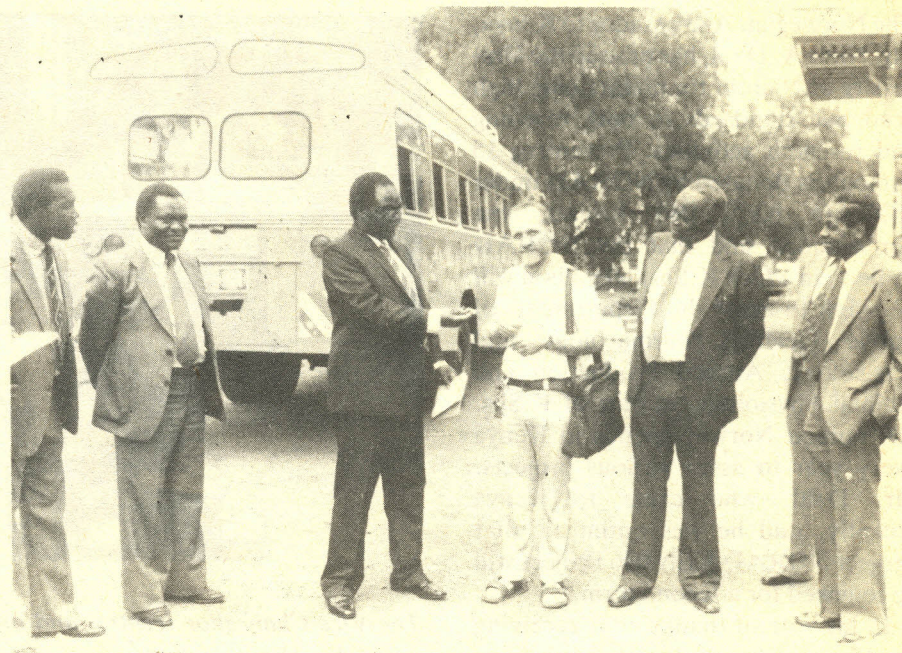


Varsity "Concorde" in Road Mishap

Friday, 19th August, 1988 started off as a normal working day for the third year B.Sc. students of the Faculty of Agriculture. They had spent two weeks on a field trip that had taken them to Nyanza, Western Kenya and Baringo learning all the things that students of Agriculture are supposed to learn when on such a field trip. In the afternoon, they routinely boarded the 67-seater, blue coloured University bus, popularly known as the 'concorde', Reg. No. KXL 377. They were soon speeding towards Nairobi after a job well done, hoping to join their colleagues for a "U.S.A.B. Supper" at Kabete as the bus neither showed any sign of mechanical problem nor fatigue after the gruelling two-week trip.

However, fate was not on their side as at 1800 hours at Marula, which is about 9 kms to Naivasha from Nakuru, the unexpected happened. Varsity Focus interviewed Ms. Rhoda Makuno, a 3rd year B.Sc. Agriculture student at the University Students Sick Bay who was in the fateful 'flight'. She had the following to say:—"It was drizzling and the bus was doing the normal run when suddenly I noticed that it was swaying and the driver had lost control. It then left the tarmac road, somersaulted before overturning, several metres from the road. I found myself moving out of it as fast as my legs could take me. No sooner was I out of the bus, than I noticed something very wrong with my left hand. I had lost its control and I realized that I had a broken bone. Then a good samaritan took me, with several others, to Naivasha Hospital where the University ambulance later came for us. To the good samaritan, I am thankful while the University should be commended for the speed in which they came for us".

Meanwhie, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Philip M. Mbithi has thanked members of the public who helped take the injured to the hospital. In a press statement, the Vice-Chancellor said, "On behalf of the students, staff and Senate of the University of Nairobi, I would like to thank members of the



Vice-Chancellor receiving keys to one of the Varsity "Concordes" in a previous occasion.

public who took University students to the hospital following a road accident involving a University bus. The bus was involved in an accident at Marula on Naivasha/Nakuru road while returning agriculture students from a field trip in Western Kenya. It had fifty five students and those who received injuries were treated at Naivasha and Nakuru hospitals.

In helping the injured, the members of the public displayed a tremendous amount of love for our students inspite

of the inconveniences to themselves in getting the injured to the hospitals in Naivasha and Nakuru through their own private vehicles. This concern for our students by fellow Kenyans is very touching and encouraging and we hope that similar treatment and magnanimity will continue to be given to all others in similar need".

We thank God that most of the students escaped with slight injuries except two who received treatment at the University's Students' Sick Bay.

Varsity to take Part in Nairobi Show

Prof. R.M. Munavu, the Chairman of University Show Committee, has appealed to members of the University community to visit the University stand during this year's Nairobi International Show. Like in the previous years, the University stand is expected to display the popular exhibits that have been a crowd-puller in the past.

Speaking to Varsity Focus, Prof.

Munavu said preparations are now complete and exhibiting departments can start transporting their wares to the show ground.

Other members of the Show Committee are:—Dr. J.K.A. Keter, Mr. O. Odek, Mr. P.M. Mitiambo, Mr. J.F. Onyango, Mr. D. Mureithi, Mr. J.N. Mbuvi, Mr. S.J.M. Maina, Mr. F. Waweru and Mr. R.P. Onyango.