

# Unam lecturer in foul-mouthed tirade against HoD

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**S**IMON Albin, a mathematics lecturer at the southern campus of the University of Namibia based in Keetmanshoop, is embroiled in a war of words with his head of department, Cecilia Mostert, whom in a four-page email, he describes as an “incompetent, unprofessional, old and filthy HoD.”

In the strongly-worded email in *Confidente's* possession, Albin accused his superior of allegedly undermining his authority as a lecturer. Albin also accused Mostert of being “a vampire” before telling her to “futsek.”

“I am not your child neither your friend but an equally renowned powerful self-respecting hardworking visionary young colleague... Stop undermining my authority as a lecturer. Your HoD position must not allow you to treat me like I am a pig in your cage. First, you did not pay any of my school fees at all. So chill down and drink your own medicine of hypocrisy and insecurity.

“Who do you think you are to keep making me look bad in the eyes of others? You must go to hell old dying woman. You must go die far. You have shown me that you are insecure (sic) and tribalist, if not intolerant of me. You can't lead a young man of my magnitude as your subordinate,” Albin lashed out.

The lecturer further accused his supervisor of being jealous of his PhD studies.

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good creative teaching styles (sic)... You do not need to like me to be my HoD. I have stopped seeing you as a mother but a genuine vampire. You have lived your life, you have made your contribution to Namibia's national development and I like it, but give me a chance to shine as well.”

Albin further told Mostert to stop spying on him through social media, threatening him that he could lose his job and to stop making remarks about his private life.

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“I deserve to work at USC just like you, although you are very incompetent, lazy, unfocused, unorganised and old. Go home

to sit your grandkids (sic)... As I said, your face is the primary data here. You old woman, what do I owe you?” Albin wrote.

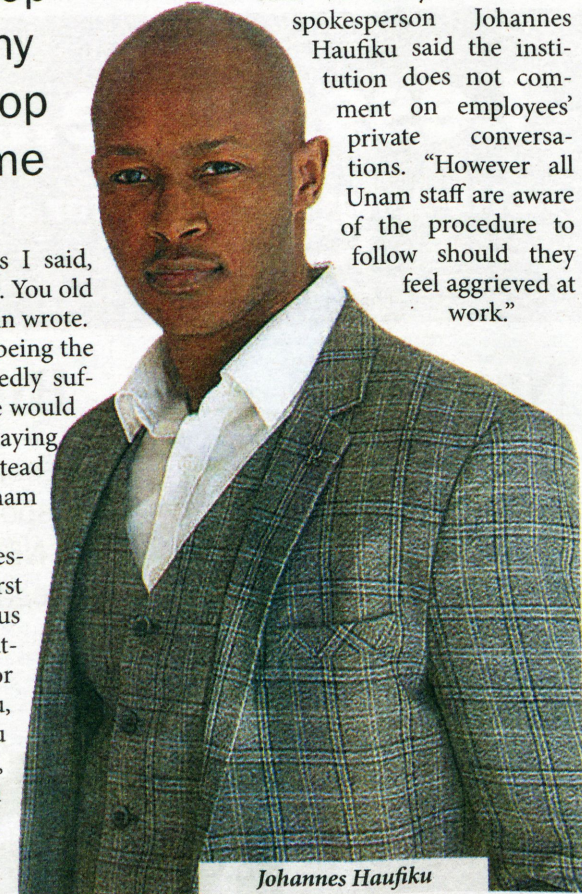
He further accused Mostert of being the cause of the depression he allegedly suffered last year. He warned that he would engage a lawyer to assist in laying charges against his supervisor instead of “following this useless silent Unam grievances policy.”

“Note, I was treated with depression last year and you were the first reason why I suffered that serious depression. Medical reports can attest to this. Please do not reply or call me in for a meeting with you, I have hated you just the way you equally hate me. You started it, so deal with it and I do not even want to love you coz you are not my girlfriend.

“Never ever feel bad or com-

plain about me doing my PhD, you can also register yours. Futsek!” the disgruntled lecturer wrote.

When approached for comment Wednesday, both Albin and Mostert declined to comment on the matter. “I don't want to comment on that now,” Mostert said. University of Namibia spokesperson Johannes Haufiku said the institution does not comment on employees' private conversations. “However all Unam staff are aware of the procedure to follow should they feel aggrieved at work.”



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