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WHY 'NEWS AND VIEWS'

Every University establishes a distinct pattern that is its own. Its activities are of interest to all within its campus.

As the university expands and you have several thousand people in some way or other involved in it, then it is time to create a means of contact among them from the Vice-Chancellor to the staff and students down to the humblest but equally vital worker.

So it is that *University News & Views* will enable all to keep in touch with what is going on around them. There have been other News Letters, Bulletins in the past produced sporadically, but we fervently hope this is here to stay.

News & Views will appear once every two months and it will endeavour to answer queries like: Who's new? What's happening on the Campus? what decisions have the University Council made? What Conferences are taking place, and Faculty news. Anyone with university news or views is welcome to forward his or her contribution to the Editor.

We hope it meets the demand for information and University news and serves a useful purpose as a regular source of reference of what takes place—or is about to take place—at the University of Nairobi.

The Editor

Notes of interest...

FROM THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE 13th MEETING

28th March 1974

- £16,000 has been approved for the construction of a pedestrian sub-way across State House Road in the Halls of Residence area.
- It was recommended that the present post of two doctors for the Staff Medical Scheme be enlarged to cater for the growing University Community.
- Changes in Terms of Service for all University staff were approved.

They include the introduction of a **Housing Allowance for middle and lower grade staff**, i.e. Grades A-F and Grades I-IV Senior clerical, catering, administrative and technical). The allowance is to be granted irrespective of rent paid and all staff, including married women, will be eligible for it.

This is effective as from 1st March, 1974 as follows:

Grade	Housing allowance per annum £
F	300
E	240
D	210
C	180
B	150
A	120

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Academic, Senior Library and Administrative Staff will now be eligible for either a House Allowance or Subsidised Housing.

Formerly, staff on contract terms could only claim House Allowance, while staff on permanent terms were entitled to Housing. Now, however, all academic staff (except married women — and even in their case Housing may be granted at the discretion of the University) can claim either House Allowance or Subsidised Housing, whichever they prefer, whether they are on contract or permanent terms.

Another important change recommended by the Council is in raising the ceiling figure for the owner-occupier scheme for academic staff. This scheme enables staff living in their own houses to claim a monthly house allowance not exceeding the maximum capital value established for their respective grades and calculated at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of the capital value of the house and land up to one acre.

According to the new rates, an Assistant Lecturer can claim his monthly house allowance on property up to a maximum capital value of £7,500; Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, property up to a maximum capital value of £8,500; Associate Professor and Professor - £10,000.

● Under medical benefits a big amendment is that the University will pay hospital charges to staff who are eligible for the University Medical Scheme, for a member of staff or his family over and above the National Hospital Insurance Funds contribution, up to a maximum of Shs. 50/- per day for the Senior Clerical, Catering, Administrative and Technical grades and up to a maximum of Sh. 70/- per day for academic, Senior Library and Administrative staff.

● The Council has approved £1,125 for the proposed restructuring of the Faculty of Commerce, which will include a new department of Management Science.

● Council Approved Recommendations for

Study Leave —

Dr. J.K.G. Mati, Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology was granted nine months study leave starting from July 1974 to enable him to take up a Population Council Fellowship tenable at the University of Florida, U.S.A.

Dr. P. J. Ojwang, Tutorial Fellow in the Department of Human Pathology was granted 2 years study leave under normal terms governing study leave for similar members of staff starting from May, 1974 to enable him to pursue further studies in Chemical Pathology at the University of Edinburgh under the World Health Organisation programme.

Dr. T. Ogada, Lecturer, Department of Medicine, was granted ten months study leave on normal terms from September, 1974 to enable him to take up a CIDA Fellowship tenable at McGill University, Canada.

Mr. E. M. Ndiritu, was granted two years study leave on normal terms to enable him to pursue a postgraduate course in Commercial Law leading to the Ph.D degree at Birmingham University.

Mr. F. Mwithiga, Senior Technician in the Department of Civil Engineering was granted six months study leave to enable him to pursue further technical training in highway engineering under the British Government Technical Assistance Training Scheme.

NEW COURSES OFFERED IN PHARMACY AND DENTISTRY

By Prof. N.O. Bwibo
Dean of the faculty of Medicine

In view of the shortage of pharmacists in Kenya, the Ministry of Health urged the training of pharmacists to be started at the University as soon as possible.

The University is starting this department in the 1974/1975 academic year. Twenty-four students have been selected for the first class, which begins on 1st July, 1974.

It is envisaged to have an intake of 30 students annually in future. This department is established within the Faculty of Medicine but will, in time, become a separate School of Pharmacy with various departments.

Entry requirements are similar to those for Medicine, i.e. at least two principles in Chemistry, Biology and Physics or Maths. One of the principles must be in Chemistry.

This is a 4-year training programme, two years of which will be pre-clinical work and two years for clinical. The teaching of basic sciences subjects will be done within the existing basic sciences departments of the University, viz. Chemistry, Biochemistry, Human Physiology, Human Anatomy, Mathematics and Pathology.

The professional and clinical subjects will begin in the second year and continue through the last two years.

At the end of the training and after passing the relevant University examinations, the successful candidates will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.). The holders of this degree will be registered under the Pharmacy Act of Kenya after undergoing an internship programme for one year, sponsored by both the Ministry of Health and the Pharmaceutical Association of Kenya. The registration programme will be worked out by the Ministry of Health and the Pharmaceutical Association of Kenya.

The department will be housed temporarily at Chiromo Campus and plans are underway to develop the department near the Kenyatta National Hospital and the staff are being recruited.

Department of Dentistry

This new department, like the Department of Pharmacy, is established within the Faculty of Medicine. The entry requirements are similar to those for Medicine, i.e. Biology or Zoology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths. One of the principle passes must be in Zoology or Biology.

This is a 4-year training programme and the successful candidates will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S.). The teaching of basic sciences subjects will be done within the existing basic sciences departments of the University, and the professional and clinical subjects will start in the second year and continue throughout the remaining three years.

Eighteen students have been selected for the 1974/75. The holders of this degree will be registered in Kenya under the Medical and Dentistry Act of Kenya, after completing a period of one year of internship.

The new department will eventually develop into a fully fledged School of Dentistry. The department will temporarily be housed at Chiromo Campus and the staff are being recruited.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Conferences, etc. held in Kenya

Faculty of Law

10th June

A Workshop on the use of social science research methodology and perspectives in legal research.

Held at the KIA, sponsored by the International Legal Center, New York and the Canadian International Development Research Center.

Duration - Three weeks

Faculty of Medicine

15th April - 22nd June

WHO sponsored course in pathology (immunology section) for 12 weeks. Attended by doctors from Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.

Tutors on the course come from U.S.A., Nigeria and members of the Immunology Unit, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Nairobi. The course was organized by Prof. V. Houba, Head of the Immunology Unit.

Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts Travelling Theatre undertook a country-wide tour in May with the guidance of Mr. Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Acting Head of the department of Literature. They gave 87 performances in 24 towns and villages.

Overseas

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. Karanja, attended the Commonwealth Educational Congress in Jamaica held in June 1974.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. Mungai, attended the First Session of the Council of United Nations University, in New York from 13-17 May, 1974. Will be attending the Second Session in Paris from 8-12 July, 1974. The Third Session will be held in November this year in Tokyo.

Dr. G. K. Sherurah of the Faculty of Engineering, department of Surveying and Photogrammetry attended the CEEMA Conference (Committee for Engineering Education in Middle Africa) at Lusaka, Zambia, held on April 1st - 5th, 1974.

Dr. N. N. P. Rao of the department of Meteorology, Faculty of Science, attended the Planning Workshop of the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study in Bonn, West Germany, from 4th to 17th May, 1974.

Mr. I. J. Onyinkwa of the department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, is attending a Seminar on recent developments in American Law in Jerusalem from 16th to 26th July, 1974.

Dr. W. Otsyula of the department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, attended a Seminar on psychopharmacology for Teachers in Medical Schools in Copenhagen, from 21st April to 11th May, 1974.

Physical Sciences Complex

being built at Chiromo

The new £500,000 Physical Sciences Complex now under construction at the Chiromo Campus is due for completion later this year.

The project which is expected to ease congestion at the main Campus is being constructed under agreement between Kenya Government and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway. NORAD represents the Government of Norway and will meet 50% of the costs of this huge complex.

The departments of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geology and Meteorology will all move from the main Campus on completion of the project.

The department of Computer Science is also expected to be housed at this complex as soon as negotiations for funds are finalised.

A Norwegian firm of architects and consulting engineers, NORCONSULT, A. N., are the project architects while the construction is being undertaken by Golar & Co. Ltd., who won the tender in May 1973. Construction started last year. The Physical

Sciences Complex will include offices, laboratories, workshops, lecture theatres, a hall of residence and site works.

Library services for the departments will be provided by the existing Chiromo Campus Library with expanded facilities to cater for over 30,000 extra volumes and some 4,000 others annually thereafter.

There have been reported delays in construction due to acute shortage of steel in the country and delay in shipment of laboratory equipment waiting in docks in the United Kingdom.

Other major physical developments currently under construction include the Food Science and Technology Building, a new Library and the public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology building at Kabete.



NEW STUDENTS FOR 1974/75

The enrolment of new students for 1974/75 at the University is expected to be 1,893 which includes all those who have been accepted for degree courses at the Faculties in the University of Nairobi. An additional 171 students have been accepted for places at Makerere University, under the Inter-University Council agreement. The new intake of students by Faculties are as follows:

Faculty / Department	No. admitted to Univ. of Nairobi	No. admitted to Makerere
Agriculture	59	1
Architecture	40	
Land Economics	34	
Building Economics	26	
Design	18	
Arts	131	140
Science	154	30
Education	776 (includes nos. at Kenyatta Coll.	
Commerce	135	
Engineering	181	
Law	75	
Medicine	138 (includes 24 for Pharmacy, 18 for Dentistry)	
Veterinary	88	
Advanced Nursing	20	
Journalism	18	

The total number of students enrolled at the University of Nairobi is expected to be 5,016 including the new intake indicated above.

More students were eligible for admission, but due to lack of living accommodation and places it was not possible to accept all who were eligible.

In fact, accommodation is such a serious problem that those students repeating the year will be expected to find living quarters outside the Campus to make room for the newcomers.

STAFF NEWS

Appointment of Senior Academic Staff:

(Names of those who have accepted as at 12/6/74)

<u>Name of Appointee</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Department</u>
Prof. R. S. MUSANGI (Kenya)	Professor	Veterinary Medicine	Animal Production
Dr. J. G. WANDERA (Kenya)	Assoc. Professor	"	Pathology
Dr. A. KUNGU (Kenya)	Assoc. Professor	Medicine	Human Pathology
Dr. C. FORBES (Canada)	Assoc. Professor	"	Community Health
Dr. A.C. CHUKWUEMEKA (Nigeria)	Assoc. Professor	"	Community Health
Dr. K. G. MATI (Kenya)	Assoc. Professor	"	Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Dr. R. SHAFFER (U.S.A.)	Senior Lecturer	"	Community Health
Dr. A. BAYOUMI (Sudan)	Senior Lecturer	"	Community Health
Dr. D. G. GATEI (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	"	Human Pathology
Prof. M. SOMMERS (Canada)†	Dean & Professor	Commerce	
Prof. D. B. FIELDS (Canada) †	Professor	"	Accounting
Prof. D. G. TYNDALL (Canada)†	Professor	"	Accounting
(Rev.) Dr. J. G. DONDERS (Netherlands)	Professor	Arts	Phil. & Religious Studies
Dr. R. HOPKINS (U.S.A.)	Assoc. Professor	"	Government-Diplomacy Programme
Dr. E. MUGA (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	"	Sociology
Dr. P. R. BENNET (U.S.A.)	Senior Lecturer	"	Linguistics & African Lang.
(Rev.) Dr. S. G. KIBICHO (Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	"	Phil. & Religious Studies
Dr. M. DOBBYN (U.S.A.)	Senior Lecturer	Education	Educational Communications & Technology
Mr. B. CRAWFORD (Britain)	Senior Lecturer	"	Educational Communications & Technology

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<u>Name of Appointee</u>		<u>Post</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Department</u>
Dr. A. M. GURNAH	(Tanzania)	Senior Lecturer	Agriculture	Crop Producti
Dr. J. N. SINGH	(India)	Senior Lecturer	"	Crop Producti
Dr. C.P.M. KHAMALA	(Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	"	Entomology
Dr. J. B. SALE	(Britain) has been at the University since 1957.	Assoc. Professor	Science	Zoology
Dr. G. SAITOTI	(Kenya)	Senior Lecturer	"	Mathematics
Dr. S. HARALDSON	(Norway)	Senior Lecturer	"	Physics
Prof. RAJNI PATEL	(Kenya)	Dean	Engineering	
D. J. DALLÁS	(British)	Director	School of Journalism	

Academics Leaving or recently left:

Prof. D. GHAI, Director of the Institute for Development Studies left in April 1974. He was Director for three years.

Prof. W. GEHRING, Head of the department of Clinical Studies, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, left in June, 1974. He has been here for six years.

Prof. H. M. CAMERON, Head of the department of Human Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, left in June, 1974. He has been here for seven years.

Prof. T. SPEAKMAN, Head of the department of Educational Communications and Technology, Faculty of Education, left in June. He was Head for one year.

Prof. D. ROBERTSHAW, Professor in the department of Animal Physiology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Prof. J. T. BROCH, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He left in May 1974. He has been here for 2½ years.

Dr. A. BROCK, a Senior Lecturer in the department of Physics, Faculty of Science, left in June, 1974.

Dr. G. P. KEŠHEVA, a Senior Lecturer in the department of Economics. Faculty of Arts. He left in June, 1974.

Dr. E. BAUM, a Senior Lecturer in the department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture. He left in June, 1974.

Dr. J. ALANEN, a Senior Lecturer and the Chairman of the department of the Computer Centre. Due to leave in July, 1974.

Mr. A. G. CARTWRIGHT, a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Architecture.

N.B. This information has been compiled with the kind assistance of the Registry staff. If any changes have been effected after 12.6.74 it is possible that these may not have reached the Editor before going to Press.

In the next issue we shall publish names of more Academic staff, not included in this issue.



FROM: Dr. Majembe, M.K.N., M.Sc., Ph.D. (London.)
TO : Registrar.
DATE: 10 June 1974.

RESIGNATION TO CONTEST NATIONAL ELECTIONS

In accordance with the recent directive by the Head of the Civil Service that Civil Service staff and staff of statutory and quasi- Government bodies who wish to sit for elections must resign their appointments before 30th June, 1974, I wish to tender my resignation to take effect from midnight 30th June, 1974. I take it that since my resignation is prompted by an even nobler cause, i.e. to serve the whole country rather than just the University, the statutory notice of three months will be waived.

I wish to take this opportunity to assure the University of my earnest desire for continued co-operation between this institution and myself as a Member of Parliament. It may sound a bit premature for me to say this, but I am sure to be elected since practically everyone in my constituency has had at least a crate of alcohol from me. The University can, therefore, expect to see my Mercedes, carrying the appropriate plates around the campus. My hope is that it will please the head of the Party to make it possible for me to display on it the CM rather than the AM or MP plates.

Whatever happens, I shall not forget the University and my former colleagues and you can look forward to my inviting you to attend the Opening Ceremony, Budget speeches and other official functions in the House and outside.

I can also assure you that I shall not be the payukaring type since no Ph.D. Mheshimiwa can do that and in particular if I display my CM plates. I have never failed in any exploits that I have undertaken. Once I am in Parliament, I shall stay and serve my people throughout because this is their declared wish.

Finally, may I request you to kindly instruct the Finance Officer to pay me my terminal salary and retirement benefits not later than 12.30 p.m. on 30th June. I shall need this money to make the final thrust in my campaign. For this I shall require more alcohol and of course, to take my youth wingers to the various election meeting places to hiss and heckle my opponents and, if necessary, to break-up their meetings. I shall also have to purchase a loud-hailer and to print large portraits of myself for the election posters.

Yours sincerely,

M.K.N. Majembe, M.Sc.Ph.D.
 M.P.S.K., (M.P. Expected)

(Reply to be included in the next issue of News and Views)



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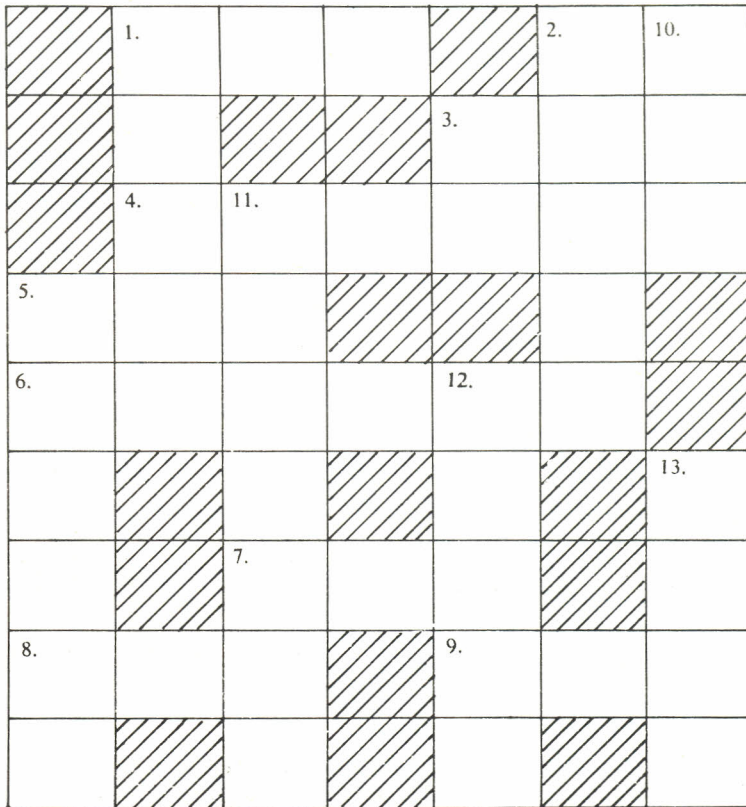
On his first visit to Africa and on assuming duty as Professor of Anatomy, Professor H. Bear was taken to his new laboratory within which lay the body of a human male of very dark complexion.

Realizing that something was amiss somewhere he asked; "But Mr. Ka-ma-u what nature of an animal is this? I am a veterinarian." To which came an answer: "Don't worry, he was a veterinary assistant killed by an African elephant."

The Professor booked the first plane available.

M.G.G

'News and Views' Crossword No. 1



CLUES

ACROSS

1. The University Institute that carries out research in the Social Science field.
2. Proceed.
3. Pen-point.
4. Mentally deficient persons.
5. Imitate rather blindly.
6. The University's highest academic body.
7. Signed document bearing these letters by a specified sum constitute formal acknowledgement of a debt.
8. Distress Signal.
9. National Botanical Gardens in London.

DOWN

1. An international insect institute based in the University.

2. Another Institute at Chiromo which studies the process of hormones particularly Tilapia.
3. Negative.
5. Teachers should _____ student's work as they go along.
10. Order of the Burning Spear.
11. The program which is starting in the Faculty of Medicine in the 1974/75 academic year is expected to produce more than one Kenya trained _____ in a few years.
12. His name is linked with the Colonialist shooting that occurred on the campus site in 1922.
13. One of the University Faculties offers studies in these including Torts.

FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

The revival of a University Newsletter is a most welcome addition to this institution's communications media. It will help further the efforts of the Administration to convey often-vital information to all who are associated with the University of Nairobi.

Ours is a widely dispersed university, physically. Often, one is ignorant of activities and changes taking place at Kabete, Chiromo or Kenyatta College, and this little publication could perhaps serve as a link between all parts of the Campus.

The first issue coincides, appropriately enough, with the beginning of our academic year 1974/75.

My best wishes for its continued existence and success.

The Registrar

S. W. Karanja

University of Nairobi.