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THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA

HELP, CRIES MUMBA

Concerted efforts and steady capital injection into the Horticultural Department is the solution to bringing back the lustre in the University landscape, Horticulture Officer, Mr John Mumba has said.

Reacting to accusations that the Horticulture Department has failed. Mr Mumba said the horticulture program in the university quickly needs priority treatment in total institutional funding.

He said lack of money was the let down in maintaining standards.

He cited the dire need of horticulture implements such as tractors to cut large surfaces of grass and collecting piles of refuse accumulating in the campuses.

Mr Mumba added that three boreholes have not pumped water since 1991 and his department was at a loss on how to keep the grass and plants green.

"Another dimension that has added to our problems is that Horticulture has suffered the highest number of retired and retrenched staff since 1988 to date," he added. Resulting from the reduced labour force, it was not possible for his men to make an impact in their work, Mr Mumba said.

He parried assertions that his department performed miracles during major University annual events such as Graduation Ceremonies in keeping the landscape presentable, saying emergency measures were usually employed to beautify the institution.

Tractors and implements are hired at astronomical fees and only chosen areas around the venue of such events are beautified, he said.

"It is not possible on a day-to-day basis to source such large sums of money as during ceremonies." Mr Mumba pointed out.

"I feel that every body should be interested in the beauty of the University if we are to turn things around", he said.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

KAJOBA, G.M.

Attends 4th Congress of OSSREA, Addis Ababa on 9 - 12 August, 1993. Dr Mulenga to act as Head of the Department of Geography during his absence.

KAELA, L.C.W. (Dr)

Participating in a Conference on "The United States and Africa" in Nairobi organised by the University of Nairobi and the United States Information Service, from 17 - 24 July, Mr Royson Mukwena acts as Head of Department.

KUNKHULI MBEWE, W.S. (Dr)

Travelled to Copperbelt Teachers College in Luanshya and Nkrumah Teachers College in Kabwe as Chief External Examiner from 12 - 16 July. Dr Chakulimba acted as Head of EPSSE (School of Education).

QUOTATION

Don't wait until tomorrow, do it today. Whatever you are doing now, do it right away.

Later it will be too late to do; Who knows when death will visit you?

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PASSAGES ALLOWANCE REDUCED

Passages allowance will only be payable to employees of the University of Zambia on long leave and their spouses and dependants not actively travelling will not be included with immediate effect.

In a circular letter, Acting Senior Assistant Registrar (Administration), Mr J.H. Mudenda states that only UNZA employees actually travelling shall be paid passages allowance.

"The provision of passages allowance to junior officers or employees should be understood in the context of physical and actual travelling on leave,," he said.

Mr Mudenda says there is "undisputable evidence" that spouses and dependants in most cases do not travel anywhere and yet passages allowance is always paid.

The new policy is in response to investigations carried out by the Internal Audit Office into allegations that University employees make false claims on spouses and dependants towards passages allowance.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

A two-year postgraduate program is being offered at the Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp, Belgium. The first year is a Diploma in Development Policy and second year a Master in Public Administration and Management.

The program is multi-disciplinary but oriented towards economic issues. The Staff Development Office has further details.

ALL THAT BEEF

The University of Zambia Farm has a current stock of 156 beef for breeding, and slaughters periodically aging cows and steers (castrated male cattle) for sale to the University Community.

UNZA Farm Manager, Mr S.M. Lushi said in an interview that he is also growing 25 hectares of wheat and harvesting maize.

National Milling Company is the biggest customer of the wheat and maize.

AILING UNZA CLINIC

UNA Health Services Medical Officer, Dr Tawila Mulasikwanda says the clinic may resort to giving out medical prescriptions only to staff and students if funding is not improved in the seven days.

Speaking in his office, Dr Mulasikwanda said the University Community should not be taken unaware if they received prescriptions instead of drugs in the coming week.

He lamented that he was finding it very difficult to run Health Services without money, as all allocations had been quickly "gobbled up".

The Medical Officer said drug suppliers were not willing to offer credits as outstanding bills were not cleared.

Financial constraints have forced him to propose and submit a token medical fees system to the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr Mulasikwanda said there was hardly no alternative but to turn to the community to shoulder the financial burden of running Health Services at UNZA.

APPOINTMENTS

(a) DIRECTORSHIP

MILIMO, J.T., (Dr)

Acted Director of Educational Research Bureau from July 12 to 16. Prof. E.K. Waddimba attended a symposium in Lesotho.

NJOBVU, A.C., (Dr)

Will act Director of Rural Development Studies Bureau during the absence of Dr J.T. Milimo from July 22 to August 4, 1993.

MUKANDA, A.P.

Acted Librarian during the absence of Dr H. Mwacalimba on 5 - 9 July 1993.

(b) DEANSHIP

CHANDA, EMMANUEL C.K., (Dr) Appointed Assistant Dean (General), School of Mines for two years effective July 7, 1993.

MBEPO, V.M., (Dr)

Appointed Assistant Dean (General), School of Humanities and Social Sciences for two years from August 1, 1993

SICHINGA, A.C.J., (Dr)

Acted Dean of the School of Agricultural Sciences during the absence of Dr V.N.R. Chinene from 5 - 9 July 1993.

CHANDA, M.W., (Dr)

Acting Dean of the School of Mines during the absence of Dr E.H. Jere from 21 - 27 July 1993

(c) HEADSHIPS

KANTUMOYA, L.

Acting Head, Department of Mass Communication during the absence of Professor Francis Kasoma from 8 - 22 July 1993. Also acted Head from June 28 to July 5, 1993.

DILLON-LALONE, (Prof.)

Re-appointed Head, Department of Philosophy for four years effective January 11, 1993.

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KUNDA, W., (Dr)

Acting Head, Department of Mathematics from 11 - 31 July during the absence of Dr Ngwengwe.

OSBORNE, C.N. (Dr)

Acted Head, Department of Paediatrics during the absence of Dr G.J. Bhat from June 25 to July 11, 1993

SHILALUKEY-NGOMA, M., (Dr)

Acting Head, Department of Paediatrics during the absence of Dr G.J. Bhat from 12 - 27 July, 1993.

MWALA, M. (Dr)

Acted Head, Department of Crop Sciences during the absence of Dr D.N. Mbewe from June 27 to July 17, 1993.

HAAZEL, F., (Dr)

Acted Head, Department of Animal Science during the absence of Dr J.C.N. Lungu from 4 - 12 July, 1993.

ZULU, S.C.F.

Acted Head, Department of Library Studies during the absence of Dr E.D.T. Kularatne from June 28 to July 9, 1993.

MAIMBO, F.

Acted Head, Department of Agricultural Eco nomics during the absence of Dr F. Mwape from 5 - 12 July, 1993.

MASIYE, G.

Acted Head, Department of Social Development Studies during the absence of Dr L. Mukuka from 16 - 21 July, 1993.

KASUTA, E.

Acting Head, Department of Social Development Studies during the absence of Dr L. Mukuka from 22 - 23 July, 1993.

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ESTATE TRUDGES ON

Estate Organisation has resolved to forge ahead in its operations despite financial constraints by undertaking several developmental projects in the institution.

Acting Resident Engineer, Mr A.M. Chama innumerated a number of projects his office is working on including putting finishing touches to the University Show Grounds pavilion.

Hot water geysers are being rehabilitated in student hostels in response to students pleas for warm water for baths, he said.

A roof is under construction at the School of Agriculture field station chicken shed.

In other areas, foundations to erect wall fences at the newly handed-over Chudleigh houses have already been dug, Mr Chama added.

And in an effort to bail out the Horticulture department over the accumulating refuse piles, the Estate Organisation has dug foundations for refuse bins to be constructed all over the University.

Sites are at the Old residences, New residences, Veterinary Medicine residences, Student Centre and workers canteen, he said.

Mr Chama intimated that his office is also sourcing funds to build an incinerator to burn collecting refuse which is scattering everywhere in the campuses.

At the Transport Yard, a foundation for erecting a security wall fence at the front has been dug, but funds are yet to released to complete the project, he said.

UNZA STRIKE SUSPENDED

The University of Zambia Lecturers and Researchers Union has suspended the strike with immediate effect.

A circular released yesterday by the Union's Secretary General, Mr Darlington Banda says the 50 per cent salary increase with arrears from January, 1993 shall be paid latest on Friday, 30th July.

The Equal pay for Equal work principle is also under active consideration.