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EDITORIAL NOTE

Greetings, fellow readers.

With absolute enjoyment and delight, we, the editorial team bring forth the next dynamic piece of creativity, self-expression and enthusiasm of the many sparks and talents in the 23rd issue of *Literary Conduit*.

We would like to take the readers on a journey filled with passion, self-discovery and innovation.

We leave the readers with a quote by Carlos Fuentes : "Literature overtakes history, for literature gives you more than one life. It expands experience and opens new opportunities to readers."

HAPPY READING!



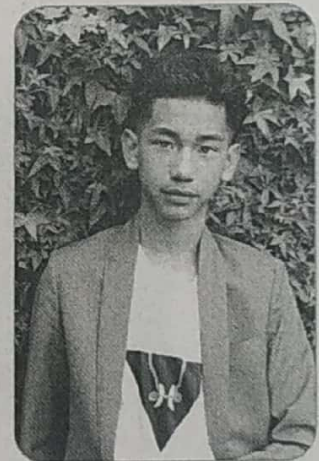
Tokhumba Yimchunger



Thujoovelü Nyekha



Mezavinü Pucho



Chubanungba Imsong

"He's more myself than I am.
Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."
WUTHERING HEIGHTS
Emily Bronte.

Congratulations to the following elected leaders from our department:

Students' Council

- 1) Neikienuo Kense, 5th Semester - Vice President
- 2) Pfütsookote Ketsu Koza, 3rd Semester - Information and Publicity Secretary



Baptist College Fellowship

- 1) Chimshe Lam, 5th Semester - President
- 2) Toimei Ngonyen, 5th Semester - Finance Secretary
- 3) Shokhumla, 3rd Semester - Prayer Secretary



A Chat with Sir Kenivi Yhosu

1. What do you love most about the college that you think other colleges may not offer?

- Every college offers quality education, but what I love most about this college is, the students that I have interacted with during my short stay here. I would not have found these students anywhere else but here, and that's what I love and will cherish most!

2. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

- Bring me food, sit back and enjoy the show. You will be surprised.

3. What is the best/worst thing about being a lecturer?

- Life is too short to talk about the worst, but the best thing about being a lecture is getting the chance to touch a few souls, getting an opportunity to add meaning in their lives.

4. On joining this college, did you find any positive things already existing in this college?

- A positive thing that I found already existing, is the lecturers. In spite of all that they go through in life, they do not cease to give their best.



5. What is your favourite topic to talk about?
- My favourite topic when I interact with young minds is, "To be a responsible being" which was inspired by Dr. Tsenbeni, when I was her student.
6. If you had 5 minutes and the whole world was forced to listen, what would you say?
- Then I would like to remind the world, that, "We are all put in this earth to serve... no position or status or material defines you. You are loved for how you serve, not how you dictate. If we all learn humility, this small world of ours will be a much better place."
7. What do you think of the college, does it have a potential to go higher?
- The college was and will always be known for the legacy it bears. But to take the college to greater heights, the students, teachers, authorities and all that are a part of the college, should join hands and lift the burden of the college in unison. "United we stand, divided we fall."
8. Could you please share a little bit about your family?
- I am blessed to be a part of a beautiful family and, I could not ask for more. I have a brother and two sisters, and with my Dad and Mom, it makes us 6, in count. My dad and mom gave all that they could, in wisdom, health, wealth and education, and for all that they have sacrificed, today, we do not consider that we are less than anyone. We are confident in our walks of life, and we owe it all to our parents.
9. What according to you is the most important duty of a parent towards the children?
- Learning from my parents, to me, the most important duty of a parent is to provide. But, besides providing, parents should make his/her children to be confident in themselves.
10. One of your favourite Bible verse.
- This verse is always close to my heart, reminding me that I am insignificant, but my life will only be significant when I reflect Him. "In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

BAPTIST COLLEGE LITERATURE FEST, 5th EDITION, 2022



The Department of English in collaboration with IQAC, Baptist College organised the 5th edition of the Literature Fest on 29th October, 2022 under the theme, "Learning Spaces." The first session was chaired by Dr. Tsenbeni, Asst. Prof, English department, Baptist College. Dr. Kekuchol Pusa, Principal, Baptist College highlighted on the importance of such an event which aims at promoting reading, writing, creativity and the importance of providing the platform to share one's values towards art. He also mentioned that Baptist College is privileged to be the first institution to be hosting the Literature Fest since its inception in 2016. Dr. Sentinaro, Head, Department of English, Baptist College in her remark spoke on the uniqueness of such an event, like the Literature Fest which is aimed to bring together renowned writers, literary experts, thinkers, politicians, and artists from varied industries like art, music, film etc. on a single platform to share ideas and engage in a meaningful debate. Befitting the occasion, a heartfelt tribute was paid to Prof. Temsula Ao in reading Ao's poem, 'October'.

The day long events saw a host of activities like the Book Fest, Poetry workshop, roleplay, Book exchange, food stall, Art gallery, Short Story competition, charity counter, Reading club, Film screening, musicians, stage plays and enactment, historical narration, spoken word poetry, ted talk on entrepreneurship, awareness on constitutional rights etc with a host of judges, resource persons and invitees from various areas of expertise. Among them were Sesino Yhoshü of Take One Production, Chentei Khamniungan, Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth, Konaei Shongdok, Nzan Kikon, Adenuo Shirat Luikham, Kevilenuo Miachieo. Colleges within Kohima like Kohima College, Japfü Christian College, St. Joseph's College, Alder College, Kohima Science College, Nagaland University (Eng. Dept) Meriema campus also attended the Fest. Ms. Khroku-ü Prade, Nagaland University, Mr. Hopong, Baptist College and Ms. Kevizeno Kiso, St. Joseph College were adjudged in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in the Short Story competition. While in the *Meet your Favourite Characters* the winners were Mr. Qhekaho Swu, St. Joseph College (1st position), Mr. Vincent W. Patton, Kohima Science college (2nd Position) and Ms. K. Naophe Konyak, Alder college (3rd position). The highlight of the day was the enthralling performances by renowned singers Ms. Seyievinuo Chuzho and Mengu Suokhrie with her band.

Lecture Series (Episode 1) - "Talk on Naga Writing in English".



Lecture Series (Episode 1) was organised by the Department of English on 15th July, 2022 at 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM in Riverburgs Memorial Chapel Hall, titled, "Talk on Naga Writings in English". The program was divided into 2 sessions. The first session started at 12:30 PM and ended at 1:30 PM. Dr. Sentinaro, Head, Department of English delivered the talk on, "Development of Naga Literature: An overview," followed by discussion and interpretive session. The session was chaired by Mr Kenivi Yhoshu, Asst Prof. Dept of English. Ms. Diezenuo Chuzho, BA 3rd semester, Dept. of English was the rapporteur for the first session. The 2nd session started at 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM in Riverburgs Memorial Chapel Hall, chaired by Dr. Tsenbeni, Asst. Prof, Department of English. Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth, Independent Researcher and Freelancer Editor, was the resource person who spoke on "Our History through Our Stories" followed by discussions and interactive sessions. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sentinaro, Head, Department of English. Ms. Asola C Jamir, Asst Professor, Department of English was the rapporteur for the 2nd session. The lecture series was also conducted in other colleges in Kohima - Kros College, Alder College, Mt. Olive College, Model Christian College, Oriental College, Don Bosco College, Capital College of Higher Education and Sazolie College, Jotsoma. The program came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Asola C. Jamir, Asst. Professor, Department of English.

Congratulatory Note

Ms. Cynthia Chettri, BA 5th Semester, English Department was awarded the 2nd position for Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award to Meritorious students in Class-12th Board Exam, 2020, conducted by Nagaland Board of School Education, Kohima. The Department congratulates her and wishes her further success in the Future.

Quietus (Haiku)

I await for death
As the ninth symphony ends
With a thirst for Hades

- Tokhumba Yimchunger
5th Semester

Imagination

Incarnation a false imagination
I believe, you believe that incarnation exists;
But a tiny thought sparks,
Why my loved ones don't come?

It's already many months past,
But still there is no one, my story
to be cast,
But still I believe, you believe that incarnation exists.

Fishing around for my golden fish my heart, my mom still
struggling to hooked her up with my inner disconsolate
tomorrow.

People said, don't cry she will be back soon!
But each passing day, I can only see the moon!
Is it really true, That incarnation exists.

My hope is breaking into pieces and popping out to say
No stop! I realized and you realize too by then,
Incarnation is but a false Imagination.

- Sajjal Pandey
3rd Semester

'He had a Hope'

He sat by the window
He had a fragile heart,
His eyes held on unspoken story
Not aware that one would live in a cruel world.
Tears were part of his life.
People thought of him as a naive.
Every night he pondered of his failed dreams .
But no one knew!
The conflict and the story behind his painted smile.
Nor, do they know his torment?
Pain seems to be on his way but,
All he did was vow to never give up ,
Gave himself a hardy notion,
That one day he will have a cheers
A cup of ecstasy

- Münulü Tunyi
3rd Semester

"In a world dominated by self-centered wishes it is always worthier to refine one another in the direction of Excellence".

- Ekali Achumi
1st Semester

"ONE LAST TIME"

Before we depart our ways.
Can we just fall for each other one last time ?
Not forever, but just till the sun sets.
I promise I won't fall in love this time

I want us to be out of this pain,
So, can I just hold your hand one last time?
So that I won't be afraid of losing in the wrong
direction
I promise I'll let you go when the day come to it's
end.

I don't know if I'm asking too much but,
Can I just rest my head on your shoulder one last
time?
So that I can forget all my pain for a while,
I promise I won't ask more than this.

- Monika Pradhan
5th Semester

"Friendship"

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything. Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together. May our friendship be true and whenever you feel down, remember that I LOVE YOU."
Dedicated to B.A 5th semester English Department.

- Thujovelu Nyekha
5th Semester

Sunset

She hastens to chase the sunset
running along with her shadow
heartbeat matching her footsteps
her mind lost in music
Her brown hair fly in the air
her cheeks burn red with sun kiss
Her eyes shine with sunshine
Sweat dripping on her chin
Solitary where everyone pair up
To chase the sunset.

- Kivini Lohe
3rd Semester

MIDNIGHT THOUGHTS

The noise of midnight thoughts
Where the mind ponders in persistence
I know not if comfort it would sought
Yet I know futility never will be it's insistence

I mull over constantly
Will I ever be satisfied with my future?
I question myself deliberately
Should I portray this never ending reckon a torture?

My future, a befitting future may favor
Or I may end up a worthless fellow
But I rather ascertain a being fortunate all over
I would not entreat to live in sorrow.

A wandering mind in the middle of the night
A commitment to which every human abide.

- Toli Jimo
1st Semester

Creator

The candle flame is slowly dimming
It's loudly quiet
And I'm lying faint awake
Questioning life's existence

How good is He who made man
Did He ever wonder,
The work of His Hands will all
Go against Him!
And yet still created man?
How well is He to have created,
Me? When all am I is a tainted glass.
'How Great Thou Art'
He knows by your names
When you still thrash Him.
He still picks you up
When He knows you would fall twice?

Oh! Sinner man look heavens rejoicing
When you write of Him!
When you finally realise
You've been made for Him.
Without Him, you and I are
Vessels without a lid.
We are made imperfect,
Because only God perfects us.

- Chubanungba Imsong
3rd Semester

Coping with Exam Anxiety Disorder

In a rat - race competitive world, Exam-time, for most, can be the most unsettling time. Pressure to do well in examinations can be overwhelming and can affect your mental health. It causes untold stress, tension, anxiety leading to depression. At such taunting times, 'Self-care' is one aspect that should not be overlooked. Self-care is the little things we do to look after our own mental health. While it is important to do well in your exams, it is equally important to take out time to look after yourself by doing things like eating and sleeping well. There is no, "one-size-fits-all," solution to doing away with exam stress but you can alleviate the stress level by following some simple steps:

- (1) Do not plan an unrealistic revision plan. It won't help you and will put you under unnecessary stress.
- (2) It helps to study smart as we are living in a world where thinking smart is equally important to working hard.
- (3) Avoid last minute preparation. It can totally stress you out and can be the reason to your failure.
- (4) Some people prefer to read, others find it helpful to make notes or memorise. While others prefer to discuss. Do what works out for you.
- (5) Overthinking can be really harmful while preparing for an examination. It can be stressful when you think everyone is doing better than you, spending more time on revision than you. For all you know, they could be stressing out as much as you.
- (6) It is also important to take short breaks in between to refresh your mind. Make a list of all the things you enjoy, and find time to do them. This can reduce your stress levels, improve your mood, and help you feel refreshed and relaxed. There is no need to feel guilty for taking some "Me-time" to unwind.
- (7) The most reliable and fool-proof advice in an exam scenario, is to stay composed, master whatever you know and do not be anxious about all that you might have missed out lest you may forget even those you have studied. Remember your friends too, like you, don't have their results guaranteed - life is unpredictable - and they might well be feeling just as worried as you. So make sure that when you're thinking about how to use your time judiciously during exams, you factor in time to look after yourself too. You deserve it!

- Dr. Sentinaro

Head, Department of English

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON

Writing Short Stories: *Reimagining Little Stories*

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

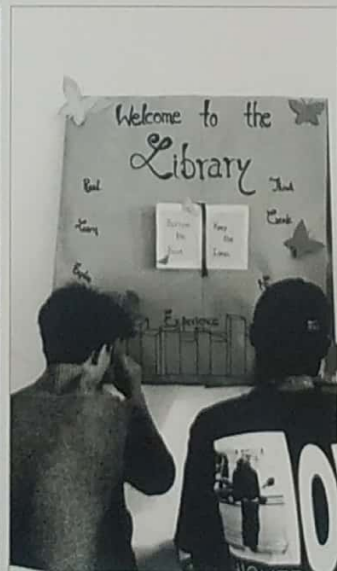
A One day workshop on writing short stories was held under the title, *Reimagining Little Stories*. The workshop was organised by the Department of English in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), held at Rivenburgs Chapel Hall, Kohima on 26th of April, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:10 P.M.

The workshop was divided into two sessions. In the first session, a formal programme was held with Dr. Tsenbeni as the chair person and Mr. Lhülü Keyho as the speaker. Mr. Keyho in his talk emphasised on the use of folk tales and short stories of various Naga tribes and how to expand them to recreate a lengthier version of stories or novels. The speaker also brought in examples on how writers use short stories to recreate novels. The first session came to an end with the resource person, sharing a story about a man from Phek district, who owed money to his village men.

The second session resumed with a delightful poetry performance by Mr. Limatoshi Longkumer, B.A 6th Semester, English Department. After which, Mr. Keyho made the students do a hands on activity by making them practice the art of writing short stories. The students were asked to create a beginning, middle and an end of a story of their own. He stated the importance of having a catchy beginning and an ending in a story that allows the readers to stay interested. He also pointed out certain techniques of writing short stories by giving pointers such as brevity of the story, setting of time frame, having a certain topography or location and most importantly localising the story by using vernaculars. The session ended with Mr. Kezhalehou Zatsu, Co-ordinator, IQAC pronouncing the vote of thanks and closing the session.



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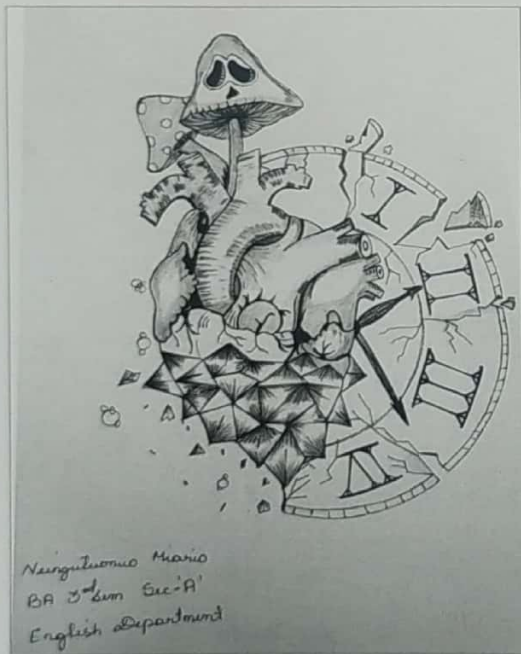
"A beautiful
body perishes, but a work of art dies not."
- Leonardo da Vinci



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