

University says 'no room' to 562

By NATION Reporter

AS NAIROBI University students start their 1978-79 academic year this morning, 562 students have been given "non-resident" status.

That means they are expected to find their own accommodation in or around Nairobi — not on the campus.

The second-year students now in the non-resident list, include 437 men and 125 women. Most of them are in the Faculties of Law, Arts, Commerce and

those taking other Bachelor of Science degrees.

They make room for 2,039 first-year students who joined the University last Monday. This intake is larger — by about 200 students — than in previous years.

As some of the second-year students registered themselves at the main campus yesterday, they were told they could not be accommodated at the halls of residence. One second-year arts student from Mombasa who reported at the halls last week said he would stay with relatives in the city.

He had not been informed earlier that he was in the no-accommodation list "and neither had my other colleagues who are supposed to report back this evening". Other second-year students said the information that there was no accommodation for them was "very abrupt."

One of the halls — Ngala Hall — previously occupied by men students, had been converted into a women's hall, the NATION learnt.

Last week, an assistant registrar at the University said the number of non-accommodated students "is

similar to that of last year". The entire University of Nairobi Faculty of Education had been transferred to the Kenyatta University College, she said.

Faculties not affected in the non-resident status included the Faculty of Architecture, Medicine, Engineering and the School of Journalism, among others.

The Dean of Students could not immediately be contacted for comment, and neither could leaders of the (Nairobi University Students' Organisation).