



Faculty Marks First Agriculture Day

The role of cooperatives in sustainable agricultural development took centre stage at the First Agricultural Day celebration organized by the Faculty of Agriculture as part of activities that marked the World Food Day which is celebrated globally every 16th October, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*. *More on pg 3*

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Professor Eugene Onyeike of the Department Biochemistry, Faculty of Science delivered the 99th Inaugural Lecture last December. Details Next Week -Editor



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V-C Wishes Staff, Students, Happy 2013 ...Calls For Enhanced Productivity

By Williams Wodi

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has congratulated all staff and students of the University for successfully rolling into 2013. Professor Ajienka, said that despite the challenges the Administration faced in its bid to build a

world-class Entrepreneurial University in 2012, efforts would be intensified in 2013 to attain some of the major milestones set out by Management to keep the University on a competitive edge. "This year, I wish our staff and students

strength for greater efficiency and enhanced productivity. Let us work in harmony and team-spirit to promote the vision and mission of the University, which has successfully been transformed into a brand in Nigeria that people want to associate with today. All of us who are privileged to work here must be proud of the University by striving towards building a lasting legacy and culture of academic excellence for the future", he disclosed.

The Vice-Chancellor said he was particularly "touched by the sentiments expressed by staff as we went home with our Christmas gifts, which should spur us all to work harder so that we can make more savings to firmly institutionalize what we now know as the Port Harcourt Factor with which we celebrate Christmas each year. Many staff expressed gratitude to the Almighty for those gifts; but above all, we should as a University thank the Almighty for His enduring mercies in our experiences of 2012 and work harder for the greater good of the system and all of us in 2013. "I am particularly delighted that the programmes we presented for institutional accreditation received approval from the appropriate regulatory agencies, which testifies to the high quality assurance that we have tried to institutionalize in this University. Gaining reaccreditation for

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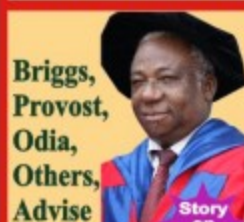
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...As Faculty Seeks Aid To Revamp Labs



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (arrowed) flanked on left by DV-C R & D, Prof. Willie-Abbey, on the right by Dean of Engineering Prof. Ejor and others

By Juliet Nnamdi, Adeola Ojo & Otiakor Samuel

High-impact graduates of Engineering from the University of Port Harcourt in the academia and industry would be honoured as part of the 29th Convocation Ceremony, just as *Nollywood Stars* were celebrated last year during the Chancellor's Dinner at Presidential Hotel.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who made the disclosure at an End-of-Year Seminar organized by the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, held at the International Students' Centre last December, praised the Department for the laudable initiative of complementing statutory allocations by sourcing funds from Alumni and friends of the University to equip laboratories and purchase other instructional materials, charging other Departments to emulate the shining example of Civil & Environmental Engineering to better the lots of the University.

"A dog that does not go out will never get pregnant", the Vice-Chancellor said, advising leadership of the Faculty to intensify efforts aimed at sourcing external fund to develop the Faculty as the government alone can no longer provide all the needs of the University system in the country. Professor Ajienka advised other Departments and faculties to reach out to Alumni, who are doing well in society to render assistance in any little way they could afford, pointing out that in most developed universities, Departmental buildings and Hostels were usually built by Alumni Associations. "That is why, for instance, Harvard University in America is richer than some countries of the world", the Vice-Chancellor added.

Meanwhile, in a bid to re-equip its seven laboratories for enhanced service delivery, the Department organized a *Homecoming* event of Alumni to solicit fund. Director, Centre for Occupational Health Safety and Environment, COHSE, Professor Ify Nwagazie, who called on public-spirited individuals and groups to leave indelible legacies by investing in the Department, stated that, "whatever a man sows, that he will reap".

Earlier, Head of the Department, Professor Tambari Leton, stressed the need for well-equipped laboratories to assist in teaching, learning and research, saying that the gap in delivering quality knowledge could be bridged

with the availability of appropriate teaching equipment.

An *Alumnus* and President, Waste Management of Port Harcourt, Mr. Ossai Reuben, who recalled the state of the laboratories years back as a student, said he had expected new equipment to meet emergent developments in the discipline. He also advised students to also assist to network for the growth of the Department, commending Professor Leton for the innovation in the Department.

"I think this is my first time of witnessing this kind of arrangement and of course, first events are always like this, but the success recorded is quite commendable. The timing within this December period must have contributed to the low turnout of the Alumni", Mr. Reuben observed.

STUDENT WORLD

Politics Is Future Career For Me -Uhegbu

University of Port Harcourt is fast transforming into a breeding ground for apprentice student politicians, who have notable Alumni icons such as President Goodluck Jonathan, Governor of Rivers State, Rt. Hon. Chibuke Amaechi, Former Bayelsa State Governor Chief Timipre Sylva, the Director-General of the National Atomic Energy Agency, Dr. Franklin Osaisai, Senator Emmanuel Palker, Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of water Resources, Ambassador Boladei Igali, amongst others to look up to as worthy role-models. The Campus politicians appear to be driven by the belief that if these national and international figures, who once sat on the same desks and slept in the same rooms can rise to national reckoning in the rough-and-tumble world of Nigerian politics, then they too can do so and even surpass their glorious achievements. UCHENNA UHEGBU a Final Year Student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, who does not want to be left behind by the roaring political train that has several distinguished Alumni of his University on board. Even before graduation, Uchenna had already made up his mind to cut his political teeth right here on Campus where it matters most to people of his age grade—student unionism! Our Intern, Adeola OJO, who interviewed this restless politician-in-waiting, reports.

Uchenna Uhegbu gained admission into the University through the Basic Studies Programme. He said, "I am a lover of politics and also enjoy reading, travelling and some of the places I have been to are University of Abuja and University of Nigeria Nsukka among others. University of Port Harcourt is Unique in many respects. In our discussion on why he joined student politics, Uhegbu said, I love politics and started as a Secretary in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Then I felt I had to showcase my leadership credentials in the Faculty of Engineering, where I was elected Financial Secretary and then I vied for the position of Secretary-General of the Student Union Executive.

All these activities are designed to prepare me for future challenges on the wider political stage, where I hope to render selfless service to the society. To him, "Engineering is a profession but politics is a career that I am hoping to take on full time. I don't joke with my books, but some challenges came up after joining the Student Union because I notice that I was not initially doing well academically, but I refused to give up and I have to stand again. My advice to fellow students, especially those aspiring to hold offices and engage in extra-curricular activities is: "If you know you can effectively combine your studies with politics, please carry on and if you know you can't just drop politics and concentrate on your studies which is the main reason that you came to the University.

On his study habit, our budding future politician said: "I am not a big fan of the Library, but I am very interested in exploring the endless possibilities of the social networks, which also offers me what my colleagues get from the Library." UNIORT Weekly can only wish Uhegbu all the trailer-full of good luck in the whole world; after all, we have abundant Goodluck at Aso Rock in Abuja! Just a little Patience to rise to the top!



Uhegbu

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Cross section of participants at the event

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Speaking on the theme: *Agricultural Cooperatives-Key to Feeding the World*, Keynote Speaker, Professor Nimbe Adedipe highlighted the global benefits of cooperatives in agricultural development, as well as the concepts and practices of cooperatives as mechanisms for sustainable agriculture. Adedipe, who was former Vice-

Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, said: "The Faculty of Agriculture has what it takes to use the cooperative framework to reach remote communities for enhanced food production".

Welcoming guests to the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, said that the University's celebration of the 2012 World Food Day was to create a common ground for the

theoretical and experimental knowledge generated by the academia to assist in the production of food by farmers to feed the increasing populace and even for export to generate income for farmers.

In her remarks, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Love Akonye, noted that the first Agriculture Day was intended to showcase the pivotal role of farmers and agricultural scientist in the socio-economic life of the world community in ensuring food security and proper nutrition. "It is my desire that this Faculty would be ranked as one of the best Centres of Excellence in Agricultural research and entrepreneurship in the country", she told the gathering of experts, farmers, staff and students of the university.

In his goodwill message, Chairman of Obio/Akpor Local Government Area, Honorable Timothy Nsirim, represented by Mr Prince Ogbonna commended the Faculty for localizing the World Food Day celebration to include actual farmers, who produce the food consumed in urban areas of the country. He pledged the Council's willingness to partner the Faculty to boost food production in the State.

Highpoint of the event which featured agricultural exhibitions, expository lectures, an interactive forum, excursion to agro-tourist centre and award of prizes, was launching of the maiden edition of the Faculty's *Journal of African Journal of Agriculture, Technology and Environment (AJATE)*.

COHSE Holds Orientation For MSc Candidates

By Humphrey Ogu

The Centre for Occupational Health, Safety and Environment, (COHSE) in the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) held orientation for the 3rd Batch of its Master of Science students in the Departments of Environmental Technology and Management and Occupational Health and Safety, charging them to make optimal use of their time while in the University.

Speaking at the Orientation Day ceremony which took place at the Institute of Petroleum Studies Park, along East/West Road shortly before the University vacated for the Yuletide, Director, COHSE, Professor Ify Nwaogazie, said the exercise was aimed at familiarising the new intakes with the University environment and the programme they have enrolled to run.

"We tried to introduce them to the operational modalities of the programme, which has its own uniqueness. We also drilled them on how to cultivate a cordial relationship with their fellow students, lecturers and other support staff who work in concert to

achieve the aims and objectives of the programme. The special Orientation also enabled us to expose the students to their rights in terms of the University guidelines so that none of them would turn round to claim that they did not know their rights and obligations as students of the University," he said.

In their separate contributions, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Professor Samuel Ejezie, Director, Centre for Refining and Petrochemicals, Professor

Godwin Igwe, Deputy Director, COHSE, Professor Joel Ogbonna and Head, Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering, Dr Sunday Ikiensikimama, advised the students to avail themselves of the abundant opportunities at the Centre to justify the huge resources expended on them.

About 30 students participated in the Orientation at the Centre which was established in October, 2010.



Director, COHSE, Prof Nwaogazie, Deputy Director, IPS, Prof Ogbonna and Batch 3 MSc Students

CGRP Partners PHRC On Staff Training

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As part of efforts aimed at meeting the needs of the downstream petroleum processing industries through training, applied research, continuing education and capacity-building, the Centre for Gas, Refining and Petrochemicals (CGRP), organized the first Port Harcourt Refining Company (PHRC) Short Course on *Refinery Reactions Systems*.

The training programme with the sub-theme: *Catalytic Reforming and Hydrogen Processes* according to the Centre Director, Professor Godwin Igwe, would contribute to addressing capacity building problems and shortage of petroleum products and its resultant impact on the national economy with grave security implications for the country. "This Centre responds to national needs

through the production of qualified human capital equipped to provide practical solutions to problems that affect Nigeria's gas, refining, and petrochemical technologies for national development", he said.

Briefing *UNI-PORT Weekly* on the development, Professor Igwe commended the partnership between the Centre and the PHRC, disclosing that the training centred on petroleum refining and four major processing steps namely: catalytic reforming, alkylation, catalytic cracking, and hydro-processing. He noted that the optimum flow pattern for any refinery is dictated by economic, rather than political considerations.

Meanwhile, Professor's Igwe at the 42nd Annual Conference, Exhibition and General Meeting of the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers held in Abuja was conferred with a Fellowship award for his meritorious service to the Society and country.



Prof Igwe

Education Faculty Honours Okeke, Marks End Of 2012



Prof Okeke (centred) flanked by Dean Faculty of Education, Prof Awotua-Efebo & Director of Nomadic Education Centre, Prof Eheazu and other Senior Academics

By Juliet Nnamdi and Otikor Samuel

As a way of showing appreciation to his immense contributions towards the growth of the Department of Educational Management and Planning on assumption of office in the University in 1985, the Faculty of Education, has honoured erudite Scholar and astute Administrator, Professor Benjamin Okeke, who has finally retired from active service. The Send-forth Party in honour of Professor Okeke was part of activities that marked the End of 2012 celebration of Faculty of Education held at Lecture

Hall II in Choba Park to wind down 2012.

In his opening remarks, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ebi Bio Awotua-Efebo, who recounted the journey from a period of uncertainty with just few pioneer Lecturers and support staff, expressed delight over the rapid growth presently recorded in the Faculty as a result of commitment of staff in delivery quality services. He lavished praises on Professor Okeke for putting in his best towards human and intellectual development of his Department, Faculty and the University at large, saying that he would be missed by all those he touched in his long and fruitful professional career

in and outside the University.

"Indeed, it has not been easy as we all worked hard to discharge the enormous responsibility entrusted into our hands at the inception of the Faculty and even as we continue to work collectively to take the Faculty where we all want it to be positioned to meet the challenges of a new knowledge-driven society. However, I must state that Professor Okeke was absolutely wonderful in his active years in the academy for which he would always be remembered by the rest of us. I must assure all of you that the image of our great Faculty has charged for the better, and we are striving to make it best, thanks to the selfless services rendered by the likes of Professor Okeke", the Dean said, advising the staff he is leaving behind to rededicate themselves to the task ahead in the New Year.

In their separate speeches, Chairman and Secretary of Faculty of Education Welfare Committee, Drs Chineze Uche and Uzoma Nwogu, stated that the Committee had lived up to its mandate as assigned to it by the Dean, disclosing that over 60 colleagues had benefitted from the welfare package instituted by the Faculty, while the first Monday of every month was declared *Fruit Day*, where members are at liberty to pick a fruit of their choice from the Common Room without paying for it.

Responding, a visibly delighted Professor Okeke, who expressed gratitude to staff and students of the Faculty for the honour done him, charged his former colleagues to always profess knowledge to break more grounds in research and provide quality services to students and the University. Highlights of the event included presentation of awards and gift items to Professor Okeke by the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Despite concerted efforts by the present

Administration to boost the internally-generated revenue profile of the University, it has been observed that internally-generated revenue remains at a very low ebb, thus, stifling Management's genuine developmental plans.

This was the damning verdict contained in the Report of a Committee set up by the Administration to review the strategic businesses and other sources of funding in the University of Port Harcourt.

Presenting the Report to the Vice-Chancellor last December, Chairman of the Committee, Professor Mark Anikpo, said that based on its Terms of Reference, the Committee examined the structure and operations of revenue units in the University such as: UNIPORT Investments Limited; UNIPORT Press Limited, Information and Communications Technology Centre (ICTC), Consultancy, Research and Development Centre (CORDEC), UNIPORT Zina Water, College of Continuing Education (CCE) and U&C Micro-Finance Bank.

Other revenue-yielding ventures examined by the Committee included Academy Colours Paint, School of Graduate Studies (SGS), Central Instruments Laboratory (CIL), Science Engineering Workshop (SEW), Post HND and B.Eng Engineering Programme, Sports Complex, School of Basic Studies, School of Science Laboratory Technology, Institute of Petroleum Studies, Post NCE Programme (Sandwich) and the Faculty of Agriculture Farm. Professor Anikpo added that the Committee also evaluated the viability of the Units and other sources of funding and financial leakages.

Anikpo's Committee Mauls Poor Revenue Drive In UNIPORT

By Obinna Nwodin

Professor Anikpo said that the poor internal revenue generating outlook of these Units may have been understandable during the era when universities received adequate statutory grants and isolated themselves in an "Ivory Tower" cocoon, regretting that now that funds are scarce

and the present Administration has positioned the Institution as an Entrepreneurial University, it would be inexcusable that the abundant

expertise in the University is not galvanized to attain financial self-sufficiency. He also disclosed that the Report also highlighted the constraints plaguing the already established business units from operating at installed capacity, pointing out possible areas of focus in other to optimize the available business potentials to fund research and infrastructural development in the University.

Receiving the Report, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who thanked the Committee for the effort put in by members, said that it was important for the authorities to adopt appropriate measures to meet the increasing financial challenges facing the University. At this crucial point in the development of this University, there is no reason why the various revenue-yielding arms cannot make generate viable ideas that would lead to profitable investments that would enhance the internally-generated revenue base of the Institution. He warned that "the future of public universities would be bleak, if we are not innovative by in harnessing all the abundant human and material resources at our disposal to keep the system afloat". He said that Management was ready to accept recommendations on how to get things right at any point in time.

Other members of the Committee included: Professor John Otaigbe, Director, Exchange and Linkages Unit, Professor Henry Njoku, Director, Technology Park, Mr. Boniface Woko, Chief Internal Auditor, while Mrs Akubom Otami served as Secretary.



Prof Anikpo

Former Vice-Chancellor and renowned Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Nimi Briggs, former Provost, College of Health Sciences (CHS), Osaretin Odia, incumbent Provost of the College, Professor Chris Akani and Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Professor John Ikimalo, were among the medical gurus, who advised Medical and Dental students on how to excel professionally at the Final Year Class Activities (FYCA), last month.

The distinguished academics shared their experiences spanning many years of medical practice with the students, advising the Final Year Class, also known as the *Aquillas*, to abide by the time-tested medical ethics, see their profession as a call to humanitarian service and be dedicated to provision of quality and selfless services when called upon to do so in any circumstance. Professor Odia also addressed the issue of Ethics in Medical Practice, advising the students to anchor their practice on sound ethical foundations if they hope to leave an enduring legacy in the hallowed profession that society holds in very high esteem.

Delivering a lecture titled: "*Managing a Family and a Medical Career*", Dr Ngozi Orazuluoke of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology focused on the role of individuals in the family, career and society, stressing the need to balance the strenuous demands of the profession and a happy family life, describing it as a measure of true success as a Doctor. She urged them not to make the mistake of choosing between the profession and home front.

In her presentation, Dr Tonia Briggs of the Department of Anaesthetics spoke on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, emphasizing the need for the trainee doctors to acquire modern techniques of Basic Life Support with a view to saving lives whenever the need may arise.

Briggs, Provost, Odia, Others, Advise Medical Students At FYCA



Provost, CHS, Prof Akani (2nd from right) PUMSA President, David-Briggs Otto, FYCA Chairman, Olobuah cutting the cake, while Dean Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof Ikimalo watches

By Humphrey Ogu

Earlier in his welcome address, Chairman of FYCA 2012, Olobuah Chukwuemeka, commended all participants at the event, recalling that their journey to the final year was characterized by challenges, which they have been able to overcome so far. He recalled that the *Aquillas* were on hand at Ahoda to offer free medical services and drugs to flood victims at the

peak of the disaster. He was particularly grateful to the medical Elders, who found time to grace the occasion as worthy role-models for the young aspirants into the profession, promising that his group would not disappoint them in practice and the larger society.

Other highlights of the colourful event were launching of the FYC Yearbook and rendition of *Aquillas'* Anthem, among others.

Faculty Of Science Marks End Of Year In Grand Style

By Mercy Don-Baridam & Juliet Nnamdi

For a few hours on Monday, 10th December, 2012, Academic Staff members of the Faculty of Science temporarily forgot their microscopes, laboratory coats, re-agents, scientific

equations and equipment, endless board meetings and computation of student results to reveal their human side at a well-patronized party to mark the end of 2012. They instead, donned their choice party outfits that revealed their wild side to the delight of non-teaching staff and prying students, who looked on in utter admiration at the manufactured antics of the academic rolling stones on the dance floor.

Speaking at the event which took place inside the expansive Conference Hall of the International Students' Centre along Aluu Drive, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, who thanked God for the successful conclusion of the 2011/2012 session, commended Lecturers in the Faculty for working hard in line with the vision of the present Administration to ensure smooth running of the Institution.

Professor Willie-Abbey charged the staff to avail themselves of the holiday period to reflect on the things that went right in the last session and also those that required fine-tuning in order to better the 2012/2013 session, advising them to undertake new research that would assist in solving problems for societal development in line with the new entrepreneurial vision of the University.

In her speech, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Nnenna Frank-Peterside, thanked everyone that made positive contributions towards the growth and recent transformation of the Faculty into a new College of Natural and Applied Sciences, stating that the new development would offer unlimited opportunity to staff and students to explore new areas of research.

She expressed delight that the end-of-year party offered academic staff of the emergent College an avenue to relax and interact in a lighter mood away from the routine teaching and research activities for which her colleagues are known. The Dean expressed delight with Senate of the University for upgrading the Faculty to a College, stating that the new arrangement would contribute in expanding its scope of activities to enable the emergent College deliver quality services to its growing clientele.

Responding to questions, Professors Mike Monanu, Edith Elenwo, and Johnny Otaigbe, who put up spectacular performances, expressed similar views. For Professor Monanu, "It is advisable that towards the end of the year, Lecturers should bond together and relax because it is an experience that offers itself once a year."

"It should not be books and reading always", Professor Elenwo observed, expressing satisfaction with the level of enthusiasm shown by her colleagues at the occasion. She also described the event as one way of overcoming idleness, as well as freely expressing themselves during the festive season.

"All work without play makes Jack a dull person," Professor Otaigbe said, pointing out that, "The University is not just for study alone, it is a system that encourages involvement in a communal relationship between people from diverse backgrounds". To other staff of the Faculty that were absent at the event, Professor Otaigbe said, "I must confess they have missed a lot because life itself is very short and ephemeral, so one must do what is needed to be done to keep one's emotional stability".

Not to be outdone, guests at the event took to the floor to reproduce intricate dance steps that brought back memories of their groovy days as students.

Highlight of the event included American-style auction, general dance and competition.



Prof Nnenna Frank-Peterside

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the Department of Medicine is a major milestone that we achieved last year, and I am very happy that we have resumed admission of students into the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme in the College of Health Sciences", he said.

The Vice-Chancellor also said he was happy that the Faculties of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dentistry were finally able to secure accreditation that enabled them graduate their pioneer students, praising the Deans, staff and students for

the hard work, maturity and team-spirit they exhibited during the period of uncertainty in the two Faculties. He assured all stakeholders that with the final accreditation of the Department of Nursing, everything necessary would be done to ensure that the students graduate without further delay.

"In 2013, we expect every staff and student to contribute their own quota towards the upliftment of the University. Despite the enormous challenges we are facing in the area of funding, we are very determined to do whatever is in our powers to bequeath a world class Entrepreneurial University that future generations would be proud to associate with. The task before us is not an easy one, but we are determined to play our part and we expect all stakeholders in the affairs of the University to equally play their part well for us to achieve the lofty institutional goals we have set for ourselves", he said.

Professor Ajienka, who expressed gratitude to the Alumni Association for the interest they have so far shown towards the accelerated development of



Prof Ethelbert Nduka,
DV-C Admin



Prof Igbo Joe, DV-C Acad



Prof Willie-Abbey, DV-C R&D



Mrs Matilda Nnodim, Registrar

their *Alma Mater*, appealed to them not to abandon the University as it explores new frontiers in its drive to be amongst the best in Nigeria. "It is now clear that Government alone can no longer finance the quality education that we all want in this country. On our part, we have been devising all creative measures to increase our internally-generated revenue profile to enable us stay afloat in the event of disruption of our statutory allocations that are barely enough to service our increasing clientele, Professor Ajienka pointed out.

The Vice-Chancellor promised that when the ongoing projects are completed, they would not only ease the space constraints being faced by staff and students, but would also beautify the skyline of the University and reposition it to meet the needs of an ever expanding clientele.

He charged all categories of staff to rededicate themselves to duty in 2013, warning that the Administration would not tolerate absenteeism, truancy, rumour-mongering and other negative tendencies that do not conduce to enhanced productivity in the New Year and beyond. "On our

part, let me promise that issues pertaining to staff welfare would be put on the top priority list at all times. Staff, who diligently discharge their statutory obligations would be appropriately motivated to give of their best, while those who wish to designate themselves as mere salary earners without putting in commensurate work would face hard times in 2013, because the Administration will punish every infringement by any staff or student without fear or favour. The building of a world class Entrepreneurial University should be the collective effort of all stakeholders, who must show total commitment to the achievement of the feat", the Vice-Chancellor stressed.

"Personally, I wish myself as I wish others a 'Happy New Year' and when we are new in the way we do things in accordance with the will of the Almighty—then the New Year will mark a new beginning in our personal lives and the way we conduct ourselves in our personal and official capacities. I wish all of us a happy and productive 2013".

Bamanga Tukur Institute Extends Sale Of Form To Feb 15

By Otikor Samuel

With the mandate to provide graduates with knowledge and tools necessary for the formulation and implementation of sound policies in international trade and development, the Bamanga Tukur Institute which would commence academic programme this March, has extended the sale of forms for interested applicants to February 15, 2013 to enable more candidates benefit from the quality programmes of the Centre.

Director of the Institute, Professor Augustus Gbosi, made the disclosure in an interview with *UNIPORT Weekly* shortly before the University vacated for the 2012 festive season, revealing further that the Institute has now moved to its temporary office at the former Administration Complex in Delta Park.

"The professional Master of Science programme in International Trade and Development which has been approved by the University Senate will commence in March, 2013. The

Institute is to provide skills that would be required by many establishments, including trade and investment industries, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Trade Organization and other international development agencies", the Director said, positing that the programme would be useful to persons, who are interested in pursuing advanced studies in trade and related fields.

"This is an inter-disciplinary programme that is open to all applicants, who possess a Bachelors' Degree in Economics, Finance, Accounting, Political Science, Foreign Languages, History, Geography and related fields or have earned a Law degree from recognized institutions", Professor Gbosi further disclosed, adding that "Customs and Immigration Officers or professionals in trade-related industries, with at least, five years working experience with degrees outside the disciplines earlier mentioned would also be considered for admission".

The pioneer Director of the Institute said that the 18-month programme which would impart practical, technical and theoretical knowledge would deploy flexible schedules and modules to train students to minimize the impact on workers, stating that local and foreign experts would be drawn from trade and related fields in the academia and the industry as top flight Resource Persons along the Institute of Petroleum (IPS) model.



Prof Gbosi

GUIDEPOST

APPOINTMENT

Professor Paul Eke, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, appointed *Head of Department*, effective 30th November, 2012 and terminates 30th November, 2014.

Professor Onyee Nwankpa, Department of Music, Faculty of Humanities, appointed *Chair Occupant, Rex Lawson Chair of Music*, effective 11th December, 2012 and terminates 10th December, 2014.

PROMOTION

Dr Chidozie Chukwujekwu, Department of Mental Health, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2011.

Dr Tamunomie Nyengidiki, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Elizabeth Awoyesuku, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Chibuike Ejimadu, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Joy Aniameka, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Tamunopriye Jaja, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Lucy Yaguo-Ide, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Alex Hart, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Rose-Mary Ogu, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Chikwuogwo Paul, Department of Human Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Ijeoma Ihekwa, Department of Nursing, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2011.

Dr Longinus Ehirim, Department of Anaesthesiology, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Dr Ijeoma Ernest-Ehibudu, Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance & Counselling, Faculty of Education, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Faith Diorgu, Department of Nursing, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2011.

Nkemdirim Elechi, Department of Pharmacognosy & Ethnotherapy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

John Ordu, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Roberts Iriasoanga, Department of Pharmaceutical & Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Margaret Dan-Patrick, Department of Nursing, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2011.

Nyayaama Kiale, Department of History & Diplomatic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

Mr Ifeanyi Chukwu Edoh, Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, confirmed *Staff*, effective 27th October, 2010.

Mr Charles Ugwuze, Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, confirmed *Staff*, effective 1st July, 2012.

FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Former Vice-Chancellor of Delta State University, Abraka, **Professor John Enahwo**, has been conferred with the prestigious *Fellowship of the Nigerian Academy of Education (NAE)* in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated contributions to education in Nigeria and beyond.

Professor John Agberia, Department of Fine Arts and Design, Faculty of Humanities, awarded *Fellowship of the Society of Nigerian Artists (SNA)* in recognition of his contributions to teaching, research and practice of the Visual Arts profession in and outside the country.

SIFE Transforms Into ENACTUS

By Obinna Nwodin

In an effort to reposition the organization to meet current realities, the Students in Free Enterprise Scheme (SIFE), has been renamed ENACTUS to reflect both the vision of its founding fathers and its current activities.

This disclosure was made by the Country Director, SIFE Nigeria, Mrs Adesuwa Ifedi, when she paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, in the Vice-Chancellor's Committee room before the festive season.

Mrs Ifedi, who said that ENACTUS is an international non-profit organization that works with business and academic leaders to motivate, mentor and challenge undergraduates and creatively develop sustainable solutions that would improve the quality of life and standard of living of people in need, adding that the schemes runs active programmes in 44 tertiary institutions covering 27 states. She disclosed that the body has so far executed 400 community projects with a track record of effectively managing multiple programmes and activities nation-wide. The Country Director said that the Scheme received the Federal Government's National Productivity Award in 2008, and was voted as one of the most sustainable country operations in the former SIFE network in 2009.

She said that emergent ENACTUS

Country Office designs partnership projects that meet the organization's criteria and works with designated teams to successfully integrate its programmes into learning process, adding that it was also involved in environmental projects such as Paper Briquettes, The Eco Bag, Waste-to-Wealth and Biogas.

In his remarks, Professor Ajenka, who commended the organization for its activities said that the ENACTUS is one of the most important groups in the University. He said that the activities of the Scheme are in line with the entrepreneurial drive of his administration, commending the body for encouraging students to imbibe positive qualities that would be beneficial not only to them but also the larger society. "What we are seeing is an indication that you are doing a lot of work in the various universities and the network is very important", pledging the support of authorities of the University to its programmes in the Institution.

In her speech, Faculty Adviser of ENACTUS in UNIPORT, Dr Chineze Uche, who thanked the authorities for the support given her organization over the years, disclosed that it had engaged in community services in Emohua, Alakahia and Aluu communities, adding that the Group would continue to grow from strength to strength in the realization of its objectives.



V-C, Prof Ajenka in a group photograph with Senior Academics, Principal Officers and some members of ENACTUS

STOP PRESS

V-C REINSTATES EFEMINI AS HOD PHILOSOPHY

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, has reinstated Dr Andrew Efemini as Acting Head, Department of Philosophy in the Faculty of Humanities after his suspension following the incident that happened at Omuokiri, Aluu last October. The reinstatement takes immediate effect, while his appointment as Acting Head of Department now terminates on 12th May, 2014.

BAN ON BURNING ON CAMPUS

Members of staff, students and other users of the University environment are advised to avoid any form of burning of items on Campus as such action could result in fire incidents, especially during the present Harmattan haze. Defaulters would be sanctioned appropriately.

Contact: Ag Director, CEBAS, Mr Okezie Ochuba



Deputy Director, IPS, Prof Joel Ogbonna
welcoming the V-C, Prof Ajiienka

IPS Holds 9th Induction Ceremony

Institute of
Petroleum Studies
(IPS), inducted its 9th
Batch of Petroleum
Engineering Students
last month. Here, we
serve you scenes from the
ceremony as captured by
our Photographer,
HEADMAN ALU.



V-C, Prof Ajiienka in a handshake
with Mr Vincent Nnadi



V-C, Prof Ajiienka, making a speech



Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, conducting the event



V-C, Prof Ajiienka in a handshake with Chairman,
IPS Governing Board, Mrs Edith Ofili-Okonkwo



University Librarian, Dr Obiagali Nwodo
decorating a guest



IFP Rep in IPS, Francis Fusier, presenting a plaque to
Chairman, Advisory Committee of IPS/IFP Training



Best Graduating Student, Alaekwe Okwu,
receiving a handshake from V-C, Prof Ajiienka



A cross section of the Inductees



University Curator, Dr Bridget Nwanze reading
the citation of an awardee



Mrs Ofili-Okonkwo in a chat with
Prof Mike Onyekonwu and Mr Nnadi



Rep of GMD NNPC, Dr Timothy Okon



V-C, Prof Ajiienka, Senior Academics, Principal Officers
& Stakeholders of IPS & Petroleum Industry