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## Varsity facing cash crisis, says paper

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The University of Nairobi is facing a serious financial crisis, the latest issue of the *Anvil* says.

The university's School of Journalism publication says Deputy Vice-Chancellor Raphael Munavu attributes the crisis to last year's pay rise for staff.

The paper says salary advances for staff were suspended last August and that the university had to seek overdraft facilities to pay December salaries. Lecturers received their January salaries two weeks late.

Last year, university staff were awarded a 25 per cent pay rise.

According to the revised salaries which were back-dated to July 1, the lowest paid worker now earns Sh2,850 a month with a house allowance of Sh1,800. Before July, minimum pay was Sh2,280 with a Sh1,030 house al-

lowance. An assistant lecturer now starts at Sh12,725 with a house allowance of Sh15,000 up from Sh10,165 and 9,590 respectively.

The highest salary for this grade is Sh17,295 up from Sh13,795. The minimum earnings for an associate professor is now Sh24,390 and a house allowance of Sh21,000 while a full professor earns a minimum of Sh28,125 with a house allowance of Sh24,000. The maximum for this level is Sh36,155.

The university owes the Kenya Power and Lighting Company Sh144 million.

Out of the 50 telephone lines at the university, only two are functional, the paper says.

It says some hospitals have suspended services to university staff due to unpaid bills.

The university has a number of income-generating projects.