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“I’m Impressed,” Says The Duke of Edinburgh’s Secretary General



(From right) The KU Council Chairman Mr. Benson Wairegi; Higher Education Ministry P.S. Crispus Kiamba; KUSA Vice President Renalda Mwanyuma; Gender & Social Welfare Secretary Dorcas Kinyuathie; VC Prof. Olive Mugenda; The Secretary General of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Mrs. Gillian Shirazi; Parklands Campus Chairman Rundu Olweny; KUSA President Anthony Maina; Higher Education Minister Hon. William Ruto; Mr. Edwin Otieno; Mr. Edwin Kimani, and the Dean of Students Dr. Edwin Gimode.

The Secretary General of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), Mrs. Gillian Shirazi was at Kenyatta University on September 8, 2010 to interact with the participants of the Presidential Award Scheme which is a part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. During her visit she addressed the University and Youth from NYS as well as opened the new Business Centre.

Speaking at the Art Zone 39 Hall, Mrs. Shirazi said it was encouraging to note that KU is at the forefront in the promotion of

the youth Awards programme.

His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex is the chairman of the DofE Award, also known as The International Award Association (IAA). The IAA runs charity programmes in over 130 countries worldwide, including Kenya. The scheme runs under different titles in some countries. In Kenya, it is referred to as the President's Award – Kenya (PA-K).

Mrs. Shirazi said she was pleased to find that 10 per cent of more than 4,000 young Kenyans

participating in the Award operated from universities that include KU. “*I am delighted, to find that the President's Award operates across the Country,*” she said after she officially opened KU's ultra-modern Business and Student Services Centre (BSSC). Mrs. Shirazi opened the Centre on behalf of Prince Edward, who had been hosted by President Mwai Kibaki at State House on the previous day.

Key guests at the opening ceremony, co-hosted by the

University Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, included Hon. William Ruto, Minister of Education Science and Technology, as well as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Prof. Crispus Kiamba.

Over the years, KU students have distinguished themselves as Gold Awardees of the PA-K. One of them, Mr. Otieno Olunga, whom Mrs. Shirazi recognised, sits on the IAA Council. Mrs. Shirazi challenged those yet to join the

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Editorial

Protect the Image of the University, VC Urges Students

The KU Community must have every reason to be proud of being associated with the University. In the past few weeks, the University has been honoured in different ways. The Secretary General of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, Mrs. Gillian Shirazi, officially opened the Sh200-million Business and Student Services Centre (BSSC) on September 8, 2010. Mrs. Shirazi opened the Centre on behalf of Prince Edward.

On the same day KU was named as one of 22 leading universities in Africa and the United States that have partnered to carry out a research project in sub-Saharan Africa worth about \$1.1 million (about Ksh88 million). KU has teamed up with its longtime partner, Syracuse University (New York), to research on how to develop education in Africa.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and Higher Education for Development (HED) announced that KU is among 11 Lead African universities that have been selected for the respected 2010 Africa-US Higher Education Initiative Grants. Only two universities are from Kenya. The other is the University of Nairobi.

As the HED Executive Director Tully Cornick said, the selection of KU affirms that the University is well respected worldwide, as an institution that is committed to reforming the society. The award comes at a time when KU Japanese language students are shining at the Japanese Language Proficiency Examinations.

Then there is the return of four KU scientists from the United States of America where they attended a two-month intensive training programme courtesy of the Novartis-Seeding Labs Summer Fellowship Program.



The VC Prof. Olive Mugenda (second left) leads the Academic Procession from the Graduation Square after the Matriculation Ceremony. She is accompanied by Alumni Director Dr. Kisiang'ani (left), Ag. DVC (Academic) Prof. Reuben Muasya, Director Accommodation, Dr. Ruth Ndung'u (second right) and DVC Administration Prof. P. K. Wainaina.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, has urged KU students to protect the image of the University.

The VC said university students worldwide are expected to be role models in society. That apart from being in the forefront in the fight against any forms of discrimination, university students are expected to tolerate other people's views.

"In whatever you do and wherever you are, you should always bear in mind that you represent Kenyatta University. Try to keep the good name and image of the university high," Prof. Mugenda told around 6,000 First Years during the Matriculation Ceremony at the Main Campus, on September 3, 2010.

Matriculation ceremonies are performed at universities around the world to welcome formally First Year students. During the ceremony, the new students take the "matriculation oath", committing themselves to pursuing their studies and abiding by the university rules and regulations. The KU First Years reported on August 23, 2010 for the First Semester, of the 2010/2011

Academic Year. There were 5,840 (2,606 females and 3,234 males) as at August 31, 2010.

The VC said since conflicts existed even at world-class universities, students should always find ways of handling them. Prof. Mugenda, who is a Vice-President of the International Association of Universities (IAU) as well as a member of the Executive Board of the Association of African Universities (AAU), said she was always ready to listen to students.

The VC asked students to be responsible for their actions. *"As new undergraduate students, it is essential that you prioritise on academic excellence before other things,"* the VC advised.

"You must weigh the consequences of your individual and collective actions. Always think seriously about the consequences to you as an individual of collective decisions. We expect you to be the type of person who will keep off trouble. Avoid undesirable behaviour which is likely to land you in trouble," said Prof. Mugenda.

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DofE Award Secretary General Opens Student Centre

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Award to talk to participants and "get inspired."

Mr. Ruto praised KU for its efforts in introducing programmes aimed at equipping learners with skills, knowledge, expertise as well as experience. *"Young people are the agents of change. We must equip them with the necessary skills, knowledge, experience and expertise,"* said Mr. Ruto, adding: *"Education should bring out the best of citizens. Education is not a matter of acquisition of certificates, diplomas or degrees but skills, knowledge, expertise and experience."*

Prof. Mugenda thanked the IAA and the PA-K "for their diligence and commitment towards nurturing youth talent." The VC assured the two organisations of KU's "commitment to the course of nurturing of youth talent."

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Mrs. Gillian Shirazi, the Secretary General of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, cuts the tape to officially open Kenyatta University's Business and Student Services Centre on 8th Sept. 2010 with her are from (right) K.U Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology Hon. William Ruto, Vice Chancellor Prof. Olive Mugenda and PS Higher Education Prof. Crispus Kiamba.

"Young people are the agents of change. We must equip them with the necessary skills, knowledge, experience and expertise, " -Hon. William Ruto

Mr. James Chege, who is the new student representative on the Editorial Board, shows his Smartcard. Over 30,000 KU students at all the Campuses will be issued with such cards by December 2010.



Student Smartcards have been introduced in a bid to enhance security and service delivery at the University.

The digital access control cards, already in use at Parklands and Ruiru campuses, will be issued to the more than 30,000

students at all the campuses by December 2010. Apart from capturing student registration details, the Smartcards will enable only the registered students to access the University facilities, including the library, computer centre, bookshop, restaurants as well as health units.

Smartcards to Enhance Security, Service Delivery

Students opting to have their meals at the University eateries will be required to load money into the Smart cards through the banks or mobile phone money transfer services.

The money will be loaded automatically into student cards. Whenever the students have meals, the bills will be deducted automatically from their card accounts. They can access their balances online.

"We want our students to

embrace ICT," said the VC, Prof Olive Mugenda, adding that the move was in line with the government's National ICT Strategy for Education and Training, which guide the speedy implementation of ICT initiatives in the education sector.

Prof Mugenda said KU will continue to invest heavily in ICT hardware and software. *"The University has since developed a solid ICT infrastructure which include a campus network based on fibre-optic technology that provides Internet access to both students and staff,"* said the VC.

Kenyatta University Shines in Japanese Language

K*onnichiwa, hajimemashite, sayonara.* Ever heard such phrases as you go about your businesses at the university? They simply mean in the English language *"Hallo, Nice to meet you, Goodbye."* These are signs of the times. There is a rapidly growing interest in understanding and experiencing the culture of the Far East. As a result, the Japanese language is one of the languages from the East that have recently gained popularity among Kenyans.

In response to this demand, Kenyatta University's Foreign Language Department developed and launched the Japanese language course in June 2004.

The language, which started as an audited course, has been taken mainly by students enrolled in other University programmes. Japanese Language Certificate and Diploma courses have been developed. The Foreign language department is equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories for teaching foreign languages.

Besides sitting the Japanese language internal examinations offered by the University, every year KU students as well as those from other institutions in the region, register for the Japanese Language Proficiency Exam, an



(Second left) Mrs. Yuko Iwatani, (second from right) Japan Ambassador, Mr. Shigeo Iwatani and KU Students at the Residence of Japan Ambassador to Kenya during a dinner luncheon. Inset is Mrs. Lydia Wamuti, a KU part-time Japanese language lecturer.

international examination that is administered by local institutions in conjunction with the Japan Foundation.

In Africa, there are only two centres for this examination; in Cairo and Nairobi. Of all the institutions that participate, KU always records the highest number of candidates. KU

students have consistently performed exceptionally well in the examination.

The best student in the republic is awarded a six-week language training scholarship in Japan. Year after year this opportunity has been taken by KU students. This year's prize was awarded to Ms. Flency Atswenje,

a Fourth Year Education/ German Language student. She is scheduled to travel to Japan next month. Other recipients include Ann Iminza (Education/French) Martin Macharia (Engineering), and Evelyn Njuguna (B.A French) who graduated this year.

"We want our students to embrace ICT in line with the government's National ICT Strategy for Education and Training," -VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda

FOCUS

ON STUDENTS

Over 1,200 students attended the second of three peer education talk shows organised by the Kenyatta University Family Welfare and Counselling Centre(FWCP) in co-operation with pathfinder international.

The event, which featured the Hon. Millie Odhiambo (Nominated MP) and Ms. Catherine Kasavuli, Corporate Affairs Manager, Royal Media Services, saw the students treated to informative and interesting discussions on legal interpretation of Sexual Harassment and Abuse Act as well as inculcating moral integrity in student life. The students, who thronged the Science Complex Room 2 (SC 02) on September 2, 2010, also left equipped with a lot of information on reproductive health.

The guests promised to give 10 participating students a tour of Royal Media Services and lunch at parliament buildings. Hon. Odhiambo expressed interest in partnering with the University to spearhead a leadership programme targeting female students.

The peer education talks aim at providing an interactive forum for students to get valuable information from professionals, experts and people who have been successful in different sectors in society. They also seek to tackle current issues that are not dealt with at home, let alone in a classroom setting. The peer counsellors coordinator, Dr. Helen Oduk, said the talks reflected what happens in the society and what the students go through as members of that society.

Student Peer Talks “A Hit!”

Ms. Catherine Kasavuli,
Corporate Affairs Manager
Royal Media Services
addresses students during
the Peer Education Talk
show at the Main Campus
on September 2, 2010.



Hon. Millie Odhiambo
(Nominated MP)
addresses students.

The Spirit of Brotherhood

The cold Monday of August 23, 2010 was not that chilly, thanks to all who added warmth by volunteering to assist during the registration of new students. Students groups which assisted include, the KU Christian Union & Creative Ministries, Kenyatta University SDA (KUSDA), Kenyatta University Catholic Community, Muslim Association of KU, Campus

Life-KU and KU Mentoring.

These groups not only oriented the first years about their programmes but also gave directions to those who seemed lost. They also refreshed the thirsty with free water and took care of the visitors luggage.

The warmth did not stop there. For the two weeks that followed, First Year students were nourished spiritually, mentored and also

entertained through the services, forums, concerts, movies & fun days that these groups organised.

Kenyatta University fraternity says a Big Thanks to all who volunteered. Thank you for the time you spared and the helping hand you gave. It meant so much. GOD Bless you all.

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25.



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Fourth Year,
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Engineering
Deputy Secretary
General - KUSA

Continuing Students Return From Holiday

Students arrive at the Main Campus for the start of the new 2010/2011 Academic Year.



Most continuing students are back from the long vacation.

Reporting on Monday, September 6, 2010, the Second Year students were the first to arrive. They were followed by the Third Years on Tuesday, while the Fourth and Fifth Years returned on the following day.

As expected, many students made it to campus early on registration day, hoping to beat the long queues and a stressful day. However, the exercise was fast and smooth due to the online registration at the Student Computer Centre. Unlike past

years, by early afternoon, the long queues were virtually non-existent.

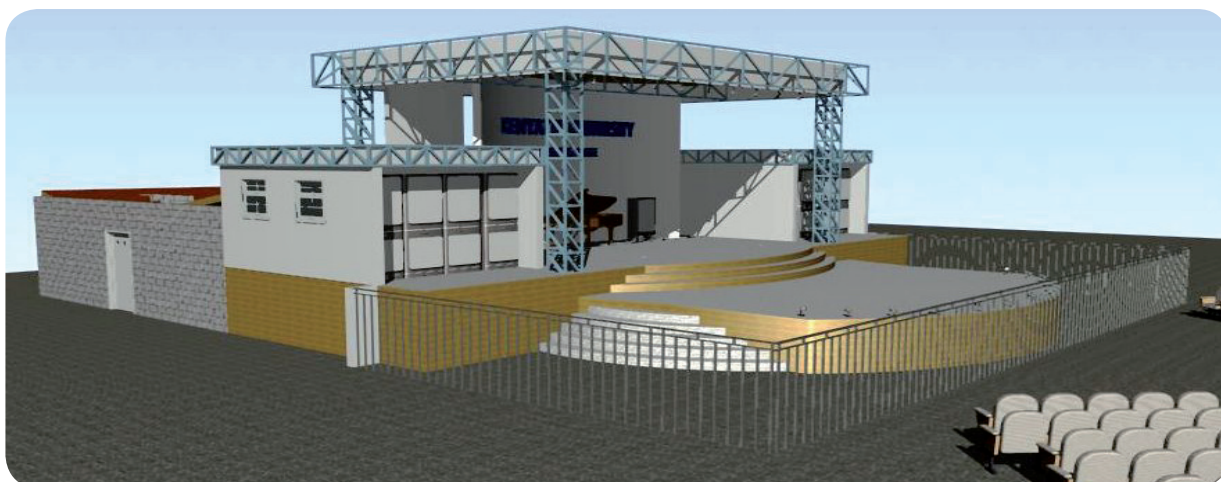
This online registration was welcomed by the students, especially those who had successfully applied for accommodation on the Campus. Such students had enough time to register with their respective hostels. For the senior group, the five-month holiday provided ample time to get some work experience in their respective fields of study through attachments and internships.

Those interested in community and voluntary service had the opportunity to serve the society.

Culture Week 2010

Preparations in Top Gear

An artist's impression of the new multi-purpose stage being constructed at Bishop's Square. Facilities at the stage will include changing rooms for participants.



Preparations for the 2010 Culture Week have now entered the homestretch. Participants are currently engaged in serious rehearsals in the evenings and weekends.

The organisers of the event have promised to showcase to the audience the most spectacular display of talent in the country. The event kicks off on Sunday, October 24, 2010 with a Gospel Extravaganza and ends on Sunday, October 31, 2010 with the Grand Finale at KICC. The theme for this year's show is "Showcasing Cultural Diversity for Unity."

The Culture Week Office at the New Business and Student Services Centre (BSSC) has been a beehive of activity since the students

reported back to the University for the new academic year.

Students have registered in large numbers to participate in the annual talent extravaganza billed as one of the greatest show of talent in the country and the region. KU Culture Week has had significant impact on the Kenyan art and entertainment scene. Great names like the poet Caroline Nderitu, Reddykyulus – John Kiarie, Tony Njuguna, Nyambane, Mdomo Baggy and Kajairo all started to perform at the Kenyatta University Culture Week.

According to Prof. Charles Nyakiti, the Chairman of the Culture Week 2010 Planning Committee, already, the committee has received confirmations from various international

groups that they will participate. The countries that have confirmed participation are China, Nigeria, Israel, Turkey, Tanzania, Uganda, and Rwanda among others. The list is growing every year.

Meanwhile, the 2010 Culture Week will be staged at the brand new Multipurpose Stage being constructed at the Bishop Square. Once completed, the performing and concert stage will give the audience a great view of the performances as there will be no need of pushing and climbing on rooftops and trees to catch the shows as the stage will be high enough for all to see from the comfort of their seats.

Towards Emotional Health

Are you getting enough? (Part 1).



Sr. S. Nganda,
Counsellor, Dean of Students
Office

There are six biological and psychological needs that must be fulfilled for a person to be in balance, feel alive, feel love fully, feel happiness, and be productive. These six major emotional needs must be fulfilled in order to prevent feeling emotionally hungry.

Just like you need food and water to survive physically and be healthy, you need to fulfill the Six psychological Hungers in order to feel emotionally satisfied and healthy. These are Contact, Recognition, Incident, Stimulus, Structure, and Sex/Passion. To remember these their initial are: CRISSS and you may be in a crisis if they are not fulfilled in balance.

These Hungers are your most important biological and psychological needs. Physical and mental health depend on having these needs met. Your Central Nervous System must have these satisfied to 'survive' emotionally or you may fade or wither away, feel depressed, feel 'gloom and doom', and may develop a physical illness and could even die. Also, you may feel desperate, inadequate, have low self-esteem, and generally feel not OK. It is a feeling of emotionally starving!

Many of us attempt to fulfill our needs outside ourselves,

i.e. money, work, relationships, over-eating, over-spending, over-drinking, or taking care of others. These external methods of seeking satisfaction will not have lasting effects. Later, I will share with you how you can meet these needs in healthy ways.

All of these hungers are inter-connected, so when you are low on one or two, the rest are affected, also. You may exclude one and try to replace fulfilling that one with more emphasis on fulfilling one or two of the others which will only add to the problem. To do this is at your emotional expense because it is literally starving your Inner Child. It would be like trying to fill up on potato chips and a soft drink when you are physically starving instead of having a balanced, nurturing meal. It is vital that all six be fulfilled equally to feel aliveness.

Give yourself full permission to take care of your own needs instead of spending a lot of time and energy taking care of the needs of others. Keeping your needs in some kind of balance contributes significantly to your

mental health. When one need is not being met, there is a tendency to focus too much energy to get that need met, instead of having them all in balance. The key here is balance and being responsible for one's self. Often what a person did NOT get enough of as a child; i.e. nurturing, attention, protection, security, support, acknowledgment, he/she will seek out from others and try to make others responsible for fulfilling those needs. This is one of the reasons relationships have a difficult time!! These must all be in balance or you will feel dissatisfied and unhappy. When these are fulfilled in balance, you will feel complete, warm, content, healthy and satisfied! This is the way for effective self-nurturing and feeling self-love! Self-love is the most important element for emotional well-being.

(In our next issue, we will go about the business of teaching you what each need is about and how to fulfill it in a very satisfying way!)

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PICTURE Speak

Official Opening of the Students Centre

On September 8, 2010



VC Prof. Olive Mugenda (left), Minister Higher Education Science and Technology, Hon. William Ruto (centre), and Mrs. Gillian Shirazi, Secretary General, Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association.



Higher Education Minister, Hon. William Ruto, delivers his address.



A section of KUSA officials follow proceedings.



Mrs. Shirazi addresses the audience.



Mentoring Programme Director, Dr. Elishiba Kimani (second right), talks to Mrs. Shirazi. On the left is the VC Prof. Olive Mugenda and the KUSA president Anthony Maina.



The VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda and Mrs. Shirazi leave the Art Zone Hall after addressing the youth.

PICTURE Speak

Matriculation Ceremony

On September 3, 2010



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda addresses students during the ceremony.



A section of students listen keenly.



The VC Prof. Olive Mugenda, DVC Administration Prof. P. K. Wainaina (left) and Ag. DVC Academic Prof. Reuben Muasya (right) at the Ceremony.



Members of the Kenyatta University Travelling Theatre (KUTT) entertain the audience.



The VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda stresses a point.



The KU Student Choir sings the National Anthem.

Research Updates

KU, US Varsity Partner to Tackle Teaching Challenges Across Africa

KU is one of 22 leading universities in Africa and the United States that have partnered to carry out a research project in sub-Saharan Africa worth about \$1.1 million (about Ksh88 million).

KU has teamed up with Syracuse University (New York), to support teachers' growth as professionals by helping them plan, prepare and adapt lessons and lectures for English-language learners, large lectures, and increased learner engagement at the primary school level. The partners will pay additional attention to training higher education instructors to successfully train teachers. The theme the two universities will address is: *"Building Capacity through Quality Teacher Preparation."*

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and Higher Education for Development (HED) announced that KU is among 11 leading African universities that have been selected for the 2010 Africa-US Higher Education Initiative Grants. Only two universities are from Kenya. The other is the University of Nairobi.

Making the announcement, the APLU President, Peter McPherson said KU and the other universities would *"focus on developing collaborative research and academic programmes to build the capacity of the African and US institution to affect change in Africa."*

The partnerships are the result of the

Prof. Joana Masingila of Syracuse University in the United States receives the KU Information Pack from the VC when she led a team from her University and USAID on a visit to KU on August 30, 2010. The two Universities have teamed up on Research.



Africa-US. Higher Education Initiative, a collaborative effort started in 2007 by a number of higher education associations and other organisations and led by APLU to advocate increased engagement in African higher education capacity development. Each partnership has a detailed five-year strategic plan with a 10-year vision to address national and regional development priorities in sub-Saharan Africa through higher education human and institutional capacity development. The initial grants are for a two-year period.

The HED Executive Director Tully

Cornick said: *"The partners' expertise and drive have been proven through success in a highly competitive review and selection process. These Africa-led partnerships have seized an opportunity for change and reflect a deep level of understanding shaped by the contributions of the African institution partners."*

Each partnership is focused on developing collaborative research and academic programs to build the capacity of the African and U.S. institutions to affect change in Africa.

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Partnership to Boost Textile and Apparel Industry Mooted



Ag. DVC(Academic), Prof. Reuben Muasya (second from right) and Prof. (Dr.) Chandrakant Dattatraya display the MoU signed between KU and DKTE. With them is (right) Chairman of the Department of Fashion, Design and Marketing, Dr. Isabella Wandaka, Ag. Dean, School of Applied Human Sciences, Dr. Peter Wanderi, and Prof. Uday Jingonda.

KU has signed an MoU with the DKTE Society's Textile and Engineering Institute, India.

The MoU will see the two institutions collaborate to provide expertise in textiles and engineering at degree and

diploma level, research and development, staff and student exchange and interaction with the textile industry. While representing the the Vice-Chancellor during a ceremony to exchange the Memorandum of Understanding, the Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor(Academic),

Prof. Reuben Muasya, said the collaboration was a step in the right direction toward revival of the textile industry in Kenya. He termed the initiative timely since the government is also trying to revive the industry.

According to the Chairman of the Department of Fashion, Design and Marketing, Dr. Isabella Wandaka, the collaboration will be key in closing the training gaps for technicians in the textile and Apparel Industry and also for providing job opportunities in the chain of production.

Also present during the ceremony were Prof. (Dr.) Chandrakant Dattatraya and Prof. Uday Jingonda of DKTE Society's Textile and Engineering Institute, Ag. Dean, School of Applied Human Sciences, Dr. Peter Wanderi, Chairman, Department of Food and Nutrition, Prof. Judith Kimiywe and Mr. Joseph Magutt of the Centre for Linkages and International Programmes.

Campus round-up

RUIRU

All Systems Go

It was all systems go for Ruiru Campus on August 23, 2010. The freshmen of the August 2010/2011 Intake flowed in numbers to secure accommodation at the Campus as well as get the best off-campus hostels, since allocation was on first-come-first-serve basis. The University buses were available to ferry in students from the Main Campus where they had registered at the Graduation Square. The elated First Years totting



A section of First Year students reporting at Ruiru Campus.

with their luggage, were grateful to have transport ready for them after they were done with registration. The Campus had a successful orientation on September 8, 2010. For the freshmen, being on campus is a major milestone in their lives hallmarked

by some new-found sense of freedom, which it is hoped will come with responsibility.

For the continuing students, who reported back on September 6, for the new academic year after the long vacation, the upbeat mood of being back to Campus is slowly giving way to an academic one as students get down to the business of books and classes. They have since joined the already settled freshmen in daily commuting to and from the Main Campus. It is expected this semester will be marked with a myriad of activities, including the Annual Culture Week Extravaganza.

NYERI

Major Facelift

Tabby Plaza, the building that houses Nyeri Campus, has since received a major facelift with the on-going painting inside and outside. The painting, done by experts, has vividly brought the attractive colours of Kenyatta University to Nyeri. With considerable part of the work completed, the building looks completely different from the former Tabby Plaza.

In addition, the Campus is set to receive a major face change after overhaul renovations, which were started mid-last month. Space is being created for extra lecture rooms, offices as well as a computer



The renovated Tabby Plaza that houses the Nyeri Campus.

laboratory.

There has been an increase in the number of prospective students visiting to make enquires about KU programmes.

The First Year students in B.Com, MBA and B.ED. (Arts) degree programmes registered at the same time with rest of the students at other campuses from August 23, 2010. Classes have already started.

In August, all the members of staff at the campus took part in a programme on customer care skills. The training, organised by the Centre for Career Development and Capacity Building at the main campus, started with the first group taking part on August 20, 2010. The last group received their training on September 10.

MOMBASA

Council members' visit

KU Council members, led by the Chairman Mr Benson Wairegi, made a fact-finding visit to the Campus on August 14, 2010.

They were received and welcomed by the Campus Management Committee and other staff members. The Campus Deputy Director, Mr. Francis Kiarie led the members on a tour of the Campus facilities, including the fully-furnished food and beverages Lab, lecture halls and rooms, the recently opened health unit, the cinema/theatre hall, as well as sites and buildings the University has acquired for expansion.

The VC, Prof Olive Mugenda said the proposed development of facilities had already been captured in the University Strategic Plan. Such developments include, the construction of a high rise building on the plot opposite the main gate. It is expected to house several facilities including, a modern library, computer laboratory, lecture rooms, restaurant, staff offices and parking bays.

The Council approved immediate renovation



Members of Council tour Mombasa Campus.

provision for hostels. When this is accomplished, KU will be the first university in Mombasa town to provide accommodation to her students. The Campus would house more than 5,000 students.

Mr Wairegi and Prof. Mugenda commended the Campus Management Committee for working so hard to make the Campus what it is today. The Council urged Campus Administration to keep up the good work.

CITY

New Programmes

Twelve new programmes have since been introduced bringing to 15 the number degree course on offer. More than 500 new students have registered, with the biggest class being the MBA. It has 250 students.

The campus now boasts a population of over 700 students of which 200 are continuing. Renovation works are underway in a bid to create more lecture rooms on the three new floors the former building owners have since handed over to the University. The VC, Prof Olive Mugenda, and the Registrar (Finance, Planning & Development) Dr. Nelson Kagaru, have been frequent visitors to ensure everything works as planned.

The entire Campus management, who are grateful for their invaluable input are committed to ensuring the Campus becomes a star in the Capital and a deserves to be the gateway to KU.

Dons Back From Intensive Training in The US

Four KU scientists are back from the United States of America where they attended a two-month intensive training programme, courtesy of the Novartis-Seeding Labs Summer Fellowship Program.

Dr. Sauda Swaleh, Dr. Nicholas K. Gikonyo, Dr. Evans Changamu and Dr. Hudson Nyambaka went through various courses at the Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research (NIBR) from June 21, to August 21, 2010. The courses included, target to therapy, patents and intellectual property rights, grant writing, curriculum development, occupational health and safety, data quality and management, as well as chemical hygiene and biosafety.

The scientists held seminar presentations of their research work back home to Harvard University, the relevant research groups at NIBR and eventually held poster sessions at NIBR.

They also visited the School of Pharmacy of the University of New England, Portland, Maine; University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The dons held fruitful discussions with top management of NIBR on future collaborations with KU. To this end a draft proposal for the establishment of a center for conducting research in biomedical sciences was developed and submitted to NIBR.

Dr. Swaleh was based at the Investigate Toxicology (iTox) of infectious disease department of Novartis Institute of Biomedical



From left to right: Dr. Nicholas Gikonyo, Dr. Hudson Nyambaka, Dr. Sauda Swaleh, Ms. Colleen Dionne and Dr. Evans Changamu in the US.

Research (NIBR), while Dr. Gikonyo was in Cellular biology laboratory in the Developmental and Molecular Pathways (DMP) Division.

Dr. Changamu, was attached to the Computer Aided Drug Discovery (CADD) while Dr. Nyambaka, was based at the Analytical Sciences Department.

Visiting Professor to Train Students



Prof. Ivan R. Dihoff

Prof. Ivan R. Dihoff, a Senior Fulbright Scholar, will in the course of the year 2010/11, train several KU students as Swahili teaching assistants in colleges and universities in the United States of America. Students from all disciplines are eligible; they only need to be fluent in Kiswahili.

Successful participants in this programme will have the golden chance of pursuing postgraduate degree courses of their choice in

America. They will teach Kiswahili and, in return, their fees will be waived. Room and board will also be free.

Prof. Dihoff is no stranger to KU. He was a lecturer in linguistics from 1975 to 1975 in the then Department of Languages and Linguistics. He came back later twice between 1979 and 1983 for short period as a researcher assistant. Apart from training teaching assistant, the professor will teach courses in

other language departments. He retired regular faculty from Antioch college, a leading liberal arts college in Ohio, USA in 2007.

Professor Dihoff's credentials are very impressive. he is an adviser in the Fulbright and Rhodes scholarship programmes, has taught in several universities and colleges in the U.S.A, Ghana and Nigeria. He is also a polyglot (speaks more than eight languages) and a linguist.

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY ACADEMY

(Pre-School)



Situated along Ethiopia Way, the Academy caters for children between 2 to 6 years.

Our learning environment is conducive to learning and play.

Enroll children for 2010 in the following categories:-

1. Day Care - (2 years and above)
2. Baby Class - (3 - 4) years
3. Nursery - (4 - 5) years
4. Pre-Unit - (5 - 6) years

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Pictures taken during a fun day organized by KU Students (Global Leadership Interlink) on July 27, 2010.

Alumni, Twins Participate in Promulgation of The Constitution Ceremony

KU took centre stage at the promulgation of Kenya's new Constitution where students and an alumni participated at the colourful ceremony in Nairobi on August 27, 2010.

A KU alumni, renowned poet Caroline Nderitu entertained the audience, who included H. E. President Mwai Kibaki and the Prime Minister Hon. Raila Odinga, with a captivating poem.

Fourth Year twin students, Edna and Evalin Karijo were at hand to present doves to the Heads of State and Governments who graced the function. The dignitaries released the doves to signify peace in the country.

The event, at Uhuru Park, was celebrated with style as befits such a great milestone for Kenya – A new dawn under a new constitution.

The twins described the event as an unforgettable experience that rekindled patriotism in the public dedication to duty in every individual and the motivation to make the world a better place for all.

They were part of enthusiastic Kenyans who flocked Uhuru Park as early as 4am. There was a general sense of hope, the resolve to make new beginnings by leaders. The awesome display by the Kenyan military and performances by Kenyan entertainers and artistes made the day for everyone present. Indeed, the occasion was a special one to every Kenyan.



Kenyatta University Fourth Year student Edna Karijo (B.Com) presents the symbolic doves to H.E. President Mwai Kibaki and Hon. Raila Odinga.

Appointments



Prof. Paul C. K. Ogol is now the Director, Institute for Research Science and Technology



Prof. Rev. Wangari Mwai is now the Director, Nyeri Campus. Prof. Mwai was the Director, KU City Campus



Dr. Peter M. Wanderi is the new Director, University-Industry Links and Science Park



Dr. Robert Muniu has been appointed as Chairman, Department of Physical and Health Education.

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

Culture

Week Activities

At Culture Week Office Rm 143, In the New Business & Students' Services Centre

Gospel and secular music, dance, plays and drama, skits, comedy, poetry, Shairi, verses, fashion, solo performances, Mr. & Miss KU Pageant, Spots and Games, Community Outreach, exhibitions, activities by Persons with Special needs and the challenged, and much more!

Bereavement

Mrs. Rahab Wanjiru Mugo, mother of The University Editor, Mr. David V. Karanja of English and linguistics Department.

Mrs. Mugo, aged 96, passed on peacefully at Mr. Karanja's house on September 16, 2010.

Shairi

SI RAHA

-Mogaka Wesley

Kuna watu wawalevya, wanawalevya watoto
Kwamba dawa za ulevya, ndio raha kwa watoto
Hivi leo twawajuvya, madawa haya ni moto
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe

Wako wengi medanganywa, wakadhani ni furaha
Na tekenya katekenywa, watoto kaona raha
kumbe badaye wafinywa, sio raha ni uzaha
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe

Kama kansa ndio raha, Kamusi ina uongo
Kama pumu ndio raha, kamusi ni ya waongo
Haya yote ni karaha, tusikubali uongo
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe
Kwa maringo wapuliza, huo moshi wa sigara
Nyoyo zao kiunguza, hiyo ni kubwa hasara

Nani atawauguza, na kuyatibu madhara
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe
Bia si bada ya kazi, bali badala ya kazi
Wanyonywa hawamaizi, na uvivu sisimizi
Wakijipa kikohozi, ni raha ama upuzi?

Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe
Sasa wanapepesuka, miguu inateguka
Yale wanayopayuka, ujinga na takataka
wanazidi kuboboka, huku watu wawacheka
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe

Wakija kutuuzia, tuwambie hatutaki
Ukweli tumegundua, raha zao hatutaki
Kitaka kutuzuzua, haraka tuwashtaki
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe

Ukikithiri ukweli, uongo utajitenga
Madawa tusikubali, hayo hayatatujenga
Piga magoti tuswali, tuombee wanopinga
Si raha ni karaha tu, watoto tusidanganywe

Famous Inspirational Quotes

*If a man
is called to
be a street sweeper,
he should sweep
streets even as
Michelangelo
painted or
Beethoven
composed music or
Shakespeare wrote
poetry. He should
sweep streets so well
that all the hosts of
heaven and earth
will pause to say,
"Here lived a great
sweeper who did this
job well"*

- Martin Luther King Junior



BY: GEORGE MONAYO

To be wise is to think and act as God would think in any situation. Solomon emphasizes that wisdom should direct every area of our lives. It unites holiness and the common duties of life. There is no true wisdom apart from the "fear of the Lord" (Proverbs 1: 7, 9:10). This 'fear' does not mean being afraid, but to reverence and deep respect. (Exodus 20:20). The ability to act wisely stems from a heart united with God and an ear listening for His guidance. Wisdom unites holiness and the common duties of life. Nothing can compare in value with the life that is "hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). When we put away the old life of sin and let Christ control our mind, body, emotions, motives, and plans, our ethical and moral practices will be wise.

Any wisdom that denies Christ or proposes theories in opposition to His principles is darkness. Only wisdom that comes from above can make us truly wise. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit when he came would guide His followers into all truth (John 16:13). Does that "all truth" include mathematics, computer science? Could it include management skills, graphic designs or parenting? Is there any "truth" that concerns us that is beyond God's ability or interest? God has given insight to great teachers, men of intellect and extensive research, whose utterances have stimulated thought and opened to view vast fields of knowledge. These men have been honoured as guides and benefactors of their race, but there is one who stands higher than them. God gave Solomon wisdom that "excelled the wisdom of all the children of Egypt" (1st Kings 4:30). "The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere" (James 3:17). Therefore, the seeker of wisdom should fear the Lord, because God is the source of it. It lies at the very foundation of all progress.



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