

THE ANVIL

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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.



by Linda Bresson

Hairy goes on at Hall 12

'Spills and Chills'

By Tom Mshindi

Women students in Hall 12 have got a strange tale to tell about the men students newly accommodated 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 of 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 for curly kits and perms by holding a waterhose on the head of one lady. There was little that the woman student could do without risking further violence.

In another incident two women students were shocked to receive 'visitors' at the ungodly hour of 3 a.m. The students had apparently come from a night's carousing in town and wanted to conclude by visiting their 'sisters'. The women students were not amused. Luckily no harm was caused.

Most women students attribute such happenings to the immaturity of the perpetrators.

"We feel that it was a mistake for USAB to select these particular students here. Most of them are first years and this may explain their illogical behaviour. Had an opinion been sought, we could have preferred more mature students possibly post-graduates, one woman student said.

In the meantime the women have to put up with what they see as an unfortunate and disturbing experience.

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

Last Week's Solution

ACROSS: 1. Blister. 7. No. 8. Echo. 9. Massage. 10. Dodder. 14. Rid. 16. Ewe. 17. Dealt. 18. Add. 19. Has. 20. Resin. 24. No. 25. Stick. DOWN: 1. Bomb. 2. Insult. 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

DOWN

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. pest
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.)