

## More Computers for the School

By NYIRO WANJE

The School of Journalism has acquired training equipment worth 50 million shillings, the Acting Director, Mr. Zeke Waweru announced.

The equipment received include 10 Macintosh computers and a laser printer, a camera, six typesetters and a film processing machine. They were donated by Litburg Institute of Journalism, Netherlands.

Speaking in his office, Mr Waweru said the machines were part of a consignment from the Netherlands institution, which has a collaboration programme with the school.

He added the school was renovating a room next to the current computer room to accommodate the additional equipment.

Although the equipment is not new, the School's Information Technologist/System Administrator, Mr. Chris Kituto, confirmed that they are in good working condition and are compatible with the existing Macintosh computer system.

Commenting on the safety of the facilities, Mr Waweru assured *The Anvil* that stringent security measures have been taken, given the prevalence of thefts in the University. Last year, the school lost several computers through theft.

Meanwhile, ten students from local Universities have benefited from an international cultural exchange programme, through the International Association of Students Interested in Economics and Business Management (AIESEC), the Association's National Director, Finance and Administration, Mr. David Kioko, has revealed. He was commenting on the just ended careers day at the University of Nairobi.

This year's theme was "The Role of Information Technology in Career Development."

Mr Kioko thanked all the sponsors for their support. He lauded the university for its continued assistance. He told *The Anvil* that AIESEC offers university students opportunities for career training and development.

The event attracted over 1000 students from local secondary schools and universities. It was presided over by the Italian ambassador to Kenya Mr. Roberto Di Leo.

## Library: Shelving problem worsens

By CHRIS TSUMA

The Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library is experiencing an acute shelving problem which has made it difficult for users to locate books, *The Anvil* has established.

Students interviewed blamed this on laxity of library staff and some of their fellow students whom they said hide books in the wrong shelves to make them inaccessible to other users.

When contacted for comment, Mr. Joseph Mulwa, The deputy librarian, technical services, said "the library administration is trying hard to cope with the situation under difficult circumstances which include inadequate manpower and a large number of students."

He added that the shelving

problem is aggravated by some students who use browsing as a way of finding books instead of first consulting the catalogue. This, he said greatly increases the number of books pulled from the shelves.

Books are hardly shelved in the library. They stay on the shelves on ground floor near the issue desk long after being returned and lie for days

the shelving but the work is overwhelming.

One of the shelving personnel admitted that there is a shortage of staff but added that some of the staff members do not take their work seriously which complicates the problem further. He also said that their work is made more difficult by the thick layers of dust that cover

several books that had been conveniently tucked away in the wrong shelves.

A visit by *The Anvil* to the Moi Library at Kenyatta University revealed that the problem is not experienced there. Asked how the library administration copes with the shelving workload, Mr. James M. Ng'ang'a, the University librarian, said that "every staff member, including senior staff, has his/her share of shelving to do every morning."

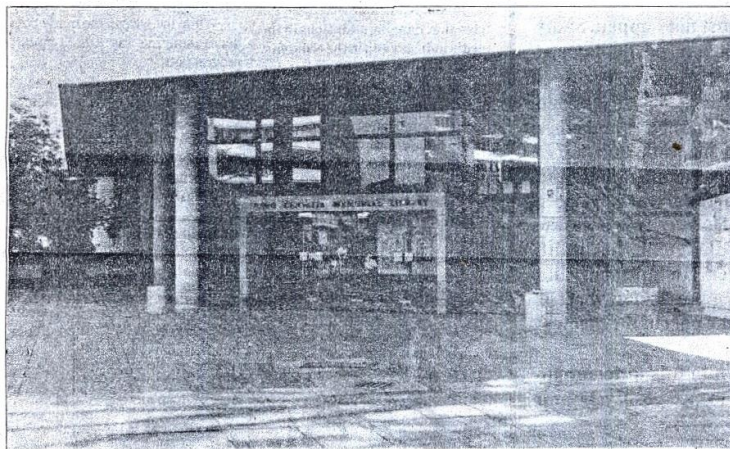
He added that the library has 90 workstudy students who help in shelving. They work in shifts of thirty for about five hours a day

The same system is employed at the Lilian K. Beam Library of the United States International University - Africa.

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on the reading tables after being browsed by users. Currently there are seven students on three months attachment in the library who help in

many of the shelves. He appealed to students to stop shelving books after browsing or hiding them in the wrong shelves. He showed this reporter



Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library experiencing problems.

## Worshippers relocated

By OBI OKEIGA

There was confusion at the weekend as a Nairobi University students worship group found their usual place of worship booked for outsiders.

The SDA group leader, Mr Jeffrey Mombinya, said that they were initially allowed to use the building on Friday evenings and Saturdays but this has not been possible as the University authorities have been hiring out the hall in an effort to generate some income.

"There is confusion at times when two or more groups, students and outsiders find themselves in need of the MPH facilities," said Mr Patrick Winyi, a coordinator with the Morris Cerullo Global Satellite Network which uses the building for its satellite preaching sessions.

"Whenever some outsider

congregations want to use the MPH, students are required to look for alternative places which are not available anymore," some student worshippers lamented.

Since the outsider groups pay for the use of the University facilities, students worship groups and those who want to read in such rooms have to relocate elsewhere. But at times the number of activities scheduled for a particular weekend make it impossible for students to use Lecture Theatre Two, or Taifa Hall as alternatives to MPH. For this weekend, it was the Cerullo Followers who had booked for Saturday while Chrisco Church Fellowship of Nairobi had booked for Sunday June 8th, confirmed Assistant caretaker, Mr. Edwin Njoroge.

Most students contacted for comment said the University should

find means to construct other spacious halls for hire so that students can find places for private study over the weekends. "In any case it is students who should be given priority in the use of University facilities," asserted some of the students.

"Our colleagues are lacking worshipping places and are sometimes forced to go to the arboretum, next to State House, for prayer meetings," Joseph Masheti, a postgraduate student, told *The Anvil*.

A quick check by *The Anvil* established that conference rooms and lecture theatres were fully booked by denominations such as the Citywide Family Church.

Peter Mwaura, a fourth year student, complained of the confusion which he said causes inconveniences to students, who want to study over the weekend.