



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.

PS Opens Phase II of the Arts Complex

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Prof. Karega Mutahi officially opened Kenyatta University Phase II of the Arts Complex on September 26th, 2008.

The Phase II of the Arts Complex constructed at the cost of Ksh. 39 million has 69 offices to be used by Deans, Chairmen and Lecturers from various schools, one lecture room, one hall, two seminar rooms, and one computer laboratory. The offices will enable lecturers and students to interact in a favorable environment to enhance learning.

The construction of Phase II of the Arts Complex was done in-house by Kenyatta University in a record time of 11 months. Phase I of the complex was completed last year.

"The introduction of performance target setting is meant to enhance and add value to the operating systems and Kenyatta University is an excellent example of this," the Permanent Secretary said.

The Permanent Secretary noted that the rapid globalization of world economies has accelerated the need for high level of human resource to ensure and sustain global competitiveness. Prof. Mutahi added that "what gets measured gets done and becomes pertinent to whatever we do or plan to do." The Permanent Secretary said that

Kenyatta University is a practical example of how setting clear targets, hard work, dedication and commitment can bring positive change in the education sector especially in public universities." Kenyatta University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda commended the Government of Kenya for funding part of the

construction of the Arts Complex. The Permanent Secretary also commended Kenyatta University Council and the Management led by the Chairman, Prof. Onesmo ole MoiYoi, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, respectively for the efficiency and accountability they have demonstrated in the utilization of

funds made available to the University by various partners.

Prof. Mutahi also commended Kenyatta University staff and students for their cooperation and unity in purpose which has enabled the University to realize notable positive changes especially in the last two and half years.



Education PS, Professor Karega Mutahi cuts the tape to declare phase II of the Arts Complex officially opened.

US Ambassador Visits Kenyatta University

Kenyatta University hosted US Ambassador to Kenya, His Excellency Michael Ranneberger on September 17th, 2008. During his visit, the Ambassador paid a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda where he also met with the Kenyatta University Council Chairman, Prof. Onesmo ole MoiYoi.

Ambassador Ranneberger also visited Kenyatta University Radio Station, KU 99.9 FM where

he answered questions from the students on Kenya/USA relations, USA election 2008 and opportunities available in the USA for Kenyan students.

The peak of the Ambassador's visit to the University was a public lecture (town hall meeting as known in the USA) where he addressed more than two thousand students and staff of Kenyatta University.



US Ambassador to Kenya, His Excellency Michael Ranneberger, addresses The KU Fraternity during a recent public lecture.

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From the Editor's Desk

This is one of the most diversified issues of the newsletter and has something for people of all interests.

The Arts complex phase II was duly opened by the Permanent Secretary, Professor Karega Mutahi. This complex provides not only extra office space but our new pride and joy, the KU 99.9 FM. The latter was graced by a visit and interviews with H.E. The U.S Ambassador Ranneberger. He lauded praise on the record of K.U. students and staff who have established a great reputation in the U.S.A. Indeed, a disproportionate members of K.U. Staff are U.S. Trained.

And while our V.C was being honoured as the new Vice-President of I.A.V.C within UNESCO, a Peace and Reconciliation workshop was held here where Mr. Peter Mugambi, Ag. Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences, being the V.C's representative, pointed out the main pillars of good governance.

Furthermore a 40 member government delegation namely, Strategic Leadership Programme, visited K.U. As an example of proven excellence in performance.

While we are all proud of these developments, it is with a sad note that we bid farewell to East Africa's most distinguished musicologist and educator, Professor George Senoga Zake. May God rest his soul in Peace as the products of his long fruitful life continue to flourish.

David V. Karanja, Editor

Senior Government Officials Visit KU

Over 40 senior officers from the Public Sector were recently hosted by the Vice Chancellor. The officers were participants of the Strategic Leadership Development Programme organized by the Kenya Institute of Administration (KIA).

The objective of the tour was to learn from the exemplary performance of Kenyatta University in performance contracting.

The Senior Government officers visited Kenyatta University due to its track record in strategic leadership. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, interacted with the officers and shared practical experiences in strategic leadership. Some of the senior Government officials are KU Alumni and they expressed their gratitude for the positive change taking place at the University.



Left to Right, Dr. Tumuti Director - Community Outreach & Extension Programmes. Deputy Director - KIA, Elijah Wachira. Dr. Charity Gichuki - Director Centre for Research during senior government officials visit to KU.

KU Team Visit Israeli Embassy

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, led a delegation from Kenyatta University to the Embassy of Israel in Nairobi on September 8th, 2008.

The visit emanated from an invitation extended to Kenyatta University by the Israeli Ambassador to Kenya, His Excellency Jacob Keidar, during his visit to the University last month.

The Kenyatta University team did several presentations on possible partnerships with the Israeli government on several projects including agriculture, setting up the science and technology park, ICT security infrastructure for the library project and capacity building through various training in various disciplines.

The discussions on the Israeli Embassy partnership with Kenyatta University are on-going.

KU to Partner with Kenya Roads Board

Kenyatta University is set to partner with Kenya Roads Board through research on developing alternative road infrastructure especially in rural areas in Kenya.

A team from Kenyatta University led by the Vice-Chancellor, held a meeting with the Kenya Roads Board team led by the Director, Dr. Francis N. Nyangaga on September 9, 2008 to

discuss the possibility of the collaboration.

During the meeting, KU Director for University/Industrial Links, Professor Karanja Thiong'o gave a presentation on how rural roads in Kenya can be improved by use of Pozolana.

Prof. Mugenda commended the Kenya Roads Board for their consideration to partner with Universities in research to improve the road infrastructure in Kenya.

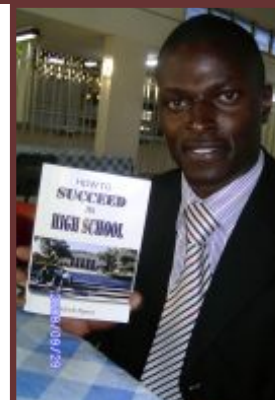
Former KUSA Academic Secretary Publishes a Book

Former KUSA Academic Secretary, Mr. Ndindi Nyoro has published a book on "How to Succeed in High School".

The book which is retailing at Ksh. 250 hit the Kenyan market on September 22nd, 2008 and is now available in

major book outlets around the country and at the KU Bookshop.

Mr. Nyoro has been writing the book in the last two years and his message to high school students in Kenya is "your background should not determine your level of excellence in life".



KU Hosts Peace and Reconciliation Workshop



Mr. Peter Mugambi, Ag. Dean School Humanities & Social Sciences, opens the workshop on Peace and Reconciliation.

From the 15th September to the 19th September, 2008, KU in collaboration with Virginia Technology University facilitated a workshop on the theme, Peace, Building, Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation.

This was second in a series of workshops dubbed Issues of Citizens' Rights in a Democracy sponsored by the US Department of State, the Bureau of educational and Cultural Affairs. The main objective of the workshop was to train a team of peace builders to go out into the

community and help in the promotion of peace and reconciliation at all levels.

Representing the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda at the workshop, during the opening ceremony on Wednesday, 17th September, the Ag. Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mr. Peter Mugambi cited several pillars as key elements of good governance in a country.

These include; accountability of power, integration of democratic values, efficiency in the use of resources and protection of

human rights and freedoms among others. Participants at the workshop were drawn from civil rights organizations, religious groups, the educational sector and political backgrounds. Among the participants were KU Alumni who were happy with the University's splendid transformation in the recent past. They were particularly impressed with the infra structural development, landscaping and greening of the University as well as the services offered at KUCC.

VC at Mulango Girls' School

Prof. Olive Mugenda has called on secondary school students to take their education seriously and ensure that their future is built on strong principles of discipline, hard work and sacrifice. Noting that there has been a general improvement in performance among

secondary school students, the VC said that this is evident in the number of students who qualify to join university every year.

Competition for the few spaces available in public universities for government sponsored students has therefore become

very stiff. "The JAB entry points for 2007 KCSE candidates is 66 points and a further reduction to 64 points for female students." The VC Noted.

The competition is so stiff that out of the 82,134 who qualified to join University, the public universities will only take 17,000 students." She said.

Prof. Mugenda was speaking at Mulango Girls High School in Kitui when she presided over the school's parent's day and prize giving day on Saturday 13th September, 2008.

She commended the government for recognizing the need for students to have a holiday break saying that the students needed some time to interact with their parents and learn several life lessons which can only be acquired through parental guidance.

She urged the parents to take advantage of the time they spend with their children during the school holidays to equip them with the skills and values they need to meet the challenges of modern day living.



The Headmistress of Mulango Girls High School introduces the VC, Professor Olive Mugenda, to Mulango High School Teachers.

School of Law Participates in a Regional Conference

The Kenyatta University School of Law recently participated in the Regional Conference on Constitutional Democracy in Africa in the 21st Century: Challenges, Best Practices and Opportunities at the KICC.

The Conference was organized by the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs, the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) based in the United States and the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP).

The Conference was officially opened by H.E. President Mwai Kibaki and closed by Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga. The conference brought together Kenyan, regional, international experts and scholars on constitutionalism and democratic practice in Africa from a record thirteen African countries. During the three days of the insightful and vibrant Conference, participants had the opportunity to critically examine topical constitutional issues from a

theoretical as well as a practical perspective.

The School of law had a well-arranged stand which attracted many potential and prospective customers who asked various questions about the establishment of the School and were given brochures, catalogues and pamphlets for more information and reference.



Dr. Linda Musumba
Dean School of Law

Kenyatta University 2nd Annual Alumni Reunion Day

WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2008

WHERE: KENYATTA UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS

ACTIVITIES:

- Re-launching of the Kenyatta University Alumni Association.
- Unveiling of the Alumni Constitution.
- Recognition of the interim Steering Committee and Office Bearers.
- Plenty of entertainment and interaction among alumni.
- Honoring Distinguished Alumni.
- Exhibition of the Kenyatta University programmes.
- Campus tour.

Come and renew old friendships, make new friends and keep abreast with your Alma Mater.

You are also welcome to bring articles and adverts for the next issue of "The Link Magazine" with the theme "Honouring Alumni".

Mark your calendar for this auspicious event!

PICTURE Speak



Prof. Karega Mutahi - PS - Education, receives a gift after officially opening the Art Complex Phase II building. Handing over the gift Left to Right is Dr. J Mutugi (Council Member), Prof. O. Ole-Moiyoi (Council Chairman) and Prof. O. Mugenda (Vice-Chancellor).



Professor Olive Mugenda in a Live Show at the KU Radio station 99.9 FM.



Prof. Karega Mutahi - PS - Education unveiling the plaque declaring the phase II of the Arts Complex Open.



KU Students Choir Entertain the PS during the opening of the Arts Complex Phase II.



The new computer Lab at the Phase II of the Arts Complex.



US Ambassador Michael Rannerberger being interviewed live at the KU 99.9 FM Radio station. Looking on is Council Chairman Professor Onesmo ole-Moiyoi and the US Cultural Attache.



Staff and students pay attention to one of the organizers of the breast cancer screening awareness exercise at KU.



Students donate blood during the blood donation week.



KU Choir presents the highly competitive "City Council challenge Shield" they won during the National Music Festival in Kisumu.



From Left: US Ambassador Michael Rannerberger, VC Professor Olive Mugenda, and Council Chairman, Professor Onesmo ole-Moiyoi, during the Ambassadors visit to KU.



Senior Government officials during a visit to KU during a KIA Strategic Leadership Training.



Dr. Jeffrey Fine of Ottawa Canada when he paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor.



Education PS, Prof. Karega Mutahi signs the visitors book before opening the Phase II at the Arts Complex.



The three storey building which is constructed near the Science Complex (A.V.U) has six laboratories each with a capacity of a hundred students. It also houses technician's offices.



Located along the Chancellor's Rd, the Human Anatomy Laboratory has two phases i.e phase I which is complete accommodates the morgue and the anatomy laboratory while phase II accommodates open plan offices, histology laboratory and skills laboratory.

Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative a success

Prof. Olive Mugenda, has called on Kenyatta University students to take good care of themselves while at the University and avoid behaviors that may lead them to contract avoidable diseases or even bring about unnecessary regret and suffering in their future. She told the students that exercising their freedom in the University responsibly should be their number one priority if they wish to achieve the dreams for which they have worked hard to reach the University level.

The VC was speaking to students when she launched the Kenyatta University Breast Cancer Screening and Mamogram Week which kicked off on Thursday, 18th September, 2008 at the Bishop Square at the Main campus.

Prof. Mugenda informed the

students that even though there is a lot of information available about various diseases that human beings are prone to, many people are not aware that there are many Sexually Transmitted Infections apart from the commonly known Syphilis, Gonorrhea or HIV/AIDS among others. She said that Diseases like Hepatitis B, Cancer of the Cervix are sexually transmitted and can have a lifelong impact on ones life. She advised the students to concentrate on their studies saying that there is absolutely no need for one to expose oneself to infections that will traumatize one and be a big burden for the rest of one's life.

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that grows in one or both of the breasts. Breast cancer usually develops in the ducts or lobules, also known as the milk-producing areas of the breast. It is one of the leading

cause of cancer death in women. Cancer screenings are medical tests that are performed when a person has no symptoms.

All women should be familiar with their breasts so that they will notice any changes and report them to their doctor without delay. It is also recommended that,

- Clinical breast exams every one to three years beginning at age 20.
- Yearly mamograms and clinical breast exams beginning at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health.

Less well known, men can also develop breast cancer. Although men have less breast tissue than women, they do have breast cells that can undergo cancerous changes.



Mrs. Katheke Mbithi, speaking during the Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative at KU.

Prof. Mugenda Elected New Vice-President of International Association of Universities

Prof. Olive Mugenda, the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, has been elected as the new Vice President of the International Association of Universities (IUA) to represent the Africa continent.

Prof. Mugenda was elected during the 13th General Conference of the IUA held at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. More than 400 members from all over the world attended the conference.

The International Association of Universities is the UNESCO based

World Association of Universities that has more than 600 members drawn from about 120 countries.

The current President of IAU is Prof. Juan Ramon de la Fuente, who is the former Rector of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. The organization has four Vice Presidents drawn from Africa, Asia/Pacific, America and Europe regions.

Prof. Mugenda was elected to the IAU Board by West, East and South Africa delegates attending the conference that also marked 60

years of its operations.

Kenyatta University's renowned Vice-Chancellor will not only bring honour to the University and Kenya in her new position. She will be in a position to influence decisions affecting higher education globally.

The KU Newsletter editorial team joins Kenyatta University fraternity in congratulating our own Prof. Mugenda for this international recognition.

US Ambassador Visits KU

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Ranneberger questions ranging from USA 2008 elections, terrorism, foreign policy, higher education and USA culture.

Ambassador Ranneberger commended the students for their hard work and preparation for the public lecture. "Kenyan students are known even in the USA to be hard working". "The high quality of Kenyan students is well known and respected".

At the end of the lecture, Ambassador Ranneberger promised the excited Kenyatta University community that he will plan to come back especially to have more time of interacting with the students through KU 99.9 FM.

The public lecture was covered by many media houses in Kenya including the Citizen Television which had live coverage which enabled many people around the country including Kenyatta University students to watch the interaction from the comfort of their television sets.

KU Choir Ranked Best in Kenya



A Member of the KU Choir presenting one of the Trophies they won to the VC.

Kenyatta University Choir was ranked the best University Choir in both public and private universities category in this years Kenya Music Festival held in Kisumu.

The Ku choir scooped six trophies, two of which were challenge trophies and four direct trophies. The choir had registered in 16 large categories of the competition which included songs and dances.

Overall, the choir scooped first

position in 11 categories, second position in two categories and third position in only one category.

To crown the exemplary performance, the KU choir scooped the highly competitive "City Council Challenge Shield", after winning the highest mark in the mixed voices set piece.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the choir for the exemplary performance and officially received the trophies on September 23rd, 2008.

KU Student Gets Prize

MS. Constantina Mercy Hiza is a proud student of Kenyatta University. She remembers vividly the day she joined KU on 25th August, 2008 as a first year student in the School of Education. Having scored a B+ in her 2006 KCSE examinations, she was offered a place at KU by JAB to pursue a degree course. When she got the news of her admission to KU, Constantina says she was not surprised. She had selected Kenyatta University as her first choice University and she knew it was only a matter of time before she reports to the University of her dreams.

Recently, Constantina was back at her former high school, Mulango Girls' High School in Kitui to be feted for being one of the best students in the school in the class of 2006. On that morning of 13th September, 2008 as she traveled all the way from Kenyatta University to Kitui, she had no idea that she was going to meet face to face with the Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University, Prof. Olive Mugenda, who was the chief guest during the



School's Annual Prize Giving Day. When the *KU newsletter* team talked to Constantina later, she was evidently overjoyed. Constantina said "KU is the best place that I ever wished to be in, a large beautiful and welcoming world class University". Being the only student from her school who managed to join KU, Constantina says that she has been able to interact very well with other students and make new friends. "It is fun, interesting and comfortable to be in KU, I feel so good". Said Constantina.

We wish Constantina and all the first year students all the best in their academic journey through Kenyatta University

Literature Students Oriented

The department of literature conducted orientation for the first year students on September 16th 2008. The orientation was attended by first year students from Ruiru and KU campuses and academic staff members of the department.

The department has regularly held orientation for its first year students and the orientation is becoming an important event in the calendar of the department.

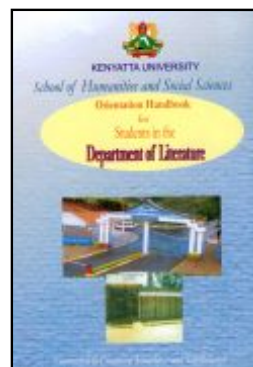
The department has also launched an orientation handbook. The handbook is intended to provide a reliable overview of how the department of literature is organized and how it functions within the larger University establishment. The handbook is a way of proving support to students enrolling in the department for the first time. The manual gives an outline of the

information that first year students would require to settle in fast and with ease and embark on the important enterprise of engaging the University experience.

The manual also directs students to other important University documents where they can get useful information. Speaking during the Orientation,

Dr. Michael Wainaina, the Chairman of the department assured the new students of the department's commitment to make their

University experience an enriching one. He urged the students to seek wide and varied avenues as outlets for their creativity and other interest. He noted that the manual does highlight some of these, especially the ones relevant to students pursuing literary studies.



Music Guru Remembered



Renowned musicians, professors, music students and senior government officials gathered at the Kenyatta University Chapel on Wednesday, 24th September for a memorial service in honour of Professor George Senoga-Zake.

Prof. Zake passed away on Sunday 7th September 2008 and was laid to rest on Friday, 12th September, 2008 in his home country, Uganda. The memorial service was organized by the Department of Music and Dance to give his former students, colleagues at the University as well as the entire music fraternity in Kenya an opportunity to remember a great and distinguished musician, educator and composer

who will always remain in the history of music in Kenya. Prof. Zake joined the then Kenyatta University College in 1982 as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Music where he worked for over 31 years progressing in his career to professorship. Prof. Zake was a refined singer, a mello bass who performed at varied places and occasions including Brompton Oratory in London, he was a choir trainer who started and established the Kenyatta University Choir which is gradually emerging to be the best university choir in East Africa. He was a consultant at the Muungano National Choir with whom he travelled for many performances overseas. He was a chief examiner in music for the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) for many years. He initiated and presented a number of programmes for Kenya Broadcasting Station including *Miziki ya Kiasili ya Kenya* for radio and *Nyimbo za dini* for television.

He was a respected adjudicator at the Kenya Music Festival for many years, a member of the Permanent Presidential Music Commission and

also the Chairman of Kenya Music and Cultural Festival, a festival which was started to give Kenyans of all walks of life an opportunity to participate in music. Above all, he was a member of the commission that composed the **Kenya National Anthem** at independence in 1963, a contribution that Kenyans will always remember him for.

Prof. Olive Mugenda, Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, paid tribute to Prof. Zake for the sterling contribution to the music sector in Kenya "we extol the virtues of a music giant who towered over the music scene and music education landscape in Kenya like a colossus for many years" said Prof. Mugenda in a message delivered by the Dean, School of Visual & Performing Arts, Dr. Beatrice Digolo.

Prof. Washington Omondi who was also in the Anthem Commission paid tribute to his long time friend quoting Abraham Lincoln's words "you cannot know the height of a tall tree till the tree falls. It is now therefore, that we can take our tape measures to authenticate the height of Professor and see just how tall he was". Peter Ekadu-Erem, the head of Department of Music and Dance at Kyambogo University, described Prof. Senoga Zake as a star who many Ugandan music fans may not know because he returned to Uganda in 2001 after being away for about six decades.

May the Lord rest Professor's soul in eternal peace.



Welcome Freshers
(by Sagero Stanley)

Without measure I take pleasure
And welcome our eminent freshers
Like gold in you, I treasure
That you'll fit in these exposures

I welcome you in totality,
Into the world class university
Cause here we embrace diversity
And excellence is our priority

The varsity is fit to all
Be watchful not to fall
Guard your career not to roll
Your hopes forever stand tall

I know during matriculation
You all promised determination
And without God's intervention
Your livelihoods will be in termination

Be sober and chaste in love
Clothe yourself with gentleness
As a dove And if you hate being hurt
Rend not your body but a kind heart

Now is my ultimate appeal
My deal with all my zeal
That the content we may seal
And daily live to feel

Weebo: Interactive Profile

Weebo Interactive is the newest and most versatile online community centre for Kenyatta University students who's main aim is to increase the level of interaction between students. The basic concept is quite easy because all that one has to do is have an email address to register and begin enjoying Weebo services.

Services

Some of the services provided by Weebo include opinion polls, where comrades get to share their opinions on matters covering a wide range of topics, comrade of the month competitions in which comrades vote for their fellow comrades and the one with the highest votes at the end of the month gets a weebo gift hamper as a token of appreciation for having been a good comrade and friend.

Weebo will also assist comrades to keep in touch irrespective of the location even when the school is closed. Old schoolmates are reunited once more since they can just search for their school in our database. Comrades can also share what they see by uploading pictures

onto their profiles and sharing them with their friends.

Coming Soon

Very soon, comrades will get to post their thoughts and ideas onto their profiles thus talking to the whole student community and beyond on a single platform. Also, organizations such as clubs, societies and associations will get their private pages where they can keep track of all their members and communicate effectively with them on the daily developments of the same.

The Team

Weebo was founded by two 2nd year comrades, Edward Karanja and Dickson Murage who identified the need for having more connectivity among the comrades of KU and took upon themselves to make it a reality. Technical details and website administration in handled by Edward while marketing and promotion falls under the domain of Dickson.

Weebo team looks forward to a pleasant working experience with all comrades and appreciate all their support.

APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Susan Okeri

Has been appointed acting Chairman, Department of Econometrics and Statistics. She will be in charge of Administration as well as academic programmes in the department.



Dr. Vincet Onywera

Has been appointed the Co-ordinator of the University Website.



Sports Briefs

The 2nd Edition of the Inter Campus Challenge took place at the main campus on 20th September 2008 where KU campuses sized each other in various disciplines. It was a beehive of activities as students mingled, and interacted in the spirit of sportsmanship and recreation. Competition was virtually in all disciplines, mainly the ball games. Mombasa brought 2 basketball teams (m&w) and one soccer (m) team. Parklands campus brought teams in basketball, table tennis, swimming, soccer, chess, scrabble, badminton, rugby, tennis & volleyball. Ruiru campus presented table tennis, volleyball, soccer, badminton, tennis, swimming and scrabble. basketball was notably absent. Results flowing in are that the main campus won all the major trophies including table tennis, soccer, volleyball, rugby, badminton, and board games. Mombasa campus soccer team surprised many by beating Ruiru and Parklands to claim the second position. Their basketball team, which

will definitely be a force to reckon with, lost to Parklands and main campus teams. Ruiru campus, who have a wonderful volleyball team, gave main campus a run for their money. In total there were over 350 participants.

BASKET BALL

Pirate Beat Strathmore and USIU

Kenyatta University men Basketball team harvested valuable points on 14th and 20th of September when they beat Archrivals USIU and Strathmore. Dubbed the Thika road derby,



perhaps the 81-64 drubbing of USIU told it all. Strathmore, who were controversially awarded the 1st leg match after losing to KU had nothing to say after the 2nd leg game where they were hammered 75-56: Griffin Ligare who scored a combined total of 59 points in the two games is leading the highest scores list with 225 points to his credit. Edwin Muthusi, Phil Dinga, James Omues and Martin Obure have positioned the **Pirates** team in a possible play offs opportunity. Ironically the **Pirates** lost to ICC and KCB respectively but appear to have won the hearts of many fans.

Oryx fail to win in NBA League

Oryx, KU Ladies Basketball team played impressively but failed to win a single game on 20th and 21st September. Buoyed by the come back of Capt Shiko the ladies had an opportunity to beat 2 time league champs **Predators**, but blew it away on a 52-56, score line. **Mennonites** also beat **Oryx** 45-26 in a game of missed opportunities. The team however has a chance to win a game where they meet K. Poly and Hope Center in the coming weekend.