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Our Vision

A world-class university committed to scholarly excellence.

Our Mission

To provide quality university education and training and to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge.

Our Core Values

- freedom of thought and expression;
- innovativeness and creativity;
- good governance and integrity;
- team spirit and teamwork;
- professionalism;
- quality customer service;
- responsible citizenship;
- national cohesion and inclusiveness.

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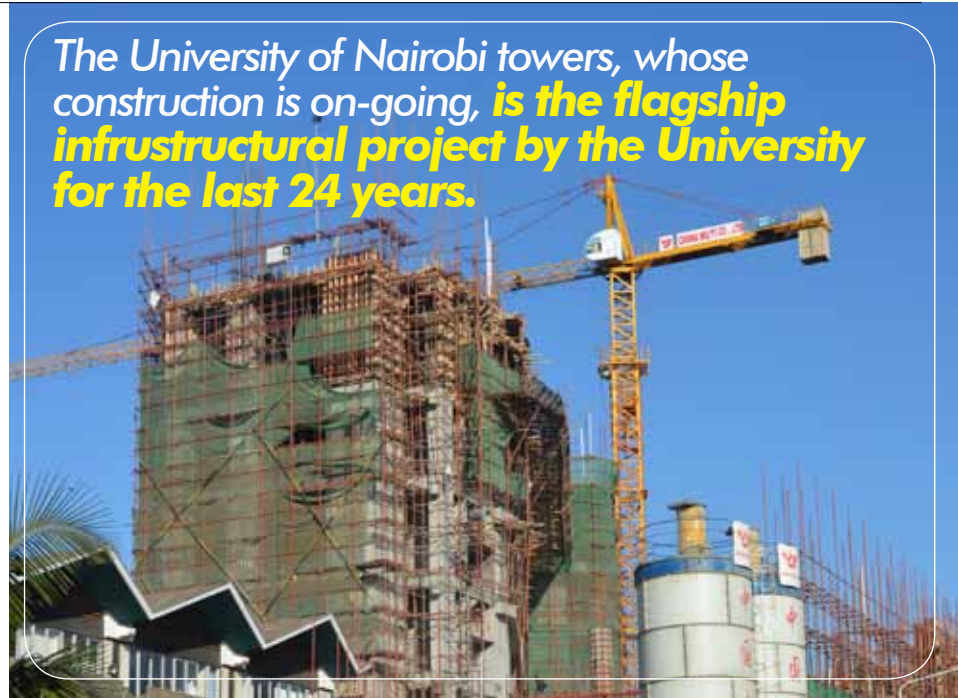
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Chandaria Foundation contributes Ksh. 50 million towards the construction of the University of Nairobi Towers.

2014 was an exciting year for Christine Mukami Njiru, a 3rd year finance option student at the School of Business, when she won a place at a one week summer school programme in France, sponsored by Total.





This edition of the Varsity Focus builds up on the successes the University has enjoyed in the recent past. We reflect on the good performance the University has enjoyed in webranking of Universities. In the last six months the University of Nairobi has sustained its position as the Gold standard of the region. In the best performance ever since the inception of Web Ranking of Universities 11 years ago, the University of Nairobi leads all universities in East Africa, and is at position nine (9) in Africa out of 1307 ranked universities. The University also registered impressive improvement internationally by emerging 907 out of over 22,000 ranked universities – jumping 419 places from its previous ranking in January 2014, when it emerged 1326. This was a culmination of concerted efforts by staff and students in research and academic activities, which have given the University strong visibility worldwide.

Still on matters academic, the University holds its 51st graduation ceremony featuring graduands from the Colleges: of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Engineering and Architecture, Biological and Physical Sciences, and Education and External Studies. The remaining two colleges will hold their ceremony in December. From a professional perspective, the congregation is graduating engineers, architects, valuers, quantity surveyors, designers, veterinary doctors, agriculturists,

actuarists, statisticians, physical and biological science specialists and teachers among many others. The graduates join over 151,000 alumni serving in different sectors worldwide.

Also featured in this edition is the inaugural visit by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi who made an extensive familiarization tour of the University campuses and facilities within Nairobi. The Chancellor was taken around campuses by top management and was received by students and staff in various university facilities she visited. She appreciated the great learning and working environment at the institution, and impressed upon management to build on the development.

The University received a major financial boost of Ksh 50 million from philanthropist and leading industrialist, Manu Chandaria

towards the ongoing construction of the University towers. The cheque was presented to the University management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha. The University will reciprocate this gesture by naming the Centre for Performing Arts to be located on 5th Floor of the towers, Manu Chandaria Centre for Performing Arts.

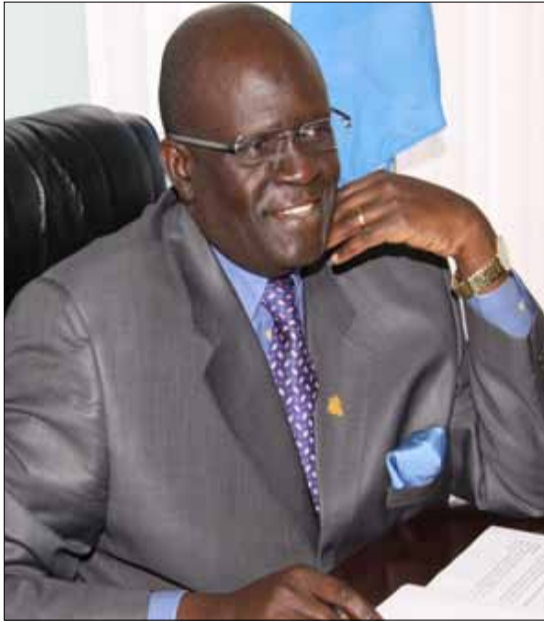
The former Chancellor, Dr. Joseph Barrage Wanjui on the other hand continued with his memoirs by launching his third book 'My Native Roots' at the University last month. The book launch was attended by university managers and staff, family members and prominent Kenyans from different sectors. The book was published by the University of Nairobi Press.

We have also reviewed some development projects and reforms which have taken place in the University in the last 10 years. Among the projects are the infrastructural projects completed worth over Ksh 3.5 billion, ongoing projects worth Kshs 3 billion and restructured management.

Other stories featured include research activities, collaborations, students' activities and the continental university games staged at the University last month. Enjoy your reading and do not hesitate to give us your feedback.

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Prof. George A. O. Magoha, Vice-Chancellor

Transformative leadership

in the country, in Africa and the entire world. I wish to commend the University management, Senate, and staff for this good performance.

Ten years ago when I was first appointed Vice-Chancellor, I was given the task of rebuilding, with my colleagues, the University in all its aspects. The challenge was difficult because the University was operating on low ebb in the perception of the public.

The infrastructure was dilapidated, student indiscipline was alarming and staff morale was quite low. We were persuaded to restructure the University, introduced performance contracting, performance appraisal; systems, launched a service charter, intensive training for change management, ISO certification and a reviewed strategic plan. Today, the University is busy with the construction of the Green University Towers, a 22-floor complex that will house the increased academic and administrative activities.

I must commend the University Community for together embedding the concept of good corporate governance, responsibilities, team work and professionalism. Together, we have grown the University to be strong, robust and excellent institution. The University has continued to internationalise its brand, holding discussion on collaboration and partnership with international bodies such as Ford Foundation, and universities in America, Europe and the far East.

The performance of the University, judging by the trophies, accolades, open house and public forums indicated that despite a shortage of finances, we have forged ahead with our commitment to take UON to the next level of development. I acknowledge the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi and the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah, for their guidance and wise leadership.

As mandated, we have been keen in maintaining scientific standards, and in providing the skills that are required for a growing economy such as ours. At the research level, the University has transferred knowledge to the local communities through research uptake and initiatives such as Elimika, which seeks to increase public understanding on the Constitution. I am confident that the UoN will continue to be among the finest universities' in the world

The University maintained its lead in the Web Ranking of Universities, affirmed the University of Nairobi (UoN) as the best University in the region, at position nine (9) in Africa out of 1307 ranked universities and position 907 out of over 22,000 universities world wide. The ranking also confirmed the scholarly competitive edge that the University of Nairobi (UoN) has steadily maintained

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Contributing to worthy cases



The philanthropist

Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chancellor, University of Nairobi .

Dr. Vijoo Rattansi's earliest memories of her childhood were that God smiled at us. Born in an island in Zanzibar, over sixty years ago, she remembers that there was no apartheid; we lived as one big happy family, respecting all elders regardless of ethnicity and religion. "My greatest influence as I was growing up was my mother and my father he died when I was little but I remember that he did a lot of philanthropy work, and so did my brother'. Perhaps it is this early glimpse into philanthropy that has marked Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chancellor of the University of Nairobi.

Growing up in Zanzibar, Vijoo remembers that people felt it their duty to help others. Giving was engrained in Vijoo from a young age, she attended a co-ed school where they instilled certain values in what is now called moral education. "At school they told us little fables and stories at the end of which they would ask what does that tell you". This early part of her education taught her how to live a fully spiritual rounded life.

As a young person, Vijoo wanted to train as a doctor, because she wanted to look after people especially those who could not afford medical fees. Instead, she got married to Mohammed Rattansi. At the time, he was running Nairobi Sports House; he was sportsman and played tennis and cricket for Kenya.

Vijoo comes from a family of givers and in marriage, joined a family of givers. The Rattansi's have been

involved in philanthropy work since the 1930's. "Philanthropy is not just giving money, it is about empowering people. When you do charity, you just write a cheque and forget about the cause. In philanthropy you get immersed in the life of the cause. In philanthropy you teach people how to fish, you don't just give fish.

"I draw a lot of joy from giving to others. Someone comes to you with a problem and goes out smiling; now that's a joy. That is why Vijoo believes that philanthropists are selfish, because in giving you get so much more back. You don't have to give so much, it is the spirit that you give out that matters.

Rattansi favours education, believing that if you empower someone with education, it is for life. "You can lose money but not education she says. Involved fully in the Kenya Community Development Fund, she has been concerned about how to sustain philanthropy. "The spirit of sustainability is important, there is need to make people appreciate family foundation, individual giving, community giving and development. I am interested in how we can organize giving, change policy and integrate development, including improving the environment, on philanthropy.

Rattansi is an ardent sportswoman herself and has enjoyed swimming, hockey, cycling, although at the moment golf is more appropriate. "I try to swim a lap every morning, drawing energy to run the Rattansi Trust". The Trust started in 1956 by her late husband and

her father in law who was part of the struggle of independence. "In the late 50's, they realized that an independent country would require strong people to lead. The Constitution of the Trust had quotas of 20 for African, 20 for Muslim, 20 for ismailia's, and 20 everybody. After Independence in 1965, it was changed to any Kenyan, today, the Trust looks into families that need to be uplifted "breaking the cycle of poverty matters, if you educate one person, the others in the family will be uplifted as the sponsored one pays fees for the others".

Rattansi does not believe that she would change anything from the world. "There is no joy like giving". Describing herself as a normal being, she feels that if she had control over history, she would ensure that the mistakes that we as a nation have made would not be repeated. The way we treat each other is not right. If we understand each other life would be so much easier. Lack of communication is half of the problem.

Rattansi would want to leave a legacy "If at my funeral, just one person was to say, that she was a good woman, it would do me proud, I do not wish to be remembered for material things but to hear thy worth so expressed would let me rest in peace. Rattansi challenges all of us, with the good in us, to discover ourselves. Kenya is not a poor country, if every Kenyan contributed one shilling a week, we could get enough to accumulate money into an Endowment Fund. The mathematics here is boggling, 40 million multiplied by 52 weeks would give 2 billion that could make a difference.

In view of the fact that there is brilliance in all forms, Rattansi believes the vocational training is crucial for development and should be supported. Endowment funds, are based on knowledge of our people and their conditions and therefore are valid for perpetuating people without taking away their dignity, and feeling that you are doing them a favour.

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Adoption of New Corporate Strategies has worked for UoN



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, A&F, Prof. Peter Mbithi during the release of performance contracting results to Colleges in June 2014.

Reflecting back 10 years ago before the advent of the Public Sector Reform Programme in governance of public institutions, the University of Nairobi struggled to shine among the big corporates.

The University had a litany of problems ranging from stalled projects of the 1990s to a perennial standoff with the student leadership. The financial position of the University was not healthy either as it owed many creditors including failing to make statutory remittances to bodies such as Kenya Revenue Authority and the University Pension Scheme.

When the NARC government led by retired President Hon. Mwai Kibaki, took over leadership, in 2003, the country witnessed a paradigm shift in the management of public affairs and the University of Nairobi was not left behind. The first shift was appointment of private citizens as Chancellor's to head the public universities – a position that was usually reserved for the head of state.

The appointment of chancellors brought in new management styles as the universities adapted to new governance systems. At the University of Nairobi, Dr. Joseph Wanjui, a

respected private investor with rich experience in corporate governance, was appointed as the Chancellor. Soon after his appointment, he made it clear that “status quo was not an option” and immediately embarked on implementing new corporate practices in administering the university, including competitive hiring of the CEO hitherto unheard of in public sector management. The move sparked off similar changes in many government entities and currently competitive sourcing of leaders is firmly entrenched in the management of public affairs in most sectors including constitutional

offices.

At the UoN, Prof. George Magoha was the first Vice-Chancellor to be recruited after a competitive exercise that involved advertisement in the international media. A surgeon of repute, Prof Magoha had served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Principal, College of Health Sciences and Dean, School of Medicine and Chairman, Department of Surgery. He was tasked with crafting a reform agenda of the University and for the first time in the history of the institution, his management team came up with a strategic plan 2005:2010 which has since been reviewed and renewed twice. The practice has since been entrenched in the management of the University and cascaded to all the units.

The strategic plan set the pace of reforms at the University, whose key interests were to propel the institution to become a world class university committed to scholarly excellence and benchmark with the best universities in the world. All the activities undertaken in the University are now anchored in the strategic plan.

Prof. Magoha's first agenda was to reconstitute academic units to conform with the international trend. The move led to the creation of new schools such as splitting the former Faculty of Science into three (3) schools of Physical, Biological and Mathematics and former Faculty of Architecture, Design and Development was also split into two schools: School of the Built Environment and School of Arts and Design. In the process, the Institute for Housing and Building Research (HABRI) was merged with the Department of Architecture to form the Department of Architecture and Building Science. Other bigger faculties like medicine underwent reorganization that resulted in creation of thematic units to take care of specialist areas that were initially under departments. To date, we

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have 32 schools, institutes and faculties dealing with different academic concerns of the University.

The university has been a top performer during this period on performance contracting and currently holds the excellent rank – a position that has never been achieved by any public entity. Good performance for the University has also been reflected in web ranking of the university for the last 10 years. The University of Nairobi has been a consistent top performer and is currently ranked the best university in the region, position 9 in Africa and position 907 in the world.

To ensure quality service, the University products are validated by quality assurance bodies. From 2008 UoN has been ISO certified and subsequent surveillance audits have given it a clean bill of health. Other quality assurance bodies include the Commission for Universities Education and professional bodies.

Mainstreaming management of student research and student affairs by creating divisions headed by Vice-Chancellor's is part of the outcomes of the reforms. The two dockets were previously under the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs. They are headed by Prof. Lucy Irungu for Research Production and Extension and Prof. Isaac Mbeche for Student Affairs.

It is the adoption of these corporate practices, that have led to a steady growth of the university boasting 68,000 students – 13,000 of whom are postgraduate and research portfolio and KES. 3.5 Billion, and asset portfolio of over KES. 102 Billion. Its activities are now spread worldwide, its staff strength standing at over 140 Professors and 276 Associate Professors. Its international projects are strengthened by over 1350 links, 350 of which are active.

The University is also busy refurbishing its infrastructure and constructing new ones to cope with the increasing demand for its programmes.

Our academic infrastructure in the last 10 years

The University has invested over Kshs 3.5 billion in new and completion of stalled projects in the last 10 years. This investment is set to rise by another Kshs 3 billion upon completion of the University Towers at the Main Campus worth Kshs 2.2 billion and completion of projects in Kisumu Campus and the Pharmacy School Complex. We have featured some of the projects completed during this period.

College of Education and External Studies (CEES)



- 2006:** Completion of Library Hill Complex which consists of a two storey building with a capacity of 1,200 users and over 200,000 books and reference material.
- 2005:** Completion of School of Education building which includes two large lecture theatres, tuition room, office space and communication and speech laboratories
- 2006:** Rehabilitation of a one storey warden's house at the Kikuyu Campus
- 2007:** Purchase of former British Council Library for Kisumu Campus which has adequate office space, class rooms, a modern computerized library, a computer laboratory and an amphitheatre.

College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS)

- 2008:** Construction of a modern Examination Centre which consists of two examination rooms with



- a capacity of 1000 users each, office space, a computing unit and wide reception rooms.
- 2007:** Renovation of former International Centre for Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) headquarters in Chiromo now known as the Centre for Biotechnology and Informatics (CEBIB) which has a molecular biology laboratory, a transformation laboratory, a tissue culture laboratory, a bioinformatics unit, a genomics platform, office space and a microbiology and mycology laboratory.
- 2008:** Cabro works: Paving of the trunk road from YMCA to Chiromo Campus
- Cabro works for car parks at CBPS
- 2005:** Completion of stalled facilities and construction of extra floor space of the School of Computing and Informatics building

College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS)



2007: Completion of the 8-4-4 Building has modern lecture theatres, seminar rooms, offices, a computer laboratory and facilities for international seminars.

2008: Cabro works for car parks at CAVS

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)



2005: Facelift of facilities at Lower Kabete Campus

2009: Completion of the Library

2010: Completion of 8-4-4 Halls at Lower Kabete Campus

2008: Refurbishment of existing pavements, water channels and gratings at Main Campus. Renovation of parking space behind 8-4-4 Building



2008: In 2008, the University expanded its fixed asset portfolio by acquiring the University Plaza formerly Kenya Re Plaza in Mombasa at a cost

of ksh 190 million. The Plaza is being used as teaching space for programmes in the Schools of Business and Law, as well as housing the Department of Extra Mural Studies which has had a strong presence in Mombasa for the last ten years.



The University Plaza in Mombasa acquired from Kenya Re.

College of Health Sciences (CHS)



2005: Completion of the Nursing Sciences block in the School of Nursing Sciences

2007: Completion of Level 3 laboratories

2009: Completion of an extension block to the Department of Surgery

On-going Projects

- Construction of University of Nairobi Towers
- Expansion of Kisumu Campus
- Construction of School of Pharmacy Complex



Tower: Flagship development over years



View of the ongoing construction of the University towers from Harry Thuku Road.

The University of Nairobi towers, whose construction is ongoing, is the flagship infrastructural project by the University for the last 24 years.

The Towers will accommodate the increasing academic activities and administrative services. The 22 floors with learning facilities, will accommodate 3000 students and house facilities that include the Vice-Chancellor's Suite, Senate Boardroom, Council Meeting Room, one lecture theatres of 500 persons, four lecture theatres of 300 persons, and several lecture rooms to cater for a minimum of 60 persons, a

floor for the Graduate School and a floor for the Graduate School of Business. It will also have a helipad.

The Towers is situated in the open space between the Gandhi Building and Education Building, just adjacent to the Norfolk Fairmont Hotel and Kenya National Theatre.

The construction has reached 5th floor and completion is expected in a year according to the Vice-Chancellor,

Prof. George Magoha. The project is funded entirely by internally generated income and well wishers. The most noticeable donor is businessman cum philanthropist, Dr. Manu Chandaria, who has contributed KShs 50 million toward the project. In return, the University will reciprocate by naming the Centre of Performing Arts in his honour. The centre will be located on 5th Floor.

On completion, the Tower will not only provide the much-needed teaching space but also assert and affirm the position of the University of Nairobi as the leader of architectural thought, innovation and champion towards the provision of environmentally friendly-solutions.

According to Prof. Magoha, the

University of Nairobi, is constructing an ecologically sustainable building with world class aesthetics and environmental design considerations. It is expected to meet stringent carbon foot print criteria achieving close to 100 per cent carbon neutrality. The new building will also meet the indicated spatial requirements and demonstrate leadership in the development of a holistic green environment and must attain the highest green rating standards globally. The building will also demonstrate a new approach to workplace design and create a model for others to learn world-class acoustic treatment.

The building is designed to enhance the quality of outdoor space and the balance between indoor and

outdoor spaces. The University of Nairobi Towers will be an inspiring and attractive showcase of “green” buildings and once realized, the final facility will attain signature status in all aspects of cutting-edge architecture. The facility will be a place where users will be proud to undertake world-class scholarly work, receive global leaders, scholars, the private sector, as well as other prominent guests.

The architect for the project is Waweru and Associates who won the project through an architectural design competition held in November 2011 in an exercise presided over by an international jury, comprising various experts. The contractor of the project is China Wu Yi.

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View of the ongoing construction from the Great Court. Construction has now reached 6th floor.





Dr. Manu Chandaria with family members hand over a cheque of Kshs 50 million on behalf of Chandaria Foundation to the University Management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha.

Chandaria Foundation gives 50 million towards construction of the towers

Chandaria Foundation has made a generous contribution of Ksh. 50 million towards the construction of the University of Nairobi Towers. In recognition, the Center for Performing Arts which will be located on the 5th floor of the Towers will be named 'Chandaria Centre for Performing Arts' in honour of the Chandaria Foundation.

Speaking during the signing of the agreement and presentation of the cheque at the University, Philanthropist, Dr. Manu Chandaria called on institutions of higher learning to be self-reliant. He noted that the performing arts industry has a lot of potential for growth and that performing artists in the world run economies. He said that the

Chandaria Centre for Performing Arts' will be an ideal facility to nurture talent in performing arts. Dr. Chandaria was accompanied by his wife Aruna, members of his family and Trustees of the Chandaria Foundation.

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Leading top management in receiving the generous contribution, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha thanked the Foundation for being the first to support the University in the construction of the 22-storey towers and that the move was a sign of continuous cooperation between the two organizations. Prof. Magoha said that Dr. Chandaria has contributed greatly to the growth and development of the University of Nairobi when he served in the Council for over 20 years.

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Refining service delivery through performance contracting



The Estates Manager, Mr. Tracisio Thuita, receives a prize of excellence in performance contracting from the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah.

The University has been on Performance Contracting since 2006/2007. Initially it was Colleges that were on Performance Contract with various targets which the Colleges undertook to achieve. The targets were derived from the Performance Contracting which the University signed with the Ministry of Education. Later, units were also taken up in the process.

It is important however, to reflect on what Performance Contracting is and the changes that it has brought to the University, and its ranking. Performance

Contract is a requirement of Notice 93 in which the government agencies submit quarterly performance reports. The Performance Contracting is a process that is meant to ensure that public institutions monitor their budgets and program implementation and in the process deliver their mandated

services effectively and efficiently.

Performance Contracting targets are negotiated and are driven and derived from the strategic objectives of the University and in turn of the unit. The units review the annual operating plans; identify the cost reduction and

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areas of inefficiency which become the basis for negotiating contracts. Essentially, in Performance Contracting, the targets are growth oriented, comprehensive and relevant to the institutions mandate and bench marked with the best trends.

The highlights of performance contracting at the University have been cost reduction, implementation of a service charter, new publications in referred journals, enhanced IT facilities and use, operating in a neat and clean environment, addressing corruption, HIV/AIDs, gender mainstreaming and disability, science, technology, innovation and competitiveness.

Along the way, the Universities Performance Contracting has acquired a component of staff performance with the University developing tools for staff appraisal which aims primarily at staff participating and being involved in planning,

The UoN has performed very well on delivery on the targets of Performance Contracting.

Period	Position/Govt. agencies	University
2005/2006	19/139	-
2006/2007	6/139	-
2007/2008	No results announced	-
2008/2009	2/178	1
2009/2010	3/178	1
2010/2011	1/178	1

delivery and evaluation of work performance.

Implicit in Performance Contracting is setting clear goals which can be focused to achieve results, define obligations and responsibilities and measure the extent of achievement. In defining performance measures, one can clarify the expectation of stakeholders in public institutions. A Performance Contracting therefore defines and clarifies what an employer expects of the employee.

The University has made the Performance Contract a management accountability framework focusing on outputs and outcomes rather than inputs, processes or pre-occupation with activities. A key feature of performance contracting is that it has freed managers from unproductive and uncoordinated activities, ensuring that they focus on what really matters, the result is that a results oriented culture has pervaded the organic everyday life of the university. In turn, the University has stemmed the erosion of public confidence.

The University is reeling with good systems that came into existence as a result of performance contracting. Among such good practices are: introduction of service delivery charters, ISO certification, enhanced appropriation-in-aid, strict measures on cost reduction/saving and insistence on an improved working environment. The University has appreciated the need to rationalize governance and ensure that its services to the public work better with less costs. One reason then why the University continues to perform so well is that there is greater ownership of the process as



the Performance Contracting process has been cascaded downwards. As a result, the University has sustained its performance over the years.

Performance contracting is not just for management, staff and students have to take up ownership in the results because ultimately they reflect our contribution to the overall excellence.

Universities challenged to foster relations with the business sector



(Left) Mr. Stephen Wainaina, receives the 5th AIBUMA Keynote Speaker trophy from Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, CHSS. Looking on is Dr. Josiah Aduda, Dean, School of Business.

The government has challenged universities to take active roles in fostering research activities, innovations, collaborations and fusion between chief players in academia and business sector. This was echoed by various speakers during the 5th Africa International Business and Management (AIBUMA) Conference at the School of Business.

Presiding over the ceremony on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, Devolution and Planning Ms. Ann Waiguru, Mr. Stephen Wainaina Planning Secretary noted that forums such as the AIBUMA Conference, attract active participation and contribution from players in industry, the public sector and academia. The papers presented during the conference are an important

reference for researchers and scholars in making positive impact to business and management solutions.

Addressing the participants, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. Peter Mbithi underscored the forum as a platform to show case research as well as provide an avenue for collaboration and fusion between players in academia, the business community and the public sector. He noted that at the University level, the current management has embraced the modern business ethics for effective and efficient delivery of service to our customers and stakeholders. The University of Nairobi adheres to the ISO 9000:2008 certification requirements in delivery of service which attests to the current management policy of delivering quality service to all our

customers.

During the two-day Conference, the intensive interaction among the participants came up with well researched solutions relevant to this year's conference theme: "Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility: The Way Forward for Emerging Economies."

The AIBUMA Conference is destined to create a platform that will facilitate exchange and sharing of business ideas with renowned local, regional and global business moguls, practitioners and researchers from both public and private entities. It is designed to offer sustainable economic development policies in emerging economies and generate global best practices in the entrepreneurship world.

Growth of research portfolio



Member of staff working in UNITID laboratory.

The University of Nairobi continues to be a soul searching, active, fact finding community, proposing solutions for adoption by society.

In the last ten years, in collaboration with government and NGOs, staff and students have spearheaded initiatives to find solutions to problems such as rapid population growth, poverty and disease, which constrain development activities. Such research carried out has been key to accelerating social economic progress propelling Kenya at international, scientific and technological fora.

The University portfolio for research is a staggering 33.5 billion. This figure, is astonishing more so when one considers that only 10 years ago, the portfolio was

300 million.

In order to consolidate research, the University established a Research, Production and Extension division about three years ago. The division, which is handled by the DVC, Prof. Lucy Irungu, has been critical in creating a culture of innovation through acquisition, creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization/application and knowledge.

The first task of the division was to train academic and technical staff to write winning grant proposals as part of raising

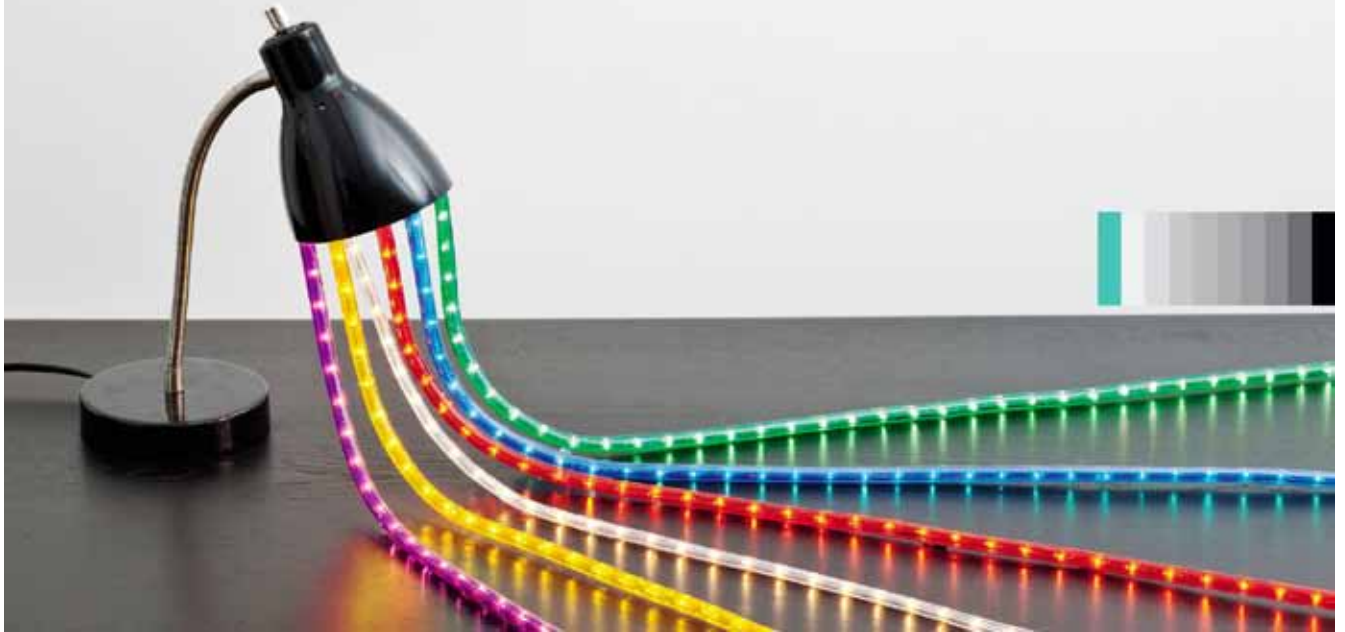
the visibility of our research capacity, potential and portfolio. In the last five years, University researchers working in teams have collaborated on a number of interesting projects that range from HIV/AIDs, to motor transport, from social movements, to population cases and to food security with research carried out on beans, pigeon peas, new seed varieties, potatoes, and cassava.

Some of the prolific researchers on HIV/AIDs include: Omu Anzala whose efforts attracted a 938m research grant in the University in 2010, while Elizabeth Ngugi has received international accolades for her work in HIV/AIDs as it pertains to most at risk populations. At the Faculty of Agriculture, Agnes Mwangombe heads a team that has over the last five years developed over eight new varieties of breeder seeds; Kenya Mavuno; Kenya Safi and Kenya Tamu; Miezi Mbili, Kenya Sugar; New Roscoco, and Kenya Kidney.

The varieties are early maturing, resistant to several bean diseases, have consumer preferred grain characteristics and cooking quality. Prof. Njuguna Ngethe, addressed the knowledge economy by undertaking research on the factors affecting completion pace and rates of doctoral studies in Kenyan Public Universities.

In a separate development, the University has been building research uptake management capacity. The University is a member of the Development Research Uptake in Sub-saharan Africa, networks and has received bursaries in continuing professional development in research uptake, support for MPhil programmes, and support to stage events. The network is opportune for facilitating the UoN to research for a bigger impact on policymaking and society.

UoN's Fablab scoops award during Transform Kenya Awards



The University of Nairobi's Fablab recently scooped the Manufacturing Award at the Transform Kenya Awards.

An innovation at the University's Science and Technology Park, Fablab is a creative hub for engineers, designers, innovators and business people that aim at providing widespread access to modern means for invention. Projects developed and produced in Fablab include solar and wind powered technologies, thin-client computers and wireless data networks, analytical instrumentation for agriculture and healthcare, custom housing, and rapid- prototyping of rapid-prototyping machines.

Organised by the Standard Media Group, the

Transform Kenya Awards aims to recognise and showcase people and institutions committed to improving the lives of other Kenyans by looking beyond profit and recognising outcomes that have powerful social impact. It aims at rewarding the demonstration of values that drive transformation in society and celebrate those values. The University was represented by the Science Park, Coordinator, Dr. Kamau Gachigi.

Among those who won prizes is renowned industrialist Manu Chandaria who got the Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to the nation. Dr Chandaria is one of Kenya's leading philanthropists.

Varsity Focus congratulates the Science and Technology Park and the Fablab team.

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(Left) Managing Director, Jeremy Awori and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha officially launch Host-To-Host.

UoN and Barclays launch new product

The University of Nairobi (UoN) and Barclays Bank of Kenya (BBK) today, launched Host-To-Host, an automated seamless cash management system which will serve students and other stakeholders by hastening payment processes in the University.

Launching the programme at UoN, BBK Managing Director, Jeremy Awori said that this was the first collaboration of its kind in the market and that the development creates a win-win situation for both institutions in that the students will have access to first-class service from their finance office and the bank will be able to showcase the impact of technology and banking convergence to the business.

Host-To-Host is part of the University's digitization programme that ensures end-to-end integration between UoN's treasury system and the bank system, resulting in a decrease of errors and rejects that result from manual collections and payments processes. The unique system is also flexible and accommodates mobile payments available from Barclays. Host-To-Host which is embedded in the Barclays Integrator (the bank's Internet Banking solution), enhances transparency, security and high standards of accountability through readily available information that is also credible for audit purposes.

The Vice-Chancellor, UoN, Prof. George Magoha, noted that the new solution will enable students pay

fees at any of the BBK channels and receive auto receipts for their fees as well as automatic updates on their account status on the student portal. The move will bolster efficiency across the various departments in the University considering as all the processes will be interconnected with the Finance Office. He added that this is a bonus to a long standing mutual relationship between that the University and Barclays.

During the meeting, the managers from the two organizations also discussed possible areas of collaboration that would not only cement their partnership but also create new opportunities for Barclays to meet its customers' growing need for customized solutions that are aligned to their business model.

Dr. Wafula scoops International Young Scientist Cattle Award

Dr. J. Wafula Aleri, a lecturer at the Department of Clinical Studies, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences has been named this year's winner of the Gustav Rosenberger Young Scientist Cattle award.

The Gustav Rosenberger Memorial Fund (GRMF) is an international award in tribute to Dr

Gustav Rosenberger and is related to the World Association for Buiatrics. The award was initiated, with the objective to 'further improve bovine medicine at an international level and to stimulate bovine research in its broadest sense'. To realize that objective, bovine scientists have been awarded by grants and prizes, mainly being young scientists. The grant

consists of a value of approximately € 10.000 and has been sponsored by MSD Animal Health and a travel scholarship to attend the 2014 Buiatrics Conference. Dr Aleri received the prestigious award in Cairns, Australia where the Buiatrics Conference was held from July 26, 2014 to August 1, 2014. Dr Aleri presented part of his PhD research work at the conference.

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Dr Josh Aleri has been presented with the Gustav Rosenberger Award at the World Buiatrics Congress in Cairns.



Dr. George Ooko Abong', a lecturer at the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Technology

The World Food Congress is a prestigious event, hosted by IUFOST and, in 2014, the Canadian Institute of Food Science & Technology (CIFST), that promotes the advancement of global food science and technology and fosters the worldwide exchange of scientific knowledge and ideas.

Lecturer wins IUFOST Young Scientist Award

Dr. George Ooko Abong', a lecturer at the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Technology has been named this year's International Union of Food Technologists (IUFOST) Young Scientist winner.

As one of the winners, Dr. Abong' was invited by the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) to participate in the Global Food Safety Partnership meeting, between August 14 and 15, 2014, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Dr. Abong' was involved in an important Young Scientists session and made

a presentation on Sustainability. As a Young Scientist Award winner, Dr. Abong' addressed the General Assembly of IUFOST.

The prestigious event, facilitated by the World Bank in conjunction with the International Union of Food Science and Technology IUFOST, is the 17th World Congress of Food Science and Technology (World Food Congress) was held between August 17 to 21, 2014.

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of Food Science & Technology (CIFST), that promotes the advancement of global food science and technology and fosters the worldwide exchange of scientific knowledge and ideas. It attracts thousands of professionals from across all food science and technology sectors eager to learn and to network with other colleagues. Dr. Abong's scientific achievement in research and leadership in food science and technology has been recognized by IUFOST.

The *Varsity Focus* congratulates Dr. Abong' on this achievement and wishes him well.

UoN establishes Molecular Biology Application Lab

The University of Nairobi (UoN) in partnership with QIAGEN, Germany and Bio-Zeq Kenya have established a Molecular Biology Application Laboratory.

The fully equipped laboratory hosted at KAVI- Institute of Clinical Research, College of Health Sciences, will advance skills in molecular biology in research, clinical diagnostics, treatment and forensics investigation. UoN becomes the first academic institution to set up such a facility in Africa as well as the University to host the first Molecular Biology Amplification workshop in the East African region.

While officially opening the workshop, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro, called on stakeholders to take advantage of the opportunity presented and collaborate with the University in

research and training of forensic sciences investigators. The use of molecular biology in medicine has revolutionized the way research, surveillance, diagnosis, treatment and prevention are conducted. Molecular biology is at the core of understanding

how the living world functions. The move comes at an appropriate time as there have been minimal advances in molecular biology in Africa. These advances are also being applied in forensic sciences to improve in forensic investigation. Prof. Mutoro represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu, welcomed the initiative noting that the University of Nairobi is keen on creation of new scientific knowledge that has informed policy and improved practice in various fields. She called on industry

players to widen their scope of collaboration to include research which is key to the development of the nation.

KAVI's initial motivation was to conduct basic HIV research, epidemiology and carry out research aimed at the discovery of an HIV/AIDS vaccine. Over the years, KAVI has experienced tremendous growth, and conducted nine HIV vaccine trials, ten basic sciences research projects, multiple epidemiologic research projects and most importantly established an international accredited research laboratory. In addition, KAVI has pioneered the discovery of highly potent and broadly neutralizing antibodies against the HIV virus, this pioneering work has had tremendous impact on the search for an HIV vaccine. The Institute is now recognized as a centre of mucosal immunology in the region having pioneered research projects on mucosal sampling and standardization of mucosal immunity assays. These mucosal assays have now been incorporated in the evaluation of immune response against candidate HIV vaccines.

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Leading researcher Prof. Omu Onzala with Prof H. Mutoro and Prof. L. Irungu being taken through the application laboratory.

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1. Prof. George Magoha, launch the book 'My Native Roots' by Dr. Wanjui, former Chancellor, UoN

2. Dignitaries including, former Vice-President, Moody Awori who attended the book launch.

3. Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chancellor, UoN, plants a commemorative tree at Upper Kabete Campus, during her inaugural visit.

4. School of Medicine Students in a CSR activity.



5. CEO Barclays Bank, Mr. Jeremy Awori with Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, after signing a host to host application with the University of Nairobi.

6. Guest who attended the lecture in memory of the late Prof. Hastings Okoth-Ogendo

7. Prof. Jean-Paul Jourdan, President, University of Bordeaux-Montaigne and Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension display signed copies of the memorandum of understanding.

8. FASU Games champions, Egypt, celebrate after being crowned.



Third year BCom student benefits from Total summer school



The Managing Director, Total Kenya, Ms Adaeze and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, A&A hand over the nomination for Total Summer School to the winner, Christine Mukami Njiru, from the School of Business.

2014 was an exciting year for Christine Mukami Njiru, a 3rd year finance option student at the School of Business, when she won a place at a one week summer school programme in France, sponsored by Total.

Christine is no light weight, by the time she was twenty, in 2012, she was a CPA. Born and brought up in Nairobi, Christine has always been intrigued by accounting, math and finance and how people can participate in company business.

“Accountancy is not for everyone, one needs a passion and interest. Even when you are reading up those hard nights, you really need passion to keep you focused”.

Christine heard about the summer school project through a simple poster that requested those with an average GPA of 68 plus to take up the program. The selection process was actually transparent,

As a Kenyan, I believe that different diversities and backgrounds require reflection on how to impact on a new thinking, and synergy on energy issues.

I was curious especially about emerging issues and how a company such as Total could play a role in solving problems and challenges. "They only wanted one student from so many, how could I be the one I wondered", however buoyed by the belief that one never knows until one has taken the chance, she submitted her motivational letter and Curriculum Vitae.

The call to attend an interview at the Total office was exciting, with eight (2 men, 6 ladies) participating in discussion groups over 3 main questions. The interviewers observed the interaction between and amongst members of the group. Round two of the interviews, was personal, lasting a whole afternoon. It was another two/three days later that as promised, Christine was contacted to meet the Managing Director of Total, in a sit down interaction of about twenty minutes "I was so honoured to meet the MD Ms Adaeze She was so

kind and made me feel at ease". It was to be another two weeks before, one Monday, in May 2014, with no word; I thought they had decided to go another direction. And then on Tuesday, came the long awaited call, I was informed that I had been selected to represent Kenya. "I was ecstatic, thrilled and on hindsight I think I was selected because I communicated my thoughts clearly, in good English, I tried to be as clear as I could, remain confident and present my best side.

France, Paris was a good experience. The program was attended by 105 students (59 men, 46 women) from all over the world, with diverse backgrounds, fields and cultures. As a Kenyan, I believe that different diversities and backgrounds require reflection on how to impact on a new thinking, and synergy on energy issues.

Some of the lessons learnt are that:

The direction in which companies are venturing into is to involve youth in decision making. Youth are free thinkers, they can provoke and act as catalysts in what has been the status quo. The significance of youth and how important the views of youth are to top management touched Christine.

This experience has changed Christine in more ways than one. "I am actually more open, I used to be shy and meeting new people, introducing yourself and being bold to exchange ideas changes you. I now take a keen interest in energy and the role that I can play. I need not tell you how important it is for all of us to get involved in climate change, new sources of energy for exploitation, to think of a new future and creating a better world.

Christine would recommend the summer school to other students. "It is a great opportunity, you get to be part of a larger experience, other than yourself. You share stories, and present yourself. Only the best represents the country, if you have the potential, plan and go forward.

"Summer school was a lot of work but also play, we experienced French culture everyday, we had simulation process with working groups, lectures, tours including the Eiffel tower and the Notre Dame Cathedral (a real spiritual moment). Now I am keen to take up the French language after developing an appreciation of their culture."



Christine Mukami Njiru, with colleagues at the Summer School.

The Web Ranking of Universities has once again affirmed the University of Nairobi (UoN) as the best University in the region.

In the best performance ever since the inception of Web Ranking of Universities 11 years ago, the University of Nairobi leads all universities in East Africa, and is at position nine (9) in Africa out of 1307 ranked universities. The University also registered impressive improvement internationally by emerging 907 out of over 22,000 ranked universities – jumping 419 places from its previous ranking in January 2014, when it emerged 1326.

The ranking confirms the scholarly competitive edge the University of Nairobi (UoN) has steadily maintained in the country, in Africa and the entire world. Over the years, it has established itself as a world-class university committed to scholarly excellence offering programmes in diverse fields of specialization.

In Africa, UoN led local universities who were positioned in 22, 45, 49, 74 and 77 among those ranked in the top 100. Overall in Africa, the University of Cape Town reclaimed its top position after swapping places with Cairo University which emerged second. UoN was the



Vice-Chancellor Prof. George Magoha with the trophy for Excellent mark during the government performance contracting assesment

University of Nairobi maintains top ten rank in Africa

only university outside South Africa and Egypt to appear among the top 10 in the region. The first position worldwide went to the renowned Harvard University and the first top ten positions were captured by US universities.

UoN’s performance is the best result posted by any regional University since the advent of web ranking in 2004. In the January 2014 rankings, the University of Nairobi was also first

in Kenya, first in East Africa and 9th in Africa.

The web rankings of universities also complement the government Performance Contracting ranking in which UoN has consistently maintained position one, ahead of other public Universities and Institutions. In the last results, UoN posted an “Excellent” rank a position that has never been achieved by any public entity in the

Performance Contracting exercise. In November 2013, the University of Nairobi's College of Health Sciences was recognized as the Centre of Excellence in health by the East African Legislative Assembly. The University is also in position one (1) in the 4ICU web rankings.

The improved rankings come against the backdrop of increased enrolment. UoN student population has grown tremendously over the last decade and currently boasts an undergraduate population of 70,000, up from 30,000 in 2004, making it the largest university in East Africa. They learn in an environment of highly qualified academic staff comprising 126 Professors, and 276 Associate Professors. It also has a research portfolio of KES 3.5 billion and over 1350 international linkages out of which 350 are active. The research kitty is the biggest in the region and is the incubation point of knowledge for scholars and students.

To cope with the accelerated intake,

Ongoing construction of the state-of-the-art 22-storey, University of Nairobi Towers at the Main Campus, expected to cost KES 2.5 billion on completion and will house the increasing academic and administrative activities.

increased overall admissions and academic activities in the University, management is increasing physical facilities campus wide. The facilities include the ongoing construction of the state-of-the-art 22-storey, University of Nairobi Towers at the Main Campus, expected to cost

KES 2.5 billion on completion and will house the increasing academic and administrative activities. Also, ongoing, are the constructions of the School of Pharmacy Complex at the College of Health Sciences at Kenyatta National Hospital, and the expansion of Kisumu campus which houses the Schools of Law, Business and Education. Renovation works at Parklands Campus are also at the completion stage. These facilities are in addition to projects worth more than KES 3.5 billion completed in the last 10 years.

Strategically located in Nairobi central business district, UoN boasts high caliber staff, is endowed with modern facilities and remains a magnet for those in search of quality university education. For Kenyans who wish to pursue professional courses among them medicine and related courses, engineering or architecture, law, business, agriculture, science, social sciences and liberal arts, UoN is remains the first choice university.

The University's alumni number more than 156,000, majority of who serve in top leadership positions in all sectors of the economy, locally and internationally. Going with last year's trend in which a record 14,207 students, among them 3,373 Masters, 95 PhDs and 2 DSc's graduated, the University will surpass this number by the time we hold the second graduation in December this year. UoN holds the distinction of the institution that has produced more trained human resources than any other institution of higher learning in Kenya and has a hand in the development of the entire higher education subsector in the country.

Top Ten Universities in Africa at a glance

University	World Rank	Country
University of Cape Town	350	South Africa
Cairo University	358	Egypt
Stellenbosch University	439	South Africa
University of Pretoria	444	South Africa
University of Witwatersrand	580	South Africa
University of Kwazulu Natal	752	South Africa
University of West Cape	789	South Africa
American University, Cairo	904	Egypt
University of Nairobi	907	Kenya
Mansoura University	911	Egypt

UoN staff trained on complaints handling management



Mr. Otiende Amollo, Chairman, CAJ and Prof. George Magoha, Vice-Chancellor, UoN, during the training.

The University of Nairobi (UoN) members of staff have been challenged to ensure that the complaints handling mechanisms in place are effective in dealing with customer concerns. This was echoed by various speakers during a training on capacity development on effective complaints management for complaints handling officers and staff at the University of Nairobi.

The training targeting members of the University's Central Corruption Committees, Colleges, Student Welfare Authority (SWA), University of Nairobi Enterprise Services (UNES) and Central units Corruption

Prevention Committees' was facilitated by the Commission for Administrative Justice (CAJ).

In the key note presentation on re-examining the role and relevance of the Ombudsman and its contributions to justice, governance and public service delivered by Mr. Otiende Amollo, Chairman, CAJ, it emerged that the Commission has a constitutional mandate to safeguard public interest by promoting constitutionalism, securing the observance of democratic values and principles and protecting the sovereignty of the people of Kenya.

In the current Performance Contract

period 2013/2014, CAJ had issued new guidelines for the implementation of Public Complaints indicators which the University needed to adhere to. In his presentation, Mr. Amollo noted that complaints received by the Ombudsman against the University of Nairobi had been addressed comprehensively within the stipulated period. To date, the University has received seven complaints from CAJ since the 2011/2012 performance contracting period.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha restated the University's commitment in implementing the new guidelines set by the Commission. The

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UoN to introduce course in human rights education

The University of Nairobi (UoN) is set to introduce a human rights course in the undergraduate curriculum following the signing of an agreement with the United Nations. In the memorandum of understanding, the two institutions agreed to jointly develop the human rights course curriculum as well as develop staff capacity in human rights education.

UN Resident coordinator, Nardos Bekele-Thomas said that the partnership will provide an excellent platform to build the capacity of leaders of tomorrow to engage with human rights from a multi-sectoral, multi-dimensional, inter-disciplinary perspective and most importantly as a cardinal pillar of good governance and a just society.

Representing the Vice-

Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu said that the move was indeed timely as it will empower young Kenyans in understanding their human rights. Prof. Irungu noted that the University of Nairobi has several centres of excellence focusing on pertinent issues affecting Kenya including the Centre for Human Rights and Peace (CHRP) which will steer the provision of the Human Rights Education course in UoN as well as build a vibrant programme. Already through CHRP, the first cohort of Masters of Arts degree programme in Human Rights is set to graduate later this year.

The University of Nairobi has envisioned that human rights is an important course that will meet the capacity needs of the future and will align the skills of its students to

the demands of an evolving world where human rights is an integral component of governance.

The partnership will be coordinated by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) who will provide technical support as well as provide a forum for partnership and collaboration in identifying, highlighting and developing responses to human rights challenges.

Present during the ceremony was a delegation from the United Nations, Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Preston Chitere, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Dr. Stephen Akaranga, Chairman of Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Dr. J.B. Ndohvu, Programme Coordinator, CHRP.

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complaints handling management

guidelines include the establishment of complaint-handling and management infrastructure and submitting information on the same to the Commission in the prescribed format, acknowledgment of complaints received as well as the actual resolution of complaints received and reported in the prescribed format. In addition, the University is expected to report on the capacity development for effective complaints handling officers and staff as well as report on creation of awareness on the complaints handling system and citizen service delivery charters.

All colleges and units have established customer reporting mechanisms through emails, direct lines, website, social networking sites, customer compliments reporting boxes which are fixed in strategic areas for both internal and external customers to indicate whether they are satisfied or not with our services.

Topics covered during training included effective complaints handling mechanisms procedures, best practice and challenges, and prospects for implementation of the indicator 'resolution of public complaints' in government performance contract.

School of Law honours Prof. Okoth-Ogendo



Chief Justice, Dr. Willy Mutunga, officially unveils the plaque commemorating the academic works the late Prof. Okoth-Ogendo.

It is known that academics rarely honour or glorify their colleagues whether in life or death, regardless of how well the colleague performed in their public or scholarly lives. But at the University of Nairobi's School of Law, the first memorial lecture in honour of Prof. H.W.O.

Okoth-Ogendo was held on June 13, 2014 and, the H.W.O. Okoth-Ogendo Board Room unveiled at the School.

Prof. Gamaliel Mgongo Fimbo of the School of Law, University of Dar-es-Salaam gave the key note

address during the memorial lecture. Prof. Fimbo, whose relations with the late Prof. Okoth-Ogendo dates back to 1967, when they first met, made a presentation entitled "Law in Theory and Practice: Expanding Citizenship Space through Scholarship." In his address, Prof. Fimbo reflected on Prof. Okoth-Ogendo's specific contribution to teaching land law in East Africa. While popularizing the sub-theme-land tenure security- which enabled interrogation of the plight of people in land issues in Kenya, Prof. Fimbo provided a thematic unity in the teaching of land laws. He looked at various works made towards land laws scholarship and research.

The inaugural memorial lecture was organized by the School of Law in partnership with the PLO Lumumba Foundation and the Okoth-Ogendo Family led by Mrs. Ruth Okoth-Ogendo.

While thanking the partners for supporting the initiative, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, who was speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, challenged UoN alumni to follow the example set by Prof. PLO Lumumba by supporting such initiatives at the University. Prof. Mbeche noted that the launch of the Memorial Lectures was a fitting tribute to the departed legal scholar and the University.

With the support of Ford Foundation, a book inform of a collection of essays titled 'Thoughts of Law in Theory and Practice' will be published by 2015. Among the essays will be that of Prof. Fimbo's presentation made during the lecture.

The inaugural memorial lecture was a meeting point of leading personalities in the legal profession led by the Chief Justice of Kenya, Dr. Willy Mutunga, the Attorney General of Kenya, Prof. Githu Muigai, Hon. Justice Aaron Ringera, University management, staff, students, Prof. PLO Lumumba and the general public.

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Former Chancellor, launches his third book: 'The Native Son'

Former University of Nairobi Chancellor Dr. Joseph Barrage Wanjui launched his third book, 'The Native Son' in a well attended function by scholars, family members, friends, and the business community at the University of Nairobi's Vice-Chancellor's Palour.

The book chronicles his experiences as a family man, corporate leader and businessman and will be of great value to researchers, students of economics and business. According to the author, the book provides real insights into how the Kenya nation was built by

businessmen despite the all-too-frequent antics of certain misguided politicians. As a sign of giving back to the community, Dr. Wanjui announced that all the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Joe Wanjui Foundation that supports the girl child education in the country

During the book launch, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha challenged other prominent Kenyans to publish their memoirs so that others can learn from their experiences. He praised Dr. Wanjui for introducing the competitive hiring of top managers at the University – a practice that has been emulated by the government in the hiring of public sector managers.

During Dr. Wanjui's tenure as the Chancellor, the University made

significant progress in many areas including debt clearance, increasing the Pension Scheme fund portfolio, acquisition of assets, increased research grants, increased student enrolment and completion of stalled projects. The University rankings improved locally in Performance Contracting, and internationally on web rankings.

Dr Wanjui's other books are: From Where I Stand and My Native Roots. As a mark of confidence in the University of Nairobi systems, he published his last two titles with the University of Nairobi Press.

The book's forward is by Roger Steadman, Executive Director, Pan Africa Ipsos Synovate and Prof. George Magoha. The book is available in all major books shops.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha unveils Dr. Wanjui's book the 'The Native Son'

UoN and World Bank discuss pertinent issues in creating centres of excellence



(Left) Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Dr. Reehana Raza, a Consultant with the World Bank and Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, take a photo after a consultative meeting on African Centres of Excellence that will meet the demand for specialized skills and knowledge critical for Africa's development. The meeting was held in the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room at the University of Nairobi.

By Bryan Chesoli



Youth LITE Kenya team members: Tom Ngata, Eve Chebet, Yvonne Tamba and Bryan Chesoli.

Students tackle unemployment

Youth unemployment is a critical issue and a source of many ills that face Kenya. As a result many young Kenyans are being left out in nation building activities. Having noted this and with an urge to create opportunities for themselves and others, a group of four students from various faculties within the University of Nairobi decided to form Youth Leading, Inspiring, Transforming and Experiencing (Youth LITE) Kenya; an initiative that seeks to build the interest of the youth in addressing the challenges of unemployment.

According to Youth LITE team members, the challenges that impede the development of youth skills and talent erode self-esteem, self-respect,

dignity, forcing them to engage in vulnerable forms of employment and criminal behavior.

The team has embraced and advocated for individual and group technical skill development. A move that saw the team develop an interactive program concept that aims to engage graduates and undergraduate in corporate development projects. The concept has attracted the interest of some PhD students, who have helped the initiative by providing their insight and much needed experience.

After further development of the idea, members submitted the concept to a global youth competition, Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition, an international contest launched by

The Goi Peace Foundation, Stiftung Entrepreneurship (Berlin) and UNESCO and got nominated. The idea was finally ranked at position 22 out of 204 ideas enlisted globally. Despite not winning the competition, the experience gained from the competition has encouraged members to continue championing their concept by providing a platform for youth to participate in the proposed nation-building activities.

“As youth we can no longer afford to stand by, waiting for others to act on our behalf or asking “how do we get involved?” We can only act the best way we are equipped to. Hence we have decided to act by investing in youth potential and providing an additional platform to actualize individual vision,” says team member, Bryan Chesoli.

Parliament interacts with UoN community during Open Week



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha with Deputy Speaker of Senate, Kembi Gitira and National Assembly Speaker, Hon Justin Muturi during an interaction on the 'Principle of Separation of Powers' at Taifa Hall. The debate was one of the landmark activities of the Parliamentary Week which encourages public participation in promoting the ideals of democracy. Other activities in the Parliamentary Week include sports activities, an open day and Parliamentary sessions at the counties. The panelists for the debate were Prof. Okoth Okombo, Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani and Prof. Maria Nzomo.

UoN signs MoU with CAZI University

The University of Nairobi (UoN) has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Turkey's Cazi University that will not only see a students' exchange programme set up but also develop short-term exchange courses. The partnership will focus on various disciplines including medicine and engineering. Indeed, the partnership is a new and exciting opportunity for students and members of staff from both

universities.

University of Nairobi's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro, represented the University during the signing ceremony. In his remarks, Prof. Magoha welcomed the initiative

dubbing it as timely and relevant as the University works towards realizing its commitment in improving the quality of higher education in Kenya.

The signing ceremony held at Cazi University, brought together over 20 African universities into an agreement with the Turkish institution.

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KUSU supports needy students

The Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) - UoN Chapter has awarded bursaries to six University of Nairobi students.

Speaking during the cheque presentation ceremony, KUSU Secretary General, Charles Mukhwaya, said that the gesture was a way of the union giving back to the community. He revealed that the bursary money was realized through

the generous contribution of UoN members of staff to support needy and deserving students.

Welcoming the move, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha thanked the union for being the first workers union in the University to support needy students. He requested the union to consider making the donation an annual because the University has many

needy and deserving students. Prof. Magoha also outlined the important role unions play in ensuring that workers' rights are upheld and respected.

Among those present during the ceremony were members of the University of Nairobi Management Board, KUSU and Special Students Advisor, Prof. Godfrey Muriuki.



KUSU Secretary General, Charles Mukhwaya hand overs a cheque to support needy students to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha

College of Health Sciences support Beyond Zero Campaign



Free medical check ups during the First Lady's Beyond Zero Campaign.

The College of Health Sciences recently gave medical services during a free medical camp in support of the First Lady's Beyond Zero Campaign. The Medical Camp held in Kariobangi Primary School had 158 medical students and 2,916 patients - a majority of who were women and children, from Kariobangi South and Dandora areas.

The Chief guest, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. James Macharia, underscored the importance of medical camps noting that the huge response by members of the public was a pointer that health services should be taken closer to the people and made affordable. He added that medical practitioners should leave their comfort zones and take services to where they are required the

most. He was accompanied by Health Principal Secretary, Prof. Fred Segor.

To raise awareness of the medical camp, 'Friends of Beyond Zero Campaign' which

The foundation's blueprint dubbed 'Beyond Zero Campaign' is catalyzing government, individuals, health, private and international organizations to reduce Kenya's high rates of maternal and child mortality.

the University of Nairobi is part of, organized a road show, flagged off by the Nairobi Governor, Dr. Evans Kidero and graced by Lands Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Charity Ngilu and women parliamentarians.

The Office of the First Lady launched the Beyond Zero Foundation to help mothers and children survive and thrive. The foundation's blueprint dubbed 'Beyond Zero Campaign' is catalyzing government, individuals, health, private and international organizations to reduce Kenya's high rates of maternal and child mortality. An immediate goal is to equip all 47 counties with mobile clinics, so that health services are brought closer to those who need them.

In that regard, 'Friends of Beyond Zero Campaign' is giving support to the First Lady to actualize the Beyond Zero Campaign. To achieve this, key challenges relating to mother, child, and youth in the 47 Counties will be identified, and strategies developed to address the identified prioritized issues and funds raised.

Lecturers, Hannah Inyama, School of Nursing Sciences, Dr. Joy Mueni, School of Economics and Dr. J. Wambui, African Women's Research Centre, who are also part of the Secretariat for Friends of Beyond Zero Campaign accompanied the students during the medical camp. The medical camps will be replicated in all counties in the country.

Discourse on women engagement on peace and security processes



Delegates during the Symposium on Minimizing Impact of Women in Peace and Security in Africa.

The University of Nairobi, the Institute for Inclusive Security and Cordaid concluded a three-day symposium on 'Maximizing Impact of Women in Peace and Security in Africa.' The symposium that attracted 75 officials and experts from 16 African countries, tackled the issue to strengthen national strategies to make women central players in confronting African peace and security issues.

The symposium explored the relationship between women, peace and security, and the critical importance of women's participation as reflected in leadership, empowerment and decision-making which are critical for any country's development.

Officiating during the closure of the symposium, Cabinet Secretary for Defense, Amb Raychelle Omamo, noted that the last few decades, have witnessed sustained attention on violence against women in armed conflict which has

resulted in important resolutions being passed by the United Nations Security Council. "There has been recognition of the importance of engaging women in the peace processes, with various international institutions, resolutions and state commitments being set. For example, UN Security Council through its resolution 1325 (SCR 1325) formally recognized the relationship between women, peace and security, and the critical importance of women's participation as reflected in leadership, empowerment and decision-making."

Amb. Omamo challenged participants to ensure that national action plans are sustainable by seeking partnerships between academia and civil society, whose research can impact on policy, women's engagement in the peace process and sustained development.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, said that the failure to include women and girls in decision-making processes often implies that their concerns are not

addressed in the community's overall response and in their negotiations with external stakeholders. He drew attention to the participation of women and a reflection of gender perspectives in peace agreements as vital to ensure that agreements are supportive of women's equal participation in the reconstruction of post-conflict societies and in the prevention of future conflict.

In October 2000, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1325, affirming that women are not just victims of war – they can and must be active agents of peace. Nearly 15 years later, only 43 of 193 UN Member States have adopted strategies, or National Action Plans, to bring Resolution 1325 to life. Thirteen African countries have

adopted National Action Plans – more than in any other region after Europe. These African countries are becoming global leaders in establishing women's participation as a vital component of sustainable peace. Many of these countries, however, are not learning enough from each other's successes and challenges and have not developed effective methods to evaluate progress towards fulfilling the global vision of Resolution 1325.

The symposium took place just two weeks before US President Barack Obama hosted a summit of African leaders to discuss economic and security issues. One of the items on the agenda was how to involve women in creating lasting prosperity and peace.

University's local and international interactions

In the last 10 years, the University of Nairobi (UoN) has hosted prominent local and international personalities in intellectual discourse with the University community. We take a look at some of the prominent world leaders from different sectors who have interacted with staff and students and showcased UoN as a leading international centre.

2014

Raouf Mazou- June 2014

Raouf Mazou, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Country Representative, in a keynote presentation on 'Asylum Space in Kenya: Where We Are and Where We Are Heading?'

Margaret N. Zziwa- February 2014

Speaker of East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA), Rt. Hon. Margaret N. Zziwa, visited the College of Health Sciences and addressed the different emerging challenges in the health sector. EALA identified UoN as one of the East African Community's Centres of Excellence in November 2013.

Hilary Pennington- February 2014

Ms. Hilary Pennington, Vice President, Education, Free Expression and Creativity, Ford Foundation, revisited the relationship with UoN that dates back to 1962, when the first grant was given.

2013

Retired President Mwai Kibaki- December 2013



Retired President Mwai Kibaki in a public lecture titled 'Of Hindsight, Insight and Foresight,' in urging Kenyans to take count of the road travelled, celebrate and consolidate the country's achievements since independence.

Speakers of the Senate and National Assembly- November 2013

National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi and the Speaker of the Senate, Hon. Ekwee Ethuro on the role of every Kenyan in upholding and implementing the Constitution.

Prof. Githu Muigai- August 2013

The Attorney General, Prof. Githu Muigai made a presentation on role of local law schools in implementing the constitution in the country.

Prof. Ali A. Mazrui- August 2013

Esteemed scholar and Professor Emeritus Ali A. Mazrui gave a moving lecture that captured the journey that led to the reforms we have in the judiciary.

Pascal Lamy- May 2013

In May 2013, the World Trade Organization, Director-General, Pascal Lamy, made a presentation titled 'Africa: The Growth Continent for the 21st Century.'

Prof. Goran Hyden – April 2013

Prof. Goran Hyden, a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science and former Director, Center for African Studies, University of Florida at Gainesville, USA, made the keynote presentation during an initiative dubbed Wajibu Wetu, which has brought public and private universities together to contribute towards the creation of a sustainable culture of peace.

2012



Luis A. Ubiñas – November 2012

Ford Foundation President Luis A. Ubiñas gave a public lecture reflecting on the five decades of progress, opportunities and challenges in Eastern Africa.

H.E Ambassador Amina Mohammed- October 2012

H .E Ambassador Amina Mohammed, the then Assistant Secretary - General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and current Cabinet Secretary for foreign affairs, engaged students, lecturers and the public in discourse on sustainable development, dubbed Rio +20: process and way forward in October 2012..

H.E. Kim Hwang-Sik- August 2012

South Korea's Prime Minister, H.E. Kim Hwang-Sik witnessed the signing of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between University of Nairobi and the Korean Foundation. The Prime Minister addressed increased interaction between students and staff from the two countries through establishment of Korean Studies Centre at UoN.



Dr Willy Mutunga- August 2012

The Chief Justice of Kenya, Dr. Willy Mutunga, interacted with the University community, in a public lecture marking the start of the Judicial Marches Week, whose theme was "Taking Justice to the people."

Prof. Robert Gallo- June 2012

During the Partnership for Advanced Clinical Education (PACE) project first HIV symposium that was held at the College of Health Sciences, world renowned Prof. Robert Gallo was the key note speaker. Prof. Gallo is known for his role in the discovery of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the infectious agent responsible for AIDS and is currently working on a vaccine.

Andrew Liveris- May 2012

Accomplished industrialist, author and distinguished business leader, Chief Executive Officer, President and

Chairman of Dow Chemical Company, Andrew Liveris highlighted the importance of innovation for the growth and development of the country.

Christopher Coons- May 2012

Christopher Coons, a former University of Nairobi exchange programme student and the United States Senator from Delaware, held a town hall interaction in which he acknowledged Africa as the continent of the 21st century and called on the world to change and see Africa's incredible potential.

Prof. Micere Githae Mugo- May 2012

Prof. Micere Githae Mugo gave a public lecture and launched her book Writing & Speaking from the Heart of My Mind in a well-attended event at the University.

2011 Dr. Angela Merkel- July 2011

The first woman in East German to head the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Angela Merkel visited the University of Nairobi (UoN) and delivered a moving lecture on political and economic partnerships.



2010

Madeleine Albright and Thomas Daschle- September 2010

Dr. Madeleine Albright, Chairman of the National Democratic Institution (NDI), and former US Secretary of State and Senator Thomas Daschle, Senate Majority Leader interacted with students, staff on the subject 'helping democracy deliver'.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn- March 2010

The University of Nairobi hosted a high profile discussion on 'Africa's Economic Transformation' led by International Monetary Fund's Managing Director, Dominique Strauss-Khan.

2009

Hillary Clinton- August 2009

US Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton on good governance and corruption. Her apt comment on 'Corruption-free-zone' signs at the University, culminated in an interesting discourse on the twin aspects of corruption and governance affecting the African continent.

2008

Former President Mwai Kibaki, former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga and former UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan - August 2008

conferred with honorary doctorates for their role in resolving the post-election conflict in the country in 2008.

Sally Kosgei – July 2008

Presented the ISO 9001:2000 certificate after the University complied with the requirements and addressed the issue of excellence in service delivery.

2007

Michael Ranneberger- May 2007

Former US Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Michael Ranneberger delivered a public lecture on elections. Noting that Kenya's hard-won democracy was still young and it was everyone's duty to nurture it.

2006



Barrack Obama- August 2006

The University of Nairobi was privileged to host the then Illinois Senator and the current U.S. President, Barrack Obama in his powerful lecture titled "An Honest Government, A Hopeful Future,".

TIME OUT

Time out, is part of the game,
Retreating into your tired group,
When things are not going well with your side,
To find out from the team, "What is not happening?".
For you are conceding several and quite unacceptable
blows.

Time out, is called for to consult,
Gathering together, to regain the breath,
When your opponent seems to wear you out,
To replace one that is completely worn out and
admittedly grasping for some breath.
For you are no longer alert and sensitive to the moves
made by the other team.

Time out, elongates the game,
Restrategising amidst, an imminent defeat,
When you realize you are running short of time,
To tidy up the mess and the blunders of the team mates.
For in a short while the game shall be over to your
disadvantage.

Time out, is a desperate attempt to catch the attention of
the referee,
Hoping to turn tables on the rival team,
When the game is not yet over, to buy some time outside
the pitch,
To tell your team, "Cheer up and don't lose focus".
For your efforts are almost bearing fruits and the enemy is
almost giving up.

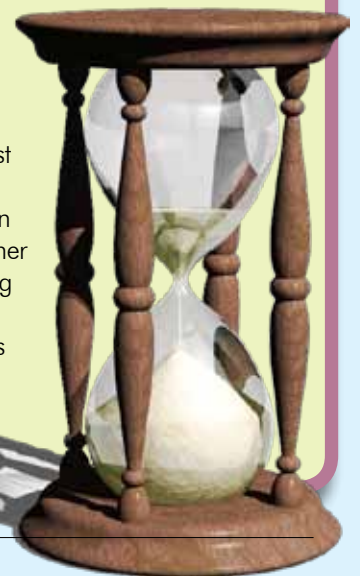
Time out, is signalled for, by forming a capital "T" sign
with both hands,
Expecting the referee to blow the whistle indicating a stop
for the mean time until you are done,
When your side have injuries unnoticed by the linesmen,
yet requiring some first-aid,
To hear your star player say, "I am not badly wounded I
can play on".
For you are worried you may lose a member, pivotal to
the game at hand.

By Alfred Samson Oduor

Time out, by one side, gives leverage to the other team
also,
Taking advantage of the break, to also polish up any
loose ends,
When they encourage themselves over their
performance,
To counter on your tactics by quietly whispering, "We are
almost there".
For them to target the injured and wounded individual
opponents and write them off completely.

Time outs taken, end up being the extra time added to
any game.
Either of the opponents is in a tie or one wants to redeem
the glory before the final whistle
When the winning team wants seriously to do it
convincingly, by widening the lead in those dying minutes
of the game,
To properly consolidate their triumph over the perennial
rivals,
For it would mean keeping the trophy for the next
season.

Now in ninth position, do we as the University of
Nairobi need time out?
May be to strategise, consult, seek Almighty's
intervention, spy on our opponents,
Eavesdrop on their
conversation to hear who
among them is fatally
wounded and
To inspire ourselves with such
encouraging words, "We must
get below position five"
Wishing that we would discern
with precision what moves other
competitors are contemplating
For it would mean tightening
the belt and avoiding careless
manoeuvres.



Taking a bow.....or am I??

By Mickey Ochieng

The world is your oyster, seize it". When my mother uttered these words - they made no sense to me. I had just cleared my fourth form, my father had passed on a few months earlier and my two immediate followers excelled in their KCPE and were excited to join high school. So, see when my mom said "the world is my oyster", I did not get it, let alone get amused by it. There was clearly no hope of me joining university. I used to dream a lot about myself in a girls hostel in campus. I remembered my English teacher Mrs. Misori telling us about life in campus, specifically Box. She used to say she is a Boxeri – a term used to refer to female students of the 90s. It was music to my ears listening to her going

on, and on about this hostel. I would not live in Box, it was determined. My mother could never afford to pay my siblings and my school fees, let alone the fact that I had not passed well enough to join campus through JAB. I had no hope of ever going to college to pursue my dream of sociology and communication. She also liked to remind me a lot that it was now my responsibility to help take care of my siblings.

Years of hard work, and struggle to help raise my siblings, I met a former teacher at my high school ,who was now working as a lecturer at the University of Nairobi. We chatted about life. He advised me to think about going back to school. I did, seriously. I got an admission at

the School of Journalism and Media Studies of the University of Nairobi. My life changed. This was not part of the plan, as I was to be a loving wife and mother to my kids. I had accepted my fate. I would probably own an average salon in the estate and earn some modest income. This was a huge adjustment, but it somehow felt right. It felt like I must have miscalculated some steps, but retracing back, I was finding my way. I was given an opportunity to pursue my dream without any form of judgment or discrimination. There is no day that I felt anything less than a student. I was given an equal platform to earnestly compete for various opportunities available to students.

When a chance to represent my



Mickey Ochieng (Right), immediate former Woswa Chairperson, with previous office holders, just before the Morning Express Show.

class at the School of Journalism Association - NUJOSA came, I did not hesitate, I heeded the call. I served the students to the best of my ability. I learnt a lot as an official in NUJOSA, linking the students and the administration. Being in NUJOSA helped me sharpen my leadership skills. I learnt about Women Students Welfare Association (WOSWA), while I was serving in NUJOSA. The fact that it was an all female association stirred my interest. I decided to learn more about it. It so happened that they were having an annual reproductive health week. I went into the tent to engage them and learn as much as I could, and also inquire about how I could join.

I met the former chairlady – Michelle Osok who delightedly told me that I was actually a member by the fact that I was a female student at the University of Nairobi. We talked about leadership, expectations and my interests. She told me about WOSWA and the opportunities that it represents and also the demands and challenges it poses. That year I ran for the position of Secretary General and then Chairlady a year after. WOSWA has widened my perspectives beyond my imagination. It has created opportunities, networks and opened doors beyond my wildest dreams. I have learnt and I have had the opportunity to mentor and guide other wonderful ladies. I have had phenomenal women hold my hands and walk with me, but I have also learnt to extend a helping hand to a less fortunate girl, for instance we managed to help a disabled girl get a room at a convenient ground floor.

We were also able to hold events

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and forums that went towards the wellbeing and empowerment of the female students. Njoki Karuoya of Mothers and daughters launched the Young Women Leadership Institute that mentors and trains young women in leadership. She was also instrumental in getting WOSWA a segment on KTN Morning Express to talk about Leadership and demystify “Campus Divas”.

We also tried to give back to the community in small ways that we could. In the last leg of our term, we were able to hold a career talk for a group of female footballers in Mathare who had lost a member through breast cancer. It was heartbreaking to learn that most of the women did not know about cancer apart from bits and pieces picked from friends and the media. We were honored to be invited by them for this important tournament and we were glad to be accompanied by one of our partners

- Women 4 Cancer - who are experts in matters of cancer. Shortly after, we partnered with Marie Stopes, Nairobi City Council and USAID for our annual reproductive health week to bring free reproductive services to the girls. Amongst them- contraceptives and family planning options, cervical and breast cancer screening, VCT services.

WOSWA also partnered with the University of Nairobi, School of Journalism and Media Studies, Coca-cola, Ministry of East African Affairs, TICAH, Commerce and Tourism (MEACT), Women’s Empowerment Link (WEL), Office of the Women Representative – Nairobi County and Mothers&Daughters, to hold its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the 2nd August 2014, at the Hilton Hotel. Dinner was graced by Prof. Kaimenyi, as the chief guest, challenged us to be part of the development of the nation. Other guests included Hon. Ken Obura, Hon. Sakaja, Ambassador Yvonne Wamalwa, a representative from the MEACT – State Department of East African Affairs, Prof. Njeru – Principal College of Humanities and Social Sciences, representatives from Coca-cola, Grace Mbugua of WEL, Sally Mahihu of The Seasoned Woman and Jedidah Maina – Deputy Director TICAH.

From where I sit, I would like to whisper a thank you to my mom. It makes perfect sense, its clearer now. Oprah Winfrey said that Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom. I am fully armored to take the world. The world is my oyster. Thank you “The University”.

FASU Games 2014 end on high note



FASU President, Dr. Ralethe Malumbete and the Local Organizing Committee led by Prof. Isaac Mbeche awarding medals to the winning team, Egypt.

The All African Universities Games had 13 African countries competing in various sports disciplines.

While congratulating the teams and stakeholders, Cabinet Secretary, Sports, Culture and Arts, Hon. Hassan Wario challenged African Universities to play a leading role in achieving excellence not only in academia but also in sports and the arts. He called on university management to prioritize developing and improving sport infrastructure, engage qualified sports staff and offer appropriate sports sponsorships to excelling students. He commended university students for engaging in sports and encouraged them to make sports disciplines popular.

FASU President, Dr. Ralethe Malumbete, thanked the University of Nairobi Local Organizing Committee led by Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the participating

There was pomp and colour as the 7th Edition of the All African Universities Games 2014 came to an end. Egypt was crowned the overall winners as Ghana took position two and Kenya settled for position three.

teams and the Kenyan Government for making the 7th Edition of the FASU Games 2014 a success. He said that the games were a blend of sport and African spirit with a reflection of the African winning spirit.

Speaking during the closing

ceremony, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. Peter Mbithi, saluted all sportsmen and women who participated in the games and maintained that the University is keen on developing an integrated sports programme in Kenya and develop sports as a career.

The venues of the games were Main Campus (Basketball, Chess, Karate, Netball, Table Tennis, American Football, Handball and Sitting Volleyball), Kenya Science (Soccer and Badminton), Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani (Swimming) and the Nyayo National Stadium (Athletics) Nairobi Club (Tennis). Among the sponsors of the Games were Coca Cola, Techno, Pinewood, Nairobi Sports House, Chilly Willy and, Industrialist Manu Chandaria.

The University of Nairobi congratulates all sports men and women in the FASU Games 2014 on their achievements.



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