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## CHINA DONATES ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT

The Chinese government last week donated equipment to the department of Civil Engineering in the School of Engineering worth K83 million. The equipment is part of technical aid from China which includes both laboratory equipment and provision of lecturers.

Receiving the equipment on behalf of the Zambian government, Minister of Education Mr Alfeyo Hambayi thanked the Chinese government for the donation. He said his "government is committed to ensuring that our people are provided with clean water and the equipment will go a long way in ensuring that our young engineers get quality education before they get into their respective communities. The equipment mainly covers three areas of civil engineering: Hydraulics, Structural Engineering and Soil Mechanics. Mr Hambayi urged the users of equipment to jealously guard it and to maximise its use "so that our joint efforts are worthwhile."

And speaking earlier on the same occasion the Chinese ambassador to Zambia Mr Yang Zengye lauded the warm bilateral relationship which exists between China and Zambia. He later cited a number of projects which China set in the country for the benefit of Zambians. Mr Zengye further said that China gives fifteen scholarships each year to Zambians to go and study in various fields in China. The envoy wished the department of Civil Engineering all the success in the field of teaching and research.

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### DUTCH VISIT

The University of Zambia last week played host to Dr Stoll, an official from the Free University of Amsterdam. His

visit aimed at working out a skeleton project proposal document as a follow up to various indicative plans Schools of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Medicine had submitted in April this year. Earlier in March this year, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jorry Mwenechanya met representatives of several higher institutions in the Netherlands interested in collaborating with UNZA in a scheme to be funded by a new Dutch government aid programme known as Joint Financing Programme Cooperation in Higher Education (MHO). The scheme is worth more than K1 billion.

UNZA is one of the three universities to have been chosen for the support expected to last for at least 12 years. Others are Dar es Salaam University (Tanzania) and Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique).

### LABOUR DAY AWARDS: WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The criteria used by officers in authoritative positions to choose recipients of Labour Day Awards in the University has been questioned by a Senior Technician in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Mr Sakala writes "please educate me on what warrants Labour Day Awards. I personally thought that these awards were an incentive for the workers who show diligence, creativity and initiative in their work. On the contrary at UNZA

these awards are given to those who have been in employment for 20 years and above."

The Flier thought this was a very good observation and approached the necessary authorities on this issue. Its true that it hasn't been very clear what the criteria is. We believe as a motivating factor that Central Administration should not only base labour day awards on long service but really sift among its workers and identify diligent employees who are not only on the UNZA pay-roll but are contributing effectively to the growth and stability of the institution.

Sakala lamented that nine months ago he served the University out of a total sum of about K5 000 000.00 by preparing a horse skeleton at no cost at all to the University but for the electricity that he used for drilling purposes and water for macerating the bones. These, Sakala feels, should be considered when rewards are offered to workers for motivation.

### QUOTATION

You only get to know how many genuine friends you have when poverty strikes.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

## MINISTER'S TOUR

The Minister of Education Mr Alfeyo Hambayi, visited the New Student residences, cafeteria, Library, Chemistry Department and two lecture theatres in the School of Humanities.

The conducted tour was arranged by UNZA Administration with the aim of exposing the bad facilities that are being offered to students due to lack of funds.

The minister who seemed not to believe what he was seeing was told by heads of units that no major rehabilitation has been made in the University since the late sixties when it was built.

Some rooms have no tiles, windows have been broken and the drainage systems is broken and leaking posing a health hazard.

In the Department of Chemistry, labs seating about 60 students have no stools and students stand through lectures.

The Minister who was treated to Lunch at the Senate Chamber remarked that he could not believe the nice food he had eaten was prepared in the dilapidated kitchen that he had seen. "I have to confirm that you are working under very difficult situations and one need of financial assistance", he said.

He closed by encouraging the Administration to continue the good work and hope that one day their problems will be solved. He however, made no promises.

## NEW RESIDENT ENGINEER

The University has employed a resident engineer.

Mr Ian Nzali Banda started work on June 23, 1994. He holds a BEng. and is an elected member of the Engineering Institute of Zambia. Mr Banda has been in the construction business for a long time and has worked for among other constructions companies Minestone and Apollo.

### AGONY

Is to be called by a wrong name  
from someone who excitedly  
welcomes you in a pub!

## TDAU

A decision has been taken by the Technology Development and Advisory Unit (TDAU) to allow members of University community acquire some of the equipment made by the Unit on special conditions. These conditions will include allowing University workers to pay for the equipment through the pay roll system.

TDAU is supposed to develop equipment up to prototype Mass production is expected to be taken up by industry. During the development stages, however, a number of pieces of equipment are made for the purpose of testing, that is to see how the designs can perform in actual field conditions. These and other proven pieces of equipment are now available to the public for sale.

### In Stock

At the moment TDAU has in stock: water pumps (pedal pump, diaphragm pump and rope and washer pump), maize and groundnut shellers, maize planter, ox cart, and ram press, for extracting cooking oil from sunflower. Should some of this equipment become popular with the public, TDAU will under take to have some on the shelf, ready for sale at any time.

The objective of TDAU is to develop equipment which is appropriate to local conditions, resources and skills of the local people. The Unit provides services to organisations involved in rural development, that wish to introduce new or improved technologies in Zambia. Current emphasis is on the development of manually (and animal) powered equipment in crop and food processing, water pumping, building materials, and renewable energy sources, (that is animal power, solar, wind and hydro energy).

Every so often people in the University workforce are retiring. Some of them want to go back and settle in villages. We feel that it is time TDAU extended its help to these erstwhile colleagues.

### Information

From now on TDAU will be inserting regular articles in the MID-Week Flier on its activities. This is apart from the bi-annual TDAU newsletter, which has been produced regularly since 1988.

## KIREMIRE DOUBLY HONOURED

The Head of Chemistry Department in the School of Natural Sciences Prof. E.M.R. Kiremire scored a rare feat when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointed him representative of the Royal Society of Chemistry in Zambia. The Queen is the society's patron. Prof. Kiremire's appointment adds another feather to his hat as it comes shortly after the Zambian Society of Chemistry awarded him an honorary membership. Bravo Prof.!

## CHUDLEIGH FENCE.

The construction of a wall-fence around the fifteen houses at New Chudleigh residential area came to a standstill three months ago. A Flier correspondent who visited the area last weekend was told by an unamused resident that "the construction stopped last March. No explanation was given to us. One would only guess that its the usual 'no funds' sing song."

Meanwhile all casual workers who were constructing the fence have since been deployed elsewhere. Earlier in the year residents of Chudleigh and the administration were embroiled in a wrangle of words as to whether one fence should surround all the houses or each house should have its own fence. Residents opted for the former arrangement in view of threatened (and actual) robberies in the area. The area is tucked between Kaunda Square and Ng'ombe shanty townships.

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## THANKS

Mrs Grace N. Mutale, wishes to extend her sincere gratitude to all members of Biology Department and all those who joined her in mourning her late young sister Rose Chilufya Ng'oma.

Special thanks goes to the Head of Department, Dr Keith J. Mbata, Dr C.J. Shinondo and Mr S. Kapanji.

MRS GRACE N. MUTALE  
Department of Biology

ARTICLES  
ARE  
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## REAL THINGS

Do not be deceived by the shallow smiles of Unza workers of late, that they may accord you, Unza employees are now suffering the worst pain ever in Unza history. The pain of being left to speculate about their new salaries and six months' salary arrears is great indeed.

The speculation under the heading "Kachepa" is something that one can't avoid especially when he is supposed to be informed about something good or bad. That can make someone anxious in short. In this case about money! The graffiti in some departments can tell the Unzaawu members are anxious about the money which T.P. and his cohorts try to avoid to talk about to their Unzaawu members. That is why Chief Kachepa had to make me draft a budget, between 10th and 21st April, which could have seen me driving a car!

I am one person who hasn't been told of the Union Executives' progress. I have to remind them that I am their employer in the Union, thus they have to report to me first even before they go to the press. The only time they want to talk to me is when (like Chewes friend did in April) there is a probable salary increase. Nothing more to this. You will only see them smartly dressed in "Unionised Jackets" (Thank the crazy gods for May 1) shove themselves in a land cruiser and then head for some luxurious destination.

Whoever is concerned about the Union Executives' progress should get to his feet. May be these guys are tired. Should we call for an early election? I expected a statement from the Unzaawu Executive just after the strike to tell us of their next move and why we should cool down after the unceremonious strike which had no ring-leader. Rather it was emotional. At least they should have a few memos or circulars to make me stop dreaming of buying a T.V. set.

If somebody has to know, the money issue has affected me badly. I have a "budget deficit" every month and wished to pay the medical fees at the white elephant Unza Clinic. At least if someone increased my pay I would contribute towards the funding of the Clinic Services, most important the drug supply could improve. Aaah! Know what-those fellows at the Clinic now open the drug window so wide that you see the emptiness of the pharmacy. Why the hell were they all along hiding behind those doors? Transparency indeed.

If someone still wants to know - I have been walking from home (Avondale) to campus each day as I can't afford the bus fares everyday. It's not only me depending on my take home pay, there are six more of us.

T.P. and his lieutenants should have one thing in mind they should talk to their "employers."

NB: Reliable information, however, reaching the FLIER is that a 35% pay rise for UNZAAWU members has been reached at, but the Collective Agreement is yet to be signed. Editor.

### EDITORIAL BOARD

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## APPOINTMENTS

OMSMEGBE, T.O. (Prof.)

Has been re-appointed Head of the Department of Paraclinical Studies in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

TISHIBWABWA-TUMBA (Prof.)

To act as Head of Department of Medicine from 18th June to July 8th, 1994 in the absence of Prof. Pobee.

BERNETT, F. (Dr)

To act as Head, Department of Animal Science in the School of Agricultural Science from 2nd to 30th July, 1994.

MUSONDA, A. (Mr)

Acted as Head, Department of Philosophy in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences from 15th to 24th June, 1994.

LUNGU, S.C. (Dr)

To act as Dean of the School of Agricultural Sciences from 2nd to 30th July, 1994.

MAPILI, B. (Mr)

To act as Assistant Dean of Students for administrative convenience at Ridgeway Campus from 13th June, 1994 until further notice.

## OBITUARY

Mr Francis Lampi passed away on Friday night in Kaunda Square Stage I.

Mr Lampi was until recently a Lecturer Grade II in the School of Education, Department of Language and Social Science Education.

He leaves a wife and three children, one whom is a Physics Lecturer in the School of Natural Sciences. Funeral gathering is at Flat No. D 1, Roan Road, Kabulonga.

M.H.S.R.I.P.



## LETTERS ...

The Editor,

### TIRED OF GUARDING VACANT UNZA HOUSES

I am writing to express my views that we are tired of guarding vacant Unza houses. We in Security Department feel that management are doing a deliberate thing to leave houses being empty for a long time. Guards are tired of guarding these houses for too long. Houses are being empty over a year or more. Government houses are not very much destroyed like those of Unza, because repairs are done while the new tenant is in. Please do something about Unza vacant houses.

MAXWELL BANDA  
Unza Security Department

## A GUIDE TO RECENT ACQUISITIONS in UNZA Library and the Bookshop

### The Main Campus Library

The following recently acquired publications are now available to borrowers and other Library users of the Main Library of the University of Zambia.

Interested persons can inquire from the Reader's Adviser.

1. **BRIMICOMBE, MICHAEL**  
Physics in Focus  
Thomas Nelson & Sons Ltd., Survey - 1990.  
The book discusses applications of physics in everyday contexts, questions and 'learning objectives' at the end of each topic to help staff and students to monitor progress, and summaries at the end of each section.
2. **JULIAN, MICHAEL**  
Circuits, Signals and Devices.  
Longman Group Ltd., Essex - 1988.  
The book provides comprehensive coverage of subjects in electronic engineering. It will be of value to students studying systems and electronics in engineering and other scientific disciplines.
3. **LEACH, GERALD AND MEARNES, ROBIN**  
Beyond the Woodfuel Crisis: people, land and trees in Africa  
Earthscan Publications Ltd., London - 1988.  
The book looks at problems arising from the use of wood for fuel, its effects on soil, people and trees and how best to tackle this pressing problem.
4. **O'LEARY, T.J. and WILLIAM, BRIAN K.**  
Computers and information Systems, 2nd edition  
Benjamin/Cummings Pub. Co. Inc., New York - 1989.  
The book presents the computer as a valuable part of the end user's tool kit.
5. **ROBERTS, MARTIN**  
A history of South Africa  
Longman Group Ltd., London - 1990.  
The book provides the reader with an understanding of the historical background to the present political situation in South Africa.
6. **TAIZ, L.**  
Plant Physiology  
Benjamin/Cummings Pub. Co. Inc., New York - 1991.  
The book looks at plant physiology from a wider perspective. It defines the subject and differentiates plant physiology from other disciplines such as biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology.

### The University Bookshop

The last issue of the Mid-Week Flier published some of the books on sale in the Bookshop.

Here are other titles that are available. This list gives the book's title first, then the author, the Publisher and the year of publication, lastly the Unza Bookshop price.

1. Nothing Wrong with Africa Except... by Dr Jonathan Chileshe, Vikas Publishing - 1992, K7,000.00
2. Praying Scripture, by William Lane, S.J., Mission Press - 1993, K460.00
3. A Guide to Library Research, by Y. Chondoka, Printpak - 1993, K1,000.00
4. Class Struggles in Zambia, 1889-1989 and The Fall of Kenneth Kaunda, 1990-1991 by Muyongwe Hamalengwa, University Press of America - 1992, K6,000.00.
5. The Ecology of the Gwembe-Tonga, by Thayer Scudder, Manchester University Press - 1975, K2,500.00.
6. Finger of Suspicion, by Rosina Umelo, Macmillan - 1991, K3,200.00.
7. Sins of the Mothers, by Patricia Angadi, Black Swani - 1990, K5,000.00.
8. Zambia's March to Political Freedom, by Kapasa Makasa, K.K.F. -1977, K500.00
9. Lt. Luchembe Coup Attempt, by Beatwell S. Chisala, Multimedia - 1991, K390.00.
10. Research on Zambian Women in Retrospect and Prospect: An Annotated Bibliography by Ray Bardouille, SIDA - 1992, K3,000.00.