

UDPS Trains Staff On Quality Control

Over 50 staff of the University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS), have been trained on effective staff-pupil relationship aimed at enhancing quality service delivery at a three-day workshop held last week at the International Students' Centre, University Park, reports *Otikor Samuel*.

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Prof Osi Akpoghomeh of the Department of Geography & Environmental Management delivers the 94th Inaugural Lecture this Thursday.

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Interim S'Union EXCO Welcomes Fresh Students

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Dean, Student Affairs Department, Professor Henry Bell-Gam, has advised fresh students admitted for the 2012/2013 academic session to patronize the services of the Department as it was committed to ensuring their welfare. The Dean, who spoke at the orientation and welcome party

organized for the students by the Interim Student Union Executive at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Friday, told them that Guidance Counselors were also available at the Department to attend to their emotional needs, outlining tips that would assist the students make judicious use of their stay in the University. "Your primary reason of being here is to study and earn a good degree,

but while you are here, also remember to socialize when necessary, participate in sports and recreation to reduce stress", Professor Bell-Gam advised, pointing out specific student-centered activities in the University such as the Student Union Week, Election and participation in the activities of registered Clubs. Briefing the students on security,

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Entrenched gladiators are currently dancing to the drumbeats of mistrust at the gate of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST). A group calling itself the Niger Delta Coalition Against Violence (NDCAV) added an absurd twist to the regrettable crisis rocking the Institution, last week, when it segmented the combatants in the dispute into 'Clay' and 'Designer'. Describing Governor Chibuike Ama



Gov Amaechi

echi as Designer and striking members of the local branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) as mere Clay, spokesman of the amorphous group, Comrade Christian Lekia, issued a veiled threat to mobilize the aggrieved students against ASUU members, should they fail to heed his advice to shelve their strike action. ASUU members in RSUST, according to him, should wait until a Governor who is ready to dance to their tune mounts the seat of power. Magisterial opinion, you would say.

The self-promotional intervention of the NDCAV would have been laughed off as an unnecessary comic relief if the situation on ground was not so dire to warrant an expensive joke. At a time when well-meaning people are at work on appropriate rapid response measures to end the crisis that has crippled all academic activities in that once vibrant flagship of science and technology education in Nigeria, some charlatans are hell-bent on twisting the facts of the matter to fester their own pecuniary interest. With

RSUST

A Great Institution In Distress

By Williams Wodi



Prof Fakae, embattled V-C, RSUST

accusations and counter-accusations flying in all directions amongst stakeholders in that institution, the last thing we need is the distraction of political contractors and amateur comedians.

Accusing ASUU of hiding behind some unnamed sponsors who are hell-bent on perpetuating the worrisome circle of crisis in RSUST, the self-validating Comrade alleged that the Union has a personal axe to grind with the embattled Vice-Chancellor of RSUST, Professor Barineme Fakae. ASUU, according to the group, should have employed some other unspecified means to advertise its grievances against Fakae's reappointment. Lekia even exercised his extra-statutory powers by directing the students to prepare for their second semester examination, while assuring the striking Lecturers of their safety should they show up to supervise the examination. Those hyping the crisis must know something that the rest of us do not know!

ASUU has been on strike in that great University since August 13, 2012, protesting what it described as refusal by the Rivers State Government to follow due process in the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor for the Institution. The circumference of the crisis widened on August 30, when the national body of ASUU joined its counterparts in RSUST in what was described as a one-day solidarity strike. The national strike was apparently in response to a reported Gestapo-style raid by unknown persons believed to be students that disrupted an ASUU Congress meeting held on August 15, 2012. Pray, what manner of students would consent to attacking their teachers under whatever motivation? As a result of the incident, Inaugural Lectures were summarily put on hold by authorities of Universities of Nigeria, Nsukka and Port Harcourt, while Lagos State University, Ojo, had to put off scheduled semester examinations.

Interestingly, the position of Governor Chibuike Amaechi is that ASUU should approach the courts if it feels very strong that the reappointment of Professor Fakae in substantive capacity was out of tune with the extant laws of the University. The stumping elephants in RSUST appear to be totally oblivious of the fate of the suffering grass underneath their triumphant jackboots. The students of that university have been turned into playthings in the hands of vengeful gods that do not care a *hauteur* whether or not these young ones ever graduate to face a harsh society.

It is benumbing how politicians and professional agitators have turned our universities into battlegrounds where they advertise their personal egos to the detriment of those who genuinely wish to advance the frontiers of knowledge. The RSUST gladiators must be told in clear terms that the core mandate of universities include teaching, arbitration of refined taste, advancement of learning and serving as conveyor-belts of cultural standards in society.

In the tasteless dispute that has enveloped our beloved RSUST, not government; not the Governing Council; not even the Unions and other invisible combatants will laugh last. Only pyrrhic victories can be obtained at the expense of the long-suffering students, who will not forgive the combatants at the end of it all. As the Ikwere put it; whatever cries at night should give way to daybreak. Yes, RSUST is in forced labour and needs daybreak now!

FBMS Holds Maiden Research Seminar

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As part of efforts aimed at enhancing academic discourse, monitor progress in research and ensure that research meets the required standards, the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences has initiated a bi-monthly research seminar series with the maiden edition already held penultimate Tuesday at the Pharmacology Laboratory. Speaking on the development, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Hakeem Fawehinmi, said the decision by the Faculty to hold a bi-monthly research series was informed by the need to also harmonize postgraduate research seminar presentations by Departments in the Faculty, create an enabling platform at which Departments and research teams can present findings in their areas of focus on a regular basis.

Fawehinmi expressed hope that the research seminar series would be a regular feature in the Faculty. "It is my belief that this research seminar will strengthen our academic culture and values and enhance our capacity for research and development in the Faculty", the

Dean said.

The Seminar attracted presentations from Professor John Ogunranti of the Department of Anatomy and Mrs Doris Nworah of the Department of Human Physiology. The duo spoke on "Structure of the Human Oviduct and Effect of *Xylopiia aethiopia* on Reproduction Physiology in Female Albino Wistar Rats", respectively.

In his presentation, Professor Ogunranti, who noted that the human oviduct was first described by Fallopius in the 17th Century, said it was presently understudied when compared to other parts of the female reproductive tract, resulting in paucity of knowledge of its structure and function.

Summarizing her study, Nworah disclosed the discovery of a new indigenous drug with little toxic effects which is self-administrable, less expensive, easily available for the control of population and family planning, which could be approved and recognized by World Health Organization (WHO) and synthesized for commercial use.



Former Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof Blessing Didia, Provost, Prof Chris Akani and Dean FBMS, Prof Fawehinmi at the Seminar

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UDPS Trains Staff On Quality Control

Delivering a Keynote Address at the event with the theme: "Upgrading Primary School Teachers for Quality Control", Dean, Faculty of Education, Professor Ebi Bio Awotua-Efebo, charged the teachers to strive towards delivering quality service to their pupils, who he described as clients, stating that customer satisfaction is very critical for measuring quality in any organization.

"Quality management is a systematic way of guaranteeing that organized activities happen in the way they are planned. Quality is determined by prevailing needs; do not give your pupils the wrong impression to see you as a bad person. Quality is everybody's responsibility and could also be everybody's fault. Little bits of quality make high quality", Professor Awotua-Efebo said, adding that quality comes from care which teachers are expected to show to their pupils and employers.

The Keynote Speaker further advised teachers to allow pupils gain contact hours with them, urging them to also update themselves with emergent trends for the educational development of their pupils. He promised that the Faculty of Education would continue to identify with the School to enhance the growth of education at the basic level.

"Faculty of Education is very proud of UDPS because the primary school is the foundation that trains pupils, who ultimately get to us after their secondary education. It means that quality control should start from the foundation level", he added. Professor Awotua-Efebo, who also represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, declared the workshop open.

Chairman of the occasion, Professor Stephen Ituen, who thanked the organizers for efforts aimed at enhancing capacity of the teachers, described the



Participants listening to opening remarks by Chairman of the occasion, Prof Ituen (standing) at the high table

event as timely as it came at the beginning of a new session, expressing hope that the staff would put into practice what they learnt from the workshop.

Other guests who presented goodwill messages at the workshop included Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, who was represented by Mr Williams Iruh, Headmistress, UDPS, Mrs Georgeana Umeogu and Dr Azuka Onyido.

Chairman, Board of Governors of the School, Dr Ofonime Ndiho, who disclosed that the workshop was aimed at refreshing staff for optimal performance in the new session, expressed gratitude

to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajenka and Management for actualizing the workshop.

Papers presented included "Leadership and Work Ethics in UDPS, Teaching/Learning Strategies at the Primary School Level, Quality Control Assurance for Classroom Management in Primary School, Legal Perspective for Effective Classroom Management and Administrative, Continuous Assessment for Quality Control in Primary Schools, Innovative Methodologies in the Teaching of Core Primary School Subjects including Civic Education and Use of ICT in Instructions Processes at the Primary School Level.

Onyeaso Stresses Importance Of Oral Health

By Humphrey Ogu

It is not advisable for people to wait until they develop pains before seeing a Dentist, because dental care is generally very expensive, globally. It should be a routine to see a Dentist, at least, twice a year. The best way to ensure proper community or national oral health is through the preventive approach,

after all prevention is cheaper than cure.

Head, Department of Child Dental Health, Professor Chukwudi

Onyeaso, who gave the advice on the heels of the World Oral Health Day, marked on September 12, told *UNIORT Weekly* that "we usually advocate that people should not wait to experience pains before they can see a Dental Surgeon. It should be a routine exercise to see your Dentist, at least, twice a year.

"By so doing, a Dentist would be able to look at your mouth, take preventive measures, such as scaling and polishing, which helps to clean your mouth. This would help your periodontal health so that when there are potential problems, they would be able to detect them in time and administer prompt treatment," the

Orthodontist pointed out, identifying mouth odour, tooth decay and periodontitis as some consequences associated with lack of oral healthcare.

"The World Oral Health Day is designated by the World Health Organization to increase global awareness on oral health. The idea is to emphasize preventive

measures that can enhance our oral health so that people become aware of what to do to prevent oral diseases," Onyeaso explained.

He regretted that most patients only go to consult Dentists to pull tooth, stating that "apart from tooth and gum infections, people could have crowded teeth which are not well arranged, if they see an Orthodontist in time, such teeth could be rearranged and improved upon." According to him, the younger a patient is at the point of consulting the Dentist, the better.

Stressing the importance of oral hygiene, he explained that "the condition in the mouth gives room for bacteria to do negative work. For example, when you eat and you do not brush well, the bacteria would act on the food and inflame the gum. When the gum gets inflamed, your mouth would begin to bleed when you brush.

"If it is not treated by consulting the Dentist at that initial stage to clean your mouth, it would continue and go down into the deeper part of the gum and then you begin to experience what is called perodontitis. The teeth will start shaking after a while, but, this can be prevented if patients report at the clinic on time," Onyeaso disclosed.

He noted that infections, such as sore throat could cause mouth odour, adding that "once there is an infection, when you speak, the bad breath would be noticed. The major thing is to ascertain if the gum is inflamed; that means you will need to clean the mouth, which is the first treatment to mouth odour. It is when we have taken care of that and you are still experiencing mouth odour that we would look into other parts that are connected to the mouth.

"Diabetics, because of lower immunity, are prone to infections, which makes it easier for them to develop mouth odour. Those who drink too much and others who feed poorly are also at risk," he said.



Prof Onyeaso

Exit Of An Academic Titan

By Obinna Nwodin

It's a strange experience to live so near to death. You find yourself planning something, when you pull yourself up and think, "I may not be here"... I am in love wit living.

CATHERINE BRMWELL BOOT, 1884-1987

French novelist, Honore de Balzac, once stated, "What does farewell mean, if not death? But death itself will be a farewell". It is indeed very difficult to say farewell to an individual who made his mark in his life-time. Sometimes, when the inevitability of death comes our way, man realizes that he is like a rose flower that blossoms in the morning and fades at night. Yes indeed, that is what man is. The late Professor Reginald Nwankwoala Pawa Nwankwoala, blossomed on this stage of life, played his part and his sun set, bowing out at a most inauspicious time. That beautiful flower that blossomed has faded away, before our eyes. It was greeted with a combination of shock and utter disbelief when news of his death filtered into the University. Indeed, the University of Port Harcourt lost a rare gem, who distinguished himself as a true academic, activist and politician of no mean repute.

In his funeral oration, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, stated that late Professor

Nwankwoala left bold and shining footprints on the corridors of the Department of Pharmacology, the College of Health Sciences and the University of Port Harcourt. The Vice-Chancellor noted that late Professor Nwankwoala was reputed to have taught the fascinating subject of Pharmacology for several years without reference to prepared lecture notes whatsoever, adding that his approach to research was very meticulous in conception, design and delivery in the finest academic tradition. Professor Ajienka also stated that late Professor Nwankwoala's research output was a result of his rich academic background in Pharmacology training in the United States, describing him as a true academic who would be dearly missed.

In his tribute, Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani, described late Professor Nwankwoala as an addicted teacher, who not only cared for young academics, but did all he could to motivate them to hard work and excellence, adding that he had a clear cut vision of what he wanted. Professor Akani said that Nwankwoala was an ardent believer in justice and held strongly to whatever he believed in. The Provost also said that many did not understand Professor Nwankwoala in his lifetime. He was dogged in his ideas, stern on his principles and would not let anybody sink as a result of unfounded rumours.

Deputy Provost of the College, Professor Owunari Georgewill, described him as an intellectual colossus, an academic iroko tree, a fountain of knowledge, a guru in Pharmacology and researcher *par excellence*. He said that late Professor Nwankwoala stood for the weak, the strong and mighty, as long as they were right; had no time for intellectual pretenders and was very bold and courageous.

In his own tribute, Professor Atuboyedia Obianime, said that Professor Nwankwoala was an enigma, who was fond of everybody, noting that there was no doubt about his outstanding scholarship and personality. He described him as one, who was forthright and



Late Prof Nwankwoala

held tenaciously to his belief, noting that he was also a man to be trusted as a friend indeed. He also described Professor Nwankwoala as a man, who at his own detriment would tell the truth, which is the hallmark of a great man.

In his remarks, Justice Biobele Georgewill, described Professor Nwankwoala as a loving and caring man, who was desirous of lending a helping hand whenever the need arose, noting that his exit was a big loss to society and the academia.

Late Professor Nwankwoala obtained the Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree in Biology in 1977 from Oklahoma City University, as well as a Doctoral Degree in 1979, from Howard University. His rich intellectual background attracted him to the then Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sylvanus Cooke, who invited him to take up appointment as a Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology in 1984. He rose through the ranks to become Professor of Pharmacology in 1999. He served twice as Acting Head of the Department of Pharmacology and also as Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences. He died on 17th April, 2012, as a result of injuries sustained from a ghastly motor accident on his way to Calabar, Cross River State.

We shall see him again on the resurrection morning.

TRIBUTE

By Otikor Samuel

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The Director of Works and Services Department, Mr Jubrin



Inede, Director of Works & Services

Capital Campaign Donors Get Appreciation Letters

University Advancement Centre (UAC), has commenced the publication of names of staff, who made generous donations to the University's Capital Campaign which was launched in June, 2006. This token of appreciation is to encourage staff, who are yet to make contributions to imbibe the spirit of philanthropy.

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Works Dept Laments Vandalization Of Utilities

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Inede in the memo signed and issued by Mr Frank Nwaoma, disclosed that: "there exists an escalated spate of coordinated and willful destruction of University utilities on the three Parks. Whatever, the cynical reasons behind these persistent dastardly behaviours, no one can readily decipher. For instance, consider the case of willful cutting into pieces and carting away of cables serving street lights around Dan Etete Road, Aluu Drive and so many other places two weeks ago".

Barely a day after fixing the damage done by yet-to-be identified miscreants, another harm was done when an armoured cable transmitting power from the 750KVA Transformer to the Faculties of Agriculture, Social Science and Management Sciences at the University Park was carefully removed, the Director further disclosed, decrying that on "Monday, 18th September, another finding was also made bordering on the same problem of cutting and carting away of our utilities, this time at the University's power segregation power injection point".

Going by the unrelenting act of sabotage, the Director solicited support of the University Community, particularly, the Security Unit to tackle the emerging attacks on utilities, saying that "carefully targetted and intentional damage to utilities are likened to guerrilla warfare and a serious impediment to the ability of the Works and Services Department to provide and maintain critically needed municipal services to the University Community".



Vice-President, Finance & Adm, AIESEC UNIPOINT, Iwuh, Project Director of YES, Alapini, Training Officer, Mbaga and Organising C'tee President, Adiele

AIESEC, an international student organization, has commenced another round of its project, Young Entrepreneurial Summit (YES), to train students of the University, particularly those in Final Year on how to independently create wealth without roaming the streets in search of non-existent white collar jobs on graduation.

Project Director of YES, Loriane Alapini, a student of Catholic University, Togo, who made the disclosure in an interview with *UNIPOINT Weekly*, said the four-week training programme which commenced with an opening ceremony held last Friday at the International Students' Centre, University Park would provide vocational measures to sustain livelihood, stating that the project is aimed at inculcating creativity for

AIESEC Commences Entrepreneurial Summit For Students

By Otikor Samuel

small and medium scale businesses.

Accompanied on the visit by another visiting AIESEC Member from Mzumbe University, Tanzania, Gizzele Mbaga, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Kennedy Iwuh and Organizing Committee President of AIESEC Port Harcourt Career Fair, Adiele Chikealam, Miss Alapini said the students would be trained on web design, catering, bead-making and interior decoration.

The Project Director further revealed that the organization would partner *Legacy Group, Spangler Cakes, Quantum Business School, Money Culture* and *Mara* to facilitate the project, advising students to make themselves available for the training which according to her, is free of charge.

Indian Publisher Seeks Retail Outlet In UNIPOINT

By Obinna Nwodin

In a bid to make good and quality books for learning and research available to staff and students, an Indian publishing outfit, S. Chand and Company Limited, has expressed its desire to reach out directly to staff and students with its well-researched academic books to enhance teaching and learning in the University.

Senior Export Manager of the Company, Kunaal Shroff, made the disclosure to *UNIPOINT Weekly* last Monday, in an interview, with our Correspondent.

Mr. Shroff, who was accompanied by the Nigeria representative of the company, Mr Chigozie Agugo and Dr Steve Wordu of the Department of Sociology, said that the company, which has been marketing and selling books in Nigeria for the past fifteen years, is the largest publishing group in India, adding that it is primarily engaged in publishing well-researched text books for secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

"We are here to ensure that good and quality books are available to everybody, especially staff and students, as well as at affordable prices" he said, noting that "a lot of our books are currently in use in many Nigerian universities and we are now bringing them closer to those who need them". According to him, the group publishes textbooks from Engineering, Medicine, Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, to Management Sciences, amongst other disciplines. "We publish between two hundred and three hundred new books every year and revise between 400 and 500 books per annum, he disclosed, adding that the company also has exclusive rights for the publication of *World Book Encyclopaedia for West Africa*".

It would be recalled that S. Chand and Company Limited has been publishing quality educational books for over 73 years in India and then Asian sub-continent.



Senior Export Manager of the Company, Kunaal Shroff (left), during the interview with our Correspondent, Obinna Nwodin

UNIPOINT Table Water Beats Others ~Ebeniro

By Humphrey Ogu

UNIPOINT Table Water is better than other products around, because of the stringent laboratory analysis it is subjected to in the factory before it reaches consumers. Managing Director, Consultancy, Research and Development Centre (CORDEC), Professor Joseph Ebeniro, made the observation in a chat with *UNIPOINT Weekly* in his office, last Monday. Ebeniro, who disclosed that the factory currently produces over 30,000 bags of sachet water and about 4,000 cartons of bottled water monthly, said: "You cannot compare our water with others around. We carry out stringent physical checks before bottling and distributing the product," challenging those who have genuine complaints about the product to report same at the factory rather than peddling falsehood, just to tarnish the image of the company and its excellent product.

Decrying the inadequacy of the distribution system, Ebeniro stated that "our major problem is distribution. One van is not enough. We need three more distribution trucks and one Hilux van. If we can acquire these vehicles, we would take over the water production and distribution channels in business in this environment," regretting that other water brands were still finding their way into the Campus, despite moves by CORDEC and the Security Unit to stop inflow of such sub-standard products that could endanger the health of staff and students.

The Managing Director also appealed to the relevant authorities to assist in expanding the Bottle Blowing Line, building product warehouse and staff offices, installation of Extruding Machine with Nylon Printers as well as improving the laboratory stocks, lamenting the paucity of funds which, he said, had



Prof Ebeniro

compelled the factory incur debts from CORDEC.

Ebeniro, who disclosed that the water factory currently has 11 students drawn from the Departments of Biochemistry, Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Microbiology and Chemical Engineering on Industrial Training, explained that the students were selected from among over 30 of their colleagues that applied for internship.

"One of our former trainees has been employed as Quality Control Manager in a water production company in Port Harcourt," he disclosed. According to him, *Zina UNIPOINT Table Water* factory has also become a research facility for students from relevant departments. He, however, called for better funding of CORDEC, stating that the current financial state of the Centre had made it difficult for it to initiate some of the projects it set for implementation.

Interim S'Union Exco Welcomes Fresh Students



L-R: Assoc Dean, Dr Kari, Dean, S' Affairs, Prof Bell-Gam, Student Union Interim President, Maxwell Nyanabo, his Deputy and past Presidents of the Union

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Deputy Chief Security Officer, Mr Johnny Ogbonna, warned them against engaging in clandestine activities and keeping late nights. He disclosed that owing to rising cases of insecurity in the country, the University Management had put in place stringent security measures to protect lives and property. "The University is very proud of its distinguished Alumni. Do not engage in activities that would jeopardize the reputation of the University", he warned the freshers, reminding them that they can only achieve their goals through discipline and hard work. Delivering a Lecture titled: *Time Management*, a Lecturer in the Department of Management, Mrs Kemi Alaka, urged the students to plan their time based on specific goals and objectives and resources at their disposal. She cautioned them against

allotting more time to activities other than their studies. "Conceptualize a list of your daily activities and carry them out based on order of importance or priority", Alaka advised them.

In their separate speeches, a Patron to the Union, Professor Mark Anikpo and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Department, Dr Ethelbert Kari, who commended the Union for organizing a programme to welcome and enlighten the students on the activities of the University, admonished them to work hard towards graduating within the stipulated timeframe of their academic programme. The duo appealed to the students to respect constituted authority and obey laid down rules and regulations.

Past Presidents of the Union, including Tonye Tom-George and Rihno Oworkhire, were also on hand to welcome the new students to the University.



Mrs Alaka

The issue of whether Nigeria should

adopt a State Police system has been debate and quarters. In 1986, the Rivers State Police Command and the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Port Harcourt, organized a workshop where I spoke in favour of State Police. I presented a paper titled, "A Professional Responsibility of A Modern Police: A Study of the American Police and Its Relevance to Nigeria", which was later published by a journal in India. Also, in 2006, I argued in favour of State Police in an article titled: "A Democratic Police System for Nigeria", published in the *Nigerian Journal of Criminal Justice Affairs*.

I argued then that Nigeria should adopt a State Police system. As we all know, Nigeria has adopted a democratic system of governance and should, therefore, democratize all political institutions, including its law enforcement agencies—especially the Police. The much talked about problems of insecurity is prompted by feelings of marginalization, exploitation and alienation in the body polity. In essence, people take the law into their own hands out of frustration, thus inflicting violence against the society or some part of the system. A major step that the country can take to reduce the present level of insecurity is to reform the Nigerian Police by decentralizing it along Federal, State and Local Government lines.

This way, the Federal Police would still have responsibility that cut across States, Local and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The State Police would be responsible in centralized functions within individual States, while the Local Police would basically function within the Local Government Areas (LGAs), municipalities and major cities. This policing arrangement would reflect the principles of true federalism which the country claims to uphold—where all the federating units are expected to, a very large extent, be accountable to themselves. I believe that adopting a State Police system in

Case For State Police In Nigeria

By Darlington Iwarimie-Jaja

Nigeria would afford citizens, especially those from the local communities an opportunity to cooperate more with the Police to fight crime. We cannot afford to continue to debate the desirability of State Police *ad infinitum*; not now that democratic governments are modernizing their police systems around the world. We cannot be left out in the equation on the untenable excuse

that this country is underdeveloped and cannot

underdeveloped afford to equip the Police with modern policing equipment; or that desperate politicians would use a

decentralized police structure to advance their pecuniary interest at the expense of opposition parties and others, who may disagree with them. The aim of a State Police system is to promptly protect citizens at close proximity and to be proactive in fighting crime. In doing so, the Police must maintain a collaborative approach with members of the local communities in order to quickly identify potential threats to law and order with a view to nipping them in the bud. The prevalence of law and order requires a functional network between the Police and the community it serves. This network between the Police and the local communities will invariably make the Force less corrupt and transform it into an effective and accountable structure, adherent to the rule of law, thus enabling the public to have confidence in the Police.

In the adopting a State Police system for Nigeria, there must be a mechanism for proper checks and balances. Such a Police must devise a system of policing itself; and to fully reform the Nigeria Police, an amendment should be made in the Constitution to rename it the Nigeria Police Service with a three or more-tier structure. To this end, the Constitution should empower States to establish corporate or private Police to serve corporations, while the regular Police should serve the civic needs of the populace.

The *modus operandi* of community policing should be adopted to enable the Police to be effective and efficient in its law enforcement mandate. Before adopting a State Police system, however, a pilot study should be conducted in some selected communities to test-run its workability.

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Prof Iwarimie-Jaja

GUIDEPOST

BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

APPOINTMENT

Professor John Otaigbe, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, appointed *Chairman, Board of Governors, University Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS)*, effective 24th August, 2012.

READERSHIP PROMOTION

Dr Ramota Ogunkunle, Department of Curriculum Studies & Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, promoted *Reader*, effective 19th October, 2011.

Dr Morufu Oyejemi, Department of Adult & Non-Formal Education, Faculty of Education, promoted *Reader*, effective 19th October, 2011.

RE-APPOINTMENT

Professor Onyewuchi Akaranta, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, re-appointed *Director, Centre for Research Management*, effective 9th August, 2012 and terminates 11th August, 2014.

Professor Francis Sikoki, Department of Animal & Environmental Biology, Faculty of Science, re-appointed *Chairman, Housing Committee*, effective 1st August, 2012 and terminates 4th August, 2014.

Professor A.S. Ekine, Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, re-appointed *Director, Community Service Programme*, effective 9th August, 2012 and terminates 11th August, 2014.

Professor Bosa Okoli, Department of Plant Science & Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, re-appointed *Director, Regional Centre for Biotechnology (Biofuel Laboratory)*, effective 11th August, 2012 and terminates 11th August, 2014.

Professor John Otaigbe, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, re-appointed *Director, Exchange and Linkage Programmes Unit (ELPU)*, effective 9th August, 2012 and terminates 11th August, 2014.

Dr Ebi Amakoromah, Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Science, re-appointed *Acting Director, School of General Studies*, effective 9th August, 2012 and terminates 11th August, 2014.

Dr Lola Orupabo, Department of Chemical Pathology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, re-appointed *Acting Director, School of Basic Studies*, effective 9th August, 2012 and terminates 11th August, 2014.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor Oleka Udeala, Department of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, offered *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 31st January, 2013 to 30th January, 2014.

Dr E.N.C. Abuwa, Department of Preventive & Social Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 31st January, 2013 to 30th January, 2014.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Dr Caroline Ehezue, Department of Adult & Non-Formal Education, Faculty of Education, upgraded from *Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II*, effective 25th May, 2011.

Mr Eugene Ndu, Department of Tourism & Hospital Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, upgraded from *Graduate Assistant to Lecturer II*, effective 27th July, 2011.

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

Dr E.O. Ajayi, Department of Animal Science & Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, assumed duty as *Contract Staff*, effective 27th August, 2012.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Dr Daniel Ebong, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, proceeded on *Sabbatical Leave* to Cross River University of Technology (CRUTECH), effective 1st August, 2012 to 31st July, 2013.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Professor Aniekan Ekere, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* to the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, effective on assumption of duty.

HIV/AIDS ALERT

HIV/AIDS is real. Protect yourself.

Avoid a reckless lifestyle that can expose you to infection.

LECTURERS BOYCOT EXAMS IN RSUT

The crisis between the Academic Staff Union of Universities of Rivers State University of Science and Technology and Rivers State Government over the appointment of Professor Barineme Fakae as Vice-Chancellor of the University has deepened as ASUU RSUT boycotted the Second Semester Examinations which commenced last Monday. Information made available to our news desk revealed that while the administration claimed that most Departments have started the examination as scheduled, the Branch Chairman of ASUU, Dr Felix Igwe, insisted that Lecturers would continue the strike until when the contentious issues with the Government is addressed, adding that conducting examination after only five weeks of lectures in a 12-week Semester runs contrary to the guideline of the National Universities Commission (NUC).

DELSU HARVESTS 25 FIRST CLASS GRADUATES

Of the 28,177 students who graduated from the Delta State University (DELSU), Abraka, 25 of them made First Class during a combined Convocation of the University. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Eric Arubayi, who congratulated the graduates for successfully completing their studies, disclosed that the overall *Best Graduating Student* from the Department of Microbiology in 2007/2008 academic session had a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 4.73.

PRIVATE VARSITIES, STUDENTS, CALL FOR ADMISSIONS REFORM IN KENYA

Kenya's private university investors are lobbying the government to change the law to allow them attract high-performing

school-leavers – currently the preserve of their public rivals – and they have the overwhelming support of students. The call by private universities echoes proposals contained in the Policy Framework for Education and Training prepared by the Ministry of Education.

It would see the creation of a University Joint Admissions Board to replace the Joint Admissions Board (JAB) – the institution that selects students for public universities. Private universities have proposed that JAB be restructured to manage admissions both to public and private universities. They argue that students who qualify for university in school-leaving exams should be given the opportunity to pursue a course of their choosing, whether in a public or a private university.

JAB is constituted of Vice-Chancellors of public universities who usually pick the top students from secondary schools to join their institutions, leaving the rest for private universities.

A survey released last week by Gallup Africa on the status of Kenya's university education showed that private investors were pushing to have the role and mandate of JAB entrenched in law with equitable representation for private and public universities.

"Private universities offer highly competitive courses, which are desired by students in public universities under government sponsorship, but they cannot transfer to a private university of their choice because they will lose government sponsorship," said the study.

Meanwhile, a survey has shown that most students back the proposed policy change. Students felt higher education was too rigid and literally dictated where and what they may study.

-Compiled by Otikor Samuel



Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, Minister of Education

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ALUMNUS DONATES BOOKS

A distinguished Alumnus, Engineer Folurunso Odedere, has donated two important books to the Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering from where he graduated. Odedere, who is Managing Director of SAAC OLUMARE NIG LTD., Lagos, hoped that the books would enhance research in his erstwhile Department.

The two-volume book to be accessed in the Departmental Library is: *Project Economics and Decision Analysis, 1 and 2, Deterministic Models*. The books written by M. A. Mian, provides a guide to all necessary concepts of capital investment evaluation, budgeting and decision-making; with practical application, using straightforward approach to solve problems.

27TH AVCNU CONFERENCE

The 27th Annual Conference of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) with the theme: "Education & National Security" holds in Nasarawa State University, Keffi, from Monday, 24th to Wednesday, 26th September, 2012. Time is 10:00am

SENATE PERFORMANCE

The Institute of Arts and Culture (*Arts Village*) invites senior members of Staff and their spouses to a Senate Performance tagged *A Man of the World*, a Dance Drama holding on Wednesday, 26th September, 2012 at *The CRAB*. Time is 7:00pm.

Contact: Director, Arts Village



Chair Benefactor,
Dr Stanley Lawson

Stanley Lawson Chair Held Hydrocarbon Remediation Workshop On N'Delta

The Stanley Lawson Chair of Environmental Geology held a Hydrocarbon Remediation Workshop on the Niger Delta in the University on 6th September, 2012. UNI^{PORT} Weekly Ace Cameraman HEADMAN ALU captured major highlights of the event.



Director from the National Oil Spillage
Detection & Response Agency, Dr Idris Musa



Representative of former GOM, NNPC,
Engineer Pius Akpokoje,
Engineer Edmond Ayoola



Prof Willie-Abbey taking the Vice-Chancellor's Welcome Address



Chairman of the occasion and former Minister of Science & Tech, Prof Turner Isoun, Prof Akpokodje and MD, FUGRO, Dr Emeka Oforunne



Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences,
Prof Charles Oyegun (left) and Prof Isoun



Prof Oyegun, Prof Isoun and DV-C(R&D), Prof Bene Willie-Abbey



Chair Occupant, Prof Enurie Akpokodje (right) and Dr Lawson



Prof Willie-Abbey, Dr Oforunne and Dean, Faculty
of Science, Prof Nnenna Frank-Peterside in a chat



Cross-section of dignitaries on the hightable



UNI^{PORT} Concert Chorus performing at the event



Cross section of participants at the Workshop



Prof Shirley Yul-Ifoje and Ag. Director, University
Advancement Centre, Dr Ngozi Odu in a chat



Registration of participants by the Secretariat



Dr Odu (left), a guest and Prof Akpokodje