

UNIPORT, Host Communities, Brainstorm On Security Challenges

As part of efforts aimed at ensuring adequate protection for staff and students resident in the University's host communities, Management and stakeholders representing the various communities held an interactive session last Tuesday at the Governing Council Chambers, University Park, to discuss security issues, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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Professor Nkem Okoh of the Department of English Studies delivers the 97th Inaugural Lecture of the University this Thursday. Details next week -Editor



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MAIDEN REGISTRY DAY

Ladipo Tasks Staff On Productivity

By Obinna Nwodin

A former Registrar of the University of Ibadan, Mrs Mojisola Ladipo, has advised career administrators in universities to be proactive in order not to lose relevance in the face of a changing system.

The ace University Administrator gave the advice while speaking as Guest Lecturer during the Maiden Registry Day celebration of the University held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, penultimate Friday.

Ladipo, who spoke on the theme, "The Registry As the Lifeline of the

University: Past, Present and Future", said that Career Administrators in our universities need to be at the fore-front of the re-invention of their Department by embracing professionalism and specialization through certification, just like accountants, journalists or nurses, adding that "Units of the Registry, such as the Human Resource Directorate, must become specialist units, staffed by professional HR practitioners to add value to the Registry".

According to her, administrators must wake up to the reality of contemporary times and stop day-

dreaming that they hold the destiny of the University in their hands because that is no longer true, advising that "the only way to be relevant and indispensable is to be efficient, effective and committed to their statutory duties, seeking new knowledge in their areas of responsibility and proactively adding value to the mission of their institution".

Mrs Ladipo stated that "our universities are changing and our Registries are advancing with them. It has become imperative for the Registry of universities to move from merely administering the

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UNIPOINT Working Towards ISO Certification

By Obinna Nwodin



Prof Arinze

Authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have disclosed plans to have the Institution certified by the International Standards Organization (ISO) for quality in teaching and research.

This disclosure was made by the Director, Quality Assurance and Quality Control Unit (AQC) in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anthony Arinze, in an interview with *UNIPOINT Weekly*, last Monday.

Professor Arinze, stated that some training on ISO Certification were on going in the Institution, adding that once quality is assured, the next step is to get ISO Certification.

According to the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), the Unit has created awareness in the University on the need to conform to quality, pointing out that it is aimed at ensuring best practices amongst staff and students. "Every Department is supposed to key into it, to ensure that proper standards are maintained in the attainment of the goals of the Institution", he stated. Arinze further disclosed that in addition to Quality Assurance officers in the Faculties, there are various Quality Assurance Committees in the Departments.

"We hold meetings with Quality Assurance officers and Committee members, to get regular feedbacks from them. We have also gone beyond this to develop Quality Assurance Manual, which is at the stage of completion. The implication of this is that a new staff employed into a Department or Faculty gets inducted by going through the Manual in order to enhance best practices. It is by so doing that the University will take its pride of

place as a destination for academic excellence", he added.

Professor Arinze who stated that the Unit was established to actualize the vision and mission of the University, which is building a culture of excellence, teaching, research, administration, capacity building and community service, added that it is saddled with the responsibility of ensuring quality performance in the University.

The Director who said that Quality Control Officers and Committees are charged with the responsibility of creating awareness in the pursuit of excellence for both staff and students; set up standards for the overall performance of the different organs of the University, as well as monitor activities to ensure that the different

organs maintain to standards.

On the achievements of the Unit since it was established, Professor Arinze said that the Unit has ensured the restructuring of the academic outlook of research and teaching; played advisory role in the establishment of new centres and institutes, assisted in accreditation of various Faculties by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Professional Accreditation bodies; successfully conducted a Merit Award night to encourage hard work and productivity amongst staff, as well training Senior Technologists and Technicians in preparation for the ISO certification of the Central Instruments Laboratory.

The Director expressed optimism that the Unit was laying the foundation for quality culture in the University, which results would manifest in future.

STUDENTS' ANGLE

UNIPOINT Weekly Correspondent, Ethel Timi-Johnson met EBUKA EZENWORO studying at the Donald Ekong Library, University Park. After seconds of interacting with the First Year Student of Petroleum Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, he bared his mind on his choice of University of Port Harcourt, personal



EZENWORO

'I Devote All My Time To Academics'

study habit, favourite Lecturer, amongst other interesting revelations. Enjoy!

Disclosing that he spends a maximum of six hours studying privately at the Library, Ezenworo says "Saturdays and Sundays are the non-library days for me and believe me this Library is well

equipped with books in the Sciences for first year students in my discipline. There are also good collections in Engineering and my Departmental Library is equally well equipped".

On his hostel accommodation, precisely the Kwame Nkrumah Hall in Choba Park, he has this to say, "There are no distractions such as partying or clubbing, so I devote all my time to academics, because that is the primary reason I am in the University".

Ezenworo's love for his Department and University is indescribable. "The calibre of teaching staff in my Department is comparable to none other in Nigeria. I have renowned Lecturers, who have distinguished themselves in the oil and gas Industry like Professors Wale Dosunmu, Mike Onyekonwu, Joseph Ajenka, who is currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University and others and this is the reason

I chose the University of Port Harcourt. In fact for my Final Year project, I intend to work on enhanced oil recovery method.

As part of his future ambitions, Ezenworo intends to further his education in the United States of America after working for one of Nigeria's big oil and gas firms. On access to the Internet, he says he has a Facebook page and regularly research topics in petroleum engineering as a way of preparing for the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE's) Essay Competition for undergraduates. "Professor Mike Onyekonwu is my favourite Lecturer and Mentor and my best friend is Echi Nanna of the same Department", he said.

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WEATHER OBSERVATORY

WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR MONDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY, 23RD NOV, 2012

Date	Temperature HI LO (°C)	Humidity (%)	Wind Direction	Rain (mm)	Summary
MONDAY 19 NOV, 2012	33.3 22.5	74	E	8.1	Scattered thunderstorm late in the day. Mostly cloudy skies and hot. Chance of rain is 77%
TUESDAY 20 NOV, 2012	33.3 24.4	73	NE	4.8	A few thunderstorm. Partly sunny and hot. Slight possibility of rain.
WEDNESDAY 21 NOV, 2012	32.8 23.9	73	NE	-	Mostly cloudy and warm. A slim chance of rain
THURSDAY 22 NOV, 2012	33.3 23.9	74	NE	-	More sun than clouds. Warm day expected. Chance of rain is 15%
FRIDAY 23 NOV, 2012	33.3 23.9	74	NE	2.3	Early thunderstorm. More sun than clouds. Chance of rain is 20%

Prepared by Wepke V. O

Approved by Prof Samuel Arakoya

Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRMDs)

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Addressing Chairmen and Secretaries of Community Development Committees (CDCs), Youth Presidents and Secretaries from Rumuekini, Rumuosi, Ogbogoro, Ozuoba, Choba and Aluu communities, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, emphasized the need for a collaborative neighborhood security system involving the University and communities as part of measures aimed at safeguarding lives and property of staff and students.

Professor Ajienka, who said that adequate security network needs collaborative effort, emphasized the need for the University and host communities to maintain a mutually-beneficial relationship to foster development. "There is the need to work towards ensuring a safe and conducive environment for staff and students as security creates opportunity for development", the Vice-Chancellor remarked, adding that the University would consistently work out modalities to ensure good community relations with its host communities.

Professor Ajienka also revealed plans by the University to invest in capacity-building programmes in specific areas covering Agriculture and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for the host communities as part of the entrepreneurial drive of his administration, promising to hold regular meetings with the stakeholders to deliberate on issues affecting both parties.

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In his remarks, Chief Security Officer, Lt.Col. Reginald Isiguzo (rtd) noted that the Security Unit was committed to working in concert with host communities to ensure adequate protection of lives and property within the University and its environs. Responding, President of the Akpor Youths

Organization, Mr Rejoice Wali, commended the University for holding an interactive session with representatives of host communities. Calling for regular meetings, he disclosed the willingness of the communities to work with the University to tackle cases of insecurity.



V-C, Prof Ajienka (Centre) D V-C (Admin) Prof Ethelbert Nduka, Dean, Student Affairs, Prof Henry Bell-Gam, Chief Security Officer, Lt Col Isiguzo, PSO, Mr John Ogonnaya and Community Leaders

Kuye Tasks Agric Experts On Palm Cultivation

By Humphrey Ogu

As government and its establishments continue to grapple with financial challenges, Professor Ayoade Kuye of the Department of Chemical Engineering has called on experts in Agricultural Science to focus on the cultivation of palm trees as alternative source of revenue.

Kuye, who made the call while exchanging views with *UNIPOINT Weekly* in his office last Tuesday, said that if properly harnessed, a palm tree has the potential of yielding huge revenues for the State or even the University. He cited Malaysia as a country that depends solely on palm produce for its foreign exchange

, recalling that the country sourced the oil palm seeds from Nigeria many

years ago.

"The palm itself can be converted into oil; then you can process the palm kernel to get palm kernel oil. Apart from that, you can also get some alkaline chemicals from the shell, the chaffs that are usually thrown away. These chemicals can be used to produce sodium hydroxide, which is used to make soap," he explained, disclosing that he had two publications on that.

Kuye, who is Director of Centre for Nuclear Energy Studies, said that the onus of planting the trees lies with Agriculturalists, pointing out that "as Chemical Engineers, ours is to work on the raw materials and convert them to more useful products; it is the experts in Agriculture that know how to cultivate the economic tree.

"Oil palm is not just an economic plant, but a complete plant that has no room for wastage. Every part of it is useful, even our forefathers used the product," said Kuye, who recently attracted the 2013 Annual Oil and Gas Research Grant of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) to the University.

In another development, a team set up by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, led by Professor Kuye, has successfully designed, fabricated and installed a flash dryer for the production of high quality cassava flour at Godoligo Farms, Obudu, Cross River State, according to a

Memo signed by Professor Kuye and made available to *UNIPOINT Weekly*.

Other members of the team included Professor Lateef Sanni of University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Dr Daniel Ayo and Mr Emmanuel Kwaya of Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMDC), Abuja; Mr Obinna Otuu of Scientific Equipment Development Institute, Enugu; Dr Waheeb Asiru of Federal Institute for Industrial Research, Oshodi, Lagos; Mr Bamidele Aienkhe of IITA, Ibadan, Mr Babatunde Abdulkareem, Edo Agricultural Development Project, Benin City, the Memo added.

It further disclosed that the project was supported by RMDC, Godoligo Farms, as well as Root and Tuber Expansion Programme (RTEP). Meanwhile, Professor Kuye, who presented copies of IITA publications on the project to the University recently, has charged younger colleagues to work hard in the area of research, thanking the University authorities for the opportunities given him to participate on the project.

STOP PRESS Free Diabetes Screening

As part of efforts aimed at checking the incidents of Diabetes in the University Community, a free screening exercise has been slated for Saturday, 24th November, 2012 at Conference Hall, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital. Time is 8:00 am

Contact: Dr Sunny Chinenye, Department of Internal Medicine.

Prof Kuye

Teaching Is Not Lecturing ~Awotua-Efebo

Contrary to the popular belief in some quarters that lecturing and teaching are synonymous, foremost educationist and Dean, Faculty of Education, Professor Ebi Bio Awotua-Efebo, says teaching is much more than lecturing. Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly* in his office, last Monday, Professor

By Humphrey Ogu

Awotua-Efebo, noted that there is a difference between lecturing and teaching, stating that teaching is more involving than lecturing. "By the time you lecture, people may not remember what the lecture is all about in three years' time, but when you teach, you see people remembering what you taught them over a long time," he pointed out.

"The average student in the Western world knows how to use the computer. Fortunately for us, we have

started imbibing that culture; with the introduction of the Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC) and the Computer-Based Test (CBT) used in the University of Port Harcourt, many of our students are now computer literate," the Dean stated, adding that students now know the various uses of computer, especially as it concerns their academic development.

According to him, a good teacher in the present day should also know how to use the computer to teach, explaining that one of the focal points of the Centre for Instructional Innovation Technology in the Faculty of Education is to train teaching staff on how to apply modern technologies and innovations in the teaching process.

Awotua-Efebo, who is former Director of ICTC, disclosed that though Senate is yet to formally approve the Centre, Master's and Doctoral students in the Faculty have been trained on how to develop e-learning based courses, adding that when fully operational, the training would be extended to

other teaching staff in the University. "We have planned to teach lecturers how to use the electronic board," he said.

On the advantages of the board over marker board, he explained that with it, one can be linked to the Internet. According to him, whatever is written on the board could be stored in the computer and retrieved even after being erased, a situation, he said, enables students to go back to such information. He added that the board could be placed at strategic positions and linked together in a large conference hall to display the same information simultaneously.

Awotua-Efebo, who also disclosed plans by the Centre to collaborate with Departments of Linguistics and Communication Studies and Theatre Arts in Media and Film Production, described the Centre as the Faculty of Education's contribution to the development of the University.

Explaining that the Centre is not for student use, the Dean advised students who wish to acquire computer skills to do so at ICTC. He, however, said that students in the Faculty, especially Department of Educational Technology and Curriculum Studies would be trained on how to design e-learning programmes, websites, among others.



Prof Awotua-Efebo

As part of efforts aimed at sensitizing the public and inculcate the culture of data collation and retrieval among policy makers in every sphere of the nation's economy, the Nigerian Statistical Association held a 4-day Workshop at the University of Port Harcourt Basic Studies Complex, last Tuesday.

Speaking at the event, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, disclosed that the event was timely, as it was coming at a time when the nation was facing different challenges and needed to take stock of happenings in the society.

Professor Joseph Ajienka who was represented by Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Ndaka, expressed satisfaction with the Association for emphasizing the importance of statistics to the economy through regular workshops, urging them to continue to make valuable contributions to the society. He assured them of Management's support to the Association.

Also speaking, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Professor Oseibi Asiribo, expressed gratitude to Management of the Institution for supporting the Association, disclosing that the Association holds Annual Planning Research and Statistics (PRS) Workshop to train participants in statistical methodology and techniques and also use it as a platform to enlighten the society on statistics, and their applications, especially in terms of policy formulation, since there is no way good policies can be made without planning.

Highlighting the importance of statistics to the nation, Professor

Statisticians Hold Annual Conference In UNIPORT

By Mercy Don-Baridam

Asiribo, who is a Lecturer at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, noted that "we need statistics in every part of the country to avoid mistakes in future", disclosing that the theme for this year's workshop is "Forecasting, Modelling and Time Series". According to him, the workshop focuses on E-view, R-package and how participants can use data and time series to forecast.

In his remarks, President of the Association, Mr Mohammed Tumala, said that the Association has come of age. "Our Association is 36 years and for the past years, we have been creating awareness on the essence of statistics to the economy through training on capacity-building and advocacy from house-hold to the larger society", he said, adding that the event was a wake-up call for the nation as statisticians are needed in every organisation and government parastatal to help collate and retrieve data from the past, present and for the future.

"One needs to prioritize how to feed the family and train the children to become useful members of the society. The State or the Local government need to know the different areas where monies can be spent, so we must plan ahead, we must project through necessary instruments that are the disposal of the statistician, if we had used time series, the flood that took over some parts of the country this year would not have been severe," Mr Tumala who was represented by the

Vice President, Dr Fidelis Adaka, said. He called on Rivers State Government to implement the Law which was passed since 2010 to appoint a Statistician General for the State, appealing to various organisations, both private and public, to employ

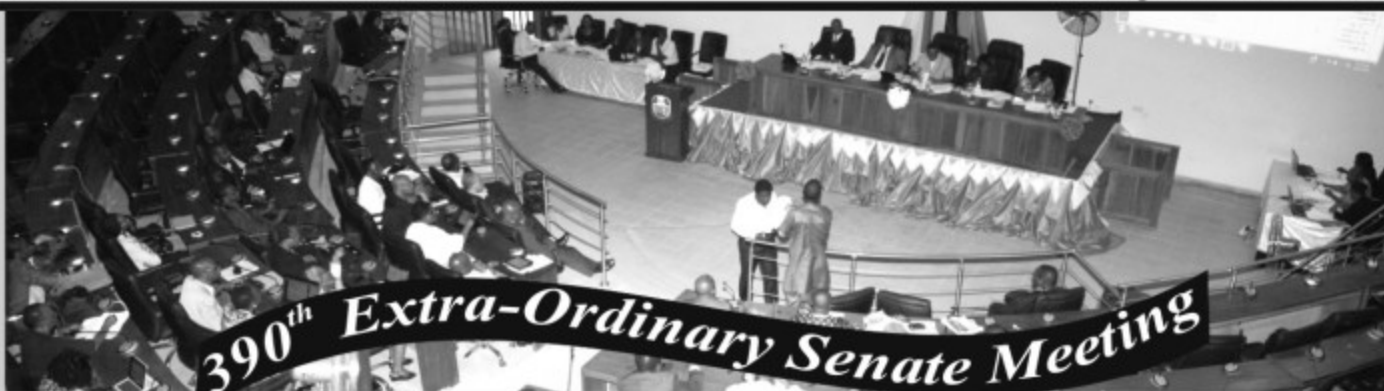
Statisticians in all units and departments to enable them keep track of events for future purposes. He also stressed the need for budget planning and the value for money budgeted in fiscal planning.



Chairman, Organizing Committee, Prof Asiribo and Vice-President of NSA, Dr Adaka

STOP PRESS Workshop On Agro-Empowerment

A Workshop on Agro-Empowerment for youths and women in the University's host communities to be facilitated by the Faculty of Agriculture commences this Monday at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Time is 10:00 am



Senate Approves New Programme

Senate has approved the establishment of a Postgraduate Diploma programme in Peace and Conflict Studies. It is to be domiciled in the Faculty of Social Sciences. The decision was taken at the 390th Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Senate held last Wednesday at the Senate Chambers.

Chairman of Senate, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who said that the establishment of the programme is long overdue, directed that it should be able to reflect the peculiarities in the Niger Delta, as well as ventilate issues that bother the Region.

Senate also approved the Final Report on the Review of Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee (RAPCC) presented by the Committee Chairman, Professor Joseph Okoh. It decided that Departments that have not submitted their revised curricula should do so in the next two weeks, so that from January 2013, all the Departments would commence the new curricula.

Senate also approved the amended Statement of Academic Policies which was also presented by the Chairman, Professor Okoh.

By Obinna Nwodin

Also approved was a presentation for the approval of a Uniform Course Code for Community Service, presented by the Director of the Central Community Service Unit, Professor Anthony Ekine. A memorandum of Order of Procession at Convocation ceremonies was presented to Senate by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Ndoka. It was decided that Registrar should refer the matter to the Federal Ministry of Education to clarify the issues not only in order of processions, but also hierarchy in the University.

The Report on Administrative Policy and General Guidelines on Centre, Institutions and Endowed Chairs was presented by Professor Enuvie Akpokodje. It decided that the report be made available to members of Senate to properly read so that they could make useful contributions during its consideration.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajienka, announced the

establishment of the Professor Chi Ikoku Chair in Petroleum Engineering, as well as a proposed Chair in Anatomy in Honour of Late Professor Abiye Obuoforibo, by Dr Samson Parker, an Alumnus of the University and Rivers State Honourable Commissioner for Health. Professor Ajienka advised Chair Occupants to work hard to ensure that funds are properly utilized to justify the establishment of such Chairs.

Senate also elected Professors Anthony Ataga and Regina Ogali as Senate Representatives in the Selection Board for the Appointment of a New University Bursar.

The 390th Extra-Ordinary Senate Meeting approved appointment of External Examiners for the Department of Theatre Arts, Biochemistry, Computer Science, and Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, as well as the School of Science Laboratory Technology.

Results were also approved for the School of Graduate Studies, Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, and Engineering.

Ihunwo Tasks Anatomists On MDGs

Foremost Anatomist and Neuroscientist, Professor Amadi Ihunwo of the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, has said that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) though challenging is achievable through global partnership for development, with Nigeria playing the key role in the scientific transformation of the African continent.

Delivering the Keynote Address on "Anatomy and the Millennium Development Goals" at the 10th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Anatomical Society of Nigeria (ASN) last Wednesday at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park, Ihunwo noted that the African continent must implement a 5-point action, revolving on the recognition of science and technology as components for reducing poverty and associated problems, harnessing appropriate international networks, repositioning universities as Centres of Excellence in Medicine, Engineering and Sciences, amongst others.

Emphasizing the role of Anatomists in achieving the MDGs, Professor Ihunwo who is also an Alumnus of the University, regretted that no research centre is dedicated to Neuroscience in Africa. He called for investment to support initiatives aimed at building capacity in critical areas of science and technology and branding of the Anatomical Sciences through

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

ground-breaking research. "There is the possibility of investing in anatomical techniques in forensic sciences. The Nigeria Police Force would greatly benefit from this endeavour", he added.

In their separate speeches, Senator representing Rivers East Senatorial District, Magnus Abe and the Rivers State Commissioner of Health, Dr Sampson Parker, called for commitment to academic excellence and research, as a tool for advancing knowledge and development in Africa. The duo, who jointly announced the endowment of Professor Abiye Obuoforibo Chair in Anatomy, emphasized the need for government to review policies on medical education to restore the ailing health sector in the country.

Welcoming participants to the University, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, stressed the

need for policy-makers and stakeholders to reposition

medical education for enhanced service delivery and research. Commending the Department of Anatomy for developing anatomical models as part of contributions to improve teaching, Professor Ajienka, tasked the Association on collaborating with relevant professional bodies to enhance research and development. "Let this Conference initiate policies aimed at improving quality assurance in medical education" he added.

Speaking earlier, President of the Association, Professor Blessing Didia, Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor Hakeem Fawehinmi and Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, Dr Alaba Udoaka, disclosed that this year's Conference was put together to highlight the contributions of Anatomists to improving healthcare delivery globally through research and in achieving the MDGs by 2015.



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (5th from right) Senator Magnus Abe, Commissioner of Health, Dr. Parker, Guest Lecturer, Prof. Ihunwo (left), D V-C (R&D) Prof. Ben Willie-Abbey (3rd from right) and participants after the event

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status quo, to managing the complex structures and systems that the institutions have become", noting that "a business that fails to re-invent itself will die no matter how benevolent its shareholders are". The First female Registrar of the University of Ibadan who traced the history of higher education, identified the governing structure of a university system and the change in the management of universities over time, stressed the importance of administrators to be proactive to the needs and objectives of their universities so as to be relevant and justify their position as stakeholders in the system.

She warned that if administrators do not conform to modern realities in the university system, they risk losing relevance as other professionals would take over their responsibilities. The Guest Lecturer stated that "as universities become more corporate in nature and management, with keen eye of efficiency and the bottom line, it will become obvious that the positions of Principal Officers other than the purely academic need a re-visit. University Secretary, like Company Secretary will replace Registrars, Director of Finance and Investments may replace Bursars and even Librarians will be manned by Professors of Library Studies or Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Resource Centre) and as a responsibility position in addition to teaching and research.

"Other arms of what we know as the Registry will be fully manned by professionals; Human Resources; Students Recruitment and Retention Specialists; Communication and Brand Promotion Centres to name but a few. Where will the Registry be and how can we talk of a Department that is losing relevance as the lifeline of the University", she queried.

In his remarks, Chairman of the occasion and 5th Vice-Chancellor of the University, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs, stressed the importance of the Registry Department in the overall functioning of university. He recalled his tenure as Vice-Chancellor and how he relied on the quality of staff

Ladipo Tasks Staff On Productivity



Chairman of the event, former V-C, Emeritus Prof Briggs (standing) flanked by D V-C (Admin), Prof Nduka (left) and Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof Oleka Udeala

in the Registry Department to wade through the onerous responsibility he was saddled with, noting that his administration would not have succeeded without a high level of support from staff of the Registry Department. He commended the Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, for conceiving the event, expressing optimism that it would go a long way to re-position the Department for improved efficiency in service-delivery.

In his address Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, noted that the Registry Department was very important in the functioning of any university system. Professor Ajienka, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, said that "Registrars are the conveyor belts of conventional University administration and it is on record that these seasoned administrators have so far done very amiable job of the statutory mandate entrusted to their care by law". He expressed hope that the event would create an avenue for young and upcoming administrators to look up to them and to their superior officers and predecessors to tap from their wealth of experience to enhance creativity, innovation and productivity.

Earlier in a welcome address, Registrar, Mr. Matilda Nnodim, who said that the University is blessed with quality staff within its administrative cadre, said that the event was a retreat for Registry staff for stocktaking while celebrating both serving and retired staff of the Department adding that "it is intended to build a bridge of unending interactive, knowledge sharing and mentoring among administrative staff in and out of service".

Mrs Nnodim stated that as part of her resolve to reposition the Registry Department, she was able to move for the creation of a directorate system of administration, merger of Administrative Staff Forum and Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), as well as intensified training of staff.

The event was used to honour former Registrar's and retired Deputy Registrars who played important roles in the development of the University. Those honoured were, pioneer Registrar, Mr. Sam Akpe, Chief Okogbule Wonodi, Chief Emman Achuru, Dr. Chris Tamuno, Mr. Messiah Onyige, as well as retired Deputy Registrars from the University.

Staff, Units, Donate To Flood Victims

By Otikor Samuel

Staff, Units and Faculties of the University, have continued to donate relief materials for distribution to flood victims in parts of Rivers and Bayelsa States. Conducting UNIPORT Weekly last Wednesday round the stores where the items were packed at the O.B. Lulu-Briggs Health Centre, the Chairman and Secretary of the Collection Sub-committee, Dr

Chinwe Ezirim and Mrs Florence Ogwo, said the items donated by concerned persons and groups included cash, food items, toiletries and clothing.

The Sub-committee further disclosed that the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, led the way in making donations through the

Centre on 29th October, 2012, following his appeal to the University Community to contribute in alleviating the plight of the victims. As at the last count, no fewer than 50 staff had made their donations to the Centre.

"The calamity of the flood disaster is taking a toll on our people. It is a state of emergency we all must rise up to. Let us offer our hands and hearts of love to the suffering victims. Let us share in the suffering of others. Like the Good Samaritan and the widow who offered her mite, let us be good Nigerians and indeed, good human beings and offer our UNIPORT mite", the Vice-Chancellor's message read.

On the responses made so far, Director of Health Services Department, Dr Ken Anugweje, who commended the donors for their prompt responses to the Vice-Chancellor's message, said that the items would go a long way in assisting victims of the natural disaster, observing that public-spirited staff, Units and Faculties responded to the plea swiftly.



Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Prof Roseline Konya, Director, Health Services Dept., Dr Anugweje, Chairman and Secretary, Collection Sub-committee, Dr Ezirim and Mrs Ogwo and Graduate Studies Officer, Mrs Agatha Ataga after donation



Some of the relief items at the Health Services Dept

GUIDEPOST

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Dr Nenibarini Zabbe, Department of Animal Science & Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Victoria Onyeike, Department of Educational Management & Planning, Faculty of Education, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Solomon Larinde, Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Opuda Ekine, Department of Animal Science & Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Onari Asimie, Institute of Agricultural Research and Development, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Senior Research Fellow*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Elsie Hamadina, Department of Crop & Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Baridisi Isaac, Department of Linguistics & Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Dinebari Badey, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Ethelbert Onyenemezu, Department of Adult & Non-Formal Education, Faculty of Education, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Eze Wosu, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Peter Alawa, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Faith Ken-Aminikpo, Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Peter Nyah, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, promoted *Lecturer II*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Chinyere Erundu, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, promoted *Lecturer II*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Cardinal Ihejirika, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, promoted *Lecturer II*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Miss Ododobari Jike-Wai, Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Lecturer II*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Agriculture, promoted *Lecturer II*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Peter Ajuogu, Department of Animal Science & Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted *Lecturer II*, effective 1st October, 2012.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Professor Julian Osuji, Department of Plant Science & Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, proceeded on *Sabbatical Appointment* with Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), effective 1st November, 2012 to 1st October, 2013.

Dr Ihedi Okoye, Department of Pure & Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, proceeded on *Sabbatical Appointment* with Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), effective 1st November, 2012 to 1st October, 2013.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor I.P. Alalaye-Wokoma, Department of Animal & Environmental Biology, Faculty of Science, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 16th May, 2012 to 15th May, 2013.

Professor Cyril Usifoh, Department of Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 28th February, 2013 to 27th February, 2014.

Dr Oyenoha Chukwumerije, Department of Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 17th October, 2012 to 16th October, 2013.

Mr James Ogbu, Department of Linguistics & Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Renewal of Part-Time Teaching Appointment*, effective 1st January, 2012 to 31st December, 2013.

STUDY LEAVE

Dr Adedayo Adio, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, granted a two-year *Study Leave with pay*, effective 1st January, 2013 to 31st March, 2014.

HIV/AIDS ALERT

HIV/AIDS is real. Protect yourself.

Avoid a reckless lifestyle that can expose you to infection.

Students Speak On Resumption

Following reopening of the University last week, a month after academic activities were shut down due to security issues arising from the grisly killings of four students of the University and the release of amended Academic Calendar which fixed the Second Semester examinations from this week to 7th December, 2012, our Correspondent, OTIKOR SAMUEL spoke with some students.

Their reactions:

RUTH DARIUS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

In the first place, we regret the gruesome murder of our colleagues by the mob at Omuokiri Aluu and the devastating trauma which the University had to go through within the period.



Ruth

The closure of the University which resulted from the unfortunate event offered both positive and negative effects on the students. For me, the positive side was the opportunity I had to concentrate on my Project, as well as moments of relaxation with my family members.

On the other hand, academic and social activities on Campus were interrupted and we missed a lot of lecture periods that almost disrupted activities lined up for the Second Semester. Anyway, I feel good coming back to conclude my programme.

AMANAMBU JOHNBOSCO, DEPARTMENT OF PURE & INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

We missed a lot of things during the emergency closure. For instance, the samples for our Project work are now useless, since no one was present to monitor them; they are now all destroyed. That means we are going to start all over again.

Be that as it may, I used the period to prepare well ahead of examinations, knowing that we would be facing the



Amanambu

Second Semester examinations immediately we reopen.

INEMESIT UDOH, DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Apart from academic activities which were inconclusive before the unfortunate event, we had concluded arrangement for the Students Week. As the *Ofrima Super Model*, activities on the project were also postponed due to the closure.

As for the Second Semester examinations, I am prepared. The closure offered me an opportunity to read. I still have more time to prepare for the examinations since my Courses are coming up in December.

I feel good to write the examinations because I cannot wait to go to another level, where I would be qualified to go for my Industrial Training.



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MURAINA BISI, DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

The unfortunate event almost had grave effect on the academic calendar, if not for the timely reopening of the University by Senate of the Institution. We were yet to conclude the course work before the unexpected closure, so I missed a lot of activities that would have taken place within the period. Though the reason for the closure was saddening, I am happy to have come back.



Muraina

UNI^{PORT} Inducts Pioneer Pharmacists

The University of Port Harcourt inducted 32 pioneer Pharmacists into the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) penultimate Tuesday. The new Pharmacists comprise 11 graduates from the First Batch and 21 of them from the Second Batch. Pictures below by **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the ceremony.



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajiienka welcoming Dr Paul Gar, who represented Ag Registrar of PCN, Pharm Gloria Abumere



Dr Gar making a speech while V-C, Prof Ajiienka, others listen



Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, Prof Oleka Udeala (standing), Prof Vincent Idewor (right), Acting Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi and Director Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC), Prof Tony Arinze (left)



A cross section of the newly-inducted Pharmacists



Prof Ajiienka in a tete-a-tete with D V-C (R&D), Prof Bene Willie-Abbey and Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim



Prof Udeala presenting a welcome address



Dr Gar (centre), Prof Udeala (right) about to administer Oath on the new Pharmacists



Some of the new inductees taking the Oath



The Valedictorian, Miss Uruemu Adah, presenting her speech



Best Graduating Student for the Second Batch, Miss Jennet Okoro displaying her plaques and other awards



Representative of the Ag Registrar PCN, and the Valedictorian flanked by her parents



The new Pharmacists with Senior Colleagues and Officers of the University



V-C, Prof Ajiienka (5' from right), Dr Gar, Mrs Nnodim, Prof Udeala, D V-C (Admin), Prof Elbert Nduka, University Librarian, Dr Obigeli Nwodo and other members of PCN and staff of the University