

# Semester closes with fascinating student project

As the second semester comes to an end

This semester has been characterised by many things, some good while others have been sad events. We have lost several students and some staff have

lost their loved ones, please accept our condolences. May all the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. The administration of the college wishes to thank all academic, administrative and support staff for all your respective contributions to the wellbeing of our students and the college at large. We would also like to thank God for bringing us thus far.

As is the custom with second semester, we had our final year students make their final presentations. Some of these projects were very impressive and we call on all who can assist grow these ideas to do so.

Fifth year Architecture students had a cocktail of design projects, with varying backgrounds. There were some that had a strictly architectural background while others had both architectural and planning aspects. Final year projects are to show individual skills and ability to handle design projects independently from inception stage to completion. It is a test to find out the readiness of the students to go out and work in a job market as young architects with skills to meet the varying requirements of the client.

The student has to give a brief which includes services required, space available, use of materials, construction techniques and aesthetics of the building, cost and the context within which it is going to be developed.

A number of interesting projects were presented for examination as is seen in the pictures. Some of these designs included a Rugby club, an intercity railway station which KCCA might want to use, a forensic referral and training centre, a cultural mall, exhibition grounds and an adventure park among others.

The Department of mechanical engineering had students design and prototype an ergonomic chair, a salt crystallizer. One student designed a computerised information management system for the Uganda Police Force mechanical workshop, while another did research on the quality of aluminium products manufactured in Uganda.

At MTSIFA students started exhibiting their works yesterday June 6, 2014. The beautiful pieces of art include drawings, photography, sculptures, fashion designs, paintings and graphic designs among others. All staff are encouraged to go view these pieces of art which will be on display until August. You might just get yourself the perfect art piece for your living room.