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1. 3RD TERM AND UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

The Vice-Chancellor would like to warmly welcome students back to the University and to wish them a happy Easter and a successful third term. In particular, the Vice-Chancellor wishes them all success in their examinations which begin on 28th May and end on 28th June, 1984. The third term runs from 16th April upto 30th June, 1984 while courses offered during the 4th term will run from 2nd July upto 22nd September, 1984.

2. THE LATE MR. J.K. NIMIRA

The University has learnt with great shock of the untimely death of Mr. J.K. Nimira who was until his death, a Lecturer in the Department of Meteorology. He died on Friday 13th April, 1984 after a road accident near Voi while travelling from Mombasa.

Born in 1943 in Uganda, Mr. Nimira first joined the University of Nairobi in 1976 as an M.Sc. student in Meteorology. He later went to the University of Chicago where he graduated with an M.Sc. in Geophysics in 1978 before being appointed a Lecturer at the Department of Meteorology in 1979.

As a Lecturer, the late Mr. Nimira taught courses in physical meteorology, meteorological instruments and methods of observation, micrometeorology and cloud physics and weather modification. In addition he had participated in postgraduate supervision and numerous research projects. In particular, the late Nimira had been studying different solar components distribution characteristics and had several research publications to his credit.

He leaves a widow and three children. On behalf of the University Community, we extend our condolences to his family, relatives and friends. May the Almighty rest his soul in eternity.

3. CAFETERIAS OPENED

The University Cafeterias at the Main Campus, Chiromo and Kabete Campuses have re-opened under the management of the University Students Accommodation Board (USAB). The Cafeterias were closed when the management of the students residential and catering services were being transferred from the University to USAB. Subsequently, efforts were made to hand over the management of the University Cafeterias to CHUNA Savings and Credit Society, a welfare organisation for members of staff. At their general meeting, CHUNA members opted not to run the Cafeterias but now that USAB has taken over, it is expected that students and staff will obtain the service traditionally offered there.

4. DRAMA FESTIVAL HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY

The 1984 edition of the Kenya Secondary Schools Drama Festival was held at the University of Nairobi's Taifa Hall from 9th to 14th April, 1984. Amongst those who attended the various sessions of the Drama Festival included the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Jonathan Ng'eno, the Minister for Culture and Social Services, Mr. Kenneth Matiba, the Director of Education Mr. Kamunge, the Nairobi Provincial Commissioner, Mr. Fred Waiganjo, the Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr. Situma and the Chairman of Kenya Secondary Schools Drama Festival, Mr. Osiako. Apart from providing Taifa Hall for this annual event in the calendar of Secondary Schools, members of academic staff served as adjudicators.

5. NEW CHAIRMEN OF DEPARTMENTS

Dr. G. Muriuki, Department of Pharmacy - appointed Chairman for 3 years with effect from 1st January, 1984.

Prof. H.O. Pamba, Department of Medical Microbiology - appointed Chairman for 3 years with effect from 1st January 1984.

Mr. S.J. Maina, Department of Design - appointed Acting Chairman with effect from 26th March, 1984.

Dr. J.K. Kitonyi, Department of Diagnostic Radiology - appointed Chairman for 3 years with effect from 1st May, 1984.

6. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

25th November, 1983 - Mr. Ivan Head, President of I.D.R.C. Ottawa, Canada.

26th January, 1984 - H.E. Von Vocano, German Ambassador
- Dr. Zaid Haidar, Ambassador of Iraq
- R.A. Huttenback, Chancellor, University of California.

30th January, 1984 - Jim Mullin, Vice-President for Collaborative Programmes, I.D.R.C., Ottawa, Canada.

15th February, 1984 - Mr. H.P. Cart, Director, Swiss Development Corporation for Eastern Africa.

29th February, 1984 - H.E. A.B.M. Kibria, Bangladesh High Commissioner.

H.E. Sir Leonard Allinson, British High Commissioner.

- 2nd March, 1984 - Dr . W. LaMarr Kopp, Director of Foreign Studies Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A.
- 12th March, 1984 - H.E. Gregor Woschinagg, Austrian Ambassador.
- 14th March, 1984 - Prof. Abdus Salam, Director of International Centre for Theoretical Physics (I.C.T.P.), Italy. Nobel Prize Laureate for Physics (1979).
- 19th March, 1984 - H.E. D.M. Miller, Canadian High Commissioner.
- 21st March, 1984 - Hon. E. Mwangale, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 28th March, 1984 - Dr. Carl G. Rosberg, Director of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 6th April, 1984 - Mr. F.S. Matholoane, Lesotho High Commissioner
- 9th and 14th April, 1984 Hon. Jonathan Ng'eno, Minister for Education, Science and Technology.
- 12th April, 1984 - Mr. Charles Hansford, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Republic of Liberia.
- Dr. James Teah Tarpeh, Vice-President Academic Affairs, University of Liberia
- 13th April, 1984 - Hon. Kenneth S.N. Matiba, Minister for Culture and Social Services.

7. DONATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY

During the current academic year, the Vice-Chancellor has on behalf of the University received the following donations:-

- 7.1. Book presentation consisting of 73 volumes from the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. David Miller. The books were mainly in History, Literature, Literary criticism, Sociology and Public Administration. The Canadian Government has in the past given substantial aid to the University. Its largest aid has been channelled through I.D.R.C. which has sponsored research in several departments across the University.
- 7.2. Book presentation consisting of 57 titles from the Austrian Ambassador, Mr. Gregor Woschinagg. The titles will be used by the Department of Linguistics and African Languages for teaching German. Most of the titles were on 20th Century and contemporary German Literature and a few on facts and figures on modern Austria. The Austrian Government helped in financing the School of Journalism when it was initially launched in 1980.
- 7.3. Computer Science and Crop Science equipment donated by the British Government worth over KShs. 6 million and presented by Sir. L. Allinson. The equipment consisted of microcomputer equipment and laboratory equipment to be installed in the Institute of Computer Science, Departments of Physics, Electrical Engineering and Crop Science. Britain donated the University's first computer worth KShs. 2 million in 1970 which was followed by a second one worth KShs. 12 million in 1979.

7.4. Book presentation comprising of over 5,000 books valued at over £40,000 Sterling from the British Council Representative Mr. D. Aspinnal. The books cover a broad range of disciplines and were ordered by the University Departments where B.E.S.S. support still continues. In particular, they were meant for Departments in the Faculties of Architecture, Design and Development, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, Arts(Linguistics), Engineering and Institute of Computer Science.

7.5. Book donation from the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO) presented by the Director of ALECSO, Dr. M. Sabri.

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