



# university news & views

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

## CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University has been closed since 14th August, 1974 and will remain closed until it is reopened again on 6th January, 1975. This followed a boycott of lectures at Kenyatta University College which began on Monday, 5th August, 1974 allegedly on the grounds that there was a shortage of lectures at the College, that the status of the College Diploma was unsatisfactory and the absence of the then Dean of Students.

On 7th August, 1974 the University of Nairobi students boycotted lectures. Initially this appeared to be in sympathy with their colleagues in Kenyatta University College. However, a number of days elapsed during which the students had refused to give their memorandum of grievances to the Acting Vice Chancellor. On 12th August, 1974, the students agreed to do so and a memorandum was accordingly received by the Acting Vice Chancellor.

In their memorandum the students indicated that the causes of their boycotts were as follows:-

1. **Loan Scheme:** Inadequacy of the loan; delay in payment of the loan, especially to the first year students; lack of detailed account of the loan.
2. **Catering Services:** Deterioration in the service especially in the quality of food; congestion in the Dining Halls; re-instatement of the 4 o'clock tea; and shortage of food.
3. **Halls of Residence:** Congestion in the Halls of Residence; increase in non-residents' allowance.
4. **Bookshop:** Exorbitant prices in the University Bookshop.
5. **Academic Matters:** Overhaul of the syllabus; shortage of teachers; review of the terms of reference for Ominde Committee.
6. **Dean of Students:** Removal of the present Dean of Students.
7. **Representation:** Re-instatement of a registered and recognized student body.

The University Senate held a meeting on 9th August, 1974, and resolved to call on the entire student body to agree to resume lectures immediately while discussions between the student leaders, the Government and University officials on the students' grievances were held. There was no response from the students to the call made by Senate. A Council meeting was accordingly called and met on 12th August, 1974. At that meeting Council noted that the basic issues raised by the students related to matters touching on Government policies and noted further that meetings had already been held between students' representatives and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education. Council considered the continued boycott illegal and against the statutes of the University and urged that students return to classes while the Government, University officials and students' representatives discussed these issues. The Council decided that should students ignore these calls to return to classes then there would be no option but to close the University. The Council call was not heeded and consequently the University was closed on 14th August, 1974.

Since then a lot of discussions have been going on concerning a number of aspects highlighted by the crisis. Among matters that have been discussed by Council and the University Senate are those that are outlined in the students' memorandum. In addition, the University has considered its admissions policy and the possibility of the creation of a Residential Services Trust. A review of the University structure has been carried out as well as a recommendation of the basis of financing the University. Discussions have also been held in regard to the suggested National Service Scheme for students and a review of the position in regard to the Students Union.

On all these matters discussion has not yet reached a stage of finality and it was our hope to report on all of them in the current issue of the '**the News and Views**'. In view of the fact that further discussions on these matters are continuing it has not been possible to print them in this issue of '**the News and Views**' and when conclusions are arrived at they will be reported in the December issue of '**the News and Views**'. During the series of meetings that Council has held on these matters, opportunity has been taken to discuss the Lugonzo Committee Report which was presented to Council on 24th October, 1974.

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# *Notes of interest ...*

From the Council Minutes of the 14th & 15th Meetings  
20th June 1974 and 1st August 1974

## Revised Terms of Service for University Staff

● The Council agreed to review the Terms of Service for University staff from time to time in view of

- (a) the terms of service offered in other organizations competing for the same categories of staff as the University, especially those on Academic Terms;
- (b) the present ever-increasing cost of living due to inflation.

This is in line with the policy adopted by both the Kenya Government and private sectors to attempt to adjust salaries in proportion to the steep rise in prices.

An increase of 5% in the cost of living will be considered sufficiently significant for Council to re-examine basic salaries and other aspects of the Terms of Services. For this purpose a University Council Standing Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Oyugi. This is an additional and permanent role assigned to the Oyugi Committee. Its two other functions are:

- to review pension arrangements, including retirement age;
- to grade the administrative cadres.

It was noted that the last review of salaries took place in 1971. Since then, changes in cost of living and salaries have made it even more imperative to re-examine this aspect of the Terms of Service.

The Oyugi Committee will act as a Standing Committee whose main function will be to **examine and recommend** to Council such changes as may be justified. It will be Council that will then determine what changes to introduce. In deciding on such changes Council will need to consult the Kenya Government which would have to provide the finances necessary to implement such changes.

The Personnel Management Department of Registry is currently collecting material related to this matter.

Any adjustment to basic salaries will be considered within the Government guidelines which sets a ceiling in increases in salaries from time to time - at present believed to be 6% - 7%.

● **The Faculty of Commerce** will now constitute three departments:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Administration
- Management Science.

The designation, 'Master of Commerce' is to be replaced with 'Master of Business Administration' (MBA).

# KENYANIZATION —

## In faculty of commerce

Kenyanization of the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Nairobi is progressing steadily as a result of the five-year programme financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in co-operation with the Government of Kenya, the University of Nairobi and the University of Alberta.

Four years ago, there were very few Kenyan members of Faculty. In the present academic year the Faculty includes 10 East Africans, most of whom have been trained since the start of the programme in 1971. It is expected that this number will increase substantially in 1975 and 1976 as members of the Canadian team return to their universities in Canada.

The Faculty of Commerce consists of the Departments of Business Administration, Accounting and the new Department of Management Science which provides courses in Computer Science, Quantitative Methods and Statistics.

The Faculty members from East Africa in the Department of Accounting include Mr. Joseph Kimura who received his advanced training in Canada, Mr. Douglas Munga, Mr. Gregory Chybire and Mr. Karim Surani who are completing their Master's programme at the University of Nairobi.

East African faculty members in the Department of Business Administration include Mr. Justus Aura, Mr. Dickson Gachuche, Mr. Moses Kiggundu and Mr. Jonathan Onyango - all of whom received Master's degrees in North America - and Mr. Ramesh Gupta and Mr. Timothy Wamunyokoli who have undertaken postgraduate study in Canada under the programme.

In recent months several of the senior Canadian staff who have been with the programme since its inception returned to Canada, including Professor J. D. Muir who served as Dean of the Faculty since the inception of the C.I.D.A. Project. Professor M. S. Sommers, on leave from the University of Toronto, is serving as the new Dean of the Faculty; Professor D. B. Fields, on leave from the University of British Columbia, will serve as Head of the Accounting Department, and Professor D. G. Tyndall, on leave from the University of Alberta, is serving as the new C.I.D.A. Project Co-ordinator.

In the three years since 1971, the number of undergraduate students in the programme has been increased from 300 to approximately 400, and further growth is expected in 1975 and 1976.

In 1972 a new postgraduate programme leading to the Master of Business and Administration was introduced; in the present year there are twenty students entering the first year of this two year programme; twelve students will be completing the second year. The majority of these students are supported by fellowships granted under the C.I.D.A. Project.

In addition, there will be nine African students supported by C.I.D.A. Programme studying for postgraduate degrees at Universities in Canada in 1974-1975.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## **Conferences, Seminars etc. in Kenya and overseas attended by University Staff**

### **Faculty of Law (24th - 30th November)**

A Workshop on Law and Population in English-speaking Africa, at the Kenyatta Conference Centre, Nairobi. Hosted by the Department of Public Law.

### **Faculty of Arts - Sociology (19 - 22nd September)**

The Annual Subject meeting for Sociologists from Eastern Africa organised and hosted by Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, to discuss curriculum, research priorities and generation of more relevant teaching materials and other related matters.

### **Department of Literature (2nd - 4th September)**

The Conference of Teachers in Kenya Schools on African Literature was attended by all staff members of the Literature Department, and was organised by Department Lecturer, Mrs. Eddah Gachukia.

### **Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies (1st - 6th September)**

A "Research Workshop" at Limuru Girls' School organised by the Council of Higher Studies in Religion (University of Nairobi) in which the Ministry of Education, the Inspectorate and Religious Organisations were represented.

Department of History and the Department of Religious Studies at Kenyatta University College cooperated together with an American Research Institute "Day-star" to make this seminar a success.

### **Faculty of Education**

The Faculty of Education Resources Library - consisting of audio-visual materials and their accompanying equipment - is rapidly taking shape. It is situated in the basement of the Education Building and it is already attracting great interest from Faculty staff and outsiders interested in the diversification of teaching and learning media. All are welcome to visit the centre.

### **(19th - 23rd August)**

Prof. F. F. Indire, Dean of the Faculty, presented a paper on "Patterns of learning of the Young in the Traditional Eastern African Society" to the UNESCO/UNICEF Seminar on Basic Education in Eastern Africa in Nairobi.

### **(24th - 28th September)**

#### **Overseas**

Prof. F. F. Indire attended the Afro-American Institute Seminar at Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria.

### **Bureau of Educational Research —**

**(September)**

At the UNESCO conference on the Interactions Between Linguistics and Mathematics held in Nairobi, the Bureau hosted a one day session. Speakers at this session were Dr. A. J. Maleche, Acting Director of the Bureau, Professor Robert LeVine, Visiting Lecturer to the Bureau, and Mr. George Eshiwani, Acting Head, Department of Communications and Technology, Faculty of Education.

**(16th - 27th September)**

Dr. Albert J. Maleche, Acting Director of the Bureau, chaired a UNICEF-UNESCO conference on "Development of Science and Mathematics Concepts in Young Children in African Countries." It was held in the Education Centre, University of Nairobi.

### **Faculty of Engineering**

**(28th - 30th August)**

The Dean, Prof. R.P. Patel, attended a planning meeting on the Role of Universities and Research Institutions in Technology Transfer in Africa sponsored by UNESCO Regional Office of Science and Technology for Africa in Nairobi. He was elected as a rapporteur for the planning meeting. The meeting was organised as a follow-up of one of the recommendations of the Conference of Ministers of African Member States responsible for the application of science and technology to development. The purpose of the meeting was to plan a major meeting on the Transfer of Technology in Africa. It is anticipated that this meeting will take place some time in 1975 or 1976.

### **Department of Surveying and Photogrammetry**

**(16th - 20th September)**

A Conference on the Establishment of a Regional Centre for Specialised Services in Surveying and Mapping, held at Kenyatta Conference Centre. Delegates from 11 countries in East and Central Africa were invited to consider and adopt an agreement between the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the participating countries concerning the establishment of the centre in Nairobi, to programme the establishment of the centre, and to ascertain the amount of contributions which each user Government was prepared to make towards the establishment and operation of the centre. The staff of the Department attended the conference.

### **Faculty of Science - Chemistry**

**(19th - 24th August)**

Dr. S. O. Wandiga, Department of Chemistry, attended the sixteenth International Conference in Co-ordination Chemistry held in Dublin, Ireland at which he presented a Paper.

### **Zoology Department**

**(July - August)**

The Zoology Department (Professor M. Hyder and Dr. J. Sale,) with the help of the Kenya Government, co-directed a course on Tropical Ecology sponsored by UNESCO with funds donated by the Norwegian Government. It has been a mini international affair with the participation of 19 post-graduate students from Ghana, Nigeria, the Sudan and the East African countries.

# STAFF NEWS

## Appointments and Promotions of Academic Staff: (Names of those who have accepted as at 1/7/1974.)

Name of Appointee	Post	Faculty	Department
Dr. S. GOMBE (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Physiology
Prof. KJELL JOHANSEN (Denmark)	Visiting Professor	Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Physiology
Mr. B. AALVIK (Norway)	Senior Lecturer	Veterinary Medicine	Public Health, Pharm. and Toxicology
Dr. J. M. GATHUMA (Kenya)	Lecturer	Veterinary Medicine	Public Health, Pharm and Toxicology
Dr. W. MATHAI (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	Veterinary Medicine	Vet. Anatomy
Dr. R. S. RAO (India)	Senior Lecturer	Veterinary Medicine	Vet. Anatomy
Dr. P. M. GITHINJI (Kenya)	Assoc. Prof. (Acting Chairman)	Engineering	Mech. Engineering
Dr. D. J. HILTON	Senior Lecturer	Engineering	Mech. Engineering
Dr. S. H. R. ZAIDI (Pakistan)	Lecturer	Engineering	Mech. Engineering
Dr. T. WAIREGI	Lecturer	Engineering	Mech. Engineering
Mr. F. J. GICHAGA (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	Engineering	Civil Engineering
Dr. S. M. KABURU (Kenya)	Lecturer	Engineering	Civil Engineering
Dr. B. E. FAROOQUI (India)	Lecturer	Engineering	Civil Engineering
Mr. J. STODDART (Britain)	Lecturer	Engineering	Civil Engineering
Mr. R. A. L. LAKHOO (Kenya)	Lecturer	Engineering	Surveying and Photogrammetry
Mr. V. JETHWA (Britain)	Lecturer	Engineering	Elec. Engineering
Mr. M. SYED	Lecturer	Engineering	Elec. Engineering
Dr. T. BUCZKOWSKA	Lecturer	Engineering	Elec. Engineering
Dr. H. J. SCHWARTZ (W. Germany)	Lecturer	Agriculture and Vet. Medicine	Animal Production
Dr. C. R. FIELD (Britain)	Senior Lecturer	Agriculture	Crop Science
Mr. J. R. MUGAMBI (Kenya)	Lecturer	Agriculture	Crop Science
Dr. S. JANA (India)	Visiting Assoc. Prof.	Agriculture	Crop Science
Dr. J. H. WHEELER (Australia)	Visiting Lecturer	Agriculture	Crop Science
Prof. A. WEBER (W. Germany)	Head of Dept.	Agriculture	Agric. Economics
Dr. B. A. GREENE (U.S.A.)	Visiting Assoc. Prof.	Agriculture	Agric. Economics
Prof. D. ONIGKEIT (Switzerland)	Visiting Prof.	Agriculture	Agric. Economics
Prof. E. GIBBONS (Britain)	Assoc. Prof.	Agriculture	Agric. Economics
Dr. (Mrs.) BEGUM QURAI SHY (Pakistan)	Senior Lecturer	Agriculture	Agric. Economics
Mr. D. HONEYBONE	Lecturer	Agriculture	Agric. Economics
Mr. R. BARBER (Britain)	Lecturer	Agriculture	Soil Science



Prof. F. A. MUTERE (Kenya)	Professor	Science	Zoology at Kenyatta College Meteorology
Prof. G. O. P. OBASI	Professor	Science	
Dr. A. R. BEATTIE (Britain)	Visiting Senior Lecturer	Science	Mathematics
Dr. I. H. FAROUQI	Lecturer	Science	Mathematics
Dr. M. S. ANSARI (Pakistan)	Lecturer	Science	Mathematics
Dr. A. J. RODRIGUES (Britain)	Lecturer	Science	Mathematics
Dr. R. M. VOGT (U.S.A.)	Lecturer	Science	Mathematics
Dr. P. S. BHOGAL (Kenya)	Lecturer	Science	Physics
Dr. J. B. HOLBERG (U.S.A.)	Lecturer	Science	Physics
Miss S. MOORJANI (Britain)	Lecturer	Science	Botany
Dr. LANCE TICKELL	Lecturer	Science	Zoology
Dr. P. T. KING (U.S.A.)	Professor	Arts	Government
Dr. H. ODERA (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	Arts	Phil. & Rel. Studies
Dr. S. G. KIBICHO (Kenya)	Lecturer	Arts	Phil. & Rel. Studies
Prof. P. STEINER (U.S.A.)	Visiting Prof.	Arts	Economics
Prof. M. DAVID (U.S.A.)	Visiting Prof.	Arts.	Economics
Dr. P. M. TODARO (U.S.A.)	Visiting Senior Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Dr. I. GERSHENBERG (U.S.A.)	Senior Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Dr. R. J. WHITACRE (U.S.A.)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Dr. R. J. BRENT (Britain)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Dr. B. WYMAR (W. Germany)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Miss B. ALIBHAI (Kenya)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Mr. P. M. SUMBI (Kenya)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Dr. P. W. WYETH (Britain)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Dr. M. THORNE (U.S.A.)	Lecturer	Arts	Economics
Mr. G. O. DOUGLAS (Britain)	Assoc. Prof.	Education	Educ. Com. & Technology
Mr. J. C. DE GRAFT (Ghana)	Senior Lecturer	Education	Educ. Com. & Technology
Dr. K. M. MUNAVI (Kenya)	Lecturer	Education	Educ. Psychology
Dr. J. M. VAN DEVENTER (U.S.A.)	Lecturer	Education	Educ. Psychology
Prof. J. LONDONO (U.S.A.)	Visiting Prof.	Education	Educ. Foundations
Prof. R. LEVINE (U.S.A.)	Research Associate	Education	Bureau of Educ. Research
Mrs. F. COX (U.S.A.)	Research Associate	Education	Bureau of Educ. Research
Mrs. N. MOHR (U.S.A.)	Research Associate	Education	Bureau of Educ. Research
Mr. S. HARKNESS (U.S.A.)	Research Fellow	Education	Bureau of Educ. Research
Dr. W. GITAU (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	Medicine	
Dr. J. M. MCMILLAN (Britain)	Senior Lecturer	Medicine	
Dr. T. OGANDA (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	Medicine	
Dr. J. A. GRAYBURN (Britain)	Senior Lecturer	Medicine	
Dr. F. V. FASANA (Italy)	Senior Lecturer	Medicine	Human Anatomy
Dr. S. F. AYOUB (Egypt)	Senior Lecturer	Medicine	Human Anatomy
Dr. G. R. GANAPATHY (Britain)	Lecturer	Medicine	
Dr. R. BAGG (Britain)	Lecturer	Medicine	
Dr. F. P. OWINO (Kenya)	Lecturer	Medicine	

# PROJECT TO ASSIST HEALTH TRAINING IN AFRICA

A five-year programme to aid African medical, nursing, midwifery and other health training institutions in family health has been set up by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in co-operation with the Association of American Medical Colleges. The programme will foster new approaches to teaching, including development of teaching/learning materials in family health. It will offer seminars, teaching institutes, short-term consultations, assistance in development of self-instructional materials, fellowships, and two Pan-African conferences.

There will be five aspects concerning Medical Schools through which the programme will operate:

1) **Teaching Institutes.** A series of four teaching institutes, of approximately two weeks' duration, for Medical School faculty members, to be held regionally (one each in East Africa, West African English-speaking countries, West and Central African French-speaking countries, and North Africa). The Institutes will provide opportunities for in-depth training in aspects of family health. They will also stress new teaching techniques, curriculum development, and organization of field learning situations for students. Faculty for the institutes will include both leading African and foreign consultants. Institute proceedings will be published and disseminated.

2) **Short-term Consultation** - Usually one to three months' duration, in various areas of family health including obstetrics/gynaecology, pediatrics, epidemiology, biostatistics/demography, nutrition, family planning, preventive medicine, and health administration, will be provided to medical schools at their request. Consultants in teaching techniques will also be available.

3) **Fellowships** - Fellowship support will be made available for medical school faculty members to study abroad in family health-related subjects.

4) **Self-Instructional Materials** - By means of the workshops which will form part of the teaching institutes, and through short-term consultation, medical school faculty members will be trained to develop self-instructional materials for use with their students. These materials will be tested in Africa by African personnel. Provision for publication, translation and distribution is included.

5) **Pan-African Conference** - It is anticipated that one Pan-African Conference for medical schools will be held, probably in 1976, on achievements in curriculum development and future plans in the teaching of family health.

## **For Nursing and Allied Health Training Institutions**

This aspect of the programme will also operate through Teaching Institutes, short-term consultation, Fellowships, self-instructional materials and a Pan-African conference. In addition, there will be:

1) **Consultative Group on Nursing, Midwifery, and Allied Health Professions.** A small Consultative Group of leading African nursing, midwifery, public health and paramedical educators, organised to provide direction to the nursing, midwifery, etc., aspects of the Project.

## Research in Progress

The East African Medical Research Council, East African Community, has given Dr. S. O. Wandiga, Department of Chemistry a Shs. 30,000/- grant to study **Antimonial Antibilharzial Agents for one year**. The basic premise of this research is that the nature of the binding of antimonial antibilharzials is an important feature in determining the toxicity of the drug vs. its medical effectiveness against bilharzia. Therefore, there is a need to establish the detailed chemical behaviour of known antimonial bilharzials; to design and synthesize a variety of new antimonial compounds and determine their chemical behaviour; and to undertake broad screen biological testing for the activity of the new compounds.

\* Professor C. Norman, Visiting Professor of Animal Physiology from University of West Virginia, U.S.A. and Dr. S. Gombe of the Department of Animal Physiology, University of Nairobi, carried out research on reproductive physiology of bulls. They found, among other things, that the simple anti-malarial drug, chloroquine, could extend the vigour and lifespan of bull semen at room tempe-

ture. This now makes it possible to extend artificial insemination to areas which were too far from the present A.I. Centres.

\* Professor Kjell Johansen, Department of Zoophysiology, University of Aarhus, Denmark, has joined the Department as a Visiting Professor. He is a world leading authority in the fields of Cardiovascular and Respiration Physiology. He and Dr. G. M. Ole Maloiy, Department of Animal Physiology, are currently carrying out research on:-

- (1) Cardiovascular adjustment to heat in antelopes.
- (2) Acid-base balance during thermally induced panting in antelopes.
- (3) Thermoregulation and heat balance in the naked-mole rat: the problems of being hairless.

\* In the Bureau of Research Education, Faculty of Education, new Bureau research projects include Technical Education in Kenya, The Day Care Programme in Kenya and Qualification and Selection in School Systems. A complete listing of Bureau research projects can be found in the research registry of the Kenya Education Review, Vol. 1, No. 2, published by the Faculty of Education.

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2) **Seminars.** The programme will sponsor two seminars in each of four regions of Africa to which representatives of nursing and midwifery schools, schools of public health, and representatives of Ministries of Health, will be invited.

3) **Teaching Institute.** Subsequent to the seminars, the programme will hold month-long "teaching Institutes", also regionally, for faculty members of nursing, midwifery, and allied health training institutions. Both the seminars and teaching institutes will provide opportunities for educators from several African countries to discuss common problems in teaching, and to share examples of how these problems have been solved.

Inquiries about the project should be addressed to:

**Director,  
African Health Training Institutions Project,  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,  
Carolina Population Centre,  
214 West Cameron Avenue,  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 U.S.A**

# SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

by D. J. Dallas    Director

The School of Journalism started the new academic year with enthusiasm, going into practical production in three important branches of the media.

Our first effort was the start of work on a documentary film on the School, its history, present work and future prospects. This is being made in colour. Second-year students have done some excellent work on this under the direction of Dr. Herbert Hamersky, our TV and film expert. Unfortunately Dr. Hamersky, ending a two-year association with the School, left for Vienna at the end of August, on termination of his appointment. We hope to complete work on the film after the students' return. Dr. Hamersky has kindly agreed to do the final editing in Vienna where he returns to his work with the Austrian Broadcasting Company. He is hoping to have copies of the film printed in Vienna.

The School hopes to send copies of the film to our generous donor countries (Norway, Denmark and Austria) and to Sweden which country has also indicated strong interest in the School. Copies may also go to some broadcasting organisations and possibly selected schools of journalism.

Another group of second year students was busy producing news feature programmes for sound broadcasting, using studio and technical facilities kindly provided by the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (K.I.M.C.) to whom we express thanks for their kind cooperation.

The third major production was the publication of the first regular newspaper to be produced entirely by the students, *The Anvil*. Publicity for *The Anvil* boomed after the Director had appeared on V.O.K. television, producing a copy, and after a press release to local newspapers about the publication. We have had congratulatory messages from many influential people, within and outside the University, and so many requests for copies that we had to have a reprint. The publication was originally designed for strictly limited consumption. We are currently considering policy for the future.

First year students were given a series of lectures on various aspects of the press and journalism and a comprehensive introduction to Mass Communications. They hope to get into practical production work during this academic year.

The interruption of studies was regretted.

Members of the School staff took part in a seminar for African Journalists held at the Cooperative College, Langata, at the end of August. The seminar was organised jointly by the International Federation of Journalists and the Kenya Union of Journalists.

The School welcomes back to its lecturing staff, Mr. Peter Mwaura, formerly Assistant Editor with the Nation newspaper group. He also addressed the Langata seminar, on problems of the press in rural areas.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

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### Overseas

Professor L. C. Vogel attended an International Seminar in Health Planning at Curacao in September.

Professor C. Forbes participated in an evaluation of health centres in Zaire and Rwanda for the Belgian Institute of Tropical Medicine.

Visiting lecturers from the U.S.A. England and Nigeria have joined local instructors in teaching wide-ranging courses on the human, wildlife, vegetation and aquatic components of the tropical ecosystem, and methods in environmental education.

### (30th August - 3rd September)

UNICEF/WHO Sponsored Course for Senior Teachers of Child Health, organised by Institute of Child Health, London. A group of postgraduate students visited Kenya and Departmental staff co-operated in this programme.

### Faculty of Medicine

#### Department of Community Health

(7th - 9th October) A Workshop on Communications and Teaching methods was held in Nairobi.

### (3rd - 5th December)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. J. Mungai has been invited by the Regional Office of the World Health Organisation to serve as consultant for the proposed evaluation of the Health Manpower Development and Fellowships Programme. The meeting of Deans of Medical Schools and Directors of University Centres for Health Sciences of the African Region, in Brazzaville, is to take place on 3rd - 5th December, 1974.

#### Department of Advanced Nursing

#### 16th September

A Seminar and Workshop, originally intended to have a third week for the benefit of senior students but due to the closure of the University, this part of the Workshop was cancelled. Over 40 participants attended, of whom 31 were nursing tutors or administrators of nursing services from Kenyan institutions and two each from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia and Botswana.

### Student Administration

#### 25th - 27th September

Evaluation Conference on University Educators Programme. Mrs. Muthoni Muthiga participated in the University Educators Programme Evaluation Conference at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria.

While in Nigeria she also visited the Universities of Lagos, Ife and Ibadan to learn their system of Students Services and National Service Schemes for University students.

Mrs. Muthiga was transferred in August to the University of Nairobi, Department of Students Welfare from Kenyatta University where she had been working since April 1st, 1973.

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Mr. J. O. ODUMBE	Resident Tutor (Kisumu)	Institute of Adult Studies	
Mr. B. GITAU	Tutor	Institute of Adult Studies	C. C. Unit
Mr. G. S. KAELEY	Tutor	Institute of Adult Studies	C. C. Unit
Mrs. T. AWORI	Lecturer	Institute of Adult Studies	Adult Studies Centre
Mr. R. P. S. CHANA	Computer Programmer	Computer Centre	

## Academics Leaving or Recently Left:

Mr. B. S. BHOGAL, Senior Lecturer, Civil Engineering Department, left in September, 1974. He has been with the University for ten years.

Mr. T. SOE, Lecturer, Civil Engineering, also left in September 1974, after five years.

Mr. F. DYBKJAER, Danish Volunteer for two years at the Computing Centre, left in September, 1974.

Prof. C. NORMAN, Visiting Professor, Animal Physiology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, has returned to the University of West Virginia, U.S.A., after one year here.

Prof. H. U. THIMM, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics. Also from the Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts: Dr. G. P. KESHAVA, Dr. I. INUKAI, Senior Lecturers, both have left after two years; Mr. J. R. KING, Lecturer, has left after four years; Mr. A. P. JONES, Dr. B. BOLNKIC, and Dr. R. J. CHARKINS, Lecturers, all three have left after two years.

From the Faculty of Education Mr. A. C. LINDOP, Lecturer, Department of Educational Foundations left in September, after two years. Dr. T. P. JONES, Visiting Lecturer under the I. U. C. Scheme, also of the Department of Educational Foundations, left in August, 1974. Dr. JONES, is Vice Principal of Caerleon College of Education, in Britain.

Dr. MICHAEL BURTON and Dr. LORRAINE KIRK of the Bureau of Educational Research returned to the United States after undertaking a series of studies concerning aspects of cognitive development. They were here for one year. Mr. MARTIN HILL, Research Associate, also of the Bureau, returned to Britain end-October, after undertaking a study of "Harambee Education and Social Change in Kitui."

Dr. L. ROSSEMBO, Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology, sponsored by NORAD, has been here for one year and left in September, 1974.

## Answers to Crossword No. 1

### Across

1. I.D.S.
2. Go
3. Nib
4. Idiots
5. Ape
6. Senate
8. S.O.S.
9. Kew

### Down

1. I.C.I.P.E.
2. G.I.T.C.E.
3. No
5. Assess
10. OBS
11. Dentist
12. Thuku
13. Laws

## A new Symbol for Kenya Exports

Mr. E. J. P. Bangamba and Miss Grace K. Kagundu, Design students with the Department of Design at the University, have presented the Kenya Horticulture Development Authority with a new symbol to be used on their export packaging.

The design, which symbolizes "export from Kenya", was chosen from more than 40 designs by students of second and third year at the University.




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**From Ngugi wa Thiong'o  
Chairman, Dept. of Literature**

We mention with pride the contributions of the Literature Department to the growth of literary life in Kenya through its encouragement in setting up the Writers Association of Kenya. The Association was proposed by two members of the Literature Department staff, Dr. Micere Githae Mugo and Mr. Chris Lukorito Wanjala. It is hoped the Association will act as the basis for co-ordinating literary and cultural events in Kenya through journals, newsletters, and cultural festivals.

Changes in the Literature Department syllabus brought about a lot of outside interest in the Department. Within a year of using this syllabus several requests have been received from other universities for post-graduate research in literature at this university. Visiting scholars and writers include Dr. Arthur Drayton, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of West Indies; Dr. Louis James, University of Kent, who came specifically to give lectures on Caribbean literature and Mr. Ime Ikiddeh, the literary critic from Nigeria who was here to do research on African literature and to give lectures on West African literature.

# NEW PUBLICATIONS

A book, with contributions from over 60 authors, most of them from Kenya, has recently been published by the East African Literature Bureau.

It is entitled **Health and Disease in Kenya** and is edited by Drs. L. C. Vogel, A. J. Muller, R. S. Odinga, Z. Onyango and A. de Gans. Selling price is sh. 75/50 (K), soft cover edition.

The book sums up epidemiological information on 50 diseases and the physical, biological and social environmental factors which determine the occurrence of these diseases. The geographical distribution of diseases and of factors contributing to disease causation is presented in 32 maps.

The main objective in producing this book is the urgent need to provide staff and students of the Faculty of Medicine in Nairobi, established in 1967, with epidemiological data on common diseases in Kenya.

This book is a collaborative production of the Medical Research Centre (Nairobi,) the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Geography of the University of Nairobi, and the Ministry of Health. It was written by 63 medical and social scientists, including Prof. J. Mungai.

Dr. G. M. O. Maloiy, Chairman of the Department of Animal Physiology is to have his book on Comparative Physiology of Ionic and Osmotic Regulation in Animals published by Academic Press Publishing Company, London. The book is expected to be out in print early next year.

The East African Examinations Council has just published a book of **Three Figure Mathematical Tables**. These tables were computed for the E.A.E.C. on the University's ICL 1902A computer and this is mentioned in the Preface to the tables.

Three Volumes on **Law and Population in Kenya** have been prepared for publication by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the East African Literature Bureau. Sets are deposited in the University Library and the I.D.S. Library.

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