

DAYSTAR INFOSPOT

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*Thy word
have I hid in
mine heart,
that I might
not sin
against thee.*

**Psalm 119:11
(KJV)**

VC Hosts Collaboration Students for Lunch

International students in exchange programme at Daystar were treated to a lunch with the Vice-Chancellor on Monday 5th February 2007 at Lukenya Getaway. Also present during the lunch was DVC (Academic) Prof. Samuel Katia, Dean of Students Mr. David Thuku, Chaplain Rev. Joseph Mbunga, Coordinator, Collaborative studies Mrs. Grace Kabuye, Guest Liaison Officer Mrs. Coretta Ndunda and ISADU Chairman. Also attending the luncheon was Keith Ramsdell, a visitor from USA. The students attending the lunch came from Korea, US and Canada.

Addressing the students after the lunch, the VC said that Daystar is glad to host the international students. He said that the term university is derived from the word universe which means the whole world thus showing that university education should be global. He said that the University has a rich history of exchange program which started around 1987 until American travel advisories slowed it down. He narrated how he traveled to Messiah College in 1987 and presented a paper titled: *Interantionalization of Curriculum*.



The VC's Lunch group pose for a photo at the steps of Lukenya Getaway on Monday 5th February.

In the paper, he said that most American universities sent their students for exchange program to Mexico, Central America and Europe and ignored Africa. It is after that that quite a number of American institutions embraced exchange programs with African institutions.

Responding to a number of requests from Mrs. Kabuye concerning the students, the VC told the Dean of Students to liaise with the sports department and have Korean students start some Tae kwon do classes. He also

asked the department to liaise with the management of Lukenya Getaway to see whether the university students can get special rates to use their swimming pool more so during this hot season.

DVC (Academic) Prof. Katia thanked the international students for coming to Daystar. He said that it is God's wish for His people to be together so the exchange program is quite Christian. He also urged the students to raise all concerns they may have with his office through the Coordinator of collaborative studies.

Library Automation Launched

The Daystar library automation was launched on 1st Feb 2007 at both campuses. The Athi-river Campus launch was done in the morning while the one for Nairobi campus was done in the evening.

The event was attended by two visitors from US who had helped to finance the automation process. Present during the occasion were the Vice-chancellor, Rev. Prof. Godfrey M. Nguru, DVC (Academic) Prof. Samuel Katia and several other heads of departments. Also present were representatives from Daystar University Parents Association (DUPA) led by Charles Kamau.

The Ag. Librarian Mrs. Elizabeth Yegon described the launch as a great milestone having taken two years to work hard on the process and now it is over. She thanked the guests for their enormous support which made the automation process a success. She described the Mandarin software that the library has installed as the most versatile in the market and has served its purpose well. It is also used by a number of other institutions of higher learning in the country.

DVC (Academic) Prof. Katia said he was happy for what the Lord had done and thanked the Foundation represented by the visitors for being there for us. He said that when the

Commission for Higher Education expressed the interest to re-inspect Daystar, Library was one of the areas of concern but a lot of work has since been done

The V.C in his speech acknowledged the enormous support that the Foundation has given to Daystar. He said their support dates back to December 2004 when the Foundation gave the University US\$ 50,000 for the expansion of the Nairobi Campus library. He said the grant came at a time when the University was recovering from years of financial difficulties.

The VC also said that the university shares in the concern of female students who reside off campus and cant make full use of the library facility in the evenings due to insecurity as they walk back to their residences. He said that the university together with DUPA is struggling to raise finances to complete the DUPA self-catering hostel to address the problem. He also revealed that plans are under way to set up a police post around the campus Neighbourhood to boost security.

Mrs. Phyllis Masso who once assisted in the library said that she was glad that finally, what she had anticipated to happen has taken place.

Research Funded to the Tune of 1 Million Kshs

The research Committee in its last sitting on 5th February 2007 approved 5 research proposals. The proposals funded are shown below.

- The History of Daystar University By Hellen Maleche
- Using Digital Media in Musical Story Telling By Florence Miya
- Factors Contributing to Academic Performance of Students in a Private University-The Case of Daystar University By Flora Karimi
- Digitalization of African Oral Literature By Mike Kuria
- The Trade-off between Use and Conservation-The Case of Medicinal Plants in Semi-arid Kenya by Michael Bowen

Faculty members are informed that the call for proposals for funding in the next financial year is on. They are advised to submit their research proposals to the research office from Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm.

An Alternative Valentine Dinner

Praxis Fellowship and the ministries of **Ukarimu House** are hosting the special event, **Real Love for Real Christians, an Alternative Valentine's Day Dinner Event**, on the 14th of February 2007. The event has the full approval of both the Dean of Students and the Chaplain. This event is open to all unmarried Daystar Students.

You and your friend are invited to celebrate your relationship with an evening of

- **Live Music** by *Helen & Alfred Mtawali*
- **A 5 course *Al Fresco* Candlelit Dinner, Catered by the Lukenya Getaway**
- **Informing & Entertaining Special Speaker, Kirabo & Mary Lukwago**
- **Door Prizes and much more**

The event will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Ukarimu House**, the home of Dr. & Mrs. Kingsbury, in Lukenya Village

Come and celebrate an alternative to Valentine's Day with other Christian couples, in a way that is fun, romantic, and glorifies God. Charges are Kshs. 1,600/- per couple *Dress formal.*

Tickets available from the **Praxis Fellowship** table in PAC Court

Daystar Markets in Kisii, Migori and Kericho

Daystar marketing team recently toured Kisii, Migori and Kericho districts on a three-day marketing trip.

The first stop was at Sironga Girls High School in Nyamira where fifteen high schools were represented. A separate session was held with the staff members of the schools. The team then moved to Kisii High School where five schools joined the event. The final event was in Kericho Day Secondary School where ten schools participated.

There was marked interest and enthusiasm on the Daystar stand in all the centres that were visited.

Small Groups Report

The University community is being informed that small groups will begin from 1st march 2007 and will run for two months up to April. The chaplaincy is in the process of reorganizing the groups to accommodate new students and take out names of those who have left. A training session for leaders is scheduled for Saturday 10th February. Leaders especially those who did not avail themselves for the last training session are asked to avail themselves on Saturday 10th February 2007 at 9.00 am at the Nairobi Campus Chaplain's office.

The Chaplain thanks all who participated in the last semester's small groups noting that there was 60 percent attendance. He however encouraged staff to improve attendance and be integrated in the small groups.

Identity Cards and use of the Library

Students including those in the Continuing Undergraduate evening and Masters programme are reminded that they are required to use their identity cards when transacting in the library. Beginning February 19th, those without cards will not be served. Those who have lost their cards are advised to get replacements. Year 2007 students should have their cards by March 1st, 2007. Invoices will not be allowed.

Meanwhile, the library may require proof of identity when providing services. Kindly carry your identity cards or current medical cards in addition to stamped invoices.

Students are advised that it is inappropriate to lend their identity cards to their colleagues to facilitate them use the library. Cards used in this manner will be confiscated.

DUSA Organises Club Exhibition

Daystar University Students Association has organised a clubs exhibition on 12th to 14th Feb 2007 at Athi River Campus. A mini exhibition was held at Valley Road campus on Wednesday 7th February 2007 from 2.00pm.

The top three clubs will be awarded prizes. Clubs are requested to pick exhibition materials and memos from DUSA office immediately. All clubs intending to participate are requested to sign up at DUSA office soonest possible.

Your Weekly Library Resource

1. Video of the week (Available in Multimedia Athi River)

Islam in perspective Part 1 and 2

These videos give an understanding of Islam its teachings and how it affects the life of Muslims. The quran guides Muslims in the way they are supposed to live.

2. Journals

EBSCOhost

URL: <http://search.epnet.com>

EBSCOhost is a rich online resource and has the following databases:

Academic Search Premier

The world's largest academic multi-disciplinary database, *Academic Search Premier* provides full text for nearly 4,500 journals, including full text for more than 3,600 peer-reviewed titles. PDF backfiles to 1975

or further are available for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references are provided for 1,000 titles. This database is updated on a daily basis via EBSCOhost.

Business Source Premier

Business Source Premier is the industry's most used business research database, providing full text for more than 2,300 journals, including full text for more than 1,100 peer-reviewed titles. *Business Source Premier* is superior to the competition in full text coverage in all disciplines of business, including marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance and economics. This database is updated daily on EBSCOhost.

ERIC

ERIC, the Educational Resource Information Center, contains more than 2,200 digests along with references for additional information and citations and abstracts from over 1,000 educational and education-related journals.

Health Source- Consumer Edition

This database is the richest collection of consumer health information available to libraries worldwide, providing information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health. *Health Source: Consumer Edition* features more than 130 full text, consumer health magazines. This database is updated on a daily basis.

From DVC (Academic) Office

The DVC (Academic) would wish to inform students especially in Nairobi campus that his office in Nairobi Campus will remain open on Fridays to serve the day students at the campus. The office is situated on the 2nd floor of the old hostel building.

Students' Transport Announcement

All students are informed that they should have their bus passes by Friday 9th February 2007. Nobody will be allowed to use transport service using invoices from the said date.

Chapel Diary

Athi River Campus

Tuesday 13th February

Doulos Chapel

Thursday 15th January

HIV/Aids Chapel



Nairobi Campus

Friday 9th February

Ambrose Nyangao

Topic: *Come now let us reason together*

Tuesday 13th February

Rev. E. M'Mutungu

From a prostitute to an Evangelist