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Dr T Boyce  
Chairman  
Staff and Student Consultative Committee

Dear Dr Boyce,

**COMPLAINT TO STUDENTS  
USE OF MOBILE PHONES DURING LECTURES**

Could you please table this for your next committee meeting and channel my displeasure to the undergraduates who do persistently cause the following problem.

I noticed that mobile phones often rang during my lectures (PHYS2322 last semester and PHYS2221 this semester). In a very friendly manner, I advised that this practice was most disturbing for learners and disrespectful to teachers. I also advised them to turn off the ringers prior to my lectures and they must use the mobile phones outside the lecture theatre.

The ringing and talking on the mobile phones continued unabated. Things came to a head during my lecture on Friday 10 March 2000. A student answered his mobile phone during the lecture. I asked him politely to continue his conversation outside the theatre but he duly ignored me and carried on talking on the phone. I had to stop lecturing and waited for a good minute before he finished his conversation. I was simply unable to lecture while he was conducting his mobile phone conversation. The same thing happened for the second time two minutes before the end of the lecture and thus I was left with no choice but to curtail the lecture.

I find this behaviour most uncouth, disrespectful and selfish towards fellow students who do want to learn. This kind of behaviour is only expected from delinquent juveniles. I therefore wish to register my most severe complaint.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Head of Physics

