

# Construction and Maintenance

## Reorganization of Campus Maintenance

With the move to the new campus in Raanana, the Open University's maintenance system was reorganized. The Maintenance, Infrastructure and Construction Department was dismantled and an external maintenance company was commissioned to undertake maintenance, cleaning and gardening work on the Raanana campus and at our large study centers throughout the country. OU employees oversee the Company's activities.

A maintenance management computer system was acquired to monitor site maintenance. The system includes a database of on-campus equipment, plans, operating manuals, site portfolios, etc.

## Ramat Aviv

The University decided to establish a study center on the site of the old Ramat Aviv campus that will consolidate activities currently conducted at several sites in Tel Aviv.

The Ramat Aviv center will meet the needs of students who wish to study in the mornings or to concentrate their studies in one or two days a week. At present,



because most of our study centers in the city are school buildings that are only available to us in the afternoons and evenings, these students study in college facilities that charge an extra college fee, thus, in effect, increasing their expenses. An OU study center in a central location will enable us to provide our students with a high level of service, including a library, large classrooms and lecture halls, a registration center, parking space and more.

Part of the Ramat Aviv area belongs to the OU and the remainder has been leased from the Center for Educational Technology for 14 years. Thus the study center will be established in cooperation with the CET. The new plan requires razing the interior of the building in its entirety and rebuilding it. We have submitted a construction request to the municipality and published tenders for contractors. The Center is expected to open towards the Fall semester of 2006-2007.

## The Beit Daniel Compound

**Ruth House (*Beit Rut*):** Renovation and upgrading of the seven operating guestrooms in the building was completed this year.

**Langa House (*Beit Langa*):** This is the old building on the Langa Estate and is in various stages of restoration.

**The Carriage House (*Beit Hamerkavot*):** At the rear of the Langa House. The second stage of renovation and restoration was completed this year through fruitful cooperation with the Council for the Preservation of Buildings and Sites.

Our efforts to seek donations for the restoration work continue. Upon completion of the work (renovation and restoration of the two buildings, including the interiors and the furniture), Beit Daniel will have additional classrooms, allowing us to offer increased activities on the site.

