



# Kenyatta University newsletter

A Fortnightly publication from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor

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

## Kenyatta University-Hiroshima University Links Strengthened

This Excellency Ambassador Shigeo Iwatani, the Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, witnessed the signing of the Supplementary Memorandum of Understanding between Kenyatta University and Hiroshima University, (Japan) in academic and educational exchange and the opening of KU-HU Collaborative Resource Centre. This took place at Kenyatta University on Friday, 6th February 2009 with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda and the Hiroshima University President, Prof. Toshimasa Asahara exchanging the signed MOU.

The Ambassador congratulated both institutions for the mutual collaboration saying that it will go along way in promoting student and staff exchange. Prof. Mugenda welcomed the delegation adding that it was a privilege for the University to host such a high profile team from Hiroshima University accompanied by H.E. Ambassador Iwatani. The VC gave a brief history of the University including the present and future prospects and urged staff from both

universities to work towards the success of the collaboration.

The President of Hiroshima University, Prof. Toshimasa Asahara, reiterated that the KU-HU partnership was a well thought out idea adding that he believes that the Collaborative Center will be the beginning of a very prosperous and beneficial bond between the two universities. "Our Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation and Center for the Study of International Cooperation in Education have established an international network around the globe and have invited many visiting research scholars from abroad, including those from Kenyatta University," said Prof. Asahara.

The KU-HU Collaborative Resource Center will serve as a centre for joint research activities, primarily on educational development and cooperation; collection and dissemination of resources on education in international development and cooperation; as well as strengthening the existing linkage and making it more vibrant and



The Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Shigeo Iwatani (far right) witnesses the signing of the MoU between Kenyatta University and Hiroshima University by Prof. Toshimasa Asahara and the Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

inclusive of the entire academic fraternity of the two institutions.

The Senior Representative for the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mr. Ryosuke Kojima,

hailed the two universities saying that the collaboration was a well thought out idea and wished them success in the partnership.

## Kenyatta University Joins the rest of the World to Celebrate Obama's inauguration

On January 20th, 2009, the world witnessed the formal installation of the first ever African-American President of the United States of America.

It was a great day for Kenya because Obama has a direct link with Kenya as his father hailed from Kogelo Nyangoma Village in Nyanza Province. In KU the University management mounted big screens at Nyayo Zone, Harambee hall, Cinema hall, Art Zone, Kenyatta University Conference Centre (KUCC) and AVU Hall to enable the University Community to view the proceedings in Washington DC where the inauguration ceremony was taking place.

The University community was ecstatic, praising the University Management which, through the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda,

made Obama's inauguration come alive at Kenyatta University.

The mood was very calm throughout the occasion but there were resounding applause when Obama took the oath of office to become the 44th President of the United States of America. The Editorial Board staff moved around the University and interviewed some students who were very excited that somebody who has roots in Kenya has taken the leadership of the only global super-power. They also said they have learned a big lesson from President Obama whom no one imagined would reach that pinnacle.

"Never look back when you want to achieve your goals regardless of where you come from; what matters is your brain, where you want to go, and what you want to achieve," is the lesson here.



Barack H. Obama is sworn in as the 44th President of the United States as his wife Michelle holds the Bible and their daughters Malia and Sasha watch cheerfully.

## From the Editor's Desk

The 20th of January, 2009 will long be remembered throughout the world as the day, at 12 noon Eastern Standard Time, and 8 pm East African Time, when the first ever black man became the President of the United States of America. Practically all eyes on campus were riveted to the giant screens at The Main Campus.

There was a tense moment as President Obama seemed to be stuck in repeating the oath (it was actually the Chief Justice who had reversed the wording and President Obama, who has a photographic memory, caught the error and stopped to give the C. J. a chance to correct himself). However, everything proceeded smoothly afterwards.

The Kenyatta University audience applauded wildly when Obama referred to the "small village where my father was born" in his inaugural speech.

On the wake of the Obama euphoria, the University has been going about its business in the classroom and elsewhere as the semester unfolds.

KUDHEIHA, ushered in the New Year with prayers that were attended by the Union members, the Management and blessed by spiritual leaders. The VC thanked KUDHEIHA for their contribution to the University and reiterated Management's concern for their welfare.

We have also seen the inception of the Confucius Institute and the School of Engineering. Also in the calendar is Research Week where several papers will be evaluated with the theme "Moving Research to Wealth Creation".

Our prospects for greater international collaboration in research and scholarship have been boosted by the new MoU that has been clinched with Hiroshima University of Japan.

Hiroshima is a symbol of the indomitability of the human spirit as the city rose, like the Phoenix, from the nuclear ashes of the 2nd World War. Let us hope that this spirit rubs off on us.

Readers will also be pleased to note that our most prolific researcher, Professor L. E. Newton, has won the Cactus d'Or for his work in succulent plants.

Regrettably, we are deeply saddened by the death of one of our longest serving council members Mrs. Pamela A. Mboya. Our condolences go to her family.

Have a productive semester.

David V. Karanja  
Editor

## Google Executives visit Kenyatta University

A high powered delegation of senior Google executives from around the world visited Kenyatta University on 23rd January 2009.

The purpose of the visit was to explore areas of continued collaboration between Kenyatta University and Google, especially in engineering and computer science.

The team, which was lead by Mr. Chris Kiagiri of Google Kenya, included the Director of International Operations Google Switzerland, Kannan Pashupathy, Vice-President of Google USA, Megah J. Smith, Senior Product Manager of Google Israel, Elan Dekel, and Rachel Payne of Google Uganda.

Other possible areas of partnership discussed included an exchange programme for Kenyatta University students and staff and Google networks in other countries.



(From Left) Chris Kiagiri, Technical Lead, Google Kenya. Kannan Pashupathy, Director of International Engineering Operations Google Switzerland. Rachel Payne, Office Lead, Google Uganda. Megan J. Smith, Vice-President, Google USA. Ipsa Desai, Business Operations Associate, Google USA, with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

## Don Awarded the Cactus D'Or

Professor L. Newton, Plant and Microbial Sciences Department, is the successful nominee for the Cactus D'Or (Golden Cactus).

This is in recognition of his extensive and exemplary work in the taxonomy of succulent plants: he has described fifty new species, some of which are named after him, for example *Euphorbia lenewtonii*. The Cactus d'Or will be handed to him by the mayor of the city of Monte Carlo, capital of the Principality of Monaco.

The Principality is the home of one of the most comprehensive collections of succulents in its botanical gardens.

Professor Newton is the current president of the International Organization for Succulent Plant Study.

We congratulate the professor for this achievement and feel honoured for his being one of us.

*He has described fifty new species, some of which are named after him*



Professor L. Newton  
Plant and Microbial  
Sciences Department

## Kenyatta University Website Improves its Ranking

Kenyatta University website has registered a tremendous improvement in the 2009 webmetrics ranking. The website has moved 922 positions, becoming position 7,933 from the previous 8,855 worldwide.

In Africa, KU has attained position 84 moving from position 94 in 2008 rankings. This is indeed a major development towards making Kenyatta University a World class university.

According to the Coordinator of the Kenyatta University Website Dr. Vincent Onywera, the KU Website has the potential of being in position one in the future and all efforts are being focused towards this goal. The Secretariat is currently upgrading the current website to give it a newlook that will enhance its future rankings.



Dr. Vincent Onywera

The management of Kenyatta University acknowledges the great support from staff in all schools who have continued to promptly provide information when called upon to do so. The management would also like to appreciate the good work and tireless efforts of staff at the University Website Committee and the Secretariat for their contribution to this success.

Keep up the good work!

| Ranking | 2008  | 2009  | Margin of improvement (Ranks) |
|---------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| World   | 8,855 | 7,933 | 922                           |
| Africa  | 94    | 84    | 10                            |



# Carnegie Corporation Africa Executives Visit Kenyatta University



The Chairman KUSA, Mr. Martin Luther King, is introduced to the visitors from Higher Education and Libraries in Africa (Carnegie) of New York, who paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

The Carnegie Higher Education and Libraries executives in Africa paid a courtesy call to Kenyatta University on 26th January 2009. The purpose of the visit was to seek areas of partnership in library development.

They were led by the Programme Director Dr. Tade Aina and two programme officers, Dr. Rookaye Bawa and Claudia Fritteli. The Carnegie Corporation seeks to empower people through knowledge with a vision that informed people make better choices. This is done by funding educational projects, public library programmes and supporting teaching and research.

In Africa, the Carnegie Corporation is working to ensure that the continent is not left behind in technology

development by supporting technological training for librarians.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda acknowledged the Carnegie Visit as an important step toward a fruitful partnership.

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## Appeal for Food Donation

There is looming famine in many parts of Kenya today with many people sleeping hungry and others dying of hunger including women and children.

Consequently, the University would like to give an opportunity to members of staff and students who would like to make a difference in lives of fellow Kenyans who are in need at this time.

The office of the Vice-Chancellor is kindly requesting all members of Kenyatta University Community to generously contribute food items and cash to mitigate against hunger facing some parts of our beloved nation.

Food donations will be received by the **Directorate of Community Outreach and Extension Programmes (COEP)** at Nigeria 4, while money

donation will be paid to the University Cash Office through the **Heads of Departments, Directorate s and Section Heads** on or before **16th February 2009**. A copy of the donation should be sent to COEP office at **Nigeria 4** for record purposes.

Students can make their donations through the Directorate of Student Affairs Office.

Food donations will be delivered to the communities in need as soon as they are received. The community Outreach and Extension Programmes Board and the Dean of Students will make the necessary arrangements and work out all the logistics related to delivery of foodstuff to identified communities.

May God bless you as you give to the less fortunate members of our society remembering that it is more

## KU Wins bid to host International Conference



The President of ISCPES Dr. Walter King Ho, receives literature on KU when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor during his visit to officially launch the preparation for the 17th biennial conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport.

The 17th biennial conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES) will be held at Kenyatta University. This achievement came about after vying with contenders from all over world.

The conference will be held between 6th and 8th June 2010 at Safari Park Hotel as a prelude to the World Cup in South Africa. The theme of the conference will be "Physical Education and Sport for Global Peace and Development".

Following the successful bid to host the conference, the President of ISCPES, Dr. Walter King Ho visited the University between 12th and 15th January 2009 to officially launch the preparations for the conference.

While at the University he paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor and delivered a public lecture on 15th January at the AVU Hall on the social components of Physical Education in the Eastern World.

For more details on the ISCPES Conference log on to: [info.iscpes@ku.ac.ke](mailto:info.iscpes@ku.ac.ke)

## President's Award Scheme Members offer Community Service

Members of the Kenyatta University President's Award Scheme (KUPAS) cleaned University vehicles as part of their community service on Saturday, January 24th, 2009.

The event was attended by the club's members who chose to forego their weekend leisure activities and offer service to the University community.

The club usually holds regular community services, both within and outside the University, as a way of contributing to the community, which is one of the strong values of the scheme. Michael Waweru and Michael Mituki, the scheme award leaders spearheaded the event.

KUPAS is a youth empowerment programme which was started in 1997.

Membership is drawn from the youth, aged 14 to 25 years. Recruitment takes place at the beginning of every semester.

The members of the scheme are involved in community service, skills development, physical and sporting activities and expeditions.

After successful completion of the 12 months worth of community service, members are conferred with a Silver Award while a Gold Award is earned by those who successfully complete 24 months worth of community service.

However, a Gold Award is presented to a member who has earned a Silver Award with additional 18 months worth of service. The Gold Award is presented by the President of the Republic of Kenya at State House.



Kenyatta University Students cleaning one of the University buses during their community service exercise.



# PICTURE Speak



The new Thika Road Funeral Services managed by the school of health sciences now fully operational.



Students and staff working out at the Kenyatta University Gymnasium.



Students in the new State-Of-the-Art computer laboratories.



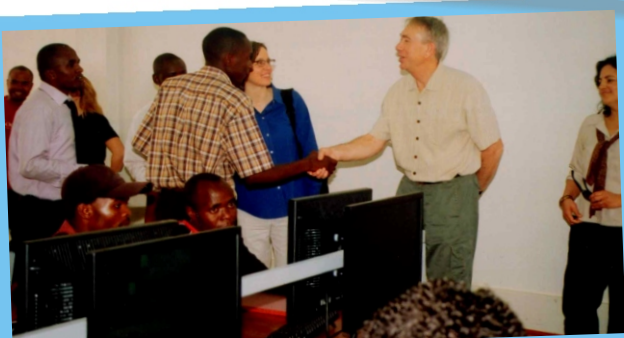
(From Left) Rookaya Bawa, Claudia Frittelli and Tade Akin Aina of Carnegie Corporation, New York, when they paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor.



Dr. Bashir Jama from AGRA, receives literature about KU from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda when he paid a courtesy call to the VC.



Adopt-a-Light technical staff install another floodlight at the Nyandarua Hostels area.



Kannan Pashupathy, Director of International Engineering Operations, Google Switzerland, shakes hands with one of the students in the new Students' Computer Centre.



KUDHEIHA members follow the proceedings during the Kudheihha Annual Prayers Day.





Prof. Olive Mugenda receives her portrait from KUSA Academic Secretary, Andrew Ndavi, and KUSA General Secretary, Grace Mutemi.

The Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Shigeo Iwatani who accompanied the team from Hiroshima University, witnessed the signing of the Supplementary Memorandum of Understanding between Kenyatta University (Kenya) and Hiroshima University, (Japan) in academic and educational exchange and the opening of KU-HU Collaborative Resource Centre.



1992 Barcelona Gold Medallist Matthew Berir goes through a fitness test on the Research Treadmill donated to the University by Prof. Bengt Salting of University of Copenhagen through the efforts of Prof. Michael Boit of Kenyatta University.



(From left) Robert Olodo, Senior Assistant Director of Education, Dr. Louis Crouch, Director of Research, Triangle Institute International (RTI) and Mamane Mong'eri, ICT Administrator, Kenya Educational Staff Institute (KESI), during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor who was represented by Ag. DVC Academic, Prof. Mwakio Tole.



The DVC Academic, Prof. Mwakio Tole, presents KU Literature to Prof. Gage from Tulane University USA, as Dr. Mwanzo, Chairman Public Health Department, looks on.



(From left) Festus Kiplomai, Dr. Vincent Onywera, Prof. Karen Mburugu, Dr. Peter Wanderi, Prof. Michael Boit, Prof. Mwakio Tole and Mr. Wilfred Mbungei, the Beijing 2008 800m Gold Medallist, during the presentation of sports research equipment at IAAF Offices at Kenyatta University.



(From left) Dr. Vincent Onywera, Prof. Mwakio Tole, Prof. Keren Mburugu, Dr. Peter Wanderi and Prof. Mike Boit receive some of the fitness equipment from Canada.



The on-going rehabilitation of the double roomed, self-contained Suswa Hostels.



## Construction of a New School of Engineering Underway

Construction of the new School of Engineering has commenced. One major objective of the School will be to develop and maintain fully accredited engineering and technology training programmes for community and industrial development.

The School of Engineering plans to have ten (10) departments namely:

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|  | Aerospace and Engineering   |
|  | Appropriate Community       |
|  | Technology and Development  |
|  | Engineering                 |
|  | Environmental               |
|  | Processing Engineering      |
|  | Biomedical                  |
|  | Bio-systems and Engineering |
|  | Chemical and                |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|  | Civil and Construction Engineering       |
|  | Electrical and Electronic Engineering    |
|  | Energy Engineering                       |
|  | Information and Communication Technology |
|  | Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering |

The School will have a number of laboratories including several energy laboratories, thermodynamics and power plant laboratory, soil mechanics laboratory, concrete laboratory, bitumen and bituminous mixes laboratory, among many others.

In addition to the laboratories, the School also plans to have a Technology



School of Engineering Construction site.

## Kenyatta University receives Sports Research Equipment

The Exercise, Sports and Recreational Department of Kenyatta University has received a donation of top-of-the-range sports research and training equipment.

The equipment worth Kshs. 50,000 was donated by Prof. Bengt Salting of University of Copenhagen through the efforts of Prof. Michael Boit of Kenyatta University. Another set of fitness testing equipment worth about Kshs. 30,000 was secured courtesy of Prof. Mark Temby of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada, through the efforts of Prof. Michael Boit, Prof. Judith Waudu, and Dr. Vincet Onywera.

Kenyatta University has been conducting a study on Metabolic Component and Endurance of Kenyan elite athletes under the theme; "The Success of Kenyan Elite Runners, the Metabolic Component". The study which ended on the 4th February 2009 was carried out among 26 members including renowned athletes. The Kenyatta University team of researchers included Prof. Mike Boit, Dr. Vincent Onywera, Mr. Gitahi Theuri and Mr. Festus Kiplamai.

The research equipment which is the first of its kind in Sub-Sahara Africa included a research treadmill which measures performance fitness during exercise, two(2) psycholactometers, leg volume

measuring cylinder and a fitmate pro. These will be used in the Human Performance Laboratory for teaching and research in health, nutrition, fitness and performance. Kenyatta University is a premier institution in teaching of sports and research, hence the donation.

Receiving the equipment at the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) Academy offices at Kenyatta University, the DVC (Academic), Prof. Mwakio Tole, reiterated that the equipment will go along way in enabling the University to fulfil its objective of teaching and research. Prof. Tole also lauded the research collaborations by the Exercise, Sports and Recreation department and its role in training world class athletes.

The 2008 Beijing Olympics 800meters Gold Medallist and Captain of the Olympics Kenya team, Mr. Wifred Mbungei, and 1992 Barcelona Olympics 300meters steeple chase Gold Medallist, Mr Matthew Berir, were



DVC (Academics) Prof. Mwakio Tole tries on of the Psycholactometer donated by Prof. Bengt Salting of University of Copenhagen as Prof. Michael Boit, Prof. Keren Mburugu and Dr. Peter Wanderi look on.

among those who attended the hand-over ceremony.

## KU DOWN MEMORY LANE



The founding father of Kenya, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, receives the Kenyatta University logo from the first Principal, Mr. Danstan I. Ireri in the early 1970's. Looking on is the then Vice-President, H.E Daniel T. arap Moi.

## KU-RBA to Partner in Quality of Life Research

A research project titled "An investigation on the perception of quality of life among Kenyan Adult population" is set to commence this April. The research will be carried out by a team of four researchers from Kenyatta University in partnership with the Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA).

The research will be carried among 5,000 adults from all the provinces in Kenya over a period of three months.. The specific objectives of the study will be:

To establish perceived indicators of quality of life.

To establish which indicators are key to higher quality of life.

To determine the level of satisfaction of Kenyan Adults with quality of life from a gender perspective.

To find out the relationship between level of satisfaction with quality of life and the relevant socio-economic indicators e.g. age, gender, education, parenthood and marital status.

To establish the existing mechanism put in place to boost the quality of life among adult Kenyan population.

# Kenyatta University to hold the Disability Day

Due to its practice of embracing diversity, Kenyatta University is the institution of higher learning in Kenya with the largest number of students with disabilities, students whose special needs are catered for through appropriate policies and strategies.

Kenyatta University does not just embrace diversity, it also celebrates it. The annual Culture Week has provided many occasions for celebrating the University's cultural diversity. Now the University seeks to celebrate the disability dimension of its diversity through the Disability Day. This is a change we, students with disability in the University can believe in.

The Disability day, which will be marked for the first time on the University calendar on Friday the 20th February, will stress "Inclusiveness through Participation". This will demonstrate that disability is not inability, and underscore the importance of

according fair treatment and equal opportunity to people who are physically challenged.

Welcome to the Disability Day. Come and participate in a procession, during which you can get a sense of what it means to have a disability through simulations. Later, join us at the Graduation Square for a programme of other activities which will include some wonderful entertainment. In addition, an exhibition of products and services for persons with disabilities will be going on throughout the day.

You don't know how to deal with people with disabilities? Come to the Disability Day. We, the students with disabilities, desire to interact with the community freely and unreservedly. Come and learn from us and we learn from you; learn how it feels to be blind, deaf, a wheel chair user etc. Let us learn from each other about our expectations. We hope that this interaction will contribute to the

development of a positive attitude towards persons with disabilities in the University and beyond.

Kudos Kenyatta University for the services provided to students with disabilities.

*By Mercy Mugure.*

*Mercy Mugure is a fourth year student with a disability and also the Kenyatta University Students Association (KUSA) Special needs Secretary*

## I Choose Life-Africa

I Choose Life Africa is a non-governmental organization operating in all public Universities and some private ones.

ICL-KU chapter works closely with the Aids Control Unit to accomplish its mandate of training students on HIV Aids awareness and Behavioral change communication groups.

In efforts to fulfill its objectives, ICL has several activities lined up for this semester. There will be a Life Skills Training for about 70 students who will later be involved in community outreach to prison inmates in Ruiru prison, Thika, Langata and Kamiti.

Students are also invited to Participate in the interactive talk Shows focusing on HIV management and Thematic movie nights.



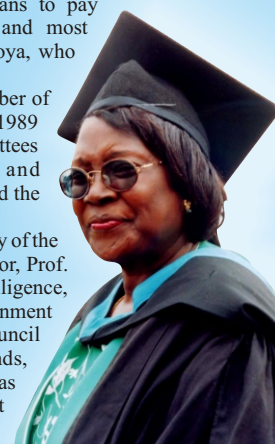
ICL-KU also invites all to know our status during the Voluntary Counselling and Testing week coming up in February!

## Tribute to Mrs. Pamela A. Mboya

Kenyatta University joins other Kenyans to pay tribute to one of Kenya's kindest and most intelligent women, Mrs. Pamela Arwa Mboya, who died in South Africa recently.

Ambassador Pamela Mboya was a member of the Kenyatta University Council between 1989 and 2002. She served in various Committees including Joint Tenders, Building and Development, Finance, Terms of Service and the main Tenders Committees of Council.

In her message of condolence to the family of the late Mrs. Pamela Mboya, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said that Mrs. Mboya's intelligence, gentle nature and long experience in government helped in moderating and guiding Council decisions. "To the entire family, friends, relatives and the country as a whole, we as Kenyatta University wish to assure you that we share with you in this tragic loss", the VC added.



Mrs Pamela A. Mboya

*May God rest her soul in eternal peace*

## FAITH CORNER

By G.J.O. Monayo

### IN GOD'S HANDS

*When we say that we are in God's hands it simply means that a Hand is a symbol of power and authority as Solomon puts it. That the future is in God's control. No one knows whether the said future will be good or bad.*

*However, to be in God's hands does not mean that we will never have pains, suffering, or tragedy in this life. The most faithful of all Christians can never be sure of what will await them under the sun. Therefore as Christians we should trust in the goodness and mercy of God. In spite of these tragedies. We do and go through many things without the belief that there is a loving caring God who promises to "wipe away every tear from our eyes".*

*Ecclesiastes 9:1 States that the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no man knows whether love or hate awaits them.*

*God's ways are miraculous, they cannot be understood. All we know, is that God takes care of those who are faithful to him regardless of whatever they face. Deuteronomy 33:3 indicates that "He loves the people, All His Saints are in your hands" Isaiah 62:3 also indicates that, you shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of Lord and a royal diadems in the hand of your God".*

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## Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go to the following members of staff who were bereaved recently. May the God of all comfort give you peace and strength to bear the loss.

1. Prof. Wangari Mwai, Director for Resource Mobilization and Consultancy services, lost her daughter Priscilla Wanjiru Gitatha on 29th December 2008. The funeral took place on 7th January 2009.
2. Dr. Philomena N. Mwaura of Philosophy and Religious Studies Department lost her son on 2nd January, 2009, The burial was on 8th January 2009.
3. Mr. Nicholas K. Kiyeng, Directorate of Quality Management Systems and Performance contracts lost his father, Mr. Paul Chepkinyang, on 4th January 2009.
4. Mr. Augustine W. Wanjala of the Accommodation Section lost his mother, Mrs. Benedetta Naliaka Wanjala.
5. Mr. Milton Makokha Cherwenye, Deputy Registrar, School of Economics, lost his daughter, Doreen Nekesa Makokha. The funeral was held on 5th February 2009.



## APPOINTMENTS



**Dr. Ruth W. Ndung'u**  
Director, Confucius Institute,  
Department of English



**Prof. Reuben M. Muasya**  
Associate Professor,  
Department of Agricultural  
Resource Management



**Dr. Nicholas K. Gikonyo**  
Chairman,  
Department of Pharmacy



**Dr. Joy Obando**  
Director,  
Financial Aid Office

## Problem Solving process

- Attack the problem, never the person
- Get all the facts
- List all the options
- Choose the best solution

## Shairi

### SIFWATE MOSHI

Rafiki hebu sikiza, moshi isiwe machoni  
Macho yataozaoza, penye moshi ni motoni  
Tusiye tukaunguza, yetu dhahabu thamani  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Tusiishi tu kuishi, kwani tutapatikana  
Tusipoishi kuishi, ngojangoja tutaona  
Tusifuatufuate moshi, acha ikiwezekana  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Na sasa hivi twacheka, kesho  
tutachekwachekwa

Bila kutumainika, keshokesho tutapikwa  
Tudhani tutaivika, na kumbe tutatapikwa  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Maisha ni miguu yako, tukanyagapo tujue  
Japo chungu tuendako, epuka tujiokoe  
Omba tu nafasi kwako, mema tukajiendee  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Kuchao twajionea, yanayojiri nyumbani  
Hivi sasa twaenea, tuwe haswa kwa makini  
Fanya kutokomezee, moshi iishe nchini  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Silale ni mapambano, jijue usijishuku  
Gari la maisha lino, lakuhitaji na huku  
Achana na konokono, ni mdudu mtafaruku  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Mungu kashatuhidi, maisha mema zaidi  
Ni wewe kujihimidi, chagua ya kufaidi  
Kimbia na usirudi, epuka moshi urudi  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Kweli moshi hupumbaza, tafikiri ni mawingu  
Kule angani hutandaza, takukondesha  
mwenzangu  
Chunga itakumaliza, na hizo zake pingu  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

Msicheze tu kucheza, ni yote nimewaonya  
Kiwa hutanisikiza, kifo kitakunyonya  
Maisha itapumbaza, usione hata mwanya  
Tusicheze tu kucheza, ije ikawa usaha

By: Alfred Obado

## NEW HOURS for gym members

The department has considered the request by members of the University to open the Gym for longer hours. You can now access the Gym from 6:00am to 9:00pm Monday to Friday. Saturday hours will remain 9:00am to 5:00pm.

### Membership Fees

Annual fee (staff)  
**Kshs. 6,000 per head**  
**Kshs. 10,000 family (4)**  
**Students Kshs. 1,500**

Monthly fee  
**(Staff) Kshs. 2,000 per head**  
**Students Kshs. 400**  
**Semester Kshs. 800**

Daily rates  
**(staff) Kshs. 70**  
**Students Kshs. 50**

Outsiders  
**Kshs. 200 per day**  
**Kshs. 12,000 per year**  
**Kshs. 2,000 Monthly**

### Services offered

- Free fitness evaluation before commencing programme
- Personalized fitness programming

For further information call ext. 57309

## Kenyatta University to Participate in Kampala

Over 110 students and 8 staff have been selected to represent Kenyatta University in East African Universities Games due to be held from 4th to 8th February 2009 at Kyambogo and Makerere University.

The participating teams who are from seven disciplines were originally agreed upon last year at University of Dar-es-salaam as a way of salvaging the games. It should be recalled that Kenyatta University held the most successful edition in 2004.

The standards set were so high that successive bidders have found them difficult to emulate. Teams selected are as follows:-

|            |               |   |          |
|------------|---------------|---|----------|
| Athletics  | 6 men         | & | 6 women  |
| Basketball | 8 men         | & | 8 women  |
| Soccer     | 15 men only   |   |          |
| Swimming   | 6 men         | & | 6 women  |
| Volleyball | 8 men         | & | 8 women  |
| Handball   | 11 men        | & | 10 women |
| Badminton  | 1 Lady only   |   |          |
| Tennis     | 6 men         | & | 6 women  |
| Netball    | 9 Ladies only |   |          |

Team's preparation is reportedly on top gear and if that is anything to go by, then KU is set to give the games its best shot ever. Anita Alube, a top seeded badminton player in this region, is a sure medal prospect. Top on the medals bracket also is men's handball team who are the double gold medalist in these games. The Swimming team is expected

to haul a good number of gold medals, reminiscent of Dar-es-salaam 2002 edition. Athletics has found new talent and are expected to win gold in the middle and long distance, shot put and javelin. Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball are expected to bring valuable medals given their recent performances in the universities leagues. All in all the ladies teams have every reason to prove themselves due the deserving recognition.

The department wishes to record its appreciation to the University Administration's endeavour to assist staff and students this far. The team left for Kampala on 2/01/09 at 8.00pm aboard two KU buses courtesy of the University's administration.



## Mind bender

- What three-letter word completes the first word and begins the second?  
CAP ( ) RENT
- What is the missing word?  
TASK (FAG) CIGARETTE  
TOW ( ) TRANSVESTITISM
- GOOD is to NAUGHTY as PIANO is to .....
- What is the next number in the series?  
10, 12, 32, 34, 54, 56, ?
- What is the missing number?

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| 9 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 |
| 7 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 1 | ? |

Adapted from "Improve your IQ" by Glen Wilson.  
(Answers in the next issue)