



Chancellor College BULLETIN

EDITORIAL: DOUBLE STREAM

The reopening of the College is a very exciting news, not only to our beloved students but to the entire College community for so many reasons including regaining of public trust, resuming of our academic vibrant interaction with students, smooth implementation of research activities with students' input, facilitation of outreach activities which involve participation of students, resuscitation of the city's vibrancy in terms of business and many more.

With such an exciting atmosphere the College management which included heads of departments and sections, Deans, and administration had a caucus on 21 July 2017 to deliberate on the reopening process. The College has always been ready to reopen immediately; however,

the debate was so extensive because of the possibility of registering a double intake for the first years. Management felt that it had to deliberate on the issue guided by such factors as, harmonization of the calendar, a possible delay in the enrollment of the newly selected students who (if not for double intake) would come next academic year in 2018, the quality of the education to be imparted to the students, and resources for the implementation of such a route. It was agreed that a double intake be implemented from 10 July 2017 and all sectors are working very hard to ensure smooth implementation of the same. Among other measures, there will be increase in teaching hours, engagement of well qualified part-timers and utilization of standard external facilities such as

halls. The College is also requesting the general public in the neighborhood to avail, if any, good quality accommodation facilities, without exploiting our students.

Infrastructure developments continue to grow steadily on campus. The Faculty of Science recently held a ceremony to inaugurate their new deanery offices. The HEST project has now taken definite shape, as part of a growing campus. And the World Bank SDP construction is also firmly underway. The Economics department has also joined the construction fray, having secured funding to construct what is sure to become a School of Economics. Chancellor College continues to grow indeed.

And the *Chancellor College Bulletin* will be here to record that growth!



The Faculty of Science boardroom

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ADMINISTRATION

Chanco Finance Section on a Refresher course

A refresher training workshop on financial management and auditing was held for all staff members in the Finance section from 26 to 29 May 2017 at Hippo Lodge in Liwonde. The workshop was facilitated by several experts including Mr Malowa of Binary Systems, Mr Smith Masuso (the University of Malawi Internal Auditor), Mr Solomon Dindi (the College ICT director) and Mr Davie Kasinje (Senior Assistant Finance Officer) among others. It was aimed at enhancing capacity of the finance section in planning and controlling financial resources (income and expenditure, budgeting, cash flows projections and growth plans) and also to empower the section for the use of ICT in financial planning and

management including internet applications, development of financial principles and values.

In his opening remarks the Vice Principal, Prof. Samson Sajidu, mentioned that although staff members in the

section have skills and knowledge in financial management, learning has always been a continuous process and that the section needs to be up to date with current practices and also be able to develop models that can help in making future financial projections. He stressed that the college has tremendously

expanded in all aspects such as systems, infrastructure, students numbers, and projects; hence, the need for such a refresher course. The College community should thus expect improved service delivery from the Finance section having undergone this refresher course.



Finance personnel at the training workshop

Faculty of Science inaugurates office building

Chancellor College commenced the month of June on a positive note, with the official opening of the offices of the Faculty of Science

Deanery offices and boardroom on the 1st of the month. The offices have been under construction since 2015. The guest of honor at the

function was the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Al. Mtenje.

The building comprises a plushly furnished boardroom, the offices of Dean and Deputy Dean of Science, and the office of the secretary of the Dean. "For us," the Dean of Science, Dr. Levis Eneya,

pointed out, "this boardroom is expected to be an incubator for research as members meet to discuss or present ideas". He expressed the faculty's thanks to the various parties who contributed to the realization of the project.

Speaking during the function, the Principal pointed out that the completion of construction of the building was one of many indicators of Chancellor College's self-renewal process.

As guest of honour, Prof. Mtenje informed the gathering of his continued pleasure to be associated with developments at Chancellor College. He too expressed delight, pointing out that the completed project was an example of what Chancellor College can achieve on its own.



The Dean of Science shows off his new office

ADMINISTRATION

Secretaries attend training workshop in Mponela

From 12th to 16th June, 2017, a number of secretaries from Chancellor College and Kamuzu College of Nursing attended a secretarial skills workshop organized by the Staff Development Institute (Mpemba). The workshop was held at Hillside Lodge in Mponela.

During the workshop, the participants were drilled in a wide range of skills. Topics included time management, public speaking, management of electronic office, business ethics, office communication, working for executive management, customer care, management of meetings, and career development.

The general feeling among the participants

was that the workshop had been helpful. According to one participant, Mrs Thandi Sabola, such workshops

help in career progression. "The workshop was fruitful and we have learnt a lot of skills which will increase our skill set," she commented.

Such workshops are very helpful for members

of staff at the college. They help in building confidence as well as increasing productivity.

Due to increased demand, a second cohort of secretaries also attended the training at the end of June, 2017.



The secretaries pose for a photo during the workshop

SOE Building project to create office and teaching space

As part of the Economics Department's growth plans and vision to transform into a School of Economics (SOE), the department has embarked on a construction project that is sure to further develop the look of Chancellor College.

The project will involve construction of a large complex, comprising of several structures. These will include 20 offices, a library, 2 lecture theatres (with a seating capacity of 200 students), 2 smaller lecture rooms, 2 meeting rooms, 2 dining rooms and more office space.

The architectural designs were done by Joadah Consult, and Paramount Holdings are the contractors working on site. The project is expected to be completed by June 2018.

According to the Head of Economics Department, Dr. Martin Phangaphanga, the main source of funding is central government, under the Public Sector

Investment Programme (PSIP). The Reserve Bank of Malawi, who have a working relationship with the department, has also made a generous financial contribution to the project.

This is a project that will help to ease the pressure of teaching and office space that the college currently faces.



Artist's impression of the School of Economics building

ADMINISTRATION

Lamba joins Chanco as Assistant Registrar

It is quite common in the university system to have registrars transferred from one college to another.

Thanks to this process, Chancellor College has been joined by Mr

Kumvenji Lamba, who is serving as Assistant Registrar (Administration).

Mr Lamba joined the university in 2009, and has been Assistant Registrar at the Central Office and at Polytechnic.

On joining Chancellor College, Mr Lamba expressed gratitude for the warm welcome expressed to him. He further stated his determination to contribute towards the realization of the vision that has charted by leaders of the college. A key part of this vision is the college master plan, which is meant to guide infrastructural developments, while retaining the theme of “a college in a park”, in line with the natural aesthetic beauty of Zomba.



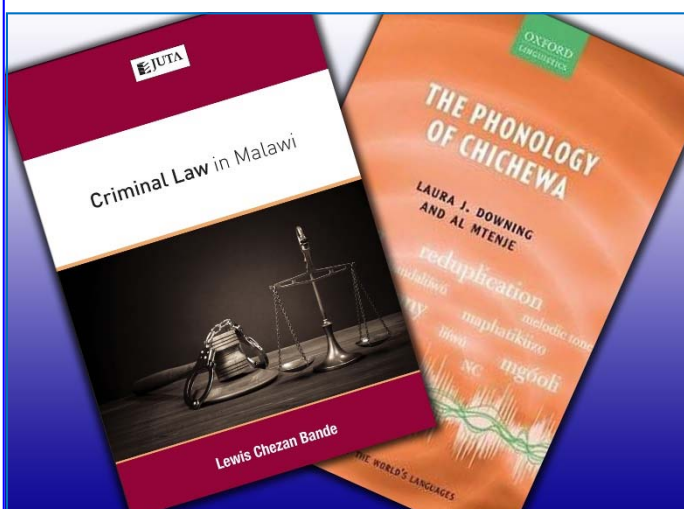
Mr Kumvenji Lamba

New books published by staff

At Chancellor College, we are always proud to celebrate new book publications by staff.

It is in that spirit that we wish to celebrate the publication of two books in the last couple of months. The first of these

is Lewis Bande’s *Criminal Law in Malawi*, published by Juta. The second publication is *The Phonology of Chichewa*, authored by Al Mtenje and Laura J. Downing, published by Oxford University Press.



The two publications

College auctions property

As a way of clearing decrepit and obsolete resources owned by the college, an auction was organised on 16th June,

2017. The venue of the auction was the Sports Complex, and the entire exercise was handled by Trust Auctioneers.

A lot of members of staff flocked to the Sports Complex to bid for the furniture that was being sold.

There were various items, in varying states of functionality, that were sold during the auction.

These included desks, office chairs, computers, scanners, tyres, and many others.

According to the Assistant Registrar (Administration), Mr Kumvenji Lamba, the entire process went very well. “We managed to sell off all the items that had been marked for auction, and we realized over MK4,000,000,” he said. The college intends to be auctioning off furniture and equipment every few years. In that regard, the Registrar encourages various sections of the college to inform the Board of Survey section when they want to get rid of outdated equipment and furniture.

There was a separate restricted tender process carried out as a way of disposing of college vehicles.



The auction process at the Sports Complex

ADMINISTRATION

University leaders trained in PMS

For a while now, the University of Malawi has been trying to find a systematic way of evaluating its staff. The method that has been

proposed, and is nearing implementation, is the Performance Management System.

On 21st and 22nd June, 2017, various leaders from

the University of Malawi converged at Sun 'n' Sand in Mangochi, where they held training sessions and discussions on the new system. These leaders included principals and vice principals, registrars, senior librarians,

directors of centres, directors of quality assurance, finance officers, deans, and heads of departments, drawn from the University Office, Chancellor College, the Polytechnic and the College of Medicine.

Presentations were given by some notable figures in the university, including the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Al. Mtenje, Professor Lewis Dzimbiri, and others.

In the discussions, the participants queried some parts of the performance management system, including the process that led to its approval, and the use of outdated job descriptions.



Chancellor College Heads of Departments discussing the Performance Management System

Chanco students shine at Chinese language competition

The presence of the Confucius Institute in Malawi is continually being felt through continued activities involving various institutions.

The most recent of these was a competition that the institute organised for university students in Malawi. The competition, entitled *The 16th Chinese Bridge—Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students*. The preliminary round involved students from the University of Malawi and the Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST).

The competition had written and performance components. In the written component, students sat for an exam. In the performative

section, the students had to introduce themselves, and to perform a creative piece in Chinese. Unsurprisingly, students from Chancellor College

stole the show, through displays of Chinese language fluency and creativity.

The top three winners were Matthias Kafere (1st position), Miracle Tinashe Mukiwa, and Beaton Galafa (tied for 2nd position).



Mr Matthias Kafere poses with the Deputy Chinese Ambassador to Malawi

The top two winners, Mr Kafere and Ms Mukiwa are due to travel to China in July 2017, for the semi finals of the competition. Mr Kafere will be a participant, whereas Ms Mukiwa is travelling as an observer. The competition has attracted 140 participants from all over the globe. They will be in China for about a month.

In the competition, students are assessed basing on their knowledge of Chinese language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), knowledge of China's national conditions, cultural skills, dance folk art, martial arts, paper cutting, calligraphy, acrobatics among others.

Winners of the competition will be awarded with scholarships to study in China, as well as air travel tickets.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

CASI aiming to improve exam taking skills in secondary schools

Student associations are often a good example of how this community outreach is done. Chanco Active Scholars Initiative (CASI) is an example of such a group.

CASI is registered with the Office of the Dean of Students at Chancellor College, and also with the Zomba District Council as a youth organization under the Department of

Youth Development. Its mission is to promote the spirit of scholarly research and passion for community service among Chancellor College students.

One of the most recent activities was a project aimed at training secondary school

students in exam-taking skills, held on 8th June 2017. This was a project based on the premise that passing exams is not only based on studying, but also on the actual process of sitting for the exam.

CASI therefore organized a cluster seminar where students from different schools came together to be trained in exam-taking skills. The seminar was conducted at Zomba Baptist Church Hall, and attracted students from Likangala CDSS, Zomba Urban CDSS, Chilungu CDSS, High Profile Private Secondary School, and Police Secondary School, among others.

CASI's patron is Dr Richard Nyirongo of the Faculty of Education. The current Executive Director of the group is Paul Chiwaya, a Master of Education in Policy, Planning and Leadership student.



CASI facilitators

'94 Alumni Class Sponsors Study Areas at Chanco

We always appreciate it when Chancellor College alumni give back to the college. The most recent of these gestures is the

decision by the Chancellor College 1994 graduating class to generously sponsor the construction of study and

rest areas for students. These areas will comprise of benches constructed from wood, metal and concrete, and will to be designed and erected without disturbing the college's hidden theme of a 'university in a park'. This is a decision that will prove truly beneficial to the students, especially since most of them do not have proper areas to study and rest in between lectures.

On Saturday, 29th April, 2017, the college held a small ground-breaking function for the study areas. So far, three sites have been identified. They include an area next to the car park, a location behind the Sports Complex, and a space next to the Kwacha Hall. They are well shaded areas that should protect students

from the harsh sunlight. Additional shrubs and flowers will be planted to enhance their aesthetic appearance.

As a way of expressing the appreciation of the college, the Principal stated that it was important for the alumni and the college to maintain some form of partnership. "When the Yearo wa '90" left Chancellor College," observed Prof. Tambulasi, "there were no students staying in Chikanda, but now, some of them live there. This shows that the college has grown since then, and we need more infrastructure". He also pointed out that there is more to a "college than studying, and therefore these parks will be important for students' well-being".



The groundbreaking ceremony

LIBRARY

TISC holds sensitization display

On 26th May, 2017 the Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) organized a display at the Senior Common Room, meant to sensitize members of staff on intellectual property rights (IPRs).

The TISC coordinator, Mr Blessings Katuma observed that most Malawians remain ignorant of their Intellectual Property Rights. "For instance," on copyright laws, he said, "in Malawi, the copyright

only expires 50 years after the author's death, after which his work goes into the public domain." Further, he also observed that, most scholars do not make use of the freely available patent documents that are found on the internet through various databases such as the WIPO Patentscope,

Google patents and many others.

The centre offers help to individuals in protecting their intellectual property (IP) rights.

Services offered by TISC include: access to online patent and non-patent (scientific and technical) resources and IP-related publications; assistance in searching and retrieving technology information; training in database search; on-demand searches (novelty, state-of-the-art and infringement); monitoring technology and competitors; basic information on industrial property laws, management and strategy, and technology commercialization and marketing; and many more.



Mr Katuma welcomes guests to the TISC pavilion

Chanco Library partners with African Library Project

In increasing its outreach programs, Chancellor College through its Library department has signed a partnership agreement with the African Library Project. The signing

ceremony took place on 03 May 2017 in the American corner section of the Library. Through the partnership, the Library department will facilitate the establishment of small

libraries in communities and primary schools. The Library department will be required to screen and select local library projects through an application process. They will also train teacher-librarians, measure progress and ensure that each library thrives over time.

Speaking when welcoming Chancellor College Library to the partnership, Patrick Jaffali a representative of African Library project Malawi chapter, said that he was delighted with the partnership. "We know that our partnership with the Chancellor College Library will mean even more success stories and changed lives in Malawi," said Jaffali.

On his part, the College Librarian D.B. Vuwa Phiri, explained that the library is partnering with African Library Project in order to further the

University's mission to create and share knowledge by engaging in teaching, research, consultancy, and outreach activities in response to the needs of Malawi and the region.

African Library Project is a volunteer-based organization based in the United States. Their mission is to increase literacy in Africa by creating and improving small libraries. They do this by coordinating US volunteer efforts to collect books through school and community book drives, then match them with qualified library projects in Africa. During the past 10 years, they have successfully helped to establish over 1,700 libraries in Lesotho, Malawi, Ghana, Botswana, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, South Africa Swaziland, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



The College Librarian D.B. Vuwa Phiri, Patrick Jaffali (Seated) and Library senior staff after the signing ceremony.

HUMANITIES

Humanities seminar on fake news

On 4th May, 2017, the Faculty of Humanities held another of its monthly seminar series. The presenter was Mr

Jimmy Kainja, from the department of Language and Communication Studies. He presented a paper entitled "The

Problem of Discussing Fake News in Malawi From A Western Perspective."

In his presentation, Kainja gave a background to the concept of fake news. He noted that fake news has spread in part

due to people's preference for emotional and personal belief, as opposed to objective facts. Fake news tends to find fertile ground on the internet, especially through social media.

However, observed Kainja, in Malawi fake news is not so much about the internet, as it is about political control of the news. Internet penetration in the country is at 9.1%. For most Malawians, therefore, the radio is the main source of news.

"In Malawi," Kainja pointed out, "fake news becomes anything that the government does not like - even if it is genuine. On the contrary, genuine news becomes everything that the government likes, even if it is fake news."



Mr Jimmy Kainja making his presentation

Art Safari visits FPA Department

The Art Safari and Close Encounters Travel,

a group of artists from the United Kingdom, visited



The guests visit the FPA studio

the Fine and Performing Arts department of Chancellor College on Saturday the 22nd April 2017 with the aim of interacting with and inspiring established and upcoming Malawian artists. Visiting were 5 women painters led by Mrs. Mary Anne Bartlett.

The group emphasized the fact that Malawian artists must strive not to imitate western art subject matter, content and styles, but reap from Malawi's very rich source of beautiful sceneries and its wildlife since such subject matter represents true Malawian beauty and creativity.

Bartlett then advised the Fine Art staff present not to deprive their

students of the readily available and daily natural sceneries in their art careers stating that such are sources of realistic artistic growth and self discovery in the art industry.

Staff present at the function were Mr Mtamandeni Mtambalika and Mr Mike Chilemba, who thanked the guests for sharing their insights on art.

This artistic encounter was concluded by a live-painting session inside Zomba Market (vegetable side). The event was patronized by 4th year Fine Art students; Patience Grace Kawerama and Innocent Fabiano Gama, and other artists from Zomba.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadly, during the last two months, the college lost a number of students.

These include Mr Andrew Misomali, an MA in Development Studies student, Justice

Nyakwawa Usiwa Usiwa, a Master of Laws student, Ms. Hanissa Maerenga, a BA Humanities student, Mrs. Mary Juma Saidi, a Bachelor of Education (Language) student, and

Benford Nyang'ombe a Bachelor of Science student. May they rest in peace.

Staff have also lost loved ones. We offer condolences to Father Dr.

Boniface Tamani, on the passing of his mother.

We also offer words of comfort to Mr. Wellington Mbewe, on the loss of his wife.