



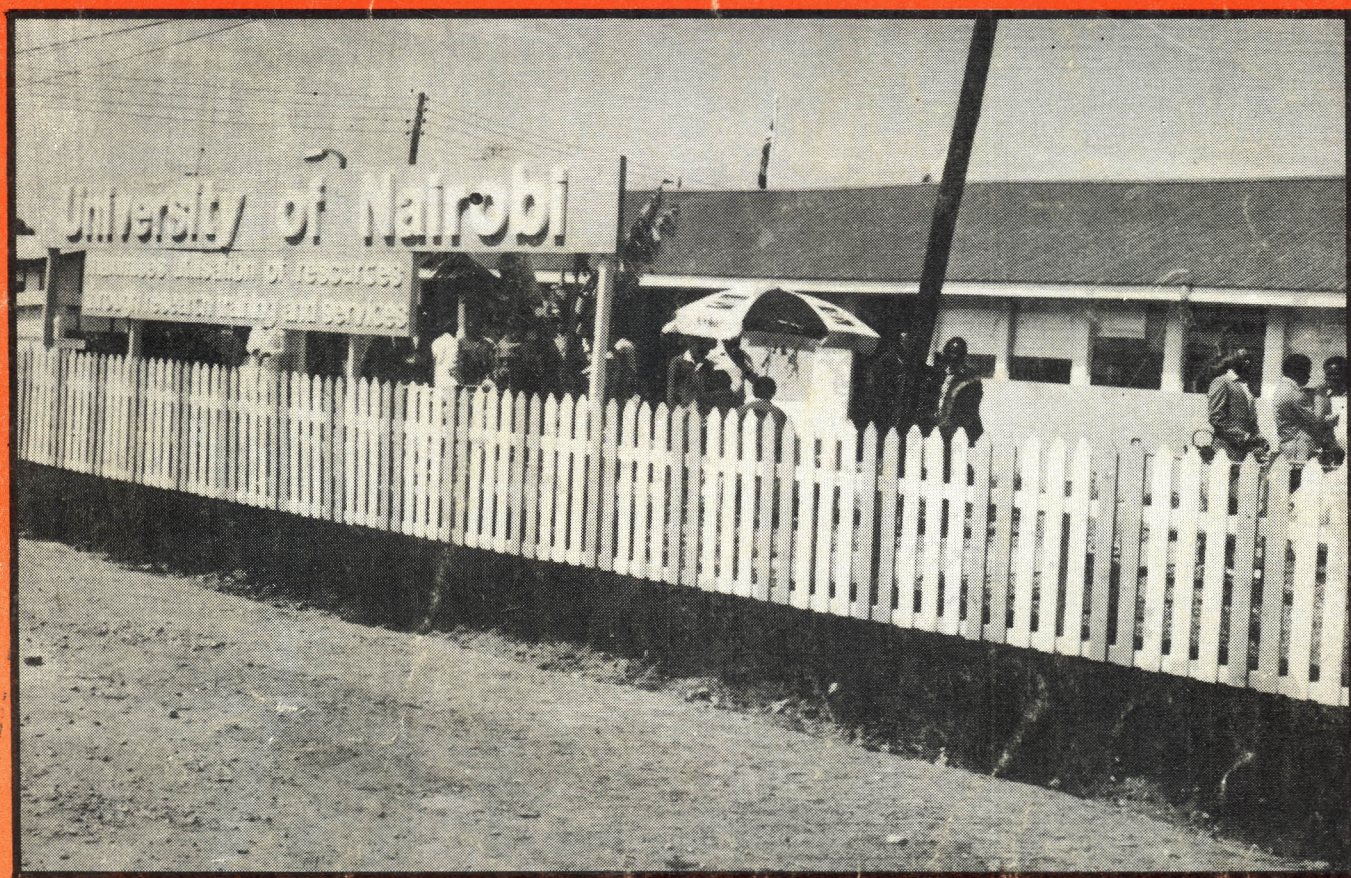
# Varsity Focus

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Nairobi International Show, University Stand.

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# Ministry boosts Varsity Research Kitty

The Minister for Tourism, Mr. George Muhoho has called upon the private sector to help the University in its research and development activities. The Minister made this call when presenting a cheque of K. Sh. 250,000/= to the Vice-Chancellor from the Catering Levy Trustees which falls under his Ministry. The grant will be used to provide scholarships to M.Sc. students in the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition. The money was given to the University as a follow-up to a request by His Excellency the President and Chancellor of the University the Catering Levy Trustees that they provide funds to the University of Nairobi to be utilised for training and research.

During the occasion, Mr. Muhoho congratulated the University for successfully launching the double-intake. He said that the Catering Levy Trustees had collected 63 Million Kenya Shillings last year and that the Trustees will continue to help the University in subsequent years. The Minister called for greater participation by the private sector in the activities of the University. He said that the University could help his Ministry in standardization of Kenyan traditional diet, modernisation of traditional cooking dishes as a means of uplifting the standard of tourism in the country.

The cheque was received by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Philip M. Mbithi and the occasion was attended by among others, the Chairman of the Catering Levy Trustees, Mr. L. Bulet, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Mr. P. Masale, the Chief Executive, C.L.T., Mrs. Ojany, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (A&F) Prof. S.O. Wandiga, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Academic) Prof. F. Mutere, and the Director of Post-graduate Studies, Prof. C.N. Karue.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor said that the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition trains personnel who on joining the Ministry of Tourism man various sectors in the tourism industry and also teach at the

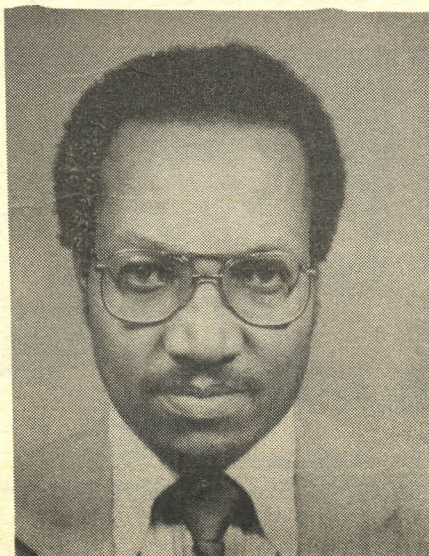


*Prof. Mbithi receiving the cheque from Minister Muhoho*

utalii College. He assured the Minister that given the right back-up, University scholars would conduct research on behalf of the Ministry. The Department has a total of 30 post-graduate students

taking M.Sc. in Human Nutrition apart from the undergraduate B.Sc. course in Food Science and Nutrition which was started in the mid seventies ■

## Prof Kimura re-elected Dean of Commerce



*Prof. Kimura, re-elected Dean of Commerce*

PROF. J.H. Kimura has been re-elected Dean of the Faculty of Commerce for a period of two years. This is in accordance with University of Nairobi statutes which provide that deans of Faculties will serve for two years and can be re-elected for a further term of two years or alternatively a new person could be elected.

Prof. Kimura, 42, holds Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, MBA from University of Nairobi. He joined the Department of Accounting as Tutorial Fellow in 1971 and rose through the ranks to Associate Professor in 1986 ■

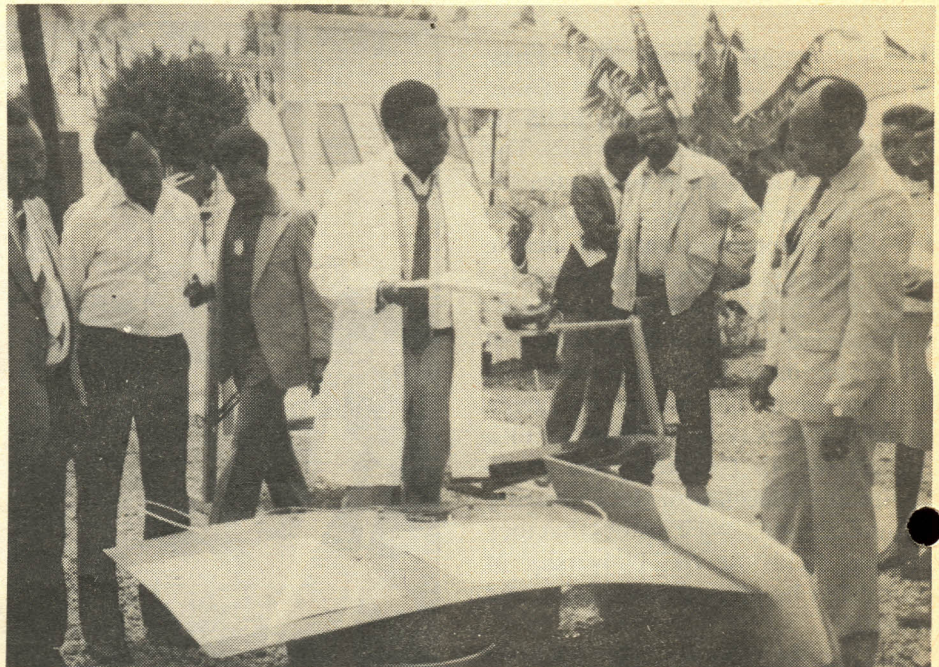
# Nairobi Show: Varsity scoops prizes

The University of Nairobi won the Gema Holding perpetual Cup for three years in a row during the just concluded Nairobi International Show for exhibiting the best cross-breed in the Livestock Section. The University also chalked outright victories in the Reserve Champion and First Champion Categories. Since 1985, the prestigious and most coveted Gema Holding Perpetual Cup has been kept by the University of Nairobi.

Unlike last year, this year's University Stand was much bigger which enabled over 50 departments from the six Campus Colleges to display what goes on in their various units. And throughout the five days, the stand was flooded with enthusiastic showgoers eager to find out what goes in Kenya's largest and oldest University.

The College of Health Sciences Section attracted most people with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the Dental School carrying the day. There were on-the-spot dental check-up and blood group testing.

Interviewed showgoers said it was very encouraging for the University of Nairobi to participate in the show to display its achievements for the public to inspect. Mr. Joseph Mbui, a farmer



*Nairobi show: A demonstrator explains a point to enthusiastic show goers*

from Kajiado, was particularly impressed by the new methods of harnessing animal power developed by the Department of Agricultural Engineering. He vowed to adopt the new methods which are more efficient and economical.

At the Department of Crop Science Corner, enthusiastic farmers jostled as

they bought satchets of legume inoculants, a new fertilizer developed by the Department and which has proved very popular.

This year's Show Committee was chaired by Prof. Keya and worked very hard to have everything ready before the opening day ■

## Board of Postgraduate Studies awards scholarships

The Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS) has awarded 303 postgraduate scholarships during the current 1987/88 academic year. Out of these, 164 scholarships were for new students and 139 for continuing students. The highest number of scholarships were awarded to the Faculties of Arts and Science which got 57 and 37 scholarships respectively. The Faculty of Agriculture got 23 scholarships while 21 scholarships were given to the Faculty of Commerce.

In allocating the scholarships, the



*Prof. Karue*

Board took into consideration the University Staff development needs, the

number of available scholarships and Departmental capabilities. It also considered national manpower requirements. Currently there are 1,300 postgraduate students pursuing various higher degree programmes.

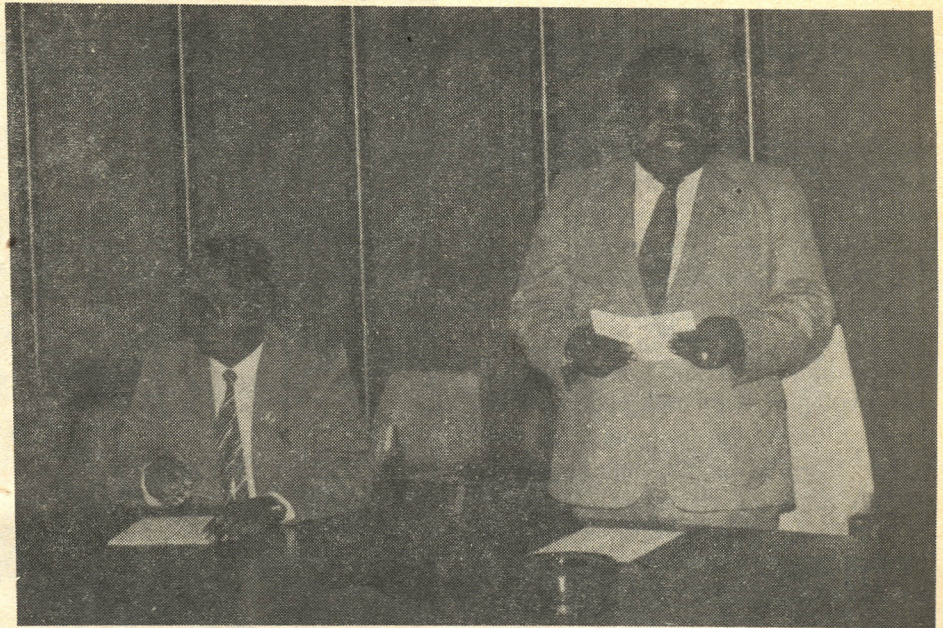
Today, the University of Nairobi has the highest number of postgraduate programmes in East and Central Africa and has the best research expertise in the region. Among the training programmes which are found in only a few Universities in Africa include Diplomacy, Meteorology, Dentistry, Nuclear Science, Journalism and Food Science and Nutrition ■

# Aringo opens CUSEA Conference

THE Minister for Education, Hon. Oloo Aringo, has called upon University students in East and Central African Region to use their knowledge to foster faster development in their respective countries. Opening a two day consultative CUSEA Conference, Minister Aringo said the role of education is to promote nationhood, national Unity and produce graduates with skills, knowledge and expertise to support national economies. He said there is a positive correlation between education and economic development and attributed the rapid social and economic developments that the East African countries have made since independence to the rapid expansion of educational facilities.

Mr. Aringo said the Government is spending a lot of money to finance education besides tackling the problem of the increasing number of school - going age children. He said that the 8-4-4 Education System is aimed at preparing the Youth graduating at every level to be equipped with enough technical skills.

Welcoming the Minister, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Philip Mbithi, said, African University Students face un-



*Minister Oloo Aringo opening CUSEA Conference*

ique challenges and opportunities unlike their counterparts in Europe and America. They participate in rapidly expanding University System which has several constraints and yet they have to maintain the highest standards possible.

Prof. Mbithi told University Students

to be part and parcel of Social, Economic and Political Developments taking place in Society and to develop patriotic leadership traits to ensure that Universities remain within the mainstream of national life and aspirations ■

## Delegates call for an end to Apartheid

The Students of Nairobi University Union (SONU) last month hosted a two day conference of the Council for University Students of East Africa (CUSEA). The meeting was a consultative one similar to the ones held yearly by the Inter-University Council of Eastern Africa. The conference was opened by Kenya Minister for Education, Hon Oloo Aringo, and discussed wide-ranging problems facing African countries.

The conference drew participants from all the Universities' Member States as well as from P.T.A. member countries like Zimbabwe, Somalia, Sudan. Others present included representatives from International Union of Students (IUS), All Africa Student Union (AASU) and Collegiate As-

sociate of Research and Principles (CARP).

The conference deliberated on a wide range of regional, continental and international issues and passed a number of useful and constructive resolutions.

The South African question was a major point of discussion during the meeting. The participants condemned in the strongest terms possible the South African Racist Apartheid Regime and its frequent mass Killing of innocent blacks.

The conference also denounced South Africa's military bullying of the Frontline States and called for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners in South Africa.

The meeting resolved that University Students would in the near future visit South African Refugee Camps in the Frontline States during their long vacation to offer medical and educational assistance. The delegates, through their respective student bodies, pledged to offer any kind of material and moral support to the refugees. In particular, the students of Nairobi University visited refugee camps in Tanzania last month.

The delegates recommended the setting up of C.U.S.E.A solidarity fund which will finance efforts of Liberation Movements in South Africa notably the ANC, PAC and SWAPO and called upon their respective governments and

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# Chancellor receives CUSEA delegates

Delegates attending a conference of the Council of University Students of East Africa were honoured when they paid a courtesy call on President Moi who is also the Chancellor of all Public Universities. Addressing them he said University students had a duty to contribute their skills and knowledge to the development of their nations and improve the Living Standards of the People. The President pointed out that students were the cream of society and should work with commitment and dedication for national development on completing studies.

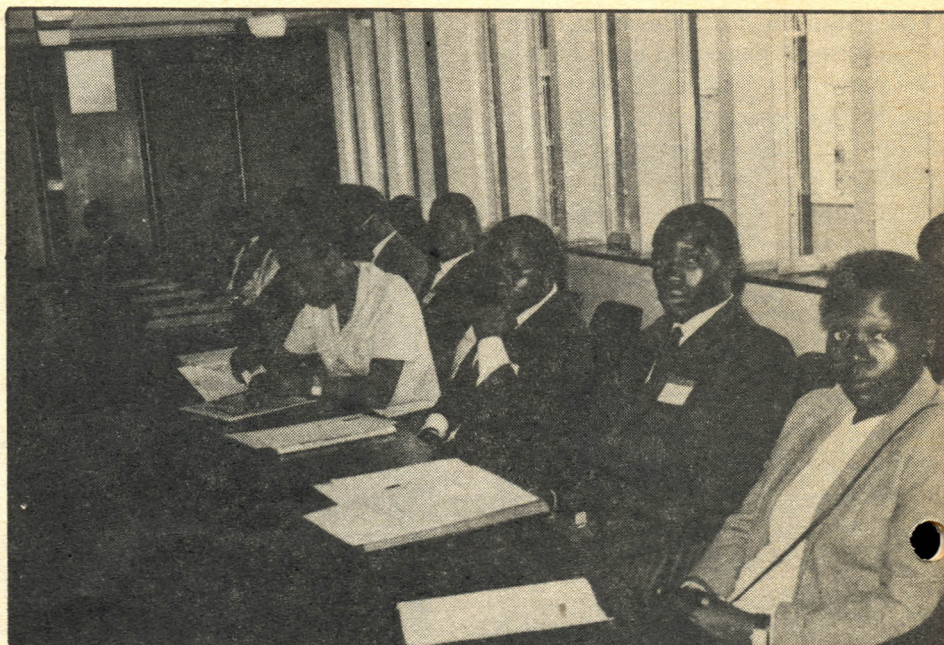
The Chancellor asked the students to guard against foreign influences that may divide their nations and create Social turmoil. The obstacles facing the continent were created by leaders who valued their positions more than their peoples welfare and Security, he said.

In the absence of peace and Security, no development could take place. Social instability had forced many educated Africans to flee their own countries in search of security. The President said this had caused a massive braindrain, robbing Africa of essential manpower.

The Chancellor said amid applause that the hope of Africa lay in her educated young people and Unity and challenged the continent's elite to have commitment and pride in their nations and avoid creating classes in society. They should not alienate themselves from the rest of society but work to ensure that the needs of their people are met.

The President said Africa was endowed with resources and talents but lacked the means to exploit and apply their ability to develop their nations and promote African Cooperation. He said that with Unity, Africans can achieve a lot for themselves and the Continent.

President Moi criticised sections of the foreign Media which portrays the wrong image of the Continent and her



*A plenary session during CUSEA conference*

people.

The acting Chairman of SONU, Mr. Maina Kiranga, told the Chancellor that the University of Nairobi Student Community was disgusted by stories published about Kenya in the Western Press. He said students strove for the same goals as the ruling Party KANU to free all Kenyans from want, poverty, illiteracy and diseases.

Those present included the Minister for Education, Hon. Oloo Aringo, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Philip Mbithi, the Permanent Secretary for Education, Mr. Benjamin Kipkulei, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Academic) Prof. Festo Mutere and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Finance), Prof. Shem Wandiga ■

## CUSEA: How it all began ●

The Council for University Students of East Africa (CUSEA) owes much of its existence to the demise of the celebrated East African Community (E.A.C.). Upto 1977, the East African Community had harmonised the bonds and ties of the people of East Africa. But while most politicians, bureaucrats and top officials of the sister states frequently met through the various organs that ran the corporation affairs such as communication, Finance and Culture, the East African University Students never had a student body through which they could constitutionally meet and discuss issues concerning them as well as contribute towards the development of East African people.

Occasionally however exchanges were possible through sports but even this was brought to a standstill when political climate in East Africa became shrouded in distrust and hatred especially after break of the East Africa.

The differences among the sister states were weakly overcome in 1984 when the East African heads of states met at Arusha, Tanzania to revive and establish a new frame-work of corporation. It was in the same meeting that the idea of students' Cooperation was first mooted. Present were student leaders from the University of Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam and Makerere who prepared the charter for C.U.S.E.A. The

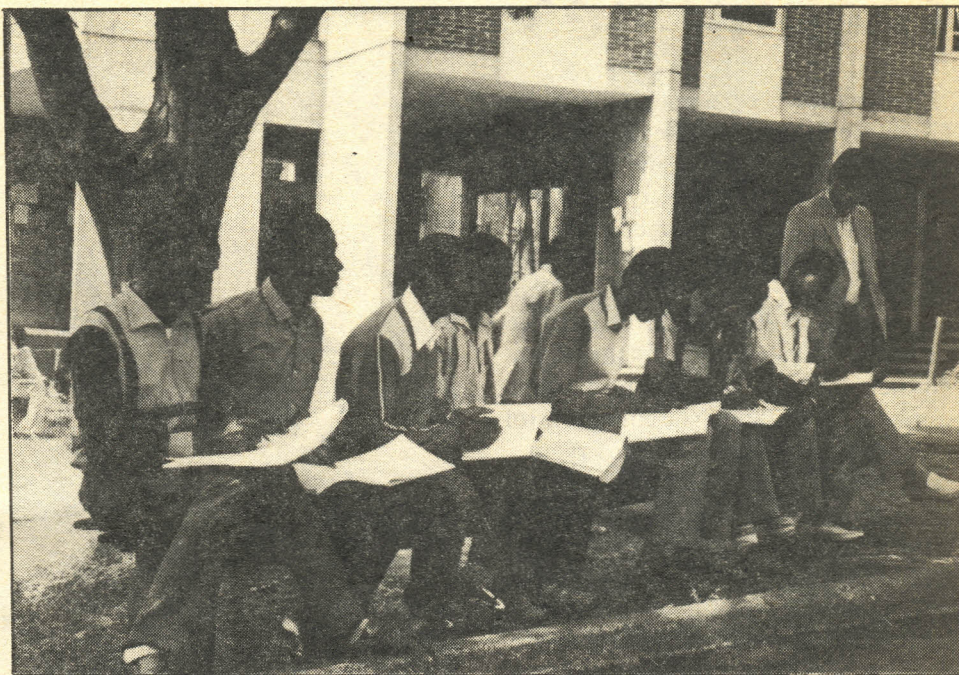
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# “We must preserve our good image” – V.C.

THE Vice-Chancellor has called upon students to maintain the good image enjoyed by the University of Nairobi, both locally and internationally. He made the call when addressing the students during the first day of the term after the September recess.

The Vice-Chancellor, who had just returned from a visit to Japan where he received a honorary doctorate from Soka University, said that the University of Nairobi is regarded very highly overseas due to its record in terms of research and other academic activities. He said that the University has the highest enrolment of undergraduate and post-graduate students in East and Central Africa which today stands at over 11,000 students.

Prof. Mbithi however, decried the fact that this image was marred by isolated incidences of stoning cars, excessive drunkenness and violence in the kitchen. The students, who had thronged Taifa Hall to hear the Vice-Chancellor's welcome address, deplored this behaviour by a few wayward students and undertook to safeguard the good name of the University. The Vice-Chancellor said



University of Nairobi Students breaking off after lectures

that the Students Representative Council of SONU would soon be dissolved in accordance with its constitution to pave way for fresh elections.

He also presented the time-table for the payment of 'boom' and disclosed

that 584 extra bed spaces would soon be available when the 8 prefabricated units, already christened 'Hollywood' by students, were ready. He assured the students that double-deckers would not be introduced at the halls ■

## A prayer for the troubled hearts

By Rev. Kinuthia  
University Chaplain (P)



Rev. Kinuthia

SINCE I have confidence in my God, and in myself, I will never accept defeat in my noble task.

I will remove from my mind the negative attitude associated with words and phrases such as boring, rubbish, no use trying, too difficult, too late, worthless, quit, hopeless, cannot do it, retreat, unworkable, unable, impossible, improbable, give up, useless, cursed, doomed, failure, and don't care: for they are the words of losers, and I'm not one of them.

I will avoid discouragement by praying, seeking advice and alternatives without giving up, because success comes to those who keep on trying.

I will aim high and keep my eyes on my goals as there is always hope of sunshine or clear sky after every cloud,

and every adversity has a seed of greater benefit.

I look forward to a bright future as I try to do better today than what I did yesterday. (Heb. 10:35; Ph. 3:13-14; Ph. 4:13; Rom, 8:37) ■

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**We are looking for correspondents from the colleges. If you are interested get in touch with Mr. Wainaina, Ext. 2258.**

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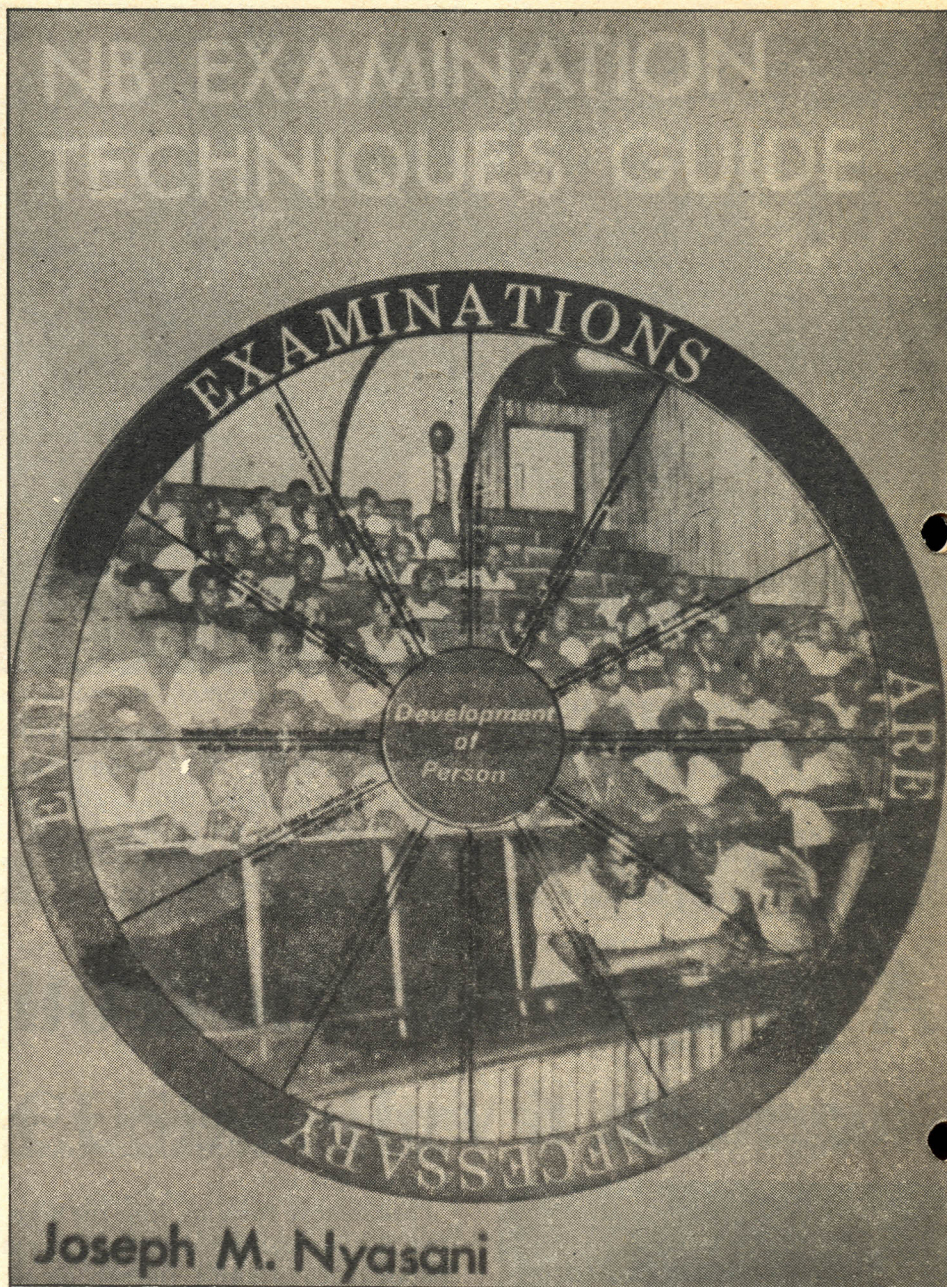
# Lecturer authors book on Examination Techniques

"Examination Techniques Guide" by Prof. Joseph Nyasani, attempts to identify both for the teacher and the candidate some of the problems encountered during the preparation for an examination. Prof. Nyasani, who teaches Philosophy, argues that the majority of examination failures occur mainly due to psychological problems. Often these problems are outside the control of the candidate even though he could control them if he was made aware of them.

The issues raised in the 86 page book are not altogether new. They are probably routine and unavoidable at the time students are preparing for an examination. However, articulating and expressing them is one thing and devising a method or gadget of retention is quite another.

While it is recognised that examination success brings a lot of joy and failure brings despondency, the author anticipates these two situations by analysing those points which are central to examination problems. Accordingly, he deals with topics such as psychological Preparation, avoidance of irrelevant ideas, development and elaboration, logical exposition, the role of common sense and the techniques of writing precis, composition and comprehension.

The book is published by Nairobi Bookmen and is compulsory reading for all examination candidates. The author draws from his long experience as a teacher to tackle a problem which every candidate must overcome before the D-Day ■



*Examination Techniques by Joseph Nyasani*

## Chancellor commends L.S.A.

Literary activities of the Literature Students' Association (L.S.A.) are again on the rise following their two weeks mobile theatre shows to schools and colleges and the publication of Mwangaza, the Journal of Literature Students Association. The Journal publishes original writings in English

and Kiswahili and serves as a forum of Literary expression by Literature.

In a related development the L.S.A. entertained His Excellency, the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, with a modern rendition of Okot B'Pitek's Song of Lawino. In appreciation of their splendid performance, the Chan-

cellor promised to assist the students to enable them perform the play in schools and colleges in rural Kenya. He commended them for their insightful understanding of culture and asked them to be proud of African Cultural

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# Former student appeal nets KSh. 44,000

The Staff, Students and Members of the Convocation of the University of Nairobi have responded positively to Miss Anne Wanjiru Mwangi's plea for financial assistance to travel to London for eye treatment. Miss Mwangi, a graduate of the University of Nairobi, lost one of her eyes in a road accident in 1983 while still a University student. After a long period of hospitalisation, she managed to complete her course and obtained an upper second Degree in Bachelor of Commerce.

Presenting a cheque of Kshs. 44,580.00 contributed by the University Community, Prof. Mutere, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, said Miss Mwangi determination to complete her studies is a challenge to all of us and a Living testimony that where there is a will there is a way. Prof. Mutere observed that some people lose hope upon encountering very trivial problems and fail to utilise such trying moments to bring out the best in them. He said the University of Nairobi is proud of her as she represents the ideals the University teaches its students to embrace. Prof. Mutere wished her well and success in her future undertakings.



*Prof. Mutere presenting a cheque to Miss Mwangi*

In her vote of thanks, Miss Mwangi said she was overwhelmed by the positive response from the University Community. On behalf of her family, she thanked all those who have made it possible for her to carry on especially

the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and the Dean of Students.

On her future plans, Miss Mwangi, said she intends to read for M.B.A. degree either through Braille or the normal way ■

## Did you know?

Observers of the Varsity scene have pointed out that, comparing the University of Nairobi of 1978 and that of 1987, one finds that some startling changes have occurred in the short span of less than ten years. These observers have pointed out that:—

—Since then over a hundred members of staff of the University of Nairobi have been appointed and are serving in top management positions as directors of various parastatals and public service bodies.

—Not less than 15 of them are Chairmen of the Board of Directors of parastatal organizations ensuring that the expertise available within the academic community is also available to the nation.

—That more than 150 of University staff serve in the various professional bodies either in their personal capacities or as representatives of the University Senate.

—That there has been increased contact between the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, His Excellency The President, and staff of the University. President Moi continues to receive regular delegations from the University and this has helped increase confidence and eliminate the Ivory Tower tag previously given to University of Nairobi.

—That the University Management Board has encouraged consultancy services through the creation of faculty projects Offices which render direct services to the various national

economic sectors. The permission granted to staff to serve in these consultancies is on condition that it does not interfere with the teaching, research and publication role of the University staff.

—That joint inter-ministerial, inter-university teams have been created to tackle specific national issues, problems and undertake important projects. This is a feature that in the next 2 years should put University of Nairobi Par with other Universities in Europe and America where Universities are utilised in the frontiers of new products and developments.

—That the University has actively followed the Chancellor's directives on the construction of staff houses and various alternatives are right now being pursued to ensure successful implementation of the directive to the satisfaction of all staff.

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# Institute Gets Rockefeller Assistance

THE Rockefeller Foundation is to spend 10,500 U.S dollars to assist the Population Studies and Research Institute (PSRI) acquire 398 books, back issues of 11 journals and a Complete Set of the International Encyclopaedia. The Foundation has also agreed to assist the Institute set up a Computer Laboratory and fund a Postdoctoral Student to come and teach for one year. The Institute will however define the qualifications of the candidate and his teaching areas.

Talking to Varsity Focus, Prof. Okoth Ogendo, the Institute Director, thanked the Rockefeller Foundation for the assistance. He said that the assistance will enable the Institute set up a

Computer Laboratory, train staff and equip their Library. The books have already been air-freighted to the country and will be formally handed over soon.

Apart from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Population Studies and Research Institute also receives assistance from the Ford Foundation, IDRC, SIDA, the Population Council in New York, USAID and the National Council of Population and Development.

It offers M.A. and Postgraduate Diploma in Population Studies. Currently there are 28 students in the two programmes and plans are underway and to make the Institute a centre of demographic studies in East and Cent-

ral Africa. Other than Nairobi, Demographic Studies are offered only in Accra, Ghana and at Cairo.

Prof. Okoth-Ogendo said that the Institute has had excellent relations with the NCPD through research collaboration. He said they are now devising ways of delivering information on population to rural areas in line with the District Focus for Rural Development Policy.

The Institute is Currently preparing a five year Development Programme which will cover research, training, acquisition of equipments and dissemination of information. The Programme will have a budget and details will be released soon ■

# Architecture students hold exhibition

First year Architecture students ended the first Semester on a high note when they held a succesful exhibition of their free-hand work. The exhibition featured mainly abstractions of space and form which are the foundation of the Architectural Course. Among those who attended the week-long exhibition was Prof. S. Wandiga, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance.

Prof. Wandiga commended the Department of Architecture for the good work and asked the Chairman to make the exhibition an annual event. He said the Architecture Building will be renovated soon to give it a more dignified look.

On space problems facing the Department the Deputy Vice-Chancellor said it is a University-wide problem and will be solved as soon as funds are available.

The Acting Chairman of the Department of Architecture, Mr. Kamau Karogi said the new students have caught up very well. The structured exhibit demonstrated that they have a deep appreciation of space and form. The Chairman said with the introduction of District Focus Development Strategy, the Service of Architects have

become very important.

Those present included Dr. G.K. King'oria, Dean, Faculty of Architec-

ture, Design and Development, Mr. Harvey Brown, the Year Master and Staff from the Department ■



Prof. Wandiga (DVC-A&F) attending first year achitecture Exhibition

# Professorial appointments September – October 1987

## Prof. A.I. Salim Department of History

### Background:

Prof. Salim, 50, holds B.A. from the University of Leeds and Ph.D. from London University. His thesis was entitled "The Swahili – Speaking Communities of Kenya's Coast"

### Teaching and Supervision Record:

Prof. Salim joined the Department of History as Lecturer in 1968. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in 1971 and 1979 respectively. Among the courses he teaches to both undergraduate and postgraduate students are History of Islam, The Making of Kenya, Comparative History of Religious in Africa and History of North Africa.

### Publications:

He has written four history text books and contributed to "The Encyclopaedia of Islam. Prof. Salim has also authored articles which have been published in reputable journals and has had others in local and international conferences.

### Current Research:

His research undertaking focuses on the swahili – speaking peoples of Kenya. He is currently trying to find out the relationship between the Coast peoples and areas across the Indian Ocean, the African Diaspora to the Arab World and the Arab Communities in East African and the sub-Saharan Africa.

### National Activities:

Prof. Salim is the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Kenya Utalii College, Member, Commission of Higher Education and Member of the



*Prof. Salim: Promoted from Associate Professor to Professor*

Executive Committee of Kenya – Arab Friendship Society. He also presents professional View, a Voice of Kenya Television Programme ■

## Prof. H.O. Oruka Department of Philosophy

### Educational Background:

Prof. Oruka, 43, holds B.Sc. and Ph.D. degree from Uppsala and M.A. from Wayne State University. His areas of specialisation are practical Philosophy ethics, social and legal Philosophy.

### Teaching and Supervision Record:

He joined the then Department of Philosophy and Religious studies in 1970 as temporary Lecturer and promoted to Lecturer in 1972. In 1974, Prof Oruka was promoted to Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in 1980. He has successfully supervised two Ph.D. and four M.A. candidates.

### Publications:

Prof Oruka has written two books, *Punishment and Terrorism in Africa* and *Logic and Value* and authored 21 scholarly papers which all appeared in reputable international journals. He has read other papers in international and local conferences.

### Current Research:

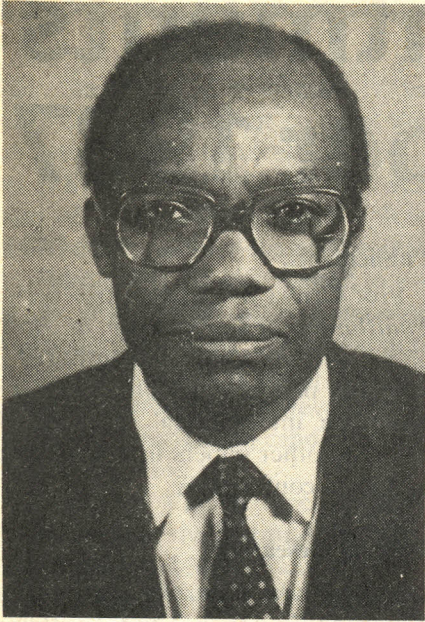
Prof Oruka's current is on sage Philosophy in Africa. This is an attempt to identify and write out thoughts of persons traditionally acknowledged as wise persons by their own communities and to assess their role in the development of African Philosophy and culture.

### National Activities:

He is the Chairman of Philosophical Association of Kenya (P.A.K.), Vice-President of The Inter-African Council for Philosophy (IACP) and editor of Thought and Practice Journal. Prof Oruka has been an external Examiner in the Universities of Nigeria, Makerere, Malawi and Ife and an external assessor for Professorial appointments in the University of Ife ■



*Prof. Oruka: Promoted from Associate Professor to Professor*



*Prof. Muriuki: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

## **Prof. G. Muriuki** Department of History

### **Educational background:**

Prof. Muriuki, 50, obtained B.A. from Makerere University in 1964 and Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

### **Teaching and Supervision Record:**

He started teaching at the University of Nairobi in 1966 when he was appointed a history tutor in the then College of Social Studies, Kikuyu. In 1970 he moved to the Department of History as Lecturer and promoted to Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor in 1973 and 1979 respectively. Prof. Muriuki has also taught at Stanford University and at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Since 1970, he has supervised several Ph.D. and M.A. research students from the University of Nairobi and several British and American Universities.

### **Publications:**

Prof. Muriuki has published 13 highly scholarly papers, 10 book reviews and read others in international and local conferences.

### **Current Research:**

His ongoing research projects are on the Kikuyu under colonial rule and oral History documentation of Senior Kenya Civil Servants.

### **National Activities:**

Prof. Muriuki is a member of numerous professional associations such as a Historical Association of Kenya, Historical Association of Great Britain and Fellow of British Institute in Eastern Africa. He is Chairman of the Board of Governors, Tumu Tumu Girls' High School and Treasurer of Kenya Scouts Association Finance and Management Committee ■

## **Dr. W.O. Oyugi**

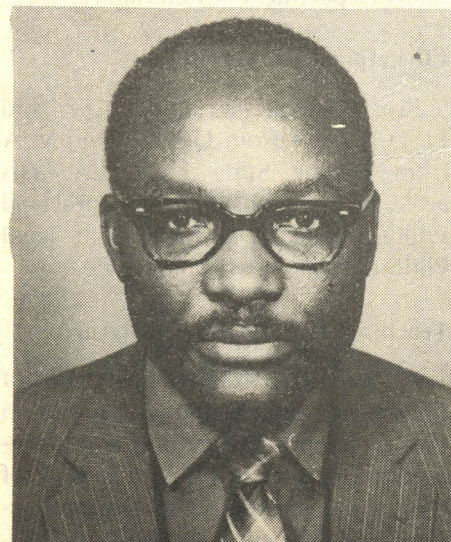
Department of Government

### **Educational Background:**

Dr. Oyugi, 48, read for both B.A. and M.A. in Public Administration at the University of California, Berkely. He was awarded a Ph.D. by the University of Nairobi in 1973 whose thesis title was "The Administration of Rural Development in a Kenya Sub-District: A Case Study of the Interaction of Technical Assistance Personnel and Kenyan Bureaucracy".

### **Teaching and Supervision Record:**

Dr. Oyugi joined the University of Nairobi as Research Fellow in 1969. Between the year 1971 and 1973, he



*Dr. Oyugi: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

was Temporary Lecturer in the Department of Government. In 1973 he was appointed Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in 1975.

Dr. Oyugi teaches both Post-graduate and Undergraduate Students. He has so far successfully supervised one Ph.D. and four M.A.'s and is currently supervising three M.A. students.

### **Publications:**

Dr. Oyugi has published extensively in his field of specialisation — Public Administration and Development Administration. He has authored nine articles, 11 book Chapters and a book entitled "Rural Development Administration: A Kenyan Experience". He has read others in international Conference.

### **Current Research:**

Dr. Oyugi's research undertakings is mainly in the fields of Public Administration and Development Administration. He is currently coordinating a regional study on Development policy in Eastern Africa.

The project involves a comparative study of the food policies and problems of their implementation in Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

### **National Activities:**

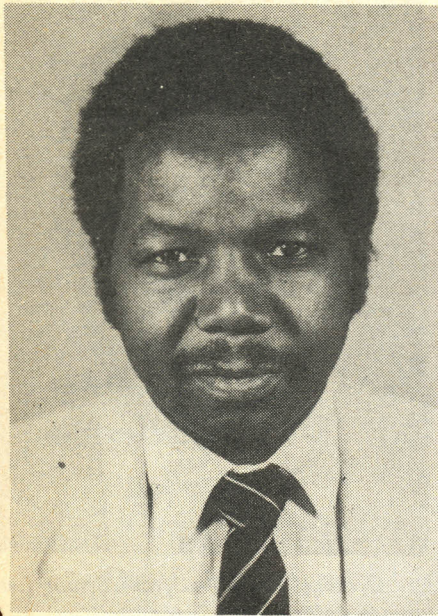
Dr. Oyugi is a Member of the Board of Minet/ICDC, Member Board of Governors Siriba Teachers' College and Lecturers to Senior Civil Servants at Kenya Institute of Administration. He is a member of African Association of Public Administration and Management, African Political Science Association. He has served as external examiner in the Universities of Zambia, Lesotho, Botswana, Makerere, Malawi and Dar-es-Salaam ■

## **Dr. J.S. Meme**

Department of Paediatrics

### **Educational Background:**

Dr. Meme, 41, obtained M.B.Ch.B and M.Med. from the University in 1972 and 1976 respectively. He served as visiting physician at the University of California, Medical Centre and



*Dr. Meme: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

Harvard University Medical School at Boston.

### Teaching and Supervision Record:

Dr. Meme joined the Department of Paediatrics in 1977 as a Lecturer and promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1980. He served as Assistant Professor of Paediatrics at McGill University, Canada, in 1977. Since joining the Department, Dr. Meme has supervised several M.Med. candidates.

### Publications:

He has co-authored one book – improving young child Growth – published 19 scholarly papers and has read others in local and international conferences.

### Current Research:

Dr. Meme's current research is on the growth and Development of patients with Sickle Cell Disease, neurological complications in patients with sickle cell disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in Paediatric Age group and Hypothyroidism in the newborn.

### National Activities:

Dr. Meme is a member of Kenya Paediatric Association, Association of physicians of East and Central African

and external Examiner in Paediatrics in the Universities of Zambia and Dar-es-Salaam ■

## Dr. E.S. Atieno Odhiambo

### Department of History

### Educational Background

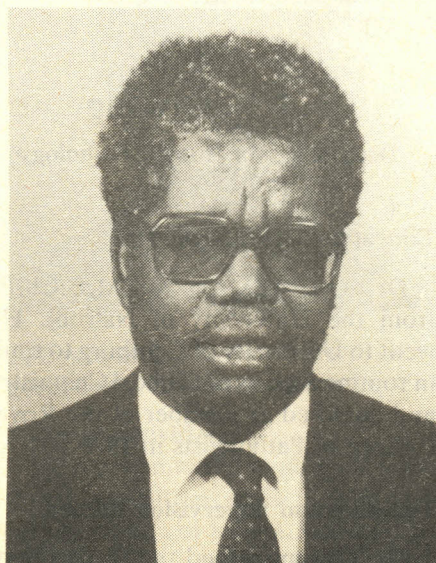
Dr. Atieno-Odhiambo, 40 holds B.A. First Class in History from Makerere University and a Ph.D. from the University of Nairobi. He was among the first Ph.D. students at the University of Nairobi.

### Teaching and Supervision Records

Dr. Atieno-Odhiambo joined the Department of History in 1970 as special Lecturer and rose through the ranks to Senior Lecturer in 1978. He teaches African History, East African History of Political ideas, imperialism and Nationalism in the Third World and Fiction and History in Kenya to both Postgraduate and Undergraduate students. Dr. Atieno-Odhiambo has successfully supervised several M.A. and Ph.D. students.

### Publications

Dr. Atieno-Odhiambo ranks among the most prolific History writers in Kenya. He has authored 21 scholarly papers and Co-authored primary history and four post secondary history



*Dr. Atieno Odhiambo: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

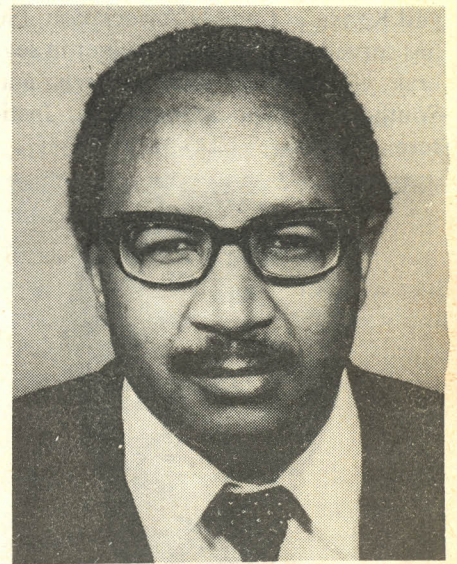
books. He has also read papers in numerous international conferences.

### Current Research

His on-going research is on The African Elite and the Decolonization process in Kenya, 1946–1965, the Agrarian History of Uganda and Kenyan History from the earliest times to the present.

### National Activities

Dr. Atieno-Odhiambo has given Public Lecturers in many parts of Kenya. He is a member of the Historical Association of Kenya and Editor of Journal of Eastern African Research and Development. He has served as external examiner at the Universities of Hage, Dar-es-Salaam and Makerere ■



*Dr. Kibera: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

## Dr. F.N. Kibera

### Department of Business Administration

### Educational Background:

Dr. Kibera, 42, holds Bachelor of Commerce from the University of East Africa, Master of Business Administration from University of Alberta, Canada, and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto, Ontario.

### Teaching and Supervision Record:

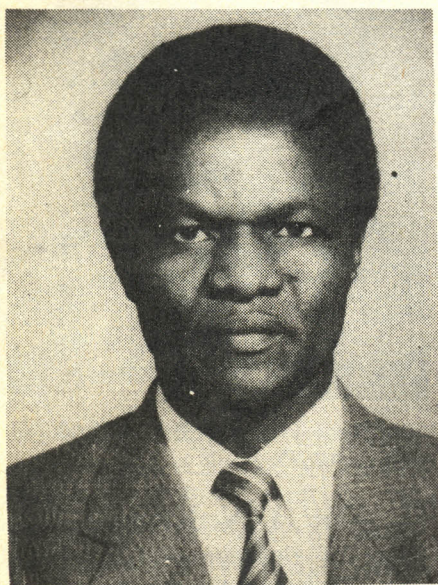
Dr. Kibera joined the Department of Business Administration as Lecturer

in 1977 and promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1979. He has supervised successfully ten Master of Business Administration students. Dr. Kibera has served as Chairman of the Department of Business Administration and Dean of the Faculty of Commerce.

### Publications:

He has written 10 papers which have been published in reputable local and international journals and read others in Conferences. He is presently preparing several manuscripts and papers for publication.

**Current Research:** — Dr. Kibera's Current research is on State Marketing National Activities. **National activities Besides teaching,** Dr. Kibera is a Member of the Kenya Institute of Management, Marketing Society of Kenya and Kenya — Canada Association. He has served as external examiner in several Universities and Eastern and Southern African Management Institute, Arusha ■



*Dr. Okelo: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

### **Dr. G.B.A. Okelo** Department of Medicine

### Educational Background:

Dr. Okelo, 44, holds MBBS Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and M.D. and Fellow of the

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London.

### Teaching and Supervision Record:

He joined the Department of Medicine as Lecturer in 1978 and promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1983. Dr. Okello has successfully supervised 5 M.Med candidates and is currently supervising two Ph.D. and four M.Med candidates.

### Publications:

Dr. Okello has written highly scholarly papers and read over 30 papers in Local and International Conferences. He has also contributed book chapters in several books.

### Current Research:

The main area of Dr. Okello's research is in Hydatid disease which culminated in the award of Doctor of Medicine by the University of Nairobi in 1985. His doctoral thesis "*Studies on Human Hydatidosis in Kenya*" has made major contributions to the Management of Hydatid disease.

### National Activities:

Dr. Okello is the Head of Parasitology Clinic at the Kenyatta National Hospital, Medical Consultant in several public and private hospitals and member of the editorial board of *Medicom — The African Journal of Hospital Medicine* ■

### **Dr. P.F. Ojwang**

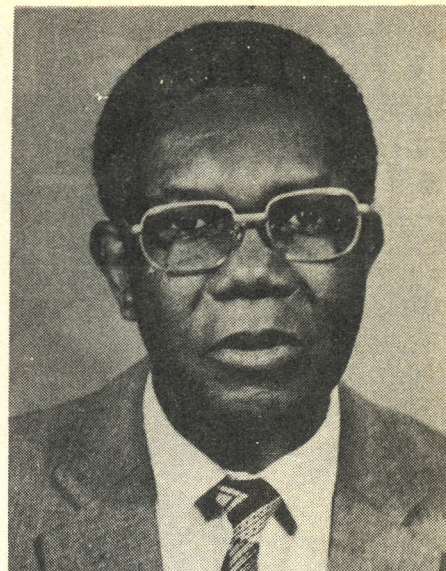
Department of Human Pathology

### Educational Background:

Dr. Ojwang read for M.B.Ch.B. from the University of Nairobi. He went to University of Edinburgh to train in routine aspects of Clinical Chemistry and qualified as member of the Royal College of Pathologists in 1979.

### Teaching and Supervision Record:

Dr. Ojwang joined the Department of Human Pathology in 1972 as Tutorial Fellow and rose through the ranks



*Dr. Ojwang: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

to Senior Lecturer in 1980. He teaches Chemical Pathology to undergraduates Medical Students and Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Pathology to postgraduate students. Dr. Ojwang has successfully supervised several M.Med students.

### Publications:

He has authored 41 scholarly papers which have been published in reputable medical journals. Dr. Ojwang has in conjunction with others prepared three manuscripts. He has read others in international medical conferences.

### Current Research:

Dr. Ojwang research since 1972 has been on Hemoglobinopathies whose most significant contribution was the detection of Alpha-thalassaemia for the first time in Kenya. He is currently doing research involving the Recombinant DNA technology which currently provides the most definitive diagnosis in a range of disease conditions in clinical practice.

### National Activities:

In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Ojwang is a consultant in chemical pathology and head of clinical chemistry Diagnostic service at Kenyatta National Hospital. He is the Chairman of Clinical Chemistry Association of Kenya and member of several professional associations in his profession ■



*Dr. Otieno: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor*

**Dr. L.S. Otieno**  
Department of Medicine

**Educational Background:**

Dr. Otieno, 45, went to Makerere University Medical School where he obtained MBChB in 1969. He is a member of Royal College of Physicians of the U.K, Fellow, International College of Angiology (USA) and Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

**Teaching and Supervision Records:**

He joined the Department of Medicine as Lecturer in 1975 and promoted to Lecturer in 1978. He has successfully supervised five M.Med candidates and is currently supervising four others.

**Publications:**

Dr Otieno has with others written over 60 papers which have been published in international Journals. He has also read some of his papers in International and Local Conferences.

**Current Research:**

Dr. Otieno research undertakings are in the field of Malaria Nephropathy in Malaria endemic areas, Leprosy and the Kidney and a random survey of the incidence of Genitourinary Tuberculosis.

**National Activities:**

Besides his teaching duties, Dr. Otieno is a Consultant Nephrologist to private and public hospitals in Nairobi, a Consultant Physician and Chairman of the Renal Unit of Kenyatta National Hospital

**Dr. Joseph Nyasani**  
Department of Philosophy

**Educational Background:**

Dr. Nyasani, 50, holds B.Phil (Urbanian), LL.M (New York) and a Ph.D. (Cologne). He wrote his Ph.D. thesis – The Cartesian Method Doubt – in Latin to become the first student for the last two hundred years to write his dissertation in Latin at Cologne University. Dr. Nyasani is registered for Doctor of Juridical Science at New York University Law School.

**Teaching and Supervision Record:**

He was among the first Africans to join the Department of Philosophy as Lecturer in 1970 and promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1980. In 1973 – 1974 Dr. Nyasani served as Associate Professor, University of New York. He has successfully supervised four M.A. and two Ph.D. candidates.

**Publications:**

Dr. Nyasani has written seven books and authored 17 scholarly papers which have been published by reputable journals. His work is in both English and German.

**Current Research**

Dr. Nyasani's ongoing research is in the fields of metaphysics, Logic, Metaphysical Psychology and epistemology.



*Dr. Nyasani: Promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate professor*

**National Activities:**

He is a member of numerous professional associations such as philosophical association of Kenya, International Society for Metaphysics and Kenya Academy of Sciences. He has served

as external examiner at Makerere University and acted as International Examiner for Dr. Benaraar's Ph.D thesis on "Nyerere as an Existentialist philosopher"

**Mr. P.N. Gufwoli**

Department of Business Administration

**Educational Background:**

Mr. Gufwoli, 47, holds B.A. from Smith University, U.S.A., M.A. and M.B.A. from Northeastern University, Boston, U.S.A.

**Teaching and Supervision Record:**

Mr. Gufwoli joined the Department of Business Administration in 1974 as Lecturer. In 1978, he was promoted to Senior Lecturer. Before joining the University of Nairobi, he taught at Lesley College, Cambridge University, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Mr. Gufwoli who teaches Business Policy and International Business, Organisational Theory and Organisation and Environment to both undergraduate and post-graduate students, is a consultant in many organisations. He has been an external examiner in the Universities of Zambia, Makerere and Kenyatta. Supervised 11 M.B.A. candidates.

**Research:**

Mr. Gufwoli is currently carrying out several research projects on the use of Marketing and Behavioural change Approach in Family Planning Programmes, Management Stereotypes in Kenya Subsidiaries of Western Multinational Corporations and Decentralization at the University of Nairobi and Organisational Effectiveness.

**National Activities:**

Mr. Gufwoli is to the Director, Investment Advisory and Promotion Committee, Committee Member of National Christian Churches of Kenya (NCKK), Small Business Management Committee.

**Did You Know? From page 7**

–That the Student enrolment has increased from a meagre 3,000 in 1970s to over 10,000 while the number of academic Staff has shot upto 1,500. New academic Programmes have also been introduced bringing the total number of academic departemnts to 64 and 14 Facilities

## Promotions

Name	Post	Department
Dr. D.A. Obara	Senior Lecturer	Geography
Dr. E.H.O. Ayiemba	Senior Lecturer	Geography
Dr. R.A. Obudho	Senior Lecturer	Geography
Dr. G.E.M. Ogutu	Senior Lecturer	Religious Studies
Dr. E.N. Waindi	Senior Lecturer	Zoology
Dr. J.O. Midiwo	Senior Lecturer	Chemistry
Dr. T. Maitho	Senior Lecturer	Public Health Phar.
Dr. W. Omoka	Senior Research Fellow	Inst. of African Studies
Dr. M.M. Kagiko	Senior Lecturer	Public Health Phar.
Dr. E.S. Mitema	Senior Lecturer	"
Dr. G.R. Karuhize	Senior Lecturer	Zoology

## New Appointments

Dr. N.M. Mirza	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. W.M. Macharia	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. J.W. Nyikal	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. Z.W. Ngumi	Lecturer	Surgery
Dr. G.A.O. Magoha	Lecturer	Surgery
Dr. D.W. Waruta	Lecturer	Religious Studies
Mr. D.F. Fernandes	Lecturer	Management Science
Dr. M.A. Jama	Research Fellow	I.D.S. (Institute of Development Studies)
Mr. J.M. Karanja	Lecturer	Accounting
Mr. T.T. Simiyu	Lecturer	Accounting
Mr. I.B. Baraza	Lecturer	Accounting
Miss J.W. Kabeberi	Lecturer	Commercial Law
Mr. D.N. Odette	Lecturer	Institute of Adult Studies
Mr. R.M. Kariuki	Lecturer	Private Law

## Re-Appointments

Dr. J.F. Onyango	Tutorial Fellow	Human Anatomy
Dr. M.S. Badamana	Tutorial Fellow	Animal Production
Mr. L. Ondman	Visiting Lecturer	Agric. Engineering
Dr. M. Shamim	Lecturer	Chemistry
Mr. P.M. Ngau	Assist. Lecturer	Geography
Dr. T. Kitenge-Ngoy	Lecturer	Literature
Dr. J.E. Oluka	Lecturer	Chemistry
Dr. R.M.K. Deng	Lecturer	Chemistry
Mr. N.S. Walkade	Lecturer	Electrical Engineering
Dr. A.J. Rodrigues	Senior Lecturer	Mathematics
Dr. J.D. Pearson	Senior Lecturer	Biochemistry

**Visitors to the V.C.'s Office**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Address</b>
Zgang Rong Fang	24/7/87	Chinese Embassy
Fredrick Woodard	"	University of Iowa
Michael L. Mc. Nolty	"	University of Iowa
Joel D. Barkan	"	" "
Messt Bruro	"	University of Berne Switzerland
J.R. Gaechter	"	Embassy of Switzerland
Hannel Fleay	"	University of Berne
Litscher Thomas	"	Embassy of Switzerland
Anastasios Christodoulou	27/7/87	Association of Common- wealth Universities
Joan Chrstodoulou	"	"
Thomas Dow	30/7/87	Rockefeller Foundation
David Court	"	Rockefeller Foundation Nairobi.
John Johnson	"	British High Commission
Rt. Rev. Dr. G.E. Wanjau	6/8/87	P.C.E.A., Nairobi
Pastor J. Kibwae	6/8/87	P.C.E.a., Nairobi
Rev. Dr. J. Kalelj	6/8/87	Nairobi
Onesimus Kabayadaka	24/8/87	Nairobi
Alemoyehu Tefewa	24/8/87	Addis Ababa University
Prof. M.S. Ntamila	24/8/87	Unesco-Rosta, Nairobi
Hon. W.N. Ayah	31/8/87	Ministry of Research, Sc. & Technology
Hon. Peter Oloo Aringo	1/9/87	Ministry of Education
Gen. M.H. Mohamed	1/9/87	Defence
Mr. B.K. Kipkulei	1/8/87	Ministry of Education
Mr. J. Mimano	1/9/87	Kenya Railways
Prof. B.A. Ogot	1/9/87	Kenyatta University
Hon. Dr. J.N. Karanja	1/9/87	Ministry of Research, Science & Technology
Hon Peter Oloo Aringo	11/9/87	Ministry of Education
S. Ezuma Igwe	21/9/87	Nigeria High Commission
B. Bengtsson	5/10/87	SAREC, Stockholm
Reidar Ersson	5/10/87	" "
Daag Skoog	5/10/87	Swedish Embassy
Dr. R. Korte	6/10/87	Coop. (GTZ) FRG.

**Resignations**

			<b>Dates</b>
Prof. P.C. Egau	Associate Professor	Electrical Engineering	13/11/87
Dr. B.K. Salim	Senior Lecturer	Civil Engineering	30/11/87
Dr. M.A. Ogutu	Senior Lecturer	History	29/9/87
Dr. K.S. Rangasami	Senior Lecturer	Civil Engineering	31/10/87
Dr. J.H.V. Doorne	Lecturer	Sociology	15/10/87
Dr. Oluoch Obura	Lecturer	Literature	21/10/87
Dr. V.D. Nair	Lecturer	Chemistry	18/12/87
Dr. J.A. Adwok	Lecturer	Surgery	30/9/87
Dr. S.P. Singh	Visiting Lecturer	Crop Science	7/11/87
Mr. A.L. Fuller	Chief Technician	Civil Engineering	31/3/87



# Health for All by 2000

'HEALTH for All' will not be achieved by the year 2000 unless additional resources are recruited for health sectors of developing countries. The urgent needs for basic health care cannot be satisfied through better use of the existing health resources alone. The most promising domestic sources of additional health resources are the user fees, and uncommitted community resources. Uncommitted community resources are incomes of communities which are not committed to the provision of basic needs, or to investments that are necessary to sustain existing standards of living.

Foreign exchange is a vital input in the provision of health services in developing countries. Mobilization of domestic resources for health sectors without increasing their foreign exchange inputs could lead to a fall in the quality of health services due, for example, to shortage in drugs. Ways of increasing supply of foreign exchange to health sectors of developing countries should be explored.

Since Ministries of Health must make

decisions regarding how much of various quantities of health services to provide before they actually receive their budgets, it is important for them to have a method of forecasting their budgets to avoid planning health activities that are not feasible. The paper contains a revenue prediction model that should be useful in planning and allocating budgets of the Ministries of Health.

Two types of costs should be considered in designing health care delivery systems – costs of providing health services, and patients' care system is the system that minimizes the sum of these costs. It is argued in the paper that compared to alternative systems, a community based health care system in which the Government and the community share recurrent costs of health services is the most cost effective system. Cost-sharing arrangements in such a system would include service fees, labour time contributions, pre-payments for health services and community managed drug funds■

## APARTHEID

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universities to increase scholarships for higher learning to South African students.

Dr. Mwangi wa Githumo, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Nairobi, gave the conference participants a new perspective on the apartheid question in his paper presented during the conference on 'The Political Economy of Racism'.

The delegates called for the creation of a new International Information Order (N.I.I.O.) in recognition of the role the media play in development and political emancipation and to counter the Western Media which have monopoly of the International Information transmission.

However, the creation of N.I.I.O. must be accompanied by the creation of a new International Economic Order

(N.I.E.O.) as the two are inter-related. The C.U.S.E.A. delegates condemned the recent malicious propaganda campaigns emanating from the western media and called upon University students to work hand in hand with their respective governments in portraying a clear, objective and rational image of their countries. Equally, African countries should strengthen and stress the importance of P.A.N.A. and U.R.T.N.A.

The participants resolved to intensify their efforts in helping the majority of rural communities by giving them advice on various issues and problems confronting them in such diverse fields like medicine, engineering, agriculture, afforestation and economics. They appealed to their respective governments to incorporate student bodies

## PTA

THE Preferential Trade Area (PTA) of Eastern and Southern Africa States is a relatively new economic grouping of states that is designed to foster sub-regional cooperation and integration. This paper discusses the strategy that lies behind the establishment of the PTA, provides an overview of sub-regional trade and obstacles to trade before the formation of the PTA, describes the progress of the PTA since it became operational in July, 1984, and assesses that progress and the problems that have been encountered. While there are many aspects of the PTA, including industrial and agricultural cooperation, this paper focuses primarily on subregional trade and trade-related issues■

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Studies.**

in the policy making machinery as way of actively involving students in challenges and development of their countries.

The participants noted that while it is imperative to have national universities, it is regrettable that the break away of East African University in early 1970's began the process of disintegration of East African Solidarity. They called for re-introduction of Exchange Programmes among the P.T.A. member state universities as one way of encouraging intergration.

The students lauded the existing economic cooperation among the P.T.A. member states but recommended the establishment of a common market and the encouragement of barter trade■

# New Halls of Residence take shape

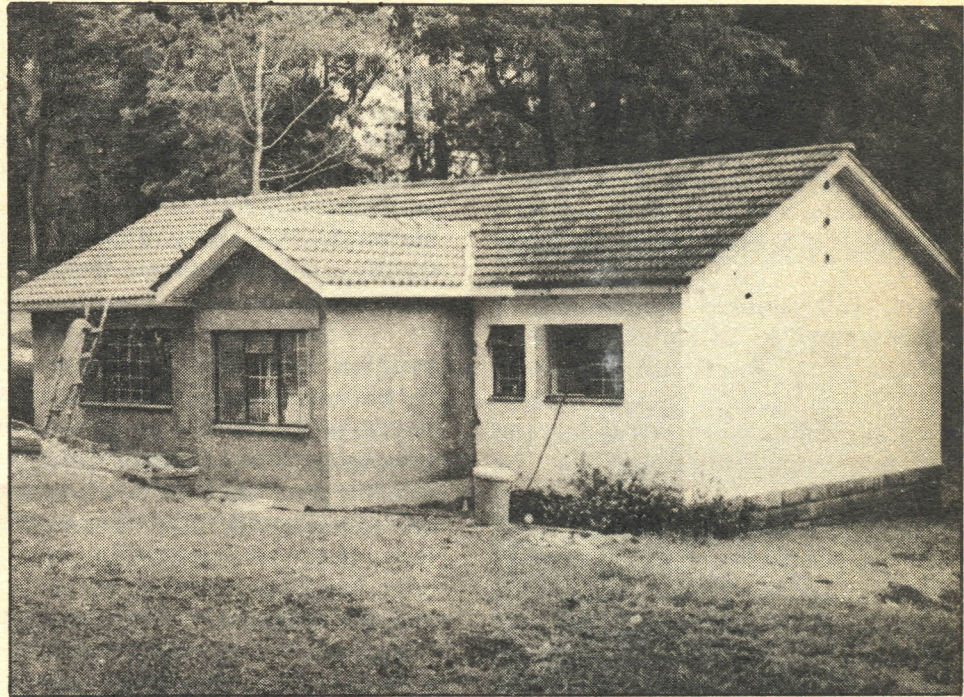
Construction of eight pre-fabricated halls of residence at the Main Campus with a capacity of 584 beds which commenced two weeks ago is now complete. The new halls, which are situated along Mamlaka road, now have all facilities available in the old halls of residence. Each room will be shared by two students and will have two reading tables, chairs and ward-robos.

Addressing returning students on the first day of the 1987/88 academic year, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Philip Mbithi assured them that after the completion of the eight halls, accommodation problems at the University of Nairobi will have been solved for this new academic year.

In addition to the new halls of residence, the University has acquired 10 former government houses capable of accommodating 17 students each.

Talking to Varsity Focus, Mr. Gitonga Mwaniki, the Clerk of Works, said everything will be ready before first year students report for the Second Semester. He said construction work is progressing smoothly and all the eight blocks will be ready in a week's time. Mr. Mwaniki said rooms in the new halls are bigger than those in the older halls of residence.

In a related development, the eagerly awaited Mini-theatre at the University Health Services will start opening as soon as equipments and instruments already ordered are installed.



*The Mini-theatre under construction*

According to Mr. C.O. Malit, Senior Administrative Assistant at the University Health Services, construction work of the theatre is almost complete and will start functioning as soon as equipments arrive.

The theatre, students' Sick-bay and the now fully operational laboratory and pharmacies will ensure that the University of Nairobi is increasingly

self-sufficient which is in line with the University policy of providing essential services with minimum reliance on external services.

The new theatre will cater for minor operations connected with maternal child health care, family planning, stitching of wounds, urgent maternity cases and circumcision of male children of University Staff ■

## Plans to rejuvenate the Convocation mooted

The Convocation is an Association of all post-graduates of the University of Nairobi including all those who obtained their qualifications through the former Royal College, Nairobi, or University College, Nairobi. Also included in the membership are the Vice-Chancellor, the two Deputy-Chancellors, titular and honorary Professors and Lecturers of the University, the Librarian and Finance Officers.

Among other things the Convocation is empowered to discuss and state its opinion upon any matters within the

sphere of competence of the University. There are slightly more than 27,000 members as of now being the graduates who have been awarded degrees of the University of Nairobi.

Talking of plans to rejuvenate the the Convocation, Mr. Z.B. Oganda, the Academic Registrar, said there are intentions to make the body more active. In the past, a yearly Convocation Gazette used to be published which highlighted major developments in the University.

Recently, members of the Convoca-

tion responded to an appeal by a former graduate of the University of Nairobi, Miss Anne Wanjiru Mwangi, for financial assistance to go to London for eye treatment ■

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**Make the  
Convocation Stronger  
by ideas.**

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# Deans' Committee awards

**Dr. A. Kassam** – Department of Literature, Kshs. 3,785.00 travel grant to enable her attend a Conference on "African Folk Models and their application" and read a paper entitled: "Oromo thinking: Towards a Folk model Cultural interpretation with particular reference to trees at a conference held in Upsala, Sweden.

**Prof. J. Nyasani** – Department of philosophy Kshs. 28,326.00 to travel to Madrid, Spain to attend a conference on "Metaphysics, Culture and Values" and present a paper entitled: "The Status of African Philosophy".

**Dr. O. Kumar** – Department of Meteorology. Kshs. 30,642.00 as travel grant to attend the International Association of Hydrological Sciences at Vancouver, Canada, and read a paper on "Seasonal Variation of Eurasian Snow and its Impact on Indian Summer Mansoon".

**Dr. Okoth Okombo** – Department of Linguistics. Kshs. 32,325.00 to travel

to Stuttgart, West Germany to attend an international conference.

**Mr. George Nguji** – Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Kshs. 32,190.00 to travel to London to read a paper on "The Impact of Socio-Cultural Factors in the Manning of Urban Shelter in Developing Countries" at the Project identification in developing countries conference.

**Mr. S.V. Obiero** – Department of Urban and Regional Planning Kshs. 30,724.00 to attend a conference in London on project identification in developing countries and present a paper entitled "Identification Process as a factor in Project Implementation".

**Dr. K. Waithaka** – Department of Crop Science, Kshs. 42,032.55 to travel to Bogota, Columbia, to attend the International Congress of Plant Tissue Culture – Tropical Species.

**Mr.S.O. Kwasa** – Department of Economics. Kshs. 29,045.55 to travel

to Zagreb, Yugoslavia, to attend the International Symposium of Economists, Bankers and Financial Experts.

**Mrs. J.W. Kamau** – Faculty of External Degree Studies, Kshs. 1,764.00 to travel to Cambridge University to attend the ICDE/OU International Workshop on "Counselling in Distance Education."

**Dr. J. Hassanali**—Department of Human Anatomy, Kshs. 21,600.00 travel grant to Caen, France to attend The Seventh International Congress for Stereology and read a paper entitled: "Stereological Analysis of the Developing Mid-brain of the Olive Baboon".

**Dr. J. Bhattacharjee** – Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Kshs. 30,484.00 to travel to Antwerp, Belgium to attend an International Conference.

**Mr. Okoth-Owiro** – Department of Private Law, 7,920.00 grant to attend the 14th International Congress on "Penal Law" at Meiner University, West Germany and read a paper on "Criminal Law and Modern Bio-Medical Techniques".

**Dr. S.M. Maranga** – Department of Mechanical Engineering Kshs. 30,567.00 to enable him travel to Paris, France, to participate in the UNESCO – SEF I International Symposium.

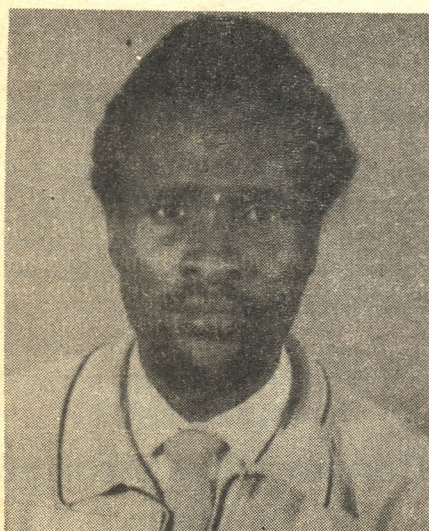
**Dr. P.M. Syaga** – Housing Research Development Unit—Kshs. 34,567.00 to enable him travel to Berlin, West Germany to attend the International Association for Housing Congress and present a paper entitled "Contemporary Problems and Solutions for Reduction of Housing Costs in Africa"■

## Student shines in essay competition

Mr. George Outa, a Postgraduate Student, has won the first prize in the 1987 International Essay Contest organised by Collegiate Association for Research of Principles (CARP). His award-winning essay entitled: "Adoption of Third World Literature and Art – An African Perspective" was the best in category "A" of the essay contest.

Mr. Outa received a cash reward of 1,500 German Marks, a book token and a subsidized air-ticket to West Berlin to attend the 4th CARP Convention of World Students.

CARP is a religious – cultural Association which was registered by the University of Nairobi in 1985. Its main objective is to promote moral and ethical values among students through such activities as interfaith, dialogue, drama and sports events. During last year's essay competition, Mr. Outa was placed second in Category 'A'■



Mr. George Outa

# CHUNA dishes out dividends to members

A total of Kshs. 1,424,413 will this year be paid to members of Chuna Savings and Credit Society as dividend. This was one of the decisions reached during Chuna's Annual General Meeting held at Taifa Hall on 3rd October, 1987. This means that for every share held by a member on 30th Nov. 1986 some 75 cents will be paid as dividend.

The well attended meeting also resolved that from now on, members will only borrow three times of their share contribution, reversing the decision made during the 1986 annual general meeting which had raised the loan entitlement to four times of a member's contribution. In his statement, the Chairman reported that during the 1986 financial year, the society's gross receipts from shares and loan contributions amounted to Kshs. 34.5 million. During the same period the society gave loans amounting to 31.1 million. It registered some 402 new members while 114 left the society mainly due to their resignations from the University service. The society's pretax profit was Kshs. 3.7 million while its running expenses was Kshs. 1 million. Some 2,26,648 was paid as tax by the society.

In his report, the Chairman of the supervisory committee, Prof. Karega Mutahi, said they were satisfied with the general performance of the management committee and that his committee had continued to deal with problems and issues raised by members. He

cautioned members against indiscriminate guarantee of loans to people who later default in their payments.

During the special general meeting of Chuna held in 1987 the members authorised the formation of an Investment committee to cater for other needs of the society. The interim Chairman of the Investment committee Dr. Michieka reported that they were in the process of registering the new society whose principle objective would be the provision of shelter to members. The society's official name would be 'NUSICO Investment Co-operative Society Limited'. He said that NUSICO would stand for 'Nairobi University Staff Investment Company'.

Chuna is the biggest staff welfare organization of the University of Nairobi which has received continuous support from the University administration. Its membership ranks from the junior support staff up to Senior professors. The unity of purpose pervading its membership was apparent throughout the five-hour meeting as the members transacted their business in Swahili.

The society has a membership of 3,903 members which means that about 80 per cent of University staff are members. It has a paid up capital of Kshs. 38,971,103, and a statutory reserve of Kshs. 2,804,763. On the average, some Kshs. 3 million is given to members as a loan every month■


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values.

Besides Mwangaza, there are several other magazines published by students of the University of Nairobi. These include The Student Engineer, The Student Accountant and NUGSA, the journal of Nairobi University Geology students Association. Students also publish two newspapers—The Anvil, a training bi-weekly newspaper by the Students of the School of Journalism and Campus Mirror, the Official Mouthpiece of SONU■

## CUSEA

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charter was ratified in the year 1984/86. Since then, several consultative meetings have alternatively been held in the Universities of Makerere, Dar-es-Salaam, Nairobi and Sokoine.

The CUSEA Charter spells out a number of noble goals. It among other things channels the commitments of member students to render personal and institutional contributions to regional cooperation and development.

The Council also aim at arousing public awareness on current domestic and international issues. In essence, it

constitutes a credible platform for political, economic and social reform. At the academic level, the council aims at maintaining and safeguarding excellence. It seeks to encourage students to be dynamic, creative and innovative in the development of new ideas and re-examination of old ones in bid to keep abreast with the pace of modernisation■

### Chairman appointed

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Prof. I.A. Wamola and Dr. E.R. Mutiga, Chairmen of the Departments of the Human Microbiology and Clinical Studies for a period of three years

upto 1990. Dr. E.G. Muchunga has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Community Health while Dr. H. Indangasi has been re-appointed chairman of the Department of Literature.

The University of Nairobi statutes empowers the Vice-Chancellor to appoint Chairmen of Departments who inturn run departments in consultation with the Faculty Dean and College Principal. When necessary, they can also consult the office of the Vice-Chancellor on matters related to the running of their Departments.

The University has 64 academic departments and 14 Faculties spread out in its Six Campus Colleges. Chairman of Departments are expected to be familiar with policies and procedures of the University and to run their departments accordingly.

# Mwagiru elected to IAAF Women Committee



Miss Mwagiru

Miss. Agnes Mwagiru, Assistant Games Tutor, has become the first Woman from Africa to serve on the Women's Committee of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) following her election during the Federation's Congress held in Rome, Italy. She was among the best six candidates and got 408 out of 600 votes. IAAF is the body that under whose auspices athletics is organised all over the World. It also funds athletic meetings and organises seminars and courses for athletic coaches.

Miss. Mwagiru told Varsity Focus that her responsibilities as member of IAAF Women Committee include looking into the welfare of Women Athletics in Africa, Liaising with amateur athletic association in Africa and representing Women athletics on the Federation.

The IAAF Congress coincided with the Second World Games in Rome in

which Kenya emerged fifth out of 165 countries. Kenya won three gold medals in 800m, 10,000m and the Marathon.

On her new responsibilities, Miss. Mwagiru said they are challenging but vowed to do her best to motivate more and more women to develop interest in sports. But as charity begins at home, she intends to concentrate her efforts on encouraging University female students to take sports seriously. She thanked the Vice-Chancellor for granting her permission to travel to Rome to participate in the Congress.

Miss. Mwagiru is also an elected member of Kenya Amateur Athletic Association. She has participated in numerous Coaching Seminars and acted as Chaperon of Kenya Women team on several occasions.

Meanwhile, Miss. Mwagiru has been appointed Assistant Warden of women's Hall for a period of one year ■

# Varsity athletes in World University Games

Four athletes from University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University had an opportunity to compete against the best sportsmen and women in the World when they participated in the World University Games—Unversiad 87 — at Zagreb, Yugoslavia. The students confirmed the sporting prowess of Kenya by putting up very remarkable performance. Two athletes reached semi-finals while another one was place 13th in the toughest event — the Marathon.

Among the countries that participated in the Unversiad 87 were United States, Soviet Union and China. After Zagreb games, the Kenyan team went to celce, a town 150 km. from Zagreb to take part in another athletic meet. Out of the eleven countries invited, Kenya was the only African Country.

Talking to Varsity Focus, Mr. J.N. Mutua, Assistant Games Tutor who accompanied the students to Yugoslavia,

said the Games were very well organised and thanked the University Administration for making it possible for him to travel to Yugoslavia.

Other reports from the Games Department say that the morale of University sportsmen is very high following their good performance in the 4th All Africa Games. There were 14 sportsmen from the University of Nairobi who survived the tough com-

petition for inclusion in the Kenya Contingent for the Continental Games.

Meanwhile competition for University of Nairobi Cup will start soon. Last year the competition attracted seven teams including Nairobi University Staff Soccer Club. Tough competition is expected between last years victors, Water Works F.C. and University of Nairobi Staff Soccer Club ■



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