

Commissioner Inspects Facilities For Sports Fiesta In UNIPORT

The 5th National School Sports Festival for Primary and Post-primary pupils kicked-off last week in the University of Port Harcourt Sports Complex amidst great fanfare and collegiate spirit amongst the youngsters from all over the country. Ahead of the opening ceremony, Rivers State Commissioner of Sports, Honourable Fred Igwe, was on hand to inspect facilities and hostel accommodation in the University, last Monday reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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Prof Francis Sikoki of the Department of Animal & Environmental Biology delivers the 100th Inaugural Lecture this Thursday. Details next week - Editor

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By Obinna Nwodin

Senate has ratified the conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees on three Nigerians and a Senegalese in recognition of their immense

contributions to the betterment of the human condition in diverse fields of endeavour spanning several decades of commitment and service.

Those to be conferred with the Degree of *Honoris Causa* at the 29th Convocation slated for 9th February, 2013 are: business mogul and philanthropist, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, veteran Historian, Educationist and Statesman, Professor Tekena Tamuno, celebrated patron of the Arts, Yemisi Shyllon and Monaco-based President of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), Mr Lamine Diack. The decision to honour the four outstanding personalities was ratified at the 391st meeting of Senate held at the Senate Chambers, last Wednesday.

Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of Senate, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who made the disclosure, said that the names of the nominees had already been approved by

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Egbogah Concludes Expert-In-Residence Programme In UNIPORT



DV-C (Acad), Prof Joe (2nd from right), Dr Egbogah, University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, IPS Director, Prof Onyekanwu, other Professors and Stakeholders

Months after he promised to kick-start his much-awaited Expert-in-Residence programme, foremost Petroleum Engineer and Educationist and Elder Statesman, Dr Emmanuel Egbogah, finally flagged off the event in the University, with a promise to make it an annual feature aimed at mentoring the younger generation of Nigerians in the art of building their careers.

The week-long programme which also featured the 2nd Chi Ikoku Chair Lecture in Petroleum Engineering, had the Distinguished Scholar and pioneer Petroleum Engineer interact with scholars and students drawn from the Institute of Petroleum Studies, Centre for Petroleum Geosciences, as well as Emerald Energy Institute for Petroleum Economics, Policy and Strategic Studies, amongst others.

Speaking at the opening ceremony last Monday at the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) Park, Dr Egbogah said that the concept of Expert-in-Residence is the norm in established universities, starting with Oxford and Cambridge as far back as 1269, adding that it was important that great centres of learning such as the University of Port Harcourt cultivate the habit of attracting such Experts, who would visit regularly to interact with scholars and students with a view to helping them tackle the challenges they may face in the course of building their careers.

The former Special Adviser to the President on Petroleum Matters said that an Expert-in-Residence is usually an experienced master of the discipline, who is ready to make available his or her vast pool of experience to younger professionals and students to enable them improve on their career prospects and prepare to face other challenges of life. He said that such strategy was usually of immense benefit to individual scholars, students and benefitting institutions.

Citing the likes of Isaac Newton, who though a Professor of Physics, impacted immensely on the younger generation of scholars and students as an Expert-in-Residence in his days, Egbogah, who is Chairman of Emerald Energy Resources Limited, stated that "due to the positive effects of such a programme, there is no student in Cambridge or Oxford universities, who fail their degree examinations."

This is because the enormous benefits derived from the experiences of the Experts, ensure that students excel in academics and other endeavours". Dr Egbogah said that as the first Entrepreneurial University in Nigeria, the University of Port Harcourt deserves a programme, where individuals are helped to gain entrepreneurial experience that would be of immense benefit to them in the wider society.

"This is a University that should equip such individuals with the creativity and innovation that they can take to the wider spectrum."

The University should have special focus as a conveyor of entrepreneurship to the larger society. Most of these activities are not captured through normal classroom lectures, but through interactions with Experts with immense experience", he stated, hoping that the programmes would expand to enable stakeholders "make it a beehive of interaction, innovation and creativity which would transform the University into a truly Entrepreneurial University for Nigeria and the

By Obinna Nwodim

rest of Africa".

Declaring the programme open, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, said that the idea of the programme was to look at issues involved in the oil and gas sector, noting that the lifewire of the country rested on the critical oil and gas sector. He said his administration would encourage any initiative that would improve the sector.

In their separate speeches, Professors Bosa Okoli,

Onyewuchi Akaranta, Adewale Dosunmu, Dulu Appah, Joel Ogbonna, Ayoade Kuye, Dr Sunday Ikiensimama and Representative of IFP School in IPS, Mr Francis Fusier, hailed the exemplary initiative of Egbogah in helping students and younger professionals to face the challenges they may face in their career choices, adding that the scheme was a good example that should be encouraged so that the society can grow.

Earlier in a welcome address, Director, Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), Professor Mike Onyekanwu, who described Dr Egbogah as a major benefactor of the University, said that the event was the beginning of many good things to come in the oil and gas industry.

At a consultative Forum with students, Dr Egbogah advised them to imbibe entrepreneurial skills through creativity and innovation in order to meet the current realities. According to Dr Egbogah, going by its avowed Entrepreneurial vision, the University of Port Harcourt should be a leading University in the country, describing it as a place where students are nurtured and prepared for the future.

Speaking with UNIPORT Weekly after the interactive session, Director of the Centre for Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (COHSE), Professor Ify Nwaogazie, said that the essence of the programme is to strengthen the entrepreneurship vision of the University and institutionalize a mentoring scheme that would enable students achieve the best in and outside the classroom. The programme ended last Thursday with a Round-Table on Nigerian Content Development initiative, chaired by Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs.

STUDENT WORLD

I Want To Go Into Advertising ~Olisa

Anthony Olisa, popularly known as "Tony" is a Third Year Student in the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, who hopes to distinguish himself by employing cutting-edge technologies and techniques into the engineering world. He spoke to our Intern, OGHENETEJIRI ODUBU on how he is preparing for the challenge.

"I have always had a passion for studying in the University of Port Harcourt, because it is one of the best in the Niger Delta and

I wanted a place closer to home, where I could get the best possible education. So I was filled with joy when I got admission through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to study Civil Engineering here," he recalled. On his study habit, Olisa said he uses the Donald Ekong Library, four times a week prior to examinations. The Library is well-equipped with Engineering books which help to improve him academically and he loves to go on corporate wears, as it makes him look smart and gives him an air of confidence which enables him address anyone at anytime.

"I live off-Campus, in Aluu Community," he said, disclosing further that, he is fun-loving and loves to make new friends. Olisa is a member of AIESEC, an international students' organization. "I am also part of the Christian Fellowship International (CFI), from which I have been able to expand and improve my leadership and entrepreneurial skills," he said, adding that Unique UNIPORT is indeed a place where students are enlightened and made self-reliant.

On how he manages his time amongst other

activities, he said, "I always try to prioritize my activities and do what is most important," adding that during his leisure time, he is always on the Internet as he is computer literate. He is in love with the Internet and would want to establish an Advertising Agency and venture into Events Management. As a result, Olisa describes himself as "a square peg in a circle."

As part of his future ambition, Olisa intends to be a Civil Engineer with a difference as he hopes to distinguish himself by employing new technologies to improve construction in Nigeria, as well as the realization of Vision 20:2020.

"I do not have a favourite Lecturer, because I believe that each of our Lecturers has something unique to impact in us, the students," he said, advising Unique Students to concentrate on the primary purpose for which they are in the University. "We should all give in quality time to our academics and be in our best behaviour, as a degree would be awarded us, both in character and learning," he added.



Olisa

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5th Secondary School Sports Kicks-Off In UNIPORT

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The Commissioner, who expressed satisfaction with the state of facilities in the University, recalled with delight previous partnerships between the Institution and the State aimed at promoting sports. "Our sporting partnership with the University dates back to the 17th National Sports Festival, which was hosted by the State, the Eko 2012 National Sports Festival in Lagos and here we are again preparing for the 5th Edition of School Sports to be hosted by Rivers State in UNIPORT", he added.

Honourable Igwe, who promised to improve on available facilities for the sporting event, commended the University for continued support of all sporting events in the State. "Standard of sanitation in the University is high and facilities are in good condition, but there is always room for improvement", he said, assuring stakeholders of a hitch-free sporting fiesta in the State.

Dean, Student Affairs Department, Professor

Henry Bell-Gam, who conducted the Commissioner round the University, reiterated Management's willingness to work with the State Government at all times to facilitate sporting events. "Be rest assured of our support when the need arises", he stressed. Chairman, Rivers State Universal Basic Education Board, Sir Ali Oruitemeka, Director, Rivers State

Sports Council, Sir Daobi Harry, Chairman, Rivers State Sports Council, Honourable Charles Paul, Director, Stadia Authority, Mr James Mmole, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Engineer Paulinus Nwankwoala, amongst other staff of the Ministry, accompanied the Commissioner on the visit.



Commissioner of Sports, Igwe (arrowed) flanked by Director of Works, Inede, Dean, Student Affairs, Prof Bell-Gam, Associate Dean Student Affairs, Dr Gloria Emeinke, Director of Sports, Dr Ken Anuweje and other Officers of the Ministry of Sports

Stop Press

ILLEGAL POWER CONNECTION ON CAMPUS

Business operators on Campus are advised to desist forthwith from resorting to self-help in connecting power to their makeshift or shopping complexes. Similarly, students and other users of the University environment are advised against tampering with sources of electricity without authorization from the Works and Services Department. Defaulters would be compelled to pay for any damage that may arise from such illegal connections.

Contact: Director of Works and Services Department

NDUKA APPOINTED INTO INT'L BIOMETRIC SOCIETY

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka and Professor E.T. Jolayemi of the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, have been appointed into the Representative Council of the International Biometric Society, Washington D.C., USA. The duo would represent the country for a period of two years on the Council.

Our Library Can Compete Globally~DV-C



DV-C (R&D), Prof Willie-Abbey (right) receiving the books from University Librarian, Dr Nwodo

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, has expressed optimism that the Donald Ekong Library would soon attain global standards for optimal operation at the completion of ongoing projects geared towards quality service.

Professor Willie-Abbey, who made the remarks while taking delivery of 438 volumes of books donated to the University by Mount

By Otokor Samuel
& Henrietta Otonnah

Royal University, Calgary, Alberta, Canada last Monday, expressed delight that the books which cut across various disciplines would serve as good reference materials to users of the Library. The donation was facilitated by Professor Faith Uzoka.

"We are a bit more comfortable with the hard copy format even with the emerging e-Library system. We find it easier to use, so we need more of such donations", she said, urging other Alumni and public-spirited individuals to assist in the development of the University Library to ensure its optimal use.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, warned users to be very careful with items in the Library by ensuring that they do not tear out pages from the books since others will use the books after them, advising them to be good ambassadors of the University just as the facilitator, Professor Uzoka. "Think of what you can also do for the University after training you to be useful members of the society," she added.

Speaking, University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, disclosed that the donation covered nine books for Education, 23 for Engineering, 52 for Health Sciences, 122 for Humanities, 54 for Management Sciences, 154 for Sciences, and 24 for Social Sciences. Most of the texts, according to her, came with Compact Discs to facilitate reference by researchers.

DV-C R&D Marks Birthday In Style

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

It was a fun-filled day for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey as staff of her Office treated her to a well-deserved birthday party which had the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, his wife, Mrs Mercy Ajienka, husband of the celebrant, Professor Sam Abbey and other Principal Officers of the University in attendance.

Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, Director, Institute of Petroleum Studies, Professor Mike Onyekonwu, Director, Exchanges and Linkages Unit,

Professor Johnny Otaigbe, Director, Special Duties, Professor Mathew Wegwu, were among Colleagues who eulogized Professor Willie-Abbey at the party which held at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room, University Park, penultimate Friday.

Responding, Professor Willie-Abbey, who shared the secret of her youthfulness with the admiring guests, commended her staff for their hard work and dedication to duty. While the Acting Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi, led a prayer of gratitude to God for the life of the celebrant, Professor Otaigbe proposed the toast. The event was rounded off with photographs and gift presentation by Otami Akubom and Chinyere Njoku on behalf of other staff of the celebrant's office.



4th from left: V-C, Prof Ajienka and his wife, Mercy, the Celebrant, Prof Willie-Abbey and other Senior Officers of the University set to cut the Birthday Cake

Apparently impressed by the performance of scholars in the Department of Geology in the first phase of the study they undertook on behalf of Chevron Nigeria Limited, the multinational oil giant has again selected the Department for the second phase of the project.

A Letter signed by Manager, ESRS of the company, M. Duke and made available to *UNIPORT Weekly* partly read: "We are pleased to inform you that your Department has been selected for the 2012 Joint Industry/University Special Study Spatial/Temporal Porosity Variation in OMLs 86 & 88, using data from Funiwa Deep 1A, Akuku-1, Pennington-29, & Oriri-Iwells.

"Your selection is based on the successful and satisfactory delivery of Phase 1 of this study for our Western Asset Area (OML90) and your demonstrated technical capability and your proposal of October 17, 2012," the letter pointed out. Explaining the importance of the study to our Correspondent in the office of Acting Head of Department, last Monday, Professors Michael Oti and Levi Amajor, who led the study team, said that the hydrocarbons reside in the pores of the rocks pointing out that a good rock must have porosity.

Again, Geology Dept Wins Chevron Project

By Humphrey Ogu



Ag HOD, Geology, Dr Tse, flanked by Profs Oti (left) and Amajor

The company, however, found out that some of the rocks did not have such properties; a situation they noted prompted the invitation of the Department to participate in the first phase, attributing the extension of the study to the success recorded in the previous exercise.

The Dons said the success recorded in the study has shown that scholars have the expertise to solve most

technical problems bedeviling the industry, disclosing that the study package is valued at \$200,000 US dollars.

Director, Institute of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (INRES), Professor Enevie Akpokodje was also part of the team.

Also speaking, Acting Head of Department, Dr Akaha Tse, recalled that "Chevron sent letters to all Geology Departments in Nigerian universities and based on our proposals, we were selected out of 13 institutions that responded to the invitation," adding that the study which aimed at tackling production challenges of the company in one of its fields was valued at \$96,000.

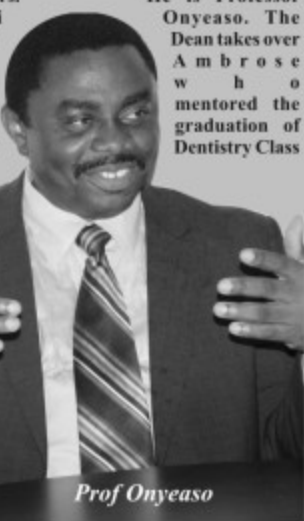
Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has congratulated the Department on its success in the first phase of the study which earned the trust of the oil giant, resulting in the extension of the study. Professor Ajienka described the breakthrough as a clear example of industry-academia synergy, which he said was in line with the entrepreneurial vision of his administration to build a world-class university.

Onyeaso Succeeds Obiechina As Dentistry Dean

By Mercy Don-Baridam

A new Dean has been elected to run the affairs of the Faculty of Dentistry for the next two years.

Chukwudi newly-elected from Professor Obiechina, successfully Faculty to the the pioneer last year.



Prof Onyeaso

Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly* in his office shortly after his election, Penultimate Wednesday, Professor Onyeaso disclosed that 10 Faculty Board Members unanimously elected him, based on his contributions to the Faculty, stating that he is ready to give his best to take the Faculty to new heights.

"One of my areas of focus would be to encourage excellence among the Academic Staff, create a friendly and cohesive atmosphere in the Faculty for maximum productivity and also ensure that academic excellence is the watch word," he said, adding that having been Chairman, Senate Committee on Prizes and also the Faculty Chairman, Quality Assurance and Control, "I want to see that international standards and quality are maintained in all the activities of the Faculty", Onyeaso noted.

Professor Onyeaso expressed optimism that when he fully assumes duty as Dean, he would get the Faculty into linkages with other recognized international

institutions to assist it in training and collaborative research that would benefit both staff and students.

"Dentistry is very demanding and to maintain standards, incoming students must work hard to ensure they win prizes on graduation", he said, adding that the Faculty would ensure that the students study in a friendly environment by giving

them attention and ensuring that they fully appreciate why they are in the University. He disclosed that the Faculty would ensure that the students are properly oriented and equipped to rise to the enormous challenges of studying such a demanding discipline as Dentistry.

Earning Salary Without Working Is Stealing ~V-C

By Otiakor Samuel & Henrietta Otonnah

Hard times await staff who earn salaries without commensurate work to justify their earnings as such act is not only unethical, but also a form of stealing from the system. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, gave the indication at the Opening Ceremony of a week-long training for staff of the Telecommunications Unit by the Staff Training & Development Unit (STADU) at NASU Labour House, Delta Park, last Monday. Professor Ajienka, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, stressed the need for the trainees to fully utilize knowledge gained during the training to deliver quality service to the University, pointing out that "It will not give you any sense of fulfillment when you are receiving salary without working for it".

In her remarks, Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, reiterated the commitment of Management to ensure that staff are trained in line with their job schedules to enhance productivity, urging the participants to take the programme seriously to realize the intention of Management and justify the resources sunk into their training programmes.

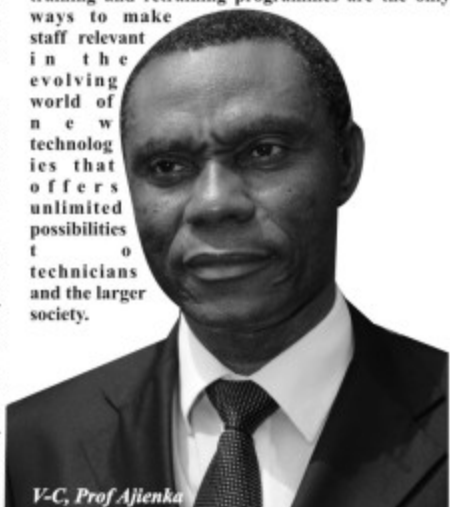
"Time had gone when staff of the University rushed to the Telecommunications Unit for one message or the other. The moment the cell phone was introduced, people started to navigate it because of its portability. As an academic environment, we can re-engineer the Unit to meet modern day standards," Mrs Nnodim said, stating that one way to ensure that staff remain relevant in the evolving world is through training and retraining.

"The time of reading newspapers at the expense of statutory job schedules is over. It should be noted that every group of staff is useful to the University and they must earn salary based on the work done,

otherwise, such staff would be cheating the system," the Registrar added.

Earlier in his speech, Chief Technical Officer of the Telecommunications Unit, Mr Stephen Onemfien, who expressed gratitude to Management for initiating the training programme, expressed optimism that the five-day programme would provide participants with the requisite knowledge to uplift the present standard of the Unit to enhance its productivity.

Also, Staff Training Officer of STADU, Mr David Amadi, thanked the Management for the importance it attached to staff training, saying that training and retraining programmes are the only ways to make staff relevant in the evolving world of new technologies that offers unlimited possibilities to technicians and the larger society.



V-C, Prof Ajienka



DV-C (Admin), Prof Nduka (arrowed), Ag Bursar, Mr Aliezi, Immediate past Chairman, Prof Sikoki, Acting Director, DPPD, Mr Ewa (left), incoming Chairman, Dr Udom, former and present members of the Committee

expected to go through proper evaluation of the work before certification.

In his acceptance speech, Chairman of the new Committee, Dr Udom said, "I have never been associated with this kind of assignment, but we should be able to leave our footprint in the sands of time. I want to guarantee Management that we would succeed". He expressed gratitude to Management for the opportunity afforded it to serve the University, promising that his Committee would deliver on the assignment.

Other members of the re-constituted Committee are: Mrs Amina Musa, Messrs, Eyitayo Kosemani, Nika Saaka, John Akpila, Sunday Ajunwo, Saint-Peters Onwugbowu, Dimpa John and Mr Samuel Owhonda as Secretary. Also present at the event was Patson Barrack-Andie, who represented the Acting Director, Works and services Department Mr Jubril Inede, and SSANU Chairman, Mr Bikume Syder.

V-C Reconstitutes Task Force On Housing

By Mercy Don-Baridam

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has re-constituted the Task Force on the renovation of staff quarters. The new Committee headed by Dr Godwin Udom of the Department of Geology, took over from the Professor Francis Sikoki led-committee, last Monday.

Inaugurating the Committee at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee room, Professor Ajienka, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, noted that "the Task Force is an intervention project which the University felt the need to set up to assist in the renovation of staff quarters. A Task Force as the name implies is not a due process thing", emphasizing that to achieve result, members must set their targets, do evaluation and monitoring of work over a period of time for better decision-making and result.

Commending the Pioneer Committee, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Nduka expressed satisfaction with the Committee led by Professor Sikoki, stating that it worked quietly to achieve its mandate, while in office and charged the new members to do same by using their wealth of experience to bear on their assignment.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility of reporting to the DVC (Administration), through the Housing Committee to enhance proper supervision of its activities, undertake essential renovation work on vacant staff quarters on Campus to enable new allottees move in, develop one room service quarters to each of the six Terrace Buildings and Convert six Units of existing quarters attached to blocks of Terrace Buildings to Nos 2 Bedroom staff quarters.

In his contribution, Acting Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi, commended Management for the fantastic initiative aimed at addressing the issue of housing for members of staff and reconstituting the new Committee, disclosing that if such Committee had been set up earlier, the University would have gone far in addressing

its housing problems. Congratulating the new Committee, he charged them to improve on the work already done so that in the near future, what Management has done would be there for the University to see. He urged them to continue from where the pioneer members stopped and ensure that the vision of Management is realized. Also speaking, Pioneer Chairman of the Task Force, Professor Francis Sikoki, expressed gratitude to Management for believing in him and his Committee, calling on the new members to work as a team. "Each of you must have a role to play in the supervisory process. The main thrust of the assignment is monitoring and supervision," he said, adding that members are

UNIORT Pledges Support For NAPE Confab

By Humphrey Ogu & Juliet Nnamdi

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has assured the National Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) of the University's willingness to cooperate with it to ensure success in the forthcoming mini-conference in the University.

Professor Ajienka gave the assurance at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room, when NAPE paid him a courtesy visit to intimate him of the forthcoming conference billed for the first quarter of next year, last Monday.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, the Vice-Chancellor said: "The University of Port Harcourt would do everything possible to make it a success. We have a pool of Geoscientists and the infrastructure to support the association to meet its goals. The attention of the University is on petroleum development and we have a very vibrant Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) that can partner NAPE to deliver a good conference." He urged the Association to consider presenting awards for the best presenter in each conference as a way of encouraging students to be involved in

more quality research to foster good presentation skills.

Earlier, in their separate speeches, Executive Director of NAPE, Mrs Esther Adeniyi, Chairman of the Abuja Chapter of the body, Ajibola Oyeboji and Chairman, Mini-Conference Bidding Verification, Charles Ojo, stressed the importance of the Conference, stating that it would be of mutual benefit to the University and the Association.

Disclosing that NAPE is committed to research and development and support for research grant, the team observed that prizes for best presentations and poster competitions are already in place. Also on the team were Coordinator, NAPE South-South, Professor Michael Oti and Acting Head, Department of Geology, Dr Akaha Tse.

In her contribution, Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, who thanked the association for considering the University of Port Harcourt for the Conference, said that the University would draw from its usual hospitality to accord NAPE a warm reception, and also provide an enabling environment for the conference.



L-R: Prof Oti, Mr Ojo, Registrar Mrs Nnodim, Mr Oyabamiji, Mrs Adeniyi, DV-C (Admin), Prof Nduka and Ag HOD Geology, Dr Tse

OUR ERROR

In our Student World last week, we erroneously published that Jonathan Egelibe was a Best Student in the Basic Studies programme. He was actually the Best Candidate in the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Technology for the Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination. The error is highly regretted.

Editor

UNIPORT To Confer Honorary Degrees On Dangote, Others



V-C, Prof Ajenka (middle), flanked by DV-Cs (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Nduka, (Acad), Prof Igbo Joe (right), (Research & Dev), Prof Willie-Abbey and Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim (left) rise for UNIPORT Anthem before Senate Meeting

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the Governing Council of the University at its last meeting.

Professor Ajenka also announced that the Governing Council has approved the transformation of the University Advancement Centre (UAC), into a new University of Port Harcourt Foundation (UPHF) to better position it to discharge its statutory mandate of raising funds for the University. The new Foundation is expected to engage in viable investments, capital campaign, grants and attract endowments to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor announced that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has created a huge fund aimed at sponsoring Departmental, Faculty and Associations' journals, advising interested persons to route their proposals through the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development for further details on how to attract the offer.

Professor Ajenka also informed members of a proposal to implement the Student Computer Ownership Scheme (SCOS), adding that Deans and Heads of Department should encourage their students to apply online to own their computers through a number of firms approved by the Federal Government for the purpose.

Senate also approved Second Semester and Degree results as presented by various Faculties following their ratification by both the Degree Results Verification and Senate Business Committees. Results approved were from the Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering,

Management Sciences, Agriculture, School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT), College of Natural and Applied Sciences, College of Health Sciences, as well as College of Graduate Studies.

Senate also approved appointment of External

Examiners for the Departments of Educational Foundations, Adult and Non-Formal Education, Agricultural Economics and Extension, as well as Crop and Soil Science. It also approved the re-appointment of External Examiners for the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The august body also considered and approved the 13th Report of the Senate Appeals Committee on Certificate Verification presented by its Chairman, Professor Eugene Onyeike.

Professor Ajenka introduced the pioneer Provost of the College of Graduate Studies, Professor Roseline Konya, who later introduced the pioneer Deans of the new Faculties under the College. Also, the pioneer Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor Nnenna Frank-Peterside, was introduced. She, in turn, introduced Deans of the new Faculties in her College.

The Vice-Chancellor had earlier announced the demise and burial of Professor Edwin Elechi of the College of Health Sciences, and the recent death of Professor Josiah Atemie of the Department of Sociology, following which Senate observed a minute's silence in their honour.

DPPD Inspects TETFund Projects

By Oghenetjiri Odubu & Otikor Samuel

The Department of Physical Planning and Development (DPPD), has embarked on inspection of ongoing project in the University. As at the last count, no fewer than ten Contractors for the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) projects have mobilized to their various sites.

Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly* during an inspection tour of some of the sites, Acting Director of Department of Physical Planning and Development, Mr Isaac Ewa, assured the Contractors of the readiness of his Department to assist them address any possible challenges that could militate against the completion of their projects within the stipulated

timeframe, advising them to call at his office whenever the need may arise.

At the project site for the Animal and Environmental Biology Building, the Lead Consultant, Mr Michael Ukpoh disclosed that "This is the commencement meeting to ensure that every stakeholder is on the same page. If it continues this way, it means that the project would be delivered within the stipulated period."

The project is awarded to Oyeintek Global Network Nigeria Limited with Chief Emmanuel Asawa as Quantity Surveyor. Other ongoing projects are: construction of Music Department Building, Animal Research Building, Central Instrument Laboratory, Basic Medical Sciences, Power Engineering Building, Faculty of Agriculture Building, Central Office Building, Faculties of Law and Social Sciences.



Ag Director, Dept of Physical Planning & Dev, Mr Ewa and Quantity Surveyor of one of the Projects, Chief Asawa, studying the architectural design

Dept Holds Research Workshop For Students

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The Department of Crop and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, has stressed the need to educate Final Year Students on professional research presentation and report writing skills.

Head of the Department, Professor Ekanem Wokoma, who made the observation while speaking at a two-day Seminar/Workshop on Seminar Presentation and Research Studies for Final Year Students at the Faculty Conference Room, University Park, last Thursday, said that the training was aimed at providing requisite knowledge on research presentation which is one of the core requirements for graduation by students.

"We observed lapses in students understanding of research writing and presentation skills. It is expected that this training would fill the gap", she said, describing the Workshop as an effort by the Department to boost knowledge in the field of reporting and research. "We lined up very

experienced researchers as Resource Persons to ensure that you tap from their wealth of knowledge", she told the students.

One of the Resource Persons at the Workshop and former Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ndowa Lale, who spoke on "Communication Research Outcome-Report Writing", outlined a step by step procedure for

research documentation. "The training you receive here will prepare you not only for your undergraduate research work, but will equip you with skills needed for effective communication and presentation even as professionals tomorrow".

The Workshop which also featured topics in Field Experimentation, Layout, Data Collection and Statistical Analysis, Oral Research Presentation, Quality Assurance and Control in the Laboratory and Safety and Use of Equipment in the Laboratory, was rounded off with a field session led by Dr Udensi Udensi.



4th from left-HOD, Dept of Crop and Soil Science, Prof Wokoma, Former Dean, Faculty of Agric, Prof Lale, other Resource Persons and students at the Workshop

GUIDEPOST

APPOINTMENT

Professor Osi Akpoghomeh, Department of Geography & Environmental Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, appointed **Director, Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies (CELTRAS)**. The appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on 16th January, 2015.

Dr B.F. Nwinea, Department of Finance & Banking, Faculty of Management Sciences, appointed **Acting Head of the Department**. The appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on 15th January, 2015.

Dr S. Nnamdi, Department of Finance & Banking, Faculty of Management Sciences, appointed **Coordinator, ACIB/B.Sc Linkage Programme in the Faculty of Management Sciences**. The appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on 16th January, 2015.

PROMOTION

Dr Ezaal Okowa, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, promoted **Lecturer I**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mrs Mercy Adeniji, Information, Publications and Public Relations (IPPR) Unit, promoted **Administrative Officer**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Miss Theresa Owthorji, Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, promoted **Computer Operator I**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Money Atakala, Department of Fine Arts & Design, Faculty of Humanities, promoted **Chief Model**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mrs Chinenye Alikor, Library Department, promoted **Head Library Attendant**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Nicholas Onyechi, Library Department, promoted **Chief Porter**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mrs Victoria Akpelu, Student Affairs Department, promoted **Chief Portress**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Benjamin Emenike, Registry Department, promoted **Computer Operator I**, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Bonaventure Nwaorgu, Health Services Department, promoted **Pharmacy Assistant**, effective 1st October, 2012.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

Dr Kala-Ada Atemie, Department of Haematology/Immunology Blood Transfusion, College of Health Sciences, confirmed **Staff**, effective 2nd October, 2010.

Dr Eze Okubiro, Department of Anaesthesiology, College of Health Sciences, confirmed **Staff**, effective 25th February, 2011.

Dr Datonye Alasia, Department of Medicine, College of Health Sciences, confirmed **Staff**, effective 23rd February, 2011.

Dr Maxwell Tobin, Department of Anaesthesiology, College of Health Sciences, confirmed **Staff**, effective 25th February, 2011.

Dr O.E. Onyebule, Department of Anaesthesiology, College of Health Sciences, confirmed **Staff**, effective 25th February, 2011.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr Simeon Dosunmu, granted **Sabbatical Appointment** in the Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Livinus Ogbondah, granted **Sabbatical Appointment** in the Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education, effective on assumption of duty.

STUDY LEAVE

Mr Dick Henry, Department of Physics, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, proceeds on a three-year **Study Leave With Pay**, effective 1st January, 2013 to 31st December, 2016.

Mr Laud Ochei, Department of Computer Science, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, proceeds on a three-year **Study Leave With Pay**, effective 2nd January, 2013 to 1st January, 2017.

Mr Akaa Eteng, Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, proceeds on a three-year **Study Leave With Pay**, effective 4th February, 2013 to 4th January, 2017.

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SSLT INDUCTION

School of Science Laboratory Technology inducts the 3rd Batch of Graduands on Tuesday, 29th January, 2013 at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park. Time is 9:00am. Highlights of the Induction include: Keynote Lecture on "Professional Ethics of Science Laboratory Technologist," by Mr Anthony Mumuni and 2013 Merit Award to a retiring Chief Laboratory Technologist, Mr Ima Airuehia.

Students Speak On New Session

As the University resumes for the 2012/13 academic session, Fresh and Returning Students are undergoing their registration processes, preparatory for the commencement of lectures. **UNIORT Weekly Interns; ADEOLA OJO, OGHENETEJIRI ODUBU, HENRIETTA OTONNAH and JULIET NNAMDI**, sampled opinions of some students on their expectations for the session. Read on:

Onyedikachi Nwachukwu, Dept of Pharmacy

A Third Year Student of the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences,

Onyedikachi Nwachukwu, who thanked

God for the opportunity to witness another session, expressed satisfaction with her results in the last Semester.

"I am glad about the resumption. I was anxious to see my last Semester result and fortunately I came to my Department and saw my name on the board in clear standing. That means I am qualified for the new class. My major expectation for this session is to have a stress-free Semester. However, in the event of stress, I shall be on top of the situation. I want to be the best in the new class" Miss Nwachukwu said.

Disclosing her preparation for the session, the returning student said: "I have got the necessary text books for the new class and have started reading them, to be ahead of others. In this session, I wish for a neat and conducive environment so that the Lecturers can give us the best. I hope to have a good financial backup and good health and above all, God's grace to achieve all my expectations."

Wisdom Udoh, Dept of Maths/Statistics

Wisdom Udoh, a Fresh Student of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, expressed gratitude to God for passing his Basic Studies programme to become a full student of the University.

"As a Fresh Student, I expect to see constant light in the hostel to enable me read my books. With that, my expectations to get excellent grades will not be cut short. Also, as part of my preparations for the new session, I intend to participate in tutorials to help widen my knowledge

and boost my Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)," he disclosed.

Ezedi Joe, Dept of Microbiology Technology, SSLT

For Ezedi Joe, a Final Year Student of the Department of Microbiology Technology, School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT), the resumption is to consolidate on past sessions, preparatory for completion of his course of study.

"I arrived on the 10th of January 2013, to clean my room and get settled before school resumes," he said, stating that as every New Year comes with resolutions and innovations, he has equally resolved to build up his Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) like never before in order to cover areas of deficiency.

"I appreciate the way lectures went last year, but I expect improvement in all areas, especially on schedules," he said, wishing that the Academic Calendar continues as to enable him within the time frame outside the classroom environment.

Priscilla Agwnu, Dept of Animal & Environmental Biology

Enthusiastic and full of passion, Miss Priscilla Agwnu also a Fresh Student of the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, said: "I am happy to be admitted into the University for my First Degree programme and I am very prepared and eager to start attending classes. I am hopeful that the University will train me to handle any possible challenges in my field of study and in life. I intend to graduate with First Class honour."

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Rex Lawson Memorial Concert

4 2 years after his demise, the University of Port Harcourt organised a musical concert in memory of late Highlife Maestro, Cardinal Erekosima Jim Lawson at the Convocation Arena on Thursday, 17th January, 2013. Pictures show highlights of the thrilling event as captured by our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU**.



5th V-C, Emeritus Prof Nimi Briggs exchanging pleasantries with ace trumpeter and one of Rex Lawson's surviving band members, King Sunny Brown, while V-C, Prof Joseph Ajienka looks on



84-year-old Tony Odili, Rex Lawson's "Congo" player in a handshake with V-C, Prof Ajienka



King Sunny Brown and HOD Music, Prof Onyee Nwankpa



R-L: Wife of the V-C, Mrs Mercy Ajienka, D V-C (Admin), Prof Eitelberti Ndaka, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Prof Ozo-Mekuri Ndimele and Prof Nwankpa



Chief Odili (left), and King Sunny Brown doing what they know best



Mr Tuoyor Esimangbele and colleague blowing away on their trumpets



Prof Nwankpa conducting the UNIPORT Concert Chorus



Victoria (middle), Christiana, daughters of late Rex Lawson and Adokiye, grandson, performing one of their father's tunes



V-C, Prof Ajienka and wife, Mercy dancing to the scintillating tunes



Prof Joseph Okoh and Harcourt Whyte Choir in Music, Dr Kana Achineva reacting to the groove



Profs Okoh, Omolara Ogundipe, DV-C Admin, Prof Ndaka and Registrar, Mrs Nnodim



Members of the Rex Jim Lawson Memorial Band performing



Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim and Prof Nwankpa dancing to one of the tunes