

EDITORIAL: STUDENT LEADERSHIP

ummer is iust coming to an end the country. Chizimalupsya, the early season rains that herald the coming of the planting season, have made already their appearance.

At Chancellor College, while we indeed prepare our fields for planting, there is the more urgent matter of exam administration around the corner.

As we previously observed, this semester has been unique due to the double intake of first years, a challenge that, if the undisturbed semester may be used judgement, Chancellor College has managed to surmount. Nevertheless, things will come to a head we deal administering of exams

for such unprecedented numbers. And then there is the marking of those exams to consider.

But as the African-American poet once said, somehow we survive.

One key development in this two month period has been the choosing of new leadership for the student community. When we talk of the leadership of Chancellor College, we do not only consider administrative offices of the Principal, Vice Principal and the Registrar. We recognize the leadership that is offered in unions, specifically the Chancellor College Academic Staff Union (CCASU), the University Workers Staff Union (UWTU) and the Students' Union College Chancellor (SUCC). The leadership of these bodies is important in the smooth running of the college, and also to ensure that membership within enjoys a sense of belonging to Chancellor College

Recently, the student body held elections and voted in new leadership. The signs of a mature leadership are already being manifest, as the new SUCC leadership has taken a strong stance against the vandalizing of college property. This is a sentiment responsibility that we believe should be shared among the entire student population. We wish the new executive all the best, as they continue to work hand-in-hand with other stakeholders to ensure that Chancellor College continues to thrive.



The Principal swears in the new SUCC President

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SR Nicholas assists in rehabilitating road to hostels

The massive rehabilitation College Chancellor facilities has included work on the road from the Chikanda junction to Shakespeare Hall This road roundabout. had been completely worn out with deep gullies that made it impassable for vehicles for the past ten years or This more. frustrating considering that it was the only access road to over half of the students' hostels, as well as the Sports Complex and Finance Office. One of the hostels catered by this road is currently housing special needs students.

Recently, when fire broke out in one of the hostels adjacent to the special needs hostel, a fire fighting engine struggled to reach the site due to the poor state of the road, but luckily they managed to contain the fire without loss of life. Through PSIP government funding and contribution of SR Nicolas (through their social corporate responsibility policy), the road is being completely rehabilitated in order to

improve accessibility to the college facilities.

The rehabilitation of the road is just one of the many ways in which the look of the Chancellor College campus is slowly changing.



A bulldozer working on the road

Vice Principal and Deans market Chanco across the country

Chancellor College embarked on career talks to secondary schools in Malawi from 18th to 24th October, 2017. The Vice-Principal, Faculty Deans and the Registrar's office took turns and made presentations and motivational talks in the North, Central and Southern Regions of Malawi.

Particularly, in the Northern Region, the centres were in Karonga and Mzuzu, in the Central Region centres were in Lilongwe, Mchinji and Ntcheu, and in the Southern Region the centres were in Blantyre, Mangochi, Chikhwawa and Mulanje.

The main purpose of the talks was to assist form 4 students and those that had just had their Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) results out get to know the programmes that are offered at the College, what subjects they need for the various programmes and how they can match this with their desired careers.

The talks were an eye opener to students that



The Dean of Social Science, Dr. Philip Kapulula, interacting with a student at one of the

had converged at the selected centres that were arranged with the help of the Education Division Chancellor Managers. College intends to have this as an annual event as it has discovered how bad it is when a student makes a wrong choice due to lack of information and therefore they want all students to have informed choices based on the correct information.

According to the Dean of Social Science, Dr. Phillip Kapulula, the tours have also been an eye opener in the sense that many people in both the rural and urban areas of the country do not know about programmes offered at Chancellor College. In addition, some of the students misconceptions about the procedure enrollment into the university.

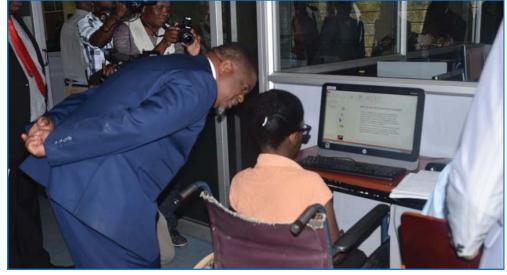
Education Minister appreciates developments at Chancellor College

The Minister of Education, Honorable Bright Msaka, SC, visited Chancellor College on 14th September, 2017. The intention of the visit was to appreciate the various developments that are currently happening on the campus.

During the visit the minister visited the World Bank SDP construction projects and the ADB-HEST construction work. The Principal of the College, Prof. Richard Tambulasi, acted as his guide during the tour.

At the end of the tour, the Principal took the opportunity to showcase the work that has been going on to improve the Special Needs section.

The Minister was impressed with the efforts made by the college and observed that that such facilities would play a central role in providing equal opportunities to quality education for all students irrespective of disability.



The Minister interacts with a student at the Special Needs section

Chanco in Solidarity March against Gender Based Violence

On 14th September 2017, students and staff at College Chancellor participated in solidarity march against gender based violence (GVB). The march was in solidarity with national march that took place in Lilongwe on the same day condemning the increase in GBV, in violence particular against women.

The solidarity march was organized by the Gender Justice Clinic at the Faculty of Law, Chancellor College, and included the reading of a summary petition drawn from one prepared by the organizers of national march, (civil society organizations and human rights defenders) and another by Malawian women living in Geneva. The petition called on the Malawi Government and Malawi Human Rights Commission to lead the

process in ensuring enforcement of gender specific laws such as the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act (PDVA) as well as the Gender Equality Act (GEA) and protecting women and girls against GBV. It also called on all individuals,

in particular men, to act together and challenge gender-based discrimination. social

discrimination, social norms and stereotypes that perpetuate GBV in society. The petition also stated that prevention of GBV should start early in life, by educating and working with young boys and girls promoting respectful relationships and gender equality.

Furthermore, the petition demanded that all cases of GBV should be reported to stop the secrecy and protection of perpetrators.

The march was well patronized and supported by Chancellor College management, academic members of staff, students and Chikanda community leaders.



Marching against Gender Based Violence

Online Management of Student Continuous Assessments

Chancellor College prides itself on being at the forefront of ICT advancements,

particularly in the key area of learning and assessment. One of the more recent innovations introduced is the Online Assessment Management system. The decision came about based on various challenges that have been faced over time with the manual management of grades

This is a system that has been introduced with the aim of enabling lecturers to enter continuous assessment grades into the SARIS as soon as they have finished marking.

One of the systems engineers tasked with the training of lecturers in the system, Ms. Bridget Nyirongo, points out that there many advantages to be realized from it. "In

the first place, it shall ensure that there are standardized grade sheets used by lecturers and gradebooks for use at all levels of assessment meetings."

For the lecturers, this system conveniently calculates the final grade

basing on those entered.

This system also adds layer an extra of transparency in assessments. Lecturers can choose to make the grades visible to the students, so that they can see their performance trends basing on their assessment results. The same information can be used by administrators to counsel students in the course of the semester.

Thanks to this system, the college will also be able to provide uniform policies to data such as automatic backups for all grades, as well as data encryption to ensure uniform security.

This system does not yet exist in the other tertiary institutions in the country.



 $A cademic\ staff\ listen\ attentively\ as\ Ms.\ Bridget\ Nyirongo\ explains\ the\ new\ system$

Speaker of Parliament engages academics

On 22nd September, 2017, the Speaker Parliament, the Right Honorable Richard Msowoya, MP, engaged the academic community of Chancellor College through the delivery of a public lecture entitled "Taking Parliament to the People: Engaging the University". The lecture was delivered in a jampacked Great Hall, to an audience mainly comprising of students and staff.

During the function, staff from Parliament handed out various informative documents to



Speaker of Parliament, the Right Honorable Richard Msowoya

participants, with the aim of enlightening the populace on how parliament functions.

In his welcome remarks, the Principal Prof. Richard Tambulasi observed that parties stood to benefit from the talks. "Events such as these demystify the Parliament, so that people understand critical issues that their Members of Parliament are engaged in. At the same time, the Speaker has the chance to understand and appreciate the academic environment."

The Speaker focused his talk on the "50 plus 1" electoral system, proposed for presidential

elections. He pointed out that this system would ensure that the victor in the elections has the votes of over half of the (voting) population.

In the discussions that ensued. the audience asked a variety questions, which were tackled by the Speaker, other Members Parliament present, and lecturers in **Political** Science. These questions touched on issues such as Head of State's the reluctance to visit Parliament to answer questions, the Financial management of funds in Parliament, as well as the issue of the dress code, among others.

College installs Electronic billboard

Chancellor College is not the same campus that it used to be 10 years ago. The college has been slowly but steadily undergoing various changes. The most visible

of these changes are in the area of infrastructure.

Recently, the college procured an electronic billboard system, which has been erected just next to the Porters' Lodge, arguably the hub of the college.

According to the Dean of Students, Associate Prof. Jonas Mwatseteza, the billboard is an innovation that has come under the World Bank Skills Development project, which has also provided assistance

through the construction of science laboratories.

"The billboard has several functions, which we are still exploring, since it is still in its early stages of operation. However, so far, we have been using it to announce various events that occur on campus. These are events that may be of interest to students as well as staff.

"The billboard helps us to avoid the clutter of announcements that we often see on noticeboards and at the Porters' Lodge. It also works hand in hand with other ICT innovations, such as the student email system, as a way of encouraging our students to embrace increased utilization of such platforms."

The student body, through the SUCC executive, has since expressed appreciation for the billboard, which has eased access to some crucial information.



The electronic billboard

SCIENCE

GES department launches MESA Environmental Data Monitoring

The Department of Geography and Earth officially Sciences launched near real time earth environmental monitoring download equipment on 26 September 2017. The equipment, composed of an antenna and a high performance server, can monitor floods, drought, wildfire and agriculture in the whole of Africa. This is part of the Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (MESA) SADC THEMA, European Union funded project. The Department of Geography and Earth Sciences is a collaborating partner on behalf of education tertiary institutions in Malawi. SADC MESA was represented by Mr. Steve Masha from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in South Africa, who also demonstrated on the capabilities of the equipment to the gathering.

In his remarks, the Deputy Dean of Science, Dr. Chomora Mikeka who was the guest of honor on behalf of the Principal of Chancellor College, thanked MESA

for the timely donation as it will contribute in environmental

monitoring research in Malawi and Africa. The products being downloaded by the equipment are archived in the Department and are freely available for application to all.



Students and staff pose next to the antenna on the roof of the GIS lab in the department

LIBRARY

Library extends operating hours

The zeal to serve Chanco community well has pushed Chancellor College library to extend operating hours beyond the traditional 10.00 pm closing time. Currently the library is operating up to 6:00 am during weekdays. This development commenced on 25th September 2017.

According to the Acting College Librarian Brian Sitima-Ndau, the decision was arrived at after recognizing the growing needs of students to use the library. He said that after 10.00pm, library users may access services at the main issue counter, reserve counter. special collections, the security section and the computer laboratory. He further said that as a

library they felt duty bound to respond to students' needs of using the library and thought of providing students with more time to study through the extension of opening hours. As a way of ensuring security, all users must display IDs on entry to the library from 2200 hrs to 0600 hrs.

Commenting on the development, Gomezgani Mchawi, a student in the Faculty of Law, applauded the college for coming up with such an initiative to accord students enough time to study in the library since they spend most of their day time in class. He added that students' rigorous academic workloads and busy schedules often leave them with no better choice than to study late at night.

A night visit to the library by the *Chanco Bulletin* crew around 2:00 am on Tuesday, 26th September 2017, revealed overwhelming response to this initiative as most reading areas were filled up, more especially the popular 'Chikanda' area where student group discussions usually take place.

Students are bound to take advantage of the new operating hours even more as the exam period commences.



The library at night

Communities benefit from African **Library Project**

Some months ago, the Chancellor College library made a call to college to identify communities within local regions of the country that could benefit from establishment small libraries. This was to be achieved through the donation of books from the African Library Project (ALP). Some members of staff took interest and took the requisite forms to share with their communities.

The books arrived in September this year. There are about 26,000 books, which have been distributed to 21 school and community libraries.

On 23rd October, 2017, there was a small ceremony in the Senior Common Room, at Chancellor College, to

mark the handover of the library to communities.

books from the college the The benefiting schools and communities are from different parts of the country, including



The Principal presents a book to one of the beneficiaries, during the handover ceremony

Karonga, Mangochi, and Zomba, among others.

Father Nanyalo, from St Chiona lames High School, who spoke on behalf all of the beneficiaries. expressed his gratitude to ALP and Chancellor College for their assistance in making the arrival of the books a reality. He expressed optimism that the readers in the libraries would now have access to more that knowledge previously had, and would therefore improve their reading culture.

The acting college librarian, Mr. Brian Sitima -Ndau, also expressed the hope that the libraries would be of some help in the curing country's illiteracy.

Taking his turn to speak, the Principal, Prof. Richard Tambulasi, informed the gathering that he was happy that the function illustrated Chancellor College's corporate responsibility. "As an institution of higher learning, the best donations we can make are tools of knowledge generation, such books," he said. "Doing that ensures that the future crop that comes to Chancellor College has a good foundation through wide reading."

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Reminiscing about the Writers' Workshop

The Writers' Workshop at Chancellor College has for a long time been associated with some of the most well known writers in the country. One of these writers, Mr. Dickson Vuwa-Phiri, was recently invited to give a talk at one of the workshop's Thursday gatherings on 5th October, 2017.

During the session, Mr. Vuwa-Phiri, who has also recently retired as the College Librarian, nostalgically talked about the history of the Writers' Workshop, and the kind of discussions that were

He then read some of his poems published in Anthony Nazombe's *The* Haunting Wind, which prompted discussions with the audience on his chosen themes and his style of writing. Using the same text, Vuwa-Phiri also took time to read poems written by other Malawians, and spiced discussions recollections of the writers, and how most of them were connected to Chancellor College in one way or another.

had years ago.

He ended with encouraging the students to continue their love for reading, pointing out that he always has something to read when he is going to bed, a point that is in no way attributable to his career as a librarian.



Mr. Vuwa-Phiri poses with Writers' Workshop participants, The Haunting Wind in hand.

Philosophy Department celebrates Global Ethics Day

On 18th October 2017, Department the Philosophy joined the rest of tĥe world in celebrating this year's Global Ethics Day. The celebrating celebration took place in Room A, where the department organised a panel discussion on the theme "the golden rule: a quiding maxim for ethical development".

The significance of the idea 'treat others as you would like to be treated' is often overlooked today in our increasingly ideological and polarised societies, however this simple yet profoundly effective principle has arguably served as one of the guiding maxims of ethical development. It can be found in most

moral major theory frameworks throughout religious and secular thought. And while it comes in many variations and phrasings, the underlying principle remains the same: 'what if someone did this to me?'

The panellists Charls Almando. Augustino and Vanessa representing Khonje students; and Lawrence Mpekansambo, and Ms Tawina Chisi on the lecturers side. The five presented on how the golden mean is reflected in Islamic faith, through teachings of the hadith; in Ubuntu ethics through the concepts of solidarity and community; in Christian through faith the teachings of Jesus Christ on love; through Kant on the concepts of reciprocity and treating each person never merely as a means to an end, but always at the same time as an end.

In his opening remarks, the deputy head of Philosophy, Dr Ndasauka, said that this was the first time the Department had celebrated this day. As such he was impressed with the turn up. He further hinted that the Department would turn this into an annual event and probably expand the day to include other departments as well.



Dr. Ndasauka addresses the gathering

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student body elects new leadership

On 15th September, the Chancellor College student community went to the polls to elect a new student government. In a remarkably free and fair election, Raphael Nedi was voted as the new Students Union of Chancellor College (SUCC) president, taking over from Ayuba James.

In his speech during the swearing in ceremony that took place on 19th September 2017, the elated visibly Nedi promised to work hand-in -hand with college administrationstudent's improve welfare. On his part, the outgoing president, Ayuba James, called upon the president elect to always carry out his with duties the sole purpose of advancing students' welfare. Also advancing speaking during the swearing in ceremony was college principal, Prof. Richard Tambulasi who congratulated Nedi and his team for their triumph in the elections. Tambulasi emphasized the need for a cordial working relationship between college administration and SUCC because that is the only sure way that students'

needs can be addressed properly and effectively.

A total of 3489 voters registered for 2017 SUCC elections. Out of these, 1950 voters took part in the voting process, representing a 55.9 % voter turnout.



The outgoing SUCC president, Ayuba James, wishing his successor all the best

Chanco wins gold at TESSAM games

Student life at Chancellor College does not only focus on their academic lives. The college encourages its students to also partake in sporting activities.

From time to time, students engage in sports competitions with other institutions. tertiary Among these are games organised by the Tertiary **Education Student Sports** Association of Malawi (TESSAM). The most recent of these games happened on 16th and 17th September, 2017, at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR).

Students from various education institutions, including Chancellor

College, College of Medicine, the Polytechnic, LUANAR, DMI, MZUNI and MAGU - took part in the games.

These were in various sporting disciplines such as basketball, volleyball, football, netball, chess, hockey, athletics, weightlifting, tennis, pool, and darts.

Chancellor College managed to scoop gold

medals in athletics, pool and tennis.

According to Maya Likoya, the Sports Officer, the Chanco teams need encouragement and must also put more effort in training, in preparation for future competitions.



The Chanco Netball team in action

Conference circuit

Faculty of Humanities hosts LASU conference

The **Faculty** of Humanities successfully the hosted Linguistics conference on campus. The conference, which was held on 14th and 15th September 2017, attracted scholars from all over the continent. These included linguists who had been part of the formation of LASU in 1984, as well as younger academics who



Dr Winfred Mkochi Director of the Centre for Language Studies, making his presentation

the organization.

under Themed Africa: Status, Challenges and Prospects", the conference featured sabbatical paper presentations on a funding wide variety of topics. Presentations were made in the Great Hall and the Research Fellowship. Little Theatre.

In the keynote speech, Professor Lazarus made observations on the fact that African languages sadly continue to occupy secondary positions in their countries, with European languages still being the preferred for medium various interactions.

Presenters came from various locations on the including continent, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, and the United States. Various members of staff from the college also made their Dr. Biswick explaining his research paper presentations.

Chemist shares research on pesticides

Associate Professor are forging the future of Timothy Biswick recently returned from the Hiroshima University, heading "Language Studies Japan, where he spent six months (April September) as part of his leave, with from the Matsumae International (MIF) Foundation

During this period, he worked on his research, entitled "The photodegradation of pesticides under simulated sunlight"

During his stay, the MIF organised study tours to various sites in Kyoto, Nara, and Hiroshima. This included a visit to the site where the first atomic bomb was dropped in 1945.



PAS Lecturers attend ASSADPAM Conference

Three academic members of staff in the Political and Administrative Studies (PAS) department (Dr Kayuni, Happy Ms Yapikachi Msiska and Ms Lucy Chihana) attended Association the of Southern African Schools and Departments Public Administration and Management (ASSADPAM) conference held from 27th - 29th September 2017 in East London which was hosted by University of Fort Hare. The theme of the conference was "Cultures, philosophies and reforms in Public Administration for the globalizing world: a reflection on local, regional and international

"Theoretical & Empirical Relevance of New Public Service in the Context of Malawi Public



Ms. Yapikachi Msiska, Dr. Happy Kayuni, and Ms. Lucy Chihana at the conference

perspective". The PAS department team presented a paper entitled Service Sector

Reform". The paper was examining the extent to which the New Public theoretical approach may enhance reforms in the Malawi public sector.

ASSADPAM is professional network of higher education schools and departments in the disciplines of Public Administration, **Public Public** Management, Governance and Development

Management in Southern Africa. It was established in its current format in 2002 to promote the interests of these disciplines and of the scholars active in these fields.

CONFERENCE CIRCUIT

Chanco represented at Public Administration and Management conference

Dr Asiyati Chiweza, Dr Happy Kayuni and Mr Kondwani Chikadza from Political and Studies Administrative department (PAS) attended the University of Pretoria's 10th School of Public Management and Administration (SPMA) conference held between 26th to 27th September 2017 at Burgerspark Hotel, Pretoria, South Africa.

conference discussed numerous developments, challenges and opportunities in the field of public administration and management. Some of the sub-themes included: Promoting public policy in a developmental state; Ethics and the promotion of professionalism in the

public Local government as an agent of service delivery; and Implementation of the National Development Plan.

Dr Chiweza's paper was entitled, "A critical analysis of the code of ethics and conduct as a tool for promoting professionalism and controlling unethical behaviour among public servants in Malawi". Mr Chikadza gave a talk entitled "Institutional pluralism and local service delivery: a case of service charters in central Malawi", and Dr. Kayuni's paper was entitled "From New Public Management to new public service: a solution 'over politicization of Malawi local government?"



Dr. Kayuni, Dr. Chiweza and Mr. Chikadza at the conference

Literature scholars at EASA conference

Two lecturers from the English Department at Chancellor College, Dr. Nick Tembo and Dr. Ken Lipenga, recently presented papers at the English Academy of Southern Africa (EASA) International 19th



Dr. Nick Tembo at the EASA conference

conference, which was held from 6th to 8th September 2017, at the Cape Peninsula University in Cape Town.

conference was "Decolonial Turns, Postcolonial Shifts and Cultural Connections". During the conference, which drew participation from all over the globe, the two academics made critical analyses of selected African novels, drawing on different classic and theories emerging in literature.

Dr Nick Tembo's paper was entitled "Excavating the Psychotraumatology of Hatred in Kopano Matlwa's Period Pains" whereas Dr. Ken Lipenga made presentation on "Helen Habila's *Measuring Time*: A Trip through Polyvocality"

Kainja presents on technology and social media

Mr. Jimmy Kainja, of the LACS department, was part of a Malawian delegation that attended the regional consultation The theme of the for Sub-Saharan Africa effective the onimplementation of the right to participate in public affairs. The forum was hosted by the

Commission Economic for Africa (ECA), and was held at Addis Ababa, in Ethiopia.

Mr. Kainja's presentation was entitled Technology and Social Media: Opportunities and Challenges to Strengthen Equal and Meaningful Participation"



Mr. Kainja makes his presentation

HUMANITIES

Remembering Alinane Mphande

The late Mrs. Alinane Mildred Mphande, formerly a lecturer of music in the Fine and Performing Arts department, may have passed on, but she continues to live on in the hearts of many. This was recently evidenced by the made by efforts her college days' contemporaries and performance mates, in organizing a free concert meant to celebrate her These contemporaries, who, in days past, answered to the name Contemporary Choral and Music Ensemble (CONTEY), joined with the Performing Arts

Performing Arts

the concert, Department of Fine and dubbed Celebration of Life.

The concert, which was held on 21st October, 2017, was spiced with performances from various individuals and groups who had had some connection with Mrs. Mphande in her life,

including CONTEY, the Blue Notes, Harmony, E-Wallet, KB Simbota, Rudo Mkukupha Chakwera, among others.

However, the highlights of the show were the two trending young Malawian artists, Faith Mussa and Patience Namadingo. In their separate

performances, they mesmerized the crowd, leaving people thirsty for more after each performance.

The show was attended by Chancellor College staff and students and their families, as well as other people from within Zomba.



 $Faith\ Mussa\ performing\ during\ the\ show$

Chanco student wins poetry competition

Chancellor College is renowned for having produced some of the best literary minds in the country. This tradition is continuing, seen recently in the achievement of one Lester Brighton Chisale, a fourth year Education Language student, who won the first prize in the poetry category of the Ngwazi Zazikazi competition, which challenged young Malawians to create a about inspirational woman who broke gender stereotypes. The competition was organised by the National

Youth Council of Malawi, and was in three categories: poetry, short story and video.

Brighton's poem, "The Pride of Monkey-Bay", a poem dedicated to the first female naval captain came out first in the poetry category of the competition. There were around 500 hundred entries for this category alone. For emerging the winner, Brighton walked away with \$300, which he says he will channel entirely towards covering his remaining school fees balance.

Brighton's joy at winning the award is mainly founded on his relief that he can now pay his school fees with the prize money.

The prize presentation ceremony was held at Salima Technical College on the 26th of October, 2017.



Lester Brighton being congratulated by. Dr. Godfrey Kafere, CEO of TVET

Announcements

We wish to convey our condolences to Mr Kingsley Kumisika of the Maintenance Section, whose mother passed away in October. May the Good Lord comfort your family in this trying time.

In September, the College sadly lost Mr Kennedy Machira, student, a First Year Bachelor of Economics student. May he rest in peace.