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/NCORPORAT/NG THE WEEKEND GAZETTE

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THE Faculty of Law at the

University of Zimbabwe has dis-

sociated itself from the decision to

:xpel three student leaders and has

said that it will not respect the

expulsion. '

In a letter to the expelled stu-

lents, the board of the Law Faculty

aid the procedure in which the

hree Students Representative

Council members had been expelled

was irregular.

iiThe proceedings of the Student

Disciplinary Committee and thus

he concomitant decision by the.

Vice-Chancellor to expel you . . . are

regarded by the Faculty of Law as

invalid," the letter said.

The faculty gave several reasons

for regarding the expulsion as a

linullity " He said that the SDC

had prevented a legal proctor from

leading the case against the stu-

dents. The students had been ex-

:luded from their trial when wit-

nesses were called in to give evi-

dence against them, which they said

was llan elementary rule of natural

justice , the faculty board said in its

letter.

The board, agreed with the peti-

tion by university students at the be-

ginning of the third term in Septem-

ber which said that the SDC did not

have a quorum at certain stages of

its proceedings.

The other procedural irregularity

alleged by the law faculty is that the

students were denied legal represen-

tation to which they were entitled.

All inlall,the above procedural ir-

regularities render the decision of

the SDC to recommend your expul-

sion clearly invalid.

"The faculty is thus egtitled to

treat the expulsion of the students

as a legal nullity and will proceed to

act accordinglyf the faculty board

said.

It also said that it_ would not be

party to such breaches of the law.

Dean of the Faculty of Law Mr

Kempton Makamure said yesterday

the case of the students expulsion

was before the High Court and un-

til the hearing he, could not

comment.

He admitted that the faculty had

been in communication with the

university authorities on the issue,

but he refused to reveal any details

saying it was privileged

communication.

Mr Makamure said the issue was

a delicate one and he did not want

to prejudice the students. nThe

forthcoming decision by the court would decide what constituted a fair trial in the Courts of Zimbabwe," he added.

The letter to the students was copied to the Vice-Chancellor and the Academic Registrar.

The three Students Representative Council leaders who were expelled at the beginning of the last term of the academic year are Paul Chimhosva, Tawanda Mutasa and, Martin Dhina.

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body with bullet wounds was found in Katlehong, east Mr Makamure

14 killed 1111 SA

JOHANNESBURG_ At least 14 more people have' been shot, hacked or burnt to death in South Africa 5 black townships, police and radio reports said yesterday.

'The South African Broadcasting Corporation quoted 21 police spokesman as saying five people, including a family of four, were shot dead in Umbumbulu, Natal province, when unknown men armed with AK-47 assault rifles fired on a car travelling from a funeral. The police daily unrest report earlier said a woman of Johannesburg, along with another body burnt beyond recognition. 1

The body was burnt. . .to such an extent that the victim's sex could not be determined," it said. In nearby Thokoza, the bodies of three men with bullet wounds were found.

A man was shot dead when a group attacked a minibus at Kwathema, east of Johannesburg, where another man was shot dead by assailants firing from a moving vehicle, police said.

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