

Boosting manpower development

THE Second University in Kenya aims at enabling science and technology to serve the development of all people in the country.

That is the key message in a brochure prepared by the administration of Moi University in Eldoret to enable students and the public know at a glance the various courses being offered at the university.

The university briefly aims to be: cost efficient in terms of capital construction and operational costs; energy efficient; environmentally consistent with its surroundings; culturally consistent with the society and a source of versatile and practical graduate who will help promote the development of the whole country.

And the university administration says in appointing the Working Party on the Establishment of a Second University in Kenya, the Government emphasised that the new university will be expected "...to introduce new areas of learning which would help meet high level manpower requirements of a modern and increasingly technological

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society".

The administration is quick to add that the Working Party "found overwhelming support in the country for the establishment of a university which is technically oriented".

The establishment of the university was supported by the Working Party's recognition that science and technology must be blended with social and cultural orientation, and recommended accordingly.

INSTITUTIONS

The new university will therefore initially have the following 12 faculties, schools and institutions:

●Faculty of Technology; to increase Kenya's capacity to develop indigenous technology and

to adopt imported technology. It will put more emphasis on primary needs like water supply, housing, energy, transportation, soil and water conservation, processing of raw materials, minerals prospecting and mining.

●Faculty of Agriculture; to address itself particularly to the problems of semi-arid and arid areas and small scale farming.

●Faculty of Veterinary Medicine; to complement the faculty of agriculture in providing sufficient livestock development personnel to cater for the large number of livestock in the range lands and assist the small-scale farmer in his livestock production needs.

●Faculty of Forest Resources and Wildlife Management; to place emphasis on wood technology, forestry and wildlife management.

The faculty will work closely with the School of Environmental Studies and develop specialisation in areas like agroforestry, afforestation, conservation and ecology. It is hoped that the faculty will be unique in Africa and much of the world.

●Faculty of Science; to offer service teaching to all professional faculties and also produce practically oriented science graduates, specialising in areas of concern to industry and other productive sectors of the nation.

●Faculty of Social Culture and Development Studies; to provide blending of scientific and technological knowledge with social, cultural and development studies, through foundation courses for all undergraduates. It will also promote local languages including Kiswahili.

●Faculty of Information Sciences; to train information scientists including librarians and archivists as well as specialised personnel for the printing indus-

try presently in great demand.

●Faculty of Health Sciences; to train personnel specialising in the prevention and eradication and control of diseases by using appropriate and effective preventive, diagnostic and rehabilitative methods. It is envisaged that research programmes will put emphasis on tropical and traditional medicine.

●School of Environmental Studies; to give postgraduate training in environmental studies and impart environmental awareness in all the programmes of the university. With United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) located in Kenya it is intended that the school be an international focus for Environmental Education and Research.

●School of Graduate Studies; to organise postgraduate programmes of the university such that they will not only serve to strengthen the intellectual life of the university but also attempt to solve problems of the community around and of the country as a whole.

●Institute of Applied Science and Technology; to undertake, in addition to research and development work, the study, collection, adaptation, dissemination and implementation of scientific and technological knowledge so obtained. It is envisaged as a special instrument of industrialisation in the region and country as a whole.

In all the faculties and schools, the curricula followed will give equal emphasis to theory and practice including, where appropriate, sandwich course programmes. The university will therefore work closely with the public and private sectors in developing suitable course programmes.

The university will develop academic links



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with the polytechnics and other institutes of technology in the country.

●College of Continuing Education; the university will have a college of continuing education which will offer varied courses of study including degree work, diploma level work, professional qualifications, and non-degree certificates.

The courses will be conducted outside of normal working hours to permit enrolment for people in employment. The college will utilize those physical facilities already in existence and the suitably qualified teaching manpower.

The university is being established at a time of economic constraint. However, this may be a blessing in disguise. It gives more weight to the expectation that innovative and economical ideas, based on Kenya's well known commitment to self-help, will be adopted in the development of the university.

The development plan of the university will be so designed that units of the university could

be taken up by well-wishers, be they local councils, groups of people, institutions, whole communities of external donors, for funding; either fully or in part. Suitable recognition of such contributions will be instituted as agreed with the donors.

The university will require competent academic, administrative, technical and supporting staff. The aim will be to appoint suitably qualified Kenyans on the staff.

For this purpose, a vigorous staff development is planned. Till this aim is achieved, qualified and experienced expatriate staff will be recruited either as individuals or through institutional exchange programmes or technical assistance and other schemes that may be agreed between Kenya and other countries.

Students will play a major role in the day-to-day running of the institution, such as through working in the halls of resident, kitchens and dining halls, library and university farms so as to help pay for their stay on the campus and also to acquire practical experience and develop correct attitudes towards work.

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of the Moi University, installation as

*the first Chancellor and on the First Graduation
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