

Tutalife walked away with N\$ 4000

Spelling bee a success

It is not every day that students at tertiary level are challenged through a spelling bee.

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This past Saturday (28 July), the University of Namibia (Unam), in partnership with Sanlam Namibia, hosted their annual spelling bee competition.

Students from Unam and the IUM took part in the competition.

“When we were approached last year to sponsor the spelling bee we were very intrigued because we have never heard of a spelling bee in Namibia at tertiary level,” said Hilaria Graig, marketing and communications manager at Sanlam.

“This competition was primarily started to raise awareness of the vocabulary use of students.

“The use of incorrect spelling among students has become a great concern; that’s why we want to create a platform to help improve this,” said Jill Izaks, deputy director at Unam’s lan-



Timothy Chunga and Julius Lukas with the spellers from team Unam.

guage centre.

“So far I am very proud to see how well the students can spell. It is no secret that our children have been messed up by computers, but it is a relief to see that they still take time to learn new words,” said Dr Patrick Paulus, a lecturer at the language centre at UNAM.

“Spelling Bee championships are pivotal because they enhance vocabulary development which is essential in academic learning,” said the HOD of communication and study skills, Dr Joseph Mukoroli.

After much anticipation, Lawreen

Tutalife (Unam main campus) reigned victorious, walking away with the N\$4000 grand prize.

The first runner up was Samantha Visser (Unam Main campus) and the second runner up was Believe Chikwape (IUM).

The Prizes: Champion: 4000 N\$ - Oxford Dictionary, medal, stationery pack

First runner up: 3000 N\$ - Oxford Dictionary, medal, stationery pack

Second Runner up: 2000 N\$, Oxford Dictionary, medal, stationery pack

Each participant received a: medal, stationery pack, t- shirt and meal.