



Kenyatta University newsletter

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The vision of Kenyatta University is to be a dynamic, inclusive and competitive centre of excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

KU Intellectual Property Board Sworn-in

Kenyatta University, its staff and students will now have monopoly rights to their research work and innovations. This follows the swearing-in of the Intellectual Property Rights Unit Board members, who are now mandated to receive and evaluate innovations and disclosures from inventors and secure their protection.

The Swearing-in of the Intellectual Property Rights Unit Board members on 27th May 2009 was a very significant event as they will be expected to act in total trust and confidence. This oath will also hold members accountable.

In his keynote address on the *Role of Innovations in Universities*, the Chairman of Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) Board of Directors, Prof. Henry Thairu congratulated Kenyatta University for the deliberate initiative to appreciate the roles of Intellectual Property System in a University environment. Prof. Thairu who presided over the swearing-in function, was representing the KIPI Managing Director, Prof. Ondiek Otieno.

According to Prof. Thairu, universities in Kenya are facing insurmountable challenges relating to effective appropriation and management of knowledge assets created by their researchers, faculty



Chairman of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) Board, Prof. Henry Thairu who presided over the swearing-in function.

staff and students. "This, he added, "calls for university intellectual property policy whose purpose is to ensure management of intellectual property rights generated or created by the academic staff". Prof. Thairu said that the Intellectual property rights are the product of the university's most valuable resource, that is, its staff and students.

Kenyatta University Chairman of Council, Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi who was among those present to witness the swearing in ceremony, noted that counterfeiting and bio-piracy are real and have a tremendous negative impact on the world economy. Prof. ole-MoiYoi added that Kenyatta University will work with partners to counter the vice which he said, denied many scholars benefits due to them. He further commended the University management for the formation of the Intellectual Property Rights Unit Board which will ensure that staff discoveries will be advantageous to them and to Kenyatta University as an institution.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said that the Intellectual Property Rights Unit will provide monopoly rights to inventors. This will in turn encourage them to invent new products and procedures and ensure that they earn royalties from their work. Prof. Mugenda mentioned that the Intellectual Property Rights Unit at the University is one of the two arms set up to protect different forms of Intellectual Property generated at the University, and to develop patented inventions and nurture them into new commercial ventures in close collaboration with local

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KU and Partnership for Higher Education-Africa conduct an Educational Technology Initiative Workshop



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda in a group photo with participants of the PHEA Workshop.

Kenyatta University in collaboration with Partnership for Higher Education-Africa (PHEA) conducted a three day workshop on Educational Technology Initiative.

The workshop focused on identifying the specific educational Technology needs and challenges in order

to develop projects that would enhance quality of teaching, research and learning at the University.

During the sessions, participants had the opportunity to identify the challenges in teaching and learning and the possible ICT tools that can be integrated to provide solutions. The participants were drawn from Deans of Schools, Chairmen of Departments and Directors of various directorates.

In her opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Olive Mugenda noted that embracing educational technology would help bridge the digital divide and enhance access to quality higher education in Universities. The choice of using information technologies has several advantages; technology allows flexible access to university study

by reducing the barriers of time and place of study; students have more choice; it has potential to enhance quality of teaching and research.

Prof. Mugenda thanked the Partnership for Higher Education for choosing to work with Kenyatta University. She urged the participants to take advantage of the opportunity and come up with result oriented projects that are in line with University Strategic Plan.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Neil Butcher from the South African Institute of Distance Education and Ms. Sharman Wickham of University of Cape Town Centre for Educational Technology.

Kenyatta University is the only university in Kenya and among the seven universities in Africa selected to take part in Partnership for Higher Education-Educational Technology Initiative project. The project is aimed at integrating educational technology to enhance teaching and learning in universities.

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From the Editor's Desk

The swearing-in of the intellectual Property Rights Board is great news for innovators who, unfortunately, have been victims of plagiarists and counterfeiters. We are sure this will encourage productive research that will benefit the individuals, the University and the world at large.

Concerning future direction of research activities, two workshops were held recently. The first under the auspices of the Partnership of Higher Education Africa was entitled "Education Technology Initiative". The second one was the Annual KU Research Conference that addressed challenges in teaching and learning.

It's good for non-teaching staff as the University and UNTESU has signed the first collective agreement that includes provision for study leave. Recently, the Human Resources Manager held a seminar for staff empowerment in combating substance abuse. This is a national crisis that is ravaging our youth and the University community's involvement in combating the problem is of paramount importance.

At the moment our students and staff have been deployed in schools across the country for teaching practice. There is going to be a change in the timing of TP as it will henceforth be done in the third year. This will be to the benefit of those candidates who fail in the first try as they can be re-trained.

To facilitate operations on campus, the transport fleet has been beefed up. On the international front, KU is proud to have been instrumental in the training of tertiary staff for Somalia. The Confucius Institute (the KU Chinese Cultural Centre) in conjunction with the department of Sports, Recreation and Games have introduced woodball, a Chinese game. This is a genteel sport reminiscent of golf especially in its emphasis on etiquette. The latter is a trait worth promoting as it is rather rare on campus.

Lastly, we wish to congratulate Professor Mike Boit for being honoured as an outstanding athlete. These and other stories are in this issue. We hope you will enjoy them and give us feedback as to and how we can better keep you informed.

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Editor

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Kenyatta University Intellectual Property Rights Unit Board Members Sworn-in.

industry. The functions of the second arm will be performed by the Science and Technology Park Unit.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by Lawyer Lucy Kambuni. Ms Kambuni is also a lecturer at the Kenyatta University School of Law and was once appointed to serve at the Kriegler Commission. Present to witness the ceremony were members of University management, Deans of Schools, Chairmen of Departments, Directors of various directorates, staff and post graduate students.

In attendance were the Kenya Copyright Board Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Makotsi, Dr. E. Sikenye of Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Mr. S. Sange and Mr. D. Njuguna both of Kenya Industrial Property Institute.

Those board members sworn-in were as follows:

1. Prof. Ahmed Hassanali - Chairman
2. Prof. Eric Aseka - Member
3. Dr. Ethel Monda - Secretary
4. Mr. George Kosibei - Member
5. Dr. Alex.K.Machochi - Member
6. Dr. Clara Momanyi - Member
7. Mrs. Margaret Matanda - Member
8. Dr. Michael F.Otieno - Member
9. Mr. Benson Okebe - Member
10. Dr. Samuel C.J.Otor - Member
11. Mr. Aaron Tanui - Member

12. Ms. Asmin Mukoya - Secretary
The Board is also expected to create awareness of the IPR Policy and to work out a mechanism to encourage the KU community to inform the IPR Unit of

Community, added its coordinator, Dr. Ethel Monda.



their copyrighted works and also to register with Kenya Copyright Board. Intellectual Property Rights Unit will also compile a comprehensive database of copyrighted works of KU

The Coordinator, Intellectual Property Rights Unit, Dr. Ethel Monda, takes oath of office as the Secretary to the IPR Board. Looking on is Lawyer Lucy Kambuni.

Kenyatta University Management and UNTESU Chapter sign a Collective Bargaining Agreement



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda and Dr. Charles Mukhuwaya (holding Certificate) in a group photo with UNTESU officials and members of the management after signing the 2006 to 2008 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Kenyatta University UNTESU Chapter has signed its first Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the University Management.

The Collective Bargain Agreement between the two parties signed on May 13th 2009 was the first CBA following a Recognition Agreement between the two parties signed in November 2005. Following the signing of the agreement,

UNTESU members are now entitled to apply for study leave.

The CBA covers the two year period 2006 to 2008 which has passed, although its provisions will continue to be in force until the 2008 to 2010 CBA is negotiated. CBAs in individual public Universities act as avenues for negotiating improvements of terms and conditions of service for each public university unionisable staff but excludes

salaries and housing allowance that are negotiated centrally for all public universities.

They cover aspects such as disciplinary matters, leave, promotion, house to office allowance, leave travelling allowance and termination of service along with other terms and conditions of service.

During the signing ceremony the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, reiterated that the University Management also shared the common objective of staff welfare improvement. She said that the management will work on issues of progression and the schemes of service.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi, said that this was the end of the long process of negotiations for the 2006/2008 CBA and also a new chapter to reflect on issues of 2008/2010.

The Kenyatta University UNTESU Chairman, Mr. Charles Maina assured the Management that the union will endeavour to disseminate the right information to its members and work to make the University better.

Present in the signing ceremony were members of the University management, the UNTESU National Secretary General, Dr. Charles Mukhuwaya and other Union officials.

Kenyatta University Students Win Scholarships

Three Kenyatta University students have won Scholarships to undertake German studies at any German university of their choice.

The Scholarships provided by the German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD are offered every year to Kenyan students taking German studies to enable them attend four weeks of summer school in Germany. The scholarship includes a return ticket, tuition, accommodation, health insurance and a stipend for personal expenses during the period.

DAAD granted three (3) scholarships to Kenyan students in 2009. The scholarships were awarded competitively based on an essay writing contest held towards the end of 2008. The contest brought together students from various universities in Kenya teaching the German language. Carolyne Gimei Kimenya,

Evalyne Mungai and Felista Wangari all from the Department of Foreign Languages, Kenyatta University scooped all the three (3) top prizes in the essay contest. Another KU student Angela Wachera will be offered an internship at the DAAD regional office in Nairobi. Other participants in the contest received German dictionaries and encyclopaedia.

In addition to the above, Andrew Musumba Oduor from the Department of Geography, Kenyatta University has received a scholarship to the University of Trier in Germany to participate in its summer school.

The University of Trier gives two Scholarships each year to Kenyan students and has an active collaboration with the Department of Geography at KU. The other Trier scholarship went to Benedict Kevondo Kinambedi from the University of Nairobi.



(from left to right) Andrew Musumba from Geography Department with a Trier-scholarship, Felista Wangari, Evalyne Mungai and Carolyne Gimei all with DAAD Scholarships.

The Newsletter Editorial team congratulates the students for their achievement and wish them all the best for their future.

Heads of Departments urged to Maintain Quality Management Systems



Heads of Departments follow proceedings during the Quality Management Systems review meeting held recently.

Kenyatta University is well on the road to continual improvement.

Speaking during the closing ceremony of the third surveillance Audit at the University, SGS Kenya External Auditor, Mr. Godfrey Maele congratulated the section heads for their efforts to maintain the Quality Management Systems.

The auditors observed that there was a lot of improvement in the last six months with the implementation of the proposed plans being a good demonstration of commitment. The auditors however noted, with concern, recurrence of non-conformities in some areas, something that should be avoided.

Mr. Maele urged those present to begin proactive improvements in their respective sections which will be among other issues reviewed in the next audit.

The SGS conducts surveillance audits after every six months to ensure that the Quality Management Systems are maintained and also to identify non-conformities.

Kenyatta University acquired the ISO 9001:2000 Certification in May 2008, becoming the first public university in Kenya to receive the certification.

Capacity building; varsity holds empowerment seminars for staff

The University has been at the forefront of training and equipping its staff to acquire knowledge and skills that will enhance self advancement, efficiency and further help in achievement of University aims and objectives.

Recently, the University held a sensitization seminar for staff on Prevention of Drugs and Substance Abuse. The seminar organised by a Committee on the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse, was opened by the Human Resources Manager, Mr. Nderitu Gikaria on behalf of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi.

In a speech read on his behalf by Mr. Gikaria, Prof. Muluvi noted that Drug and Substance Abuse is rampant in our society and had contributed to many social ills.

Prof. Muluvi said that it is possible to make Kenyatta University a drug free university and all must therefore arise and wage campaign against the vice. He urged the participants to support the Committee by attending the subsequent sensitization seminars.

He thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, for her vision and wisdom in appointing the Committee as the University community is a replica of the general society and therefore must not be

exempted from drug and substance abuse. The resource persons were drawn from among the University reservoir of experts with Dr. Sammy Tumuti discussing Drug Addiction and Rehabilitation and Dr. Margaret

Mwenje, Drug Abuse and Prevalence.

According to the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Sammy Tumuti, the sensitization campaigns, which target students and staff, will be an on-going activity in all Kenyatta University Campuses. The next seminar is scheduled to take place on 18th June 2009.

Meanwhile, the Directorate of Mentoring Programme recently conducted a Capacity Building Seminar for mentors at the University. The mentors were taken through informative sessions on Mentorship in the context of nurturing youth leadership and nationalism, Mentorship and Academic excellence and Career development, Mentoring policy and code of conduct and ethics and Mentoring in Gender and Development

In her opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda recognised the good work the mentors are doing in nurturing and helping students become responsible citizens. Prof. Mugenda noted that mentors have an important responsibility of helping and supporting students in

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Chairman of the Prevention of Drugs and Substance Abuse Committee, Dr. Sammy Tumuti addressing members of staff during the sensitization seminar.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, makes a keynote address during the opening of the KU-PHEA Educational Technology Initiative workshop. Seated is Ms. Sharman Wickham of University of Capetown, Centre for Educational Technology and Mr. Neil Butcher, from the South African Institute of Distance Education. (Story on pg 1)

PICTURE Speak



Participants follow proceedings during the KU-PHEA Educational Technology Initiative workshop. (Story on pg 1)



Kenyatta University Chairman of Council, Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi, members of the University Management with the Director, Japanese Information and Cultural Centre, Mr. Hitoshi Kikuchi, when they toured the KU-Japan Collaborative facilities.



The Director, Leadership Institute of Kenya, Dr. Gerishon Mwiti address Kenya University Mentors during a capacity building seminar. (Story on pg 3)



Participants from Institutions of Higher Learning in Somalia in a training. Kenyatta University and CfBT Africa are in a joint collaboration to develop capacity in Institutions of higher Learning in the greater Somalia. (Story on pg 3)



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda receives a donation of Journals from Prof. Keren Biramah from University of Central Florida, College of Education. The journals were donated by Prof. Edmund Short, of the College of Education. Students in the same faculty organized fund-raising activities to meet shipment charges. Looking on are the University Librarian Mr. Julius Gakobo, the Chairman Department of Educational Technology, Dr. Isabella Kamere, and the Dean, School of Education Dr. Jacktone Ogeno (right). Prof. Biramah is a Fulbright scholar at the Department of Educational Foundation, KU.



Dr. Paul Mbugua of Kenyatta University Community Outreach Programmes presents some foodstuff to Mrs. Kasyoka. The Directorate team donated foodstuffs to several villagers in Kitui.

PICTURE Speak



Kenyatta University Chairman of Council, Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi with the Chairman IPR Unit Board Prof. Ahmed Hassanali after the swearing-in ceremony. (Story on pg 1)



Some of the Kenyan runners who were taking part in a Research Project being conducted jointly by the IAAF Athletics Academy at KU and the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. The runners have at one time or another competed at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.



Chairman of Council, Prof. Onesmo ole-MoiYoi and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda and Dr. Ethel Monda (slightly hidden) arrive for the Intellectual Property Rights Unit Board Members Swearing-in function. (Story on pg 1)



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, in a group photo with KU ICT team when she received IBM servers from the Managing Director of Openview Business System, Mr. Henry Njoroge. The servers were purchased to enhance the ICT network in the University.



The Chairman, Educational Communication Technology, Prof. Agnes Gathumbi and Director, Centre for Industrial Linkages, Dr. Karanja Thiong'o, and other participants during the First Annual Research Conference. (Story on pg 6)



Ground breaking of the Ultra-Modern Library



KUCC Annex (formerly Suswa Hostel) that has been refurbished into a self-contained accommodation facility.

“Embrace Multi-disciplinary Research,” urges Prof. Abdulrazat



The Executive Secretary, National Council for Science and Technology Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak giving a keynote address when he officially opened KU's First Annual Research Conference.

The first Kenyatta University Annual Research Conference was held on April 28th-30th 2009 under the theme ***Moving Research to Wealth creation***. The conference was a stock taking exercise that focused on the research carried out by and with the University.

The conference sub-themes

included; Management of natural resources for wealth creation: Ethical and sociological imperatives in managing public wealth: Transforming biological sciences to Bio-power and Bio-economies: Technological innovations for economic growth: The role of education for enhancement of social and financial capital and Artistic creativity for wealth creation.

At the same time, a symposium on issues affecting higher education hosted by the Kenya Institute of Education. Among the topics addressed was the role of Information Communication Technology in Education, and the role of current education in imparting ethics, accountability and governance to the youth.

In his keynote address during the opening ceremony, the Executive Secretary, National Council for Science and Technology, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak congratulated Kenyatta University for its Research Policy and urged participants to embrace multi-disciplinary approach in their research and knowledge sharing.

Prof. Abdulrazak challenged the participants to develop projects that will go beyond publications to help solve social problems by implementing their research findings. He further urged those present to join and contribute to the Academy of Science in Kenya through which they would provide an academic voice in government policies.

While addressing participants in the same forum, the Secretary, Inter University Council for East Africa, Prof. Chacha Nyaigotti-Chacha emphasized on Research as the primary mission of the Universities.

Prof. Chacha highlighted the need for research with positive impact on the people in terms of affordability, efficiency, function, durability and aesthetical appeal, factors which should make research acceptable and adoptable by the consumers of the research findings. He also added that research findings should be published as it is the only way to influence others.

Noting that funding was a among the challenges in research, Prof Chacha said that there was need to create viable funding for research by the universities and the government. He further called for recognition of researchers and research output.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, while closing the fruitful conference, noted that research was key to attaining the pillars of Kenya's Vision 2030 which are the economic, social and political pillars. Prof. Mugenda reiterated the importance of excellence in research and urged the participants to uphold integrity and accountability in their research activities.

This year's conference marked the beginning of annual research conferences in Kenyatta University and it is hoped that the event will grow to be a regional conference.

Transport Fleet Boosted

Members of the Management Board led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda commissioned new vehicles at the Transport yard on 13th May 2009.

While launching the four vehicles that included a lorry, pick-up, hearse and a ten seater van, the Vice Chancellor stated that the University is focused on the Strategic Plan to modernise the transport system.

The new hearse will be used at the Thika Road Funeral Services while the Northcoast Beach Hotel now has a 10 seater micro-bus.

Prof. Mugenda urged the staff at the Transport Department to take care of the vehicles in order to reduce expenditure on maintainance and improve their service period.

She also said that there are plans to expand the motoryard and renovate the buildings in the transport section. The Vice-Chancellor further encouraged the staff to work hard to ensure the realisation of the University's vision and mission.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi thanked the staff for their good work noting that the Transport Department improved in the last three years.

Apart from enhancing service delivery, the new vehicles will also improve the image of the University and KU drivers will of course be proud to drive new vehicles.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda flags off new vehicles acquired recently. They included a lorry, a pick-up, a hearse and a 10 seater micro-bus. The micro-bus will be used as a courtesy van for the Northcoast Beach Hotel.

Capacity building; varsity holds empowerment seminars for staff

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developing self esteem, maturity and academic excellence. The Vice-Chancellor expressed the need to form a Mentors Club to mentor and nurture young scholars as the next generation of Academicians.

The resource persons in the seminar included the Chief Counsellor in the

Ministry of State for Public Service, Mr. Samuel Weru, Director Leadership Institute of Kenya, Dr. Gerishon Mwitii and the Executive Director, Maranatha Institute of Counselling and Leadership, Prof. Catherine Gacutha, Director Gender and Affirmative Action Centre Dr. Leah Wanjama and

Dr. Grace Wamue-Ngari from the Department of Gender Studies.

According to the Director, Mentoring Programme, Dr. Elishiba Kimani, there are plans for country-wide visits to schools to hold talks with prospective students to Kenyatta University. The Directorate is

currently involved with Fair and Lovely Career Fares to advise KCSE school leavers on Career and Professional choices in furthering their education in institutions of higher learning.

Don Honoured

Prof. Michael Boit of the Department of Sports and Games was honoured at the Drake Relays, a Premier America Track Championships that has taken place annually for 100 years at Des Moines, Iowa.

The first Drake Relays event was organized in 1910. The year 2009 therefore marked 100 years since the first event in April 22-26, 1910.

As part of the celebrations, 10 most outstanding male athletes and 10 most outstanding female athletes were selected by a panel of experts and were invited to the celebrations to mark the 100 years. Among the top 10 male athletes of the century were Prof. Michael Boit of Kenyatta University who was ranked number one (1) in 800 metres 1975, Olympic Bronze 1972 and Gold Medalist at the Commonwealth Games 1978.

The other male athletes of the century included; Michael Johnson the 400 metres sensation with Gold medals and World Records, Mel Lattany a world renowned sprinter, Jesse



(From left to right) Prof. Michael Boit from KU, Dennis Francois, Associate Athletics Director, Drake University, Amy Aculff, from the US at the 1996 Olympics and Steve Scott from the US.

Owens, 1936 Olympic gold medalist and World record, Steve Scott, the best 1500/mile runner from the United States of America, Calvin Smith famous sprinter Rod Milburn Gold medalist and world record holder in 110 metres hurdles, Kip Janjryn famous for 10 events (decathlon).

Al Oerter, won 4 Olympic Gold Medals (1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968) in the Discus and Jeff Hartwig ranked number one in the world 2002 in pole vault.



Medical services Hot Lines

The Health Unit has acquired mobile telephones to improve communication between the medical staff and patients, especially during emergency times.

The mobile telephone numbers are as follows:-

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| 1. Main Campus Clinic | - 020-250 3836 |
| 2. Main Campus Ambulance | - 020-250 3838 |
| 3. Ruiru Campus Clinic | - 020-250 3835 |
| 4. Ruiru Campus Ambulance | - 020-250 3833 |
| 5. Parklands Campus Clinic | - 020-250 3834 |
| 6. Parklands Campus Ambu. | - 020-250 3837 |

The hotline telephone numbers for Parklands Campus will be operational during the day only while the ones for the Main and Ruiru Campuses will operate on a 24 hour basis.

The medical staff requests the University Community to use the University's Medical Services responsibly.

Teaching Practice Supervisors undergo orientation Seminar



The Director, Teaching Practice, Prof. Augustine Karugu, addresses Teaching Practice Supervisors during their orientation seminar.

degree classification and transcripts and urged the supervisors to ensure that the exercise was done professionally.

This year teaching practice is unique as there will be two groups: third year and fourth year students overlapping. According to the Director, Teaching Practice, Prof. Augustine Karugu, teaching practice which carries two units, should be done in the third year after the students have done teaching methodology units.

The decision to have teaching practice take place in third year will also close the gap between theory and practice. "This will improve professionalism and make it possible to re-train those found wanting", said Prof. Karugu.

The Associate Dean, School of Education, Dr. Daniel Muindi said he was confident that the students are well prepared to undertake the exercise. The exercise which is the professional component of the Bachelor of Education graduates programmes, is scheduled to end on 31st July. About 3000 students started their Teaching Practice throughout the country on 4th May 2009.

This year's orientation Seminar for teaching practice supervisors took place on 8th May 2009.

In his opening remarks during the ceremony, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Mwakio Tole, noted that orientation for students was successfully carried out between 27th-30th April in specific centres.

Prof. Tole further mentioned that the Teaching Practice grades will be included in the

KU student scoops Mr. University Crown

Mr. Jeremy Ndirangu, a second year Bachelor of Science student from Kenyatta University is the new Mr. University.

Mr. Ndirangu won the Mr. University crown in the hotly contested Mr. and Miss University Beauty Pageant that was held on 28th May 2009 at the Carnivore Restaurant. The competition attracted participants from both the public and private universities. We congratulate Jeremy for this outstanding achievement.

Appointment



Dr. Adanje Mwisukha
Acting Chairman, Department of
Recreation Management
and Sports Science

Somali Academicians and Administrators in a Training of Trainers Workshop at KU

Kenyatta University in partnership with Center for British Teachers (CfBT) Education Trust organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) capacity building workshop that was attended by Somali Universities academic and administrative staff and Somali education authority officials.

The objective of the workshop was to equip the participants with guidelines and skills to enable them to train and tackle challenges in higher education. The participants were drawn from Somaliland, Puntland and Mogadishu.

The intensive training course conducted by the Centre for Capacity Development in Higher Education covered areas of Governance and Management in Higher Education; Curriculum Design; Project Management; Strategic Planning and Resource Mobilization.

The two weeks training was Phase I of the Networking for Higher Education and Capacity Development Project that is funded by the European Commission. Kenyatta University Registrar Academic, Prof. Godfrey Mse, is the Project Team leader.



Trainees from Somalia display their certificates after completing a Training of Trainers Workshop at KU. Also in the photo are members. Also in the photo is the DVC (Administration) Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi (middle).

New sports introduced wood ball

Sports Briefs

This is a new game in Kenya which is of Chinese origin. It was first introduced at the East African Universities Games challenge in Kampala and an induction workshop was conducted at Kenyatta University in April 2008 organized by the Games and Sports Department.

The Department of Exercise, Recreation and Sports Science has included it within the academic programmes both at the Confucius Institute and for the BEd and BSc students in Physical Education, Sports Science and Recreation Management effective September 2009.

Woodball is a lawn game where players use a mallet for teeing off and fairway for playing and putting. It involves playing a ball from the starting area through the gate by a stroke or successive strokes.

The competitor who plays the stipulated round or rounds in the fewest strokes is the winner. It is a graceful, interesting public sports activity which highlights the great importance of etiquette.



This is how we do it! Staff from the Sports and Games Department demonstrate how Woodball is played.

Shorinji kempo

This is a game of Japanese origin which has been played in Kenya for sometime and has been introduced at Kenyatta University. Owing to the strong linkage between Kenyatta University and the Japanese Embassy, a 3 day induction workshop was held at the main gymnasium between 26th -28th May 2009 which was officially closed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda and Mr. Hiroyuki Futaki from the Embassy of Japan, Nairobi. Following the induction workshop, participants will be holding practice sessions every Tuesday and Thursday for three hours.



Participants in a Shorinji Kempo practice session.

Poem

Getting along better...

Before you say anything to anyone ask yourself three things

- Is it true?
- Is it kind?
- Is it necessary?

Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully

Never miss the opportunity to compliment or say something encouraging to someone.

Refuse to talk negative about others, refrain from and do not listen to gossip.

Have a forgiving view of people, believe that most people are doing the best they can.

Keep an open mind, discuss but don't argue (it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable).

Forget about counting to 10, count to 1000 before doing or saying anything that could make matters worse.

Let your virtues speak for themselves.

If someone criticizes you, see if there is any truth to what he/she is saying: if so, make changes, if there is no truth to the criticism ignore it and go on with life.

Cultivate your sense of humour; laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

Do not seek so much to be consoled, as to console, do not seek so much to be understood, as to understand, do not seek so much to be loved as to love.

Anonymous