



## SU Quality Recertified



Dr. Kioko Mang'eli, MD of KEBS, presents the ISO 9001:2000 certificate to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. John Odhaimbo (left)

On Wednesday, 7th March 2007, Eng (Dr) Kioko Mang'eli the Managing Director of Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) presented Prof John Odhiambo, the Vice-Chancellor of Strathmore University with the ISO 9001:2000 QMS renewal certificate.

The ceremony was held at Strathmore University. Also present at the ceremony was Dr Joseph Sevilla, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Quality Assurance and members of staff of KEBS and of the university.

In his presentation speech, Dr Kioko noted that Strathmore is the first university in Kenya to be certified and should act as a role model to other universities. Its graduates can be ambassadors in quality service provision in their areas of operation nationally and regionally.

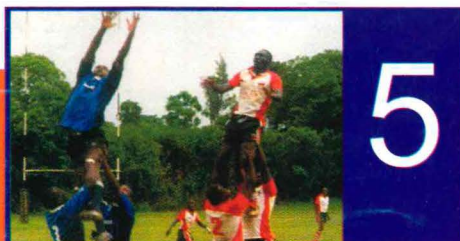
He also congratulated SU for achieving a nearly paperless system that maximally utilizes technology in all office transactions.

In her welcoming speech, Mrs. Catherine Muchira Gatei, head of Quality Assurance Department at Strathmore University, said the certificate is a visible sign that the university is improving its service provision.

She noted that Strathmore had a head start in implementing QMS because the university always had a culture of excellence and implementing the QMS provided the means to formalize and solidify that culture.

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Mrs Gatei reflected the certification has not come easy. "It has been a challenge. It has been hard work. And it will continue to be so. But we have implemented a commendable QMS and continue to improve it.

We laud every effort that helps us fulfill the vision of our university - to be the leading entrepreneurial university in the region!"



The Vice Chancellor (holding certificate) together with the people who made it all happen: the University's Quality Management Representatives

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## 2006 Annual Ethics Conference On Media and the Common Good

The conference, in October 2006, was the fourth and latest in a series of annual ethics conferences the university has been organizing.

- Wangethi Mwangi, Editorial Director, Nation Media Group wondered why his newspapers and TV station had given more prominence to squabbles within Kenya's former ruling party, KANU, and downplayed the government's launch of Vision 2030.
- Kwendo Opanga, of the Standard Group, said that whenever the Government talked about regulating the media, the motivating factor was to muzzle the media.
- Prof Sanders, of Sheffield University, observed that whereas Kenyan media is saturated with politics, the media in the UK gave very little attention to politicians. Instead, the UK media focuses a lot on celebrity lifestyles.
- She also observed that whereas journalists are almost taken at their word by media consumers in Kenya,



Dele Olojede giving the keynote address at the opening of the conference

journalists are the least believed professionals in the UK.

- Onyango Obbo, of Nation, said that since story count is crucial, journalists turn out as many stories as they can to improve the chances of their byline appearing. They don't have time to do thoughtful stories, to check their facts, to get comments from all involved, and they tend to over-dramatise the stories in order to catch the eyes of editors.

## Appointments



**Ms. Angelica Kiboro - Director, Mentoring Services** served as Course Director program here at Strathmore. She holds BA (Anthropology) and an MBA from the University of Nairobi.

**Mr. Marcos Migeri - Director, University Relations.** He is responsible for all external and internal university relations. He holds a BSc in Administration



**Mrs. Hilderlith Ogutu - Director, Human Resources** is in charge of coordinating Recruitment & Selection Process, Issuing of Employment Contracts and Management of Staff Records and Statistics. She holds an MBA (Human Resource) from the University of Nairobi.



**Dr. James Boyd McFie - Senior Lecturer**  
Dr. McFie lectures in Advancement Management Programme as well as in the MBA. He holds a PhD, Graduate School of Business, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland and MA, Balliol College, Oxford University, England.



**Mrs. Annwinfred Kariuki - Food & Beverage Service Officer**  
She holds a Diploma in Catering & Accommodation Technology, Kenya Polytechnic and currently pursuing a degree in Hotel Management (USIU)

**Ms. Naomi Asitiba- Supervisor, Housekeeping & Laundry.** She is in charge of overseeing the cleanliness of the entire University and maintaining a high standard of hygiene within the University campus.



**Ms. Josephine Kibe-Programme Director, Executive Education** is in-charge of marketing and overseeing the administration of the executive programmes offered by Strathmore Business School. She holds an MBA (Finance - USIU), CPA (K) and BEd (Business Studies).



**Mr. Eliud Chemweno - MBA Administrator, SBS** is in charge of organizing workshops and Seminars for the Business School, Corporate Relations as well as IT Support. He holds a Diploma in Information Systems from Strathmore University and has BSc (Statistics) from the University of Nairobi



**Mr. James Thiong'o - SBS Finance & Administration Manager.**  
Mr Thiong'o has worked for 8 years in senior supervisory accounting positions. He holds a CPA (K) and BCom from Strathmore.



**Mr. Vincent Ogutu - MBA Programme Director**  
He is responsible for the efficient running of the MBA programme. Previously he was the Deputy Principal, Strathmore School. He holds a BA Economics from University of Nairobi and an MSc Financial Economics, University of London



**Mrs. Jacinta Makau - Food and beverage production officer.** She is in charge of all kitchen operations in terms of food preparations, production and presentations. She holds a certificate in Food and Beverage Production Service and Sales, and in Supervisory Management from Kibondeni College and Utalii College

**Mr. Fred Misawo - Ag. Cafeteria Manager**  
He has been with Strathmore University for four years in the Finance department and is currently the acting cafeteria manager. He holds a Mathematics and Economics degree from Nairobi University.



## Other Staff News



**Dr. Charles Sotz - University Secretary**  
In January 2007, he completed his PhD in Education from the University of Navarre in Spain.

**Prof. David Sperling - University Research Professor & Special Advisor to the Vice Chancellor.**  
Prof. Sperling retired as the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Planning and Development, at the beginning of January 2007.



## Student Activities

### Careers' Fair 2007



Students following the presentations during the careers' fair.

The Placement Office organised the University's 3rd Annual Career Fair on 16th February 2007 at the university grounds.

Overall, nearly 400 students attended the event, and the following 14 companies participated: African Banking Corporation, British American Tobacco, Celtel Kenya Limited, Citigroup, ICPAK - Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya, ICPSK - Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya, Investments & Mortgages Bank, Kenya Commercial Bank, Kenya Shell Limited, Kestrel Capital, K-Rep Bank Limited, Resources Associates, Seven Seas Technologies and Vema Publications.

The relevance and importance of the Careers Fair lies in its ability to provide an opportunity to connect the Strathmore University students to people in the corporate world who will expose them to career opportunities in their respective fields. The Placement Office is determined to continue developing the Careers Fair in the years ahead and welcomes all suggestions on improving it in the future.

### Crusade for Youth Entrepreneurship

The Strathmore University – Students In Free Enterprise (SU-SIFE) team has been promoting the idea of entrepreneurship among Strathmore University students.

But why? The unemployment rate in Kenya stands at 40 percent, a majority made up of young Kenyans. SU-SIFE's proposed answer is not to criticize the inability of the Kibaki Government to provide the 500,000 jobs per year, but rather to create an entrepreneurial culture so that Strathmore's students create some of these jobs themselves.

Strathmore University – SIFE is currently two years old, but has expanded to a membership base of over 100 Strathmore University students. They have been hosting monthly interactive sessions with young budding Kenyan entrepreneurs to be able to learn and gain from their experience and knowledge in running one's own business.



Among the guest speakers hosted by SIFE were: Mr. Jon Wagner, Managing Director of Nairobi Java House who spoke on 'Creating a Successful Enterprise' and Ms. Esther Passaris, the Proprietor of Adopt A Light Limited. They also invited the proprietor of Tintoria Limited, Mrs. Patience Nyaoga (pictured above), to share some ideas on the success of her enterprise.

### SUITSA Top in International Exhibition

Strathmore University Information Technology Students Association (SUITSA) was awarded Kshs 50,000 after its stand at the ICT Development Expo held at Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) between 7th and 10th February 2007 emerged the best overall.

ICT village in conjunction with the Ministry of Information and Communication organized the conference. The conference theme was Educating members of the public on how to utilize different technologies for development. SUITSA students gave presentations on E-learning, E-monitoring, and E-centers.

Members of the SUITSA club pose for a photo with the Vice Chancellor, some members of staff of the university and representatives of the ICT village



## Sports

### Rugby team impress at the Impala Floodlit Championships

Strathmore University produced a shocker at this year's Impala Floodlit Tournament when they sensationally knocked out last year's Champions Mean Machine 19-0 to reach the tournament's quarter finals.

The "Leos" had a light pack but their determination and speed contained Mean Machine which had a good number of national team players. Joseph Gathumbi kicked over two penalties for a 6-0 lead at half time.

In the second half, Mean Machine came back strongly but came unstuck against a solid Leos defence. Edgar Osege scored a breakaway try in the 60th minute and coach-player Mitch Ocholla scored the third try in the 72nd minute. The Leos narrowly lost 10 - 7 to Mwamba in the semis.

### SU Swoops Trophies at CUEA Tournament

Strathmore University won a whopping 11 trophies at the Catholic University Annual Tournament held on 25th and 26th February 2007. A total of 36 teams took part in the annual event. Strathmore was awarded the overall runners up trophy.

SU Hockey beat the hosts 3-1 to lift the champions trophy. SU Soccer also claimed the top spot after beating the hosts 1-0 in the semis and the Langata Crusaders in the finals by the same margin. In athletics, the ladies took the 1st and 2nd prize in the 8km cross country race and the men team came third in the 10km cross country race.

In Karate (Kumite category), SU ladies claimed first and second spots and in the Kata category they won the top three positions. SU men claimed third spots in both categories. In tennis SU ladies came tops in both singles and doubles.

### Annual Park Road Hockey Tournament

The men's team won the Annual Park Road Tournament in the Universities and Colleges category on 17th February 2007

The women's team, on the other hand, finished runners up in the same category. This was their first major tournament.



SU Rugby team (in blue) win a line out in Impala championship

## University Community Week - 2006

The community activities in which Strathmore University students participated in included the following:

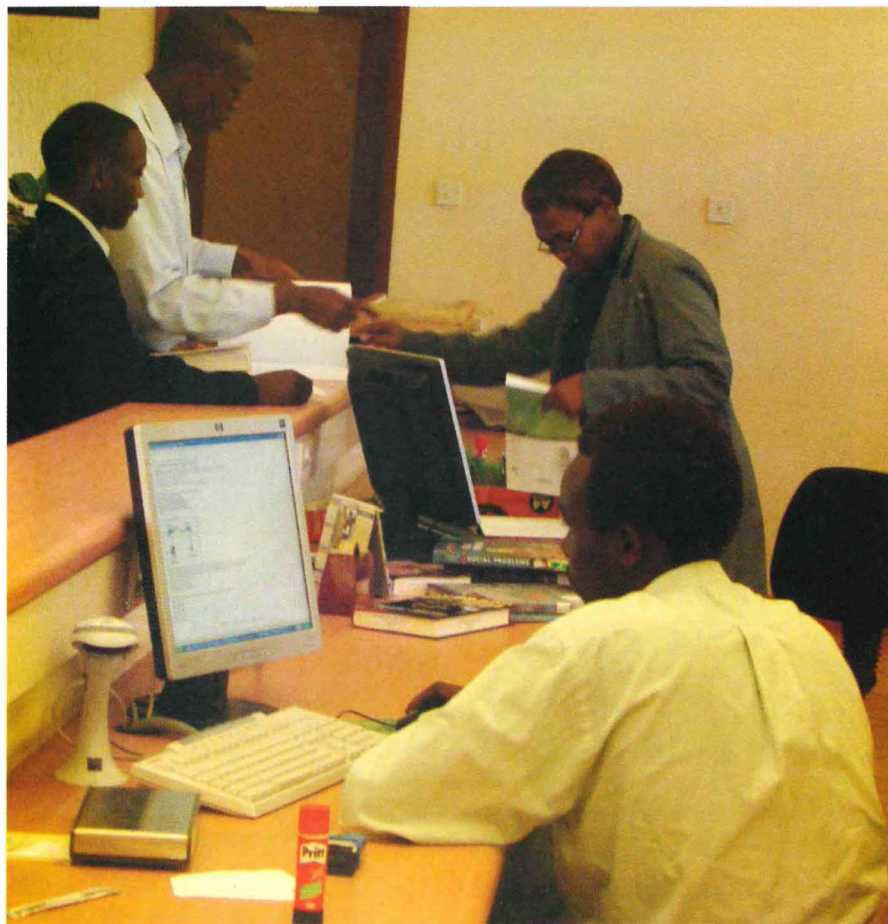
1. Visit to Thomas Barnados Home on 11th September 2006
2. Blood Donation Exercise on 12th and 13th September 2006
3. Visit to Gertrude's Children's Clinic at Nairobi West on 13th Sept 2006
4. Tree Planting Day on 14th September 2006
5. Clean up exercise at Dandora on 16th September 2006

A total number of 119 Strathmore University students participated in the community week organised by SU-SIFE and SU SMS clubs.



Students of Strathmore during a clean up exercise in Dandora

### The Library System Comes of Age



Staff at the circulation counter serve students using KOHA, the Library Management System.

The Library Management System (LMS) branded KOHA went live in July 2006. The system has revolutionized service delivery among students and staff, especially at the library circulation counter.

KOHA is an open source, fully integrated system. The system also sends automatic reminders before the borrowed item's due date. Today, borrowing and returning books on long loan is a paperless process - save for the book itself.

In the cataloguing module, university library staff can upload via the internet cataloguing data that conform to certain standards. KOHA has also maintained the previous library system feature where users can browse the catalogue from the intranet.

Martin Wanjohi, head of ICT department at the university said, "KOHA was successfully adopted because library staff owned the process, library processes were properly spelt out, capable technical staff was available, and university management supported the process." A key person in the adaptation and implementation process has been Mr. Bernard Shiundu.

In line with the philosophy of being an entrepreneurial university, Strathmore Research and Consultancy Centre (SRCC) is interesting other institutions of higher learning to use KOHA.

### MIT materials now available at SU website



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Strathmore University is now a participant in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Open Course Ware. MIT OCW is a large-scale, Web-based electronic publishing initiative that provides free, searchable, access to MIT's course materials for educators, students, and self-learners around the world.

The fundamental mission of MIT OCW (<http://ocw.mit.edu/>) is to advance education by making the course materials that are used in the teaching of almost all of MIT's subjects available on the Web, free of charge, to any user anywhere in the world.

Unfortunately, the MIT OCW materials are largely underutilized in Sub-Saharan Africa where Internet connectivity is very limited. To overcome this limitation, MIT has installed a small number of mirror sites, or local copies of MIT OCW content, at African educational institutions. Strathmore University is hosting such a site. MIT aims at putting all course material of all subjects that it teaches on their website.

For more information, please visit the following link  
<http://www.mit.strathmore.edu/>

# Meet Fatuma Mohamed

Pioneer MBA student and CSR champion



She is the Chairman of Public Relations Society of Kenya, the Corporate Affairs Manager, Nation Media Group, and Vice-President of the East Africa Public Relations Association, and member of the International Public Relations Association (IPRA).

She is a board member of the Advertising Standards Board (ASB), member of the governing councils of Nairobi Central Business District Association (NCBDA) and Computers for Schools Kenya project, Advisory Council member of AMREF Kenya, and founder member of Gargaar Kenya, an NGO that aims at bringing together professional women from North-Eastern Kenya to find solutions to the education of the girl-child in that region.

Meet Fatuma Hirsi Mohamed, a mother of four and a pioneer student in the Strathmore Business School MBA class. Going by the offices she serves in, she is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) champion. She took sometime to answer some questions put to her by SU Digest editor on 8th March 2007, the International Women's Day.

Where does she get the time and energy to execute the duties of all these offices? Fatuma says, "every morning I take a minute and ask myself, what is really important. This helps me align my actions and encourages me to make more conscious and loving decisions. I play golf. Imagine a 'hijab' wearing woman on the golf course. Also as a woman, I am wired to multi-task."

And how is she finding the MBA class? "I have utmost confidence that it will become a much sought after degree". She adds she is already using the knowledge from the programme to improve her work.

She is also pleased with guest lecturers. "They are of such high standards and make us understand management concepts so easily with simple language and everyday occurrences. We are also getting to see the impact of the subjects we are being taught in corporate and national growth".

Always in a hijab (muslim women head dress) and most of the time also in a buibui (Muslim women full body cloth), I ask her whether she is usually conscious of her gender and religion. After all non-Muslim men dominate the circles she works in. She says she is conscious of her gender and religion. Then she adds that she comes from the Somali ethnic group and she is involved in efforts to help the girl-child living in the harsh regions of semi-arid Kenya.

I tell her St Josemaria, the inspiration behind Strathmore University, stressed that Strathmore should be open to people of all races, religion and social class. Then I ask whether from her experience as a former student of Kianda College and now a student at Strathmore University, is this openness being lived in these institutions?

She replies, "I really appreciate the courtesy accorded to me by Strathmore Business School. The staff members are polite and very helpful and accommodating and I believe it is because of the philosophy of the religion. They are also very welcoming to other religions and this must be commended. I wanted to do a MA (Communications) some years back and was denied admission to a certain Kenyan university (that will remain unnamed) because of my religion. I do really appreciate Strathmore's inclusiveness."

**"I have utmost confidence that Strathmore's MBA will become a much sought after degree".**

And what advice does she have for undergraduate students aspiring to join the corporate world? "The first degree really only gets your foot in the door. If you realize early that you are probably very likely to change careers somewhere along the line, perhaps it would be easier to choose a degree that you enjoy and then specialize later in your postgraduate studies. I have also learnt that learning never ends and you can do it all your life if you so wish so don't limit yourself.

Tongue in cheek she adds, "I wish I knew that when I started off, I would probably have taken nuclear physics for a first degree."

Full transcript of this interview is available at the University website.

<http://www.strathmore.edu/interviews/fatuma.html>

# Alumni News

## Alumni Reunion: Classes 1961-1970



Alumni Reunion, Classes of 1961-70  
Nairobi, Kenya, 25th November 2006

In the afternoon of Saturday, 25th November 2006, a reunion by alumni who had studied at Strathmore College during the pioneering years of 1961-70 was held. A total of 40 persons gathered at the Chiromo Club.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof John Odhiambo talked about the entrepreneurial vision of the University. Pioneer teachers Prof. Ryan and Silvano Borrusso were also present.

## Class of 1975-1976 invites classes 1961-1974

Saturday February 17th marked an important milestone in a proposed series of alumni reunions for 2007. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Jos Konzolo (1975/76) the reunion turned out to be a great success.

The event programme ran between noon and 4 pm. In attendance were about 30 members of various classes between 1961-76 with Mr Francis Kaindi and Mr Sunil Sarkar representing the pioneer Strathmore College A-level class of 1961/62!

5 student volunteers were on hand to help the guests with directions to the venue and registration not forgetting capturing the proceedings on camera.



A group photo of alumni of Strathmore College, A-Level classes of 1961 - 1976 after their reunion.