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MY WORD nd here comes another edition of The Campanile! We couldn't be more excited to have made it to this point. Just as with a paper magazine, you may want to sit and read the whole thing at once, or come back to this issue several times to digest the articles more slowly. Whichever way, you are at liberty, because the information itself

> Even in the most humble submissions, I see a hunger for expression of ourselves and the desire to push ourselves ahead. Even, ironically, on the internet these days, I see creative interaction in words blossoming in a way that the expressive culture has stultified.

In this energy is the seed of a new Kenyatta University voice struggling to articulate itself, and make itself heard in spite of all the proprietary claims upon its possession and stewardship. It is neither exclusive nor simplistic. Its sophistication rises from what is written, not from those quarters that render opinions as to what is good, and what is not: a voice which has a genuine chance to evolve and improve itself on the basis of hearing and being heard. A voice which will be equally cautious of adulation and venomous critiques.

So, in this issue, we remind ourselves of our personal stories which really have value to us all, the readers, and that it has parallels to the radical ups and downs faced by those intrepid (or crazy) enough to take on such an inherently risky pursuit as never allowing failure to pin us to the wall. The bottom line is this: No matter what life tosses your way, whatever your ashes are, emerge from them as a better version of yourself. Inspiring indeed it is? Isn't it?

We are honored to share the work of so many committed and thoughtful people.

Also, feel free to leave comments on the articles to share your thoughts or ask the author a question.

We appreciate your support and are so happy to have you as a reader of our Magazine.

Regards

liberates.

Ryan Tei (Mr.)

MANAGING EDITOR, THE CAMPANILE

THE EDITOR'S NOTE

riendship and whisky may be good kin folk, but throw in music and you have a very interesting mix. And for Campus, fun and versatility are the good kin, and so are the products most appreciated. If so well put, here is The Campanile!!

Giving people real and useful information is a daunting task. The immediacy of the web and social networks has turned up the heat on the notoriously brutal big-city tabloid wars. Reporters are fighting harder than ever to be the first to break the news. Nevertheless, I know there are many fine writers out there whose lights are never seen, more than even The Campanile could ever publish. Work that deserves a greater unforgettable fun memories, all audience than the shadows of a dark file cabinet which will never end on a road to fame and fortune either. But this description is completely opposite of our magazine. It just expressed who we are, in a more fundamental way.

Looking back, I find that we have carved the courageous angle which endeavors to keep the fresh and independent spirit of campus information requirements alive. This is contrary to the past years, where the campus publications were constantly at the brink of exhaustion and bankruptcy of ideas which often made them arch, bloodless, contrived, and often simply bad. But the truth is, Thing have changed for the better, and it is evidently so.

On that note, we get down to decipher the campus environment, and bring ourselves up to speed with all that matters to us. Right from the most painful pinch, to the comes as a package.

This publication is for you to rea and I prompt you to do so. Warmest Regards,

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KUSA GAVE ME A CHANCE TO **DIMPACT LIVES**

By JOB KUBAI

When I thought of contesting for a KUSA position, I never thought any further than Finance Secretary. Some thought I was selfish, and that I was planning to 'eat' KUSA money. But there was something they did not understand. I had a personal feel with projects under the Docket. I was specifically excited by Somesha Mwenzako. In my room, I always thought how best I would be of help to a group of students who are not able to afford their school fees. I understand this area very well and that was my driving factor in seeking the chance to serve. When I got the chance to serve, I had to implement the ideas I already had. I thought of a way in which we could make contribution to Somesha Mwenzako more lucrative and at the same time very effective. On this regards, I tried to introduce a method where students would buy the tickets and sell at a little profit. Buying the tickets would entitle one to win some merchandise such as laptops and smartphones. This, we projected would increase the appetite for contributing in this kitty. This plan did have

both its success and its setbacks. Somesha Mwenzako is indeed the best initiative which ever crossed this office.

As a student leader, I realized there is a lot to leadership. I realized that service in leadership is more than just face book posts. It involves going to the ground and addressing the challenges. It also involves a delicate act of balance among the stakeholders. Student leadership, I have realized, requires some bit of wisdom. It is a platform where someone can sharpen their skills towards creating a responsible generation.

Moving forward, I would really wish that all student leaders to increase creativity and improve the way in which student issues are handled. While in office, I saw some areas which require improvement. It is a good platform to lead; it is even a better platform to use the platform to impact on someone's life.

In conclusion, it is also very important for students to learn to lead together with their leaders. It is time, we advised our leaders in a way that their chances to leading perfectly are increased. We have a chance to change the way in which we handle student leadership.

The writer is the current KUSA Finance Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM **THE ACADEMIC OFFICE**

USA's official term for 2015/2016 is soon ending. In this issue much concern is put on the office of the academic secretary on the pressing issues of Kenyatta university student academic life. Here is what JOSPHAT MWANIKI; the man at the helm of the department had to say.

PROGESS SO FAR

It has been a humble opportunity serving the students as the Academic Secretary. I am humbled comrades' support throughout my tenure. These are some of the notable work done for the last nine months in office which includes the following:

- •Training and appreciation of class representatives
- •Several recruitment drives in conjunction with career office •Training of professional club officials
- •Kick Mwakenya out of KU campaigns
- •Measures of addressing missing marks,
- •Upgrading of student portal and unit registration
- •Increasing the number of lecture halls to curb congestion •Repair WIFI hotspot in various
- places eg. Library
- •Repair of lecture hall speakers

ADMINISTRATION CHALLENGES ON SERVICE DELIVERY

The administration, despite trying its best, is having some few hiccups as far as service delivery is concerned. This has been contributed by opposition from students because of instability of the student portal, issues of missing marks and current security checks.

The university has however managed to upgrade the campus vue to a new version which is more reliable than the past one hence more effective. Missing marks has been a challenge to students but measures have been put in place to curb cases of missing marks and actually there is a change.

While security checks appear bad to students, it is for the best interest and safety of students. This is an effort made by the administration to ensure students are secure.

Leadership is all about solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. It is either they have lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.Remember, life`s most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?

The writer is the current Academic Secretary, KUSA, Motivational Speaker, and an aspiring national leader.

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A GOOD MIND MAKES A GOOD LEADER

oing a good job is not always about impressive innovation. Sometimes it is only about doing something with plain dedication. And that is the art the outgoing Organising Secretary seems to have mastered. Indeed, well done we should sav.

With a turbulent tenure, challenged from each side, and the delicate nature of campus events, Shamela Washington has tried to his level best. At least, they were so flawless, at most, so commendable, at large, well done.

With a creative thought, the HIV/ AIDS Awareness Week was marked with Mr. and Miss Status, something that made the involvement lively, and close to heart.

The June 2015 captivating and mind blowing Mr. and Miss KUSA that saw the

comrades' fraternity award their beauty Queens and Kings. During his time, he gave room for the growth and exposure of poetic talent, hip hop prowess and spoken word mastery. Giving platform to new talent has always been a good quest from Shamela. Big up!

During his tenure, I got to get close to the most sought after band in town; H art the Band. The show they put up was one of a kind.

I would like to thank fellow comrades as all our events have been embraced with best behavior. Above all, we have recorded no incidents of misbehavior of any kind. Shamela, as he always asserts, perhaps a more organized wisdom than his dredlocks, "Service to comrades is service to God". That could be the reason he has won the hearts of many, myself included.

Unto God we commit you Shamela. From God shall your blessings descend.

The writer is a beneficiary of the Organising Secretary's Talent activities.







Past events organised by the office of the organizing Sec

1.Mr. and Mrs KUSA pool party

3.Invasion Campaus

2.Mr. and Mrs

Edition

4.Love Phobic Friday 5.Ku Top Mashariki

BEYOND KUSA: TALKING OF VISION

t has been written and rewritten, told and retold, emphasized and re-emphasized, but the same point stands out. Leaders must be visionary: whether alive or dead, young or old, male or female!! No wonder the bible writer aptly interjected, where there is no VISION, people perish!

Look here. Visionary leadership demands perseverance, fearlessness, resilience and a champion for the common good. The challenges we face today in Kenya are not any different. The question is who is that one leader who will rally the people to address the grotesque levels of poverty, illiteracy, maternal child deaths, corruption, injustice and the deep sense of helplessness in our communities.

Without vision, abuse is inevitable

Indeed, the ever inspiring Dr. Myles Munroe could often assert that, "When vision lacks, abuse is inevitable". But no one gets to know of this vision, if it is not communicated. That is why; an effective leader has to ensure his subjects get to know the vision, and why it is important. That is why, visionary people, must have the power to communicate their vision. Communication is the ability to ensure that people understand not only what you say but also what you mean. It is also the ability to listen to and understand others. The leader's communication must be easily understandable by the followers. Communication can be reinforced through stories, anecdotes, metaphors, and analogies. Developing both of these aspects of communication takes a lot of time, patience, and hard work. Lamentations again? Hell No! While it should not matter, there is no reason to add another chapter of lamentations to the holy book. Identify problems then come up

with alternative solution, a key component of development.

Leadership must be motivated by purpose, and for real, the original purpose for a product determines its design, composition, capacity, and potential. Vision is what will make the leader see the purpose, and in his or her leadership, design, compose, and inject potential to the followers.

Incoming student leaders must inspire vision in their followers.

Researchers across cultures hav found that visionary leaders display four common types of behaviors. First, transformational leaders are highly charismatic individuals who are role models for their followers and can be trusted to do the right thing. Doing the right thing in the face of adversity requires courage and visionary leaders possess the required strength of character. It is this quality that attracts followers towards them and makes followers emulate them. Secondly, visionary leaders are able to provide an inspirational vision which motivates followers to look beyond the mundane activities of their jobs. An inspiring vision not only presents a glorious future but shows how the individual can work towards it in his/her current job. Thirdly, visionary leaders encourage their followers to think independently and creatively, to challenge the status quo and to look for novel solutions to existing problems. This crucial aspect of independent thinking is what distinguishes authentic leadership from mere indoctrination. Finally, visionary leaders recognize their followers as complete human beings and act as mentors to their followers. Commitment to vision

Commitment to a vision is extremely essential. First, the leader must possess credibility.

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Credibility means that the leader must possess integrity, reliability and trust in the eyes of the follower. Credibility can be established either through close relationships or through expertise. The second prerequisite for commitment is that the vision be based on universal values (e.g. oneness, equality, and non-violence) which can encompass diverse audiences. Narrow sectarian or divisive values which promote an "us versus them" mindset may engage followers in the short term, but they cannot form the basis for enduring transformation. Finally, leaders must not ignore the emotional aspect of the follower's personality. Rationality and logic provide the building blocks of an argument, but emotions form the glue that holds the blocks firmly in place.

Real leaders rise above the yardstick of self-interest.

Here are my final words. The incoming crop of leaders must emulate the impeccable example of the legendary biblical leader, King David, who killed Goliath, and never demanded an iota of praise, but recalled, in the humility of his heart, which God's will, and grace, surpasses all human wishes.

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The writer is the outgoing secretary general



THE GERMAN **CONFERENCE THAT WAS**

By Glorious John

t was a privilege to be selected to represent KU, in the ISWl 2015 Conference (International _Student Week Ilmenau) in Germany. I engaged with other student leaders from about 80 countries across the world. The conference takes place after every two years. This year's theme was 'Dare to Care' whose aim was to

make our world peaceful and a better place to live.

While there, I attended a Gender Equality & Equity Workshop where we discussed challenges facing gender equity from different countries and came up with possible solutions.

I also got a chance to lead the Germany citizens at the inauguration of Nelson Mandela

ORDER!! MR. SPEAKER

 γ o my time as the speaker of the 11th congress, the chairman of the congress and the congressman for Nyayo 5 hostels is running out so fast. As the chair of the congress, I can

proudly report that most of the members have outscored their promises during the campaigns. We are the first congress to devolve functions and events to schools and I take this opportunity to congratulate the executive council for deeming it right and noble to allocate schools and ladies' hostels some funds to make this devolution a reality.

We are amending the elections codes to reduce the number of semesters and units required for one to vie. We are also aligning the House business committee and the functions of the speaker to make him/her effective. Also we are looking into ways of dividing the deputy secretary general roles since at the moment the office is overworked.

The office of the speaker comes with its challenges, which can be very controversial. A case in point is when I stuck to my ruling that Sephigo Investment was a non-existent company registered under unclear circumstances to defraud KUSA through printing. I can proudly say that it is under the table now and we have a company that gives value for money. Over and above, aluta continua

The Writer is the current Speaker of the KUSA congress

Bridge. A remarkable moment as it was, I waived high the Kenyan flag with over 20,000 eyes looking at me.

I got some nuggets that I came home with, "Change starts with you then the world". Let's make the change. Isn't it?

The writer is the Gender and Social Life Secretary, KUSA

DR. EDWIN GIMODE IT HAS BEEN A JOURNEY OF INSPIRING CHALLENGES AND BREAKTHROUGHS

For a while, he has been at the helm of the Directorate of the Student Affairs. But very few know his journey from grass to leading a very critical department in one of the leading universities in Africa. DR. EDWIN GIMODE narrated his story to ABUTA OGETO.



ith over a three decade experience in the teaching profession, I have seen and learnt so much. And indeed, time has changed, and so is the Kenvan education. When I reflect, I appreciate the grace God has bestowed upon my life all these vears.

I finished my bachelor's degree in Education in the early 80s. Back then, I was a normal student who was interested in getting my degree and make money. I proceeded to teach in Marigat, Chewoyet and later in Kabarak High school from where I resigned to pursue my post graduate studies in 1989. This is despite the fact that I was designated to become a principal. I believed I had potential of doing something better than being just a high school principal. Moreover, I had succeeded in my teaching caree so excellently with my students now MPs, prominent lawyers, Lecturers and Ambassadors.

I faced many challenges back then. But my inspiration is that when you are determined, no frustration can hold you back. I loved sports, and football was my favourite. In fact, at Kabarak, I was the games master. as now. Money had value. Imagine,

Life then was not as challenging an acre of land within the city could go for just 20, 000. A dollar was exchanging at 25 to 30 shillings. But today, with people earning hundreds of thousands, life is tricky because money has lost value.

So, in 1990, I came back to Kenyatta University; I read for my masters and started teaching History. I later on pursued my doctorate in Cultural History. At last, the son of a humble family had become a don, and to assert my scholarly competence, I published in world renowned journals. I also teach and supervise doctorate students.

When I became the Director of Students' Affairs, I learnt what I had not known about students all along. I got to know more about students' life and character. Challenging as it has been, it has been so fulfilling. Maybe that is why I am still young and strong. And for your information, I hit the gym too!!

Working under Prof Mugenda has thought me to solve problems and thus, addressing issues is my Modus Operandi. Together with good student leaders in KUSA, we have made several steps forward, and our record speaks for itself.

I work for over 15 hours a day. I value my work, not because I want

to gain anything, but because it is at the core of my passion. All my work is deliberate effort. No wonder, I know my students by name because if I know them. I can serve them better.

As a father and family man, I am deeply religious, something that has helped me perform well in my work. I do not condone indiscipline because, as the Bible rightfully asserts, Spare the rod, spoil the child!

I have endeavoured to ensure students realize who they are, and transform themselves to people of honour, resource, admirable influence in making this nation a hotbed of visionaries. Each day, I bend my knees in prayer for all students, and their future. God is on our side.

It is advisable for all students to assess their position in the university, avoid bad company, corruption, drug abuse, illicit relationships and laziness. They must know that CHOICES HAVE **CONSEQUENCES!**

All of us have to know that we need to be role models to younger generations, mentor them, and inspire purpose in them. And we have to know that we can achieve all these because "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us".

Dr. Gimode is a History Scholar, Administrator, Researcher and Director. Student Affairs at Kenyatta University



GRACEFUL FINISH BY BABRA ANDESO

Iron lady, dictator, aggressor, developer, disciplinarian, leader and mother are some of the names she has been called. She is first female Vice Chancellor of a public university within the Eastern Africa and a renowned Commonwealth researcher. Having served as VC at KU for 9 years, her term is at a homestretch. The infrastructural establishments within the institution are proof that she delivered. If today is your maiden entry into KU premises, we are talking about Prof Olive Mugenda.

Her helm at the leadership of Kenyatta University began when she joined Kenyatta University as a graduate assistant soon after bagging a 1st Class Honors from University of Nairobi in 1980.

Spearheading major operational and academic improvement programs

The recent mushrooming of academic buildings within the institution have sought to cater for the students' needs in academic improvement. Such buildings include the School of Engineering, School of Economics, Post Modern Library, New administration block among others.

It is also during her tenure that she spearheaded the streamlining of Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) marks with end of semester exam results to avoid confusion.

The Student Exchange programs,

in partnership with other universities internationally, also foster academic improvement among students.

The recent grand opening of the school of Media studies is a step towards producing fine journalists to the world.

New research initiatives

At the heart of any institution, is consistent research to get updated in current trends. Her tireless efforts made this a success, not forgetting her dedicated staff and advisors.

The Kenyatta University Funeral Home is one such venture. The 50 - body morgue at the School of Health Sciences facilitates the study of human anatomy besides training of morticians.

Kenyatta University is also in the process of constructing a state – of – the – art Referral hospital at a cost of sh. 8 billion. The 500 - bed health facility will facilitate renal treatment and oncology.

The Chandaria Incubation and Innovation Centre is also a platform for nurturing entrepreneurial ideas among both students and non students nationwide.

Her Commonwealth Award nomination for her research on 'Improving Performance on Girls in Science and Mathematics' also goes to show how committed she is to her profession.

Expanding access to higher education

At present, Kenyatta University has 10 satellite campuses: Ruiru, City, Parklands, Nakuru, Mombasa, Kitui, Kericho, Nyeri, Embu and Daadab.

The establishment of the School of Virtual Learning and Open learning centre (ODeL) which has 15,000 students has also brought higher education closer to many students.

She is impatient

Her tenure was not without hitches. She survived a parliamentary probe in 2009 over claims of mismanaging a students' boycott and a litany of legal suits that punctuated her term as top honcho.

She also admits to being impatient with people who do not meet their goals, something she is working on.

She describes her leadership style as hands - on and focused on targets.

She acknowledges that, "Borrowing money to develop the university infrastructure is one of the best decisions I have ever made as a University administrator .If you wait until you have the money you will never have enough. The money will still come later after using the premise."

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BY SALLY NTHENYA

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r Education

Kenyatta University is synonymous with the mushrooming of stateof-art buildings. There is the one of a kind Referral and Teaching Hospital, The Administration Complex, The Post Modern Library, The Graduate School, The Directorate Complex, The Alumni Complex, The School of Education Building, The Campanile et cetera. The most recent architectural project is the renovation of the university's main gate, better known as Gate A.

As such, Gate C is now the main entrance point.Students have had to bear with the long trek from the gate to their respective areas of study and residence. This is because the gate is not centrally placed and is far from most facilities.

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Speculation is however high with comrades wondering what is the motive behind the upgrade. Others suspect that the gate is modified for security reasons. The craziest reason I ever had was that after completion, students will be required to swipe using their ID cards in order to gain access to the university.Comrades can be creative at times.

I did spend time with the

university's project manager and here is why the long trek is worth it.

Solving a problem

Kenya Drive, which is the main road into the University, is being expanded. This is to ease human and vehicular traffic.

There was traffic snarl ups in and out of the institution as vehicles lined up for security check. This is the same for students and staff who have to go through rigorous security clearance processes. This increased vigilance is due to regrettable security situation recently, in the country.

No more brushing shoulder blades

Kenya drive will be a dual carriage. Vehicles coming in and out of the university will use separate lanes.The road will have two roundabouts; one close to the Directorate Complex and another close to the Equity and Cooperative Bank ATM's. Besides, the footpaths will be spacious enough to accommodate pedestrians, comfortably. No more squeezing between lazy walkers.

According to the project manager, the expected completion date is 30th June.





KU TELEVISION, NALENT GETS TO BY SALOME NTHENYA

can proudly boast of having a sea of amazingly talented students in the Arts. It is home to great comedians, musicians, actors, and renowned journalists. Karis, Nyambane, Koome Kazungu, Sleepy David, Captain Waswa of Gavana and Makena, the gospel artiste, are just but a few.

The great supply of artistes has pushed the institution to create a bigger platform to absorb and nurture the young budding artistes.

KU has invested heavily in equipment, premises and content for the station. The television is expected to compete with existing players in the market and therefore there is no compromise on quality.

In order to promote its own, comrades have been given the first priority in terms of opportunities arising from the television station.

The theatre groups have welcomed the initiative and are the first ones to benefit. The three dominant theatre groups Triple E, Talent House Productions (THP) and Kenyatta University Travelling Theatre (KUTT) have literally grabbed this rare opportunity.

The mentioned theatre groups have been shooting various content for air on the coming up television station. The groups are well known for their expertise in matters entertainment and all eyes are on them.



Penyatta University's student governing council Health and Environment Committee is indeed doing what is good and right, if the activities they have been undertaking for the past one year they have been in office is anything to go by. Headed by the budding medic, Ryan Tei, the committee has been able to accomplish what the previous committees had found it daunting to complete. Here is the breakdown of some of the happenings that have positively impacted on the health of the student fraternity.

Hugs not Drugs Campaign

The issue of excessive drug and substance abuse is a thorn in flesh, as it completely disorients students from pursuing their academic work. In addressing this, the Hugs not Drugs campaign by KUSA sought

STUDENT HEALTH MATTERS ARE OUR BIGGEST CONCERN

to reduce consumption of alcohol, and eradicate the abuse of hard drugs in Student Centre (Annex), Department of Fine Arts as well as the larger Western Zone, which was largely affected. A successful campaign it was because of the theme adopted and the faces, which were of students in Kenyatta University. Annex for instance, during that period, was healed, quite literally!

Challenges never missed though. Exams were around the corner and the campaign did not capture the target population in an open forum.

I Reject ADA, I Choose Life Campaign

The campaign launched in June this year, the ADA campaign under the slogan "I reject Alcohol and Drug Abuse, I Choose Life", sought to eradicate the abuse of alcohol, drugs and other related substances in the University. The event, sponsored by KUSA, was organized by the KU administration and KUSA. It covered the main campus as well as its environs. The Nacada chairman graced the opening of the event and gave a very compelling lecture on drugs. The local administration was also involved in the sensitization process.

The KUSA Health Week 2015

We have had many in the past but this one was a mega. This year's Health Week went down in all campuses of KU with the main stations being in the main campus. We can say ten-fold statistics compared to the previous years were achieved. With an array of options to the university community, this week shall remain a memory for many.

HIV AIDS: Take The Test, Take Control

The initiative was borne out of the concern that there are many students who are getting infected, or affected, by HIV and AIDs, while they do not test and get to know their status. To get as many people as possible test and know their test was the aim of the initiative. Indeed, more than 6789 students tested, which was the largest number to be tested in a week's time in the history

of the university **KM Inspection Follow Up**

In May 2015, in collaboration with the Ministry Of Health, a follow up on an inspection carried out earlier in 2014 November. The aim of this activity was to ensure that the eateries and hotels in KM observe the public health standard operating procedures for human consumption of their food. Indeed, many eateries had complied, which was evident from the reduced number of food poisoning and cholera cases reported at the health unit. We are indeed grateful for the City county and other public health apparatus that helped us

.First aid and OHS Training

In June 2015, we brought Red Cross Kenya on board to train our students of first aid skills. Over 150 students were trained, of which 80 were sponsored by KUSA. The trained students were certified to practice, and will be so essential in offering the services to the larger student fraternity.

Environmental conservation: Start Today, Save Tomorrow

Armed with a powerful clarion call, "Don't pollute good planets are rare to find", the Health and Environment committee drove a very inspiring initiative where it made a clarion call for environmental conservation. Launched on the 9th of July, 2015, the campaign aims to inject a sense of responsibility into the students on matters environment.

RYAN TEI, THE HEALTH COMMITTEE, NARRATED IT TO ABUTA OGETO

SPAS ON THE GO By MMERA MAXWELL AYERA



SPAS, one of the ever silent schools, (Sometimes called school of poor and average students by haters), has made significant steps to become a vibrant and a stand out. This has been possible because of good leadership from the administration, at school and departmental levels. Student leadership and willingness by SPASians to lead the way cannot go unmentioned. For that, the transitional path is reminiscent of mutual understanding and cooperation to make change inevitable.

Of note, SPAS has taken significant steps in achieving a corporate outlook. Science students are gaining more insights into soft skills and corporate work. This has come through engagement with a number of corporates in school events, and more so, exposing students to opportunities in various organizations and directorates.

Courtesy of KUSA School project funds, we have cost effectively managed to run a number of events such as "SPAS Clubs Career Fair" and "Science Innovation & IP Rights Seminar" held in the second semester 2014/15 and this semester is no different with the coming Professionals Day &Corporate Expo and an extra seminar. The Dean of School has been very supportive and has entrusted the student leadership to run the affairs openly and objectively, of course with incisive advise. It goes without saying that the SPAS Clubs leaders and Strategic Team members have been of great importance in role play, especially KUSASSA.

Biosciences and KUSIAC have been on the forefront in exposing our school to more external companies and networks. All in all we have been able to welcome students from other schools to share in what we offer, which is why we take pride in our deeds.

Besides the corporate outlook, it is recognizable that a number of key issues have been ardently solved with support from the dean of school under my tenure, though more can be done. I want to appreciate that matters missing marks have been handled and the systems for retrieval are more efficient; the improvement of biosciences practical sessions especially the hiring of two technicians really helped microbiology students.

Biology students had lamented of so many part-time lecturers whom they thought were less committed and a few were hired thereafter. Most importantly, BSc General Students managed to get a coordinator, Dr. Changamu, as the course lacked a department and the students had no one to represent them. This has been made all possible through effective communication by holding meetings with class reps, strategic team WhatsApp groups and Facebook group "SPAS Family Forum"; all channeled towards ensuring no loophole exists and issues well communicated.

I sit here feeling that we have tried our best and our school is getting better. I can only say, IT IS AND SHALL ONLY GET BETTER.

The Writer is the Congressman, SPAS.



WHAT THE OBAMA :POTUS) VISIT MEANS TO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

t is extremely rare for sitting American president, with extremely tight schedules, to a visit to an academic institution, and spends hours pushing for an African agenda, with a zealous and exuberant passion. But Barack Obama saw no impediment in giving Kenyatta University that limelight. While he may have gone, there is a significant impact that KU will enjoy long after taking off from its field on the afternoon of July 26. The Campanile's ABUTA OGETO breaks down the facts.

Obama, fondly named POTUS by Kenyans on social media, made KU to receive an international limelight, by his mere presence there for a few hours. This will go a big extent in making it known in the international arena. International public relations and forging of formidable linkages will be much easier than before.

Kenvatta University, being the home of YALI, will be a focus institution especially on the role it will be having in shaping the future of East Africa, by training and sharpening the leadership potential of her visionary and energetic young men and women. It therefore earns the title of East Africa's cauldron of future visionary leadership.

Kenyatta University Students may from now, be better positioned to earn Visas and scholarships to the US than before. With the US Embassy in Nairobi tasked to see the strict implementation of the YALI initiative, close connections with the university have to be maintained, which most definitely, will open the institution to numerous academic and professional opportunities in the land of Martin Luther King jnr.

Kenyatta University students will have a higher chance in influencing the future of the nation, and the region, having in mind that the spillover effects of YALI and the business innovation incubation projects in Chandaria Centre will be rolled out to influence change, reduce poverty and inspire hope to millions of young people. It could be as well become Africa's Harvard of sorts, as Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o may have observed in an earlier lecture at the University.

The quality of training and research may be enhanced to match up with the greater role that it has been given to

With this role in mind, the wheels of grants and research boost will be oiled. This, in itself, will mean increased invention of knowledge, and intellectual resource production. Universities with deep intellectual influence literary control the world, in terms of the leaders they have produced, the professionals they have trained, the intellectuals they have made, and at large, the world they have borne. KU may fit this definition soon or later, the clock is ticking, remember?

As KUSA's Stephen Mwadime could note, Obama's visit was a stamp of confidence in the institutions ability to deliver the region's dream. His appeal that the institution becomes synonymous with quality training is just an inch away. With Mwadime's clarion call that KU becomes the region's crème de la crème, and Prof Mugenda working on it, her legacy is sealed with an unforgettable mark of POTUS' confidence on the institution.

Over and above, being the fastest growing institution of higher learning, KU may have gained more vigor to grow, and invent better ideas and products. Already, the Television station, the Referral Hospital, Pediatric Hospital, The African Virtual University, International student exchange programmes, UniCity Mall, as well as Alumni centres are working nicely to make it a premier institution of all times.



play. To whom much has been given, indeed, much will be expected. To achieve this, Kenvatta University may soon host many research activities, which shall be inclined to enhance its increased influence in Africa, and shaping of the opinion about Kenya's higher education in the international sphere.

Kenyatta University will have a lot of goodwill in Kenya than any other university. This will translate to more applications to study in KU. Increased goodwill means the university has captured the dream of the people, and they cannot help, but desire to associate with it.

And indeed, as much as it may not matter, Kenyatta University is the only Kenvan University so far, that has ever hosted a sitting US president, and whose roads, the BEAST has been driven.

The writer is an award winning writer and Inspirational Speaker



LESS THAN 1 M GRADUATES BUT NO JOBS!!

BYABUTA OGETO

enyatta University made history on its 37th graduation ceremony on December 19. The university released to the market some 209 graduates with first class honours (the highest in Kenya's history) and top this with 31 doctors, 29 pharmacists, 60 MBAs and 21 PhDs in education. While that is so, since independence, the number of graduate has remained really low. The question begs, why is unemployment so maddening?

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Less Than A Million Graduates

Higher education in Kenya has grown in leaps and bounds, to the extent that one would say that there is probably a degree holder in every market place. Dr Ruth Wanjau, a chemistry lecturer at Kenyatta University, says registered university students have increased from less than 5,000 when she was in campus, to hundreds of thousands currently.

Yet, the number of Kenyans with at least a degree has never hit the one million mark to date!

Statistics from across Kenvan universities suggest that the number of Kenyans with at least a degree is slightly over 495,000. Some universities do not have the exact number of graduates who have walked through their doors. The University of Nairobi is obviously in the lead, with an alumni population of 165,000, followed by Kenyatta

University with over 58,000. The rest of Kenya's universities have never hit the 30,000 alumni mark, with some universities, especially those granted charters recently before former President Mwai Kibaki left office, having none. USIU-Africa, the oldest Kenyan private university and Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), have alumni of less than 20,000. Other private universities have less than 10,000 degree alumni.

The only private university which will be surpassing the 10,000 mark after this year's graduation is Mt Kenva University, which will have 11,904. Mt Kenya is the fastest growing private university in the region, and is under the patronage of Simon Gicharu, a Kenyatta University alumnus.

Tom Mboya airlifts

The demand for higher education was created by Tom Mboya's student airlifts which saw the life of 800 East Africans changed between 1959 and 1963. Among the beneficiaries of these scholarships were Prof Wangari Maathai and the father of US president, Barrack Obama Snr. Mboya was only 28 when he started these airlifts. Talk of vision. Prof Joseph Nyasani, a renowned philosopher and lecturer at the University of Nairobi and CUEA says the number of graduates in Kenya is low because the institutions in the country previously did not have the capacity to churn out larger numbers. "During my time as a dean and principal, the number of students who qualified for university education was 50,000 or so, but only 10,000 could be admitted. It forced us to raise the cut off points from C+ to B+. The problem was purely logistical," explains the academic with over 40 titles to his name.

Prof Nyasani says that the increased number of universities enabled more students to access university education, and that the number

of graduates will increase even more in the next decade. He says that this should not compromise the quality of education, as long as university senates deliver on their mandate. "I do not see how, by teaching at Nairobi and CUEA, I can compromise quality, yet the material I use is the same," says the good professor in wonderment.

Teachers are the majority

Students studying education are the majority in the country, numbering about 40,000; the other courses are distributed among 320 programmes offered in the country. The education sector happens to be the leading employment market in the country, where even those who never trained in education are absorbed.

Prof PLO Lumumba, the director of the Kenya School of Law shares his insight with The Campanile: "Up to 1984, Kenya had one university (University of Nairobi). Kenvatta University came after it got a charter in 1985. It was not until the last two decades that the proliferation of higher education took shape, and in the post 2000 period, when it grew exponentially." Lumumba says that previously, especially in the 1980s, most Kenyans sought higher education in India and Europe, mostly through scholarships. According to the former Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission director, university admission was limited to accommodation capacity in universities and there was no parallel programme.

Even Certificate holders can do the job

Prof Edward Kisiang'ani, a political science professor attributes the low number of graduates on policies and government advisers in previous years. "The government had previously laid emphasis on mid-level education, because it was the level where skills for manpower needed particularity by the government was nurtured. It



never invested heavily on higher education. If you look at the present government's manpower, you will realise that most of them are diploma and certificate holders," the political analyst revealed. Prof Kisiang'ani further notes that the government did not need people with highly specialised knowledge or those who are too academic, since those with lower levels of training could do the same jobs, if not better.

KMTC runs 90 % of Kenya's medical needs

Dr Nicholas Tinega, a surgery consultant in Nairobi, concurs. He observes that: "In fact, 90 per cent of Kenya's medical needs are catered for basically by graduates of the Kenya medical training colleges across the country, because our doctors leave for greener pastures overseas immediately after their mandatory service in government."

Is the future bleak for graduates?

KENYANS WITH FIRSTS

George Saitoti - First Kenyan Mathematics Professor Olive Mugenda – First female Vice Chancelor of a Public university Abuta Ogeto – First Kenyan to interview Ben Carson Wangari Maathai - First Female Professor David Peter Wasawo - Fist Kenyan Professor Hillary Ngweno - First Kenyan Nuclear Physcist

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ADOPT A SCHOOL **INSPIRING THE FUTURE** Written by Kevin Ruto, Narrated to Abuta Ogeta

egendary South African freedom icon, Nelson Mandela, believed in a fact always echoed by the ever inspirational Kenya's top legal mind, PLO Lumumba, which is "Education and Enlightenment is the only antidote to the challenge of Africa". Nothing could capture it better than the Adopt a School Initiative in Coast largest County.

There is nothing good in life than tracing your past and appreciating the far you have come. Giving back to the society is one virtue very successful people often uphold. Mr. Stephen Mwadime is not left behind. He, together with many other professional from his native Taita Taveta

region, runs an initiative called Adopt a School in collaboration with the county government led by Governor Eng John Mruttu. It started in February 2015 but so far very successful.

It's worth to note that so far 99 schools have been reached in the county. The team is drawn from county officials and hundreds of top civil servants having the most influential people the likes of the Governor himself, whom the idea is his brainchild, Ms Linnet Mavu, Mr. | forgetting the logistics. Alex Mwangeka, Mrs., Mary Ndiga, Ms. Catherine Ogola, Mr. Gifton Mkava among others.

WHAT THEY DO

- Prominent personalities mentor the students and inspire them
- •Provide moral support
- •Take students to performing admission there
- •Assess progress on a termly basis

- •Provide past papers, text books and desks as well
- schools to motivate them to achieve
- •Plant trees to preserve ecosystem

ADOPT A SCHOOL INITIATIVE GIVES

A PICTURE OF THE ROLE OF THE

YOUTH IN THE SOCIETY AND THE

MANY WAYS THEY CAN MAKE THE

While success in that short

initiative. Very few people who have

previously excelled from the schools

exist, hence few adopters. Also, it

is hard to congregate alumni who

work and reside in various places

in the country and abroad, not

period of time is really inspiring,

there are challenges faced by

WORLD THEY ARE IN BETTER.

Of concern is the few schools in the region, as well as many students who drop out. With the county's top honcho being in the programme, it has proven prudent to attract investors in the education sector, who are to build more schools, to cater for the high demand for

education in the region. But given the expansive coverage of the county, it is hard to reach many schools, especially the far flung schools. However, the decision to visit at least 24 schools in a month will be essential in ensuring every school is positively affected by the adopter. Their mission has always been to work and never lose hope. And so far, they are

doing as per their word.

Adopt a school initiative gives a picture of the role of the youth in the society and the many ways they can make the world they are in better. Indeed, a light shall

shine from the distant Mwanyambo secondary, to the indomitable Kenyatta High School because the adopters have made it their vision to do so. Salute!!

Written by Kevin Ruto, Narrated to Abuta Ogeto

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CVS, COVER LETTERS

...... BY BAMPHIL CHEMPHIL

There are few things we neglect and ignore when looking for jobs but they are very fundamental and essential but we end up regretting later in life. If you want to know education is expensive try ignorance

For instance you go to a DENTIST then on the table you see a PANGA, will you be ready to open your mouth?. The same implies on your CV and cover letter, the impression it will first give, will either give you a job or deny you. Make good choices of which you want to be in life, what inspired you to go for that course you doing or career you are targeting?

In life their isn't something like any job, since it's not like soft drink brand that if you miss your taste you will end up saying," Fungua tu soda yeyote,kama hakuna yangu,soda tu ni soda"

CV AND COVER LETTER.

The way you write your CV and cover letter determines if you will get the job or not, why only you who gets the job and not others? Very important question you need to ask yourself. When you print your documents, avoid use of colored papers, like pink, blue, green etc. use font that is well seen and don't give the reader difficulties when reading, Use a good grammar ,it also

expresses how you will communicate in their place of work.

The current CV that is used in Nairobi is so different with the one used in other places. The current one has been updated and the old fashioned can't guarantee you a job in Nairobi. Its format, and there are some of things that have been omitted. Its better you keep updated and know some of the things you need to avoid and consider on a CV.

PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW

•Make sure you got good know how about the company, institution, who is the MD...etc

•Keep time

•Avoid colored clothes like, say, yellow suits. For ladies, be on your official clothes and your shoes should not make that noise that could be heard as you move. Avoid long nails, white shoes for men, and avoid weird hair styles like green hair.

•The way you say hello to the receptionist will matter a lot, leave her/him satisfied with you.

•Walk with confidence to the office. •Speak when spoken to.

•You can ask questions later when you have been permitted.



I TEACH TALENTED YOUTH HOW TO MAKE MONEY WITH THEIR SKILLS

By Tommy Moto

In May, the U.S. Embassy sent me and a dozen other passionate musicians to Nyeri to teach local talented vouths both music and business skills that would help them make money from their art.

The workshop was held between 8th and 11th May at the White Rhino, a prestigious hotel in Nyeri. The seminar culminated in a big party on the 11th where over 500 people attended. I performed my latest single 'Ara nee' to a standing ovation.

Ara nee is an urban kale dope track, and a follow up to this 2014 hit, 'Swahili', is the Mambo Mseto radio show theme song. The Ara nee music video was directed by Richie G, the producer behind the Coola gang featured Za Kwetu hit. The Song was produced by Hunter who is based in L.A and has produced for the likes of Migos and French Montana.

I go under the moniker '2 dope kings' which is a collective of myself, King Sesay and Msupa S. Besides studies at Kenyatta University, I am the Creative director of 'Moto', a music studio based in K.M.

The Writer is a passionate and fast rising Musician and KU student

MEET THE DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF TALENT HOUSE PRODUCTIONS

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As Interviewed to Abuta Ogeto and Transcribed By Dennis Okova

actor, a narrator, an MC, event organizer and political analyst. He is not any other face in the crowd. Neither is he vour typical campus guy. He beams with confidence, speaks articulately and accurately and walks with an intimidating aura. He is bespectacled. You should see him trying to adjust them as he speaks. Call him MUNDALO M. ADVICE, or, better still, his name's corruption, Adviceroi!! A brand of liquor?

HIS **SOPRANO**

His high school experience at Friends School Kamusinga immensely gave him direction on art and leadership. He joined

the drama team in Form 1 and

due to his small size and an equally 'small' (soprano) voice; he was tasked with playing a female role he recalls as 'MaryAnn'. She was a naughty little girl receiving excessive protection from her parents. His performance as Mary Ann was so exquisite that it him his maiden theatre award. He was first 1st runners up, best Female actor after Douglas Wanyama, a lead recite at THP today who was then at Chesamisi Boys High school. His life in theater had started.

PREGNANT WITH THP

Him joining K.U. in 2011 as a student didn't kill his irresistible urge for art. He cites that the organizations he was involved in were just purely comedy. That wasn't enough. This marked the conception of THP.

RAINBOWS AND SUNSHINE

It was not a journey of rainbows. He encountered massive steep slopes in his noble quest. Raging waves of starting up a venture tossed him in numerous directions, but he never took his eyes off the prize.

BREAKING THEIR DUCK

Advice received his big break during the 2012 Annual Culture



Week Festival. They presented a legendary narration dubbed Wepukhulu, leaving the audience in stitches and seeing medical advice following their cracked ribs. People wondered which rabbit hole such an amazing group had been hiding all that time. They went all the way to the main event at KICC. Their stars had aligned, amidst, their hard work.

NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNORS BREAKFAST

Since then, THP has been able to do lots of shows across KU, other campuses and platforms. They introduced the theatre culture in JKUAT and Moi University leading to the formation of Igiza Arts theatre and The Ensemble respectively.

Despite a shaky beginning, THP is now a fully registered Theatre and Event Organising Company having organized over 100 events and performed in over 200 events including the Nairobi County Governors breakfast, County leaders Forum and JKUAT matriculation ceremony.

CELEBRITY STATUS

It has stood unique within the universities for its narration culture with its narrators enjoying celebrity status. Some of its great narrators include; Allan wasike, Mark Waby, Klaus Derrick, Ndegwa Jimmy, Marion Macharia, Sadiq Sumba and Douglas Wanyama.

I'M THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

Adviceroi hopes to join national politics in 2017. He considers himself a visionary and transformational leader, the kind this has for far too long, been craving for.

TALENT HOUSE **PRODUCTIONS:** THE HOLLYWOOD **OF KU**

BY DENIS OKOVA

Talent House Productions, famously known as THP is a theater and event organizing company affiliated to KENYATTA UNIVERSITY.

They believe that through Talent, massive change can be brought forth to the society.

THP comprises of University students and professionals who are talented in various MOST ENTERTAINING fields such as acting, narrating, CREW - K.U CULTURE WEK singing, comedy just to mention 2012, 2013, 2014 but a few and share a common goal, instituting change through BEST NARRATION TROUPE talent. The company has been JKUAT in existence for over 3 years and has created and performed

KUSA AWARDS 2015

Advice Mundalo Master of Ceremony

a series of award winning shows in various institutions of higher education and for the general public. Besides, they have organized events across all institutions in the country.

As a result of their noble initiative, they have won numerous awards, some of which are listed below;

> THEATRE GROUP OF THE YEAR- K.U CULTURE WEEK 2012, 2013, 2014

BEST DIRECTOR - K.U CULTURE WEEK 2014

BEST ACTOR - K.U CULTURE WEEK 2013, 2014

BEST THEATRE 2013 -KENYA NATIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

BEST PLAY ON LEADERSHIP 2012 GATES FESTIVAL

BEST NARRATIVE ON ANTI-CORRUPTION -KENYA NATIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

MY OWN BUSINESS (MYOWBU YA CAMPO

BY BERTHA OKETCH

MYOWBU YA CAMPO is a busines competition in different universitie that seeks to involve the youths in campus in investing and creating opportunities for them to grow in business, earn their daily bread from it and at the end of it all, the winners get monetary awards plus internships.

We took part in the nestle project and emerged the top and some of our committed sellers got the internship slot with Nestle company. We are taking it a notch higher for the next project, getting to involve more students as our sellers.

It's touching an individual's life at a time, and ultimately the whole campus population will be reached. All the best!!



NELSON MANDELA BY -KEVIN BUTO



Comedy industry in Kenya is growing to the next level day by day. Everybody wants to have a tease of laughter each moment. Kenyatta University is not left behind; we talk of Karis, YY, Sleepy among others featured on the famous Churchill show. Now be on the lookout, a brand new team is coming in ready to crack our ribs like never before.

Nelson Mandela, a fourth year student in the school of economics and secretary to the Triple E Kenyatta university theatre group, renowned standup comedian hits the KU showbiz again with the recent performance in Kitui Campus. A number of shows hosted by him with the amazing, industrious and experienced team he works with. Nelson gave a word to the campanile crew that it's all about determination and the seal to open the closed doors of success.

Energetic

The young and energetic artist started music in high school at Kabianga High School.

The challenges at home and watching his mother struggle gave him a jump-start power into singing. Jayliste says it inspired him to sing and switch off the world and all the stress. He had his first big stage in a competition at Narok for upcoming rap Artist. That gave him believe that he could do it. He got more platforms to sing at events, parent's day and church as well to quench the burning singing itch inside him.

"My music is basically inspirational. I write my own music." He told The Campanile .A

The Zeal

He came to KU to get a better platform for his music and sure as death got it. With zeal still in him, he joined Talent House Productions and this has given him even more platforms to perform on bigger stages and platforms.

In his cruise he has performed at culture week and was ranked third in the category.

So far he has recorded three songs: Believe, Gravity and Graffity.

"I hope to market my music more, and get to earn from my music", Jayliste explains. He has hope that his music will hope upon a hopeless view.



TURNING DISCARDED PLASTIC BAGS INTO FASHION **ACCESSORIES AND DECORATIONS.**

By Hope Mwanyuma

Kenya, like many other developing countries, has a polythene bag problem. Go into almost any store and the shopkeeper won't even ask if you want your purchase put in a bag: the automatic response is to produce a flimsy piece of plastic and stuff everything in—even if all you have bought is bar a chocolate.

These bags are generally of such poor quality and of low price that they are used once and thrown away. They clog drains, causing flooding during the rainy season. Wild and domestic animals can eat them and choke, when burnt they release co2 into the atmosphere and they litter our compounds. The biggest rubbish tip in Mombasa, where I live, is near the sea, so many bags also end up in the ocean and kill sea life.

The Save Our Sister (SoS) group has 20 members who have already learned how to make the different products prom used polythene some who some have already after completing their O' levels. Apart from SOS, I have a Community Based Organization (CBO), college friends and my relatives who are also practicing the same.

SOS, together with Taru Girls, deals with poorly disposed bags and in the process empowering young women from poor backgrounds by giving them 'green' jobs.

After collecting the bags, we clean them, cut them into strands and crochet them into table mats, handbags and more, which we sell to tourists and local population. Our products sell for prices between Kshs 100 and Kshs 600.

The money generated gives the girls financial independence and benefits the wider community. The only costs are protective gloves and boots, scissors and crochet hooks.

In the year2012 the project won and environmental leader award, sponsored by UNEP and BAYER Germany company who gave me an opportunity to show case my project and products in on a one week education trip in Leverkusen-Germany.

Hope Mwanyuma, is an Environmental studies [community development] student at Kenyatta University.



Rap Music is a kind of its own that has gained popularity with time. Some say it's a world of its own with a language we understand. Jessy Ledama a humble and inspiring artist is taking rap to the inspirational heights.

BY DENIS OKOVA



It is not uncommon to pass through metal detectors at entry points in the university. This is a heightened security measure brought about by high levels of insecurity in the country. The need for these metal detectors cannot be stressed enough.

Recently, however, there have been concerns among students and staff regarding the health implications of these devices. It has been claimed that, expectant women dread walking through the detectors fearing harm to the fetus or even the mother or both. Other factions cited increased risk of getting cancer.

In move to allay this disquiet, the university management through a memo, advised on the safety of the detectors, a very key factor considered during their development. They even had a scientific backing to their explanation. The detectors utilize low level x-rays which are harmless to humans. These rays are safe.

The university population was hence advised to cooperate when it comes to security matters.

Your security, your life!





COURSE	: ENGLISH LITERATURE
AGE	: 22
HOBBIES	: HIKING,
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CHESS, READING	r F
OCCUPATION	:MODEL/STUDENT
TITLE	: CURRENT MISS KUSA







COURSE AGE HOBBIES HANDBALL **OCCUPATION** TITLE **PREVIOUSLY:**





Dennis Oludhe

MR KU 2015

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:MODEL/STUDENT : MR KU 2014/2015 KU BRAND AMBASSADOR, CHOREOGRAGRAPHER, MODELLING JUDGE

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ISAAC OMONDI **MR KUSA** 2015-2016 by Abuta Ogeto and Mercy Kendi

COURSE **ECONOMICSSTATISTICS** AGE 22**HOBBIES** SKATING SWIMING **OCCUPATION:** MODEL/DESIGNER TITLE CURRENT MR KUSA

on't judge a book by its cover" a saying that most people fail to understand is what perfectly defines ISAAC OMONDI, a model and a third year economics and statistics student at Kenyatta university.

To him life has never been the same since the death of his father in 2011, the year of his high school completion. Having attained a B (minus) from Ofafa Jericho and being the third last born in a family of eight siblings, the only one who has made it to campus, Isaac seems to be the only hope of the family.

"I have been accustomed to life greater challenges but I realized i needed to make a choice no matter how hard it may be," the current Mr.KUSA said. Isaac moved away from home and started an independent life and everything started falling into place slowly as he secured his first job as a waiter in Ruiru Campus- a place he walked to and fro every single day.

However, even with so much struggle his hopes to further his education was still not lost. From the little savings he made plus some other cash from his menial jobs including mjengo together with the help of Ksh.50,000 Helb loan, Isaac secured a university admissions.

He was later transfered to western mess but had to work in shifts earning a total of Ksh.470 a day. This was never enough though since he had classes and work to balance.

"Life is never easy,even to date i still work in mjengo to supplement my income. Some of my friends wonder how a model like me can still work in mjengo and even clean plots just to

ensure that i survive," said the model smilingly.

No matter how hard life turned out a little harsh for him, Isaac knew hiw to give without hesitation, lose without regret and acquire without meanness. That is why even whe he had no money to clear his rent the landlord would always understand since he is always a hard worker and gives the little he gets.

Indeed life begins when we find true passion. His interest in modelling was gained at a very tender age and even though her mother would sometimes complain about it, he had sworn that he had to make it or leave modelling altogether.

"I got interested in k.u pageants and decided to give it a try. I made it to the finals until recently when i carried the title Mr.Kusa," he said.

"My female funs keep me going, they always encourage me to fight on and i realy appreciate them," he added.

Currently, the model and current Mr.Kusa is dating a beautiful girl and it has been six months of complete inspiration since she is always there to support him.

"We have to trust in God. Challenges will always be there and we have to find all means of facing them. If i miss a shoe today, i need not to make it my whole lifetime situation. I have to change it ",,were his last words









THE STUDENT **STRUGGLES ARE REAL INDEED**

When a lady wears a cropped top she bought at Ngara for one hundred shillings, that small breeze that hits her exposed protruding stomach is not the only thing she feels. There is a joy and satisfaction that comes with buying beautiful items at an affordable price. Money does not come easy and so the little we have must be used well. Even when you have a job or a source of income, money is never enough. There is always a bill to pay, a pair of shoes to buy, food to eat. It is easy to find someone who has spent cash but cannot quite see the important things he bought with it.

Last semester, when I was really broke, I perfected the art of not paying bus fare. At times I would ask for change knowing very well I haven't given the conductor any money. Looking back, I know I was doing something wrong. I should have used those Githurai buses that charge ten bob to town but my pride would not let me.

That's the thing with most students. There is an unwritten law somewhere that we must abide by depending on the social class you find yourself in. However, at the end of the day, we are still in school. No one expects us to have it all figured out.

I read a quote somewhere that a student will find themselves struggling financially, emotionally, academically or all the above at some point during their school life. There is no shame in not having a good life. Someone would rather spend their money entertaining friends at TRM with a KM budget.

It is time we celebrated the fact that we actually made it in campus, a higher level of education that many people would give anything to be. Nothing comes easy here or anywhere else in the world. Someone you like won't like you back, you'll have to work extra hard for that GPA you want to get and things will not always go your way.

Living within your means is important. If you force yourself to live someone else's life which seems more comfortable, it's easy to get yourself into theft or other bad habits just to cope. If you can't afford eating at a restaurant, just make ugali and buy onions and tomatoes for ugali. Considering water and electricity for cooking is free, the cost of the meal is about twenty shillings. Learn to survive with your struggle.



WHO WE ARE...

A family bonded together by love, willingness and readiness to serve humanity. We are the face and the heart of the Kenyatta University society. Service is what best defines us. We are Red Cross.

WHAT WE DO...

Reaching out to the community by visiting children's homes, going out for environmental clean ups and fun day activities, participating in car wash in order to raise funds for children's home visit, offering First Aid training and services, road safety trainings, talks on drugs and substances and also mobilize blood

WHY WE VOLUNTEER...

Even with our busy day to day activities, we still believe in making others happy. It is our desire to learn new things and acquire knowledge, connect ourselves with people of the same interest, enhance ourselves and above all make this world a better place.

WHAT KEEPS US GOING ...

Our service to humanity, we take pride in it. We smile to challenges, it brings us closer and stronger. Helping others makes us happy. We value humanity more than anything.

ARE THERE BENEFITS WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER?

A lot of benefits, although most people value money, it should never be the first thing that come into their mind. Value humanity and you will experience total happiness, stay physically healthy by combating depression, being well psychologically and developing high self esteem. Volunteering also helps in advancing your career and also connects you to others.

AND WE QUOTE...

If you love life don't waste time, for time is what life is made of.

THE 'CURSE' **OF TALENT By DENIS OKOVA**

The phrase 'talent pays' is cliché. It is true though. Many people are living testimonies. Across the sporting arena, public speaking, music, acting, leadership and many more categories we see people dripping exceptional talents.

As students we are encouraged to make good use of our talents. Many of us have no idea where our talents lie whilst the lucky ones know what it is that makes them no any other face in the crowd. What makes the brightest star, the object of admiration, that which they do so effortlessly to the awe of others.

Has it ever dawned on you that talent can go down the drain? It can fail to reach its maximum potential. You could be talented but your talent could never see the bright white light of day. How many promising footballers do we see in the village wallowing in misery? How many destined-for-greatness writers do we end up categorizing as 'the greatest writers that never were'. We've come across people with musical, to-die for voices but sadly they don't eventually top the local music charts. All these people had near misses with success. A case of so near yet so far, it is so disturbing to young talents.

They will tell you that your talent will take you places. Your talents will open doors where there are walls. Your talent will make you soar like an eagle. With talent, you will play in the major league. No objection. That is as true as you will read this article to the end.

They will rarely tell you that talent is like a gun without bullets. You can aim but you can't shoot. You will draw blanks.

Talent aint enough. This is the curse of talent. You may have the talent but you still need skill. Your gun needs loading with top-of-the level, armor-piercing ammunition.

Talent can be compared to a knight in shining armor. Someone has to be the squire for the knight. After all, the armor won't shine itself. This is where skill comes into play. Skill comes through the following forms;

MENTORSHIP

After you have placed a finger on your talent, it is always great to look for a mentor. The person who's been there and done that. I've never seen anyone who has turned down a request to mentor someone. It is always fulfilling to mentor someone. Bottom line, mentors are all over. Most of the waters have been charted, there always has to be someone who walked your current path. Mentors will teach you how to climb the ropes. You need them. Always look for a mentor who will give you as much learning opportunities as possible.

DISCIPLINE

My best definition of discipline is doing what you don't want to do so that you can get what you want. God bless whoever coined this superb line. Case in point, the fastest man alive, Usain Bolt. It doesn't just happens that he just wins the 100m race. He just doesn't wake up and go to the track to pick the gold. He has to endure long hours of rigorous training, maintain a good diet among many more healthy practices. All



these are recipes of success. The road to success is not straight and smooth, so they say. Challenges are plenty along the way. You are required to forget some 'luxury' so as to bring out the best in you.

NETWORKING

Being a lone ranger is the worst practice you can adopt especially if you are a young talent that needs sharpening. You need to identify people that share your talents. Unity is strength. For instance, if you love reading and writing, you can form a book club where will help you nurture your budding talent.

Also don't limit yourself to just people of your talent. Spread your wings. You never know when or where you will meet your opportunities.

PRACTICE TILL YOU BECOME THE MASTER

There is no secret portion, neither is there a mathematical equation that can help you be the voice in your field. You gotta practice. Practice means repetition or better yet persistence. You do almost the same thing day in, day out but making sure you do it a bit differently each time. With this you will be king in your jungle. You will rule your world. You will control your destiny. You will perform in the grandest of stages.

So, don't just arrogantly brag you have talent. Decorate your talent with skill, lest you risk dimming your light. Talent plus its cousin, skill, are such a heady combination. A combination you might wanna have in your toolbox.

TRENDIEST SHOES FOR MEN

By KENDUIYWA MERCY KENDY

If you want to play it simple, I advice you think of being attractive and presentable at the same time. Embrace your own style and let it compliment you forever. Who doesn't want to look good anyway? The best 2015 footwear for men.







CONVERSE

CONVERSE SHOES

Top brand fashionable footwear is what will inspire you. Always classy and elegant to walk around with. They are less formal and can be worn with jeans, t-shirt and leather jackets. Its handsome style would be a perfect match for any man looking for something classic.



VANS SHOES

You can choose them in different colors and prints depending on your preference. They come with and without laces. They are just perfect, a great stuff that most ladies would wish to see their boyfriends wear them.



SNEAKERS

It must be the greatest comfortable shoes ever inspired to bring out that stylish guy in you. It's always easy to find your perfect style no matter your taste. They come in a variety of colours and can be worn for both exercise and casual wear. They go well with jeans and even shorts.

ANKARA SHOES

They are the trendiest now that come in different colours, forms and design. Are suitable to wear at party occasions such as weddings and flexible providing amazing comfort while walking.



LOAFERS

Very comfortable shoes that come in a variety of styles to suit ones taste. Are usually sleek and simple, they look like shoes but feel like slippers. Although they are less formal they can be worn in formal occasions if you choose to go for darker colours.



SIZE

SEAMLESS STYLE

FABRIC

SHAPE

Identify your ideal underwear that compliments your figure. The correct underwear will always bring out the real you and change how you look. They should be very particular to your body shape.

OCCASION

Always pick a colour that matches the outfit or does not show through. This will help you curb some small embarrassment. For white cloth, consider white or skin -coloured undergarments which does not show. Always choose the right underwear for a particular outfit.

And always don't forget that hygiene matters....



By KENDUIYWA MERCY KENDY

Ladies, you can go for feminine, sexy and fashionable underwear but, hey! don't forget delicacy and feelings matter the most. What you wear impacts on how feel. A few tips to get you on the right tract though.

No matter how conservative you may be, always go for the right size. Avoid tight underwear that will cause breathing uncomfortability and irritation. Always go for the attractive and comfortable ones. Avoid being too much too yourself.

When wearing a tight fitting dress/skirt seamless style is the best to go for. This are no-show panties that do not produce panty lines. They are very gentle on skin and prevent irritation. Boy shorts are the best to go for.

Always think about the comfort- cotton is the most comfortable, soft, breathable and easy to care for. When it comes to health it helps a lot in discouraging yeast growth. Cotton is the most hygienic.

WITH SHEILA CHEMUU

Multi-billion gate.

Just a few months ago, K.U opened the much talked about towering Campanile, and now it is the Multi-billion gate. I don't



really know how much it cost the institution to put up such a structure but it is rumored that it bis not less than billions....

Ghosts at the railway

Reports from reliable sources state that the route along the railway line towards Kahawa West is filled with spirits which call



people by their names once you pass there between 5.40 and 6am. If you doubt this, then try to prove it by yourself... you will later come to look for me

Okoa Comrade From Micro-Comrade

Now that operation "okoa comrade from micro-comrade" is ongoing in K.U the responses from various comrades are really encouraging. They can now take a sigh of relief since they shall soon be freed from the deadly enemy of the main comrades. In fact one can tell from the look on the comrades faces that they can now live happily in their hostels without feeling embarrassed to exile their roommates.

Ku VS Uon

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Rumor has it that soon Kenyatta University will Topple The University of Nairobi academicwise, not to mention that it already overtook UON in terms of infrastructure... trying to compare the two is just a waste of time ... talk of the referral hospital, the historic Campanile which has many mysteries surrounding it, the luxurious KUCC and now the Multibillion gate project ongoing.



Research has shown that Very fat men within KU, especially the students do not observe general hygiene. Reliable

sources which demanded anonymity claim that those big bodied students normally recycle their trousers, mostly jeans for as long as four days a week even when the dirt patches are clearly visible. The researchers are still doing research on the relation between the big bodies and dirt.

Active Campaigns And Elections.

September is fast approaching and I know what rings in your mind, the season of active campaigns and elections. Campus politics is one of the most interesting thing to speak about. Let's watch the season approach, we shall have much to write about.

10000 bed capacity hostels

Kenyatta university is soon to construct 10000 bed capacity hostels to sort the accommodation menace affecting a good number of students in the institution. When personally I heard of this initiative a smile escaped my cheeks since I knew that now there will be no more payment of rents...students informed

Flyover Or An **Underground Tunnel**

A few months ago, an accident occurred on the railway crossing next to Nyayo gate. The campanile crew dug deep into the matter and

came up with a solution... that a flyover or an underground tunnel be built at the scene. What is your opinion on this?

Security Issues

The security situation in the country at the moment especially in and around learning institutions at the moment is really giving the security masters and mistresses at the gate a very tedious and long assignment. Checking of student identification cards of every student is really a hectic thing, especially with the fourth years' old smart cards whose faces no longer exists. This gives them an eye test trying to compare the face on the card and the beholders face. I think we really need to find a solution to this.

Misusing The Arboretum

A recent check on the K.U arboretum showed us that renovations are complete and this could be good



news to someone with some habit somewhere. Hey!! comrades should stop misusing the arboretum. A couple was of late found there doing some serious act...let alone smoking stuff there.

By Agamira Shadrack My daily plead has been of love; When you are seated breathing Pleading God to give you some cash Someone is screaming out loud in silence

Asking God not to take away their life.

I am not right Though judge me not wrongly on what I write. Everyone has their needs. A sickness whose symptoms Are fastened by sympathy

Tears that drop just from what we feel But from what feelings feels about us.

So life is a virus which is full of blessings of curse.

They say it was at fourteen When four teens approached her With a pledge that she should be married

reading in village.

Its money problems that pushed her to that corner,





And be a woman who will be

Her life is now miserable, Her problems become horrific, Her husband being the horror.

She now pauses in long dresses Not because she is saved and decent But because she is hiding the marks on her legs

And bruises she gets every night

It has reached a time she adores the fight Than the heavy insulting words She received from her hubby.

For all she did Is she cries every day and night, Saved in her bed in blankets of tears And the only word she whispers is mummy.

She is entangled With sorrows dancing the tango; Her higher shines darkness To her happiness is a platform of window.



very job seeker has a unique set of needs and that's why everyone will have their opinion of the most useful place to find Kenyan jobs online. Some of the sites we have provided in this list continue to provide those looking for job vacancies in Kenya, all the resources they need to land their dream job. From providing useful articles on how to write CVs to allowing job seekers to upload their CV and place it on their database for free, these sites have made many people's career dreams come true.

Top Places for Kenyan Jobs and Vacancies Online

The sites have really simple to use and effective search tools so you don't have to spend so much time searching for Kenyan jobs. We are going to make a brief comparison and try to explain why each site is considered among the best for finding jobs in Kenya. Here are a couple of websites that will help you find the most current job openings in Kenya fast.

1. Brighter Monday

Brighter Monday is among the leading boards for Kenvan jobs online that offers job listings, resume posting and great career advice to job searchers. Brighter Monday allows members to receive daily updates of the most recent jobs, post your CVs and get more information about the companies advertising for jobs. brightermonday.co.ke



2. Kenyan jobs Blogspot

This job site is likely the most popular among job seekers in Kenya. What's unique about Kenyan jobs Blogspot is that they provide a very easy means of viewing job openings based on their categories. Plus their categories of jobs are very wide which is great for most job seekers. kenyanjobs.blogspot.com



3. Kenyan Career

Kenyan Career offers almost all services offered by other portals for jobs in Kenya. They post job openings, allow CV postings and send job updates and every service is free. They even allow job seekers to share what they've gone through to succeed in their careers on their category on Kenyan Experiences. kenyancareer.com

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4. Best Jobs Kenya

Best Jobs Kenya provides an equal opportunity for both employers and job seekers to get the exposure they need. Job seekers can post their CVs, browse through the latest job openings and even search for jobs based on the company they want to work for. The job portal has minimal ads on the home page which is great because it minimizes distraction. bestjobskenva.com



5. Career Point Kenya

Some of the things you are likely to enjoy about this Kenyan job site include their News and HR Advice segments. The site provides job openings as well as critical information to job seekers like interview answers and sample cover letters. careerpointkenya.co.ke



6. Job Rapido

Job Rapido is quite different from most job sites listed above because it posts all vacancies which are on career sites across the world. When you visit Job Rapido, you will be asked to select your country because they have listed jobs from all over the world. It certainly provides a more comprehensive job search. ke.jobrapido.com









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7. Career Jet

Career Jet gathers listings from websites of top companies and posts them on their site. Career Jet lists job openings in different countries, but they have a comprehensive list of Kenyan job vacancies available in different parts of the country. careerjet.com

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8. Recruitment Kenya

Recruitment Kenya will offer a number of fresh job openings and also interview tips which help job seekers to land their dream job. The site is clean and simple to use. recruitmentkenya.com

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9. Job Web Kenva

Job Web Kenya is a nice job portal considering they post thousands of openings on a daily basis and they don't offer only Kenyan jobs. Though you are likely to find similar jobs posted on other sites such as Brighter Monday. They are also present in South Africa, Nigeria and Ghana. jobwebkenya.com

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10 Kenya Moja

Kenya Moja is a popular site in Kenya that not only provides entertainment news, but job openings as well. They add new vacancies on a daily basis, so you are likely to get openings which are not found anywhere else online. Because of the traffic this site gets on a daily basis, more employers are opting to post their vacancies on Kenya Moja. kenyamoja.com/jobs

AN ANDREAS

Official Site	:sanandreasmovie.com
Director	:Brad Peyton
Producer	:Beau Flynn, Richard Brener,
Cast	: Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino
	Alexandra Daddario, Ioan
RATING	: 6.8/10

When a magnitude 9 earthquake hits California, a Los Angeles rescue ranger (DWwayne Johnson) and his ex (Carla Gugino) must get to San Francisco to find their daughter (Alexandra Daddario), who's struggling to stay alive as that city shakes itself apart around her.

Yes, it's basically The Day After Tomorrow with an earthquake instead of climate change (and no timber wolves), but director Brad Peyton - who made Johnson's weirdly charming Journey 2: The Mysterious Island - keeps the story focused on a handful of compelling, resourceful people to keep us rooting for their survival while they race through increasingly complex set pieces.

Basically it's a great blockbuster that will definitely keep you on the edge of your seat and a worthy watch.





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DEVELOPERS	: Rockstar North
PUBLISHERS	: Rockstar Games.
PLATFORM	: PC, PLAYSTATION3, PLAYSTATION 4
	PLAYSTATION 4, XBOX 260, XBOX ONE
GENRE	: open world, action-adventure
MODES	: SINGLE PLAYER, MULTI PLAYER

nce 2008's Grand Theft Auto IV. Set within the fictional state San Andreas (based on Southern California), the single-player esign lets players freely roam San Andreas, which includes open

The game is played from either a third-person or first-person agencies, measured by a "wanted" system that governs the



SERIES REVIEW

SENSE 8		
Genre	:Science Fiction & Fantasy	
Network	:Netflix	
Premiere Date	:Jun 5, 2015	
Created By	:J. Michael Straczynski, Lana Wachowski, Andy Wachowski	
Produced By	:Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski, J. Michael Straczynski	
Rating	: 8/10	

Eight twenty something around the world discover they have an intimate connection to one another with emotional, mental and physical implications.

Despite being separated by thousands of miles, the "sensate" characters have the ability to see, hear, feel and communicate as if they're in the same place.

When Wolfgang (Max Riemelt), a criminal who cracks safes in Berlin, has an inexplicable urge for Indian food, his craving can be traced back to Kala (Tina Desai), a pharmacist in Mumbai who's about to marry a man she doesn't love.

Riley, an Icelandic DJ living in London (Tuppence Middleton), inexplicably finds herself on the South Side of Chicago, talking to an equally confused and earnest cop, Will (Brian J. Smith).

The martial arts acumen of a Seoul banking executive named Sun (Doona Bae) comes in handy when another sensate, Capheus (Aml Ameen), needs to get AIDS medicine to his mother in a Nairobi slum. Rounding out the pack of eight are Lito (Miguel Angel Silvestre), a closeted telenovela star in Mexico City, and Nomi (Jamie Clavton), a San Francisco transgender blogger whose identity is threatened on multiple levels.

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> ootball fanaticism is not new in Kenya. While a sizeable number of people loyally support local clubs such as Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards, European football is where the heart is. Multitudes religiously follow the English Premier league keeping close tabs on players' stats and club intrigues. The passion for this imported consumerism has now found a new avenue in sports betting companies. One such platform is Sportspesa, a well-known sports betting site in East Africa. This bug has especially bitten university and college students who wager decent sums with the allure of making more. The lucky ones do win while others loose.

DEVIATED SCHOOL FEES

BY HENRY NDERI

Sportspesa, a registered trademark of Pevans East Africa has been raking in millions from enthusiastic campus kids who have even formed betting clubs in their hostels and classes. Sadly, the craze has led to foolhardy betting sprees by the young impressionable students leaving them stone broke and deep in debts. Cases of deviated school fees, upkeep money and HELB Loans have become the order of the day as betting fails prompted by attractive odds. Relationships have gone sour after enthusiastic partners' squandered communal finances on betting.

SHS. 13,000,000

With the current standing jackpot being over Kshs. 13,000,000, it is indeed arduous to go against the grain of not placing a Kshs. 100 bet especially when your team is touted to win in an upcoming game. The celebrity advertising featuring Wyre and other local stars has also worked to attract many students with a lot of time at their disposal.

BETTING GONE SOUR

Being a legally operated company duly registered and licensed company regulated by B.C.L.B Kenya,the losses by the gamers are personal liabilities.The euphoria of quick cash is gaining momentum and sweeping sports enthusiastic with itchy betting fingers to the land of bankruptcy. One student from University of Nairobi, Chiromo campus has been quoted lamenting the woes he underwent after heavy investment in a bet that never bore fruits. He said, "I am currently living on the mercies of friends after consecutive losses at Sportspesa and Elite bet".

Silas Alumela from Technical University of Mombasa is another drop in the ocean of bet regret. "I lost in Sportpesa 43,000/- that I had set aside to purchase a laptop. I could have used the laptop for research since I pursue industrial chemistry that requires alot of research", he laments.

Betting is a spectrum bedeviled by far too many uncontrollablevariables. Sometimes you win, other times you loose, just make sure you are mostly on the winning end of the see saw.

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