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## VARSIITY IMAGES

*Right: Vice-Chancellor addressing the pioneer 1st year students at the newly inaugurated College of Education - Kikuyu. The principal of the college, Prof. Karani (left), looks on.*

*Bottom left: Flashback: Sukuti dancers entertaining the congregation during the 1972 Graduation Ceremony.*

*Bottom right: Mean Machine players in action recently at the University grounds watched by among others the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, His Excellency President Daniel Arap Moi.*

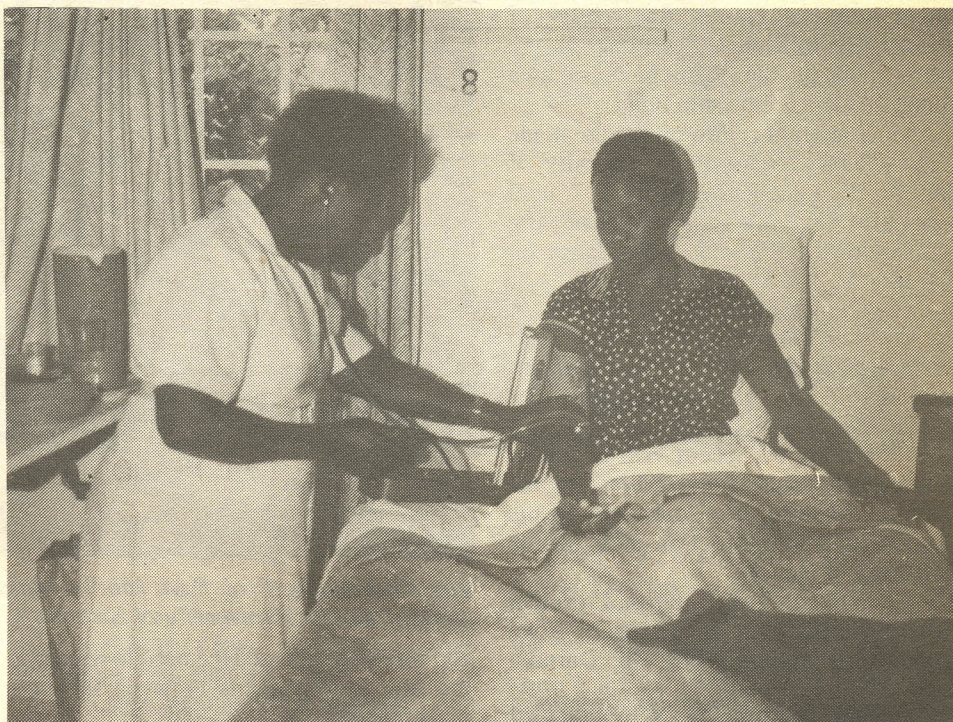


# HEALTH: VICE-CHANCELLOR ASSURES STUDENTS AND STAFF

The University of Nairobi spends about KShs.13 million annually to provide health services to Members of Staff and Students. Talking to *Varsity Focus* the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.M. Mbithi, said due to in-house medical services, very little time is wasted by members of staff and students seeking treatment from outside the University.

Currently, the university runs two separate staff clinics for senior and junior members of staff. In addition, the University operates a maternal and child health care clinic which provide family planning services to the university community.

For student health services, the university operates a sick-bay and a chain of student health clinics, one in each of its seven campuses. The sick-bay and the clinics are run by qualified doctors, clinical officers, registered nurses supported by administrative staff.



*Sick-bay: A student patient under medical expert surveillance.*

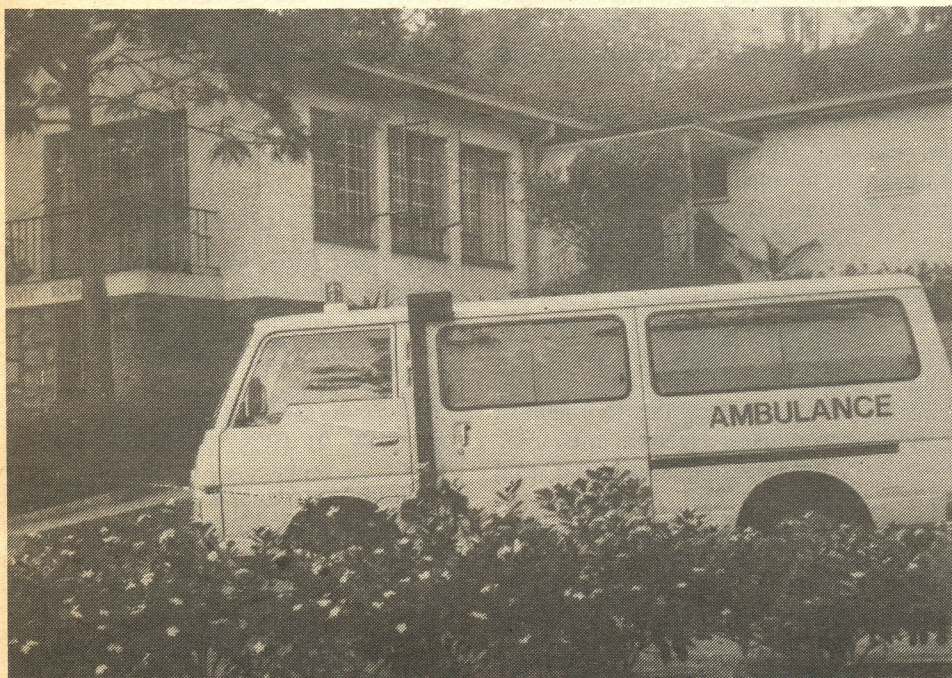
To strengthen and consolidate its medical services, the university set up a Sick-Bay in 1987. Previously, sick students were admitted at Hospitals

within the city. This practice interrupted students' academic performance and in certain cases jeopardised their future in the university. In most cases the university could not keep track of the students' medical records since they were handled by non-university medical personnel. This made it very difficult for the administration to match such students' medical history with their academic requirements.

"With the inauguration of the sick-bay" says Prof. Mbithi "it is now easy to match a student's medical record with his/her academic requirements, thus overcoming risks of discontinuation".

The Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kibe Githahu told *Varsity Focus* that the sick-bay has averted a major danger of an epidemic outbreak among students in the halls of residence. He said students with infectious diseases can now be admitted at the sick-bay and put under medical expert surveillance.

The sanatorium, which first opened its doors on March 29, 1987 has been operating non-stop since then. It has a capacity of twelve beds. The bed occupancy rate ranges between two and eight. At the moment, says Githahu, "the twelve bed capacity 'seem pretty adequate'".



*Emergency? An ambulance "keeps a vigil eye" outside the sick-bay ready for action.*

# JAPANESE FOUNDATION AIDS VARSITY

The Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation has granted University of Nairobi one million U.S. dollars as the endowment of the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund.

The grant follows a pledge made to the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, His Excellency President Daniel arap Moi by the chairman of the foundation Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa on February 25, 1989.

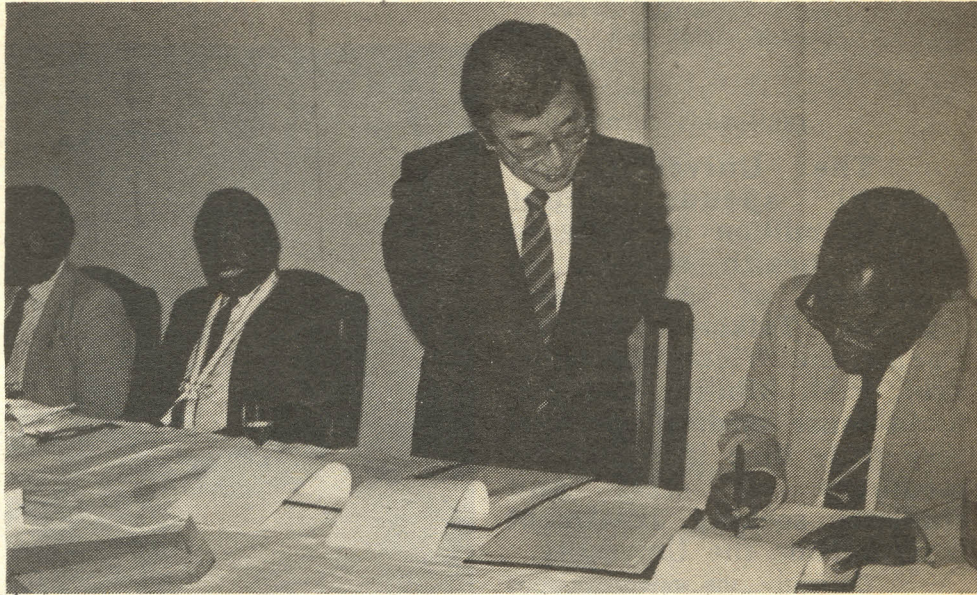
The Foundation supports 25 universities worldwide and Nairobi University is the first in Africa to be singled out by the foundation for assistance.

During his recent visit to Japan, to attend the state funeral of Emperor Hirohito, President Moi took time off his busy schedule to transact business for the University of Nairobi

While in Tokyo, Japan, President Moi held talks with the leader of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), Mr. Daisaku Ikeda. Soka Gakkai is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded in 1930 in Japan to promote world peace, the development of an international culture and education.

It runs Soka University in Japan with which Nairobi University established exchange programme in May last year. Soka University is the first Japanese University with which Nairobi University has established an exchange programme.

During the talks, President Moi



*Vice-chancellor, Prof. P.M. Mbithi signs the agreement linking Soka University (Japan) and the University of Nairobi.*

and Mr. Ikeda stressed the need to reinforce the link arrangements between the two universities.

They expressed satisfaction with the progress made since the link was established and said the exchange between the two universities are being conducted smoothly. They added that the exchange programme offers "a bridge of hope connecting Kenya and Japan".

Since the signing of the exchange programme, the SGI has donated more than 1000 English textbooks to the

University Library valued at U.S. dollars 110,000. Soka University also dispatched two visiting lecturers, one to the School of Journalism and the other to the Literature Department. The two Universities are expected to start a student exchange programme at the beginning of the next academic year.

Nairobi University Press in collaboration with Seikyo Press is publishing the Swahili version of president Ikeda's Book - *Life an Enigma, a Precious Jewel*.

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Most students admitted usually have minor ailments and are often treated and discharged sometimes within two days of admission.

The sick-bay is open 24 hours daily including weekends and public holidays. In order to ease congestion, the sick-bay handles only in-patients cases during the day.

Out-patients are treated at the general student health clinics in all the campuses. At night, the sick-bay operates as a general clinic for both students and staff members.

A cross section of students interviewed by *Varsity Focus* praised the medical staff for their good services and hoped the standards will be maintained. They particularly singled out the general cleanliness of the sick-bay and described it

as 'homely', thanks to personalised attention by the medical staff and available social facilities

The University also operates a small laboratory to meet its basic laboratory requirements such as blood and urine screening. Prof. Mbithi disclosed to *Varsity Focus* that major plans are underway to modernise and expand existing laboratory facilities to enable it conduct more advanced medical tests.

"The expansion programme" said Prof. Mbithi, "will include the installation of surgical equipment". This would enable the university conduct "fairly advanced surgical operations". The surgical equipment are already bought just awaiting installation.

Prof. Mbithi assured university students and staff that the administration will constantly explore new possibilities of improving health services.

## APOLOGY

*In our last issue, we made an error in publishing the results of the Inter University Essay Competition showing First Prize Nairobi, 2nd Prize Tanzania and 3rd Prize Uganda.*

*The correct results were:*

*1st Prize Nairobi University: J.O.B. Akora*

*1st Runner-up Makerere: Peter Angwa*

*2nd Runner-up Makerere: Jan Tibamwenda*

*No Tanzanian participated in the competition.*

*We regret any inconveniences caused to our readers.*

## STUDENTS TO RECEIVE PRIZES

A leading accountancy firm, Price Waterhouse, has donated a trophy and a cash prize of KShs. 5,000 to the faculty of commerce to be given to the best MBA1 student.

The prize will be awarded annually and the trophy, with the name of the winner inscribed on it, will be kept in the Deans Office.

The Dean of the Faculty of Commerce Mr. H.H. Kimura thanked Price Waterhouse for the positive gesture and said it would "motivate students in pursuing academic excellence".

The most coveted prize in the faculty is the East African Industries outstanding scholar Award, which carries a cash prize of KShs. 10,000. East African Industries, a local subsidiary of Unilever, also offers two prizes to students studying Business Administration each worth KShs. 5,000/-.

Other general prizes in the faculty include: Gandhi Smarak prize (KShs. 3,000) to the best final year student; Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industries award (KShs. 1,000/-).

Prizes awarded to students in specific areas of commerce include: KASNEB outstanding Accounting student award (KShs. 5,000/-).

The institute of certified Public Accountants has two prizes for the best final year student in auditing worth KShs. 2,000/- and KShs. 1,000/- respectively. The Kassim Lakha Abdulla and Co. Tax



*Vice-chancellor Prof. Mbithi presiding over prize-giving ceremony in 1987.*

prize is awarded to the best third year student in taxation paper.

For insurance students, the Kenya Re-Insurance Corporation prize (KShs. 1,000/-) may prove rewarding after gruelling academic year.

The National cash Register prize (KShs. 2,000/-); and the Asian Community Academic Award (KShs. 2,500/-) are limited only to second year students who excel in accounting and other disciplines.

For the freshers, an excellent performance in first years exams may be a worthwhile start of a three year course,

thanks to the Asian Commercial Community Academic Award (KShs. 2,500/-) for the top three students and Dr. A.C.L. De'Souza prize annually given to the best first year student.

Prof. Kimura has appealed to other firms to emulate the example shown by these companies in motivating students to excel in their various disciplines.

He thanked the donors of these prizes for their generous donations and said it would stimulate students in their quest for academic excellence.

## STUDENT WINS BRITISH AWARD

Mr. Paul King'uru, a third year Philosophy student, in the faculty of Arts, has been awarded the 1989 Rhodes scholarship for Kenya. He is expected to join the University of Oxford in October, 1989 to pursue a Master of Arts degree.

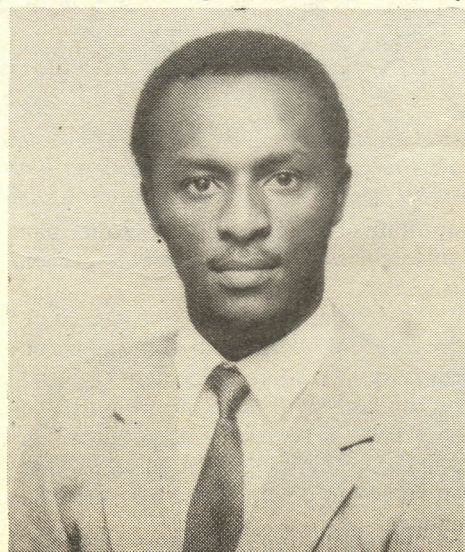
Rhodes scholarship is tenable only at the University of Oxford. The Rhodes scholarship for Kenya is open only to Kenya citizens aged 19 - 25 years.

Proven intellectual and academic quality of a high standard is the first quality required of candidates for the Award. Besides, successful candidates must show "integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings and the ability to lead.

Mr. J.D.M. Silvester, secretary of the Rhodes scholarship selection committee for Kenya told *Varsity Focus*, that Mr. King'uru has demonstrated his wish to "esteem the performance of

public duties as his highest aim".

Mr. King'uru has been closely



*Paul King'uru: Rhodes Scholar*

involved with the Jacaranda workshop for mentally handicapped adults, working as Assistant Director for two years. He has also been instrumental in setting up the Nairobi University Philosophical Society (NUPHIS) of which he is the first chairman.

Born in South Nyanza District on February, 15, 1967, Mr. King'uru received his earlier education at Lenana High School. He joined Nairobi University in 1986 for a B.A degree course which he is due to complete this academic year.

His interests include: the performing Arts; Fine Art; Sports and Social work.

The Rhodes scholarship will provide him with all the necessary finance, including a return air fair and Sterling Pounds 4,000 stipend a year.

After leaving Oxford, Mr. King'uru intends to return to Kenya and pursue a career that would best suit his qualifications

## LAW FACULTY GETS NEW DEAN

Mr. Emilius Ndiritu was on February, 10th elected the dean of the Faculty of Law at Parklands campus following the resignation of Mr. George K. Rukwaro three days earlier.

Mr. Ndiritu was until his election, the Chairman of the department of Commercial Law. He was instrumental in setting up two courses in the faculty; Banking Law for B.Com. II and LL.B. II students and Business Law for first year B.Com. students.

He is an experienced administrator, having served in responsible positions both in the University and outside. He was editor of the Kenya High Court Digest for one year (1973) and served as returning officer for Student Organization of Nairobi



Mr. Ndiritu: New Dean

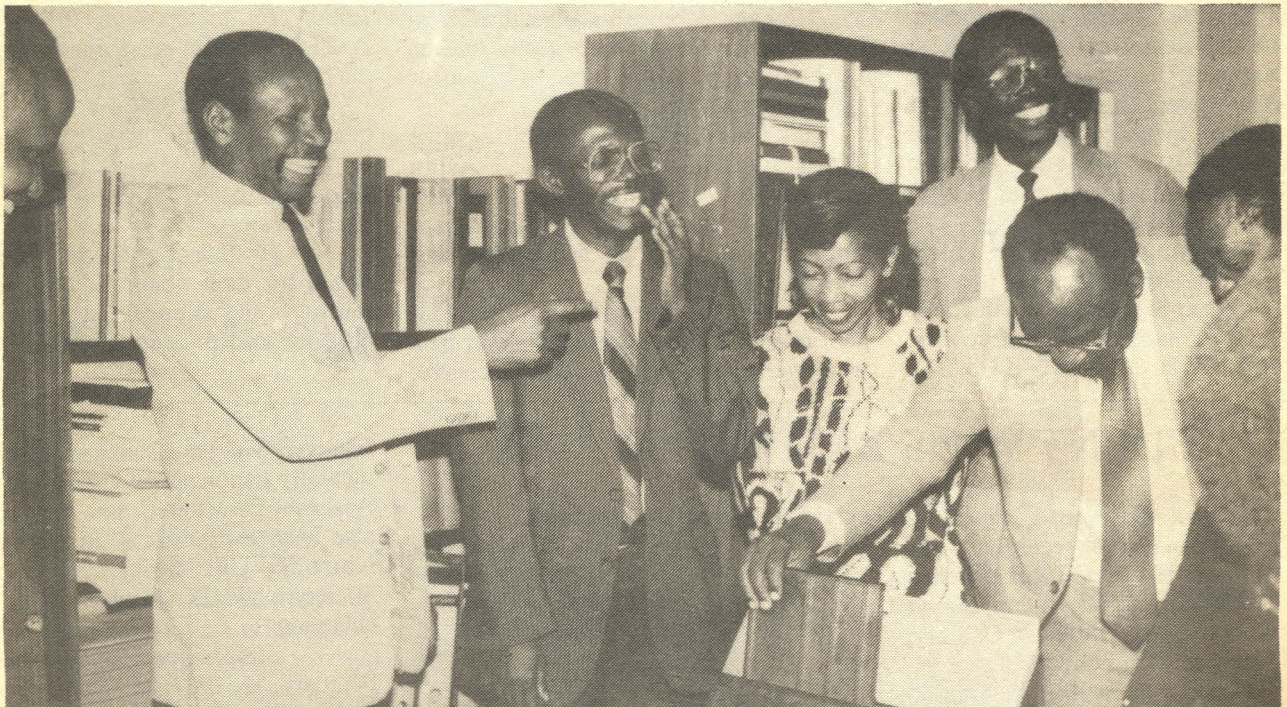
University (SONU) elections before the Union was deregistered in 1987.

Mr. Ndiritu was a student of Nyeri High School and Strathmore College, before going to the University of Dar-es-Salaam where he received his LL.B Degree. He pursued postgraduate studies at Columbia University U.S.A. where he received LL.M. Degree award in 1969.

He taught as Lecturer at the Kenya School of Law in 1968 and served as assistant Lecturer for one year (1969) at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, teaching company law and partnership law. He joined the faculty of law at the University of Nairobi Lecturer in 1970 before being promoted to Senior Lectureship in 1977.

He has seven publications to his credit.

## AMERICAN EMBASSY AIDS FACULTY



Prof. Mutungi (left) during the presentation of a photo-copier by American Embassy to the Faculty of Arts. Dr. Olewe - Nyunya (second left), Chairman Department of Government looks on.

The Principal of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. O.K. Mutungi, has thanked the American Embassy for its continuous assistance to his college. Speaking during the presentation ceremony of a photocopier worth KShs.90,000 Prof. Mutungi said the college is looking for space to store specialised reading American Materials which have been donated by American Organisations to the University.

The Principal said the College

maintains 14 links with American Universities which the University is keen to sustain.

Speaking during the occasion, the Cultural Attache in the American Embassy, Mr. Mike Seidenstricker, said his Embassy will continue to assist the University of Nairobi to acquire reading materials. He pledged to assist the University to obtain books by American authors.

Mr. Seidenstricker said the

Embassy in conjunction with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is willing to explore other areas of co-operation such as funding short visits of curriculum development experts.

Present during the presentation were Dr. Olewe-Nyunya, Chairman, Department of Government, Dr. Maria-Nzomo, Lecturer, Department of Government, Prof. Walter Oyugi of Government Department, and Mr. Peter Ndoria of American Embassy.

# WARDEN BUILDS COMMUNAL SPIRIT AMONG STUDENTS

"It is the warden's responsibility to cultivate a sense of belonging and communal spirit among students residing in his hall", says Harold de Souza, the Warden of Hall 3.

Since taking over as warden of Rogers hall, popularly known by students as hall 3, Mr. de Souza has been instrumental in helping the students cultivate team spirit in their social interactions.

In the process, individualism and isolationism, common in other halls and characteristic of modern urban life, has been contained. Students in this hall at least know one another by name, thanks to the regular group social activities.

Mr. de Souza told *'varsity Focus'* "Our aim as warden's should be to assist students spend their free time in socially rewarding activities".

Most students regard him as the inspiration behind their group activities. He occasionally takes meals with them, goes out on excursions with different groups. This gives him the opportunity to informally interact with students and understand their problems much better.

But de Souza has been cautious in involving himself in much of the organization of these activities. Instead, the students committee, headed by Mr. Maina Kinguru organizes all the social activities.

The committee is composed of floor representatives and has an executive body which approves and implements the proposals and requests made by members.

The officials are:-

Mr. William Kori (Assistant Chairman),  
Mr. Peter Macharia (Secretary),  
Mr. Mwaura Njoroge (Assistant Secretary)  
and Mr. Dikir Patrick (Treasurer).

Since its formation, the committee has dealt with problems like repairs of broken down facilities.

But the most important contribution of the committee has been the organization of tours around the countryside. Students have visited Suswa Ologaseilie, Magadi, Kilimambogo Kiambere, Wundanyi, Mombasa.

Such trips enables students to know their country better and appreciate its beauty and challenges. While on the trips, students occasionally find time to engage in nationally beneficial activities like soil conservation.



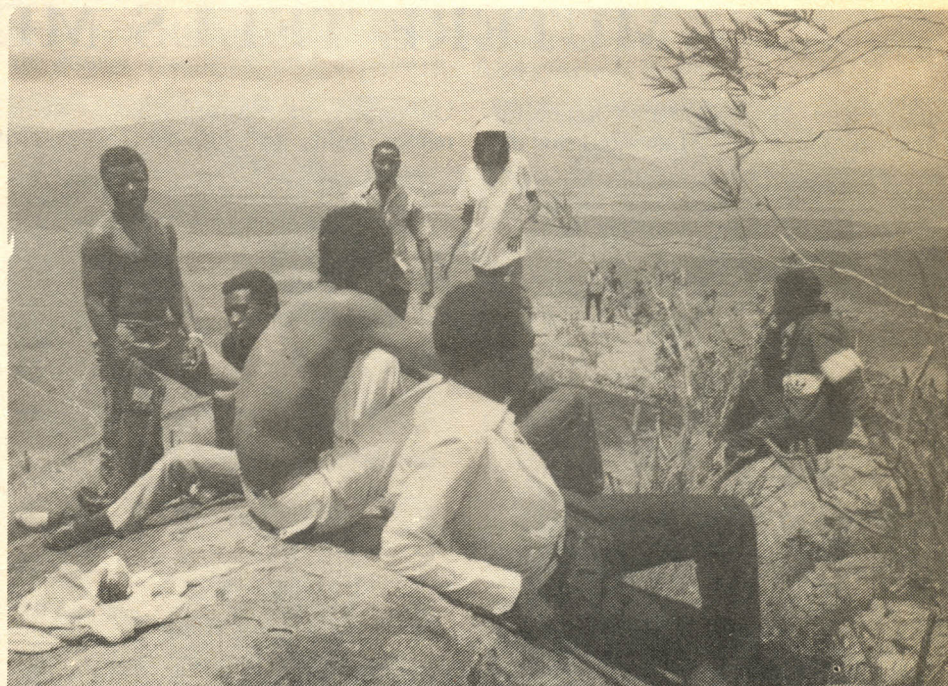
*"Team Spirit". Hall members pose for a photo during their last party held at the Halls T.V. Room.*

The trips are normally covered by video cameras and later shown to members. The Vice-Chancellor who recently saw a video tape of one of their trips, told *'varsity focus'* "I saw a video film of their field trip to Taita Taveta. The students appear to have formed a new dimension to life in the halls. I was very envious".

The committee also organizes

indoor games and is looking forward to starting more intellectually oriented activities in future. Such as showing educational videos, films and discussions.

One of the Janitors expressed satisfaction with the student's team spirit saying it makes their (Janitor's) appreciate our presence, they look upon us as part of their community, this makes us happy and we work together."



*Know your country? Members visit Sagale Hills, Taita Taveta District.*

## WILDLIFE SOCIETY BOOSTS CONGRESS KITTY

The East African Wildlife Society through its Executive Director Mr. Nehemia arap Rotich recently donated Shs.30,000/- to assist Nairobi University Agriculture Students (NUASA) host the 32nd conference of the International Association of Agriculture Students in June.

The conference is expected to cost N.U.A.S.A. about Shs.1.4 million to organise, according to Mr. Churchill Amotho, the congress co-ordinator.

Receiving the cheque in his office, Prof. Oduor Okello the Principal of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Science praised the Wildlife Society for its

role in protecting and conserving Kenya's Wildlife and Environment."

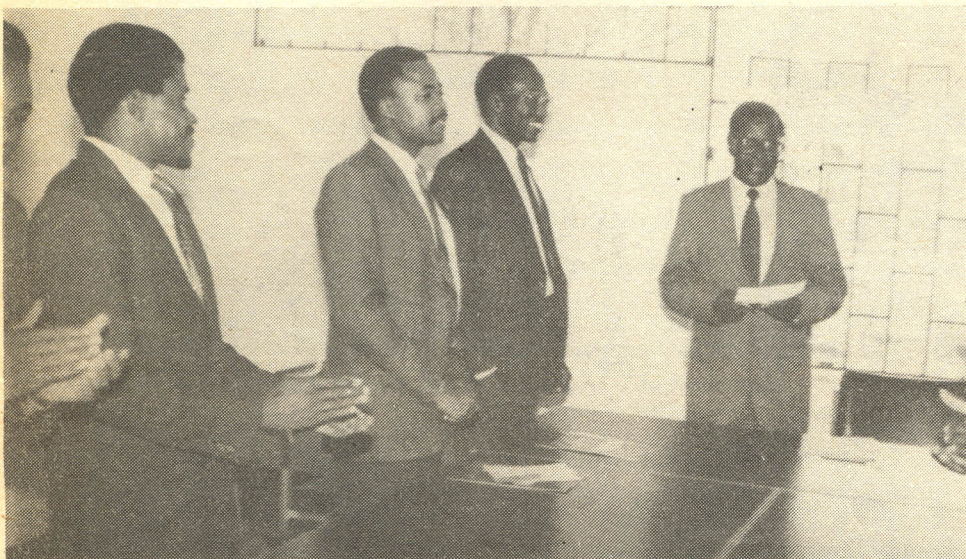
Mr. Rotich said his society was proud to be associated with the 32nd International Association of Agriculture Students Congress.

He hoped the congress would address itself to the Agriculture-Wildlife interface issues. He formally requested some sessions to be set aside for the purpose.

Mr. Rotich urged delegates to the congress to come up with solutions and recommendations which are "relevant to our situation". He said "the scientific and technical committee of the East African Wildlife Society will ensure that trips by delegates to Wildlife conservation areas are educative".

Mr. Amotho, the Congress Co-ordinator, speaking on behalf of Nairobi University Agriculture Students, thanked the Wildlife Society and other donors for financially boosting their capacity to host the congress.

The other organisations which have donated in cash and kind include: the Kenya Power and Lighting (Shs.10,000/-), Kenya Posts and Telecommunications (Shs.5,000/-), United Millers of Kisumu (Shs.2,000/-), Tetra Pak (Shs.1,500/-) and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) which have donated materials worth Shs.2,000/-.



*Prof. Oduor-Okello receives a cheque of Kshs. 30,000 from East African Wildlife Society in aid of Students' Congress.*

## WE HAVE A DUTY TO THE NATION - MUTERE TELLS MEDICS

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. F.A. Mutere has said the University of Nairobi "has a social responsibility to upgrade the level of

medical skills in the county.

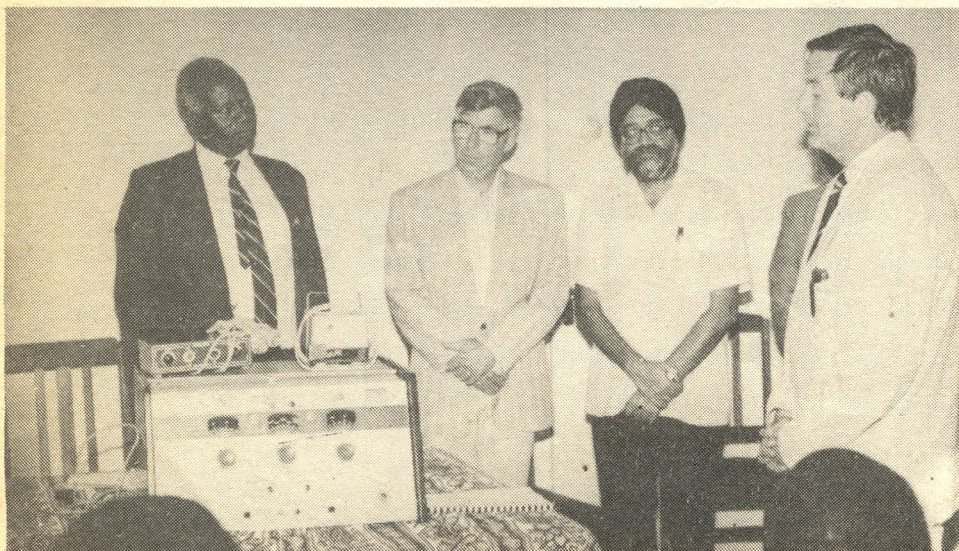
Speaking during the presentation of medical equipment to the University of Nairobi by 'Operation Ear Drop' of Holland on March 10, 1989, Prof. Mutere said, the Medical Personnel must constantly update their skills to "cope with the ever changing disease phenomenon".

He thanked 'operation Ear Drop' for their continual assistance to the Department of Surgery.

The organisation donated medical equipment including a clinical audiometer and a surgical drilling machine.

He said the equipment will "enrich our Master of Medicine, Ear, Nose and throat (E.N.T.) programme".

Last year operation ear drop bought equipment worth one million shillings for an E.N.T. course, which they donated to the Department of Surgery at the end of the course.



*Prof. Mutere, D.V.C. (Academic), attentively listening to a speech by one of 'Operation Ear Drop' Professors.*



RESEARCH  
ABSTRACT

COLLEGE TO ORGANISE MILLET AND  
SORGHUM PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

DEMOGRAPHY AND  
ECONOMY IN A RURAL  
COMMUNITY

Miroslava Prazak

This paper is a report of on-going research which examines the demography and the economy of a Kuria location and draws out the relationship between the two. It represents the first step of a detailed ethnographic study of the cultural expressions of social and economic differentiation whose twofold objective is to 1) demonstrate the factors and processes of differentiation, and 2) to examine how unequal situations are reproduced and legitimated through key institutions, ideologies, and cultural typifications providing the framework by which people explain and understand their situation and the events of their lives.

An examination of the demographic structure shows an increasingly young population made up of mainly children. This is both a result of the cumulative effects of high population growth and of the increasing practice of polygamy and *omoka mona* marriage. These factors also contribute to the high incidence of homesteads without male heads, and a very high ratio of dependents to productive members. For analytical purposes, the sample homesteads have been divided according to the stage within the development cycle that they have reached, and this information has been used to set up a comparison with their economic standing.

In investigating the economy, we see that though agriculture remains the main source of cash income, off-farm income from occupations and jobs is of key importance to the economy. We also see that the homesteads in the latest stages of development depend mostly on farming. The reverse is true when it comes to occupational and business income. Having the highest income, both per homestead and per capita are the homes within the penultimate stage of development, which rely both on agricultural and off-farm sources of income.

The College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences will conduct a National Workshop on Sorghum and Millet food system in Kenya between April 10 -12 1989. The Theme of the workshop will be "towards increased sorghum and millet production in Kenya".

The co-ordinator of the workshop Dr. B.N. Mitaru, briefing the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Philip M. Mbithi on the preparations and purpose of the workshop, said the participants will examine "the Sorghum and Millet food system in Kenya".

Participants are expected to come up with recommendations on how to increase the contribution of sorghum and millet to the goal of national food self-sufficiency.

The Minister for Agriculture Hon. Elijah Mwangale will open the workshop. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Philip Mbithi is expected to deliver a closing speech to the participants

Prof. Mbithi told the organisers of the workshop that the theme is "crucial if the country is to be self-sufficient in food production".

The traditional use of sorghum and millet for human food (ugali and uji) has been surpassed by white maize flour and other cereals which do better in high potential land. Maize by-products are the main animal resources used in Kenya

Animal feeds industry.

This has increased competition between human food and animal feed. The Vice-Chancellor said there is urgent need to de-emphasise this competition and called on researchers to explore possibilities of using alternative animal feed resources considering that maize is the most popular staple food for the people of Kenya.

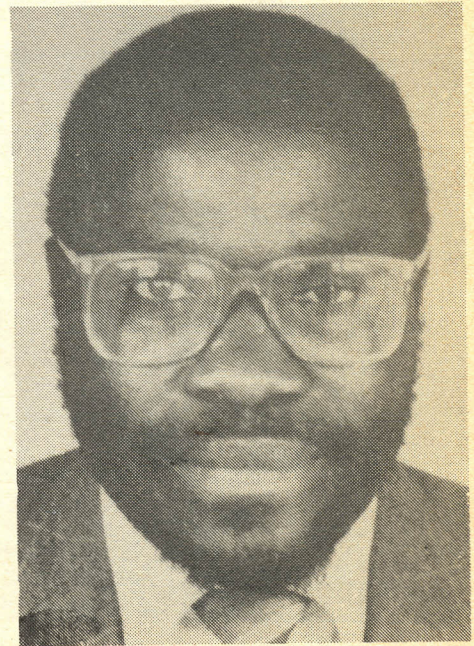
He particularly stressed the need to experiment with the application of sorghum and millet in the animal feeds industry. He said if successful such a venture would spur increased agricultural productivity in peripheral (marginal) lands.

Prof. Mbithi said commercialization of the traditional crops grown in marginal areas would lay a foundation for Agro-based Industries in these areas and hence increase productivity. "If we can increase productivity in marginal areas to at least 60% of the high potential regions", said Prof. Mbithi, "then we will avert the danger of increasing the gap between the rural poor and the rural rich".

The workshop will be attended by participants (mainly Kenyans) from National Research Institutions, relevant Government Ministries, the National Cereals and Produce Board (INCPB). Agro-based industries and representatives of some international organisations and agencies involved in sorghum and millet food system in Kenya.



Prof. Mbithi: Briefed



Dr. Mitaru: Co-ordinator

## VARSITY SECRETARIES TO GO HI-TECH.

Secretarial services at the University are rapidly being computerised to improve efficiency and cope with the modern secretarial trends. A survey conducted by *Varsity focus* showed that already, most of the top university offices have been installed with secretarial micro-computers. The most common computers used are Neptune and Macintosh which can be used to type and edit any kind of text with minimal attention from the secretary.

The current issue of the *Varsity Focus* was typeset and printed using macintosh SE laser printer, camera ready for final printing.

The three secretaries, Angelline Thyaka, Grace Waweru, Elizabeth Sagala who handled the first typesetting of the current issue of *Varsity Focus* had to be given two weeks induction course by Mr. J.K. Mbugua, secretary, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology during this period, says Mrs. Angelline P.M. Thyaka, a secretary at the University Press, "I can now typeset and arrange in the correct column size, the text, in addition to setting the correct headlines and doing the necessary editing."

"It was difficult at the beginning, but now I have mastered the art and it is much easier but challenging and taxing" adds the soft spoken Angelline. In future all the typesetting work of *Varsity Focus* will be done using the computers".



*Going High-Tech? Varsity secretaries listen attentively during a computer training programme at Chiromo Campus.*

Mr. Awori wa Kataka, a Senior Assistant Registrar, Recruitment and training, told *Varsity Focus* that plans are underway to train the entire secretarial staff how to handle the new facilities.

He said the University has organised a computer training programme at Chiromo's Institute of Computer Science. The training has so far benefited about 20 secretaries. He said the University will soon make the computer course a mandatory requirement for secretaries wishing to get employment with the University.

The computers readily detected and corrected spellings from a large dictionary disk. They have in-built calculators with the usual mathematical operations. They also have trigonometric functions. The machines can electronically save typed texts in a file disk. These, unlike the conventional typewriters, maintain a high degree of secrecy crucial in any organisation.

Across section of secretarial staff interviewed by *varsity focus* hailed the decision by the University authorities to acquire the micro-computers, saying it will make their work easier, efficient and comfortable. The computers were first

installed at the academic division.

Mrs. Grace Momanyi, a secretary at the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor's (academic) office said the Wordstar recorded the typed text on the screen. "You read your text on the screen and you can re-arrange it as you want, before printing a paper copy on the printer.

She added that she enjoyed using the computer as it reproduces many original copies with the use of a printer component unlike the conventional system of preparing a stencil which has to be manually cyclostyled.

Meanwhile the department of Geography bid farewell to Mrs. Joyce Mwaniki, a Secretary to the Department's Chairman who had served the University for over a decade.

Addressing the Department's staff at a well attended farewell party in his office on February 9, Dr. H.O. Ayiamba, Chairman of Department of Geography praised Mrs. Mwaniki for the exemplary relationship and contact which he said reflects the good image of the department. The Chairman congratulated Mrs. Mwaniki and wished her well in her new appointment.



*Mr. Awori: "mandatory"*

# Public Universities Admission Criteria

Since the introduction of 8-4-4 education system in the Republic, the country's four public Universities have been working on appropriate University admission criteria and curriculum to cope with increased demand for University education while jealously guarding high academic standards.

Each Public University set up its own 8-4-4 management committee to look into the technicalities and modalities of admitting students and the curriculum to be followed in the Universities when the 8-4-4 cycle becomes complete in 1990.

The Committees are led by a chairman appointed by each Vice-Chancellor. Because of similarities in the courses offered by the four Public Universities, there was a need to harmonise both the admission criteria and curriculum set out by the management committees of individual Public Universities.

This would also act as a check against any possible lowering of academic standards or setting unrealistic conditions for admission into any public universities. Consequently, a joint 8-4-4 management committees of the four public universities was formed.



Prof. Mbithi: "high standards"

The committee is currently led by the chairman of Nairobi University 8-4-4 committee, Prof. F.N. Onyango. Other members include: Prof. E.M. Standa of Moi University; Prof. R.J. Njoroge of Kenyatta University and Dr. G.K. Motelin of Egerton University. The joint 8-4-4 management committee reports to the Vice-Chancellor's committee. The Vice-Chancellors meetings have been held six (6) times during which recommendations from the overall public Universities' 8-4-4 Management Committee's have been discussed thoroughly.

During the sixth such meeting,

held on January, 17, 1989 in Jogoo House and chaired by the Minister for Education, the overall 8-4-4 management committee presented its final findings and recommendations on the University admission criteria for the public Universities.

Prof. Onyango told *Varsity Focus*, that the recommendations which were finally approved and passed at the meeting "are not conclusive and may be reviewed from time to time when the need arises".



Prof. Onyango: 8-4-4 Co-ordinator

The following were recommendations of 6th Vice-Chancellors meeting on 8-4-4 University admission criteria:

## GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

In order to be considered for admission into any degree programme, candidates must:

a) Attain at one sitting a minimum average grade of B-(B minus) in the best ten (10) subjects, including the five (5)

compulsory ones in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E), or offer equivalent qualification; and

b) Also fulfil Faculty requirements for which they seek admission.

## FACULTY ADMISSION CRITERIA

### A. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (UON AND EGERTON)

#### i) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.Sc. Agriculture)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at the minimum

grades indicated below:

Biology B- of Biological Sciences B  
Chemistry B- or Physical Sciences B  
Mathematics B-

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage

#### (ii) Bachelor of Science (food Science and Technology)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E. at the minimum grades as shown below:

Biology B- or Biological Sciences B  
Chemistry B- or Physical Sciences B  
Mathematics B- or Physics B-

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage.

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## iii) Bachelor of Science (Range Management)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E. at the minimum grades indicated below:

Biology B- or Biological Sciences B

Chemistry B- or  
Physical Sciences B  
Mathematics B-

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage.

## iv) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Horticulture)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E. at the minimum grades indicated below:

Biology B- or Biological Sciences B Chemistry B- or Physical Sciences B Mathematics B-

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage.

## v) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Animal Production)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at the minimum grades indicated below:

Biology B- or Biological Sciences B  
chemistry B- or Physical Sciences B  
Mathematics B-

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage

## vi) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Agriculture and Home Economics- (Egerton)

As for B.Sc. Agriculture. (University of Nairobi)

## vii) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Agricultural Engineering (Egerton)

As for B.Sc. Agricultural Engineering under Faculty of Engineering (UON).

## viii) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Forestry)

Candidates must meet the minimum University General admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E. at a minimum grade of B- (B minus) in the following categories of subjects:

Mathematics  
Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Mathematics  
Biological  
Sciences  
Physical  
Sciences

OR

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage.

## ix) Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E. at a minimum grade of B-(B minus) in the following categories of subjects:

Mathematics  
Biology

Chemistry

Physics

OR

Mathematics  
Biological  
Sciences  
Physical  
Sciences

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage.

## x) Bachelor of Science (Wood Science & Technology)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at a minimum grade of B-(B minus) in the following categories of subjects:

Mathematics  
Biology

Physics

Chemistry

OR

Mathematics  
Biological  
Sciences  
Physical  
Sciences

## xi) Bachelor of Science (Fisheries)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed K.C.S.E at a minimum grade of B- (B minus) in the following categories of subjects:-

Mathematics  
Biology

Chemistry  
Physics

OR

Mathematics  
Biological  
Sciences  
Physical  
Science

Candidates offering Agriculture will have an added advantage.

## B. FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (UON)

### i) Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission

Candidates must have passed K.C.S.E. with a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in:

- English
- History and Government
- Mathematics
- Physical or Physical Sciences

In addition, candidates must offer a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in any one of the following:

- Art and Design
- Building Construction
- Drawing and Design
- Geography

## ii) Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Design)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed K.C.S.E. with a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in:

- English and either:
- Art and Design or
- Building Construction or
- Drawing and Design or
- Metalwork or
- Woodwork or
- Home Science

## iii) Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Design)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E with a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Physics of Physical Science

In addition, candidates must offer a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in any of the following:

- Building Construction
- Geography
- Economics

## iv) Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Land Economics)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed K.C.S.E. with a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in either

- Geography of Agriculture or
- Building Construction

## C. FACULTY OF ARTS, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (CEES) AND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MOD)

### i) Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E with a minimum grade of B- (B minus) in any three of the following subjects:

- a) English
- b) Mathematics
- c) Economics
- d) Geography
- e) History and Government
- f) Art and Design
- g) C.R.E./I.R.E./Social Education and Ethics
- h) Kiswahili
- i) French
- j) German
- k) Music
- l) Commerce
- m) Accounting
- n) Typing and Office Practice

However, candidates who wish to study Economics and Geography must in addition have passed K.C.S.E. in Mathematics at minimum grade of B-(B minus)

## D. FACULTY OF COMMERCE

### Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have obtained the following grades as a minimum for consideration.

Mathematics	B
English	B

A candidate who in addition to the above conditions has also taken Accounting or Commerce or Economics, and has passed well any have an added advantage.

## E. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

### i) Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) (Arts)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.

Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at the minimum grade of B-(B minus) in any three of the following subjects:

- a) English
- b) Kiswahili
- c) History and Government
- d) Geography
- e) Mathematics
- f) Economics
- g) CRE/IRE/Social Education and Ethics
- h) Commerce
- i) Accounting
- j) French
- k) German
- l) Music
- m) Art and Design
- n) Typing and Office Practice

**ii) Bachelor of Education (Science) (B.Ed. Sc.)**

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E in Mathematics at grade B-(B minus) Candidates must have obtained an average grade of B in the K.C.S.E in any two of the subjects listed below:

- 1(a) Physics
- (b) Chemistry
- (c) Biology
- OR
- 2(a) Physical Science
- (b) Biological Science

**iii) Bachelor of Education (Home Economics)**

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at a minimum grade of B-(B minus) in either of the following categories of subjects:

<b><u>Category A</u></b>	<b><u>Category B</u></b>
Biology	Biological Science
Chemistry	Physical Sciences
Home Science	Home Science

**iv) Bachelor of Education (Physical Education)**

Kenyatta University to provide the Criteria.

**F. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING (UON) & FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY (MOI)**

**i) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Agricultural Engineering**

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at a minimum grade as follows:

<b><u>Alternative A</u></b>	<b><u>Alternative B</u></b>
Mathematics B	Mathematics B
Physics B	Physical Sciences B+
Chemistry B	Biological Sciences B
Biology B	

A candidate offering any one of the following subjects will have an added advantage while a candidate in Alternative B must have a minimum grade B in any of them:

- Agriculture
- Power Mechanics
- Building Construction
- Woodwork
- Drawing and Design
- Electricity
- Economics

**ii) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) (Civil Engineering)**

Candidates must meet the minimum University General admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at a minimum grade as indicated below:

<b><u>Alternative A</u></b>	<b>OR</b>	<b><u>Alternative B</u></b>
Mathematics B		Mathematics B
Physics B		Physical Sciences B+
Chemistry B		

A candidate in Alternative A offering any of the following subjects will have an added advantage while a candidate in Alternative B must have a minimum of grade B in any one of them:

- Agriculture
- Biological Sciences
- Power Mechanics
- building construction
- Woodwork
- Drawing and Design
- Electricity
- Economics
- Metalwork

**iii) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Electrical & Electronics Engineering (UON) & Bachelor of Tech. in Electrical & Communications Technology (MOI)**

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at the minimum grades indicated below:

<b><u>Alternative A</u></b>	<b><u>Alternative B</u></b>
Mathematics B	Mathematics B
Physics B	Physical Sciences B+
Chemistry B	

In addition, a candidate in Alternative A offering any one of the following subjects will have an added advantage while those in Alternative B must have a minimum of grade B in one of them:

- Agriculture
- Biological Sciences
- Power Mechanics
- Building Construction
- Woodwork
- Metalwork
- Drawing and Design
- Electricity
- Economics

**iv) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Mechanical Engineering (UON) and Bachelor of Technology (Production) (MOI)**

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Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at the minimum grades as indicated below:

## Alternative A

Mathematics	B
Physics	B
Chemistry	B

## Alternative B

Mathematics	B
Physical Sciences	B+

In addition, a candidate in Alternative A offering any of the following subjects will have an added advantage while those in Alternative B must have a minimum grade of B in any one of them;

Agriculture  
Biological Sciences  
Power Mechanics  
Building Construction  
Woodwork  
Metalwork  
Drawing and Design  
Electricity  
Economics

## v) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Surveying & Photogrammetry

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at the minimum grade as indicated below:

## Alternative A

Mathematics	B
Physics	B
Geography	B

## Alternative B

Mathematics	B
Physical Sciences	B+
Geography	B

In addition, a candidate offering any of the following subjects will have an added advantage:

Agriculture  
Power Mechanics  
Building Construction  
Woodwork  
Metalwork  
Drawing and Design  
Electricity  
Economics

## G. FACULTY OF LAW Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed K.C.S.E with a minimum grade of B+ (B plus) in English.

## H. FACULTY OF MEDICINE ( M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., B. PHARM)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at a minimum grade as indicated below in either of the following categories of subjects:

## Alternative A

Biology	B
Chemistry	B
Physics	B
Mathematics	B

## Alternative B

Biological Sciences	B+
Physical Sciences	B+
Mathematics	B

## I FACULTY OF SCIENCE

### Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general criteria.

Candidates must have passed Mathematics in K.C.S.E. at a minimum grade of B- (B minus). In addition, a candidate must have passed any two subjects from the following alternatives at the grades shown:

## Alternative A

Chemistry	B-
Biology	B-
Physics	B-
Geography	B-

## Alternative B

Physical Science	B
Biological Sciences	B
Geography	B-

## J. FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (B.V.M.)

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E at a minimum grade as indicated below in either of the following categories:

## Category A

Biology	B
Chemistry	B-
Physical or Mathematics	B-

**Category B**

Biological Sciences            B  
 Physical Sciences            B  
 Mathematics                 B-

**K. INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

**Bachelor of Arts(Anthropology) (B.A.)**

Candidates must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
 Candidates must have passed the K.C.S.E with a minimum of grade B-(B minus) in any three of the following subjects:

English  
 History

Geography  
 Social Education and Ethics  
 or  
 Christian Religious Education or Islamic Religious Education.

**L. FACULTY OF INFIRMATION SCIENCES (MOI)**

**Bachelor of Science (Information Science)**

Children must meet the minimum University general admission criteria.  
 Candidates must have passed K.C.S.E. with a minimum grade of B-(B minus) in both English and Mathematics. In addition candidates must offer a minimum grade of B- in any one of the rest of the subjects taken at the K.C.S.E.

Prof. Onyango stressed that the B-(B minus) grade for the General Admission criteria does not refer to every subject but to an average of the best ten subjects including the five compulsory ones.

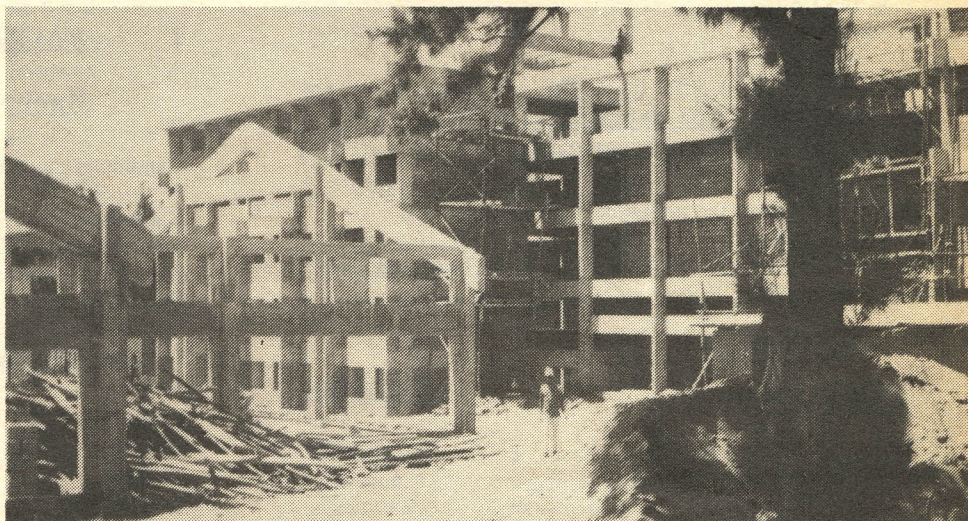
**USAB READY FOR 1990 DOUBLE INTAKE - LUSWETI-**

The 498 capacity twin hostels under construction on Mamlaka Road will be completed by the end of this year. University Student Accommodation Board (USAB) the General Manager Mr. G.A.N. Lusweti told Varsity Focus.

Mr. Lusweti said the twin hostels will be self contained, having a dinning hall and a kitchen.

He said the hostels are composed of double rooms more like those of Hall thirteen. "Though single rooms are the ideal, they are not practical at a time when the board and University are faced with acute shortage accommodation". he said.

He said the design of the KShs. 6 million complex is different from other halls. The designers have moved away from flat roofs to parched roofs.



*One of the new hostels under construction along Mamlaka Road.*

Parched roofs are easier to maintain and do not pose a great leakage problems like flat roofs. Consequently, "the new complex will have tiled roofs which will also enhance its beauty" he said.

The plan of the new complex was developed by members of staff of the faculty of Architecture, Design and Development(A.D.D). The faculty is also doing the architecture consultancy work through messers Pami Ravi and Mbaya.

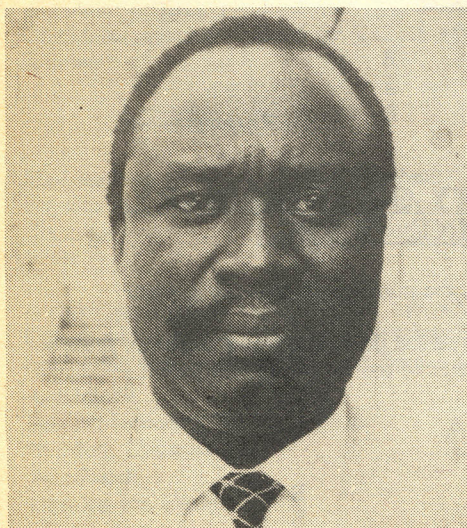
Asked about the fate of the ten prefabricated units after new complex is completed, Mr. Lusweti said they will remain. He said the demand for accommodation is high and thus all available shelter will be utilized. "Prefabricated units are in good shape and

U.S.A.B. definitely needs them" he said.

Asked about what other accommodation expansion programme the University has, Mr. Lusweti said that information will be contained ion the Vice-Chancellors development plan for the year 1990 and beyond.

However, hostel expansion programmes is a going on concern and the university will "continue to build more modern hostels to accommodate the increasing number of students" he said.

The University General Development plan for 1989/90 indicates major expansion on the new 40 acre site at Kikuyu and Lower Kabete, in addition to completion of the Mamlaka Road Hostel and some modest growth at chiromo Campus.

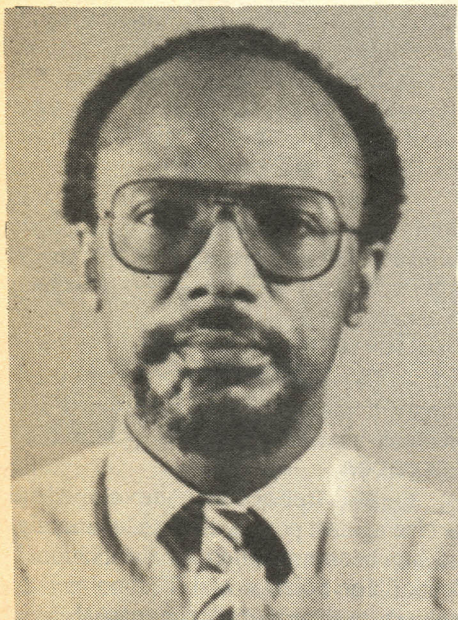


*Lusweti: "we are ready"*



# Professorial Appointments

*Prof. S.S. Yahya Department of Land Development*



### Educational Background

Prof. Yahya, 50, attended S.W. Essex Technical College of School Art, London, College of Estate Management, London, School of Community and Regional Planning, Canada and University of Nairobi where he was awarded Ph.D in 1976.

### Teaching and Supervision Record

Prof. Yahya has been teaching in the Department of Land Development since 1968 when he joined University Service as Lecturer under the Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship. In 1975, he was made an Associate Professor of Land Development. He has successfully supervised several Postgraduate Students in land Economics and town planning.

### Publications

He has authored three books and 46 papers some of which have been published in Peer-Refereed journals

### Current Research

Prof. Yahya has several ongoing research projects in land economics and urban planning.

### National Activities

He is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Canadian Institute of Planners and Institution of Surveyors of Kenya. Prof. Yahya has served as external Examiners and University of Nigeria, Inugu and University of Zambia.

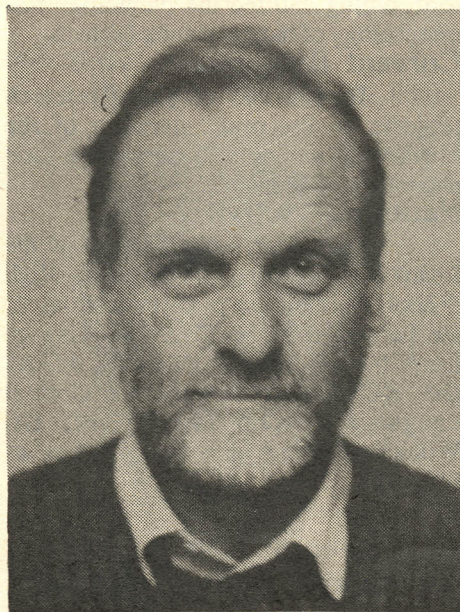
*Prof. A.A. Kielman, Department of food Technology and Nutrition*

### Educational Background:

Prof. Kielmann, 59, holds B.Sc (Chemistry) from Sir George Williams University, Canada and Master of Surgery and Doctor of Medicine (C.M and M.D.) from McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

### Teaching and Supervision Record

He joined University employment as Associate Professor in 1982 under GT2 Technical Assistance Programme. Prior to that, he served as Assistant Professor and Research Associate at School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. Prof. Kielmann was instrumental in the development of a Postgraduate Programme in Applied Human Nutrition.



### Publications

Prof. Kielmann is a Prolific writer in his field of specialisation and has authored six books and 25 learned papers which have appeared in Peer-refereed scholarly journals.

### Current Research

His ongoing research activities are on

Weaning Practices and Nutritional Status of a Semimadic Population group and cost-effectiveness on reduction of poverty and improvement of Nutrition and Health status through making Zero-grading goats to a rural community in Embu.

### National Activities

Prof. Kielmann is an Associate of United Nations University, Tokyo Japan, Member of the Editorial Committee of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology journal and advisor on Lake Kenyatta Settlement Scheme.

*Prof. Gathuma Department of Public Health*

### Educational Background

Prof. Gathuma, 46, holds B.V.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. obtained from University of Nairobi in 1971, 1974 and 1978. Between 1973 and 1974, he attended graduate course at the University of California, Davis under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation.

### Teaching and Supervision Record

Prof. Gathuma joined University services in 1974 as an Assistant Lecturer and promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1974. In 1979, he rose to the position of Senior Lecturer. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1985, a position he held until he was elevated to full professorship.

Prof. Gathuma has successfully supervised five Ph.D and Msc. candidates and is currently supervising three Ph.D and two M.Sc. candidates. →



## Publications

He has authored 57 learned papers which have appeared in peer-refereed journals and read 19 others in international conferences.

## Current Research

Prof. Gathuma is carrying research in Epidemiology of Zoonoses in Kenya, Epidemiology and Economics of Livestock Disease, Environmental/Food Hygiene and Wildlife diseases and problems.

## National Activities

He has served as consultant in international organisations such as UNEP, AGREF and Hoechst E.A. and is a member of several professional associations in his field of specification.

## Promotions

*Dr. George Gitau Kamau appointed Lecturer Department of Orthopaedic Surgery*

Dr. George Gitau Kamau has been promoted to lecturer. He was until his promotion a tutorial fellow in the department of orthopaedic Surgery.

## Educational Background

Dr. Kamau joined the University of Ibadan, sponsored by the Association of African Universities (1974 - 79) where he attained a degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (M.B.B.S) in 1979.

He joined Nairobi University in 1984 and was awarded a master of medicine degree in 1988.

## Experience

He was a medical officer of Health at Marsabit District Hospital in 1983. He was until his appointment a Tutorial Fellow in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

## National Activities

Dr. Kamau is a member of three professional associations which include the Kenya Medical Association; the Association of Surgeons of East Africa and the Medical Defence Union.

*Dr. Mohammed Bakari appointed Senior Lecturer Department of Linguistics and Africa Languages*

## Educational Background

Dr. Bakari holds a B.A degree (1973) and B.Phil (1975) obtained from Nairobi and York University respectively.

In 1978, Dr. Bakari joined the

University of Nairobi for his M.A and later Ph.D which he was awarded in 1978 and 1982 respectively.

## Teaching and Supervision Record

Dr. Bakari joined Linguistics and African languages department in 1976 as a Tutorial Fellow. Between 1979 and 1980, he served as Assistant Lecturer before being appointed on promotion as lecturer in 1981. He has taught Undergraduate Students General Linguistics and Postgraduate Students Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology.

He has supervised a number of M.A dissertations in Linguistics and Swahili Students since 1978. He is currently supervising two Ph.D students working on Tharaka and Kipokomo Morphologies.

## Publications

He has individually and jointly written 13 highly learned papers some of which have been published in highly respected scholarly journals and some presented in international conferences.

He has one book already published, (morphophonology of Kenyan Swahili Dialects - 1985) and there is one forthcoming entitled the phonology and morphology of the Mijikenda Dialects.

## Current Research

He has two on-going research projects on the oral Literature of the Mijikenda and the morphology and phonology of Kidawida (TAITA).

## National Activities

Dr. Bakari is a member of the Board of Governors, Muslim Girls High School, Nairobi. he is also a member of the Language Survey Team working on *LANGUAGE AND DIALECTS ATLAS OF KENYA* attached to the Coastal Languages Group under Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Mohlig of the University of Cologne.

*Dr. Bebor Lily Caroline, appointed Senior Lecturer Department of Veterinary Pathology*

Dr. Bebor Lily Caroline (Mrs) has been appointed on promotion as Senior Lecturer in the Department of veterinary pathology and Microbiology.

## Educational Background

Dr. Bebor holds B.V.M, M.Sc and Ph.D (1988) obtained from Nairobi University.

## Teaching and Supervision Record

She has served as lecturer in the Department for the last 10 years. She first served as assistant lecturer in the department of Veterinary Pathology and Microbiology in 1976.

She was first appointed on promotion as Lecturer in 1979. She has served as a member of the board of Examiners for M.Sc and Ph.D students.

She has acted as moderator for supplementary Examinations in the Faculty of Human medicine, Department of Microbiology and Parasitology in two occasions.

## Publications

Dr. Bebor has four published Scientific papers to her credit and six which have been presented for publication.

## Research

Dr. Bebor has developed a vaccine against poultry disease. Currently she has been consulted by the National Council for Science and Technology to evaluate for them a research proposal.

The proposal was entitled "survey of antibodies to selected poultry disease agents in Kenya".

*Dr. Stephen M. Njiro promoted to Senior Lecturer Department of Veterinary Pathology.*

Dr. Stephen Mukabi Njiro has been appointed on promotion as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Microbiology.

## Educational Background

He received B.V.M, M.Sc and Ph.D degrees from Nairobi University between 1971 - 1984.

## Teaching and Supervision Record

Dr. Njiro first served in the Department of veterinary Pathology, University of Nairobi, as Assistant Lecturer. In 1979 was promoted to full Lecturer in the same Department. He teaches Pathology and special Pathology to Veterinary Undergraduates.

He has been on the board of Examiners for several M.Sc candidates and is currently supervising a postgraduate student.

Since 1983, Dr. Njiro has handled all matters pertaining to the teaching and examination of special pathology paper.

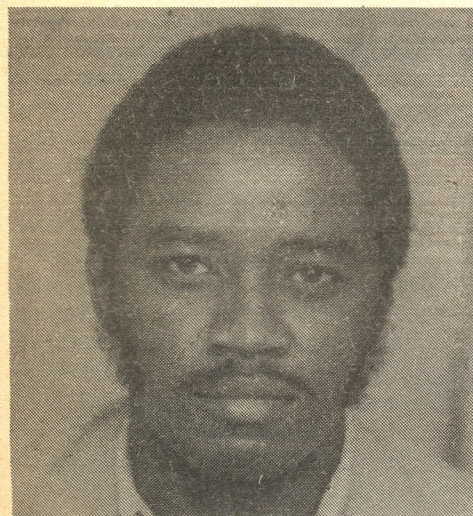
While serving as warden of Wakulima Hall (1985) Dr. Njiro published a pamphlet on sexual conduct

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which is currently being distributed among students.

## Publications

Dr. Njiro has 12 scientific



publications some of which have been published and others presented in international conferences.

In addition to these academic publications, Dr. Njiro, who is a licensed Lay Reader of the church of the province of Kenya has published three books. These books dealing with biblical themes include: *Daniel arap Moi, man of peace, love and unity*(1980); *Daniel arap Moi, Man of Action*; and *someone has to pay*(1983).

## Current Research

His current research undertakings are: A new method of culturing Cowdria ruminantium in mice and spirostachys venenifera pox toxicity.

*Dr. J.E.O. Rege: Promoted to Senior Lecturer, Department of Animal Production*

## Educational Background

Dr. Edward Otieno Rege holds



Ph.D in Genetics and M.Sc. in animal science obtained from the University of California (1985 and 1983 respectively). He received his B.Sc. (Agriculture) degree from the University of Nairobi in 1980.

## Teaching and supervision record

Dr. Rege first took up a teaching assignment at the University of Nairobi as a Tutorial fellow in 1980-81. In 1982 he was appointed student teacher in the University of California. In 1986 he was appointed Lecturer in the Department of Animal Production, a position he held until his promotion to Senior Lecturer. He has supervised 3 M.Sc. students and is currently supervising 3 others.

## Publications

He has written seven publications in referred journals to his credit.

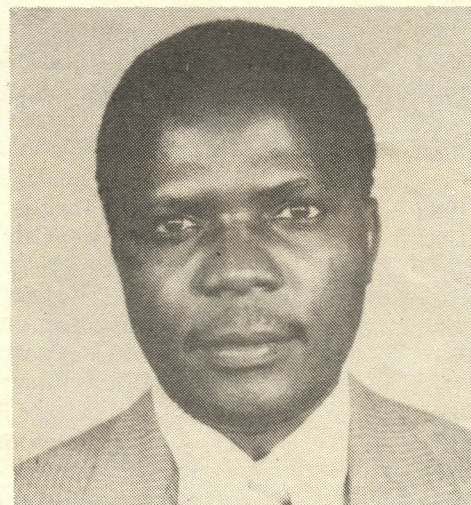
## National Activities

Dr. Rege is a member of Biometric Society (North Western Region) and American Dairy Science Association. He is secretary, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences Field attachment committee and field station advisory committee.

*Dr. Henry W. Mutoro: promoted to Senior Lecturer, Department of History*

## Educational Background

Dr. Henry W. Mutoro holds



Ph.D (Archeology) obtained from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1987. He obtained his early education at the University of Nairobi graduating with B.Ed.(Arts) and M.A. (Archeology) in 1976 and 1979 respectively.

## Teaching and supervision record.

Dr. Mutoro has taught at the University for eight years specialising in Archeology. He has been involved

mainly in the teaching of both undergraduate and post-graduate Archeology Students.

He has supervised two M.A. students, one in history the other in Archeology.

## Publications

He has written eight quality papers which have been published in respectable international scholarly journals. He has presented many papers in many seminars and conferences.

## Current Research

Dr. Mutoro is currently conducting a research on settlement origins and development on the Kenya Coastal hinterland and the Tana River valley.

## National Activities

He was Editor of the Historical Association of Kenya, Newsletter. He is an International Advisor to the Dean, Office of International Students Centre, University of California, Los Angeles.

## BEREAVED FAMILY THANKS VARSITY

Family members of the late Dr. John Cheruiyot Tonui have expressed their appreciation to the University Community for their assistance before and after their sons death.

In a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kiptonui Langat Mundui of Bagoo Village, Belgut Division, Kericho District said "We noted with a lot of appreciation the help which our son received in terms of treatment the time he joined the University in 1984 upto his death".

The family members praised the University for working tirelessly to save his life and making transport arrangements for students, staff and members of the community to attend Dr. Tonui's funeral at Kericho, when he died.

In the same letter, the family thanked USAB for generously offering their late son accommodation during the time when the sponsors had stopped giving him the allowances.

Dr. John Cheruiyot Tonui was until his death a Master of Science Students in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Pathology). He died at Kenyatta National Hospital on 8.11.1988, after a long illness.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Mr. M. Kithome	Lecturer	Soil Science
Mr. J. R. Ruigu	Lecturer	Civil Engineering

## RESIGNATIONS

Dr. K.K. Janmohammed	Senior Lecturer	History	Resignation
Dr. S.D. Byagagaire	Lecturer	L/Dev.	"
Dr. J.H. Macfarlane	Lecturer	Economics	
Dr. P. Alemu	Lecturer	Biochemistry	Expiry
Mr. G.G. Wainaina	Senior Asst. Registrar	Vice-Chancellor's Office	Resignation

## VISITORS

Gavin Creyke	2/11/1988	Action Aid Director
Dr. Digby G. Swift	2/11/1988	Overseas Development Administration, London,
John Theakstone	"	Higher Education Division
Aida Boodrak	"	British Council, London
D.I. Kathambana	"	Ministry of Education
S.K.K. Nuthia	"	P.O. Box 30050, NAIROBI
Thomas M. Stauffer	9/11/1988	President, University of Houston, clear lake
Michael Seidenstricker	9/11/1988	US. Embassy (USIS)
E.R. Kamuutu	16/11/1988	Regional Policy Advisor, World Bank
Clyrislian Reiser	22/11/1988	Germany Academic Exchange Service Bonn
Dr. L.J. Slikkerueer	30/11/1988	Inst. Cultural Social Studies State University of Leiden The Netherlands
Dr. S.W. Teller	30/11/1988	Director Office of Internationa Cooperation Leiden University Rapenburg 33 231166 Leiden
Solomon Uagwh	30/11/1988	B.P. 310 Tauglin
Peter A. Walute	30/11/1988	University of California Education Abroad Programme
A.A. Kwapong	8/12/1988	Lester Pearson Institute University of Dalhousie-1321 Edward Street Halifax N.S. Canada, N.S.
Arthur Heinman	5/ 1/1989	Department of Anthropology and Social Medicine
Aidan Brodrrik	6/1/1989	The British Council, Nairobi
Roger L. Davies	6/1/1989	The British Council, Nairobi
William S. Handenbergh	9/1/1989	Political Science Southern Illinois University Carborndale, IH, 62901, U.S.A.
Jonathan G. Ngeno	9/ 1/1989	Former Minister of Education
A.K. Ngunze	12/ 1/1989	Ministry of Education
Mrs. Consolata K. Kiara	12/ 1/1989	Kenya National Commission for UNESCO
Nicholas Gor	16/ 1/1989	Chairman, Chandaria Industries
M.M. Chandaria	16/ 1/1989	Managing Director, Chandaria Industries Ltd.
Gabriel H.R. Rugalema	8/ 2/1989	International Association of Agricultural Students Box 3159. Morogoro, Tanzania
IAAS - President		
Uarl Fuchs	8/ 2/1989	Geophysical Institute
ICL - President	24/ 2/1989*	University Karlsruhe F.R.G
Claus Prodehl	24/ 2/1989	Geophysical Institute Karlsruhe, F.R.Germany

## STUDENTS REVIVE KISWAHILI SOCIETY

Among the greatest things to happen recently in the theatrical circles of this University is the renaissance of the Kiswahili Students Society-Chakina which put up two varied sterling performances at the Education Theater II and other campuses.

The first show was *Neno na Tendo*—(Word and Action) a repertoire of dramatized poetry accompanied by traditional dancing. It was directed by Kithaka Wa Mberia, lecturer in the Department of Linguistics. This was followed by Ali Mazrui's play, "Kilio cha Haki" (-a lamentation for truth or justice-) directed by Eric Muhindi.

Wangai Mwai. The dancing troupe 'imported' from Huruma was a complete failure and ruined what was otherwise a splendid performance.

'Kilio Cha Haki' was an excellent trial. The play showed that talent had been hidden in "some waste paper basket". poor attendance was probably due to the neocolonial student attitude of not wanting to watch "Kiswahili" plays. The actors showed that with time, they can put up a splendid show. Muhindi should get another experienced director to help him perfect the play, and then have it taken to secondary schools where the text is a set book.

Earlier, the Literature Students 'opened' Education Theatre II by staging 'Bushboy', an Expert from Trevor Rhodes's "Smile Orange" and Nigerian Charles Umeh's "Double Attack". Both were directed by Wilfred Machuah.

'Bushboy' is a light script and kept the audience laughing whenever it was staged. "Double Attack" proved hard to grasp by the audience seeking entertainment rather than outright education. Rhode's play featured Machuah and Michael Maina while Umeh's script had Matende Ronald, Mutua Nzioki Abukutsa, Muindi, Gatanfi, Nderito and this writer.

Literature Students Association(L.S.A.) which is keen in promoting talent, followed this up by inviting Joseph Kamaru for a live performance in college. Kamaru's performance in late January was his first in a University. The 1, 000 students audience shows Kamaru's popularity in college. The show was also attended by Lecturers: Owuor H. Anyumba, Kavetsa Adagala, Prof. Chris Wanjala and Wanjiku Kabira - all from the Department of Literature.

Kamaru's popular hits like "Gathoni", Mumunya' and Jerusalem sent students wild'. There are plans to have Kamaru perform in college later in the year, due to public demand.

LSA organized a poetry evening in honour of the late postgraduate student Thomas Odinga Odingo, 38. Odingo was a building poet. During that evening of solemn poetry tributes to the fallen student and special poems were recited.



*Traditional dancers entertain members of the university community at Taifa Hall.*

*Neno na Tendo* was shown to audience at Parklands, lower Kabete, main campus and Kenyatta University. The poetry is "liberal" and does not follow the rigid rules and regulations put down for the composition of Kiswahili poetry. In the same breath, Kithaka should leave the beats in the poetry. In the same breath, Kithaka should leave the beats in the poetry to dictate how the poetry should be recited.

Ordinary Kiswahili poems have a set type of recital tone and delivery, which is not exactly what Kithaka has professed to do. An attempt to serialize the poetry killed the flavour of the 'beats'. Otherwise the performance was very good. theatre fans wish such performances are shown more often than not. Among those who starred in the cast were J. Alumasa, Debora Minayo, O., McOnyango and



*"Back to my roots?" Students perform African traditional dance at Taifa Hall.*

Some of the poems he authored were also red. It was a befitting way to one of us who tried in every way possible to improve department, he so much loved.

Theatre workshop restaged 'The Interrogation' by Farid Kamil which the Theatre Arts 2 class-85 put up in December last year. But this time, directed by Gichorah Mwangi and featuring Gachugu Makini and Judy

Gachungi, it was shown at the Professional Centre.

This was followed by the performance of Michael Picardie's Jannie Veldsman and the Boer early last month. The show was organized by the theatre Arts class of 1985. it featured Makini and Obyero-Odhiambo. The show was a masterpiece. "It had very few flaws". Theatre workshop plans to stage Francis

Imbuga's "Am inata".

LSA during the first week of March hosted Kamwenja Teachers college. The teachers who performed at Education Theatre 2 for the first time, presented an original play, a dance, verses, sceneries, mine and skits. Their spectacular performance was an indication of the great potential that exist outside the University.



*Members of Kabaselle Yampanya Band pose for a group photo minutes before they thrilled fans at Taifa Hall recently.*

## EMPIRE BAKUBA ROCKS VARSITY

Kabaselle Yampanya, popularly known as Pepe Kalle band leader of Empire Bakuba led his group of artists in a thrilling musical concert at the Taifa Hall in a show that left many people asking for more.

The show, organised by the New York based Kilimanjaro International productions and the University of Nairobi's own Cultural Organization, was a great success.

The 'Giant massive Pepe Kalle, who is 6ft 4in tall, was accompanied by the tantalisingly diminutive Anyira Imoro, christened the Dancing Emoro'.

Among the popular hits the troupe sang were the ever thrilling Moybi Johnnie, Alima and other Lingala 'blues' most of which are composed by star composer Pappy Tex.

The Baleubalettes, led by Nyota, in their seductive attire sent the students

in apprear as they danced the nightaway. A first year student, mumbling "oh my, my, my", could not help jumping on the stage to join the infectiously affectionate dancing lady, Nyota.

About 2,000 students attended the show.

Tour promoter, Mr. Seedy of Kilimanjaro International Productions praised the Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.M. Mbithi for allowing Bakuba perform in the campus, and said this was a major boost in the promotion of African Music.

He said, "due to this gesture, I promise in future all musicians of repute we bring to Kenya shall perform right here, in Taifa Hall".

Contacted by *Varsity Focus* after the show, Mr. Seedy said that he was very impressed by the friendly attitude of the students, adding that it was rare to meet

teenagers who appreciated music by their fellow African artists the way the students demonstrated.

Students interviewed after the show said that the gesture by the Nairobi University Cultural Organisation needed support, and emulation. The students were charged KShs.30/- to enter the show.

This was the second music group to visit the University this year. Early in January, Joseph Kamaru and his Kamaru super stars rocked the University and thrilled wildly cheering students. The Kamaru show was initiated and organized by the Literature Students Association.

It was the first time that Kamaru nicknamed the grand old man of Kenyan Music has performed in the University.

BY MANOAH ESPISU

## "AMINATA" SHOW IMPRESSIVE

The Theatre Workshop performance of Francis Imbuga's 'Aminata' at the Education Theatre between March 19 and April 2, was extremely impressive. The play was directed by Opiyo Mumma and Rufus Eshuchi.

'Aminata' was commissioned by the Government for Forum' 85 (Women's Decade) conference and was first acted in July, 1985. Then its directors were theatre firebrand Dr. Wanjiku Mwtia and TiruS Gathwe.

The play revolves around the rights of women, with special regard to inheritance, and their ability to rule (or lead).

Aminata is a modern and successful woman, lawyer by profession, who assumes the reigns of leadership in her village. She buildings her father a house and buys him a coffin when he dies (contrary to African tradition), then initiates a water project for her people.

She has a well planned family of two children whom she gives maximum attention and care. She works for the General "forward movement" of her people but finds herself against deeply rooted traditional sex prejudice.

Her hopes of inheriting her father's land (conveyed in her father's will) meets a stubborn resistance from conservatives who dismiss the move as a taboo.

Her male chauvinist uncle is determined to bury her "brilliance" - by not succumbing to pressure form the people to have aminata inherit her father's land.

Aminata's uncle, who is also village headman, seeks to maintain male dominance and exploitation of women. Luckily for Aminata, the wind of change is on her side. This mood of change is perhaps responsible for the headman's decision to leave his stool of power to his wife.

This show had some talented actors. The first was Catherine Wambui (Mama Rozina) who plays the role of Headman's wife. She takes the chores of a mother as one who knows and understands. Her dialogue is very natural and light-hearted. She is the most impressive of the lot. The second actor worth mention is Michael Maina. Taking the role of village Idiot, then Messenger through (due to Mama Rozina) to



*"Defiant" Aminata listens attentively to her religious father.*

Information Officer - I.O. If you asked me for an actor who fits in roles of "desperation" in the country, I would pick Maina.

In the title role is Mueni Lundi, despite her heavy accent she comes through very boldly as a fighter of the rights of her womenfolk. She contrast with the village headman (Oby obyero-Odhiambo) who fights for the domination of men but finally (jealously) gives up the

chair of village headman to his wife.

Obyero gets some very heavy dialogue going as the utterly impressive Omondi Oyaya (Ababio) dazzles the crowds with his drunken gimmicks.

The show is probably the most splendid and spectacular performance staged at the Education Theatre II this year. The group is due to make a tour of Eastern and Central provinces to spread the 'message of hope for our womenfolk' a cross the countryside.



*"Aminata" drinks the 'soup of liberty' ready to champion the course of women.*

## DEANS COMMITTEE AWARDS

Research plays a key role in enhancing human knowledge and property and accelerating socio-economic progress. Today, Research has become the most important factor in international competition as nations struggle for scientific and technological progress.

Nairobi University, with massive support from the government and private organization, has been instrumental in spear-heading research in Kenya.

Each year, the University spends Shs. five million, allocated by the Kenya Government, on Research and travel grants alone. The amount is normally split between Research and travel grants. Research consumes about three million shillings while travel grants annually gets Shs. 1.5 million. The rest is allocated to Kenyan Lecturers abroad who wish to conduct their research locally. Travel grants enables Lecturers to participate in local and overseas symposias or conferences thereby enabling them present papers and exchange ideas with their colleagues elsewhere.

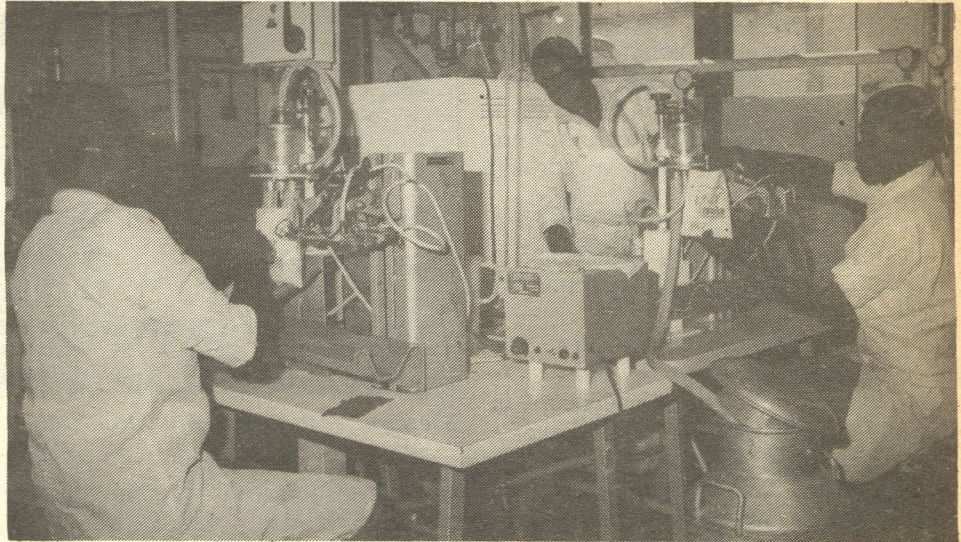
The Deans Committee is the body responsible for processing applications and requests for research and travel grants.

Mrs. A.W. Ng'ang'a, Secretary to the Committee recently disclosed to varsity focus a list of the latest recipients of travel and research grants. The awards were approved by the Committee during its resumed 179th meeting held on February 7, 1989.

the ideal temperatures at which Tilapia fish grow fastest and their nutritional value.

If successful, the results of the project would boost Tilapia farming and consumption in Africa.

Dr. S.J. Gaciri of the Department



*Packaging of Mala milk at Kabete Campus: Intensive research, the key to progress.*

Dr. Gabriel Mutungi of the Department of Animal Physiology has been awarded KShs. 79,800/- to investigate the effects of temperature on muscle development and growth in Tilapia.

The Research seeks to establish

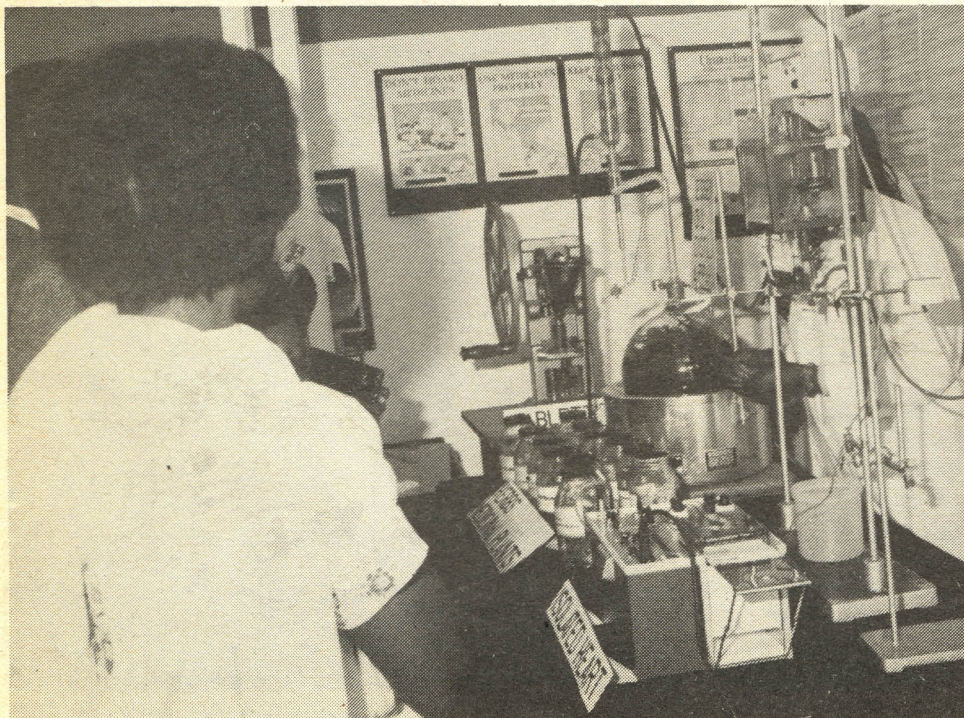
of Geology was granted KShs. 27,625/- to undertake a research project entitled 'Lineament map of Kenya'. The project is crucial in interpreting and matching Lineaments to geoseismological data, correlated to geothermal areas, mineral locations and locating possible oil Basins in Kenya.

Dr. Kimani Waithaka received KShs. 65,842.40 to continue his research project on the cassava Tissue culture.

Cassava is the fourth most important source of food energy in the tropics. It is a major staple food, and an important and cheap source of calories.

Dr. Kimani's project seeks to explore the possibility of manipulating genetic composition of existing cassava varieties. This would be a major breakthrough in the introduction of disease resistant and high yielding cassava varieties. Kenya which has vast areas of arid and Semi-Arid land would benefit tremendously in terms of food production (cassava), if the project succeeds. Dr. Kimani is a lecturer in the department of Crop Science.

Dr. T.I. Kanui of the Department of Animal Physiology was awarded KShs. 29,815/- to investigate the implications of thermotherapy in medical science and the possibility of popularising it in medical practice and application.



*A medical scientist explains a point to curious members of the public during last year's Nairobi International Show.*



Thermotherapy is a traditional method for the alleviation of pain of diverse origins in many communities. Thermal treatment is perhaps the only cheap, easily available and effective analgesic in rural areas. It has no side effect when properly administered and yet is rarely prescribed by medical practitioners.

The project is also being funded by the University of Edinburgh and NORAD KEN 046 project.

Dr. J.O. Midiwo received KShs.98,000/- to continue his research on "chemical screening of Kenyan authentic plants". The results which he hopes to obtain would increase understanding of the chemical composition of polygion secondary chemicals.

This may improve existing technology for chemical control of snails which spread bilharzia. Bilharzia is a major disease in the tropics and Kenya in particular. Dr. Midiwo is a Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Kimani is investigating possible application of plant cells and tissue culture biotechnology in propagation, genetic improvements and disease control. With the help of genetic mapping and engineering, scientists are now able to improve crops by transferring genes from wild strains.

Dr. M.S. Chuol of the Department of Botany was awarded KShs.50,000 to conduct a research on the "Bryophyta Flora of Mt. Kenya". The study seeks to improve our understanding of the lower plants and the role they play in maintaining climate equilibrium along mountain areas.

Mt. Kenya, for instance, is an important water catchment area which gives rise to numerous river systems that serve countless farms found at lower altitudes. Consequently any improvement on our knowledge of existing plant life in such areas would boost our conservation efforts not only of the plants but also of the catchment areas.

From the Department of Human Anatomy, Prof. James K. Kimani was awarded KShs.189,670/- to undertake a research project on the "Structural organization and innovation of the Giraffe Blood vessels with comparative Data from the Camels."

Prof. Kimani aims at investigating the structure, growth and development of the Giraffe's blood vessels and the heart. Giraffe has been a subject of speculation and erroneous conclusions because of its unique haemodynamics due to the long neck.

Prof. Kimani's research aims at correcting such erroneous conclusions. In medical science, the giraffe is a suitable example of a natural hypertension. Understanding of the mechanisms that underlie its mode of adoptive hypertension will throw light on treating human hypertension.

The project is largely departmental and a number of Junior academic staff and B.Sc. students will participate under Prof. Kimani's guidance.

Dr. Stephen M. Njiro of the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Microbiology received KShs.91,880/- to undertake a research project entitled "Immuno Suppressive Properties of

*Spirostachys venenifera pax*".

*Venenifera pax* is a Kenyan plant believed to have the potential for immunosuppressive agents used in transplantation surgery. Dr. Njiro's research would be a significant contribution to the kidney transplant operations technology. If successful, it would establish the effectiveness of *spirostachys venenifera pax*, as an immunosuppressive chemotherapeutic agent.

Humanity already benefits from the genetic heritage of little known species. Some 25% of the pharmaceuticals in use today contain ingredients originally derived from wild plants.

## RESEARCH ABSTRACT

### CREDIT AND SAVINGS IN RURAL KENYA

#### AN EXAMPLE FOR KISII

by Philip Raikes

Academic and professional writing on rural credit in Africa and Kenya focuses almost solely on lending through state- or donor-funded institutions. A premise of much of this literature is that credit programmes are needed because lack of credit inhibits agricultural modernization. This paper questions every aspect of this statement. Firstly it is unclear how much of this "rural credit"

***"The combination of formal and informal rural banking structures and mechanisms, which is emerging, seems increasingly capable of meeting the needs of those normally served by such structures"***

even increases the funds available to agriculture; when combined with investors' own funds, it may have the opposite effect. Secondly, it is still less clear that the effects of such programmes are positive, especially for poorer peasant farmers. Direct effects are hard to assess, since they are over-shadowed by weightier

factors affecting crop production, like international price-trends and the impact of marketing, through increasing the indebtedness of co-operatives, which then lower prices or provide poorer services to their members.

The main aim of the paper is to show the falsity of the underlying premise; the lack of local credit. In the area studied, a wide variety of mechanisms for borrowing, lending and saving accounts for a far larger volume of transactions than donor-funded programmes, even at their late-1970s peak. Much of this is short-term credit, at interest-rates which are often too high for investment in production (as opposed to trading). But this reflects, as much as it directs, the structure of investment opportunities. It is certainly not a lack of credit. Nor is it "just" consumer credit, though one can doubt the usefulness of that distinction, when peasant farm and household are so intimately linked that transactions in one sphere must affect those in the other(s). The combination of formal and informal rural banking structures and mechanisms, which is emerging, seems increasingly capable of meeting the needs of those normally served by such structures. But it seems to offer little to the poorest rural strata except the prospect of indebtedness and quite possibly consequential loss of land.

## KENYA'S POPULATION GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE YEAR 2000

A major aspect of Kenya's evolution is the rapid growth of the country's population in the last four decades, and more so in the quarter century since Kenya's independence. In 1948 Kenya had a population of 5.4 million; by the time of her independence in 1963 the population had risen by almost 70% to around 9.0 million:

Since then to 1988 the population is substantially more than double the figure at independence 25 years ago. The essence of Kenya's development challenge is to meet the material and socio-cultural needs of these constantly rising numbers.

This book is an important study of the challenge to Kenya of her population, today and in the future. Important contributions are made in two main areas: one, in the discussion of the methodologies of the science of population studies, a science whose significance has become universally recognized; and, two, in the debate on how Kenya's socio-economic development just be geared to meeting the needs of her expanding population.

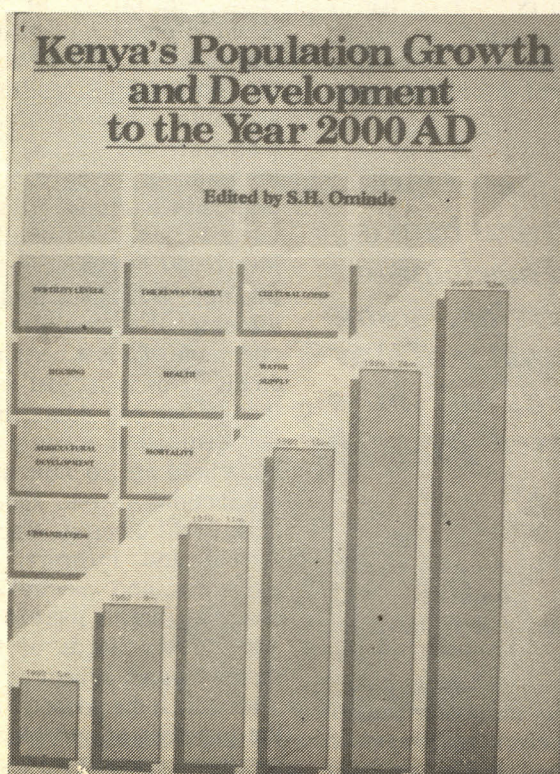
In the exploration of methodologies, review is made of the

various demographic models on fertility, mortality, nuptiality and population projections; statistical techniques used in the study of demographic phenomena are reviewed. A review of the impact of family planning measures on population growth is put on a scientific basis.

This book goes beyond the discussion of the exploration of methodologies, to application of these two basic issues. Questions such as follows are raised: What is the interaction of the cultural codes of Kenyan people and population phenomena? How will Kenya continue to meet the health and education needs of her people? Ultimately, can Kenya hope to achieve a nationally planned population growth?

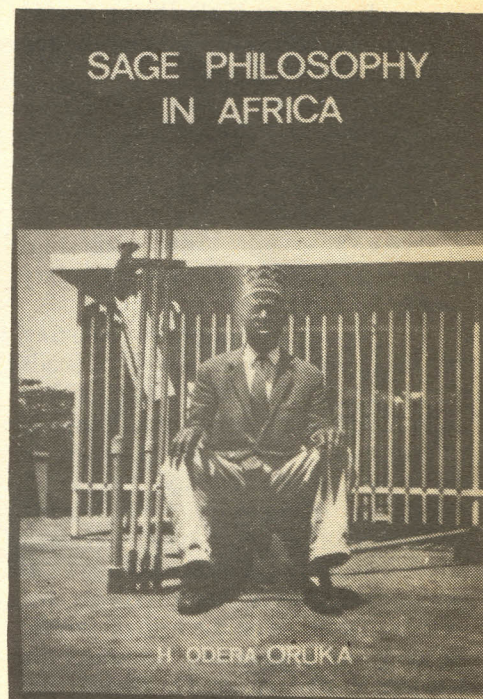
Under the unifying hand of the editor Professor. S.H. Ominde, the founding Director of the Population Studies and Research Institute of the University of Nairobi, the contributors to this book have achieved a study that will appeal to demographers, social sciences and development planners.

The book is published by Heinemann Kenya and is currently available in the local bookshops. It was first published in 1988.



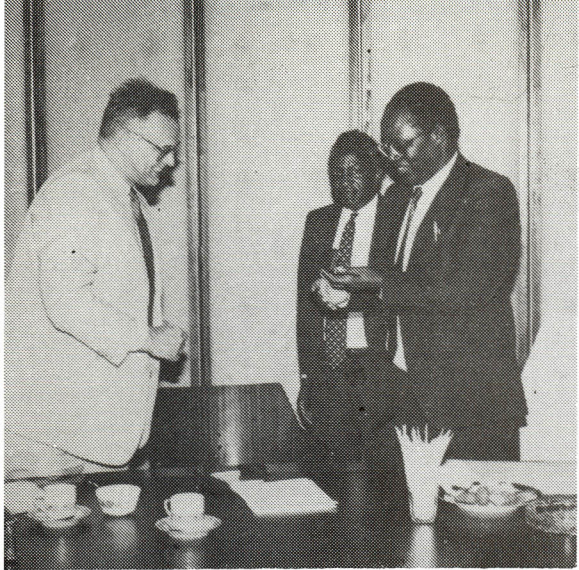
## SAGE PHILOSOPHY IN AFRICA

H. ODERA ORUKA



For decades, scholars have described what they call traditional African thought of various types. The thought described is usually attributed to a community as a whole and the role of the individual is made insignificant. Yet, however, within the thought of the community there must usually be the ideas of the various individuals living in the community. Some of those individuals are distinguished wise men and women who guide their lives by rational scrutiny about man, nature and society rather than by the authority of the communal consensus. A number of them turn out to be thinkers or philosophers in no trivial sense.

Professor Odera Oruka has in the last decade conducted a research in Kenya which reveals the availability of sages capable of carrying out as philosophic dialogue despite their lack of modern formal education, a fact which must show that traditional Africa was not oblivious to a practice of philosophical thinking and activity. In this book we find themes and the thinking of such sages and a debate by scholars about the merit and demerit of accepting such thinking as genuine philosophy.



*Above left: Belgian Minister for Education Hon. D. Coens presenting a model of the proposed E.E.C Currency to the Vice-chancellor during his visit to the University of Nairobi.*

## **VARSITY IMAGES**

*Above Right: Vice-chancellor Prof. Mbithi waters a tree he planted at the University forest, Ngong, last year. This year's tree planting week is just around the corner.*

*Middle left: Memories: The Late Mzee Kenyatta is installed as the first Chancellor of the University of Nairobi in 1970.*

*Bottom left: His Excellency President Daniel Arap Moi is installed as the second Chancellor of the University of Nairobi in 1978.*

*Middle right: Hon. Waruru Kanja, Minister for Information and Broadcasting opening the annual conference for librarians at the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library this year.*

