

President Opens Kabete Sports Complex

The recent visit by His Excellency, President Daniel arap Moi to the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, marked a turning-point in the history of the College. Apart from officially opening the Kabete Campus Sports Complex, the President, who is also the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, directed that Nyayo buses extend their services to the College. Thus ended one of the most Persistent problems that staff and students of the campus have had to live with for a long time. And in what has come to characterize his style of leadership, the Chancellor responded to the students' plea for a place to worship by promising to preside over a mammoth fund-raising meeting to collect funds to build a chapel at the campus.

During the occasion the President presented electronic Musical Instrument to Kabete Campus Choir and stressed the need for African youth to rediscover themselves and the values that sustained their ancestors in an effort to rid themselves of misguided ideologies from other societies. He pointed out that foreign ideology had remained the single most serious detriment in the Social and intellectual development of the African people adding that time has come for them to rethink about themselves.

He called upon Africans to rethink and try to avoid fighting one another because of ideological differences imposed by foreign Powers who showed no hostility among themselves.

The ground on which the Sports Complex is built was donated by the President two years ago. He said that he would ask the Kenya Army and the office of the Provincial Commissioner, Nairobi, to make a terrace on the western side of the field for spectators.

On research going on at the College, the President congratulated staff for the breakthroughs so far registered noting that many Kenyans were now benefitting from such research findings.

During the occasion, the President was presented with various gifts including a carton full of *Maziwa Lala*, a young heifer and a computerized Camera donated by the Soka University of



The Chancellor admiring gifts presented to him during the visit.

Japan, which has signed an exchange agreement with the University of Nairobi.

Present during the occasion were the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs and National Heritage, Dr. J. Karanja, Minister for Education, Hon. Oloo Aringo, The Chairman of Council, Mr. Sagini, the Vice-Chancellor, Speaker of the National Assembly,

Hon. M. Keino, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. S.O. Wandiga, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. F.A. Mutere, the then Principal of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Prof. S.O. Keya and staff and students of the College.

Vice-Chancellor Thanks President

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Philip M. Mbithi, has said that plans are under way to make the college of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences a regional centre for higher staff training. In his address during the official opening of the Kabete Campus Sports Complex, Prof. P.M. Mbithi said that the college already runs 12 master of science programmes and seven more will be started soon. He said the college provides higher staff training for local research institutions such as KARI, KETRI and provides a sound academic base for other International Research Institutes in the country.

Prof. Mbithi thanked the Chancellor for his continued support and the frequent interactions he accords staff and students of the University. Said the Vice-Chancellor, "These have provided the staff and students with your fatherly advice which has greatly moti-

vated them as they continue with their academic pursuits."

The College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences houses a major national project in biotechnology research through which staff in the college and related fields are setting up the basics on which the country can exploit biotechnology techniques to develop new varieties of both food crops and cash crops.

Prof. P.M. Mbithi requested permission for significant Physical facilities at the University to be officially opened during this year as Kenyans celebrate ten years of Nyayo Era and twenty-five years since Independence. These include the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library, the Kabete Campus Library, the Loresho staff houses, Kabete Science Complex and the teaching and research Infrastructure at Kibwezi.