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## Ufungamano to sue "Kenya Times"

THE directors of Ufungamano House may sue the *Kenya Times* for labelling the premises a "political den" in a story published about two months ago, the *Anvil* has learnt.

The executive director of Ufungamano, the Rev. B. K. Mwangi, said in an interview last week that the directors might take legal

action against the newspaper unless it withdrew the term and apologised.

Ufungamano House, situated off State House Road, is a Christian Student Leadership Centre owned by the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) and the Kenya Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Church.

BY CHARLES KIMATHI

Rev. Mwangi said the centre was "not amused" at being labelled a political den as it was non-political and had never sponsored any political meetings.

The centre came under heavy criticism from politicians after Nairobi University students

stoned cars following an evening public lecture by two Church of the Province of Kenya (CPK) bishops, David Gitari and George Njuguna, at the Centre's auditorium on September 27.

Rev. Mwangi said the centre had suspended indefinitely its series of public lectures following the attacks and that a decision to

either resume or scrap them would be made by Ufungamano's board of directors in January next year.

"We are waiting for the board to meet and tell us which way to go," Rev. Mwangi said. The 13-member board is headed by Bishop Ndingi Mwana a Nzeki of the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru.

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# STUDENT BODY IS DISSOLVED

## Varsity 'to export books'

BY DANIEL KAMANGA

THE Nairobi University Press (N.U.P.) is exploring the possibility of distributing its books in Asia and Europe, its chief administrator, Mr. B. O. Gogo, disclosed to *The Anvil* last week.

He said "plans are at an advanced stage" to sign a distribution contract with Wiley Eastern Limited Publisher of India. "Apart from this formal contract, we already sell most of our books to Asian countries such as India and South Korea," Mr. Gogo said, he gave the example of "Maisha: Kitendawili na Johari" by Daisaku Ikeda. 2,000 copies of the book have already been sold to Indian universities and libraries.

The N.U.P. was set up in 1984 under a B.A.T. Kenya Ltd grant. But it was in 1989 that the press started printing. Some of the Press' best selling books are *The S. M. Otieno Case: Death and Burial in Modern Kenya*, edited by J. B. Ojwang and J. N. K. Mugambi and *Casebook on Kenya Customary Law* by Eugene Cotran.

Mr. Gogo said N.U.P.'s greatest challenge at the moment was to publish enough material for the 8-4-4 education system.



Students leaving for home: Riots have been blamed on lack of student leadership

## Recent riots may be linked to student leadership

BY DANIEL KAMANGA

THE Student Organization of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (S.O.C.H.S.S.) has been disbanded and will be replaced with three others at the faculties of Arts, and Anthropology, Commerce and Law.

At the same time, student leaders of some academic organizations have charged that the absence of proper student representation could be a cause of last week's disturbances that led to the suspension of about 800 Bachelor of Arts and Anthropology students.

Confirming the disbanding of S.O.C.H.S.S. to the *Anvil* the Principal of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Onesmus Mutungi, said the Joint Management Board and the Deans' Committee had established that "an umbrella organization cannot serve the diversified needs of the students at the College."

"Because of the diversity of the professions involved as well as the physical separation of the students, we felt the need for each campus organization to operate autonomously," Prof. Mutungi said, and announced that "specific deans are

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## VC Urges 'Zero grazing'

BY J. OLE RISA and ROTICH SIMON

THE Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi Professor Philip Mbithi has advised the 8-4-4 first year students to shun loose morals and instead practice zero-grazing. (zero-grazing means sticking to only one girl-friend or boy-friend).

Professor Mbithi said this last week when he gave an inaugural address to the students at Taifa Hall. He said that with the AIDS scourge around, the student must avoid social excesses that might ruin their lives and careers at the University.

"Loose morals lead to unnecessary

pregnancies among students ..... with AIDS around, zero-grazing is encouraged for you are extremely precious to your parents, to us and to this country and it is very painful to lose you," the Vice-Chancellor told to the students.

He said that the whole country and the University community in particular will be watching them with a lot of interest to assess whether they have been prepared adequately to under take university education. He pointed out that the country attaches a lot of importance to the new system of education and it was the intention

of the university to see that it succeeded.

He told the students that since they were expected to live as adults, they should strive to lead a decent and reputable life. He said that where a problem persisted, they should approach the university counsellors for help.

Prof Mbithi said the problem the students would probably encounter in the first weeks, was how to cope with loneliness and frustrations while adopting to the new environment. "This should not be an overriding factor since it would naturally die as you find new friends and exposure to new social dimensions," he said.