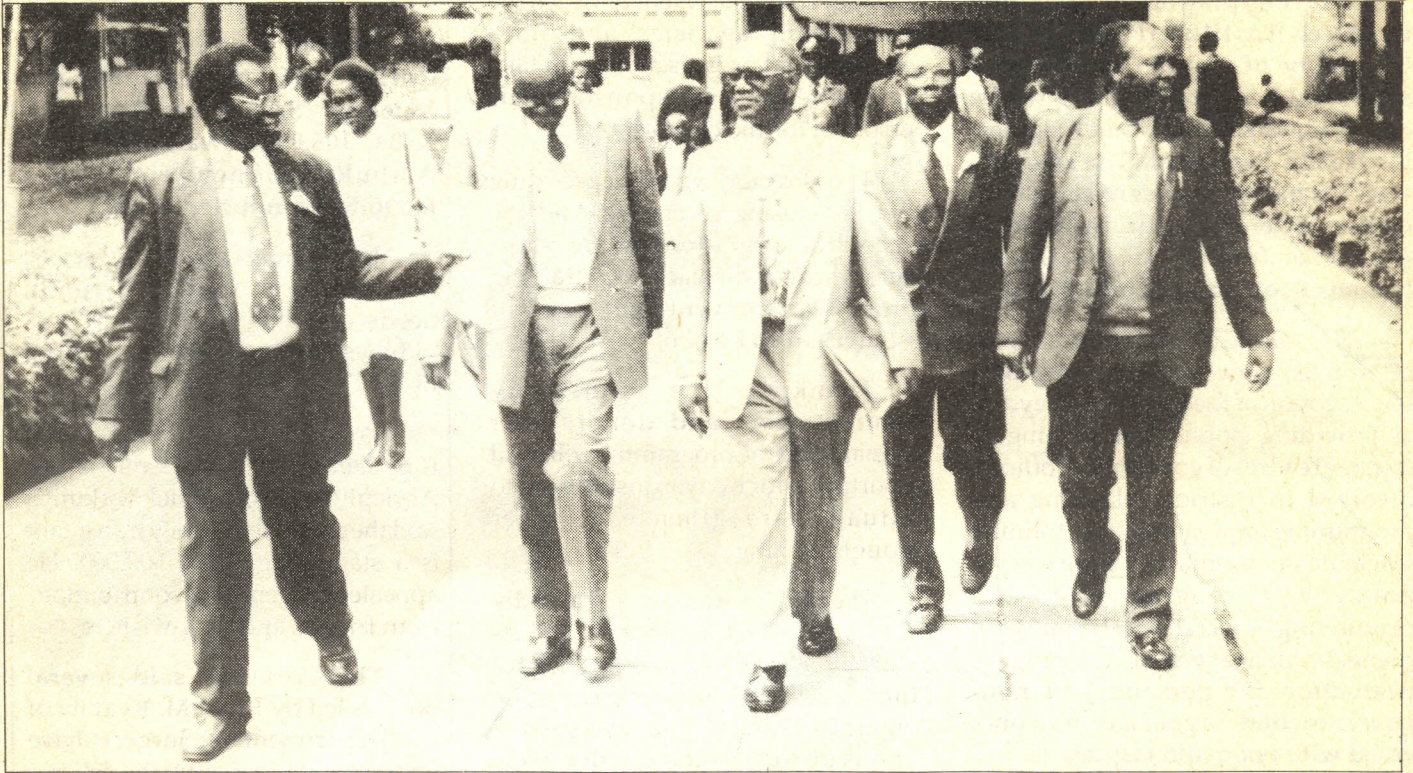


It's Silver for the Medics



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Prof P. Odhiambo, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof M. Mungai, former Dean of the Faculty and former Vice-Chancellor, UON, Prof T.R. Odhiambo, Director, ICIPE, Prof S.K. Sinei, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Prof F. Gichaga, Vice-Chancellor, UON leave the Faculty after unveiling a commemorative plaque to mark the Silver Jubilee Celebrations at the School of Medicine.

The Faculty of Medicine celebrated its silver jubilee with week-long festivities culminating in the grand finale - a gala dinner dance on the 3rd of July at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

The activities kicked off on the 29th June with service activities at Kibera D.O.'s camp and Riruta, where free clinics to the two communities were appreciated.

In a symposium on AIDS held at the Kenyatta National Hospital. Prof Felistus Onyango from the Department of Sociology and Dr. Sobbie A.Z. Mulindi presented a paper entitled *The impact of AIDS on Social and Family Life*. Dr Ndinya Achola from the Department of Microbiology presented a paper on *Epidemiology of AIDS* while Dr John Kariuki of the Department of Surgery, presented on *Surgical Experiences of AIDS*.

Football, Netball, Volleyball, Darts and Hockey were some of the

tournaments organised at KNH and Main Campus to mark the week.

The climax of the week was Friday 3rd July - the Faculty's open day which featured departmental displays and demonstrations. Posters for immunisation, STDs, AIDS control programme, equipments and teaching materials like skeletons, museum specimens, publications, books, theses, scientific papers and experiments, laboratory demonstrations and blood groups were featured on that day. The highlight of the day was a public lecture where two interesting papers were presented.

Prof Joseph Mungai, a former Dean of the Faculty and former Vice-Chancellor of the University and currently Secretary, Commission for Higher Education presented a paper entitled *Upright Posture of the Nairobi Medical School*. Prof. Hilary Ojiambo, Executive Director, International Centre for Research and Health Development presented *Education and*

Health Emphasis on Kenya for the Last 25 Years.

The Faculty of Medicine admitted the first 30 students on the 3rd of July 1967. The first Dean was Prof. G. King. The first batch of 16 doctors graduated in 1972. It was established as the sixth faculty of the University College, Nairobi with eight departments: Human Anatomy and Histology, Physiology and Biochemistry; Pathology and Microbiology; Preventive and Community Medicine, Surgery; Paediatrics and Child Health and, Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Today the Faculty has the largest number of departments (20) followed by the Faculty of Arts (11). The Faculty runs undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in medicine, pharmacy and dental surgery.

In 1990/91 academic year, it had a student population of 1245 undergraduates, and 250 postgraduates. Staff stood at 230.