



KU Honours President Kibaki



Kenyatta University Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda adjust President Mwai Kibaki's cap when the Head of State was installed as the Kenyatta University Chancellor, and also awarded the Degree of Doctor of Education (Honoris Causa), during KU's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010. Looking on are, from right, Hon. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology; Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry; Hon. Beth Mugo, Public Health and Sanitation Minister; Hon. David Musila, Assistant Minister, Defence; and Hon. Jebii Kilimo (partly hidden), who is Assistant Minister, Cooperative Development and Marketing.

"I am very happy," an elated President Mwai Kibaki said soon after Kenyatta University awarded him the Doctor of Education Degree (Honoris Causa) during the University's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.

"I am very happy to be awarded this degree. Asante sana!" I

President Kibaki said this soon after the KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, robed the Head of State. "As you associate me with the University, I want us to do well", said President Kibaki, and urged KU stakeholders to work as a team for the success of the University.

Prof. Mugenda said the University Senate had approved the award to recognise President Kibaki's great contribution to the society. President Kibaki, she said, had "all the qualities" that make him "stand out as one of the most recognised sons not only of Kenya but in the entire Africa Region and beyond."

Reading the Citation for the award of the degree to an attentive President Kibaki, Prof. Mugenda said: "Your distinctive commitment to hard work is inspirational to all and your leadership abilities are demonstrated in many areas throughout your personal and political career."

The VC said KU "takes pride in, and is highly

privileged, to honour you, Your Excellency, as an outstanding icon of fortitude and a beacon of leadership in Africa."

The Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Hon. William Ruto termed as "bold" KU's move to award President Kibaki the "most deserved" Honorary degree. "KU has taken a bold step and awarded the President the most deserved Doctorate degree," he said.

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The Citation for the Doctor of Education Degree (Honoris Causa) of KU Awarded to President Kibaki

Your Excellency, Sir, it is not possible to enumerate in the short time available to us today, all the qualities that make you stand out as one of the most recognised sons not only of Kenya but in the entire Africa Region and beyond.

Your distinctive commitment to hard work is

inspirational to all and your leadership qualities are demonstrated in many areas throughout your personal and political career.

Your Excellency, Sir, in appreciation of these and many other great strides you have made in personal and professional involvements, and in recognition of

the achievements you have made in the areas of Education, Economic growth as well as poverty eradication, Kenyatta University takes pride in, and is highly privileged, to honour you, Your Excellency, Sir, as an outstanding icon of fortitude and a beacon of leadership in Africa.

From the Editor's Desk

Kenyatta University's 28th Graduation Ceremony was a special one.

It was during the ceremony that H.E. Hon. Mwai Kibaki, the President of the Republic of Kenya accepted to be installed as the University's Chancellor. KU also awarded the new Chancellors a well-deserved Honorary Doctor of Education Degree in recognition of the President's contribution to education in the country.

As the Chairman of the KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olive Mugenda aptly said, the University was greatly humbled not only to host such a high-profile dignitary, but to have the most powerful person in Kenya as part of the KU Community.

The University also recorded an impressive number of PhD graduands. Of the 1,876 graduands, 22 were awarded Ph.Ds with the percentage of female Ph.D graduands being 41% (9) while for males was 59% (13).

It was also the day two Presidents met! President Kibaki met with the President of Kenyatta University Students' Association (KUSA), Mr. Anthony Maina. It is for this reason we dedicate most of the space to news on the 28th Graduation Special.

This issue also carries reports on a tour of the United States of America, by KUSA President, Mr. Maina and the Vice-President, Ms. Renalda Mwanyuma. Prof. Mugenda had led a four-member delegation that included the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Edwin Gimode, and the Head of Teaching Programmes, Dr. Stephen Nyaga. The delegation toured various universities in the US to explore avenues of conflict prevention, management and resolution in American institutions of higher education.

Kibaki, Ruto: We are Impressed by KU's Growth

President Mwai Kibaki and Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Mr. William Ruto say they are impressed with both the academic and infrastructural developments at Kenyatta University.

Both have urged the University Management to continue with the inspiring growth that aims at boosting training and research, and making KU a world-class university.

"Kenyatta University is making good progress as evidenced by the increasing number of candidates who are graduating annually," President Kibaki said during the University's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010. He was making his first visit to the University since he became the Head of State in 2002.

More than 1,800 students graduated with PhDs, Masters, Bachelors, diplomas and certificates in various fields. A total of 22 of the graduands had attained First Class degrees.

Dignitaries who graced the lively event included Hon. Beth Mugo, Minister



Kenyatta University Chancellor, President Mwai Kibaki addresses the University's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.

for Public Health and Sanitation; Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Public Service; Amb. Francis K. Muthaura; Permanent Secretaries, Prof. Crispus Kiamba (Ministry of Higher Education, Science & Technology), Mr. Francis Kimemia (Ministry of Internal Security), Mr. James ole Kiyapi (Education); Prof. Karega Mutahi (Local Government); Chancellor of Maseno University; Prof. Florida Karani; Chancellor of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Prof. Francis Gichaga; Member of Parliament Hon. Mohammed Affey, and the Equity Bank Founder Chairman, Mr. Peter Munga.

"I note that the University has embarked on infrastructural development and establishment

of more campuses to be able to cater for the increasing demand for university places. As you expand your programmes, I would like to urge you to continuously realign those programmes to the needs of our society and adjust them as necessary in order to respond to the challenges of quality and relevance.

"This challenge applies not only to Kenyatta University, but also to all our institutions of higher learning. We must, in particular, focus on harnessing science, technology and innovation in order to stimulate the technological and industrial transformation of our country," said President Kibaki, and asked the graduands to be more innovative and creative.

Mr. Ruto said he was impressed by KU's efforts towards offering "affordable and quality education" as well as the steps the University was taking towards making education more accessible to the people through its expansion of campuses and programmes.

Mr. Wairegi, the Council Chairman,

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The Citation of the Honorary Degree - (Honoris Causa) of KU to President Kibaki

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It is for this reason your Excellency, Sir, that the Kenyatta University Senate approved the award to you of an honorary degree.

Your Excellency Mr. Chancellor Sir, Kenyatta University is greatly honoured and highly privileged in awarding you today, a Doctor of Education Degree (Honoris Causa) of Kenyatta University."

KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, robe President Mwai Kibaki when the Head of State was awarded Doctor of Education (Honoris Causa), moments before he presided over KU's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.



Kibaki, Ruto: We are Impressed By KU's Growth

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said the University had made "tremendous growth" in the last five years, and was still "experiencing unprecedented growth and development."

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mugenda, thanked the Government for supporting the University Management towards achieving its goals. "The progress Kenya University is making is partly attributable to the support we receive from the Government through our Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology. We have also received support from development partners, the private sector, individuals and other stakeholders," said Prof. Mugenda, and appealed to the government to help the university to build more facilities.

"As we strive to put up modern infrastructures we would like the Government to consider ways of supporting the University to enhance infrastructural development so that we can continue increasing access to higher education," said Prof. Mugenda.

For more on this article, photos as well as speeches of the President, Chairman and the VC, go to www.ku.ac.ke



A section of 1,876 graduands follow the proceedings.

Hon. Ruto: Kudos to KU Council

The Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Hon. William Ruto said he was impressed by the efforts KU was making towards making the University a world-class institution. He thanked the KU Council, and University Management, for steering the University towards its goal of becoming a world class University. "I thank Mr. Wairegi and his Team for the job they are prepared to undertake," said Mr. Ruto, adding that it was encouraging to note that the University was rapidly making quality higher education more accessible to learners.

He said his Ministry was committed to making university education more accessible to all. "I thank KU for doing its best to offer quality and affordable education," said Mr. Ruto, adding that the University was on the right track in offering courses that focused on the country's needs.

Mr. Ruto caused laughter when he said, with a light touch, that though he was not a former KU student, he was a "beneficiary" of the University since his wife is a KU graduate.



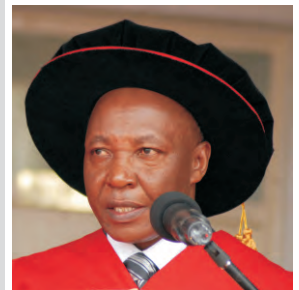
Hon. William Ruto

Chairman, Mr. Wairegi: Thank you Mr. President

KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, said he was "extremely delighted" to have participated in his first graduation ceremony since President Kibaki appointed him this year.

"I thank Your Excellency for entrusting me with the leadership of this institution. I would like to assure Your Excellency that the Council will give the necessary support to the University Management to ensure the set targets are realised. We are privileged to be appointed at a time when the institution is experiencing unprecedented growth and development," said Mr. Wairegi.

The Chairman praised the previous Council, under the chairmanship of Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi, "for their good work." He said he inherited a "great team" to work with, adding that the University was "rapidly transforming into a centre of excellence in higher education due to the visionary and focused leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda. This team of effective strategic leaders has been able to rally people throughout the institution to support the vision and mission of the University and develop confidence in their clients, strategic partners and stakeholders."



Mr Benson Wairegi

VC, Prof. Mugenda: KU has a Strong Team of Change Agents

The rapid academic and infrastructural growth at KU is due to the University's strong team of change agents, the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said. The VC said the University Senate and Directors of various units at the institution were part of a "team of change agents" who were determined to make a difference at the University. The VC thanked President Kibaki for appointing professional leaders to give much-deserved guidance to the University management.

Prof. Mugenda attributed the rapid growth of the University in the past five years to efforts by the outgoing University Council, under the leadership of Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi. The VC said the trend was now being continued by the new Council, under the chairmanship of Mr. Benson Wairegi. "Your Excellency, the new Council under the chairmanship of Mr. Benson Wairegi, has embraced their work with zeal and dedication," said Prof. Mugenda, and thanked President Kibaki for appointing "such a professional and dedicated team into the University Council to give us guidance and support."

The VC said the University had put in place various strategies to help enable more people access quality and affordable higher education. For instance, in addition to KU's Open Learning centres in Kakamega, Kisumu, Embu, Marsabit and Garissa, the University continued to establish campuses around the country. The University has Campuses in: Ruiru, Parklands, Kitui and Mombasa. In addition, three new Campuses have been set up in the City Centre, Nyeri and Nakuru. KU was also strengthening its Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODEL), as well as evening programmes. "The strategies that have been put in place have resulted in growing enrolment," Prof. Mugenda said.



Kenya University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda addresses the University's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010. From left are the Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Hon. William Ruto, and the KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi.

Number of KU Ph.Ds Grows



More than 1,800 students graduated with PhDs, Masters, Bachelors, diplomas and certificates in various fields. Of the 1,876 students, 22 PhDs. The female PhD graduands made up 41% (9) while the male PhD recipients were 59% (13). A total of 178 students graduated with masters degrees with 43% (77) being females and 57% (101) male.

The VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda said the percentages clearly indicated that KU *"is making great strides in our efforts to encourage female students to enroll in higher degree programmes thus making Kenyatta University a truly equal opportunity institution in line with the government's policy of bridging the gender gap."*

In addition, 1,516 graduated with undergraduate degrees, 108 with diplomas and 34 with certificates. A total of 22 of the graduands had attained First Class degrees.

Kenyatta University Chancellor, President Mwai Kibaki (centre), Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda (left) with the 22 new KU Ph.D graduands during KU's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.

KU Community at Its Best

The KU Community has never been so active as during the 28th Graduation Ceremony. Well ahead of the ceremony, members from various departments and sections were fully involved and ensured examination results were out on time and graduands classified accordingly.

On the graduation day, they ensured everything, right from welcoming to serving guests at the VC's Luncheon, went smoothly.

Deans, other faculty members and their students joined the procession from the Vice-Chancellor's Office to the Graduation Square.

Members of the Caretaker Unit find time for a group photo after their hard work during the 28th Graduation Ceremony.



Uringu Girls Enjoy Ceremony

Students from Uringu Girls Secondary School in Meru North, accompanied by their Principal and several teachers were at Kenyatta University on July 2, 2010 to witness the 28th Graduation Ceremony.

The excited students, some travelling to a University for the first time, were received upon arrival by Mr. Wilfred Thairoh from the Dean of Students Affairs Office. Uringu was the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda's guest school at Ceremony.

At the Graduation Square, the students took their seats at the front where there was a tent reserved for them. From there they were able to follow the proceedings of the elaborate ceremony which was presided over by the new KU Chancellor, President Mwai Kibaki.

The girls then joined high-profile guests at the Vice-Chancellor's Lawn for a sumptuous luncheon, which was also graced by the President as well as the University Council members, Management, Senate,



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, with students from Uringu Girls Secondary School, in Meru, after they entertained guests during KU's 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.

Senior Staff and Students. Food was plenty and delicious and the girls could not hide their satisfaction

and pleasure at being part of this memorable occasion.

The students treated the VC and her guests to entertainment sessions where they performed two dances which were well received by everyone. The students said they were happy to be at KU to witness the colourful ceremony. They promised to work hard so they could attain good grades in their final examination and join KU.

Speaking to the students later, Prof. Mugenda thanked them and their teachers for honouring her invitation. She said the University had, over the years, maintained its tradition of inviting students from one secondary school to attend its graduation ceremony.

The move, she said, aimed to inspire students to work hard in their studies and attain university level of education. At such occasions, graduating students and University lecturers become role models to the young students.



Focus on KU Staff and Students Tour of

Team Returns from US trip



Dr. Edwin Gimode
Dean of Students

I Thank the Department of State, United States of America, through its Embassy in Nairobi, for facilitating and sponsoring the team from Kenyatta University on the three-week tour of the USA.

The main goal of the programme was to facilitate the interaction and sharing of experiences of the team with leaders and professionals in top American universities. The objective was to share skills and best practices in university management and resolution of conflicts without recourse to violent protests. Among the strategies we focused on were: holistic approach to conflict mediation, management and resolution involving the key University stakeholders, Enhancing channels of communication and prompt passing factual information to the University Community, fostering genuine dialogue among all members of the University community and capacity building of staff and student groups on skills of mediation as well as non-violent conflict management.

We had the opportunity to meet many senior US government and University officials in over 40 scheduled appointments. We also visited other institutions, organisations and memorial sites in five states.

Our trip to the US was very successful. The aim of the tour was to learn Non-Violent Conflict Management in Universities in the United States. We had the opportunity of meeting many people and visiting many great places, including the Abraham Lincoln memorial, The Capitol, and The US Library of Congress.

We also visited various universities in different states and met people from various organizations that deal with conflict management and mediation efforts. Our experiences at University of California at Berkeley, Kent State University, North Carolina A & T University, to mention but a few, were among the memorable ones.

The trip was very relevant to our situation here in Kenya, in particular at our public universities, which report many cases of conflicts mainly between the students on the one hand, and university management and faculty on the other.

However, the major difference between our public universities and their counterparts in the US is that, though students there have similar problems, they have adopted ways of amicably sorting out their problems without necessarily resorting to violence and destruction.

Although their issues are far much different from ours, they once experienced what we are currently experiencing. They have learnt from their past, some of which has been very painful. For instance, the



Anthony Maina
President KUSA



Renalda N. Mwanyuma
Vice President KUSA

brutal incident at Kent State University where four students were shot by state police during a riot on May 4, 1970.

The bottom line is that conflict management requires collaborative efforts and unity of purpose from all university stakeholders, including students, administration as well as the surrounding communities.

We encourage students to take ownership of the institution and take pride in it. They should also be given the platform to air their views on how to make our institution better so that they feel more involved.

Togetherness is the only way to go as we seek to grow as a community and as the Kenyatta University Family. This way we shall move to greater heights in achieving excellence in all spheres and achieving a world class University status.

Department of State Hosts KU Delegation in the US

VC: The good policies and lessons we learnt to be passed on to other student leaders

The US Department of State sponsored delegation from Kenyatta University visited the United States of America under the auspices of the International Visitor Leadership Project between May 21 - June 12, 2010. The delegation comprised of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, who was the Head of Delegation; Dr. Edwin Gimode; Dean, Student Affairs; Dr. Stephen Nyaga, Head, Teaching Programmes; Mr. Anthony Maina, President, KUSA, Ms. Renalda Mwanyuma, Vice-President, KUSA.

The visit acquainted the group with the best practices in developing and maintaining good

relations; and in imparting knowledge, skills and strategies of conflict prevention and resolution on campus.

The team visited top-notch global universities in various states in the USA, including Stanford; University of California at Berkeley; San Francisco State University; University of Washington, Seattle; Kent State University.

Prof. Mugenda has thanked the American government for giving the student leaders the rare opportunity. The VC said the good policies and lessons the group learnt during the three-week tour of the US universities, would be shared with other student leaders.

The theme of the tour, dubbed the International Visitor Single Country Project for Kenya, was Non-Violent Conflict Resolution in Higher Education. It was organised by the US government.

The Non-Violent Conflict Resolution in Higher Education project focuses on student protests on campus. It sought to help the KUSA leaders learn about avenues of conflict prevention, management and resolution in American institutions of higher learning. The State Department had outlined specific objectives for the project. They included providing the KUSA leaders with an



Officials from San Francisco State University receive the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda, and the KU delegation.

overview of the US higher education systems acquainting them with the best practices in developing and maintaining relations between students and administrators at American colleges and universities; and empowering the leaders with "effective knowledge, skills and tools for campus conflict resolution."

Besides, the US project sought to enable KUSA leaders to "develop strategies for effective student-administration communication for effective conflict prevention or resolution in their own university setting that they can share with their counterparts from other Kenyan universities."



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, with the KU delegation on a tour of San Francisco City. From left, Dr Edwin Gimode, Ms. Renalda Mwanyuma (KUSA Vice-President) Mr. Robert Spoor-the Interpretative Tour Guide and Dr. Stephen Nyaga.

28th Graduation Ceremony, July 2, 2010



Ms. Winnie Achieng, Miss KU presents a bouquet of flowers to H.E. the President Mwai Kibaki upon arrival at the University for the Ceremony.



KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, welcomes President Kibaki. On the right is the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda.



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda welcomes President Kibaki. From left are Mr. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology; Prof. Crispus Kiamba (centre); Permanent Secretary in the Ministry and KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi (second right).



When the Presidents met: KU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, introduces President Mwai Kibaki to the KU Students' Association (KUSA) President, Mr. Anthony Maina. On the left is Hon. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology.



President Mwai Kibaki during the signing of the visitors' book at Kenyatta University. Looking on are, from left, Hon. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology; Kenyatta University Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.



Prof. Njuguna, Dean School of Environmental Studies explains a point to President Kibaki about the PRUNUS AFRICANA (Muiri) tree which the President planted just outside the VC's Office.



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Vice-Chairman of KU Council, Mr. Ayisi Makatiani greets H.E President Mwai Kibaki at the Main Administration Offices.



From left, Hon. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology; the Chancellor-H.E President Kibaki; the Vice-Chancellor-Prof. Olive Mugenda; the Council Chairman-Mr. Benson Wairegi; Prof. Crispus Kiamba-PS Higher Education (behind Mr. Wairegi); Head of Civil Service-Amb. Francis Muthaura (in green tie) and Mr. Francis Kimemia-PS Internal Security (partly hidden behind Amb. Muthaura).



KU Council Members: From left, Dr. Christine Wasanga, Mr. Obondo Kajumbi, Prof. Chris Shisanya, Ms. Agriphine Njoroge, Philemon Mwaisaka, Mr. Eugene Mutembei and Mr. Benson Okebe await the arrival of H.E President Kibaki at the Administration Offices.



From Left, Prof. Douglas Odhiambo, Masinde Muliro University Council Chairman, , Prof. Justin Irina, Pwani University College Council Chairman, and Prof. Nimrod Bwibo, Maseno University Council Chairman before the Procession left for the Graduation Square.



From left, Prof. Francis Gichaga-Chancellor JKUAT, Prof. Florida Karani-Chancellor Maseno University, Prof. Barasa Wangila-VC, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology and Mr. Ayisi Makatiani-Vice-Chairman KU Council.



Mr. Eliud Mathiu, Hon. Treasurer, KU Council greets H.E the President. At the centre is Mr. Sammy Kyungu, a member of the KU Council.



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From left, Mr. Benson Wairegi, Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Internal Security PS-Mr. Francis Kimemia, Head of Civil Service-Amb. Francis Muthaura, and the President's Private Secretary-Prof. Nick Wanjohi.



Mace bearer, Dr. Issac Osuga of the School of Agriculture and Enterprise Development, leads the Procession. Behind him are student leaders, (right) Mr. Anthony Maina, (KUSA President) and (left) Mr. Mwaboza Mwasambu (Secretary General, KUSA).



From left, Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, President Mwai Kibaki and Hon. William Ruto, march from Administration Offices to the Graduation Square.



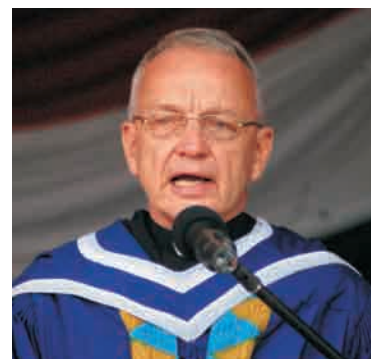
Members of the KU Council, Prof. Peter Kinyanjui and Mr. Obondo Kajumbi, join the Procession.



KU City Campus Director, Prof. Wangari Mwai, leads the First Family, Ms Judy Kibaki (right), Mr. Tony Kibaki (in blue shirt) and Mrs. Sheryl Kibaki (left) to the Graduation Square.



Dr. Okello Agina, Dean School of Health Sciences, reads the names of graduands from the School.



Father Lance Nadeau leads the Graduation Ceremony gathering in prayer.



28th Graduation Ceremony, July 2, 2010



KU Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, robe President Mwai Kibaki when the Head of State was awarded Doctor of Education Degree (Honoris Causa), moments before he presided over KU's 28th Graduation Ceremony.



President Mwai Kibaki goes through his installation as the Kenyatta University Chancellor, as well as the award of Doctor of Education Degree (Honoris Causa). On either side of the President are Kenyatta University Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.



The VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda, presents the Doctor of Education (Honoris Causa) Degree Certificate and Commemorative plaque to H.E President Kibaki.



Hon. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology (right) congratulates Kenyatta University Chancellor, President Mwai Kibaki, on being awarded Doctor of Education Degree (Honoris Causa). On the left is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.



Kenyatta University Chancellor, President Mwai Kibaki (right), shares a point with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda. On the left is Hon. Beth Mugo, who is the Minister for Public Health and Sanitation.



Consultation: Prof. Douglas Odhiambo, Chairman of Council, Masinde Muliro University (left) chats with Prof. Karega Mutahi, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Local Government.



28th Graduation Ceremony, July 2, 2010



A section of Ph.D Graduands during the 28th Graduation Ceremony follow the proceedings.



KU Students' Choir entertains the guests.



Kenyatta University Chancellor, H.E President Mwai Kibaki addresses the Congregation of the 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.



Graduands arise to be conferred with degrees.



Chairman of Council, Mr. Benson Wairegi share a point with Hon. William Ruto, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology.



It's all smiles for Masters graduands Regina, Janet and Jane.



28th Graduation Ceremony, July 2, 2010



A section of hundreds of staff members who turned up in large numbers for the 28th Graduation Ceremony on July 2, 2010.



KU Dons, from left, Prof. S. P. Singh, Dr. Tom Kimani and Prof. I Mbaabu in a discussion before joining the academic procession.



KUSA Congress officials during the 28th Graduation Ceremony Luncheon at the Vc's Lawn.



From left: Hon. William Ruto, H.E. President Kibaki, VC Prof. Olive Mugenda, Council Chairman, Mr. Benson Wairegi and Prof. C. Kiamba after the luncheon.



Kenyatta University Travelling Theatre (KUTT) Students entertain guests with their hilarious comedy during the 28th Graduation Ceremony.



From left, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, Mr. Eugene Mutembei, Mr. Samuel Macharia, Treasury Representative and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (F. P. & D), Prof. Daniel Mugendi.



Research Update



KU's Proposed Marine Programme "To Be The First in Kenya"



Stakeholders during the Stakeholders-Kenyatta University (Zoology) meeting held at KU's Mombasa Campus.

A plan for a new KU marine programme to be the first of its kind in Kenya is at an advanced stage.

The proposed post-graduate programme in Applied Marine and Coast Resource Management aims to boost the capacity of marine science on

the western seaboard of the Indian Ocean. The chairman of the committee working on KU's latest product, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, said the programme seeks to "enhance the understanding of the enormous marine resources for wealth creation and poverty alleviation."

"The programme is multidisciplinary and those graduating with a masters degree in applied marine and coastal resource management will be employed in various sectors, including tourism, resource management and community development," said Prof. Aloo-Obudho, adding that the programme aims to train managers who would address "the challenges facing the marine environment, including over-exploitation of resources, habitat degradation and pollution."

The KU's new product is in line with the Kenya Vision 2030, said Prof. Aloo-Obudho, who led the committee from the Department of Zoological Sciences on a two-day workshop in Mombasa. Other stakeholders also attended the workshop at the KU Mombasa Campus between June 17 and 18, 2010. KU staff included Prof. G.K. Muthakia (Dean,

SPAS); Dr. S. Onywere (member) and Dr. J.J. Jumbe, who represented Chairman, Zoology Department. Stakeholders were drawn from various organisations, including the Kenya Wildlife Service, National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA); Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI); Fisheries Department (FD), Coast development Authority (CDA), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), Eco-Ethics and Coral Reef Degradation in the Indian Ocean (CORDIO).

Participants, whose deliberations focused mainly on how to improve the proposed programme, thanked the University for the product which, they said, would be the only one of its kind in Kenya. The programme, they said, would give many people a chance to advance their studies in marine sciences. The KU staff used the opportunity to tour CORDIO- KMFRI, Eco-Ethics, and Kenya Marine Authority (KMA), to discuss possible partnership between the University and the organisations.

Catering Services Praised

The Kenyatta University Catering Services team did a superb job during the 28th Graduation Ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said while addressing staff soon after the Luncheon. Thanking the team, the VC said the guests including H.E President Mwai Kibaki were impressed by not only the quality of food but also the first class service they offered.



Happy after service: Staff of the Catering Unit in a group photo with their supervisors soon after the 28th Graduation Ceremony luncheon.

KU Research Grants Growing

KU received Sh400 million in the form of grants in the past two years to facilitate research projects, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said.

The university, she said, continued to attract funds from donors for various research projects.

"In two years, from 2008 to date, the university received Sh400 million from various funders given directly to our researchers through grants," Prof. Mugenda told the 28th Graduation ceremony.

The VC said the university had developed a research policy aimed at enhancing research performance. The move, she said, seeks "to entrench and strengthen a research culture in the University by developing strong multi-disciplinary research and synergy among researchers."

"In addition, the University has set up an Intellectual Property Rights office and formulated a policy to protect our researchers' products and innovations by patenting and copyrighting their products."

"The University believes in strengthening research considering that the research mandate of academia remains a prime source of knowledge and innovation at national, regional and international levels. At the university, research supports and sustains the other two core functions; teaching and learning and community service," said the VC.

The VC, Prof. Mugenda said the University planned to grow its post-graduate enrolment and completion not only through coursework-based masters, but more significantly, through thesis-based Masters and PhD programmes.

The female graduands made up 41% (9) while the male Ph.D recipients were 59% (13). A total of 178 students graduated with masters degrees with 43% (77) being female and 57% (101) male.

The VC said strategies had been put in place to cope with rapidly growing student enrolment. The number of students enrolled in various programmes, are 27,000 representing a 50% increase in the last five years. To accommodate these high numbers, the academic programmes also increased to 14 Academic Schools up from six Schools in 2006. The newest schools being School of Law, School of Economics, School of Agriculture and School of Engineering.

"This has given our students a wide range of relevant choice," she said, adding that projects under way included a modern library to serve 30,000 students.

The VC thanked the government for putting in place a National ICT Strategy for Education and Training, which is currently guiding the speedy implementation of ICT initiatives in the education sector. She said KU had invested heavily in ICT hardware and software.



CITY CAMPUS

Hive of activity

The Campus has continued to be a hive of activity with undergraduate and postgraduate students going on well through their semester learning and activities.

The Campus has continued to receive many visitors mainly to inquire about courses offered as well as to return application forms for the September 2010 intake. So far, 440 applicants for postgraduate programmes and 110 for undergraduates programmes have been received for the September intake.

Preparations for the September intake are in top gear as a contractor is already on site for renovations and partitioning of the First, Second, and Fourth floors of the KU plaza, that houses the City Campus. The City Campus star is surely rising high.



Kenyatta University City Campus on Hailie Selassie Avenue opposite the Government Printers.



RUIRU CAMPUS

Students get "Bigger present"

Examinations for the end of Second Semester held from June 7, 2010 were successfully conducted. The end of the semester coincided with the start of the 2010 World Cup, and there could not have been a bigger present to the students at the Campus than the flat screen TVs that were bought and installed in two Common Rooms. The students appreciated the University gesture that gave them an opportunity watch each moment of the captivating global event held on the African soil for the first time.

The restaurant has now been separated from the Common Room making it more appropriately utilised without interference from diners. Meanwhile, surveying work to mark the Ruiru Campus boundary is most complete, with the ground work to erect beacons being underway.

Kenyatta University Ruiru Campus on Thika Road

KITUI CAMPUS

Environmental Club's first major activities

The newly formed Kitui Campus Environmental Club held their first major in-and-off campus activity on June 5, 2010. The Club members together with other students planted trees and participated in clean-up exercises. The seedlings were provided by KEFRI. At

the Campus they planted 16 seedlings and watered other plants. Action then moved to Kwa-Vonza Primary School where the students joined by staff and pupils of Kwa-Vonza Primary planted 23 seedlings.

The KU students addressed the participants and emphasised the importance of environmental conservation. They stressed the value of soil conservation, water harvesting, tree planning and freest conservation, maintaining a clean environment as well as using of renewable sources of fuel including solar and wind energy. The planting ceremony was

followed by a clean-up activity at Kwa-Vonza market, where the students were joined by Kitui District Officer and the area Assistant Chief.

Those who addressed participants included the Chairman of the Environmental Club, Shadrack Mutebe, and the Speaker Elphas Otiende. The DO and the area Chief congratulated the students for taking the initiative to coordinate and participate in the exercise.

NYERI CAMPUS

Major boost of neon lit billboards

The campus has since received a major boost after two neon lit billboards were mounted on the face of Tabby Plaza, that houses the Campus.

This has surely helped to market the Campus, as it has been receiving an increased influx of clients making enquiries about the programmes offered by the university at the campus. Plans are underway to renovate the whole building and paint it afresh.

Meanwhile, the University Librarian Mr. Gakobo visited the campus in the company of the Head Librarian Education, Mr. Wambua were on a fact finding mission of the Campus Library.



Tabby Plaza Building that houses Kenyatta University Nyeri Campus

MOMBASA CAMPUS

Brighter future on marine programme

Owing to the serene environment, the Campus hosted to Intellectual Property Rights Seminar organised by the Kenyatta University Intellectual Property Rights Unit (IPRU). The Theme of the Seminar was Relevancy of Intellectual Property Rights in Institutions of Higher Learning.

The Seminar which was coordinated by the Deputy Director KU-IPRU, Dr Ethel Monda attracted virtually all students and staff at the campus. Dr. Kariuki G.M., from the Department of LANT and Microbial Sciences (PMS) was appointed the Campus coordinator, KU-IPRU.

The Campus also hosted a one-day stakeholders' workshop for the proposed Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Applied Marine Science. The Workshop was co-ordinated by Prof. Aloo-Obudho and attended by among others, Prof. G.K. Muthakia Dean, School of Pure and Applied Sciences. Dr. Onywere from the School of Environmental Sciences and representatives from KWAS, NEAM AND CDA.

With the transfer of students taking marine studies to Mombasa Campus, the campus becomes the pioneer to offer such competitive and relevant programmes within the region.

Social Anxiety Disorder: Coping Strategies



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People with Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD) know their fear is out of proportion to the actual situation, but are still unable to control their anxiety.

The anxiety may be specific to one type of social or performance situation (known as specific SAD) or it may be in all situations (generalized SAD). Some of the situations that are

common triggers include interacting with strangers, making eye contact, and initiating conversations.

Across all cultures, people with generalized SAD are particularly at risk of having poor quality of life. They may have few or no friends, and no romantic relationships. They may drop out of school or quit their jobs and may use alcohol to tolerate anxiety. In some people, SAD symptoms may become so severe that they escalate into panic attacks. More often than not, people with SAD know that their panic attacks are provoked by fears of the potential consequences of social situations.

Although the symptoms of SAD can greatly affect one's quality of life, the good news is that they respond well to treatment. The physical symptoms discussed in our last Issue are well suited to exposure therapy or medication. The cognitive and behavioral symptoms are prime candidates for psychotherapy such as cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT). It must be acknowledged that

the most effective treatment options for SAD are medication and CBT. Often these two forms of treatment will be used together for optimal results.

In addition to receiving professional treatment, you can do a number of things to help cope with SAD. Some of these include practicing relaxation exercises, getting enough sleep, and eating a balanced diet. It is important not to avoid the situations that make you anxious. Although in the short term, avoidance may reduce your anxiety, in the long term it will make things worse.

If you find yourself feeling anxious it may help to remind yourself that you can get through the situation, that your anxiety is usually short-lived, and that your worst fears are not likely to come true. It helps to remember that feeling anxious and nervous is not a sign of weakness or inferiority. SAD is a real medical condition that requires attention. If left untreated, it can lead to other health problems such as substance abuse or risk of depression or suicide. However, with proper treatment and ongoing care, your quality of life can be much improved.



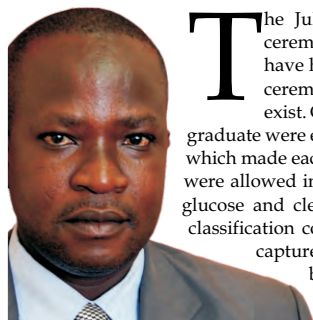
KU, and Indian Institute Seek Partnership on Fashion and Design Marketing

Plans are underway for partnership between KU and India's D.K.T.E Society's Textile and Engineering Institute, Dr. Isabella Wandaka, the chairperson of KU's Fashion Design and Marketing Department, has said.

She and Dr. Muthumbi Waweru the Dean, School of Engineering, were in India recently where they had fruitful discussions with the DKTE's top management on the proposed pact. The two had been sent by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

The tour was a follow-up of a visit in January by key professors from DKTE. Proposed partnership areas would include co-teaching via video conferencing, as well as student and staff exchange programmes. DKTE has around 830 students: 24 PhD, 174 MSc/MA, 510 undergraduate and 120 diploma students.

Graduation "one of the best"



Otieno J. P. Oriedi

The July 2, 2010 Graduation Ceremony can be described as one of the best graduation ceremonies KU has had in the past. Having been a student as well as a student leader, I have had the opportunity of interacting with graduating students in past graduation ceremonies. The students could tell of many challenges, which this time round, did not exist. Graduation gowns were issued in good time and those who were not qualified to graduate were equally informed early enough. There were enough booklets for the Graduands which made each one of us to follow the programme well. Unlike before when only two visitors were allowed into the tent, this time round we had four. The First Aiders were on hand with glucose and clean drinking water, they were refreshing. Live coverage has put an end to classification conman ship among graduands because the eloquent Deans' voices were well captured. When we later arrived back home in the village, everyone knew where we belonged. It was the joy of everyone in attendance as KU got a new Chancellor, President Mwai Kibaki, who presided over the colourful ceremony.

Bravo, Madam Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

Nyota

Shairi

Jua linapochomoza, ndo sisi twajitokeza
Hi leo kuwapongeza, ama kweli mwapendeza
Tumeshindwa kutuliza, vuvuzela twapuliza
Nyinyi ni nyota ya Kenya, metameta metumetu

Kama nyote muangaze, Kenya yote mmulike
Ulimwengu siwameze, kote mfahamike
Ufanisi mueneze, kwote kuimarike
Nyinyi ni nyota ya Kenya, metameta metumetu

Kikenyatta mmepashwa, mmepashwa kapashika
Ni mengi mmesomeshwa, ni mengi mmeayashika
Sasa taji mmevishwa, mmenyaka mlotaka
Nyinyi ni nyota ya Kenya, metameta metumetu

Madaraja yawangoja, wahandisi mlofuzu
Madarasa yawangoja, waalimu mlofuzu
Kenya yote yawangoja, wahandisi mlofuzu
Nyinyi ni nyota ya Kenya, metameta metumetu

Msisahau wazazi, wazazi walowakuza
Wamefanya bora kazi, kwenu nyie mewekeza
Ukijajiriwa kazi, wajazie zao meza
Nyinyi ni nyota ya Kenya, metameta metumetu

Twawaombeeni salama, salama salmini
Maendeleo sukumu, mbele msukumeni
Na msikome kusoma, daima msomeni
Nyinyi ni nyota ya Kenya, metameta metumetu

— Mogaka Wesley

Directorate of Public Complaints

Kenyatta University has established the Directorate of public Complaints according to guidelines of the Public Complaints Standing Committee (PCSC 2007). The Directorate will streamline the mode of complaints at the university. The Directorate is located on Uganda Crescent 2 and is fully functional.

The Directorate is headed by Prof. Robert Murungi and the students' complaints sector is headed by Lilian C. Boit.

Among the objectives of the directorate are; to establish and maintain a complaints-handling infrastructure, to forward complaints to the relevant office for resolution, to monitor the actions taken, to maintain adequate communication channels, to maintain a database for all complaints and to maintain a strict code of confidentiality and security of documents.

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Direct line - 020-231-0711
Safaricom - 0710-890-005, Zain -0735-322-114
E-mail- director-complaints@ku.ac.ke
http://www.ku.ac.ke

Appointments



Prof. Robert Murungi has been appointed the Director, Public and Staff Complaints Office.



Mrs. Lillian Boit has been appointed the Students Complaints Officer.



Mr. G. Kalenywa Atheru has been appointed the Associate Dean, School of Business.



Mr. Shikuku Ndede has been appointed Ag. Chairman, Department Of Accounting and Finance.



Mr. Shadrack Bett has been appointed Ag. Chairman, Department of Business Administration.

President Kibaki Appoints KU Don



Dr. Karanja Thiong'o

His Excellency the President, Hon. Mwai Kibaki has appointed the Director University-Industry Links, Dr. Karanja Thiong'o the Chairman of the National Standards Council for the Kenya Bureau of Standards for a period of three years.

Tribute



Mr. Ephantus Wahome was until his demise a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physical Education. He passed away on the July 3, 2010.

Mr. Wahome was among the pioneer students of the Department of Physical and Health Education at Kenyatta University, and also one of the longest serving lecturers in the same Department.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Olive Mugenda joined the family, friends and colleagues in paying tribute to Mr. Wahome on Thursday July 8, 2010 at the University Chapel. The VC described Mr. Wahome as one who discharged his teaching and administrative duties with diligence and total dedication.

Mr Wahome, who had served the University for 30 years, was laid to rest on Friday July 9, 2010 at his home in Giagatika Village in Karatina, Nyeri.



KU Opens Disability Services Office



Dr. Paul Mbugua
Co-ordinator
Disability
Services

Kenyatta University has opened an office to handle issues affecting people with special needs.

The Kenyatta University Disability Services Office (KUDSO) - the brainchild of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda - comes months after celebrations to mark the Disability Day on February 2010.

It comes after a proposal done by Dr. Michael Njoroge, Dr. F.I. Wamochi and Ms. L. Mazrui, all of the Department of Special Needs Education, under the leadership of Dr. Mbugua Mungai of the Literature Department.

The co-ordinator of the new office is Dr. Paul Kamau Mbugua, who said KUDSO aims to be a one-stop shop that "will coordinate the implementation of programmes within the University Disability Policy." The office will co-ordinate services in a bid to enhance effective participation of students and staff with disabilities, in various activities within the University. Its mandate includes co-ordinating disability sensitisation activities at KU. In addition, KUDSO will establish linkages with local and international entities offering services to persons with disabilities.

"We appeal to the KU Community to support the new office whose time has come. We thank the VC for her great foresight in setting up this office to cater for this special yet important group of men and women of our community, to enhance their contribution in nation-building," said Dr Mbugua.

KU takes pride in admitting the highest number of students with special needs in the Eastern African Region. The focus has been on the unsighted, the partially sighted and the physically challenged.

Currently, the University is putting a lot of emphasis on the provision of quality support services to this category of students. This is reflected in the systematic effort to make the landscape, building, living rooms, washrooms and movement/transport disability-friendly. At the moment, the University has established a laboratory for teaching special education in the new Business and Students' Centre.

Bereavement

The Public Relations Manager, Mrs. Mary Ng'ethe, lost her brother, Eng. Joseph Karau Kanyumba on July 8, 2010. He was buried at his Farm at Gatumbu Muruka Location in Kandara on July 16, 2010.



KU Shine at Pool Fiesta

Four Kenyatta University students participated in the hotly contested Inter Pool Fiesta 2010 held at Village market, Nairobi on June 12, 2010.

The students from the main campus participated in the event, that involved 18 public and private universities countrywide. The event was organised by LG company.



Top and bottom, Jimmy during the inter-Uni Pool Fiesta 2010 event.

FAITH CORNER

George J.O. Monayo

The Gospel of the Cross

The cross is the only stable point on which to stand. A fresh look at the values of the cross are rooted in the experience of Gethsemane and Calvary are important aspects.

Mark 8:34-38 states clearly that "If any one would come after me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Jesus makes a threefold appeal: to deny oneself, take up the cross and follow him. "Follow me" demands complete personal allegiance to him.

There cannot be any following without forsaking. In the days of Jesus; for some, it was literal abandonment of home and work. For example Simon and Andrew left their nets and followed Him. James and John forsook all and followed Him. Mathew the tax collector and others did the same. His words have NOT changed. "Whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple"

Therefore beyond the pain of the cross, new life is born. The cross of Christ transforms and refines. There may have been pain and tears but with it comes newness and purity of life. Those who have embraced this cross have never remained the same. They have literally become brand new people.]



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My Shadow

You run away
When it's dark
Now that it's day
You have come back

You're only tall
At dawn & evening when sun is sweet
But get so small
At noon when there's heat
Hiding under my feet

Poem

When sun is hot on the front side
You run behind
Always wanting to hide
You think I'm blind?
You fake to be on my side
Taking me for a ride

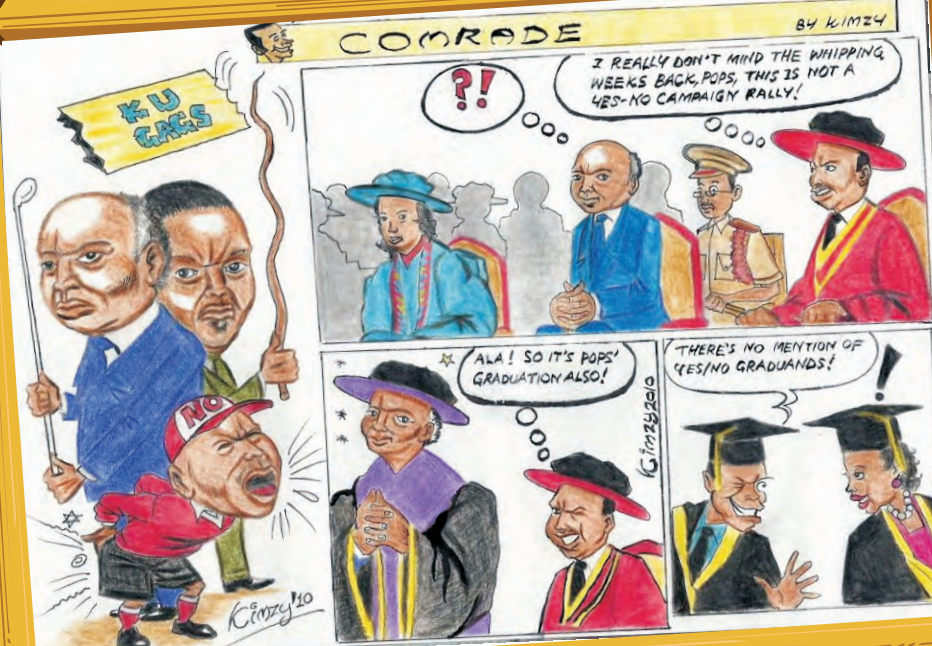
If you won't stand the scorching sun
When it gets sweet, you shouldn't have fun!
If you go when it's dark
When it's day, don't come back!

- Lewis Maina

Inspiration Quotes

“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

-Thomas Jefferson



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