the other hand, I also think of those who score less or barely manage to pass and I wish such students would make an effort to do better.
- What is it that you like in your students?
-Their confidence, energy and the cooperation and enthusiasm in taking up responsibilities when assigned. I also feel really good and happy when they approach me with trust and confidence hoping that I might have a solution to their problems.
- Have you ever resisted the urge to literally beat the snot out of a student?
-No. I believe a proper approach is necessary even when disciplining is required.
- What are your Hobbies?
-My Hobbies are gardening, playing guitar and singing.
- One of your favourite quotes.
-"All seasons are beautiful for the person who carries happiness within."
- One of your favourite Bible Verses.
-"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46: 10

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION



Dr. Sentinaro was invited as a judge in the MYKI Fest-cum-International Women's day 2021-2022 on the 8th of March, 2022, at Sakhrie Park, Upper AG colony. The program was held from 10am-1:30pm. The competition was judged in the category of Prepared Speech on the theme: "Women Empowerment vis-à-vis Government Policies, Customary Laws, Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment".

- > Mentor-mentee programme was initiated for 6th semesters .
- > Dr. Sentinaro, Sir Kenivi Yhoshü and Miss Asola Jamir along with four students from the Department -Alikali Chishi, Chutatu Thurr, Mulekhoyi Keyho and Vizohunuo Sanchu attended the Ceremony to Felicitate the Winners of Governor's Award 2022 in the fields of CREATING SOCIAL AWARENESS on CONSERVATION of ENVIRONMENT and PROTECTION, CREATING SOCIAL IMPACT and AWARENESS on PREVAILING SOCIAL ILLS and its AMELIORATION & State Level ESSAY COMPETITION Winners held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on March 17, 2022.
- > One day workshop on writing short stories was held under the title, "Reimagining Little Stories" with Mr. Lhütü Keyho as the speaker. The workshop was organised by the department of English in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), held at Rivenburgs Chapel Hall on 26th of April, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.
- > The Department of English in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assessment Cell, Baptist College, Kohima, organised a virtual discourse namely, "Authors Talk" on 29 November, 2021 at 4:00 P.m. in the online platform Zoom. The event was chaired by Dr Sentinaro, Head of Department English. Mr. Sentilong Ozukum, civil servant, motivational speaker and writer, was the speaker. He spoke on the topic, "Silent Scream: Gender Issues in Naga Society."

6th SEMESTER ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OUTING TO TUOPHEMA VILLAGE

On 12th March, 2022, the 6th semester students of English department along with the lecturers went for an outing to Tuophema Tourist Village. On arrival we visited the Resort and then proceeded towards the Watch Tower and the Museum. After which, a short program was held in the village ground.

The program started with God's blessing by Ms. Sotsula A. Yimchunger followed by a special appearance from the *Hajmolas* featuring Mr. Alumdi Sangtam and Mr. Thejongozo Theyo, followed by a performance from Mr. Alumdi Sangtam. After which all the students were given a short time to share their experiences in the College.



Dr. Tsenbeni, Assistant Professor entertained the students with her beautiful song and words of encouragement. It was followed by words of encouragement from Dr. Sentinaro, HOD and Ms. Asola C. Jamir, Assistant Professor, English department. Towards the end of the program, Mr. Kenivi Yoshü, Assistant Professor surprised the students by singing his original which encouraged the students to always look at the bright side of life no matter what. The program ended successfully, followed by lunch.

After food, the lecturers along with the students had a recreational time playing games. Overall, the program was filled with joy and we created so many memories which will never be forgotten.

-Ms. Heurangwamlie Diswang
6th Semester

MESSAGE FROM THE HOD TO THE OUTGOING STUDENTS



Dear students of 2022, as the curtain comes down, drawing an end of your acting career as “Catherines” and “Earnshaws”, you are now on your own to roam the moorlands, open to all the naked elements of nature. As you tread on the road of 'freedom', that the moorlands represent, may the frost, wind, rain and sunshine be your companions as you battle with life's impediments. Love and pain are inextricably linked, so when you face failures and success alike, remember the saying, “You win some. You lose most.” Not only that, when you graduate and step into the real world, you won't have a syllabus or an academic calendar that tells you exactly what you can expect for every day of the year. That's a big deal. That fact alone is why you're going to fail a lot at first. Just remember it's a learning experience, and the more you practice, the more you'll succeed. Keep an open mind, and learn to say “no” to Naysayers. You don't need many, “ you only need one yes.” I hope you find that one “yes,” and learn to embrace all that comes with it. I wish you all, life's greatest joy as you embark on your new journey. An ending is never truly an ending. It ushers in

a new beginning. On this note, I bless you with the thoughts, in the words of Martin Luther King, “We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.” Fare well, my drama kings and queens!

Best wishes,
Dr. Sentinaro, HOD

Believe in yourself and never give up



Kelhoudeno Vimero
 4th Semester

Everyone fails to do their duties once in a while. We make mistakes, we try to even push ourselves down, we even push our friends down as well. Not all of us are perfect, we don't see the potentials of our friends, even our family members fail to see the positive side of us. We just push each other down by our own mistake and misunderstanding with other. A time we think that we don't have the chance like others, and we keep saying, “I wish I have his/ her life style, wish I was in his/ her place.” Most of us think that way, but we should accept ourselves because not many people follow their dreams and what their hearts desire.

Never give up, push yourself beyond your limit and also think that you can do the impossible in your life. As Ernest Hemingway said “But life isn't hard to manage when you've nothing to lose.”

“Life is a book and history depends on you to write a new chapter”

-Kevimengu Solo
 6th Semester



“The baton has been passed on to you, to triumph the race is your decision”

-Zachamo Tsopoe
 6th Semester



Questioning!

You taught me to love sunsets,
You told me that you are like the sun.
That no matter how the day ends,
You'll be around the next day.

Aren't you suppose to be here?
I remember the day ended well yesterday
They were no signs you left me,
As we slept the night before.

But today you aren't here my love!
Did the sad clouds or thunder
Overshadow your way?
Or have you found a fitter love?

It's four in the morning but,
There's no sign of you.
Have you not promise to return?
Shall I wait? Or shall I find the moon
instead!

- Chubanungba Imsong
2nd Semester



Adieu! Adieu...

I still remember the first day of college
We smiled at each other, although just for a
token

Strangers once we were and then
It started with a simple "Hi"
Steadily and gradually we slipped into comfort
zone

We had so many good times together
Parties, trips and birthday treats
We did it all and now there's no regret
The time was ours and together we were
We shared our joy and shed our tears together
But without us noticing our semesters have
come to an end

And that we have to say goodbye
I don't know what the future holds
But our lives are about to change completely
We had good time, we had a good run
We'll be going our own ways, but will be
under the same sky.

I wish you all to have infinite accomplishments
in this competitive world
And I bid you all Adieu!

Y. Wanpo Konyak
6th Semester

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*Memories are even
sweeter and bitter
in lines and rhymes.*

-Chutatu Thurr”

*Poetry
is
thoughts
that breathe
and words
that burn.*

-Thomas Gray



Transition

'Silence!' roared the outbreak
 The world witnessed the greatest trials
 When a virus, thought small and powerless
 Did out power the entire nation;
 Deaths rose and rose,
 Day by day as we still grieved over losses
 Jobless became homeless.
 Legendary people died alone in battle.
 While some fell into controversies
 Of unending ripples;
 The church was closed down,
 And media was the only way out;
 Who would've thought that it could be this worse?
 Nevertheless, humans still adjusting today
 To the new normal, the transition.
 Called Covid 19!
 This was a contest of fear among nations,
 While, a contest of faith among Believers.

-Diezenuo Chüzho
 2nd Semester



Trials Of An Angel

Seeds, we are of thee
 luminous pearls we are,
 that incomparable of thousand ace gold.
 Spawned to the cruel valley,
 to the cold cliff ,to the scorching sands.
 We clinch to thy unshaken love.
 Stormy sea, fearless tide were our harbour.
 We weep ,we guffaw, aggressive at times,
 we're provoked envious of others, we tumble in fear,
 oaf at times, we ridicule and got ridiculed.
 Cold nights, watchful eyes of wild,
 change of weather were all called life.
 And I on my way back home marvel,
 if I'm in the right route to my destination. Do you too?

-Hili Nekha
 2nd Semester



Odd Ones

A darked wide world
 Where odd ones seems crazy
 Having left them behind every day.
 Where one feels lowly,
 When folks knits together

But out of their imaginary head
 Outburst the darkest world
 And with their standard art
 Comes one with a
 Casual pen and a paper.

The world then narrate their old stories
 Saying you and I were,
 Leaving behind their undignified acts
 To grab the attention
 They deserve.

Though not in all cases
 Odd ones get the stage
 Yet they create one
 With their brilliant
 Little piece of mind.

-Thejaseno Mekro
 2nd Semester



Truest Thing

She yearns not the moon, golden dusts
 Or the embers of galaxies
 Her heart stands in vanity and flatters
 No more to the phonies
 With heart in flames
 She yearns for herself
 For all She need was the Truest thing
 And the only Truest thing in the world was SHE

-Hitokali Yepthomi
 6th Semester

Nature Vs. Nurture, Genetic Vs. Environment



The Nature Vs. Nurture debate focuses on the relative contribution that the two influences make on human behavior, such as personality, cognitive traits, temperament, and psychology. Nature refers to all the genes and genetic factors that influence who we are, from our physical appearance to our personality traits. Nurture refers to all the environmental factors that impact who we are, including our childhood experiences, how we grew up, and our surrounding, social and cultural relationships. Do genetic or environmental factors influence your behavior more? Do inherited traits or life experiences play a larger role in shaping your personality?

Is there a reason to fight genetic destiny? What makes you, you and me, me, is innate, something we are born with. Some might find it comforting because if we are destined to be obese and gain weight no matter what, then we might as well eat like a glutton and stop feeling guilty. We can't actually win against our genetics, but is this really true? Is our genetics really all that powerful?

Sometimes it's very true that we can't win against our DNA, and a sobering example is Huntington's disease, an inherited condition in which nerve cells in the brain break down over time.

It typically starts in a person's 30s and 40s, and it is also a fully genetic disease, which takes a single damaged copy of a single gene, and the disease becomes inevitable. Just because one of your parents has cancer, does not mean that you too will necessarily get cancer, even though you inherited half of your DNA from that parent.

Sometimes, our life experiences triumph our genes, sometimes nurture wins. Looking back fifty to hundred years, most philosophers deny that nature had any role in shaping humans. The only thing that mattered was nurture and experience. Nothing about humans was innate. If we stop to think about it, genetics and experience, nature and nurture fight. The winner is really easy to predict. For instance, you can wish for five fingers but if you are not born with six fingers, you will never have them. On the other hand, just because you cannot speak another language today, there's nothing in our DNA that says we cannot learn it.

Another harsh example is the death of a typical 20th-century American man from different types of cancer at different times. This study shows that lung cancer or bronchial cancer was the most common form of cancer during that period. Cancer is caused by your DNA, and here again we are at the crossroad of genetic fate. Everyone knows that cancer has become so common in the last fifty or sixty years that it has nothing to do with DNA. It is due to increased smoking, and in fact, we have found through research that lung cancer was very rare in the United States until tobacco became widespread. And while not everyone who smokes gets lung cancer, not everyone who gets lung cancer is a smoker. The fact remains that smoking causes dramatic damage to lung cells, which dramatically increases the chances of developing cancer.

Therefore, perhaps the topic of discussion is not about nature and nurturing in personal creation. It is clear that both genetics and experience contribute to the formation of individuals. The truth is that genes do all sorts of things, but a single gene is pretty small. And while the attraction of genes is that they react in response to other genes, they also react to other things such as the environment, food, and choice. Both inherited as well as learned characteristics play important roles in making an individual. Theorists such as John B. Watson believed that people could be trained to do and become anything, regardless of their genetic background. Irene Gallego Romero says, "You are not the battleground upon which nature and nurture fight, you are the canvas upon which they collaborate, you are the product of their interactions."

-Kevimengu Solo
6th Semester

MESSAGE FOR JUNIORS

Dear juniors, do not get lazy and study hard. Have patience in everything that you do. If you are aiming for higher studies, start necessary things from now. Seniors ran out of time. Do not regret. Do things which you are suppose to do while in the college. Wishing you all luck.

Alikali Chishi

Study, study, study and study.
Seyiekhrienuo Pfkha

Enjoy with your close friends, make memories after memories, and create new friends too. But on the other hand, as students, maintain and manage time wisely. Be punctual, attentive and study more harder and wisely. Be available all the time and do the works as assigned to you on time and let everyone look up to you. Be confident and bold enough to face every hardships for it'll do away sooner or later. You are and will be missed. Best of luck for your future endeavours and I love you all. Best wishes!

Limatoshi Longkumer

Not everyone deserves a seat at your table. Not everyone deserves your attention . Not everyone deserves your time. And not everyone deserves to be a part in your life. You have to know which fights are worth fighting for and which fights are not worth fighting for.

Zachamo Tsopoe

Dearest Juniors, life is hard and unfair sometimes, there will be a time you will want to give up everything and to deal with countless problems be it your personal problem, family issues or even among you friends circle but always remember how to overcome those. Rest if you are tired but never give up for you have a long way to go and the better life is waiting for you. Always remember everything is possible if you work hard.

"Work hard, have fun, make history"

~ Jeff Bezos

J. Ngunnon

Dear juniors there will be many ups and downs during college life but always enjoy the moments you spend in college with your friends .Study hard and try not to get backlog . Never give up in between . Have hope in yourself and work hard.

Neiphretuonuo

Hi guys.... I hope you are enjoying your college days and I hope you do so. I wish for you to be always happy and healthy. Some already know what subject interest them but some may still be unsure, so just try to go with the flow. Try your best in every subjects. Don't be so hard on yourself for the mistake you have done but try to learn from the mistakes. And if you have any difficulties you can always approach the teachers and seniors. It's ok if you don't have a dream now . You can take your time. Have fun and all the very best!

Ngipsha W. Konyak

Dear Juniors,

Being a student is one of the most crucial parts of anyone's life. So, focus on making yourself better. You have a promising future ahead of you, and your best days are yet to come. Also, life is all about new voyages of opportunity. Grab them and never let them go. Success isn't something easily achieved; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work! Be persistent in the pursuit of your goals, and you will arrive sooner rather than later. Best wishes for the upcoming endeavour and for a successful, flourishing future.

Litang Konyak

Dear juniors! You will face many ups and downs in life, sometimes you will feel like giving up everything. But remember that everything is not difficult as it seems. Work hard and just give your best. Don't be too hard on yourself, enjoy the college life, create the best memories out of it because it will be over before you know it.

Work and enjoy the moment because these brief moments are what makes your life long. Shine... And yeah! Don't get backlog because it's a nightmare. Good luck

Y. Wanpo Konyak

Life is not always about achieving our goals and aims but it's rather about the little moments.

Don't stress too much about success rather live every moment with no regret.

Vizohunuo Sanchu

MESSAGE FOR SENIORS

Take Pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey.

Therali

I've not been so familiar with any of my seniors but my observation towards them is so wonderful, their bond towards their classmates is what I personally admire. I hope my batch will be the same like them. I hope you all have a bright future ahead after graduation.

Bangam P. Phom

Spring may pass and the leaves might turn brown and fall but you will always remain green in our hearts.

Kumrito

To the best seniors, good luck for your future endeavors.

Caroline Dukru

Dear seniors,

As you step out for a new journey in life, may you be the torch bearers for us, the juniors and keep your good footprints uncrushed so that we can follow in your steps. We will miss seeing your pretty and handsome faces around the campus.

- Chubanungba Imsong

Thankfulness to all my amazing seniors who actually turned out to be so very helpful for us at the very beginning of our semester in college. Personally, I believe that to have amazing and wonderful seniors like you is no less than a blessing to me. I would like to express my gratitude to all my seniors for being a big source of influence in my life. It is my hope and prayer that each of you will find success in life, whether you define it as academic and professional accomplishment, in raising a wonderful family or pursuing a meaningful life of happiness, that you must never quit, that even if all you can muster, is an occasional baby step, keep pressing forward. "Make who you are as a person, the most important project you ever worked on".

Kilangmenla Lkr

It has been a rather long and haughty journey but with so little time, we hope you prosper and find things that make you happy. Wishing you the best in life.

Cynthia Chettri

Your success is what determines your future. The best successful person excels in every part of life and tries to his best of abilities. Wish you'll a good future.

Thujovelu Nyekha

Words for the Outgoing Seniors



Tokhumba Yimchunger
4th Semester

Dear seniors, as you embark on a new journey ahead, do not set off in fear and trepidation but rather lead the way with confidence and carry an optimistic attitude wherever you may be. Be versatile and unassuming and let your actions converse for you.

Quoting Bill Bradley "Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in." Remember to be consistent and to be enthusiastic in the goals that you set. Always be optimistic in life for it is the driving force towards achieving success. Grasp every opportunity and be responsible and inspiring individuals wherever you may tread. All the very best.

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