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OPINION

Lack of funds may cripple Varsity Library

A library is the heart of any university. If it does not function properly, it is likely to reflect on the overall academic output of the institution.

The news coming from our library is disheartening. During the 1983/84 academic year, the library requested for about Sh. 15 million for books, periodicals and furniture. It received nothing.

In the last academic year, out of a request of about Sh. 13 million, the library received Sh 4.4 million for books and periodicals.

Accordingly, the library has had to cut its periodical subscription budget by 50 per cent. This in essence has led to very little development in terms of additional publications.

In total, the present Gandhi Memorial Library has only 200,000 volumes.

We are not suggesting that the high academic standards of our university will fall overnight. But if this situation persists, one can foresee adverse consequences on scholarship.

The expansion of the library system can be seen in the construction of the multi-million Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library.

The new library will house a million volumes and provide sitting space for 1,300 readers at any time, unlike the present one, that was intended for only 240 readers in one sitting under the then Royal Technical College.

Some services in the new library will be automated to make them more convenient for readers and members of staff. But first and foremost, all these structural expansions should be matched by an increase in books and other relevant reading materials.

It is also heartening to note that the University Press is about to begin its operations. This is because in the past, commercial publishers have failed to meet the demands from the university.

They have not seen most of the academically valuable books as a viable commercial venture. They have been primarily concerned with making profit which they cannot always "do" if they publish the books required by the university.

It is our hope that the University Press will play a vital role in the provision of materials badly needed for research and teaching by the university community.



'Spills and Chills'

By Tom Mshindi

Women students in Hall 12 have got a strange tale to tell about the men students newly accomodated there. The men students have introduced a culture that is weird and unbecoming.

According to reports reaching the Anvil the women students are baffled by a string incidents involving their male counterparts. Such instances

include;

- walking stark naked in the corridors
- peeping into bathrooms and under toilets
- knocking on doors indiscriminately at night
- shouting loudly at odd hours of the night
- using dirty language and abuses unashamedly.

The Anvil heard of an incident in which one of the resident male students decided

to indicate his distaste feurly kits and perms by hol ing a waterhose on the head one lady. There was little the woman student could a without risking furth violence.

In another incident tw women students were shock to receive 'visitors' at the ungodly hour of 3 a.m. The students had apparently corfrom a night's carousing town and wanted to concludy visiting their 'sisters'. Twomen students were namused. Luckily no haw was caused.

Most women students att bute such happenings to t immaturity of the perpet tors.

"We feel that it was mistake for USAB to se these particular students he Most of them are first ye and this may explain th illogical behaviour. Had c opinion been sought, we con have preferred more mat students possibly post-gradates, one woman student sa

In the meantime the wom have to put up with what they see as an unfortunand disturbing experience.

"We can hardly go out our rooms after 11 o'cle for fear of meeting th 'night runners'."It is so sad one girl lament

Last Week's Solution

ACROSS: 1. Blister. 7. No 8. Echo. 9. Massage. Dodder. 14. Rid. 16. Ewe. Dealt. 18. Add. 19. Has 20. Resin. 24. No. 25. Stick DOWN. 1. Bomb. 2. Insu 3. SoS. 4. Twaddle. 5. Re 6. Shrewd. 10. Go. 12. De 13. Red. 15. Iatric. 17. Da 21. Eve. 22. In. 23. N

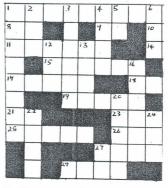
ACROSS

- 1. Snow is found at the top of this mountain
- 8. supported by
- 9. Unit measurement in printing
- 10. 9 across
- 11. a basic truth of religion
- 14. in the direction of
- 15. country in North America
- 19. An instrument for measuring or recording
- 18. Hearing apparatus
- 19. Stage scenery
- 21. Negative
- 23. Passed away
- 25. to regard in a specified way
- 26. Organ for hearing
- 27. slippers made without a back
- 29. opening

DOW

- 1. The act of changing position
- 2. single
- 3. Jesus was on the cross
- 4. of opening doors
- 5. 10 across
- 6. about 7. of love
- 12. pes
- 13. weight of something
- 16. existing or moving in the air

Crossword



By Kanguru J.K.

- 20. smell of something
- 22. spoken
- 24. before
- 27. medical officer (abb.)
- 28. south west (abb.)