



# Newsletter

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# 'A higher grade'

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"Union solidarity is based on the principle that union members are equal and deserve mutual respect at all levels" - Equality Statement CUPE Constitution

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## Vice-President Unit 1

Kenneth Adebayo, graduate student at the department of Physics and Astronomy, has been appointed by the Executive as the new Vice President Unit 1 (TAs, markers and student lecturers). Kenneth took over the duties from Jason Bland since Jason resigned his position earlier this summer. Kenneth will continue to serve as the VP Unit 1 until the by-elections which will be happening sometime in the fall 2007.



Kenneth hails from Edo State of Nigeria. He has a bachelors degree in Industrial Physics from the University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria. He was a student union leader and held positions on various committees during his stay at the University of Benin. After a brief stint as a College Instructor at the Institute of Management and Technology, Enugu, Nigeria, Kenneth worked as a wireless engineer (CDMA/GSM BSS) with the Hawaii Technologies Company Limited, Lagos where he was actively involved in union activities. He is currently a masters degree student and TA for the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Manitoba.

Kenneth is excited to be working on the Executive Board and is looking forward to his role in our academic community, serving the interests of the local. If you are a TA, Grader/Marker, or Student-Lecturer and you are experiencing problems in your employment, call us at 474-8804. Kenneth will do everything he can to help.

## CUPE national supports Made in Canada campaign!

Manufacturing Crisis ~ The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) called for action by the federal government as it announced that the country is losing tens of thousands of jobs every year in the manufacturing sector. Over the last five years there has been a loss of more than a quarter of a million manufacturing jobs, of which fifty thousand jobs were lost this year alone.

**JOBS!**  
*Made in Canada*

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