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UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

**VARSITY FOCUS**

A General Information Sheet from the Vice-Chancellor

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1. THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI - 1980

In July 1980, the University of Nairobi will be 10 years old since it became a national university. The last ten years have been years of rapid expansion. Student numbers have increased, new departments have been started and physical facilities have been expanded to cater for these developments. Although accelerated growth is a matter of great pride, the problems it has generated are a great challenge as the University tries to provide educational facilities for all those qualified and who wish to have university education in an effort to provide high level manpower for national development. It is for these reasons that the Joint Meeting of the University of Nairobi Council and Kenyatta University College Council held on 24 January, 1980 decided to get the University to celebrate its 10th Anniversary.

In the last ten years, the University has done considerable work in relevant research. Since 1970 the contributions of departments and individuals in the field of research are reported yearly in the annual reports. Over the years, more and more emphasis has been laid on research and consequently the research capability of the University has improved considerably. The University has in this way contributed towards solving national and international development problems.

Efforts have also been directed at improving professional and cultural activities of the University community as demonstrated by the exhibitions put up by various departments each year, by participation in sports at both local and international levels, by performances by such groups as the University of Nairobi Free Travelling Theatre, and the departments of music and performing arts and dance. A lot of professional services are provided to the public by all departments and individuals of the University.

The University and, hopefully, the public have a lot to be proud of regarding higher education in the country.

Celebration of the 10th Anniversary will offer the University community and the public an opportunity to look back at these achievements and to focus attention into the future.

All the faculties and departments are, therefore, requested to consider the most suitable ways of celebrating this occasion. It is suggested, for example, that there should be exhibitions of University publications by individual members of staff, by departments and faculties; displays of work done by various departments and individuals for the advancement of knowledge and for solving international and national development problems; cultural activities by performing groups; sports competitions; and public lectures. The public will be invited to view these during the period that may last for some 7 - 10 days.

## 2. INAUGURAL LECTURES

A programme of inaugural and public lectures which will be held during the year will be published shortly. It is hoped that the lectures themselves will not be too technical for the layman in a given area of specialisation. The lectures will be given in a form which will enable non-experts in a given field to benefit from listening to them. As many members of the University community as possible are encouraged to attend. An abstract of each of these lectures will be published in the Varsity Focus in a form which we hope will be general enough to enable everyone to be involved in interdisciplinary debate of issues raised by the lectures. The first of these lectures was given on Thursday, 31 January, 1980 at 5.30 p.m. in the Taifa Hall by Prof. J. Muhangi of the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, on "Psychiatry in Kenya: the new horizons in medical care".

3. FACULTY BASED STUDENTS' ORGANISATIONS

Interdisciplinary activities in the University take various forms and have different objectives. The University will endeavour to facilitate such activities by both staff and students and will provide opportunities for all to interact. In order to do so all the students' associations, clubs and societies are invited to programme their activities during the year, to include activities of an interdisciplinary nature. In particular, these organisations should emphasize the need for specific programmes aimed at achieving the objectives of each group. The Vice-Chancellor hopes to participate in some if not all such activities. It is important, however, when programming these activities to keep the overall University objectives in mind.

4. STAFF MATTERS

4.1 NEW APPOINTMENTS

|                      |                 | <u>Department</u>               |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Dr. N. Masilela      | Lecturer        | Literature                      |
| Dr. J. Jouet         | Lecturer        | School of Journalism            |
| Dr. F. Rottland      | Snr. Lecturer   | Linguistics & African Languages |
| Dr. P.O.Samuelsdorff | Snr. Lecturer   | " "                             |
| Dr. C.L. Coulson     | Lecturer        | Crop Science                    |
| Mr. G.P. Mwangi      | Tutorial Fellow | Sociology                       |
| Dr. N.J. Binkin      | Lecturer        | Paediatrics                     |
| Dr. E.M. Wafula      | Lecturer        | Paediatrics                     |
| Dr. M.R. Goyal       | Lecturer        | Agric. Economics                |
| Dr. D.K. Orwa        | Lecturer        | Government                      |
| Ms. Maria W. Nzomo   | Lecturer        | Government                      |
| Dr. R.D. Spegele     | Lecturer        | Government                      |
| Dr. W.R. Lesang      | Tutorial Fellow | Dental Surgery                  |
| Dr. G.N. Njoroge     | Tutorial Fellow | Dental Surgery                  |
| Dr. E.W. Kibugi      | Tutorial Fellow | Dental Surgery                  |

|                     |                 |                           |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Dr. R.G.L. Sachdeva | Tutorial Fellow | Dental Surgery            |
| Dr. P.G. Yietyinen  | Vis. Lecturer   | Civil Engineering         |
| Mr. A.J. Kylubi     | Tutorial Fellow | Inst. of Computer Science |
| Dr. D.V. Sinha      | Lecturer        | Geography                 |
| Dr. G.N.W. Opinya   | Tutorial Fellow | Dental Surgery            |
| Mr. Q.B.O. Missango | Tutorial Fellow | Mech. Engineering         |
| Dr. P.W.N. Kanyari  | Tutorial Fellow | Vet. Pathology            |
| Dr. K. Kassam       | Lecturer        | Food Science & Tech.      |
| Dr. M. Hasan        | Lecturer        | Geography                 |
| Mr. J.K. Imungi     | Tutorial Fellow | Food Science & Tech.      |
| Mr. A.K. Kosgei     | Tutorial Fellow | Mech. Engineering         |
| Miss S.W. Minae     | Tutorial Fellow | Agric. Economics          |
| Dr. S.K. Muita      | Tutorial Fellow | Biochemistry              |
| Dr. A.K. Missan     | Snr. Lecturer   | Human Pathology           |
| Dr. J.B. Mkwanzii   | Snr. Lecturer   | Human Pathology           |
| Prof. Luke Lee      | Vis. Professor  | Public Law                |
| Dr. T.H.K. Chimbira | Snr. Lecturer   | Obstet. & Gynaecology     |

#### 4.2 RESUMPTION OF DUTY FROM STUDY LEAVE

|                    |                 |                        |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Dr. K. Kinyanjui   | Research Fellow | IDS - Sept. 1979       |
| Mr. E.H.O. Ayiamba | Lecturer        | Geography - Sept. 1979 |
| Dr. J.N. Ngethe    | Research Fellow | IDS - Sept. 1979       |

#### 4.3 PROMOTIONS

|                    |               |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Dr. K.L. Sharma    | Snr. Lecturer | Economics                       |
| Dr. R.M. Njogu     | Lecturer      | Biochemistry                    |
| Dr. L.N. Omondi    | Snr. Lecturer | Linguistics & African Languages |
| Dr. H.A. Mwanzi    | Snr. Lecturer | History                         |
| Mr. J. de V. Allen | Snr. Lecturer | History                         |
| Dr. J.K. Muhindi   | Snr. Lecturer | Literature                      |
| Dr. F.N. Kibera    | Snr. Lecturer | Business Admin.                 |
| Dr. P.A. Odhiambo  | Snr. Lecturer | Surgery                         |
| Mr. M.M. Mbalu     | Snr. Lecturer | Surgery                         |
| Dr. W.M. Ngoka     | Snr. Lecturer | Obstet. & Gynaecology           |
| Dr. S.B.O. Ojwang  | Snr. Lecturer | " "                             |
| Dr. J.B.O. Oyieke  | Lecturer      | " "                             |

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| Dr. D.N. Kariuki | Snr. Lecturer | Chemistry |
| Dr. R.M. Munavu  | Snr. Lecturer | Chemistry |

#### 4.4 RE-APPOINTMENTS

|                      |                 |                      |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Prof. V.K. Gupta     | Assoc. Prof.    | Crop Science         |
| Dr. D. Widdowson     | Lecturer        | Botany               |
| Dr. M.K. Jeshirani   | Assoc. Prof.    | Orthopaedic Surgery  |
| Dr. T.S. Rangan      | Lecturer        | Botany               |
| Dr. G. Karuhize      | Lecturer        | Entomology           |
| Mr. P. Saint-Hilaire | Lecturer        | Food Science & Tech. |
| Dr. D.P. Beaufay     | Lecturer        | French Sub-Dept.     |
| Mr. G.J.L. Doumergue | Lecturer        | French Sub-Dept.     |
| Mrs. R.N. Musoke     | Lecturer        | Paediatrics          |
| Mrs. W.A. Oranga     | Tutorial Fellow | Chemistry            |

#### 4.5 RESIGNATIONS/EXPIRY OF CONTRACT

|                    |                 |  |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Mr. G. Opio        | Lecturer        | Accounting - resigned from 31.12.79                          |
| Dr. H. Murray      | Lecturer        | Architecture - contract expired on 17.11.79                  |
| Mr. V.J. Sam Raj   | System Analyst  | ICS - resigned from 7.12.79                                  |
| Prof. C.S. Chedzey | Professor       | Management Science - resigned on 24.11.79 on health grounds. |
| Dr. C.J. Marquand  | Lecturer        | Mech. Engineering - resigned from 1.1.80                     |
| Dr. B.K.O. Ganda   | Tutorial Fellow | Community Health - resigned from 30.11.79                    |
| Dr. D.S. Osiru     | Lecturer        | Crop Science - contract expired on 18.12.79                  |

#### 4.6 STUDY LEAVE

Mr. Z. Maleche: Senior Lecturer, Department of Urban & Regional Planning. Study leave for ten months from 1st October, 1979 to enable him to carry out further research in Regional and Rural Planning at the University of Nottingham on Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship.

- Dr. M.K. Were: Senior Lecturer, Department of Community Health. Study leave for six months from 1 September 1979 to enable her to proceed to John Hopkin's University to defend her Thesis.
- Dr. J.A. Mulimba: Lecturer, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Study leave for two years from 1 October 1979 to enable him to take up Postgraduate Studies in Orthopaedic and Accident Surgery at the Institute of Orthopaedics, Owestry, under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.
- Mr. L.A. Palekar: Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy. Study leave for three years from 1 August, 1979 to enable him to study the teaching methodology in Pharmaceutical Microbiology and other techniques connected with his Ph.D Project at the University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, on an Inter-University Council (IUC) Scholarship.
- Dr. M.N. Gichinga: Lecturer, Department of Human Anatomy. Study leave for a period of one year from 1 October, 1979 to enable him to take up studies leading to the award of a Ph.D degree in Thorescent Microscopy at the University College London, under the sponsorship of the Kenya Hospital Authority Trust Fund.
- Mr. B.C. Waruinge: Lecturer, Department of Business Administration. Study leave for ten months from 1 September, 1979 to enable him to proceed to Indiana University to complete his Ph.D. degree in Business Administration, on a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Scholarship.

Dr. E.T. Mutiga: Lecturer, Department of Clinical Studies.  
Study leave for three years from 14 February 1979 to enable him to undertake further studies towards a Ph.D. degree in "Diseases of Reproduction in Cattle" at the Department of Animal Production, University of Queensland, Australia on a scholarship from the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.

Mr. T. Mulusa: Tutor, Institute for Adult Studies. Study leave for three years from 27 June, 1979 to enable him to undertake studies leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree in Education on an African American Institute Fellowship (A.A.I.)

Dr. J.W. Owino-Radol: Assistant Lecturer, Department of Dental Surgery. Study leave for two years from 1 September, 1979 to enable him to pursue a postgraduate course in Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery in Denmark on a Fellowship given by DANIDA.

Dr. E.A.P. Muluka: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Psychiatry. Study leave for three years to enable him to take up studies leading to the award of the Membership of the Royal College (MRC) of Psychiatrists, in the Institute of Psychiatry of the University of London on a sponsorship from the University of Nairobi.

Miss I. Othieno: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Literature (French Sub-Department). Study leave for two years to enable her to complete her Masters degree course in French, at the University of Grenoble, France, on a French Government Scholarship.



Dr. C.K. Wagaiyu: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Dental Surgery. Study leave for one year from 1 October, 1979 to enable him to undertake studies leading to the award of a Masters degree in Dental Surgery at the Institute of Dentistry, University of London, on a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Mr. K. Karogi: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Architecture. Study leave for one year from 1 October, 1979 to enable him to study for a Masters degree in Urban Design, at the University of Manchester, U.K., under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.

Dr. T.I. Kanui: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Animal Physiology. Study leave for three years from 21 September, 1979 to enable him to undertake a Masters degree course in Veterinary Physiology at the University of Edinburgh, on a scholarship from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.

Dr. E.M. Wathuta: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Physiology. Study leave for a period of three years from 21 September, 1979 to enable him to take up studies leading to the award of a Masters degree in Animal Physiology at the University of Edinburgh, on a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Dr. J.N. Maina: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Veterinary Anatomy. Study leave for a period of three years from 26 October, 1979 to enable him to undertake studies leading to the award of an M.Sc. and possibly a Ph.D in Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool, under the British Council sponsorship

- Dr. T.E. Maitho: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Public Health, Pharmacology & Toxicology. Study leave for three years from 1 October, 1979 to enable him to undertake postgraduate studies leading to a Ph.D. degree in Pharmacology, at the Royal Veterinary College, London, on a British Council Scholarship.
- Mr. C.G. Nyaga: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Chemistry. Study leave for two months from 1 September, 1979 to enable him to attend an International Seminar in Chemistry at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, on a sponsorship from the Swedish Agency for Research Co-operation with Developing Countries (SAREC).
- Mr.E.Maina-Ayiera: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Physics. Study leave for three years from 1 September, 1979 to enable him to complete his Ph.D programme at the Department of Physics, Boston College, Massachusetts, on an Assistantship from Boston College.
- Miss E. Gatungo: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Literature (French Sub-Department). Study leave for two years from 15 October, 1979 to enable her to study for a Masters degree in French, at the University of Strasbourg, France, on a French Government Scholarship.
- Mr. J.T. Mukui: Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies. Study leave for three years from 18 August, 1979 to enable him to undertake Ph.D. studies in Economics at the University of Wisconsin, U.S.A. on a sponsorship from the Institute of International Education.

Mr. G.J.M. Wahihia: Junior Administrative Assistant, Institute of Population Studies. Study leave for one year from 4 September, 1979 to enable him to study Computer Data Systems at the United States Bureau of Census in Washington D.C. on a USAID Scholarship.

Mr. F.G. Macharia: Assistant Computer Operator, Institute of Computer Science. Study leave for two years from 27 August, 1979 to enable him to study for a Scottish Higher National Diploma in the Computer Data Processing Centre at Aberdeen College of Commerce, on a Scholarship from the British Council.

Mr. P. Mwangi: Assistant Systems Programmer, Institute of Computer Science. Study leave for two years from 5 September, 1979 to enable him to undertake the studies leading to the award of the Scottish Higher National Diploma in the Computer Data Processing Centre, Aberdeen, on a scholarship from the British Council.

#### 4.7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.7.1 Mr. David Macharia has been granted leave of absence without pay for a period of three years with effect from 1 April, 1979. Mr. Macharia is the Director of the Institute of Adult Studies. He will spearhead the campaign to eradicate illiteracy in the country. We wish him success in his new appointment and look forward to continued cooperation between his department and the University.

- 4.7.2 Mr. V.A.O. Odenyo of the Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture has been granted leave of absence without pay for one year. He will join the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in Addis Ababa.
- 4.7.3 The University of Nairobi Council has also approved the extension of Prof. Maitha's leave of absence for nine months to enable him to complete the project he is currently working on. He is the Research Programme Co-ordinator with the National Environment Secretariat in a joint project between the Kenya Government, UNDP and UNEP on Environment and Development.
- 4.7.4 Prof. W.M. Maathai, Chairman of Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, will take up a consultancy with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa on the control and eradication of livestock diseases in Eastern and Southern Africa for a period of six months starting from 1 November, 1979.
- 4.7.5 Prof. R.S. Odingo of the Department of Geography has also been granted two years leave of absence without pay to enable him to take up an appointment with the United Nations University with effect from 1 November, 1979.

Leave of absence in these cases serves a double purpose. Members of staff will gain considerable experience outside the University in their own areas of expertise and will also contribute to the organisations in which they will be working. We wish them every success and look forward to their continued contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the University when they resume their duties after the expiry of their leave.

#### 4.8 DEANS OF FACULTIES

Professors S.S. Yahya and A. Wasunna have been elected Deans of the Faculties of Architecture, Design and Development, and Medicine respectively, for a period of two years.

#### 4.9 CHARLES M. NDOLO : CONDOLENCES

The University learnt with great sorrow that Mr. Charles M. Ndolo, a Technician in the Department of Chemistry, died on 10 December, 1979 after having been beaten up by thugs at a bus-stop. Our deep sympathies and condolences go to the parents and relatives.

### 5. STUDENTS

#### 5.1 Mughal Tariq Mahmood : Condolences

The University has sent condolences to the family of the late Mr. Mughal Tariq, a 2nd year medical student, who died at the Aga Khan Hospital on 24 August, 1979. He was a respected athlete among his peers - he won a scholarship to study in the U.S.A. on account of his outstanding performance on the track. A pleasant and hard-working student, he is missed by all, especially those that have studied, competed and lived with him. The tragic circumstances of his death are still fresh in our minds. <sup>The</sup> /late Mr. Tariq was a victim of the violent attack by gangsters at the home of Dr. Mustafa early this year.

#### 5.2 P.N. Wanyika

Mr. P.N. Wanyika, a 2nd year student in the department of Mechanical Engineering, sustained a fracture on his right leg in January 1979. Although he received

all the necessary medical attention, his health deteriorated. He received the rites of the sick in St. Paul's Chapel. Soon after this he was admitted to Kenyatta National Hospital where he passed away on Friday, 19 October, 1979.

### 5.3 Elisha Omondi

The University learnt with great sorrow of the death of Mr. Elisha Omondi, a 5th year medical student. This occurred after a car in which three 5th year medical students were travelling was involved in an accident on 25 October, 1979. Omondi died a day later at Nakuru Hospital. We extend our deep sympathies and condolences to his parents and relatives.

Mr. Kenneth Otieno Ouro Sigu and Mr. Isaac Omondi Obiji Olum, who were also in the same car, were injured. Mr. Sigu was treated at Nakuru Hospital and discharged. Mr. Olum is still at the Kenyatta National Hospital.

### 5.4 Pauline Nyokabi Mugo

The University also learnt with shock of the death of a 2nd year student, Miss Pauline Nyokabi Mugo. Miss Mugo died after a car accident on Saturday, 27 October 1979 on Mombasa Road. Once more, our condolences go to her parents and relatives.

## 6. CENTRAL INFORMATION OFFICE

To facilitate dissemination of information on campus events, it is proposed to collect information by using the form attached to this issue of Varsity Focus. If this is

submitted by the end of the first week of each month, the information will be published as part of the University-wide monthly calendar of events to enable as many people as possible to participate. A short explanatory note of the proposed activities should be sent with the form. A number of faculty-based students' associations and clubs have submitted programmes of their activities for the current year. These will be published along with other activities in the next issue of the Varsity Focus. It is hoped that this will be of interest to the rest of the University community.

7. DATES OF TERMS

1st Term:

Monday 1 October, 1979 - Saturday 13 October, 1979  
Monday 12 November, 1979 - Saturday 22 December, 1979

2nd Term:

Monday 7 January, 1980 - Saturday 29 March, 1980

3rd Term:

Monday 14 April, 1980 - Saturday 12 July, 1980

4th Term: (where applicable)

Monday 14 July, 1980 - Saturday 6 September, 1980

8. THE WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

In September 1979, students of the University participated in the 10th World University Games which were held in Mexico City. Samuel Nyariki, a Pharmacy student, won a bronze medal in the 10,000 metres race. When it is considered that the medal was one of the only two that the whole of Africa won, where 92 world nations participated, it was no mean achievement.

European countries dominated the games. The Soviet Union collected 71 medals, followed by the United States with 51 medals, then Rumania with 30 medals. Other nations followed in the following order: West Germany, East Germany, Hungaria, Italy, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, China, France, Australia, South Korea, Austria, Cuba, Finland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Uruguay, Switzerland, India, Ivory Coast, Canada and Kenya. There were 63 countries that never won any medals.

In tennis, James Ilako, a B.Sc. student put up good performances and won his games against Korea, Lebanon and Swaziland, before losing in the quarter finals to Rumania. It is gratifying to note that Ilako has kept training hard. In January, we won the top awards in Singles and Doubles of the Parklands Open Tournament which attracted players from Kenya and from other countries as well.

The stage is already set for our University students to participate in games at top national and international levels. We have the potential for forming the best teams in the country if the University puts in hard and disciplined training. Examples have been seen in Rugby, Basketball, Handball and Hockey.

Meanwhile, a body of University students and staff have formed the Kenya Universities Sports Association with the purpose of promoting interest and standards in sports. University staff who have got some contribution to make in sports are encouraged to assist the students in uplifting the standards of sports at the University.



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LECTURES/SEMINARS/COLLOQUIUMS

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Full name/title of speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Where from \_\_\_\_\_

Dept.(s)/Group(s) sponsoring \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information \_\_\_\_\_

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS/MEETINGS

Date(s) from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on (day) \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_

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FILMS

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