

# Varsity to reopen in October—Moi

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The University of Nairobi will reopen in October, President Moi announced yesterday.

He said all students who sat for "A" levels and qualified for university entrance in 1981 will be admitted when the university reopens. Those who sat for "A" level in 1982 will be selected so that some will be admitted while others will be employed as unqualified teachers while waiting admission.

President Moi was addressing a funds-drive at State House Road Girls High School, Nairobi, where over Sh2.1 million was raised. He donated Sh174,000 from himself and friends.

The President directed the Director of Personnel Management, Mr Aaron Kandie, to enforce the code of regulations that requires civil servants to retire at the age of 55.

He said in May and June alone, over 6,000 had attained the retirement of 55 and they should retire. He said the Government had been too lenient over this requirement but henceforth it must be enforced vigorously.

President Moi said that was the only way in which university graduates and others, who qualify from colleges of technology could

## *Age retirement directive is to be enforced.*

secure jobs. "We must be honest and practise what we say," President Moi said.

He said the directive was not a political gimmick but was intended to ensure that over 3,000 students who graduated from the university were absorbed in the public and private sectors.

He added that young people must be ready to take over from the elders.

The President said the population growth rate of Nairobi was 5 per cent while the increase in school places was only 2 per cent. "When I said we were on the run, some people took me literally," he said. He said what he meant was that the country must run in development projects.

He said parents of State House Road Girls High School and other day schools were always worried of the fate of their girls after they leave school in the evening.

The President said in 1968/69 when he was a Vice-President, he advocated the building of hostels so that day students could get facilities to study after school.

He criticised town planners and others who do not reserve land for future development. State House Road Girls might in future be a constituent college of Nairobi University, he said. He added that universities such as Cambridge and Oxford were not as big as mountains and therefore.