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ETHICS CONFERENCE:

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between 'town
and gown'

The Minister for Justice, National Cohesion & Constitutional Affairs Hon Mutula Kilonzo described the University's 6th Annual Ethics conference as an interaction between 'town and gown' when he opened it on Thursday, 29th October.

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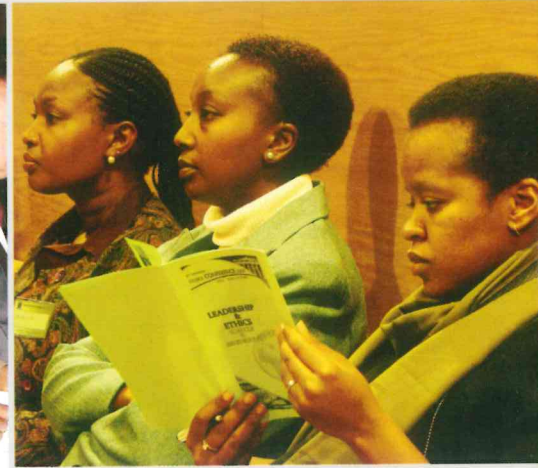
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Some speakers and organizers of the University's 6th Annual Ethics conference. Front row (left to right) Lagos Business School's Dr Franca Ovadje; Ambassador Amina C. Mohamed, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice; Hon Mutula Kilonzo, the Minister for Justice; Prof John Odhiambo, Strathmore's Vice Chancellor; Mr Luis Franceschi, the Chairman of the Conference organizing committee; Mr John Tuta, the Co-Chair of the organizing committee; and Prof Raphael Alvira from University of Navarra.

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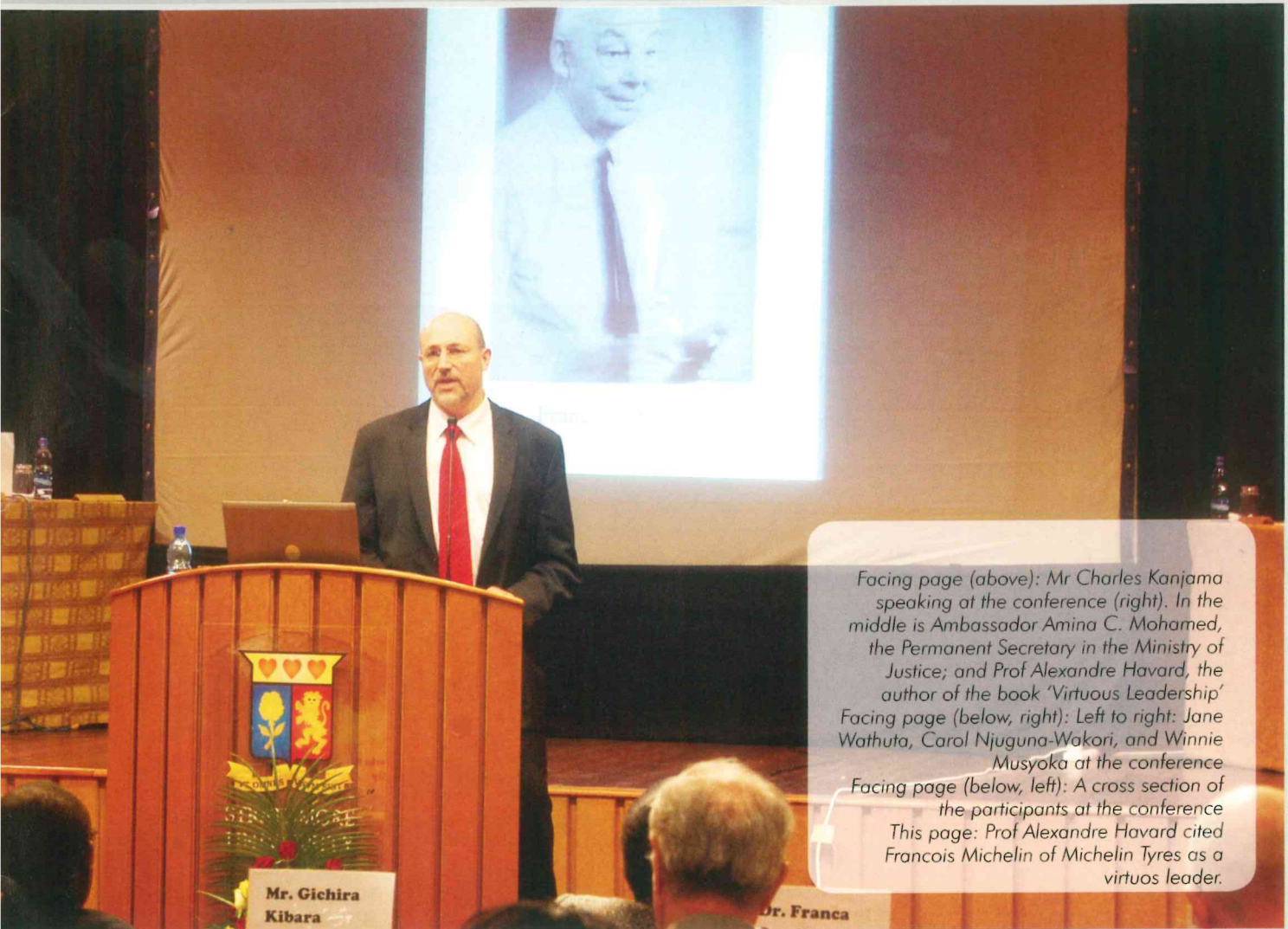
The conference which was held in the auditorium on 29th and 30th October was organized in conjunction with Hon Kilonzo's ministry and the European Union. Speakers at the conference were drawn from Kenya and abroad.

"The Kenya Government through my Ministry is particularly keen on issues of good governance, ethics, and integrity. As the Ministry responsible for, amongst other functions, ethics and anti-Corruption strategies and policies, we are increasingly aware that the greatest anti-corruption strategy is to cultivate ethical values, both in our citizens as individuals, and in our leaders," Hon Kilonzo said.

Hon Kilonzo said he was glad that one of his first decisions when he was appointed to head the Ministry was to partner with Strathmore in this worthy cause. The Minister saw the conference as one avenue for interaction between intellectuals and the common man on pertinent issues affecting the Kenyan society.

Paraphrasing St Josemaria Escrivá who inspired the establishment of Strathmore, Hon Kilonzo said: "To me, this interaction between 'town and gown' is a clear application of the sagacious words of St Josemaria Escrivá in his ... work, 'The Way': "the crises we have in the world today are crises of saints'. It is, therefore, imperative that we not only preach ethics and integrity but walk the talk by practicing it, if we are to make the world a better place for us and our posterity."

In his key-note address titled 'Human Dignity, Human Rights and Social Policy' William Binchy, a professor of Law at Trinity College, Dublin spoke about the role of human dignity in shaping social policy. He saw this as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. He suggested that the right concept of human dignity could help Kenyan leaders face and solve sensitive issues of social policy.



Facing page (above): Mr Charles Kanjama speaking at the conference (right). In the middle is Ambassador Amina C. Mohamed, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice; and Prof Alexandre Havard, the author of the book 'Virtuous Leadership'

Facing page (below, right): Left to right: Jane Wathuta, Carol Njuguna-Wakori, and Winnie Musyoka at the conference

Facing page (below, left): A cross section of the participants at the conference

This page: Prof Alexandre Havard cited Francois Michelin of Michelin Tyres as a virtuos leader.

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Focusing on classical virtues as the basis of effective leadership was Alexandre Havard the founder of the European Center for Leadership Development (ECLD), and the author of the trail blazing book, 'Virtuous Leadership — An Agenda for Personal Excellence'. Prof Havard said the key quality of leaders

was the virtue of magnanimity – big heartedness. He said that leadership can be learnt. His words were echoed by Dr Kevin E O'Reilly who said that fortitude and temperance are key virtues for leaders who wish to practice justice in society.

Prof Havard said that Africa should be wary of concepts like democracy which have become sacrosanct today. "Democracy is not a god," he quipped.

Re-capping his recently published book, 'Citizen Power: a different kind of politics, a different kind of journalism,' journalist Mr Chaacha Mwita said there seemed to be a different democracy in Africa where winning an election is sometimes a crime. He said politics is about life and urged participants to start engaging to solve problems at the grassroots.

Speaking on honesty amid the turmoil of the current economic climate was Dr Franca Ovadje of Lagos Business School, Nigeria.

She said that the economic slowdown has increased the intensity of competition. As the pressure for results mounts, the temptation to cut corners and act dishonestly has increased. However, the ultimate reason for honesty in business is the moral character of the persons; its responsibility for the welfare of others and for the common good requires honesty on the part of leaders in business.

Among the many speakers who addressed the conference included Prof Rafael Alvira from University of Navarre in Spain; Mr Salim Amin, the Chairman A24 News Channel; Prof Yash Pal Ghai, former Chairman of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission; and Mr Martin Oduor-Otieno, CEO – Kenya Commercial Bank. His Excellency Eric van der Linden, Head of European Commission Delegation to Kenya closed the conference.

By Brian Njoroge

THE INVENTOR OF THE WEB AT STRATHMORE

Pointing to the University's motto 'Ut omnes unum sint' in the auditorium on Friday 20th November,

Sir Timothy Berners-Lee, the man credited with developing the world wide web (www) said the motto which translates to 'all may be one' captures what www has meant to information technology.

The World Wide Web is a system of interlinked hyper-text documents contained on the Internet. With a web browser, one can view web pages that may contain text, images, videos, and other multimedia and navigate between them using hyperlinks.

Sir Timothy said the motivation to develop the web came from the frustration computer scientists used to experience in getting information across computer terminals. "Computers were using different languages and to get information from one computer to another, one had to develop a program to translate the information. The essence of the web was to have a standardised way for computers to share information," he said.

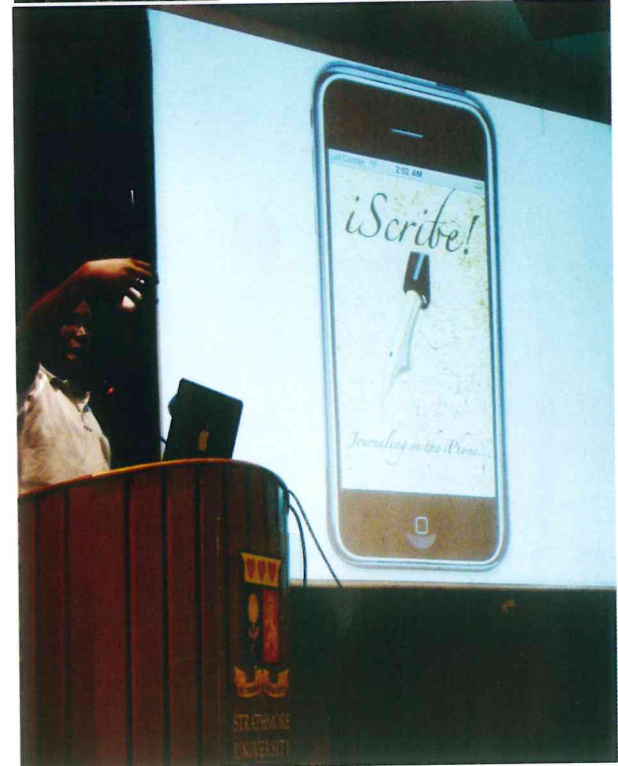
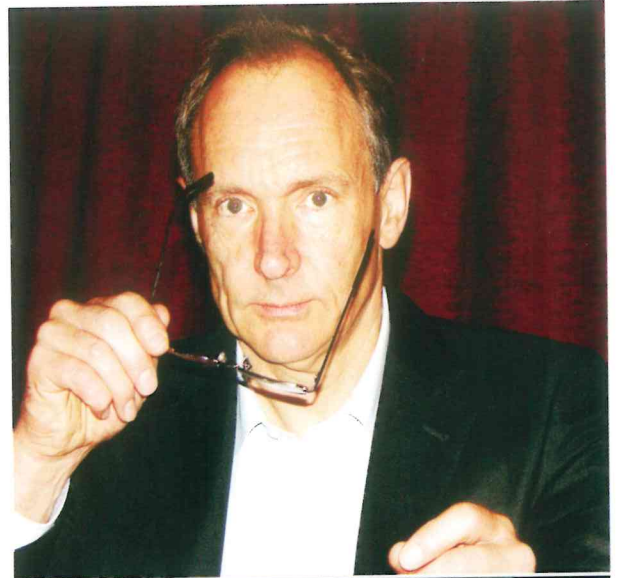
Strathmore Innovation and Technology Transfer Program hosted the English scientist at the University on behalf of Skunkworks (Kenya), a group of IT enthusiasts. A number of

ICT professionals including Emmanuel Kala, a programmer with the University's Information Technology Department; and Wilfred Mworira, a past student made presentations.

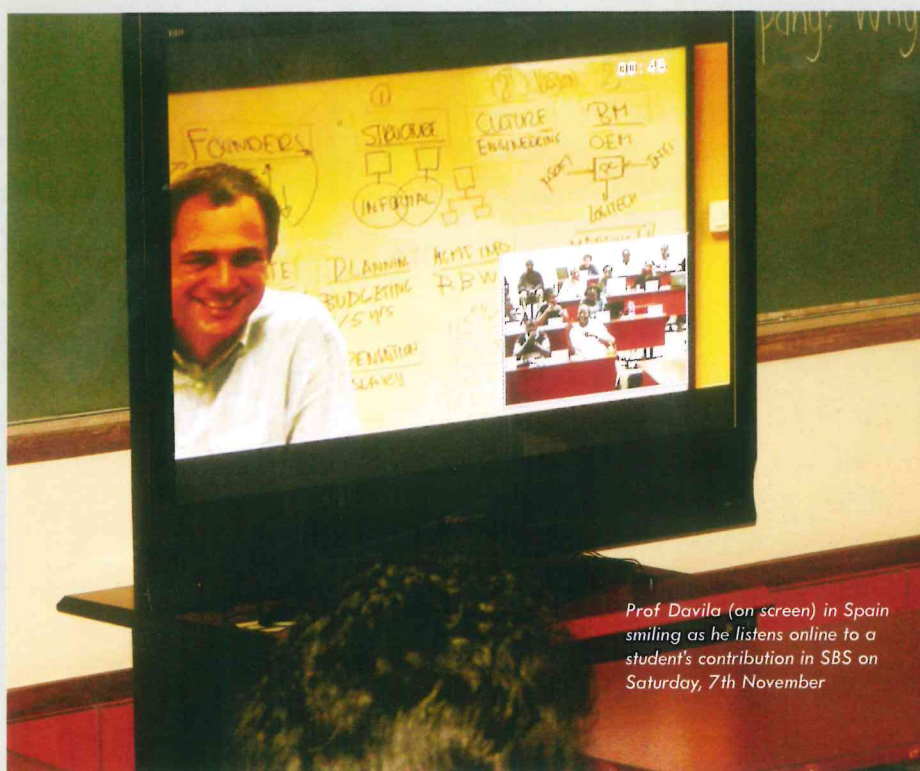
Answering a question on whether the internet might collapse, Sir Timothy said the problem he sees is how wrong information can move so quickly and how it can cause a lot of damage before it is corrected.

Asked what next after Web 2.0, Sir Timothy said he sees a web where users won't need placeholders like Flash applications to post videos for example. He also said there will be Math ML that will treat mathematical functions as text by employing SVG (Scalable vector graphics). He is also talked about the use of (SSML) Speech Synthesis Markup Language which should enable access to the web using speech.

Sir Timothy was in Kenya to launch the World Wide Web Foundation activities in the country. The Foundation is dedicated to the improvement and availability of the World Wide Web.



Top: Sir Timothy Berners-Lee at Strathmore
Bottom: Wilfred Mworira doing his presentation



Prof Davila (on screen) in Spain smiling as he listens online to a student's contribution in SBS on Saturday, 7th November

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SBS TRAIL BLAZES USE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING IN CLASS

Strathmore Business School (Kenya) on Saturday, 7th November carried out a real-time, interactive, cross continental case study session. The session was conducted from Spain's IESE Business School. The session was conducted from Spain's IESE Business School.

The students in the session expected to have a normal learning session. At 8.15am, Mr Roy Were, the MBA Administrator announced to the class that their Innovation lecturer, Dr Edward Mungai would join them at 9.00am which gave them 45 minutes to finish up on their case study preparations.

Dr Mungai did indeed join them at 9.00am but not physically. After a dialing tone and a message showing the video conference kit answering the connection from IESE Business School, the plasma screen sitting in front of the class came alive with Dr Mungai waving and saying "hi" to the class.

He went ahead to call out the stu-

dents' names before introducing the session he had prepared which went so well that one of the participants still thought that Dr Mungai was in the building but was surprised to learn that he was actually in Spain.

After the session, Dr Mungai told Mr Lee Kyonze, SBS's IT and Operations Manager that he felt as if he was in the same class with the students. Lee, who attended the session told him that this was the same feeling in class.

The second session kicked off with IESE's Prof Antonio Davila at 11.00am. Prof Davila is a professor of Entrepreneurship and Accounting and Control at IESE. He discussed a different case in two sessions, showed a number of videos, and used PowerPoint presentations all done in seamless in real time over the video conference equipment.

All the sessions were interactive with questions and answers coming from either side. Prof Davila's sessions ended at 1.45pm.

This, certainly, is milestone for SBS and probably the first online cross continental case study discussion in the region. The students were happy. The initiative gives Strathmore an opportunity to engage more international faculty and renowned guest speakers in their programs in order to enhance participants' experience.

My Kyonze said SBS is expecting a camera with speech recognition features which will be focusing on the student making a contribution to enable the lecturers at the other end to have visual contact.

Simon Thurairira, a Kenyan living in USA posted the following comment after reading the article on the University's website: "Strathmore is on equal footing with the top universities here in U.S. With this kind of innovations, Kenyan students will not need to go abroad for further studies."

LAW SCHOOL HOSTS A CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS

Prof Yash Pal Ghai spoke about his idea of a law school and a university in general.

After two years of deliberations and work, the Strathmore Law School Committee led by Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote hosted stakeholders in the profession for a consultative meeting at the University. The meeting held on 10th November brought together law professors and lecturers, advocates, company secretaries and several Judges to share their expectations of the future School of Law.

Prof Yash Pal Ghai spoke about his idea of a law school and a university in general. He said that it should orient students into the particular profession rather than purely provide them with raw facts. In addition students should be given adequate time to debate and discuss policy issues affecting the profession and the country. He suggested that "every law class should be a class in ethics."

It was interesting to see five generations of Kenyan lawyers represented at the meeting beginning with

Prof Ghai who taught in the 1960s all the way down to Mr Kimathi Kamencu, a young and energetic advocate of the High Court. It was clear that they are all passionate about the profession and want to see change in the teaching and practice of law in the country.

Another topic that was debated was the issue of customary law and its integration into the curriculum. Jill Cottrell speaking from her experience of law in Nigeria said that customary law can be integrated into the legal system of a country. Mr Anthony Gross encouraged the teaching and practice of alternative dispute resolution to avoid adding cases to an already clogged court system.

Several interventions were centred on the question of training lawyers who will not be principally motivated by greed but rather by justice. There were deliberations about the duration the course should take, the subjects to be included and the pos-

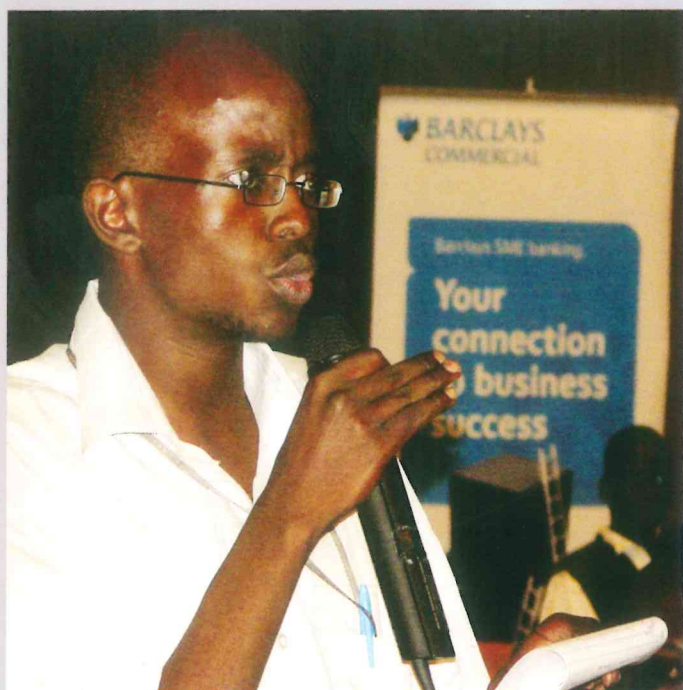
sibility of having law lecturers who were not engaged in part-time legal practice, among other issues.

Prof Mbote and her team have the great task of developing a course that will prepare future law teachers and practitioners who are driven by ethical considerations within an entrepreneurial university.

By Brian Njoroge



Prof. Patricia Kameri - Mbote



A participant speaking at the seminar

ENTERPRISE CENTRE HOSTS A SEMINAR FOR BARCLAYS BANK'S SMES

Strathmore Enterprise Development Centre (SEDC) hosted a seminar for a cross section of Barclays Bank of Kenya's Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) clients on Thursday, 15th October at the auditorium.

The seminar was facilitated by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK).

The half-day seminar was on Audit Quality Assurance. SMEs face many challenges in the area because they don't have expertise on accounting standards and tax regulations. Barclays is seeking to put SMEs in touch with experts who can assist them, said Nick Mbuvi, the bank's Commercial Banking Director.

Richard Kamami ICPAK's Registration and Quality Assurance Manager said that the main role of his organisation is to ensure credibility in the accounting profession in Kenya. He noted that SME's have great challenges in simple book keeping and accounting.

ICPAK will in January 2010 adopt the International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) for SMEs

published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in July 2009. The standards contain five types of simplifications of full International Financial Reporting Standards. See: <http://www.strathmore.edu/News.php?NewsID=119>

The IFRS for SMEs is tailored to the needs and capabilities of smaller businesses. To further reduce the financial reporting burden for SMEs, revisions to the IFRS will be limited to once every three years as opposed to the yearly updates that are accorded full IFRSs. The IFRS for SMEs is separate from full IFRSs and is therefore available for any accounting jurisdiction to adopt whether or not it has adopted the full IFRSs. It is also for each jurisdiction to determine which entities should use the standard.

With a light touch, Dr James McFie, the Academic and Research

Director in the Faculty of Commerce and the Chairman of ICPAK's Registration and Quality Assurance said it does not take a genius to keep accounts and probably that is why he managed to attain a doctorate in that field.

He said businesses can pay less for the services of accounting services by making the work of accountants easy. How? Through basics such as keeping receipts of all purchases big or small chronologically. This will ensure that accountants spend minimal time working and therefore charge less. In this way, SME's can bring down the cost of doing business.

By Brian Njoroge



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HP HOLDS OPEN DAY TO SHOWCASE IMAGING AND PRINTING SOLUTION

Technology firm Hewlett Packard (HP) held an Open Day at the University on Thursday, 12th November to showcase the imaging and printing solution it has deployed here. The University testifies to high satisfaction levels in the solution among students and staff.

The solution dubbed HP Channel led pay-per-use solution has enabled the Strathmore cut down on imaging and printing costs, a key factor in its 50% cost reduction strategy and reduced its printing devices from sixty (60) to eight (8). “The solution has enabled the University consolidate its fleet by 80 per-

cent and created a reliable printing and imaging environment with enhanced security and pull printing capability,” said Patrick Shabaya, The University’s Director of Strategy.

Mr Rakesh Lakhani, the Managing Director of Sight & Sound Computers, the solution implementers at Strathmore said: “Strathmore had a wide range of dot matrix printers, small deskjets and laser printers which were distributed to individual users and departments. They had an uphill task supporting them, stocking consumables, spares and managing them.



Facing page: James Muhia (right), the Chairman of the Student Council shows journalists Wilma Tarus (middle) and Maseme Machuka (left) how the HP Pay-Per-Use printing solution works. Above, Left to right: Mr Amr Hassan, the HP Imaging and Printing Group General Manager, Africa; James Muhia, the Chairman of the Students Council; Mr Patrick Shabaya, the University Director of Strategy; and Mr Rakesh Lakhani the Managing Director of Sight & Sound at the Open Day

It took us nearly one year to gather facts and convince them why this solution was the best option for them. After successfully using the solution for more than nine months, they are relieved of supporting printing and have their ICT staff focusing on other technologies”.

“This solution creates an ideal platform for managing the printing process; allowing institutions to get the precise costs of printing through cost allocation to users and departments. Other benefits of the pay-per-use solution include enhanced fleet management, minimized downtime, increased efficiency of printing, and confidential printing through PIN or card authentication which safeguards sensitive information,” said Mr Amr Hassan, the HP Imaging and Printing Group General Manager for Africa.

Mr Hassan said that with this

product, HP aims to empower institutions, by providing them with high performance technology that meets their printing and imaging needs effectively despite challenging economic environments.

The HP Channel-Led Pay-Per-Use printing solution (HP CLPPU) entails offering a complete Imaging and Printing Solution (I&P) with zero capital investment on HP customers. Through HP Office Printing Partners, such as Sight and Sound Computers, and HP technology specialists, HP conducts detailed studies on its customer’s existing I&P infrastructure, identifies operational and cost pain points, and tailor makes cost effective, friendly and efficient solutions.

James Muhia, the Chairman of the University’s Student Council said that the solution is very convenient, costs much less, and instills a sense

of responsibility on the students as they manage own printing accounts.

“Most institutions of higher learning have a continuous need to photocopy, print and scan documents. In the past, this necessitated purchase of many devices, like desktop printers, copiers and scanners separate. Though this may appear cheaper than MFP at the initial stage, many factors such as life span, number of devices to manage and maintain, multiple consumables cost translate to much higher costs in printing in the long run,” noted Mr Hassan.

At a media brief at the Open day, Mr Lakhani observed that the solution was easy to implement at Strathmore because the University’s decision making was transparent and efficient. “Strathmore is more than a partner in this venture, it is our patron,” he said.

The University choir thrilled a packed United Nations auditorium during the 2009 UN Day celebrations held on Monday, 26th October at the United Nations Offices in Nairobi. The choir was commissioned by the world body office in Kenya mid this year to prepare theme songs promoting the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

The UN day is celebrated worldwide. The United Nations in Kenya honoured Mr Henry Kiprono as the "United Nations in Kenya Person of the Year 2009" for his exemplary service to humanity. Mr Kiprono

won three gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics and was honoured for his efforts in fighting poverty through sports despite his disability.

Conducted by Mr Albert Apela, the 42 member choir which is also the reigning Universities National Secular set piece music champion enlivened the occasion with melodious voices singing themed songs from the Mijikenda, the Maragoli, the Zulu and the Kikuyu.

Speaking at the end of the annual ceremony, the Director General of UN offices in Nairobi and also the

Executive Director UNEP, Dr Achim Steiner lauded the choir's choice of compositions promoting the MDGs and encouraged the choristers to be good ambassadors of the goals.

"We felt very honoured to be called upon to prepare themed musical pieces for this year's UN day, and to us it was a chance to contribute to promoting the MDGs for the good of our country. Kudos to the choristers for a job well done," said Mr Paul Ochieng, the Dean of Students.

Choir News

Choir performs at UN Day in Gigiri



The Choir at the UN complex at Gigiri, Nairobi



The team. Seated (left to right): Jeremiah, Benard, and Pauline. Standing: Sanda (left), and Thomas (right)

Students' Multi-media presentation on the Students Centre

There is so much hype about the soon-to-be Student Centre and everyone is curious to see the finished product. Last semester, a group of BBIT III students comprised of Pauline Njeri, Thomas Mwangolo, Jeremiah Parsinini, Sanda Salim, and Benard Mwangi decided to build a Multimedia presentation to show-case the much anticipated facility.

The inspiration came from a Multimedia System and Applications class in which students were required to build a Multimedia Application as part of the course work. Multimedia is any combination of text, graphics, animation, sound and video. "The challenge was that none of us had made a multimedia presentation before and we did not know what it would be about!" Pauline said.

"The idea to do one on the Students Centre was born during a brainstorming session at the cafeteria, after we realized that we could use this as a chance to get out more information about the Centre. In other words, the project could be of more relevance than just academic," Pauline added.

"We were very curious about this structure which is to be the first of its kind in the region. We also wondered how much the student body knew about this unique building. The team hopes to build more web-based and multimedia projects," Pauline who was the group leader said.

The presentation is available here: <http://www.strathmore.edu/News.php?NewsID=192>

Part of the crowd at Muthurwa courtyard



Students stand up against poverty

About 300 students gathered at the paved courtyard popularly called Muthurwa to demand that governments eradicate extreme poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. The students were in solidarity with over 173,045,325 people who congregated at over 3,000 venues in more than 120 countries in United Nation's Millennium Campaign STAND UP against poverty global advocacy effort.

The effort themed "Stand Up, Take Action, End Poverty Now!" is now in its fourth year and took place between the 16th and 18th October. The initiative has gained such global recognition that the number of people who participate in it is recorded in the Guinness book of records. This year's count has been certified by the book as the largest mobilization of people in recorded history; an increase of about 57 million people over last year.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to publicly demonstrate to policy makers the growing global support for the achievement of the MDGs and for the strengthening of development policies in both Northern and Southern countries.

The STAND UP campaign was designed to coincide with global mobilizations around the International Day of Poverty Eradication and the White Band Day of the Global Call to Action against Poverty. It relies fully on citizen participation.

By James Mubia

Dramsoc

premieres play on politics, love and culture

The University Drama Society over the weekend of 20th-22nd November had the honour of being the first troupe to stage Okoiti Omtatah's 'An Exchange for Honour'. The play uses the explosive mix of power politics, romantic love, and age old cultural customs to make a case against female genital mutilation.

AN EXCHANGE FOR HONOUR

Bonareri (Dorcas Otieno) is a middle aged out-of-work Nairobi-based private detective. She comes across a newspaper story about a pact suicide by two lovers in Luba Lunda, a remote area in rural Kenya. The two are 30 year old John Kigongo, the son of cabinet Minister Hon Kambando wa Kigongo (Evans Wanyama); and his fiancé, 25 year old Josephine Atoo, a 25-year-old Nairobi activist crusading against female genital mutilation (FGM) in Luba Lunda.

The two allegedly hanged themselves, leaving behind a suicide note stating that they took their lives because the groom's parents refused to let them get married.



This Page (left): 1. Nailed! The play ends with FGM perpetrators being sent to jail
 2. By any means necessary, Bonareri (Dorcas Otieno), and Kamau (Mike Kagwanja) give the Police Chief (Spencer Okach) the shake down
Facing page: Chiaroscuro. A play with light and shadows on stage

One of the features of the play is that the lover birds at the centre of it all don't appear on stage. They are dead after all.

The Plot

When the play opens, Bonareri has invited Kamau (Mike Kagwanja), a hardboiled ex-homicide police officer and fellow private eye, to join her in the investigation. They travel together to Luba Lunda to investigate the case, which entails carrying out an exhumation.

The detectives' preliminary investigations point to murder. But they run into a wall of opposition from the local police chief and Hon Kigongo's family and culture. The main reason for the opposition is that it is against the age-old culture of Luba Lunda to exhume bodies.

"We don't exhume the dead. If I let you anywhere near that grave I will become a social outcast. Both my political career and life will be gone. This is Luba Lunda and culture is everything," the Minister tells the detectives.

The compromised establishment embodied by the Police Chief (Spencer Okach) also argues that since it

is known why the two died; there is no need to re-open the case. "I don't see why the peace of the dead should be disturbed to satisfy your unfounded curiosity," the Police Chief tells the determined detectives.

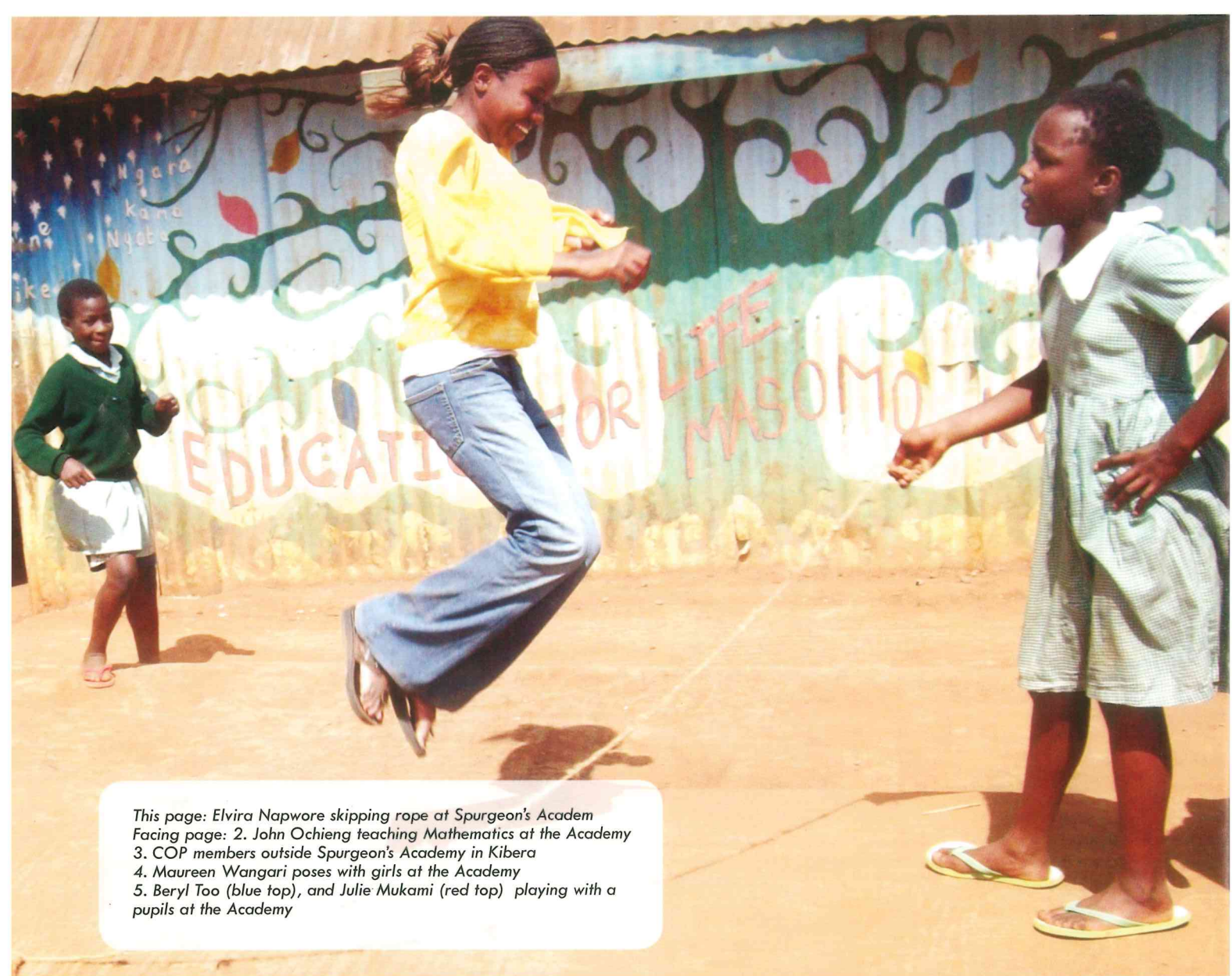
Apparently, under the influence of clan elders who are the base of his political power, Hon Kigongo refused to allow his son to marry Atoo, because she was uncut and to make matters worse had come to Luba Lunda to help in the fight against the highly valued local custom.

Bonareri convinces Kigongo's wife Binti (Stella Sewe) to consent to the exhumation order. When Kigongo gets to know of it, he beats her hard. She runs to the detectives and reveals that Kigongo is using the practice as a political tool but doesn't walk the talk as he is married to an uncut woman. And good wins over evil when the detectives use unorthodox shake downs to bring the truth out of the suspects. Very Kenyan.

COP

An ode to community service

The Community Outreach Program (COP) Club on Saturday, 14th November visited Spurgeon's Academy in Kibera, a school for orphans run by volunteer guardians from the slum. The Academy is supported by Spurgeon's, is one of UK's largest Christian charities working with children, young people and families.



*This page: Elvira Napwore skipping rope at Spurgeon's Academy
Facing page: 2. John Ochieng teaching Mathematics at the Academy
3. COP members outside Spurgeon's Academy in Kibera
4. Maureen Wangari poses with girls at the Academy
5. Beryl Too (blue top), and Julie Mukami (red top) playing with a pupils at the Academy*



Wallace Mokeambo, a COP member wrote the poem below after the visit

A day like no other

A day like no other, spirit of service burns in the hearts of many
 Its 9.30a.m. C.O.P members set off for the big task at hand
 Mission to reach out to our young brothers and sisters in Kibera
 Laughter and warmth fills the bus as the will rises beyond horizons
 Will of readiness to carry the day's activities to brighten the kid's faces

Yes from far I can't see the gate,
 for its wide open
 Maybe a sign to show, the visitors were expected
 From the windows they stare,
 while others stop playing
 Stop playing to rush and meet their big brothers and sisters
 Their faces changes, the excitement cant be hidden

Mixed never to be separated, as if the games had be planned for
 Childhood games prevail, played by both the old and the young
 Motivation takes place, young ones also become stars in the eyes of the old
 At times the shock tend to be absorbed softly with amusement
 Hearts get filled with love and passion, true we always need each other

Giving the world the best is maybe one of the philosophies of

C.O.P

One thing which can't be achieved only by playing, time to share
 To share from both sides of the coin, both young and the old
 Childhood experiences are shared, good code of conduct lights the classes
 Class work problems are silenced, solutions taking room, what a joy

The minds need some rest, yes yes in the minds of the children
 Brothers and sisters time again to play together, yes high time to do it
 Games start again, off three members we set off with the teacher in charge
 Down the narrow paths of Kibera to visit the homes from which the children come from
 To summarise our hearts filled with tears of sorrow, all they need is encouragement

It a day well spent, a day everyone wishes it could remain young forever
 Leaving each other a hard task, thirty more minutes maybe could help
 Ooh no mixed feeling of happiness and sadness are evident in their eyes as we leave
 Sweet brothers and sisters bye, we will come back some day, don't forget all we told you
 I salute you all C.O.P members, well done, off back to school





Sports

Gladiators are Kenya universities hockey champions

*Gladiator Francis Eshikuri
(in black) in action*

Gladiators, the University's men hockey team are the 2009 Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) champions. The team beat Kenyatta University in the finals held at City Park on Saturday, 7th November.

Gladiators hit University of Nairobi 4-1 in the semi finals courtesy of a brace from Allan Ingingu, and a goal apiece from Davis Wangwe and Fred Oracha. Kenyatta beat USIU in the other semi finals.

Gladiators beat Kenyatta by a solitary goal scored by their inspirational captain Ken Nyongesa in the finals. The ladies team did not disappoint either. They humbled Kenyatta 2-0 in the semis. Carol Njoki scored the opener through a classic penalty corner conversion, before Lillian Aura scored with a thunderous shot from another set piece play. The team lost in the finals

it led 2-1 until the last two minutes in what team officials say were controversial circumstances.

Gladiator George Mutira was the league's top scorer with 13 goals. Lillian Aura was voted the ladies MVP, and Allan Ingingu was voted the men's MVP of the league.

Meshack Senge, the teams' coach was satisfied with the performance of both teams and believes this is just an indication of better things to come from both teams. He commended the discipline of both teams, and said it was the pillar to their success. "The teams are maturing fast and their tactical and technical awareness will soon be comparable to none in the country's hockey," he said.

By Paul Ochieng