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Vice-Chancellor receives report on personal promotions

The Committee appointed to make recommendations on personal promotions outside the establishment has finalised its report and presented it to the Vice-Chancellor on 30th January 1986. The handing over ceremony was attended by the members of the Committee and was held in the Vice-Chancellor's office. The report has now be presented to Council for consideration.

The members of the committee included Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. F.A. Mutere Academic, as Chairman, and Professors P.M. Githinji, S.O. Wandiga, O.K. Mutungi, G.K. Kinoti, G.M. Mugeru, A. Kungu as members and Mr. H.K. Gichuki as Secretary. Mr. G. Ogeto represented the Finance Officer while Prof. F.J. Gichaga replaced Prof. P.M. Githinji on appointment as Acting Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering.

The Committee was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor in September 1985 to consider the question of promotions of staff who achieve the necessary qualifications in departments where there are no established post for their promotions. The terms of reference of the committee were .

To consider the validity of maturation of staff at the levels of Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor under conditions where there is no establishment for their promotions.

To ascertain criteria for identifying such individuals within the University for processing by the necessary appointment committee.

To propose to Council financial strategies which take into account that Treasury is reluctant to accept creation of new establishments, and that the actual cost of such promotions is about K\$300 p.a.

To consider the likely pattern of growth of such maturation of staff and propose appropriate financial and administrative strategies for accommodating staff who need to be



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mbithi receiving the report on personal promotions from Prof. Mutere.

recognised by the University through promotions.

Any other relevant issues which appear to be important for purposes of preparing of a comprehensive brief for Council.

The Committee received memoranda from Departments, Faculties and Colleges and examined relevant Council papers on the subject. Receiving the report, the Vice-Chancellor said that he hoped that the Committee's recommendation will form a useful basis through which the University would

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New chairmen of departments appointed

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.M. Mbithi has appointed the following new chairmen of Departments:

Mrs. J.W. Wachira has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Advanced Nursing for a period of three years with effect from 23rd January, 1986. She takes over from Mrs. S.W. Kangori who has been the Chairman of the Department for over eight years.

Dr. M.W. Onsongo has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering for three years with effect from November 21, 1985 taking over from Prof. F.J. Gichaga who was appointed Acting Principal of the College of Architecture and Engineering. Prof. Gichaga was previous to this appointment the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

At the Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S.K. Mbugua has been appointed the Chairman of the Department of Food Science and Technology for a period of three years with effect from 9th December, 1985. Dr. Mbugua takes over from Mr. Schulthess, who has been the Chairman, of the Department since its inception in 1974.

Prof. P.N. Nyaga has been appointed as Chairman of the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Microbiology for a period of three years with effect from 16th December, 1985. He replaces Prof. Mugera who has been the chairman of the Department since 1972.

Dr. T.J. Njoka has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Range Management for a period

of three years beginning on December 8, 1985. He takes over from Prof. C.N. Karue who has been the Chairman of the Department since 16th September, 1980 when the Department was established.

At the Department of History, Prof. I. Salim has been appointed the Chairman of the Department for a period of three years with effect from 16th December, 1985. He takes over from Prof. Godfrey Muriuki, who had served as the Chairman of the Department since 1975. Prof. Muriuki has just been elected Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

Prof. Mukunya has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Crop Science for three years with effect from 5th December, 1985. He takes over from Prof. D.N. Ngugi who has been Chairman since 1st January, 1978. Meanwhile, the appointment of Dr. J.K. Kimani as Chairman of the Department of Human Anatomy has been renewed for a further period of three years with effect from 1st January, 1986. He was appointed Chairman of the Department in 1983 and has just completed his first tour as Chairman.

According to the statutes of the University of Nairobi, the prerogative of appointing Chairmen of Departments is vested with the Vice-Chancellor. Appointment of Chairman is normally for a period of three years and the University Senate has already expressed the view that Chairmen of departments should be rotated amongst members of staff at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.

New deans of faculties

Dr. G.K. Kingoriah has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Development. He was elected unanimously at a Faculty Board Meeting held on 19th February, 1986 and was the only nominee for the deanship in the Faculty. He will serve for a period of two years from 19th February 1986 upto 19th February, 1988.

Dr. J.K. Musuva has also been elected Dean of the Faculty of Engineering for two years with effect from 19th February 1986 upto 18th Feb. 1988. He was also the only nominee for the post when elections were held on 19th February, 1986.

Other recent elections of Dean of Faculties include that of Prof. F.N. Onyango who was re-elected to serve a second term as Dean of the faculty of Science with effect from 8th Nov. 1985. Prof. G. Muriuki was also recently elected as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts with effect from 10/12/85. He took over from Prof R.S. Odingo who had been Dean of the Faculty since 1983.

From our Photo file



From our Photo file — The Minister for Education Science & Technology, Prof. Jonathan Ng'eno seen discussing with Prof. Mbithi and the High Commission for India Mr. K.K.S. Rana during the exhibition of books published in India.

Telecommunication link at College of Health Sciences

Medical students at College of Health Sciences Department of Paediatrics, can now exchange live lectures with Makerere University, Uganda and the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada — thanks to a telecommunication link that has been installed at the Department.

The telecommunication facilities were on 12th January 1986 officially inaugurated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. P.M. Githinji on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor. Speaking during the opening ceremony, Prof. Githinji said that the Department of Paediatrics had a long formal affiliation with the Department of Paediatrics McGill University, Canada. "When the formal link ended, it did not sever the established good person to person relationship between this department and their colleagues in McGill. The relationship is clearly demonstrated by the use to which Professor Don Hillman, who spent several years in the Department of Paediatrics at the Department of Paediatrics at Makerere University, Kampala."

Professor Don Hillman and Professor Liz Hillman (a husband and wife team), planned to utilize their colleagues from Nairobi to visit Makerere on a monthly basis to lecture and give clinical teaching to Makerere students. They also planned to get their colleagues from Canada to go and assist him in Makerere. To supplement the efforts of these teachers, both from Nairobi and Canada, the Hillmans thought of using the Teleconference facilities at Memorial University of Newfoundland St. John's, Canada to provide live lectures to Makerere.

The Department of Paediatrics was proposed to link up on this system so that lectures from Newfoundland and Nairobi could be heard live at Makerere. This endeavour which took nearly three years, has now been successfully completed with the assistance and tremendous efforts of many individuals and organisations such as Kenya Post and Telecommunication Corporation, CIDA, The Hospital for the Sick Child Foundation, and the International Satellite Communication System (INTELSAT) which provided funds and equipment.

Present during the official inauguration of the telecommunication link were Mr. Kipng'eno arap Ng'eny Vice-Chairman of the University of Nairobi Council and Managing Director of Kenya Post and Telecommunication Corporation, Prof. N.O. Bwibo



Prof. Githinji, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance inaugurates the new telecommunications link at the Dept. of Paediatrics, College of Health Sciences.

Principal, of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. T. Ogada, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Don Hillman of the Memorial University of Newfoundland and Dr. J.S. Meme, chairman of the Department of Paediatrics and Dr. E.M. Wafula.

Varsity to receive journal

The University of Nairobi Library is to receive the Journal of Sedimentary Petrology, courtesy to the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists (SEPM). The University of Nairobi has been selected to receive this Journal free of charge on a regular basis beginning in 1986.

The decision to give the Journal free of charge was based on information provided on a questionnaire filled by the Chairman of Department of Geology, Dr. Isaac O. Nyambok. It is hoped that the Journal of Sedimentary Petrology will prove useful to students and staff in the university's educational and research programs. We take this opportunity to thank the Society of Economic Paleontologists and mineralogists and the editor of the Journal, Norman D. Smith of the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago for this positive gesture.

University of Nairobi Staff Football Team

The club was launched in 1984 and entered the Nairobi Provincial League Competition at Division 4. Currently the club has managed to reach and maintained itself at Division one in Nairobi Provincial League for the coming season. The Coach cum player, Dr. Mkangi is confident that with anticipated success, the club stands a chance of being promoted to Super League Division One at National level competitions. To achieve this ambition, the coach is calling for

University Chaplain Appointed



Rev. Eleazar N.M. Kinuthia, the newly appointed University Chaplain for Protestants.

VARSIITY WINS PRAISE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Nairobi has won praise for its record of excellence in scholarship and the quality of training given to students here in Nairobi.

In a communication from Prof. David M. Henneberry of Oklahoma State University addressed to the Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics, the teaching at the University of Nairobi is described as follows.— “. . . At Oklahoma State University we are very pleased with the quality of the training that the Kenyan students received before they come to the United States. With such solid background, it makes it very easy for them to proceed in our graduate program. You can be proud of the job you are doing.”

The communication followed excellent performance by students from the University of Nairobi on joining graduate programs at Oklahoma. Prof. Henneberry singles out Mr. Isaac Arap Rop, a former M.Sc. student in Agricultural Economics currently, on leave from the Ministry of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University.

This is just one of the many instances where the University of Nairobi's academic record has been acknowledged by both our external examiners and other academic institutions all over the world.

The University has appointed Reverend Eleazar N.M. Kinuthia as a University Chaplain for protestants with effect from 24th December, 1985. This follows a directive by the President and Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, H.E. Daniel Arap Moi, that Chaplains be appointed at all the Universities. Subsequently the appointment of Chaplains was duly authorized by the University Council and arrangements are being made to appoint Chaplains for Catholics and Muslims.

Reverend Kinuthia comes to us as an experienced Chaplain having served in this capacity for over nine years. Born in 1940, Rev. Kinuthia holds a Masters Degree in religious Education from Grace Theological Seminary, U.S.A. While he majored in Religious Education, Rev. Kinuthia also took Literature and Theology for his Masters Degree. He has taught in Kenyan schools for over eleven years and was a Chaplain at Kenya High School when he was recruited to become the University Chaplain. Rev. Kinuthia is married with two children.

The duties of the Chaplain will be to minister to the total University Community especially to conduct Sunday Services; Officiate holy communion; conduct baptism, weddings and funerals, provide Counselling Services to the students, and to co-ordinate protestant religious activities in the University. Rev. Kinuthia's office will be located at the former gate keepers lodge, Women's Halls on Mamlaka Road, next to Nairobi Primary School. Telephone contact will be provided in the near future but for the time being he is available through 334244, Ext. 2442/2441, 2105 or 2243.

The appointment of University Chaplains is part of the University's efforts of fighting cultural desertification through intensified social and religious entertainment and academic debates within the Community. Last year, Hall Warden's were appointed so as to facilitate meaningful hall activities and dialogue and enhance student Hall identity. We are also reviving theatres, cinema, public lectures and indoor games. We therefore hope that students and staff will give Rev. Kinuthia the support and co-operation he will need and that they will also avail themselves of the services he will provide.

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As we were going to press, the following new chairmen of Depts, were also announced, Dr. R. Mutiso, Dept. of Sociology, Dr. W. Oyugi Dept. of Government and Dr. K. Mutahi, Department of Linguistics and African Languages.

Staff matters

1.1. NEW APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POST	DEPARTMENT
Dr.J.C. Onyango-Abuje	Lecturer	History
Dr. D.O.D. Ojwang	Medical Officer	Health Services
Dr. V.M. Indeche	Medical Officer	Health Services
Dr. V.P. Gazekpo	Lecturer	Chemistry
Dr. R.M.K. Deng	Lecturer	Chemistry
Mr. J.N.M. Angima	Lecturer	Accounting
Mr. H.D. Chegge Kariuki	Lecturer	Accounting
Dr. O.O. Ombaka	Lecturer	Mechanical Engineering
Dr. E.O. Ogutu	Lecturer	Medicine
Dr. A.J. Oloo	Lecturer	Medicine
Dr. S.K. Sharif	Lecturer	Medicine
Dr. E.S.N. Ogola	Lecturer	Medicine
Dr. S.T. Patel	Lecturer	Medicine
Dr. S.K. Agarwal	Lecturer	Human Anatomy
Mr. H.L. Kaane	Lecturer	Civil Engineering
Mr. S.K. Mwea	Lecturer	Civil Engineering
Dr. A. Patel	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. A.O. Wasunna	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. I.O. Ndombi	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. A. Nesbitt	Lecturer	Paediatrics
Dr. G. Gikenye	Lecturer	Human Anatomy
Dr. F.L. Ndungu	Lecturer	Dental Surgery
Prof. V.B. Mbaya	Assoc. Professor	Biochemistry
Prof. P. Lokken	Vis. Assoc. Prof.	Public Health
Prof. K. Lindquist	Vis. Professor	Public Health Pharm. & Tox.
Prof. D. Kappeler	Vis. Professor	Diplomacy Training Prog.
Dr. K.S.A. Krishna	Senior Lecturer	Architecture
Mr. B. Marland	Senior Lecturer	Architecture
Mr. A.J. Odera	Lecturer	Architecture
Mr. N.R. Jones	Lecturer	Architecture
Dr. O. Odake	Research Fellow	Architecture
Dr. E. Sarhene	Lecturer	Physics
Dr. N. Nath	Lecturer	Physics

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Dr. J.O. Ndinya-Achola	Senior Lecturer	Med. Microbiology
Dr. J. Akonga	Senior Lecturer	African Studies
Dr. G. Karuhize	Senior Lecturer	Zoology
Dr. J. Hassanali	Senior Lecturer	Human Anatomy
Dr. A.H. Walji	" "	Human Anatomy
Dr. P.N. Mbugua	" "	Animal Production
Dr. M. Wanyoike	" "	Animal Production
Dr. A.B. Carles	" "	Animal Production
Dr. J.K. Kitonyi	" "	Diagnostic Radiology
Dr. J.K.A. Keter	" "	Soil Science
Dr. B. Mochoge	" "	Soil Science
Dr. P.G. Kioy	" "	Med. Physiology
Dr. E.L. Shivutse	" "	Adult Studies

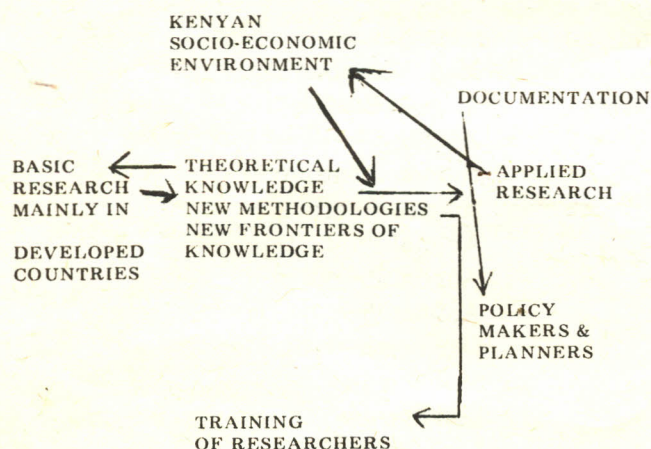
I.D.S. Workshop

During the last week of January, the Institute for Development Studies held a Workshop on Research Priorities at Nyeri. The Workshop was attended by University Staff and Government Officers and also representatives of non-governmental agencies. The following is the Vice-Chancellor's full speech which was read on his behalf by Prof. S.O. Wandiga, Principal of the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

The review of research priorities is an extremely important exercise if we are to avoid duplication, endless and meaningless data collection and if we are to respond rapidly and positively to changing socio-economic priorities. Social change in values, aspirations, norms, fashions and consensus on what is good, what represents achievement and status, is very rapid in any dynamic societies like Kenya. Policy makers and planners, therefore, need constant flow of well researched information as they adjust their development priorities, mode of implementation, resource mix and even as they identify project beneficiaries.

The Institute for Development Studies is our leading centre for applied social science research. I remember for example, in 1971-72, the IDS supplied the ILO employment mission with virtually all the data they required for their mission. We are all, therefore, gathered here to assist in a very important exercise, i.e. assisting IDS to identify their priorities. I am sure those other organisations participating here will take a leaf from this exercise.

As a University department, the IDS has a crucial role in linking the country to researchers in other countries, to keep us briefed on the state of the art, to borrow theoretical models and new premises from basic research in other parts of the world, and to define applied research models from such original works as outlined below:



Prof. Mbithi giving an address at a previous occasion — keep research activities and findings one jump ahead of its users.

The chart I have presented above assumes that it is more cost-effective for research at the IDS to concentrate on interpreting basic research and to develop strategic and or purely applied effort which feeds our development knowledge pool. In this exercise, the role of training of researchers is crucial in strengthening our technical capacity.

BASIC RESEARCH .

IDS should not distance itself from basic research as there is no poorer researcher as the one who has no theoretical base, no methodology or hypotheses. According to Thomas Khun, basic research is the development of theoretical models and paradigms and operates on the frontiers of knowledge to develop new conceptual insights. IDS, therefore, needs to develop strong link arrangements with Universities in both developed and developing countries to benefit from ongoing work and keep our researchers in complete tune with current theoretical thrusts. IDS would contribute to such a link by using empirical data to aid in interpretation and critical evaluation of such models and paradigms.

INTERFACE BETWEEN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND BASIC SCIENCES

The changes brought about by application of Science and technology have a tremendous bearing on our culture and social beliefs. For example,

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ten years ago one would not have thought of or accepted that fertilization of an egg would occur outside the mother's womb. Yet, today we know of several test tube babies. The question that arises from such scientific and technological advances is how does our culture and traditions change. Another example relates to the advances made in family planning. I have in mind the use of contraceptives as a means of family planning. The debate going on in the country has focused on one of the issues of the unknown cultural and social values likely to arise as a result of use of contraceptives. A third example relates to the refusal of some sector of our society to accept artificial insemination. To them this very desirable technology is totally unacceptable morally. These and other related issues require our social scientists to be deeply involved in generating qualitative data that would enable policy makers arrive at appropriate answers. It further requires close co-operation between the social sciences and the biological and physical sciences. IDS would contribute greatly to our understanding of these issues by its direct involvement

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However, such a concern with basic research should be used to equip our researcher with the ability to discern research problems and possible interpretations of national problems. The researcher at the IDS should be assessed on his ability to address national problems scientifically rather than behave like a research assistant or data collection clerk on minor administrative issues. I am not impressed when IDS staff are used to tell us how many cows died during the last drought. The Ministries have a capability to do that.

Academic strategic research focuses on theory, methodology and national issues needing immediate amplification and/or solution, e.g. employment creation, farm pricing and marketing of farm products strategies for developing Jua Kali garages etc. The researcher is better than the man in the street in throwing more light into these issues only to the extent that he uses his training in explanatory models and methodology, and his advanced awareness of national issues.

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

The University of Nairobi is moving towards a model that says that postgraduate research is perhaps the most stimulating single person enter-

prise around which Professors build their continuity. The graduate student is crucial to research development. IDS should propose to our Senate to be allowed to develop postgraduate training and research facilities to increase team work, excitement challenge and spread, and create dialogue and critical evaluation.

SPECIFIC RESEARCH FOCUS:

The role of any University Social Research Institution is to assist policy makers, planners and implementors with information which increases their capacity to improve the welfare and wellbeing of the people. In addition, such researchers should keep ahead of their major consumers of research findings to help shape the development of national policies by outlining options well in advance. For example, Kenya's concern for equity and employment opportunities for all which gained momentum in 1972, has led to major institutional development such as the District Focus, the Industrial Court, Women Group movement, and an explosion of the Co-Operative Movement.

IDS should, therefore:

- (1) Keep its research activities and findings one jump ahead of its users to avoid the danger of subsistence existence or being drawn into a fact finding bureau and low grade empiricism.
- (2) Keep on re assessing research focus on the basis of:
 - (a) New trends in international scholarship.
 - (b) National information and research needs.

Any discussion of research priorities, therefore, must be given time frame, e.g. a Development Plan period or even shorter time intervals depending on levels of analysis. Micro level research priorities, for example should be reviewed each academic year e.g. What have we done on pricing of farm products or rural commodity marketing, rural craft industries and district focus, and what are the new issues we need to re-focus on? Is it marketing of farm products or market infrastructure or storage? Such short reviews would force us to assess the utility of different research designs against specific information targets. We need general information where we know very little or where we need to identify significant variations in the empirical reality we already know. Thus the time scale of research programmes will vary with the magnitude of variables examined and the detail

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in the type of answers required — hence micro and macro level research.

To those of us not heavily involved in research some of the obvious areas needing detailed examination include: Employment creation; productivity studies by sectors; trends in manpower needs or manpower absorptive capacity of different sectors of the economy, population and long-term settlement or distribution questions, the family; the co-operative movement child rearing practices and implications; food policy analysis and nutritional problems, health care as an institution and a process; technology development, etc.

I personally feel that developing a check-list of

research projects should be seen purely as a way of assisting new researchers and not an end in itself as it can never be exhaustive nor remain valid for very long. What is needed are criteria for selecting research problems since scholars never want research projects selected for them nor do the users want abstract theorizing or fault finding missions.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you will agree that yours is an exciting task and a worthy task. We look forward to receiving a balanced report which reflects the interests of academics and those of our professional field officers. It, therefore, gives me great pleasure in declaring this workshop open

Thank you.

STAFF MATTERS

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Dr. J.N. Ngethe
 Dr. P.O. Alila
 Mr. F.M. Muthuli
 Mrs. L.W. Kangoro
 Dr. N.M. Monyambo
 Mr. S. Mbalu
 Prof. I.A. Wamola
 Mr. J.K. Karogi
 Mr. B. Hirst
 Mr. D.O. Abala
 Mr. C.B. Oduol
 Mr. F.A. Oyieke
 Mr. K.T. Gathogo
 Mr. John Owino

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 Lecturer
 Asst. Librarian
 Lecturer
 Snr. Assit. Registrar
 Assoc. Prof.
 Senior Lecturer
 Lecturer
 Tutorial Fellow
 Tutorial Fellow
 Tutorial Fellow
 Tutorial Fellow
 Tutorial Fellow

I.D.S.
 I.D.S.
 Botany
 Library
 Physics
 Academic Division
 Medical Micro. Mr. J.K.
 Architecture
 Linguistics
 Economics
 Linguistics
 Zoology
 Mathematics
 Mathematics

RE-APPOINTMENTS

Dr. C. Clayton
 Dr. K.L. Sharma
 Dr. H. Ssali
 Prof. V. Mbaya
 Prof. P. Lokken
 Prof. K. Lindquist
 Prof. D. Kappeler
 Prof. M.S. Alala

Lecturer
 Senior Lecturer
 Senior Lecturer
 Assoc. Professor
 Vis. Assoc. Prof.
 Vist. Professor
 Vist. Professor
 Professor

Community Health
 Economics
 Soil Science
 Biochemistry
 Public Health
 Public Health
 Pharmacol. & Toxicology
 Diplomacy Training
 Programme
 Mathematics

RESIGNATIONS/EXPIRY OF CONTRACTS

NAME	POST	DEPARTMENT
Dr. B.M. Khaemba	Lecturer	Zoology w.e.f. 1-12-85
Mr. P.N. Soni	Senior Lecturer	Architecture w.e.f. 30-3-86

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Focus on the I.D.S.

In 1985 the Institute for Development Studies hosted the following international and national seminars and workshops in co-operation with Kenya Government ministries, international agencies and non-governmental organisations:—

- Urban-Rural Development in Kenya, May 18, 1985 Organised at the request of Ministry of Finance and Planning with participants drawn from government ministries and the University. Funded by IDS.
- Introducing Nutrition Considerations into Agricultural and Rural Development Projects, September 1—7, Eldoret. Participants drawn from Eastern and Southern Africa. Funded by FAO.
- The Contribution of NGO's to Development in Kenya. Nairobi, September 19 brought together over 30 participants from main NGO's, policy-makers and researchers. Funded by IDS.
- A Sub-Regional Symposium on Critical Analysis of Development Planning Methods — Nairobi December 2—6, 1985. Participants drawn from Eastern and Southern Africa. A case study on Kenya was prepared at the Institute. Funded by UNESCO.

The following are the on-going research projects at the I.D.S.

- Higher Education and National Development. University Graduates Tracer Project: Funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.
- Financing and Management of Secondary Schools in Kenya: Funded by IDRC.
- Bura Fuel Wood Plantation: The Socio-Economic Research Project. Funded by Finnida and carried out in co-operation with the Institute for Development Studies at Helsinki University. Has Junior Research Fellows training component.
- Irrigation Policy in Kenya and Zimbabwe. Funded by the Ford Foundation and is a cooperative programme of the Institute and the Department of Land Management of the University of Zimbabwe.
- Kenya Coal-Fuel Oil Substitution: Implications to Dependence on Imported Oil and Economy's Adjustment Capability. Funding. Ministry of Planning and National Development.
- A Historical and Cultural Study of Leprosy in Western Kenya. Funding from WHO.
- Agricultural Marketing Co-operatives. Funding from Ministry of Planning and National Development.
- Small-Scale Rural Enterprises. Employment, Incomes and Management Potential.

Visitors to the Vc's office

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
4—11—85	H.E.K.S. Rana, High Commissioner for India.	19—2—1986	Dr. Ntabomvura Venant, Lecturer Universite, Nationale Du Rwanda
7—12—85	S.S. Christodulu, Secretary General Ass. of Comm. Universities, London.	25—2—1986	G. Mmari, Vice-Chancellor, Sokoine University, Morogoro.
11—11—85	Malcom Darziel, The British Council, London.	20—2—1986	Lion Dev. Kapoor, International Director, Lions Club of Tanzania.
11—11—85	Dr. B. Steel, O.D.A., London.	20—2—1986	Lion Ashpoli Kappor, District Governor, Lions Club of Kenya.
19—12—85	Nicholas A. Kuhanga, Vice-Chancellor, Dar-es-Salaam University.	2—2—1986	Lion Y.C. Patel, District Governor, Lions Club of Kenya
20—1—86	Karambizi Grevoire, Charge d' Affairs, Rwanda Embassy.	25—2—1986	Amri Sued Ismail, Ambassador of Rwanda.
25—2—1986	Nicholas A. Kuhanga, Vice-Chancellor, University of Dar-es-Salaam.	25—2—1986	Asana Wandira, Vice-Chancellor Makerere University.

ANSTI selects Department of Geology for ITS M.Sc. programme

The Department of Geology has been selected to run an M.Sc. Programme in Mineral Exploration catering for the entire African Continent under the auspices of the African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI). At a meeting held between 9th and 12th December, 1985 at UNESCO-ROSTA Office, Nairobi to inaugurate ANSTI's Earth Sciences Subnetwork, the Dept. of Geology was selected to mount the programme within the approved M.Sc. Programme of the University of Nairobi.

UNESCO in co-operation with OAU has created African Network of Scientific and Technological Institutions (ANSTI). The crucial role of ANSTI is to bring together African institutions of science and technology to enhance training and research, both quantitatively and qualitatively through granting of fellowships, conducting seminars, workshops, publications of scientific periodicals and research promotion through grants.

In order to achieve ANSTI's objectives, a number of sub-networks have been formed. Two of these, namely Mining and Geological Engineering Subnetwork and Earth Sciences Subnetwork, are of particular interest to the geoscientists.

M.Sc. Postgraduate Programmes in respect of Mining and Geological Engineering Subnetwork

University staff completes training

Dr. P.S. Bhogal of the Department of Physics completed advanced training and research in the field of geothermal reservoir engineering under a United Nations University Fellowship at the National Energy Authority, Iceland, during his second sabbatical leave from April to October, 1985.

During his previous sabbatical leave, he had worked at the Olkaria Geothermal Project. Before joining the University in 1974 he had worked as a Geophysicist with the EAPL/UNDP geothermal exploration and evaluation project in the Rift Valley of Kenya that led to the development of the Olkaria Geothermal field near Lake Naivasha, producing 45 MWE at present. He has previously been in New Zealand in 1972 on a three month UNDP Fellowship to study geothermal exploration and well-testing.

Dr. Bhogal, a senior lecturer in the Department of Physics, joined the Department in 1973 as a Tutorial Fellow before being promoted to Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in 1974 and 1980 respectively.

are being offered at the School of Mines, University of Zambia. It is expected that M.Sc. programmes in respect of Earth Sciences Subnetwork will be offered with effect from 1986. These will include Mineral Exploration to be offered at the Department of Geology, University of Nairobi and Department de Geologies; Universite Nationale de Zaire. Hydrogeology to be mounted at the Department of Geology, University of Ife and Department de Geologie, Universite de Dakar, while Surface Geology will be offered at the Universite de Younde, Cameroun and Department of Geology, University of Ife.

In addition, the Earth Science Subnetwork will hold a seminar in Dakar, Senegal between 8th and 12th December, 1986. Abstracts from potential contributors are invited and should be submitted before April, 1986 to Dr. Isaac O. Nyambok (Original abstracts in English) of the Department of Geology and Prof. K. Seddoh (Original abstracts in French) of Universite de Benin, B.P. 1515, Lome TOGO. Authors are requested to translate the abstracts from the original language, be it in English or French or English respectively. Participation of upto seven authors will be funded by UNESCO-ANSTI. Further information can be obtained from ANSTI Secretariat, UNESCO-ROSTA, P.O. Box 30592, NAIROBI, KENYA.

He holds a B.Sc. (East Africa), M.Sc. (London) and a Ph.D. (Nairobi) in applied geophysics.



Dr. P.S. Bhogal — Advanced training and research in geothermal reservoir engineering.

Forthcoming

Symposium on Urban Climatology in Tropical Countries 14 – 17th April 1986

The International Federation for Housing and Planning (I.F.H.P.) in collaboration with the University of Nairobi's Department of Architecture are organising a symposium on Urban Climatology in tropical countries. Scheduled to run from 14th to 17th April, the theme of the symposium will be 'The Effect of Climate on urbanisation in the Tropics'.

Announcing this, the organisers indicate that the symposium will interest architects, planners, geographers, and climatologists. It will be open to all those who are concerned with building and urban development in tropical countries and has the support of the Kenya Government, UNESCO UNEP, and UNCHS (HABITAT).

The symposium will be a continuation of a series of meetings organised in the past by the standing committee on Urban and Building Climatology of IFHP. In this particular symposium, conditions in tropical countries will be exclusively reviewed. The main objective of the symposium is to offer an opportunity for all those concerned with urban development in tropical countries to exchange experiences, compare views and knowledge.

The following four sub-topics have been chosen for discussions:-

Climate vis-a-vis building research, climate oriented design aids and building practice, case studies in Africa, Asia, the Middle-East, Australia, Climatic impact and building legislation. Academics from African Universities involved in teaching, research and consultancy in the field of Urban and building climatology are expected to meet and deliberate on these issues.

Participants wishing to present papers could get further details from Prof. Meffert of the Dept. of Architecture, University of Nairobi or Dr. Kuttler, Bochum University, Institute of Geography, P.O. Box 102148 D4630 Bochum 1, Federal Republic of Germany.

2. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 1986

The third national workshop on Soil and Water conservation will be held in September, 1986. Open to all who are involved in soil and water conservation, the workshop is tentatively programmed to run between 16th and 19th September at Kabete Campus of the University of Nairobi. It will be the third in a series of workshops held first in September, 1977 and then in March, 1982.

According to the circular from the organising committee, its objectives will be:-

- . to bring together research workers, teachers extension officers and others who are concerned with the problems of soil and water conservation,
- . to exchange information and discuss problems in assessing needs and in planning, implementing and evaluating conservation systems,
- . to identify priorities for future work and to seek ways of increasing the effectiveness of research, teaching and extension.

Further information on the workshop is available from Mr. D.B. Thomas, Chairman of the Dept. of Agriculture Engineering.

3. Training Course in Microcomputers for Research – March 15 – 18 1986.

The Institute of Computer Science with the support of the International Development Research Centre is organising a training course in Microcomputers for research. Open to participants from the English-speaking Countries in Eastern and Southern Africa, the course is designed to improve the ability of young computer operators, programmers and users of microcomputers hardware and software more efficiently in research and training institutions, including their uses in database management, word processing, spreadsheets and graphic programmes.

Vice-Chancellor receives report

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retain senior staff who mature in their posts. He recalled that the issue of promotion outside regular establishment was a longstanding one going back into the seventies. He said that the report of the Committee would be used by the University Council in initiating a viable system of promoting staff who merit higher positions but cannot be considered for lack of openings in the regular establishments.

Meanwhile, University staff will receive the revised staff salaries and allowances as recommended by the Asinjo/Kariithi Committees with effect from January, 1986. The salary increases will be paid in three instalments as was done for the civil service when the Ramtu Committee recommendations were implemented by the Government. The first instalment of 33.34% of the raise recommended by Asinjo/Kariithi reports will be paid with effect from 1st January, 1986 while the second and third instalments of 33.33% will be paid with effect from 1st July 1986 and 1st July 1987. In addition, the unified postgraduate allowances will also be paid with effect from 1st January, 1986.

Obituary

1. UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES KILLED IN TRAGIC ROAD ACCIDENT

Three University of Nairobi employees were killed in a tragic road accident on Saturday 1st February, 1986. The accident which occurred between 9.00 and 10.00 p.m. at Ndumbuini turn off along Kapenguria road led to the death of the following three employees, all from Faculty of Agriculture, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences:— Hannah Wanjiku Mbugua, Field Station, Margaret Wanjiru, Department of Food Technology and Nutrition, Jane Wairimu Njogu, Department of Range Management.

They were walking on the side of the road when they were suddenly run over and killed instantly by a speeding motor-vehicle. Another employee of the University at the Field Station Wairimu Simeon was also critically injured during the same accident and taken to Kenyatta National Hospital.

The late Miss Jane Wairimu Njogu joined the Department of Range Management in 1980 and had served the University of Nairobi for five years. The late Miss Margaret Wanjiru was appointed in February, 1985 while the late Miss

Hannah Wanjiku Mbugua had worked at the Field Station since October, 1979.

University Memorial Service was held at Kabete in honour of the three departed employees on 6th February, 1986. During the service, the Vice-Chancellor said that the suddenness, the violence and the untimely loss of three of our colleagues deeply shocked and saddened the entire University Community. The untimely death of our colleagues is a great loss not only to their families and relatives but also to the University Community as well as the nation as a whole," he said.

2. THE LATE EDWARD KIHWANGA THIONG'O

We are saddened to report the death of Mr. Edward Kihwanga Thiong'o, a third year Bachelor of Arts student who died on 22nd January, 1986. The late Mr. Thiong'o was sick the whole of last term and died at Kenyatta National Hospital. He was a 3-1-1 student in Literature.

Funeral Services were held at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi and at St. John's Church, Gitugi Murang'a. During the service, Prof. S.G. Kibicho represented the Vice-Chancellor and the University.

Staff matters

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1.2. RESIGNATIONS/EXPIRY OF CONTRACTS

Dr. A.D. Lewis	Lecturer	Geology
Mr. G.K. Chybire	Lecturer	Accounting
Mr. D.N. Nturibi	Senior Lecturer	CADE
Dr. P.E.N. Njagi	Medical Officer	Health Services
Mr. S.C. Mwangi	Chief Tech.	Human Anatomy w.e.f 15-11-85
Dr. K. Radia	Lecturer	Med. Pathology w.e.f. 31-1-86
Mr. S.G. Njuguna	Senior Asst. Registrar	Academic Div. w.e.f. 30-11-85.
Mr. J. Muriuki	Deputy Finance Officer	Finance Dept. w e f . 30/10/85.

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assistance to the team both materially and morally from well-wishers.

All employees of the University of Nairobi qualify to be members at a small fee of Kshs. 45 per annum and thereafter a monthly contri-

bution of Kshs. 5 only. One can become a supportive, official or a player member. So far, the club has support from the University in the form of transport, playing ground and provision of liniment. The players are highly appreciative of this generosity.