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CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF THE NEDIAN NEWSPAPER: AN INTERVIEW WITH FOUNDERS AIMAN SIDDIQUI AND AIMAN YASHA

e are delighted to converse with two extraordinary individuals, Aiman Siddiqui and Aiman Yasha, who played pivotal roles in the establishment of the **NEDian** Newspaper. Both were members of the inaugural editorial committee formed in 2021, which has since evolved into a vital forum for student journalism NED at University.

Interviewer: Let's start with a light question. If you could describe your experience with the campus newspaper in one word, what would it be?

Aiman Siddiqui: Pioneering. Aiman Yasha: Ameliorative.

Interviewer: Interesting choices! Could you give our readers a detailed overview of your journey with the newspaper? How were you approached, and how did the journey start?

Aiman Siddiqui: The opportunity arose when Dr. Noman Ahmed envisioned a dedicated platform for student journalism at NED. As head of publications for the Literary & Publication Society (LPS) in 2021, I was selected for the committee based on my interest in publication and campus life. We faced challenges like funding, staffing, and content strategy, but through roundtable discussions, we successfully launched the NEDian Newspaper.

Aiman Yasha: In 2021, I was approached as a committee member while serving as Head of English Literature in the LPS. Dr. Noman's vision for a campus newspaper inspired us. After multiple meetings, we released the first issue by the end



of 2021, turning vision into reality and laying the foundation for a lasting legacy.

Interviewer: What inspired you to become part of the NEDian Newspaper?

s to turn it into a legacy.

Aiman Siddiqui: It was an unexpected yet absolute no-brainer to join. Dr. Noman's initiative provided a unique opportunity to collaborate directly with university leadership on a significant project, offering a thorough learning experience.

Aiman Yasha: I had an innate aspiration for journalism, and being part of the committee was a fortunate opportunity to work on Dr. Noman's vision, initiating a legacy for future generations.

Interviewer: The first issue was released in 2021. What reaction did you receive from the students, and what impact did it create?

Siddiqui: Initially, Aiman we envisioned organic growth, but the university placement website boosted interest, bringing new contributors. We addressed the challenge of transitioning them to understand the rigorous editorial process through workshops and mentorship programs, emphasizing responsible journalism.



Aiman Yasha: The launch was a significant achievement, though awareness was initially limited due to the post-COVID era. With collective support from the university administration and the audience, we successfully engaged with the first issue.

Interviewer: How do you envision the campus newspaper evolving in the coming years?

Aiman Siddiqui: Beyond its initial launch, I see the NEDian Newspaper developing into a dynamic digital powerhouse, becoming a go-to source for a broader audience and an interactive hub of information.

Aiman Yasha: I envision it becoming the heartbeat of NED's student life, blending journalism with diverse campus stories, creating a legacy that resonates with future generations.

Interviewer: What were some new and different ideas you implemented for the newspaper?

Aiman Siddiqui: We introduced a structured recruitment process for the editorial team and focused on enhancing reader engagement through workshops, thematic

orientations, and newsroom visits, cultivating journalistic excellence and community involvement.

Aiman Yasha: We emphasized student leadership and empowerment, prioritizing student-driven content and fostering a collaborative spirit, shaping the newspaper into a dynamic platform for campus discourse.

Interviewer: Do you have any suggestions for the current team of the NEDian Newspaper?

Aiman Siddiqui: Push boundaries, experiment, and be creative. Strengthen connections with university societies and consider increasing publication frequency. I believe establishing a dedicated reporting team could elevate the newspaper's credibility.

Aiman Yasha: I would say, don't fear experimenting and embrace voluntary work for invaluable life skills, especially when pursuing passions.

Interviewer: How would you describe your experience working with each other?

Aiman Siddiqui: Our collaboration felt natural and purposeful, forging a deep bond through our shared passion for literature and journalism.

Aiman Yasha: Working together was an incredible journey, marked by dedication and shared vision, shaping the newspaper into a platform for student-driven initiatives.

Interviewer: To end on a light note, what was your favorite issue of the newspaper and why?

Aiman Siddiqui: The inaugural edition and the third issue stand out for their diversity and quality of content, reflecting our growth and commitment to excellence.

Aiman Yasha: The first issue holds a unique charm, marking the beginning of our journey and setting the standard for future editions.

Interviewer: Thank you both for sharing your inspiring journey with the NEDian Newspaper. Your passion for journalism and student empowerment is truly inspiring. We wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

iAiman Siddiqui: Thank you for the thoughtful questions. We're excited to see the NEDian Newspaper thrive under new leadership.

Aiman Yasha: Absolutely, it's been wonderful reflecting on our journey. Here's to many more achievements for the newspaper and its team.

This wraps up today's enlightening discussion. Stay tuned for more captivating interviews and stories in our next issue. A big thank you to Aiman Siddiqui and Aiman Yasha for sharing their inspiring journey with us.

NED University: A Green Oasis of Cleanliness and Efficient Maintenance

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NED University of Engineering and Technology stands as a beacon of academic excellence, renowned not only for its educational programs impeccably but also for its maintained and campus pure environment. The institution has made significant strides in ensuring that the campus remains clean and well-maintained, fostering an atmosphere conducive to learning and personal development.

Pristine Cleanliness and Greenery One of NED University's most notable features is its lush greenery. campus boasts well-kept The gardens and abundant green spaces, providing students and faculty with a serene and pleasant environment. These green areas are meticulously underscoring maintained, the university's commitment to environmental sustainability and

aesthetic appeal.

The university's roads are remarkably clean and litter-free, enhancing further the overall pleasant environment. This cleanliness extends to an efficient sewage system, which water effectively eliminates unpleasant odors and waterlogging issues. The absence of garbage and debris on campus is a testament to NED University's high standards cleanliness.

Effective Maintenance with Areas for Improvement:

While the university excels in many areas of maintenance, there are some sections that could benefit additional from attention. Laboratories, for instance, are wellequipped but require regular upkeep to ensure all equipment remains in optimal working condition. Occasionally, issues with projectors and fans in classrooms arise, causing minor disruptions to the academic schedule. However,



these instances are exceptions rather than the rule, and the maintenance team typically responds promptly.

Despite occasional setbacks, the majority of the university's facilities operate smoothly. The general infrastructure is robust, and regular maintenance keeps most facilities in excellent condition. The university's proactive approach to maintenance ensures that any issues are swiftly identified and addressed, minimizing inconvenience for students and faculty.

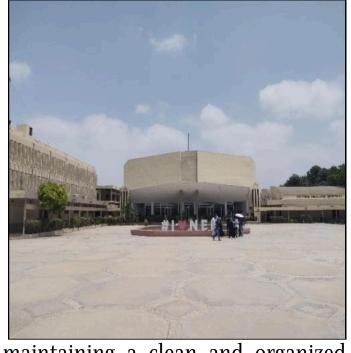
Model of Cleanliness and Order:

NED University's dedication to maintaining a clean and orderly campus is evident throughout its premises. The meticulously maintained gardens, spotless roads, and efficient sewage system all contribute to a healthy and

attractive environment. These initiatives not only enhance the physical appearance of the campus but also instill a sense of pride and responsibility within the university community.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, while there is always room for improvement in certain areas such as laboratory equipment and classroom amenities, NED University of Engineering and Technology can take pride in its achievements in



maintaining a clean and organized campus. The university's commitment to cleanliness and regular maintenance is



crucial in sustaining a positive and effective learning environment for all its members.

Deteriorating Sports Facilities at NED University of Engineering and Technology: A Call for Immediate Action

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The Importance of Sports in Education:

importance The of sports in educational institutions cannot be **Sports** underestimated. play a crucial role in students' overall development, promoting physical health, teamwork, discipline, and stress relief, all of which are essential for academic success. Unfortunately, at NED University of Engineering and Technology, the sports state of facilities deteriorating and requires urgent improvement.

Affordability and Access to Sports Facilities:

One of the most pressing concerns is affordability of the sporting for students. activities Many students cannot afford the high costs associated with external clubs and rely on university facilities for their physical pursuits. Sadly, the current state of these facilities is inadequate, limiting opportunities for students to engage in sports.

Lack of Equipment and Coaching:

The lack of proper sports equipment is a significant issue. Students are often expected to bring their own equipment, which is inconvenient and discourages participation. This problem is exacerbated by the lack of professional coaches. Unlike their peers at other universities, who benefit from qualified coaches and managers, NED students must train independently, placing them at a considerable disadvantage in competitive situations.



Inadequate Sports Infrastructure:

The infrastructure for various equally sports is poor. university lacks sufficient facilities badminton, for basketball, volleyball, and futsal, significantly limiting the variety of sports activities available to students. Moreover, the maintenance of facilities existing is severely neglected. The gymnasium's wooden floors are crumbling, posing a safety risk, and the inadequate lighting makes effective practice impossible.





Staff Cooperation and Facility Maintenance:

The situation is further worsened by the uncooperative attitude of facility managers. Students often face unnecessary barriers when attempting to access sports facilities, adding to their frustration.

The state of the table tennis tables, which are blossoming and cracking, exemplifies the overall negligence.

Cricket Ground and Outdoor Facilities

Moreover, the cricket ground, which should be a highlight of the university's athletic facilities, is in a state of disrepair. The pitch is deteriorating, the outfield is in poor condition, the grass is not properly there maintained, and are insufficient and broken benches for players. This neglect not only diminishes the quality of play but also demoralizes students who wish to use the facilities. It is imperative that the university administration take swift and effective action to address these concerns.

Conclusion:

Investing in the upkeep and improvement of sports facilities is about providing not just recreational outlets for students; it is also about fostering a balanced and healthy academic environment. Proper sports infrastructure can students' significantly enhance experiences, improve physical wellbeing, and even boost academic performance.

In conclusion, the current state of sports facilities at NED University of Engineering and Technology is cause for concern. The university must prioritize the renovation and enhancement of these facilities to ensure students have access to the resources they need for their overall development. By doing so, NED can uphold its commitment to providing a well-rounded education that values both intellectual and physical growth.



End of an Era: Prof. Dr. Raza Ali Khan's Legacy of Excellence at NED University

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After over of three decades dedicated service, Professor Dr. Raza Ali Khan bids farewell to NED of Engineering & University leaving Technology, behind profound legacy academic of excellence and leadership. retirement marks the end of an era for the Economics and Management Sciences Department, where he has served as Chairman since December 2018.

journey Khan's Dr. NED at University began in 1992 Lecturer in the Department of Humanities. Over the years, he transitioned to roles of increasing responsibility, including Assistant Professor in Humanities and later Professor Associate in Civil Engineering. His diverse academic background, which includes degrees in Economics and International Relations, complemented by a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and a Diploma in Civil Engineering, reflects multidisciplinary approach to education and research.

Throughout his career, Dr. Khan has contributed over 25 scholarly articles to peer-reviewed journals and presented numerous papers at and national international conferences. His research spans diverse topics, from Integrated Water Resource Management to Green Banking Guidelines and Outlook Finance Energy in Pakistan.

At NED University, Dr. Khan's Chairman of tenure the as and Management **Economics** Sciences Department has been by significant marked achievements. Under his leadership, department expanded the research footprint and academic offerings, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence among students and faculty alike.

In his farewell message to the faculty and students of EMD, Dr. Khan expressed profound gratitude: "To my esteemed colleagues, your dedication has been the cornerstone of our success. Together, we have fostered a culture of excellence that will endure."



In 2014, Dr. Khan earned his Ph.D. from Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP) Malaysia, supported by the prestigious PETRONAS Malaysia Fellowship.

"And to the students, your enthusiasm and passion for learning have been inspiring. It has been a privilege to serve as your Chairman."

The retirement of Professor Dr. Raza Ali Khan marks the end of a remarkable chapter at NED University and serves as a testament to the enduring legacy of academic excellence and leadership he leaves behind.

Breaking Barriers: NED University's Journey Towards Accessibility

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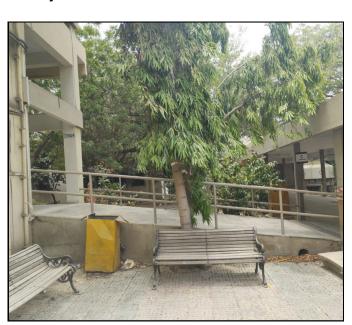
Imagine trying to navigate bustling university campus crutches or in a wheelchair after an unexpected injury. How would you manage to attend your classes or essential facilities? This access challenge isn't just theoretical-it's a reality for many students, making accessible infrastructure crucial. At NED University, significant strides are being made to address these needs, with the introduction of ramps and smart classrooms playing a key role. These changes, though seemingly minor, transformative for students with disabilities.

Consider Ahmed Khan, a third-year civil engineering student who found himself in a wheelchair after fracturing his leg. "I never realized how much ramps mattered until I needed them," he reflected on his daily struggles before the ramps were installed. "They made getting around campus so much easier, and I could focus on my studies without worrying about how I'd get to class." However, not all changes have been smooth. Some ramps are being misused by security personnel on motorcycles, causing damage and risks. posing Moreover, wheelbarrows used for heavy loads often block these ramps, creating obstacles for students who need them most.

While NED University has made significant progress, there are still gaps. Accessible toilets are lacking, and many lecture halls and labs remain hard to reach, highlighting the need for ongoing improvements.

NED's efforts reflect a commitment to inclusivity that aligns with the Sustainable United **Nations** Development Goals, specifically Goal 4: Quality Education and Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities, which emphasize the importance of equal opportunities educational everyone. In Pakistan, about 85% of children with disabilities don't attend school due to various barriers. In Karachi, physical obstacles in educational institutions significantly widen this gap.

While the new ramps and smart NED classrooms at represent meaningful progress, there is still a long way to g0. **Improving** toilets, enhancing accessible pathways to all buildings, and ensuring new constructions meet accessibility standards are critical next steps. This journey involves not just physical modifications but also building a culture of empathy and understanding on campus. By continuing to enhance facilities and including disabled students in planning, NED can ensure that every student can navigate their educational journey with ease. Ahmed's experience underscores impact the accessible environments, reminding us why continuous efforts are essential to education inclusive make everyone.





NED University Revives "Aangan Tehra," Rejoicing in Nostalgia and Laughter

By: Fahd Ahmed Farid Department of Urban Engineering, Batch 2022

On the night of April 27, 2024, NED University's annual convention was a celebration of both achievements and reminiscence. The Literature and Publications Society (LPS) revived the classic Urdu drama "Aangan Tehra," delighting the audience with a trip down memory lane. The event was hosted by Engr. Sohail Bashir, Chairman of the Institution of Engineers Pakistan (IEP), and featured addresses by Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarosh Lodi, Engr. Ahsan Zafar Syed, CEO of Engro Corp, and Engr. Aftab Rizvi, of the founder university's endowment fund. The highlight of the vibrant the evening was performance of Anwar Maqsood's beloved drama.

This year's convention celebrated recent infrastructure NED's projects, including new classrooms, tree plantations, lecture halls, and solar panels. The LPS's reenactment of "Aangan Tehra," a drama that first aired 40 years ago, added a nostalgic touch. The play, known for its satirical take on society, explores the lives of a civil servant, his practical wife, and their theatrical servant, providing a comedic yet poignant reflection on everyday struggles.

The main characters of "Aangan Tehra" were skillfully brought to life. Dabeer Mehdi portrayed Mehboob Ahmed, the upright civil servant, while Dua Meer shone as Jahan Aara, his frustrated yet resilient wife. Their performances captured the essence of their

characters' dynamics, blending humor with social commentary. The supporting cast added depth, with Azmeer Azhare as the charismatic Chaudhary Sahab, Saboor Tarik as the no-nonsense Sultana Begum, and Haider Ansari as the amusing poet.

Muhammad Karam, Vice President of LPS, delivered an exceptional performance the madman, as infusing his character with both humor and depth. His portrayal was matched by Maaz Aslam, who Akbar, the played comical manservant. Aslam's timing and physical comedy brought additional laughs, particularly in scenes where Akbar's well-meaning antics often landed him in trouble with Jahan Aara while trying to serve Mehboob Ahmed.

The play was a testament to the



timeless nature of Maqsood's writing, with its sharp lines like "maadar-i-qillat" and "jitne paon phelao gay itni hi chaddar dengey," resonating with the audience. These lines, known for their satirical edge, highlighted the enduring struggles of daily life, making the audience laugh and think

Despite the challenges of performing a 40-year-old drama for a modern audience, the students' dedication and talent shone through.

Their adaptation of "Aangan Tehra"



was both faithful to the original and refreshingly contemporary, showcasing their ability to bridge past and present.

NED's convention, blending tribute and talent, was a night to remember. The evening successfully honored alumni, celebrated the university's growth, and embraced cultural heritage. The performance of "Aangan Tehra" left a lasting impression, reminding everyone of the enduring power of classic storytelling to entertain and connect across generations.

Fueling Dreams, Forging Futures: NEDUET & Lahore Qalandars Kick off an Exciting Partnership

By: Fahd Ahmed Farid Department of Urban Engineering, Batch 2022

Can a single partnership redefine the landscape of education and sports in Pakistan? NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, believes it can. On May 14, 2024, they embarked on an ambitious collaboration with the Lahore Qalandars, a leading cricket team, to launch an initiative that promises to revolutionize student life. Spearheaded by NED's Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarosh Lodi, Lahore Qalandars' CEO Atif Rana, and Controller of Student Affairs Dr. Ali Hasan Mehmood, this partnership seamlessly integrate to aims academics and athletics.

The excitement began when Lahore Qalandars revealed plans establish a state-of-the-art High-Performance Center at NED. Imagine a facility outfitted with cutting-edge motion-capturing technology and premier cricket pitches-a first for Pakistan. This center is poised to transform cricket training, providing students with unparalleled opportunities to refine their skills.



The synergy between sports and education is powerful. Research indicates that students engaged in often perform better academically. This partnership seeks to provide students with enhanced opportunities to excel both in their studies and on the field. With the new facilities at NED, students can maintain a balance between their academic responsibilities and their passion for sports, contributing to overall well-being and reduced The High-Performance stress. Center will serve as a nexus where learning and athleticism converge, enriching campus life.

This collaboration also positions NED University as a beacon of opportunity, attracting further innovative partnerships. By aligning with Lahore Qalandars, NED underscores its commitment to blending innovation with student welfare, reinforcing its appeal to prospective students. This partnership will bolster NED's reputation, fostering a dynamic campus where academic and athletic achievements are equally celebrated.

Envision the inspiration this will provide for students to pursue their dreams more fervently. With this new alliance, NED University and Lahore Qalandars are not merely striving for academic excellence but also aiming for athletic triumphs. This fusion of premier sports facilities and robust academics sets the stage for a future where students can pursue their dreams and forge their futures in tandem. Here's to a future where NED students excel in all realms, achieving boundaries of knowledge and sixes of success!

Baad-e-Naubahar: A Celebration of Literature and Culture at NED

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The Literary Fest '24, "Baad-e-Naubahar," was a remarkable three-day event that brought the vibrant literary culture of NED University to life. From captivating storytelling sessions to intense competitions and insightful panel discussions, the event was a resounding success.

Day One of the fest commenced with an engaging Dastangoi session by the renowned troupe Dastango, whose masterful storytelling held entire audience the the in auditorium spellbound. This was by followed essay writing, Nigari, Mazmoon and art showcasing competitions, the creative talents of the students.



Day Two was filled with activities, starting with the Bait Baazi competitions and a poetry slam that attracted participants from universities across Karachi. The day also featured two compelling panel talks. The first, titled "Yaad-e-Shoura," featured Farasat Rizwi, Imran Shamshad, and Ambreen Haseeb, with Shakil Khan as the moderator, providing enlightening insights into the world of poetry. The second panel, "Dour-e-Hazir Mein Media Ka Kirdar," included renowned personalities like Sidra Iqbal, Peersada Salman, and Bilal Hassan, moderated by Shoaib Arshad, discussing the critical role of media in contemporary society. The day ended with a phenomenal play, "Raam-Laila," performed by the Theatre Society at LPS. The performance with was met undivided attention and applause, leaving not a single seat empty and every eye glued to the stage.



Day Three, the most anticipated day, featured an exciting book launch and the final panel talk, "Haalat-e-Hazra," with distinguished speakers Wastullah Khan, Mazhar Abbas, and Kaisar Bengali, moderated by Fatima Zaidi. Their discussion provided profound insights into current affairs.







The fest concluded with a grand award ceremony where prestigious shields and awards were given to the winners, and tokens of appreciation were presented to the guests and sponsors. The event wrapped up with a lively Qawwali night, where every student of NED celebrated and enjoyed, marking a fitting end to a spectacular festival.

Baad-e-Naubahar was not just an event but a celebration of literature, creativity, and cultural exchange, leaving an indelible mark on all who attended.



NED University Students Rally for Palestine

By: Fahd Ahmed Farid Department of Urban Engineering, Batch 2022

On June 14, 2024, the NED University in Karachi witnessed a poignant display of solidarity with the Palestinian cause. Students, driven by a profound sense of injustice, gathered during their break to march in support of Palestinians. This was not a mere protest; it was a powerful statement of unity and empathy.

The march began from the mechanical corridor near GCR and concluded at the Student Affairs building, drawing an unprecedented turnout that far exceeded expectations. The atmosphere was charged with a deep sense of urgency and compassion. Zaeem Ur Rehman, Civil Engineering a student, addressed the crowd with



an impassioned speech. His voice, laden with emotion, vividly depicted the harsh realities faced by Palestinians in Gaza and vehemently condemned the global indifference. He urged his peers toboycott Israeli products and actively share the truth about Gaza's plight on social media.

Abu Hurairah, one of the organizers, expressed both his frustration and pride: "Seeing so many of us standing up together was powerful. We're tired of pretending everything's fine while Palestinians suffer. I wanted to capture this moment, but the security guards took my phone, trying to stop us from sharing what we're doing."

This march transcended mere protest; it was a raw, heartfelt outcry from students who refused to remain silent in the face of oppression. It was a moment of collective pain and solidarity, a demand for justice that resonated far beyond the campus gates.

for all members.

NED University Announces Exciting Fellowship Opportunity for All Students

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NED University of Engineering and Technology has unveiled comprehensive fellowship program designed foster academic to excellence and innovation among its students. This initiative represents a significant step forward in the university's ongoing commitment to supporting its student community. With a generous allocation of Rs 23.3 million, the program aims to substantial provide financial support to students, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their educational pursuits. The fellowship is named in honor of national prominent figures including Quaid-e-Azam, Allama Iqbal, Liaquat Ali Khan, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Maulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar, and Fatima Jinnah.

Dr. Sarosh Lodhi, Vice Chancellor of NED University, emphasized that students from various educational boards, including Karachi Board, Alevels, and others, will be eligible for 100% scholarships on a proportional basis. The scholarships



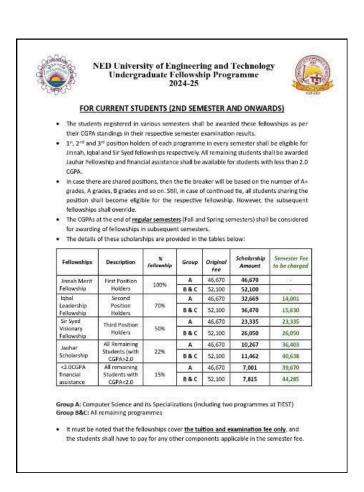
will benefit 2,900 new students, with 1,500 from Karachi Board, 300 from A-levels, and 60 from Hyderabad and Mirpurkhas boards. According to the official press release, the top 50 students from all educational boards will receive 100% coverage of tuition and examination expenses through the Jinnah Merit Fellowship. Students ranked 51-100 will be awarded a 70% scholarship under the Iqbal Leadership Fellowship, while those ranked 101-150 will receive a 50% grant from the Sir Syed Visionary Fellowship. The Jauhar Fellowship will offer a 30% scholarship for

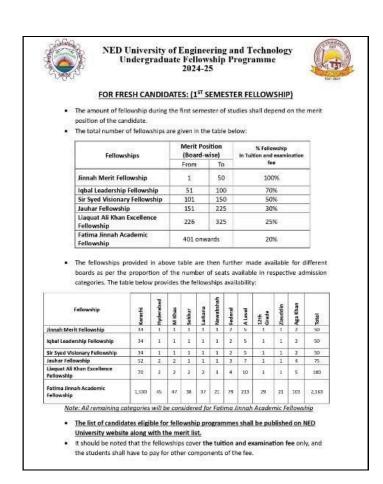
ranks 151-225, the Liaquat Ali Khan Excellence Fellowship will provide a 25% scholarship for ranks 226-325, and students placed beyond 401 will benefit from the Fatima Jinnah Academic Fellowship, covering 20% of tuition fees.

For existing students, the university has announced that the top three students in each course, based on CGPA, will receive fellowships after the first semester. The Jinnah Merit Fellowship will cover 100% of the tuition fees for the first-ranked student, the Iqbal Leadership Fellowship will cover 70% for the second-ranked, and the Sir Syed

Visionary Fellowship will cover 50% for the third-ranked student.

This initiative highlights NED University's dedication to academic excellence and equitable access to education, setting a benchmark for other institutions in Pakistan. As the program is implemented, it is expected to empower students and significantly contribute to their educational and professional development.







Gardens of Growth: Exploring NED's Green **Spaces**

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In the hustle and bustle of university life, it's easy to overlook the tranquil spaces that surround Our campus, however, is adorned with vibrant gardens and diverse flora, providing an ideal backdrop for academic pursuits. These green spaces not only beautify our physical surroundings but also enhance our emotional and mental well-being.

The green spaces on campus exemplify the university's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Wellmaintained lawns, shrubs, and trees offer a serene refuge from academic pressures, allowing faculty and students to relax, reflect, and rejuvenate. These areas, where students study, socialize, and enjoy fresh significantly the air, contribute to the campus's beauty

element showcases the institution's dedication cultivating to welcoming and inspiring environment. Students actively participate in plantation drives and gardening projects, playing a vital role in enhancing the campus's flora.

Grassy areas such as the Mechanical Garden, Petroleum Garden, and Urban Garden provide pleasant breaks from the routine of campus life and serve as perfect spots for meetings and picnics. Tall trees near the Whitehouse, library, and gates offer shade and a haven for birds and squirrels, while flower-lined sidewalks present a refreshing sight. Studies have shown that natural surroundings reduce stress, elevate mood, and promote overall wellbeing.

The campus's green spaces offer students a unique opportunity to connect with nature and encourage a balanced, healthy lifestyle. As we



and foster a strong sense of As we with beautiful flowers that add profound intricate gardens throughout, every

strive for academic community. The campus is graced excellence, let us not forget the impact our color and fragrance, creating a surroundings. By appreciating and delightful experience for all. From preserving the natural beauty tall trees lining the walkways to around us, we contribute to a scattered vibrant and enriching campus environment.

Hot Campus, Cool Measures: Ensuring Student Well-Being

By: Ayesha Azhar Department of English Linguistics and Allied Studies, Batch 2022

As the summer heat reaches its peak, students at our university significant challenges face day-to-day their managing activities. To ensure a comfortable productive learning and environment amidst the scorching temperatures, the university needs to implement additional measures to safeguard the well-being of its students. Here, we highlight some of the difficulties faced by students and provide recommendations to better accommodate their needs.

One of the primary concerns for students is the long walk to the university gates after classes under the harsh sun. To alleviate this issue, extending the shuttle service throughout the day, particularly at 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., during the class-ending rush hours, would significantly ease the burden of navigating campus during peak heat times.

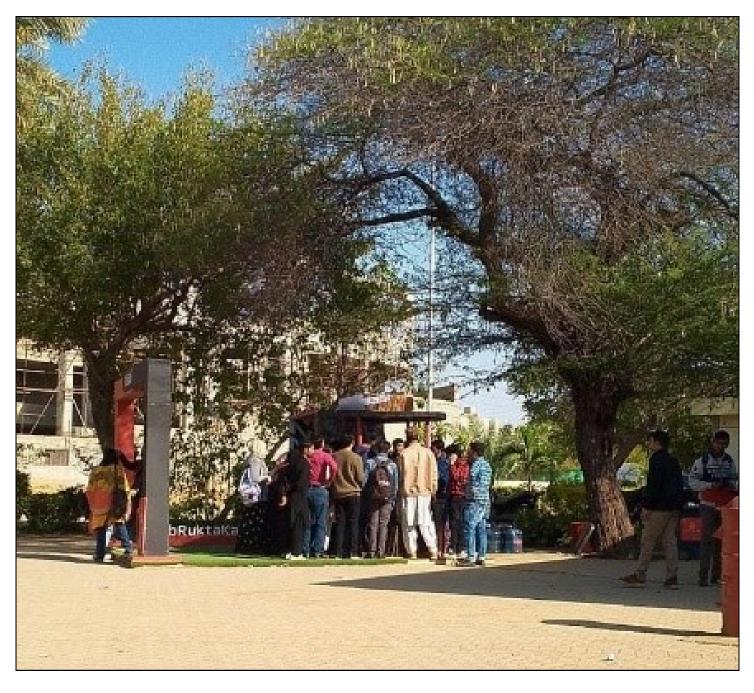
Walking across campus, especially between classes located in different buildings, can be exhausting in the summer heat. To tackle this critical issue, additional benches and resting areas should be installed throughout the campus. These designated areas would enable students to take brief breaks, recharge, and continue their day without exhaustion.

Hydration is crucial during the summer months. However, refilling water bottles can be inconvenient with the current limited availability of water coolers. The university should increase the number of water coolers and water stands equipped with water purification systems across the campus. This would allow students to easily refill their water bottles with cool water, staying hydrated and focused throughout the day.

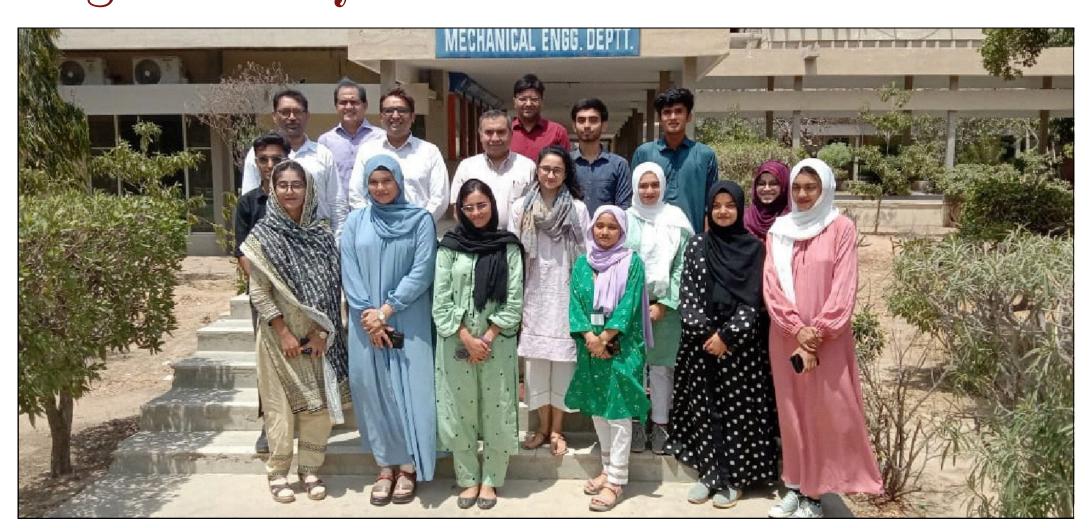


The university's main gates are a bustling hub of activity but lack waiting areas for students and visitors. A shaded and wellconstructed waiting area near the main gates is essential, equipped with seating and protective covers to shield individuals from direct sunlight. providing By comfortable and safe waiting space, the university can significantly improve the experience of those relying on public transport or waiting for pickups.

Addressing the challenges posed heat by requires summer thoughtful planning and proactive by the measures university administration. By implementing simple yet impactful these measures, the university can a cooler and more provide comfortable campus environment, which will translate into better focus, increased productivity, and overall well-being for all who call it home.



3rd Interactive Journalism Workshop Organized by UAFA



By: Ayesha Ashraf Department of Electronics Eng. Batch 2022

June 8th, 2024, marked an exciting day at NED University as the Advancement University and Financial (UAFA) Assistance 3rd the Interactive organized Journalism Workshop. This event, the future dedicated to journalism and the development of the NEDian newspaper, gathered students, faculty, and seasoned professionals explore to and evolving media envision the landscape.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Noman Dean from the Faculty Architecture and Sciences, who underscored the significance of ethical journalism in today's digital era. Dr. Amir Qureshi, Assistant Professor of Textile Engineering and Director of UAFA, further inspired thoughtful discussions on the workshop's themes.

Initiated in 2021 with UAFA's support, the NEDian is a studentcentered newspaper. Dr. Fawwad Masood and Ms. Maheen Tufail Dahraj highlighted its mission as a training ground for students in newspaper management, reflecting on past challenges and expressing confidence in the new team of reporters.

featured keynote session prominent speakers from esteemed news organizations. Ms. Fatima Fakhar Bhai, a senior journalist from THE NEWS, emphasized the importance of impartial journalism, distinguishing news from information, and the necessity of ethical reporting. Her insights were invaluable workshop's the to objectives.

Rishad Veteran journalist Mehmood shared his experiences and insights on the challenges and journalism. stressed the He thorough importance of investigation prior to interviews or reporting and offered strategies for overcoming common obstacles.

A standout moment was Mr. Mansoor Raza from NEDian, who

shared profound philosophical reflections on life's meaning and the significance of observation, noting that "Perception is more important than reality."

The event's highlight was a panel discussion involving journalists, faculty, and students, focusing on enhancing the NEDian newspaper. The exchange of ideas fostered a collaborative atmosphere.

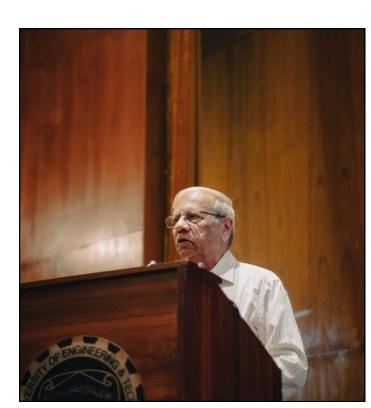
The workshop concluded with a renewed commitment to fortify the opportunities within Pakistani NEDian newspaper, demonstrating the university's dedication to nurturing future journalists and promoting responsible journalism. Participants received certificates from the panel and enjoyed a luncheon, marking the end of a day filled with learning and inspiration.

A Call to Action for the Youth of Pakistan by Dr. Kaisar

Bengali

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Architecture and Management The featured Sciences. event esteemed economist Dr. Kaiser Bengali and veteran chartered accountant Mr. Syed Asad Ali Shah, who discussed the country's current economic and financial situation.



A pre-budget seminar for 2024-25 was held on June 4, 2024, at the Syed Mahmood Alam Auditorium, NED University of Engineering & Technology. Organized by the Department of **Economics** Management Sciences, the seminar was chaired by Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of "The national budget is crucial for determining how public spending will drive development and bring relief to the common people," he stated.

Pakistan has vast natural resources and skilled human capital, both underutilized due to shifts in the nation's political and socioeconomic landscape. Mr. Asad highlighted the need for 21st-century leadership and ecosystem to rejuvenate the advocated for economy. He a modern fostering "start-up culture" and strategically planning local investment through publicprivate partnerships to enhance human capital development and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Asad proposed that fiscal discipline, better public financial management, outcome-based budgeting, and reduced tax rates, tariffs, regulation, and litigation could address the exorbitant debt issues. He also stressed prioritizing debt sustainability and significant debt restructuring.

Dr. Kaiser criticized the government's counterproductive actions, such as guaranteeing power generation companies a rate of over 15% of cost in USD, leading to massive circular debt and damaging the energy sector. This, in turn, has hurt industrial returns and raised residential energy costs.

Another critical issue discussed was the excessive non-combat military expenditure and lavish spending by government officials, which



Dr. Kaiser heavily criticized. He urged students to collectively raise their voices against the despotic system that has widened social, political, economic, and distributive inequalities. He cited historical examples of the Vietnam War and Revolution, Nicaragua where students played a pivotal role, applause from inspiring the audience.

Pakistan's recurrent reliance on the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** was also debated. Mr. Asad noted that significant despite **IMF** borrowing, funds are only used to service existing debts rather than developing the economy's productive potential. He criticized the IMF's recommendation for privatization policies over encouraging entrepreneurship.

Dr. Kaiser argued that a privatized is inherently unfair, economy favoring the wealthy and exacerbating socioeconomic disparities. He stressed importance of an effective public sector, citing China as an example. With millions falling below the poverty line in the past year alone, the gap between the rich and poor continues to widen.

As the seminar concluded, the audience engaged with important questions and critiques of the nation's current unrest. Despite the debates, the event was marked by optimism and determination. Dr. Kaiser asserted that with the right decisions and confronting injustice now, Pakistan could indeed improve as a developing nation in the near future.

Session with Liberty Textile Mills on Innovation and Opportunities in the Textile Industry

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On June 13, third- and fourth-year session & students of Management Sciences, Textile g, in collaboration with the The Department of Economics and distinguing Finance, attended an enlightening Maryan

year session conducted by Liberty nces, Textile Mills at Civil Avenue Hall. the The session featured two and distinguished speakers, Missing Maryam Khan and Mr. Khurram,

who shared their expertise and vision for the future of the textile industry. They emphasized the strategic importance of innovation effective supply chain and management in maintaining a competitive advantage. Additionally, they highlighted the internship opportunities available at Liberty Mills, which offer practical experience and careerbuilding pathways for students.

Liberty Textile Mills, renowned for its high-quality textile products, exports its entire production directly and indirectly to a global clientele, including vendors of internationally recognized brands, departmental stores, and mailorder firms. This extensive network Liberty underscores Mills' commitment to excellence and its prominent position in the textile sector. The session provided a comprehensive insight into the and innovation future opportunities within the textile



Specifically tailored for third- and fourth-year students, the session aimed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry practices. Representatives from Liberty Textile Mills elaborated on the dynamic nature of the supply chain within the textile industry, highlighting the latest trends, technological challenges, and advancements. The discussion also underscored the importance of a robust supply chain in maintaining competitive advantage and sustainability.

In addition to their innovative practices, Liberty Mills is dedicated to social responsibility, actively

working safety on women's initiatives. They also offer extensive internship programs, providing students with hands-on industry experience and supporting final-(FYPs). projects These year internships not only give students practical insights into the textile industry but also enhance their employability.

The students found the session exceptionally beneficial, gaining a comprehensive understanding of supply chain processes and the dynamic nature of the textile industry. This interaction has undoubtedly inspired many to pursue careers in supply chain management, leveraging the insights and opportunities presented by Liberty Textile Mills.

Shuttle Service Struggles Amidst Rising Temperatures:

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As Karachi swelters under an intense heatwave, students at NED University face the added challenge of an inadequate shuttle service. The Met Department recorded a maximum temperature of 40.2°C in May, a significant increase of 4.4°C over the monthly average of 35.8°C. The temperature soared even higher, peaking at 41.5°C—an alarming departure of 5.7 degrees from the city's normal temperature for this time of year.

Imagine navigating a sprawling 40-hectare campus on foot during the hottest hours of the day. For us students at NED University, this isn't just a scenario—it's our daily reality. The university's shuttle service, a lifeline for commuting across campus, operates only briefly from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., leaving students stranded when temperatures peak.

Students are finding it increasingly challenging to attend lessons and move between departments in such harsh circumstances. The intense heat makes these commutes not just uncomfortable but potentially dangerous, risking heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Despite the glaring need for an extended shuttle service, the university administration has yet to implement a comprehensive solution. This delay is causing significant hardship, as students are forced to walk long distances under the scorching sun.

A feasible solution to this problem would be to increase shuttle service hours so that they run constantly throughout the day, especially during peak heat hours. Additionally, the university could installing consider covered pathways and water stations across campus as interim measures to provide immediate relief.

Implementing these changes would not only improve students' daily experiences but also reflect the university's concern for their wellbeing. With Karachi witnessing historic heat, NED University must respond quickly to safeguard the safety and welfare of its students. Until then, students will have to



their both academic navigate commitments and the relentless summer heat with resilience and determination.

In the face of this heatwave challenge, NED University has an opportunity to lead by exampleprioritizing student welfare and setting a standard for campuses nationwide. As temperatures soar, so too should our commitment to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all students.

3rd Sindh Research and **Technology** Showcase 2024:

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Sindh Research and 3rd Technology Showcase 2024, held on June 1st at the Expo Center Karachi, highlighted the essential role of bridging academic research with the business world. Organized by the Sindh Higher Education Commission in collaboration with NED University of Engineering and Technology, the event aimed to foster industry-academia ties by showcasing the innovative research university inventions of and students and faculty to prominent industry officials.

Universities such as the University of Karachi, Dawood University of Engineering Technology, and Usman Institute of Technology, Jinnah Sindh Medical University, and SZABIST, among others,

their presented cutting-edge technological solutions. Participants included students and faculty from departments, including various information computer science, technology, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

The event was graced by several Vice Chancellors, industry experts, and dignitaries from Sindh HEC, including the Director of the Office Research, Innovation, Commercialization (ORIC). They visited the stalls, commended the students' efforts, and offered valuable insights on future funding prospects to upscale the projects. Their encouragement underscored the vital role of technological advancement in shaping Pakistan's future.

The exhibition provided a valuable platform for academia and industry & to explore cutting-edge ideas under bridge the gap between research industry, facilitating and and utilization acceptance of university research findings by relevant enterprises. For industry representatives, the event offered exceptional opportunities explore joint ventures, licensing commercialization and options, prospects based on the showcased inventions and discoveries.

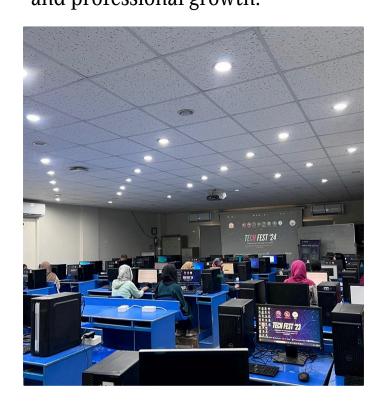
Tech Fest 2024: A Celebration of **Technology** and Innovation

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The Department of Computer Science and Information (CSIT) Technology NED at University of Engineering and Technology, in collaboration with departmental clubs, proudly organized Tech Fest 2024 from May 27 to June 13, 2024. This event technology aimed unite to enthusiasts for a dynamic blend of captivating tech competitions,

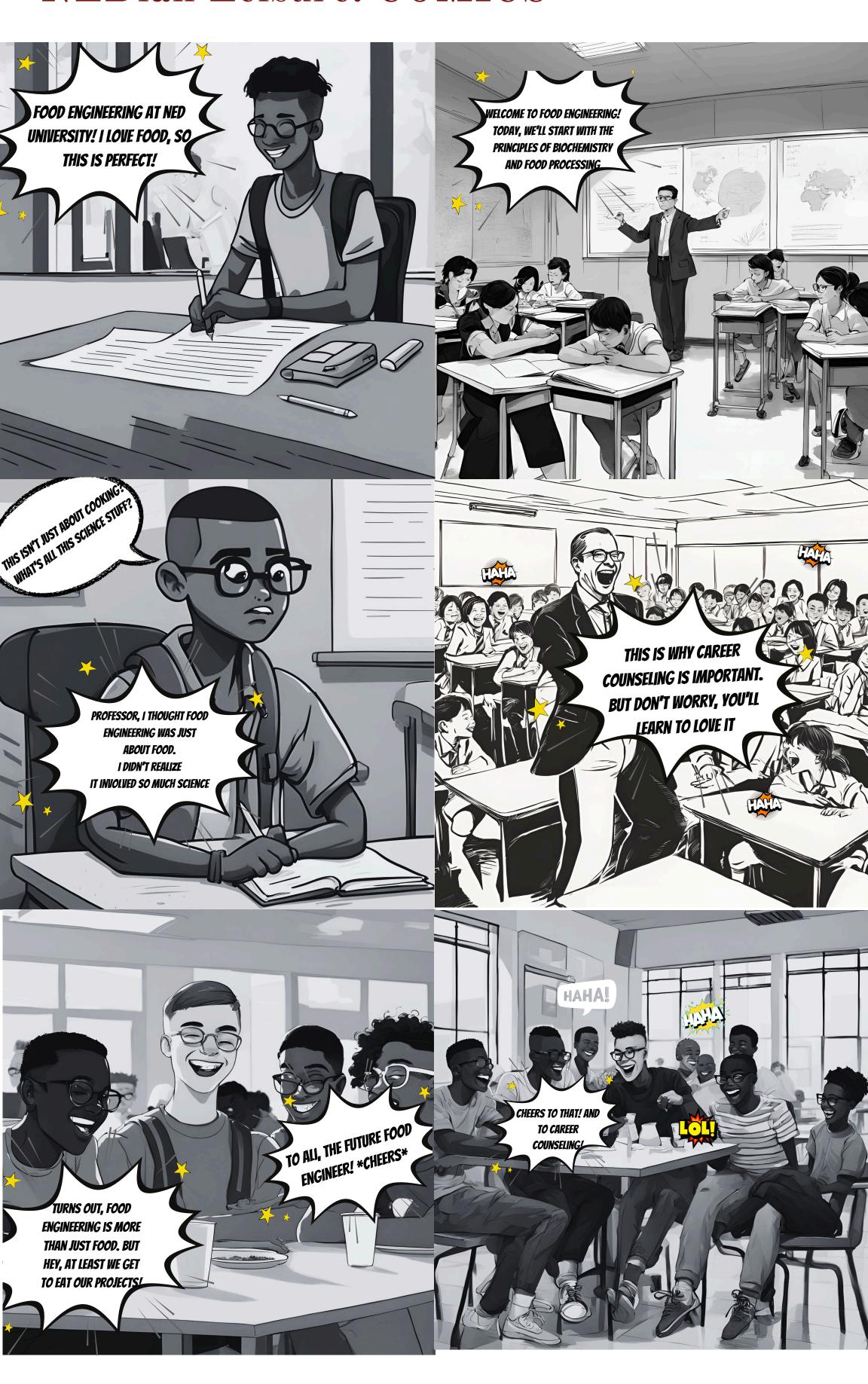
nsightful seminars, and hands-on workshops on the latest cuttingedge technologies.

Tech Fest 2024 commenced with an exhilarating opening ceremony that set a spirited tone for the event. industry figures Prominent delivered keynote addresses and unveiled innovations, new captivating the audience. Following the inaugural celebrations, a series of workshops were held, providing attendees with essential knowledge and skills. Highlights included an in-depth discussion on blockchain technology and its diverse applications, well as as comprehensive course on mobile application development that offered hands-on experience with frameworks latest the and technologies. also **Participants** explored Azure's data storage options in a session on cloud storage. Furthermore, workshops entrepreneurship equipped attendees with the insights to transform innovative ideas into successful ventures. These sessions collectively provided comprehensive understanding of technological modern advancements and entrepreneurial strategies, fostering both personal and professional growth.



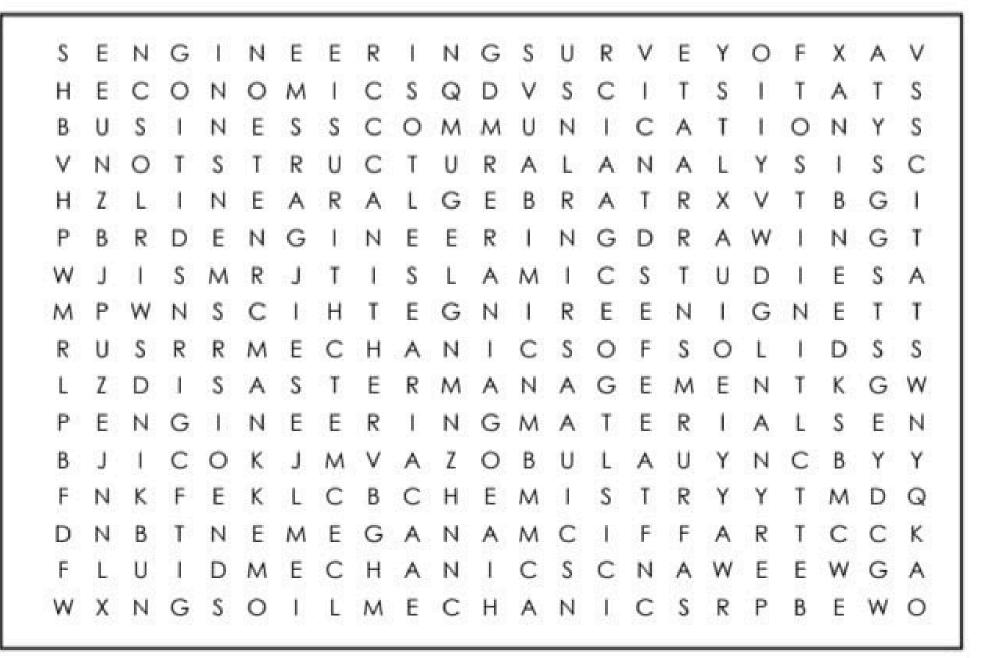
The event concluded with a closing that celebrated ceremony Competition winners successes. awarded prizes, and were organizers and participants shared their unique experiences. Tech Fest 2024 emerged as a significant source of learning and development all attendees, fostering for professional growth and innovation, and leaving a lasting impact on everyone involved.

NEDian Leisure: COMICS



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EDITORIAL:

In the age of constant social media inundation, where critical news can easily be overlooked, the NED Digital Newspaper emerges as an invaluable asset to the NED community. It serves not only to highlight achievements within our community but also to shine a spotlight on the challenges faced by students, effectively bringing them to the attention of university authorities.

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The newspaper is meticulously curated by teams of graphic designers, writers, and reporters, whose dedication is evident in every edition. Their goal is to inform, inspire, and unite the university community towards shared goals greater prosperity. and In conclusion, **NED** the Digital Newspaper aims to foster a more engaged and informed student body, encouraging active participation and collaboration.

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