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Kenya University Vision: To be a dynamic, inclusive and competitive centre of excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

KU Foundation Launched at a Colourful Ceremony in Boston, USA



The newly registered Kenya University Foundation was launched at a colourful ceremony on 27th August 2011 in Worcester, Boston, USA. The event, presided over by the Chairman of Council, Mr. Benson Wairegi, attracted dignitaries including many Kenyans living in the Diaspora.

In his remarks, Mr. Wairegi stated that he was very proud to be associated with Kenya University especially at this stage of its development. *"The University has made tremendous development not only in academics,*

but also in infrastructure, increase in student population, ambience, provision of market-oriented programmes, and now the Kenya University Foundation for wealth creation and academic excellence", he stated. *"With my vast experience in the business world I am delighted to be part of this. I urge alumni at home and in the Diaspora, friends of Kenya University and Kenya, and other stake-holders to partner with Kenya University Foundation and contribute towards its advancement"* Mr. Wairegi appealed.

In her address to the audience, the Vice-

Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda stated that *"The Kenya University Foundation, a non-profit entity, is meant to advance the University by generating financial and material support from its alumni, friends, other partners and individuals in the diaspora and the private sector".* Prof. Mugenda reiterated that it is through *"fundraising, collaborations, friendships, and partnerships that Kenya University would be able to realise its vision, and in so doing, play its rightful role in the realization of the country's Vision 2030."*

Enumerating how far the University has

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University Amphitheatre Open

The University has yet again made another stride in the development of infrastructure following the recent opening of the Amphitheatre. The state-of-the-art facility was opened during a colourful ceremony by the Vice-President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Hon. Dr. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka on the 18th August 2011.

The Vice-President praised the hard work, strategic leadership and innovative strategies that the Vice-Chancellor and the University Management have embraced that are transforming the institution. *"It is clear that Kenya University management is continuing to make significant progress in transforming this institution into a citadel of higher education. As a government, we are*

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The newly opened Kenya University Amphitheatre.



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The 50th Graduation saw over 2000 graduands, eighteen of them PhDs, swell the ranks of Kenyans readied to develop this Nation. For this, the Kenyatta University community is mightily and unabashedly proud. However, this is a University that never rests on its laurels – for the needs of our Nation are multifarious.

That is why we have ventured into fields apparently far removed from academia such as industrial training and the nurturing of young business talent.

His Excellency the President of Kenya, the Hon. Mwai Kibaki, recently launched our Bachelor of Science (Military Studies) Programme. This is indeed an ironic twist of fate: the Main Campus was originally Templer Barracks, a British Army garrison for the preservation of colonialism. From last June, we are helping train our own military to protect our freedom from external threat.

As for nurturing business talent, The Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre is the brainchild of Dr Manu Chandaria, an honorary doctoral alumnus of KU, and arguably this country's leading industrialist and philanthropist to boot. This inspired programme launch was opened by the Minister of Trade, the Hon. Chirau Mwakwere, who praised the venture for facilitating job creation, a major concern for this Nation. Backing up Dr Chandaria were two other business luminaries: Mr. Chris Kirubi, Chairman, Haco Industries, and Mr. SK. Macharia, Chairman, Royal Media Services (RMS has often covered our graduation ceremonies assiduously). This event brought together the largest number of corporate partners of KU seen on Campus.

On a sad note, we regret the passing away of Prof. Jonathan Chege, Dean, School of Business. He was one of our younger professors and had tremendous potential, alas interrupted by the inevitable. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends secure in the hope that the Almighty will give them the strength to carry on.

Always keep us on our toes by constructive criticism and informative contributions.

Davis V. Karanja
Editor

come to be where it is today and to get where it aims to be in the next few years, the Vice-Chancellor stated that "Kenyatta University is proud of all the achievements it has made and it is our intention to further accelerate this momentum through the Kenyatta University Foundation."

Prof. Mugenda expressed her thankfulness to the members of the Foundation's Board of Advisors, Kenyatta University Alumni, friends and volunteers whose contributions continue to greatly impact on the University's

achievements. She specially thanked Dr. Martin Mwangi Thuo, an outstanding Kenyatta University alumnus based at Harvard University and who is the Executive Director of the Foundation, for his role in planning for the launch. She also thanked the Ambassador of Kenya to Washington DC, H.E. Amb. Elkanah Odembo for helping in planning the event.

Present at the occasion of the launch were the Ambassador of Kenya to Washington DC who was represented by Mrs. Lucy Kiruthu,

Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi, the immediate former Chairman of Kenyatta University Council, who is also a member of the Board of Advisors, and Prof. Tahira Hira, the Executive Advisor to the President, Iowa State University, who is also a member of the Foundation's Board of Advisors. Regrettably, Prof. Hira had to cut short her stay due to the infamous hurricane Irene.

The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied for the launch by Mr. Anthony Akoto, KUSA President and Mr. Joseph Osongo, KUSA

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Churchill Thrills Kenyans in the Diaspora

Mr. Daniel Ndamuki, popularly known as Churchill, the renowned comedian of the very popular 'Churchill Live' Television Show thrilled Kenyans in the diaspora with his rib-cracking jokes during the launch of the Kenyatta University Foundation that took place on 27th August, 2011 in Worcester, Massachusetts. In spite of the hurricane Irene scare, Kenyans turned up in large numbers for the launch ceremony and to listen to the entertainment first hand. Churchill has an overwhelming following in the United States. He is a good friend of Kenyatta University.

Others who thrilled the audience with their performances are the famous Kenyatta University Travelling Theatre (KUTT) duo of Martin Githinji and Paul Mbuvi; and Ms. Pricilla Gitonga and Sylvester Otieno of the Kenyatta University Band. Also accompanying the Vice-Chancellor for the launch were student leaders Mr. Anthony Akoto, KUSA President and Mr. Joseph Osongo, KUSA Secretary General. They appealed to alumni and friends of Kenyatta University to support the foundation for posterity.

On Sunday 28th August, the group also entertained worshippers at the Community Christian Fellowship at Lowell, Massachusetts, who pledged to do all they can for the success of the Foundation. To prove they meant what they said, they purchased most of the Foundation's souvenirs.



Alumni, Students and friends of Kenyatta University are entertained by Mr. Daniel Ndamuki of 'Churchill Live' Television Show (Right) during the Launch of The Foundation.

The Foundation is a philanthropic arm of Kenyatta University with the mandate to advance, promote and support the mission and vision of the University.

KU FOUNDATION LAUNCH

Vice-Chancellor Given a Standing Ovation



Prof. Olive M. Mugenda
Ph.D, EBS.,
Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, received a standing ovation from the invited guests attending the launch of the Kenyatta University Foundation that took place in Worcester, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. on 27th August 2011. This was brought about by the Vice-Chancellor's informative presentation to a very attentive audience on the milestones Kenyatta University has achieved particularly in the past five years and the mega projects lined up. So impressed was the audience, that one after the other, led by alumni who knew what Kenyatta University was before the tenure of Prof. Mugenda, stood up, clapping and making joyful noise in appreciation of Prof. Mugenda's achievement in such a short time. A visibly overwhelmed Prof. Mugenda thanked the audience for this unexpected gesture.

As if this was not enough, after watching the moving Orphans and Vulnerable Students (OVS) documentary that the Vice-Chancellor presented, the audience held an impromptu harambee in support of the Foundation. "Going without food! Men, if this does not touch you, then I don't know what can!", one was overheard saying as he put his dollars in the basket.

Following the launch, congratulatory messages have continued to be received from far and wide.



H.E. Amb. Elkanah Odembo
(Kenyan Amb. to USA)

Ambassador Lauds Kenyatta University

The Kenyan Ambassador to Washington, H.E. Amb. Elkanah Odembo has lauded Kenyatta University for being a model to emulate by many African Universities. Speaking during the launch of the Kenyatta University Foundation that took place on 27th August 2011 in Worcester, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The Ambassador, who was represented by Mrs. Lucy Kiruthu (Minister Counsellor/Deputy Chief of Mission), referred to Kenyatta University as "the Harvard of Africa". Addressing the audience, the Ambassador was impressed by the ambient environment and modern infrastructure comparable to that in any world-class University in the developed world. The Ambassador noted that "Kenyatta University has taken a bold step in ensuring that it stands out to compete with other world-class Universities." "The Foundation", he observed, "will serve as a resource mobilization organ for the University, thereby increasing access to higher education by giving scholarships, attracting and retaining high-flying academicians, improving teaching and learning infrastructure, and enhancing research, among others." The Ambassador challenged the University to publicise the Foundation in other states, amongst alumni, friends of the University, and organisations whose mandate allows such support.

Hurricane Irene Scares KU Delegation

Talk of the imminent hurricane Irene reached the KU delegation for the launch immediately on arrival at Logan Airport, Boston. In spite of the clear, but occasionally cloudy skies, the news, without a shadow of doubt, was that hurricane Irene was on the way, and would wreak havoc on anything on its path! The D-day for Worcester was 28th August, 2011, the day of the launch! Indeed, like clockwork, signs of the arrival of Irene, were evident as early as 12.00 noon, when showers started pouring out of the blue. One minute, bright and sunny,

and next minute, heavy showers. This was just the beginning.

The main storm was expected on 29th August. With a state of emergency announced by the US Government and President Barack Obama himself warning people not to get outdoors due to the serious risk faced from the force of the hurricane, most members of the KU delegation opted to stay indoors most of the day, too scared to leave their hotel rooms. Strong winds accompanied by strong showers that caused power black out were witnessed. Indeed, some people were stuck in the hotel lift and had to be rescued by a fire extinguisher that arrived in seconds! What a scare!

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Secretary General; Mr. Sammy Kyungu, a member of Kenyatta University Council; Prof. John Okumu, DVC (Academic); Prof. F.Q. Gravenir, Director University Advancement; Dr. V. Onyvera, Director Centre for Linkages and International Programmes; Dr. E. Kimani, Director Mentoring Programmes and Dr. E. Kisiangani, Director Alumni. Also in the trip

were Dr. Timothy Njoora, Mr. Silvester Otieno and Ms. Priscilla Gitonga, all of Music and Dance Department; and the KUTT duo of Mr. Martin Githinji and Mr. Paul Mbuvi.

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bridge between donors, well-wishers, friends of Kenyatta University and philanthropists on one hand and the family of Kenyatta University which includes students, faculty and schools on the other. It will provide an opportunity for both sides to link and take the world to the next level in terms of education, research, technology and entrepreneurship.

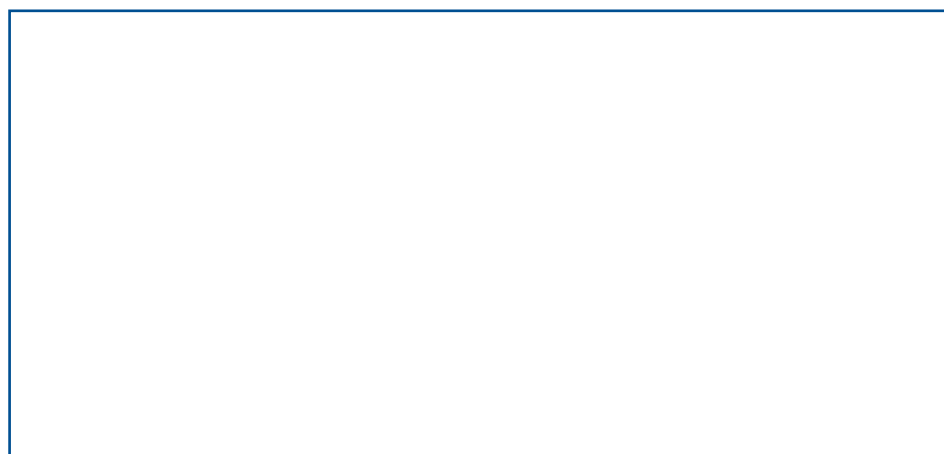


Kenyatta University becomes the first public University in the country to register a Foundation in the USA.

"Kenyatta University has taken a bold step in ensuring that it stands out to compete with other world-class Universities."

-H.E. Amb. Elkanah Odembo (Kenyan Amb. to USA)

Italy Seeks Partnership with KU



The Italian Embassy in Kenya has expressed interest to partner with Kenyatta University for the mutual benefit of the people Italy and Kenya.

The Italian Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Ms. Paola Impreale who visited the University on 16th September noted that the Italian

community in Kenya would learn more about Kenyan culture and languages and in turn contribute towards community service in the country and support of needy students.

The Ambassador said that many tourists from Italy who visited Kenya had specialized knowledge and expertise that can be shared

among the Kenya youth and University students. She said that the Embassy would propose to the visiting tourists to share their expertise through voluntary Seminars and Public lecturers even as they proceed for their holidays to the Coastal region. Ambassador Paola said that her country put a lot of emphasis on development projects that focus on the provision of basic needs like water and promised to send an expert to seek possibilities working on a water recycling project at KU. Other possible areas of partnership to be explored will include cultural exchange given that Italy has a very rich cultural history in Music and Fine Arts and also support for the needy students through the Orphans and Vulnerable students (OVS) Fund.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda who hosted the envoy in her office welcomed the Italian Ambassador to partner with Kenyatta University especially through the upcoming KU Culture and Languages Centre that aims at showcasing cultures of various communities both locally and internationally.

VC Lauds Primary School for Launching a Strategic Plan

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda has commended a public primary school for taking a bold step in developing its Strategic Plan. Prof. Mugenda noted that strategic planning is no longer a preserve for large organizations but is now a tool being embraced by many for progressive change.

The VC was speaking when she presided over as Chief Guest during the launch of Fairlawns Public Primary School 2010-2015 Strategic Plan, at KARI Muguga Complex on 9th September 2011.

She congratulated the school for the significant milestone adding that the development of strategic plans for primary schools was still very rare in the country.

Prof. Mugenda further called on the School management to own and focus on the vision and endeavor to popularize the vision to all stakeholders in order to ensure its



successful implementation. At the same time the VC opened the school's e-learning resource centre that is aimed at enhancing delivery of digital content.

The launch ceremony was attended by the area leaders among them, the Member of Parliament for Kikuyu Constituency who is also the Assistant Minister for Local Government, Hon. Lewis Nguyai, Kikuyu District Commissioner, Mr. Frederick Kitema, District Educational Officer, Mrs. Elizabeth

Karani, and Director of Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) Dr. Ephraim Mukisila.

Head teachers and Principals of the neighbouring primary and secondary schools also attended the ceremony which provided a learning experience for developing a strategic plan. Fairlawns Public Primary school serves the children of employees of KARI, KETRI and KEFRI, all located within the Muguga Complex.

Your decision to develop a strategic plan for this primary school is an important milestone and will provide direction to the management in making important decisions on allocating resources to pursue strategic objectives including aligning capital resources to pursue institutional targets," **said the VC in her address.**

KU launches Drug and Substance Abuse Policy

Kenyatta University has unveiled mechanisms that will assist the fight against alcohol and drug abuse, as well as create awareness for reducing prevalence rates in the University. This follows after the University launched its Drug and Substance Abuse Policy on 16th September 2011.

Kenyatta University Drug and Substance Abuse Policy aims at creating awareness amongst staff and students about the dangers of the drug and substance abuse and also spells out the strategies to assist those who may be suffering from it. The launch of the policy is a significant step towards addressing the challenges of drug and substance abuse that face the society. The need to create awareness both within the University and beyond is a matter that needs to be addressed especially now that drugs and substance abuse continue to affect many young people in this country.

The Member of Parliament for Naivasha, Hon. John Mututho presided over the launch ceremony. While congratulating the University for the noble initiative, Hon Mututho said, "There is need to take action and ensure that

the young generation does not perish. We need to advocate, lobby and take the necessary steps in ensuring that we curtail the drug crisis. The starting point is taking responsibility and accountability by the formulation of such policies as this and carefully implementing them." The MP noted that though the Government had established relevant authorities to fight drug and substance abuse, there was need for institutions to initiate practical solutions to reach the target populations effectively.

The KU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda said the policy will provide guidance in addressing the drug and substance abuse in the University. *"The launch of this Policy on Drug and Substance abuse represents a very significant development in the way we at Kenyatta University wish to manage the challenge of drugs and other harmful substances,"* said Prof. Mugenda.

The VC further noted that drug control is too wide a responsibility to be left to be to drug experts and government alone. *"We all have a responsibility as parents, teachers, friends, co-workers and good citizens to ensure that people we know and love do not ruin their lives because of drugs and other forms of addiction. We need to help people take control of their lives,"* she added.

The Wellness Centre at the University will oversee the implementation of the Drug and Substance Abuse Policy.

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Spine Clinic to be Established

Plans are underway for collaboration between Kenyatta University and the Shalby Hospital in Western India, which will enable the establishment of a Spine Clinic at Kenyatta University. According to Dr. Viral B. Shah, a Consultant Spine Surgeon from Shalby Hospital, during his recent visit to the University, the collaboration will enable students and lecturers interact and exchange ideas with other experts, and also involve students in exchange programmes on training on spinal surgery.

The Shalby Hospital has an Orthopaedic Surgery Speciality Unit which performs over 5000 surgeries per year.

Some of the surgeries performed by the hospital include the following:

Micro endoscopic surgery; Reconstructive spinal surgeries; Motion retaining spinal surgeries; and Arthroscopy and pediatric orthopedics.

The hospital also has an office at Parklands, Nairobi which facilitates the linking and transfer of patients to India for treatment. Apart from teaching, the establishment of the Spine Clinic will be an important unit in the upcoming Kenyatta University Teaching, Research and Referral Hospital. The unit will have modern equipment and expertise. This will also encourage medical tourism.

KU Explores Collaboration with Tshwane University of Technology

Kenyatta University is exploring collaboration with Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in South Africa. TUT was established on 1st January 2004, with the merging of the former Technikon Northern Gauteng, Technikon North-West and Technikon Pretoria. At the time of the merger, the uniquely

South African institutional designation of "technikon" was dropped in favour for the internationally accepted "University of Technology" designation.

Members of staff from the School of Engineering are scheduled to visit Tshwane University of Technology for the purpose of studying the establishment and equipping

of Engineering departments. They will also be seeking to establish areas of collaborative research leading to the strengthening a Memorandum of Understanding between the two Universities in terms of capacity building and exchange of staff and students in Engineering.

FOCUS

ON STUDENTS

Miss World Kenya has KU Roots



Miss World Kenya 2011:
Susan Onyango from
Githurai was crowned
Miss World Kenya 2011
during the Nestea Miss
World Kenya 2011
pageant held at the.

Susan Anyango Ojuoga, who will represent Kenya in the forthcoming Miss World Pageant, grew up in Kenyatta University. Her late parents were members of staff at this University. The father, Dr. John P. Ojuoga, was a lecturer in the History Department while the mother, Mrs. Vera Nikolaevna Ojuoga, was a technician in the Department of Communication and Technology. The KU community looks forward to Susan's crowning as Miss World 2011.

Academic and Postgraduate Students Trained in E-Resources

Thirty academic and postgraduate students from the department of Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics, School of Applied Human Sciences were trained in E-resources during a two-day workshop. The workshop took place on 7th and 8th September at the Kenyatta University Conference Centre.

The training was a collaborative undertaking between Kenyatta University Library, TEEL-MANN CORNELL University and Information training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA). The training was facilitated by Dr. Gitau Njoroge (*Kenyatta University Librarian*) and Dr. Pamela Marinda of ITOCA.

The acting Dean, School of Applied Human Sciences, Dr. Mwisukha Adanje said the training would improve the quality of research, the writing of scientific articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals. The training would also make the participants more competitive in writing research grant proposals.

AIESEC International Congress Kenya 2011 Experience for AIESEC KU



Students
discuss
during the
Congress.

Twenty five members of AIESEC Kenya University participated in the AIESEC International Congress which was held in 20th August 2011, at the Kenyatta University International Conference Centre.

Virtually all countries in which AIESEC is established had sent at least one representative to this conference. This was one event where all youth leaders globally represented to share their experiences and use them to improve the world.

AIESEC is a global, non-political, independent, non profit making organization run by students and recent graduates of institutions of higher education. Our members are interested in world issues, leadership and management.

We provide an international platform that enables young people to explore and develop their leadership potential for them to have a positive impact on society. AIESEC is currently present in 107 countries and territories.



FOCUS ON STUDENTS CONTINUED

BBC News Group Director Visits KU

Ms. Hellen Boaden, the BBC News Group Director visited the University recently and toured the KU FM Radio, BBC's partner station. During her visit Ms. Boaden met and interacted with staff and students where she had more about BBC's profile, values and challenges like recession, emerging social media, globalization, convergence among others.

Ms. Boaden said that BBC had stood the test of time due to its commitment to uphold impartiality and diversity of opinion. She said that radio stations must stay relevant by understanding their audience.

KU 99.9 FM transmits BBC shows and programmes through satellite. Ms. Boaden commended the student presenters for their good work at the Radio station.

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University Amphitheatre Open



happy about these developments that are taking place at this public institution which is setting pace for other institutions not only locally but also in the region," said the Vice-President.

He further called on the KU Community to make good use of these impressive and useful facilities that are being developed at the University.

The Multipurpose building is centrally located within the University premise which is designed to be used by the KU Community as well as the general public. The building has generous entrance lobbies to accommodate large crowds, wet rooms, control room and two multipurpose office rooms.

The Amphitheatre that has a capacity for 3,500 users will be used for various activities that will include; Theatrical works and plays, Conferences and Meetings, Cultural activities, lectures,

Musical and dance performances.

Equity Bank became the first users of the magnificent facility when they held the Second Annual Education Leadership Congress at the Amphitheatre. About 3,000 students attended the congress which was addressed by key personalities and distinguished leaders that included the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, Vice-President, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, Mrs. Deloris Jordan, mother of the legendary basket ball player Michael Jordan among others.

The Equity Bank Chief Executive Officer, Dr. James Mwangi congratulated the University management for the outstanding achievement and thanked them for the opportunity to hold the Congress in the amphitheatre.

KU to Train South Sudan Teachers

Kenyatta University will soon assist in upgrading the level of English among teachers in the South Sudan. The University will also work with the government of South Sudan in building capacity in teachers education.

This followed after the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education in the Government of South Sudan, Mr. George Justin Achor visited Kenyatta University to seek way

in which his country could benefit from the University's to address some of the challenges facing the country's education sector especially the language barrier. The PS expressed satisfaction that his country would benefit through the partnership with KU in the areas of Linguistics, women education, alternative education, teacher training in different levels and Intensive Training programmes for the country's education managers.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda while hosting the PS said that the University was ready to work with S. Sudan address their concerns in teacher education. Prof. Mugenda noted that the S. Sudan would gain significantly especially through the new programme on Leadership and Management for Teachers being coordinated by the School of Education.

The Diploma Programme will enable

teacher to learn new methodologies and content. The University's Department of Linguistics will coordinate the language developments programme in S. Sudan.

Pictorial



Science & Technology, opens the 2nd International Conference in Education at Kenyatta University.

Pictorial



Weifang University, China.

held recently at KU.



Research Updates

Good News!

Pharmacy Degree Course Accreditation

The Pharmacy degree course has finally been accredited. This means that the Course is recognized by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board which is the body responsible for the regulation of the Pharmacy Profession in Kenya. Kenyatta University Pharmacy graduates will therefore be allowed to practice in Kenya and enjoy all the privileges and recognition of a Pharmacist.

The accreditation was the hallmark of a rigorous process which involved inspection of Kenyatta University facilities in accordance with



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the Pharmacy and Poisons Act CAP 244 of the Laws of Kenya and the Pharmacy and Poisons Board accreditation framework.

This exercise took place on 2nd February, 2010 and the areas of focus were administration, laboratories, library and infrastructure. These facilities were found to be adequate to sustain the Pharmacy Course.

The course is offered in the Department of Pharmacy and Complementary/Alternative Medicine within the School of Health Sciences. The student population is currently 90 and 19 members of staff. The department has grown tremendously and the course is very attractive to potential students. There are also good prospects with the advent of Kenyatta University Teaching and Referral Hospital.



KENYA - GERMANY POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMME 2012-2013

The Kenya Vision 2030 policy document recommends investment in Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) in priority key sectors. One such area involves capacity building in our Public Universities through advanced training of personnel. In pursuit of this, in June 2010, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MOHEST) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) signed a five (5) year Agreement for cooperation in Postgraduate Training open to all fields of study. The programme is administered by the National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) and on behalf of MOHEST. The objective is to train twenty (20) PhD research students annually from Public Universities or Constituent Colleges and Fully Chartered Private Universities for forty two (42) months (inclusive six (6) months German language course) at a German university.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

For eligibility to the DAAD Scholarships, candidates must meet the following conditions:

- be citizen of the Republic of Kenya
- be teaching in Kenyan public universities or constituent colleges and private universities
- should have obtained the Master's degree preferably within the past 6 years (date of graduation)
- be willing to undertake a six (6) months course in German language

The following documents must be attached to the application form:

- Cover sheet for DAAD Scholarship Application Form
- DAAD Application Form for Research Grants and Study Scholarships
- Hand-signed Curriculum Vitae and list of publications (use the Europass specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>)
- Application letter indicating motivation to undertake PhD studies
- Ph.D. proposal (10 – 15 pages; 1,5 spacing; 2,5cm space left, 2cm right) including an abstract of the proposal on one page (please include name and title of the proposal) and a detailed work plan for 3 years including time schedule covering the whole period of the scholarship
- Confirmation from a German Professor stating that he/she will supervise the applicant for his/her Ph.D. thesis (in English)
- OR Admission letter from structured PhD Programme
- Two (2) recommendation letters of academic referees (in English; on particular recommendation forms, provided by DAAD office)
- Certificates (each certified as true copy of the original certificate)
 - Master's degree certificate
 - Transcripts for each Year
 - Bachelor's degree certificate
 - Transcripts for each Year
 - A/O-level or KCSE certificate
 - Copy of the national ID
- If applicable: confirmation of funding for research during field studies in Kenya
- Requested: Letter of support from the university, indicating the prospective function of the applicant within the university after return to Kenya and letter of recommendation by DAAD Alumni.

For further information on the scholarship program, please check the following websites:

<http://nairobi.daad.de/kgphd.php>;
<http://www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke>;
<http://www.ncst.go.ke>;

For research contacts in Germany contact the following website: www.daad.de/research-explorer, www.phdgermany.de, www.dfg.de/gepris
 Applications should be sent or delivered by **15th October, 2011** to:

The Coordinator
Kenya - DAAD Postgraduate Training Programme
National Council for Science and Technology
P.O. Box 30623-00100, NAIROBI
research@ncst.go.ke



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The Psychology of Academic Cheating

Academic cheating is extremely common in educational institutions. Cheating undermines the use of assessment data as both indicators of student learning, and a source of feedback to teachers for instructional planning.

Although cheating appears to increase as students move through lower to higher school system, no age group is exempted from acts of academic dishonesty. For example, research indicates that cheating occurs among elementary school children (Kanfer & Duerfeldt, 1968), in middle and high school by adolescents (Anderman, Griessinger, & Westerfield, 1998) and as late as college (Newstend & Armstead, 1996) and even graduate school (Baldwin, Rowley & Schwarz, 1996).

Surprisingly, most individuals associate cheating with students, but research indicates that educators may also become involved in forms of cheating, in

order to bolster their students' scores in high-stakes assessment systems (Kaner & Staiger, 2002). Indeed academic cheating can be viewed from a number of disciplinary and theoretical perspectives. Notably, academic cheating has been studied from the domains of education (Cizek, 1999), Sociology (Black, 1962), Philosophy (Green, 2004), and Economics (Kerkuliet, 1994).

Whereas each of the above vantages offers something in terms of understanding how and why cheating occurs, in the final analysis, when individuals engage in any type of cheating behavior, they are making the decision to engage in that



Sr. S. Nganda
(KU Wellness Center)

behavior. This decision, which occurs within the mind of the individual, is inherently psychological in nature.

It is to be acknowledged that cheating on academic work involves a diverse array of psychological phenomena, including learning,

development, and motivation. These phenomena form the core of the field of educational psychology.

From the perspective of learning, cheating is a strategy that serves a cognitive short-cut. Whereas effective learning often involves the use of complex self-regulatory and cognitive strategy, cheating precludes the need to use such strategies. Thus students may choose to cheat either because they do not know how to use effective learning strategies or simply because they do not want to invest the time in using such strategies.

From a developmental perspective, learners report many different reasons for engaging in academic cheating. Some students cheat because they are highly focused on extrinsic outcomes such as grades; others because they are concerned with maintaining a certain image to themselves or to their peers, still others cheat because they lack the requisite self-efficacy to engage in complex tasks or because of the types of attributions they have developed.

It is therefore, important to spend quality time and resources researching and reporting on various psychological factors that influence academic cheating. Only by understanding whatever influences the psychological causes of cheating can any educational institution manage to put the appropriate intervention strategies in place.

Needless to say, such components as: The Anatomy of Cheating; Achievement Motivation and Cheating; Moral and Social Motivations for Dishonesty; and Prevention and Detection of Cheating must be viewed as having a role to play in students' academic cheating.

Staff Mentors Capacity Building Seminar

Kenya University's Mentoring Programme held a seminar on 6th of September 2011 to bring the mentorship programme ahead in order to cater for both new and continuing students. The seminar was held at the Business and Students' Services Centre (BSSC) with an attendance of 120 members of staff attending out of the 235 registered.

The Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker was the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda. In her speech the Vice-Chancellor noted that there was need to come up with new ways of encouraging mentors and mentees to join the programme. Some of the suggestions made towards this included small remunerations for the mentors and Curriculum Vitae mentions for the mentees. Students were also encouraged to join the programme as it leads to the creation of an empowered, all-rounded graduate.

The Vice-Chancellor also thanked the staff mentors for their commitment to the programme and assured them of her full support. She urged mentors to encourage other members of staff to volunteer as mentors.

Mr. Kenneth Njiru, Director of Ungwana Initiative, who also attended the function, gave a presentation on "Uungwana" versus "Ushenzi" mentorship and urged mentors to exercise Ungwana mentorship so as to impact the students positively.

The objective of the seminar was to acquaint the mentors with the status of the programme, enhance knowledge and skills on mentorship, share experiences in

mentorship and generate ideas on how best the programme can be improved.

The Director, Mentoring Programme, Dr. Elishiba Kimani thanked the Vice-Chancellor for her continued support for the programme and expressed gratitude to all mentors for their handwork and dedication.

Union Leader Lauds KU Administration

Mr. Nzoka, Union Representative in the University Staff Union of Persons with Disabilities, has praised the University for its exceptional sensitivity to the welfare of the members.

He singled out the Special Needs Education Department which has been graduating an increasing number of students in recent years; he is also impressed by Moi Library staff for the special services and delivery availed there; The Braille centre and other facilities offered at the Dean of Students Office; and the Tuk

Tuk Service are among other facilities that have made life so much easier for members of the University community who sorely need them. He is willing to wager that no other university in the country comes close to KU in responsiveness to special needs.

He nevertheless feels that the University ought to make a concerted effort to improve its record in order to remain ahead of the game. Of special concern are the following issues: making KU the rallying point for coordinating centre for all other national universities of issues regarding disabilities; improving the

environment for all categories of disabilities; reviewing the emoluments of staff involved in services to the disabled; and provision of fees for students who cannot afford them.

4th Annual Peer Counselors & Educators Workshop Held at KU

The Intervarsity Peer Counselors Association (IVPCA) held its 4 day Annual Peer Counselors and Educators Workshop on Inculcating Moral Integrity in Youths at Kenyatta University AVU Boardroom. The workshop which began on Wednesday 10th and came to

a close on Saturday 10th 2011, was attended by Peer Counselors' Representatives from Egerton University, African Nazarene University, Tangaza College, St. Paul's University, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Mombasa Polytechnic and Kenyatta University.

Key Speakers included representatives from Model ITU- A Youth Digital Initiative involved in a number of activities among them the following: Youth Education, Empowerment and Internet Safety. Other speakers included: Mr. Denis Karema of Authentic Technology, Dr. Lillian Kimani a Senior Lecturer at St. Paul's University, Dr. Tobias Arudo of Kenyatta University, Dr. R. Muniu, Peer Counselors Coordinator, Kenyatta University Family Welfare and Counseling Project among others.

The participants later held a Community Outreach at Maximum Miracle Children's Home on Saturday 10th. The participants carried out voluntary services including cooking, washing clothes and general cleaning of the compound as well as presenting IEC materials on counseling, offering guidance and motivational talk to the young ones.

New School of Education Dean takes over

It was all smiles for Dr. Fatuma N. Chege the New Dean School of Education and former Dean Dr. Jackson Ogeno during a handing over meeting held in the Office of the Dean School of Education.

Dr. Chege, who holds a Ph.D from the University of Cambridge (UK) was elected un-opposed during the elections of Deans of Schools which took place in various venues within the University on 26th July, 2011.

The new Dean has previously served as the Chairperson of the Department Education Foundations for two consecutive terms, Deputy Director Centre for Research and Science and Technology and is actively involved in collaborative research among other academic activities within and outside the University.

The outgoing Dean, Dr Ogeno has provided prudent leadership to the School

of Education for four years raising the School of to its current status. In his handing over speech, he welcomed the new Dean and encouraged her to take over the leadership with an open heart and move the School to the next level in accordance with the School's and University's vision and mission.

The two colleagues noted that the School was growing in size and progressively increasing its programmes to suit the needs of the ever changing society locally and in the region. The stake holders in the School of Education have high expectations from the newly elected Dean with the assistance of Dr. Samuel N. Waweru, Associate Dean to



steer all academic activities towards achieving the School's Vision of becoming a 'Dynamic, Inclusive and Competitive Centre of Excellence in Educational Studies, Research, Consultancy and Service to Humanity'.



Infrastructural

Highlights on The Projects

The university in the last financial year (2010/2011) has recorded a historical tremendous growth in terms of development where so many buildings have come up. Among the many completed buildings include the Amphitheatre, Post-Modern Library and the water reservoir among others which are now in use now.

Some of the ongoing projects include

8.4.4. Building which will be ready for occupation by end of September 2011, School of Hospitality and School of Economics. The New Administration Block is another ongoing project which will have five (5) storey buildings and a tower. The building will also have 4 lifts, two for the public and two for VIP.

Among the offices that will be located in the New Admin Block include (*but not*

limited to) Finance section, Procurement section, Examinations, Personnel, Public Relations, Council Boardroom, Video Conferencing hall. There will also be ample parking and a ramp has been provided for the physically challenged students. The New Admin Block will be ready for use before the end of next year i.e. 2012.

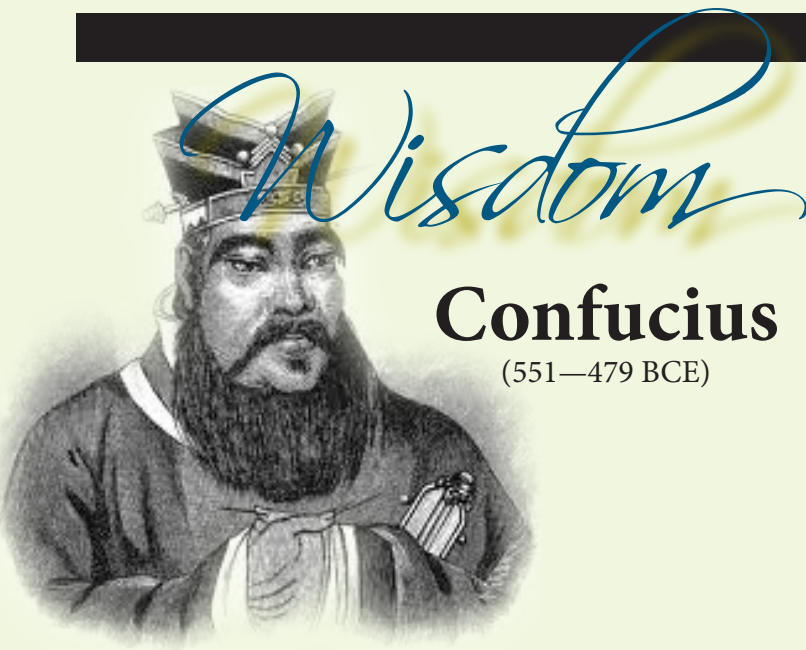
water. reservoir

The University has embarked on yet another ambitious project of constructing a Water Reservoir. The project is aimed at addressing the perennial water shortage at the University and will bring much needed relief to students and staff residing at the Main Campus. The reservoir has a capacity of about 5,000,000 litres and occupies $\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land.

The Water Reservoir which is almost complete, is located at the Upper Zone of the University.



Changing Face of
Kenyatta University



Confucius

(551—479 BCE)

*The man of wisdom is never of two minds;
the man of benevolence never worries; the
man of courage is never afraid.*

The historical Confucius, born in the small state of Lu on the Shandong peninsula in northeastern China, was a product of the “Spring and Autumn Period” (770-481 BCE). We know him mostly from texts that date to the “Warring States Period” (403-221 BCE).

During these eras, China enjoyed no political unity and suffered from the internecine warfare of small states, remnants of the once-great Zhou polity that collapsed after “barbarian” invasions in 771 BCE.

Better known in China as “Master Kong” (Chinese: Kongzi), Confucius was a fifth-century BCE Chinese thinker whose influence upon East Asian intellectual and social history is immeasurable. As a culturally symbolic figure, he has been alternately idealized, deified, dismissed, vilified, and rehabilitated over the millennia by both Asian and non-Asian thinkers and regimes.

Spiritual Lines Bearing The Cross

In mark 8:27-30 Jesus asks the disciples on how He is perceived by others. After getting an answer from them He asks who they think He is. Of them all Peter is recorded to answer Jesus by saying that He is Christ. Others indicated that He was the Messiah. Jesus then started telling them what would happen to him (Mark 8:31).

Further, Jesus began telling them, about what it means to be a follower, a disciple of Christ. Jesus emphasized to them that He would bear the cross, and lose everything for the sake of the gospel. Everyone who wanted to follow him needed to be what Christ was.

In the Christian context those who must follow Jesus must be ready to interact between Christ, the Master Teacher. It must also be those who have a close and special affliction with the Rabbi from Nazareth Jesus Christ the son of God.

On the personal level an individual has to be transformed, and has to do what only a Christian does on behalf of Christ, but has to reflect on how Christ is represented on earth. This is not a time of weak Christians. The Lord wants us to be anchored solidly in Him, strong in our faith, strong to repel temptations and strong to testify for Christ. This is possible only if we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and to empower us to reflect our saviour's character.

BY GEORGE MONAYO

Poem

UNIQUE WINNERS

Despite society's looking down upon us,
Us who were born having special needs,
With needs in the various aspects of our life,
Challenging because of our limitations,
Limitations that bring us down,

Down because those around us,
Focus only on our various short-comings,
Short-comings when executing our duties,
Duties in our families and the society,
Society that has for long refused,
Refused to acknowledge we can make,
Make it as long as we've a conducive,
Conducive environment that is in line,
Line with our various challenges,
Challenges that when perceived positively,
Positively have made us overcome,
Overcome and in the end emerged winners,
Winners since we've climbed the ladder,
Of corporate and educational success,
Success that has made people admire,

Admire us for being great fighters,
Fighters since we have achieved milestones
Milestones in our health and careers,
Careers that have made us icons,
Icons to all those who believe,
Believe in the power of opportunity,
Opportunity for us to strive to great,
Great heights to change what,
What we can and accept what we can't.

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Disabled Students Association, KUDSA)

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