The conclusion of the October elections saw various newly elected Students Organisation of Maseno University (SOMU) leaders take over their various offices.

Thus, the end of this marked the beginning of another crucial chapter that will run through 2016/2017.

The Student Organisation of Maseno University induction started on 13-16th October at the Racecourse Inn in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County.

The workshop was officially opened by the dean of students Mr. Kweya J. Opande who engaged the student leaders in coming up with ground rules to govern the workshop event. He advised the officials to respect each other and learn to practice emotional intelligence.

The four day training and orientation event was organized to prepare the student leaders on their functions, duties and responsibilities.

It was also to enlighten the student leaders on university structures & instruments of governance as presented by the Legal officer Mrs. E. Ayoo and operations relating to the SOMU constitution.

Budgeting and work plan for the semester and emerging social issues among the students were not ignored as counsellor Lucy Kathure took the students through various social issues ranging from HIV/AIDS prevalence, drugs and substance abuse, gender issues and health care.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics Prof Mary Kipsat outlined the need for participatory leadership, and further advised the leaders to work together with the administration for a better Maseno University.

The Procurement officer highlighted the process pertaining the procurement in the University. "The procurement Act was enacted to promote fairness and integrity in public procurement in the university," he echoed.

The Director Public Relations in Maseno University, Dr. Owen urged the student leaders to embrace the official channels of communication when presenting their grievances and to protect the image of the university at all times.

The event was officially closed by the DVC AF &D Prof Muhoma who highlighted that every leader should be ready to serve without favour and be diligent at all times.
WORD FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Maseno University Earns its Place as a Centre of Excellence

It is yet another academic year, another opportunity to reflect on our successes and our weaknesses. Since its founding, Maseno University has worked tirelessly in moving the wheels of Kenya’s education to greater heights.

As an institution, we have grown in leaps and bounds and continue to advance our infrastructure and facilities with a view to positioning ourselves as a world-class university. Needless to say, offering quality education through the available resources and establishment of more strategic infrastructure is our priority. The University also continues to implement its strategic plan with a view to realizing its vision, “to be the University of Excellence in discovery and dissemination of knowledge.”

The University has transformed many lives through quality education, which is tailored to incorporate Information Technology (IT). This has empowered many graduates, putting them ahead of the pack in the highly dynamic job market.

As we start this new academic year, we are delighted and honoured to admit more than 3,800 first year students. Our expectation is that the freshmen will be groomed to focus on quality education, research and innovation to stimulate sustainable growth and development.

We appreciate the role our development stakeholders and partners continue to play in expanding and streamlining our education progress for the benefit of thousands of students.

Maseno University remains true to its cause of offering highly competitive programmes to our esteemed students and acknowledge the great role bestowed upon us by the larger national and international community as a trusted institution higher of learning.

OUR VISION

“to be the University of Excellence in discovery and dissemination of knowledge.”

PROF. JULIUS NYABUNDI
VICE-CHANCELLOR,
MASENO UNIVERSITY
Maseno students go on rampage

The day was 30th October 2016, and as dusk set, tempers were boiling and temperatures steadily rose as the deafening sounds of rubber and canisters rent the surreal evening air.

Students swarmed the streets in anger as it became apparent that all this subterfuge stemmed from news quickly spreading that one student had his life cut short after being mercilessly hacked by a villager from the nearby Macungie neighborhood.

Instantly, they blocked the busy Kisumu-Busia highway, causing massive traffic snarl ups, and at the same time went in search of the assailant, baying for his blood and the mob made a short job of leaving his charred remains behind.

Long into the night, police hide and seek battles with police raged as they fought tooth and nail to calm the irate comrades, with several properties destroyed. Eventually the situation was quickly quelled the rising hostilities. This was a true recipe for upheaval, and police entered the fray, seeking to halt the disruptions once and for all, but the sustained use of tear gas canisters and rubber bullets was more like running on a treadmill to nowhere, and soon the University was declared as too in-conducive for learning, thus closed indefinitely.

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The next day was no better as the violence continued unabated, as the locals threatened to attack students from the Mabungo neighborhood, but comrade’s ultimate jumped to action and quickly quelled the rising hostilities. This was a true recipe for upheaval, and police entered the fray, seeking to halt the disruptions once and for all, but the sustained use of tear gas canisters and rubber bullets was more like running on a treadmill to nowhere, and soon the University was declared as too in-conducive for learning, thus closed indefinitely.

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Maseno University School Of Medicine Students Association Fun day

With the permission from the Dean Of Students, Maseno University School Of Medicine Students Association, abbreviated: MUSOMSA, held a fun day on Saturday, 20th August 2016 at the Student Centre Playground.

The fun day began at 9am with a whole lot of activities for the day. They included: Eating competition, Football matches, Bible trivia, General discussions, Athletics, choir competition, 1st years orientation, Team activities, dancing competition, board/indoor games, among others.

The day began with prayers, after which the entertainment was taken over by DJ Fridah and DJ Cent. The music took the better part of the morning. MC Fess and MC Rono on the mics. The scheduled activities of the day began with Football teams competing, then athletics followed, a sequence of indoor games, such as puzzle together with sack races followed. Towards lunch time, a very interesting activity took place; the eating competition. Being on Saturday, a Sabbath day for the SDA fraternity, Bible trivia was conducted, dancing competition took place also took place as each person tried to show his/her flexibility and skills. The winners were awarded accordingly. The first years were oriented and welcomed them to the association, thereafter there was through discussions and finally a fellowship.

The fun day was sponsored by, Alvin Steve, director sports, Mike Odeny, Francis Agwambo and Doctor Okto. The day was indeed full of fun. Actually a good start for the semester. A kind of activity to be emulated by other faculties and departments.

Comrades, welcome to the first Issue of The Somu Post-2016/2017. A Newsletter of the Student’s Organization of Maseno University (SOMU). The past few weeks have been momentously marked by significant events in SOMU’s calendar.

In particular, those who dare to enter in what Africa portrays as “dirty” politics and play their role in improving the Welfare of comrades. Women are different leaders with unique qualities to enrich the human experience.

To quote the late Prof. Wangari Muta Maathai, “African women in general need to know that it’s okay for them to be the way they are—to see the way they are as a strength, and to be liberated from fear and from silence.”

Our cover story highlights a message from the Vice Chancellor Prof. Julius O. Nyabundi who urges students to be focused at all times and maintain integrity in their endeavors.

With over 14,000 students from all campuses of Maseno University, which has illuminated a united voice, wish to present a united front in the journey as the university ascends to world class heights. The recently conducted peaceful elections, which saw a new office sworn in are a hallmark for the union this semester.

As they say, comrade are the apogee of intelligence, and they have stayed true to their words.

Suffice it to say, fasten your seat belt and enjoy the ride—page after page, leaf after leaf and all. Welcome
Maseno welcomes 3,800 First years

by Desma Mboya
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The first year students of Maseno University, situated along the Busia highway commenced reporting on the 15th of August 2016 and the exercise lasted the whole week with a lot of organization witnessed to the last day.

The students were offered tents next to the college campus gate where they left their luggage to enable their movement as they sorted out their admission issues. At the tents were security officers who ensured that the luggage’s were safe and not tampered with.

The students then moved to the Millennium halls where admission was on per various schools.

After admission they went to the hostel department where the hostel managers offered them relevant information concerning their staying in their various hostels...Tsunami, Kilimanjaro, Equator, Mark Box and Vet Farm.

They then went for their luggage’s now that they had the keys to the hostel as they eagerly waited for the D-day.

Orientation began on the second day though some students were still reporting. The orientation process went on till 19th where they were told the DOS and don’ts in the school. Various heads in the school and departmental heads in the school took the students through the students handbook so as to familiarize them with what is expected of them.

The whole orientation process was officially closed on Friday the 19th when the vice chancellor Prof. Julius Nyabundi addressed the students then welcomed them with a drink and a snack.

Public Health Dept. Razed

by Galvin Munene
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Barely a month later, a big chunk of the Maseno university students have not yet known what caused the fire that burnt down the public health department building. Some students say that this has been a routine where investigations are delayed and later they end up with no results.

The offices burnt were in custody of most documents that showed the academic progress including reports and examination materials. However reports from the department have assured all students from the school that no data relating to students was tempered with and they will get their results as usual.

The students allude that wrangles within the public health department can likely be linked to the cause of the fire, contrary to the information from the department suggesting that the fire was caused by an electric fault. However the Vice Chancellor Julius Nyabundi says it is a matter that is under investigation.

It also emerged that a big number of students who were expecting to graduate later in December this year from the school will be left out on the day due to missing results and being denied a chance to take supplementary exams in the various papers they failed. However this has affected most schools in the institution.

According to the Vice chancellor Prof Julius Nyabundi ‘Supplementary exams were scrapped off because they were being given illegally. The university does not give room for supplementary exams.’ He said.
Greetings to all of you!
Maseno University is an institution that has great minds working together towards a common goal of making the country and the world an intellectually enriched place. Being the president of the school is a great honor and a task I do not take lightly, but invest all my energy in service towards the Maseno fraternity, especially the student fraternity.

My message to you today is that as student leaders we will always put your interests first as you have witnessed when we fought to reduce hiked Resit fees and scrapped the 2000 fine. We have also offered bursaries to many needy students and tried to look into the welfare of those who need help. We continue to strive to deliver much more but we also request for your hand in achieving this.

Our relationship with our surrounding community is quite commendable now. The bitter-sweet era has almost come to an end. The error of mistrust and suspicion is almost over, but I would not turn a blind eye to the security status in our school. That is being worked on and there is no more need to worry at all.

What is the University in terms of our own scripts? What values do we uphold in making the school a better place? What do we think about our fountain of excellence? It is our duty to have a positive mindset in ensuring that the school is held in high esteem by ourselves and also our outside community so as to ensure it grows into what we are all dreaming about.

Do you have inspiring story that you would like us to feature on the Oracle magazine? Is writing your passion? Then send your story to somupost13@gmail.com
Healthy Living

Recipe: Indian aromatic rice pilaf

Pulao is a wide variety of spiced rice dishes in India. It is a method of cooking rice that was adopted from the Persians with their rice polows. Pulao is also popular in East Africa due to past Indian immigration to the area.

It is easy and simple to prepare though you may want to do this after all your classes.

4-6 servings
Ingredients
- Basmati rice -- 1 1/2 cups
- Oil or ghee -- 2 tablespoons
- Cinnamon stick -- 1
- Cardamom pods -- 4 or 5
- Peppercorns -- 4 to 6
- Whole cloves -- 3 or 4
- Onion thinly sliced -- 1
- Water or stock -- 3 cups
- Salt and pepper -- to taste

Method
1. Place the rice in a large bowl and rinse in three or four changes of water until the water runs fairly clear. Fill the bowl with water to cover the rice by 1 inch and set aside to soak for from 30 to 60 minutes. Once the rice has soaked, drain it well and set aside.
2. Heat the oil or ghee in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the whole spices and stir until fragrant, about 20 to 30 seconds. Take care not to burn the spices. Immediately stir in the onion and sauté until translucent, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the drained rice and stir until it is heated through and all the grains are coated with the oil or ghee.
3. Stir in the stock or water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to lowest setting and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let rest, covered, another 5 to 10 minutes. Remove lid, fluff rice with a fork and serve.

How much variety do you get in your activity, and how much do you enjoy it? The CDC recommends that adults get at least two and a half hours per week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or one hour and 15 minutes per week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, plus muscle-strengthening activities at least two days per week.

Keep a food diary. I know this sounds ridiculous. You know, noting down all the pizzas, cakes and meatballs you did ‘not eat’. Write down everything you eat for a day -- and no fair skipping the items you’re embarrassed about. “The idea is to write it down … without judgment,” says Kathianne Sellers Williams, MEd, RD, LD, a nutritionist, wellness coach, and personal trainer with Cafe Physique in Atlanta. “You can’t change what you’re not aware of or don’t acknowledge.”

Check your mood and energy. Healthy living includes emotional wellness and adequate rest. How has your mood been lately? Are you experiencing any symptoms of depression or anxiety? Do you usually sleep well for seven to eight hours a night?

Consider your social network. How strong are your connections with family and friends? Are you plugged in with social or spiritual groups that enrich your life? “People have a fundamental need for positive and lasting relationships,”
MASENO: Strong on Rocks that Divide Earth

by Cosmas Musembi

At least 24 kilometers from Kisumu city is Maseno town that lies on the imaginary line, Equator.

The name Maseno reckons with the indigenous trees known in local dialects as”Oseno”or “Oluseno” among the Luo and Luhya communities respectively. It is out of the tree that Reverend Willis, the pioneer who founded the center and coined the name Maseno. Maseno is famous to be a missionary town that dates back history with the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga.

The ambiance of the town is one of a kind in Kenya especially with key landmark of an oblate spheroid earth resemble striped mark Equator capturing the attention of tourists into an Equator zone.

Granitic rocks dominate stark and spectacular landscapes. The rocks are homes to various small animals and caves that act as shrines and worshipping centers for the locals. Even though the granitic rocks remains a natural resource that is untapped in the area, it’s a perfect camping site and a strategic point that offers a good view of Lake Victoria and Kisumu city from a distance.

The floral diversity of the area guarantees the survival of thousands species of monkeys such as Capuchin monkey, Blue Monkey, Golden Lion Tamarin and Pygmy Marmoset. The green landscape of herbal beauty is interrupted by a rocky outcrop of the scenic Emabungo hill where most monkeys oscillate. The hill also serves as the source of a permanent Khalakhala stream that is along Baptist Church in between Maseno and Luanda.

The Great North Road that connects to the border of Uganda is vital passing through Maseno and Luanda. Tourists always pose in Maseno club hotel, located just adjacent to 'IDP' Hostels, is home to a host of crops, livestock, fish and even bees. The icing on the cake though, that has enabled such tremendous development is the Siriba stream that waterways through the land.

Above all, it is poised to become a leading center of research in East and Central Africa. The farm’s Director, Prof. Dida is an accomplished researcher who has made ground-breaking discoveries in crop breeding that has resulted in resistant and high yielding varieties.

This has enabled the farm to make strategic partnerships and receive international support in funds and grants through ICIP and UNDP. This has served to increase both its turnover and research capacity. Farmers in the region can now see the benefit of such a facility as they are provided with pest and drought resistant seeds that take a short time to mature while producing high yields.

As one enters the farm, the administrative wing sits magnificently close to the store and silo, where inputs such as fertilizers, seeds and machinery are kept. A little peek gives a glimpse of the close to 60 acres of prepared land ready for sowing. Further afield, the neat rows of bananas, leafy kales, tomatoes and other vegetables are visible. At another section, cereal varieties such as AC DJMA 43 maize are visible. Millet, sorghum, wheat, rye, oats and barley are in stock.

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FEEDING THE FUTURE: DIDA DOES IT AGAIN

by Alwin Abok

Agriculture is very important in Kenya as 75% of the Kenyan population is dependent on agriculture for food and income and it contributes to 26% to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 60% to foreign exchange earnings.

For some time, deep in the heart of western Kenya lay an untapped gem. Sixty acres of virgin arable land that remained unploughed constitute part of the vast land that Maseno University owns.

But one man changed that all. Under Professor Mathew’s Dida, Dean at Maseno University’s Faculty of Agriculture and Food Security, the vast expanse is now an exclave of ostentations wealth that has caught the attention of International Organizations that have chirped in to support it.

According to the project Manager, Dr. Anne Nyambok, the trial stage of the project witnessed maize seeds planted on 20 acres. Since then, they have expanded it to more than sixty acres with more land being prepared for cultivation.

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ALL EYES ON THE IDOLISED 'TEAM MAFISI'

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Lots of unapologetic headlines streak social media platforms and the mainstream media more often than the past, especially for a greater part of last year and this year. You might have run into some serious life issues and lost track of the trending or once trended events and issues.

First, the leaked DJ Cream’s sex-tape really made headlines as what it all did was to taint the glorious image of Kenya’s most iconic DJ’S Mr. Dela Creme. Despite of his obscene video going viral all over the nation and yonder, he was obsessed decluttering tones and tones of shame that had shredded his public profile.

Then came the “Molis” incident that can never afford going untold. The “Molis” epic received varied reactions across the nation. It raised praises from a fairly large number of the Kenyan society. However, it also didn’t manage to forgo critics and scorn from human rights activists, the religious community and those who claimed to be sex specialists.

The critics were aimed at discrediting Moli’s actions and ended up likening the actions to abuse of human rights and nowhere any close to sexual prowess which most people were praising “Molis” for.

The third issue and which is also my point of concern was the mysterious emanating of the famous idolized Team Mafisi Sacco. I might not be the only one who is battling out trying to find the true identity of the so called “Mafisi” whom it is alleged that they also have a “Co-operate Sacco” as their name alludes. Who are they? Do they really exist?

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I might not have made a very comprehensive discovery but at least my question has been answered.

My research also stumbled very hilarious finding that “Rongo University officially registered the Team Mafisi Sacco. According to the Sacco’s Chairperson Mr. Jay Juma, the group will provide a redefined general perception of the contentious “Team Mafisi” title. The group, whose patron is the dean of students is to enable create awareness of drugs and substance abuse and also

10 characteristics of Team Mafisi Member

- People with uncontrolled staring and ogling habits towards the opposite sex famously known as “Kuvunjja Shingo or Kukula kwa macho”
- A person who sees no good from the opposite sex apart from sex and all they think and talk about is sex
- One who doesn’t choose a person to date, everyone and anyone is okay for him or her regardless of looks and character.
- A dude who will never hesitate in boxing all chicks on Facebook, Whatsapp and will rather miss a CAT but in return enjoy their company or have their digits.
- A married man who will always remove his wedding ring, stash it in his pocket when he sees a potential catch and will even shade tears swearing on how unmarried he is.
- A guy whose phone is guarded by uncountable layers of passwords and patterns and will always carry it to the loo and bathroom.
- A person with uncountable number of exee’s in his life.
- This a type of guy who will always be in campus when first years are reporting with no single official assignment and will always be seen trying to provide the new fresher girls with irrelevant help.
- The man who will never introduce you as his girlfriend to his friends, parents or even enemies.
- The dude who will always give thousands rounds of applause and admire: incurable polygamous men, admire and praise the likes of Molis and advice his friends to be players.

I therefore decided to dive to the deep ends and probe this whole issue with an ultimate aim of unmasking the true identity of team mafisi. Having no background information with neither single book for making references as there is no scholar who has done and published such a research that
Maseno benefits from World Bank street lighting project

Maseno University students and its environs can now give a sigh of relief after Kenya Power and Lighting

Company staff commenced the installation of street lights around the institution.

The KShs. 800 million project, funded by a grant from the World Bank and the French government, will see street lights and flood lights installed in urban centers, estates and informal settlements around Kisumu County. Kenya Power Western Region Manager Dan Obiero said the process will be completed by the end of March, 2016.

The project will go a long way in addressing security concerns that the University has had to grapple with. This is due to the darkness that engulfs most of the areas surrounding the institution as soon as dusk sets in.

It is also certain that the French-funded Kisumu Urban Project, which will see 700 street lights and 41 floodlights installed in the city and its neighboring major urban centers such as Maseno, will be a bold milestone towards achieving a 24 hour economy, a huge pillar of the vision 2030 initiative.

This will be as a result of the added extra hours for trade and conduct of transactions among students and the business community while guarding against insecurity.
All hail the Don!

One must just love how the American mainstream media tumbled itself over with disbelief at the news of Donald Trump’s spectacular yet baffling capture of the white house.

Considering the mountainous efforts major US media houses such as CNN and Fox News mounted to set the agenda in favor of the Clinton campaign, it was more a case of good natured mockery when the news was delivered with aplomb that the don had indeed risen to the top of mount Olympus, brushing aside his opponent with the braggado and silent arrogance of a first among equals.

As his ubiquitous portrait now waits to hang emphatically on the walls of US state offices for the next four years, to state that his rise to the Presidency was without challenges would be a gross understatement. Not with all the internecine strife witnessed within the Republican Party, astonishingly even hours to Election Day.

Asking for cohesiveness from the Republican Party was more or less like trying to find a single shampoo that could care for all the hair in Angelina Jolie’s house. A daunting if not impossible task. But is there anything more ridiculous than to imagine a presidential candidate sweeping to victory without the blessings of his party chiefs, and against a formidable opponent for that?

Basing on the political and cultural orthodoxy that has monopolized US elections, it wasn’t difficult to guess why Hillary Clinton so spectacularly lost this election. Economic and foreign policy are a plus and can win you elections in the US, but the racial divide ultimately determines who ascends to the top office. Race is God down here.

Clinton’s penultimate mistake was her failure to spur and energize the minority voters, blacks and latinos,and get them out to vote as Obama did in 2008 and 2012.Considering that over the decades the minority vote has gradually rose to account for about 30% of the vote, they are a significant force in getting one the top job. But her biggest undoing was her failure to capitalize on the Latino hatred for Trump considering his vile rhetoric against them.

The white electorates’ unprintable hatred for the establishment and its operations, mostly always shrouded in bureaucratic secrecy, was certainly the chief propellant of Trumps astonishing victory. Rising taxes and bills, the increased threat of doorstep terrorism, surging immigrant numbers and the government’s inability to assure the economic protection of common Americans interests enabled Trump to steal the thunder, and like Lancelot the Knight, marched to the Americans rescue.

It is said that the only thing sweeter than the perfect crime is the perfect crime committed right under your enemy’s nose. Trump’s first act as president should be to deport all the lazy ingrates who’ve been in the US for decades, living on welfare and social programs, can’t even send a single penny home but are always active on facebook. We have more than enough jembes waiting for them back here.

Maseno University Peace Day

The peace day was scheduled on September 21st at varsity special ground, the graduation square. It was organized by: peer counselors and the counseling department.

The main theme of the event was “building blocks for sustainable peace.” In attendance were student peer counselors, academicians, DVC ASA, deputy director student affairs.

DVC ASA Prof. Mary Kipsat graced the occasion as the main speaker. She spoke at length about peace. She dwelt in the power of the tongue. She said the tongue is a small organ of the body but can cause havoc and stimulation of war.

We should therefore mind what we speak and watch how we talk about topics. She urged all aspiring student leaders to maintain preaching peace, love and harmony among comrades to avoid unrest.

“A peaceful society is happy and free from havoc therefore we should maintain peace to conquer, since war is not the answer to our problems,” said Prof. Mary.

Student counselor, Lucy, recognized all the peer counselors, MUSCAD members and PUP members. MUSCAD help in the war against drug and drug abuse in the campus while PUP creates and sustains peace. This involve even resolving conflicts among comrades. The two groups work hand in hand with the counseling department.

Deputy director student affairs also preached about peaceful coexistence by urging comrades to walk and stay in peace to avoid being torn apart by war.

Finally it was evident that sense was pumped into comrades minds. Everybody’s face predicted a peaceful mode. One could easily predict a peaceful, free and fair election come the election date.