

Students remember Muruli

By Alex A. Chamwada

Activities to commemorate Muruli's death started on Thursday at Kikuyu Campus with a public lecture on "The Place of University Students in the Post-election Democratisation Processes."

The key speakers were: Kenya Human Rights Commission representatives, Wafula Buke, James Nduko, George Murara and Suba Churchill. They recounted Muruli's participation in the enhancement of human rights.

Among the issues highlighted were participation in the democratisation process and unnecessary violence. Buke decried the apathy that politicians have shown towards the students' role in democratisation. He also noted that students should liaise with the civil society, especially non-governmental organisations which are better placed to serve the society with impartiality.

Suba Churchill, amid applause from the audience, said that students should not just sit and watch the country rot. He reminded them that they were duty-bound to participate in matters of national importance.

"As we fight for democracy, we should fight against enmity, rather than fight the enemy...we should fight against corruption and not the corrupt," he noted.

Asked whether the University administration had been involved in the commemoration, UNESA chairman Mr Richard Tsalwa said, "Most of these activities have been done with our own initiative. We did not even seek permission from them to have the public lecture because we knew that they would not be positive on that," he said.

At the time of going to the press, the Kikuyu Campus Principal, Prof. Lucia Omondi was not available for comment.



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Student Power: Mr. Richard Tsalwa, UNESA Chairman addressing students before the public lecture