



Agric Faculty To Benefit From Makerere Varsity Initiative

Arrangements are in top gear for the Faculty of Agriculture to benefit from an institutional collaboration with the Regional Universities Forum for capacity-building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) under the auspices of Makerere University, Uganda, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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Dame Patience Jonathan Inaugurates the Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies tomorrow in the University. Details next week -Editor



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Stay Off UNI PORT, Commissioner Warns Land Speculators

By Otikor Samuel and Williams Wodi

Following increasing cases of encroachment on the parcel of land that the Rivers State Government surveyed and handed over to the Federal Government for establishment of the University of Port Harcourt in 1975, the State Commissioner of Lands and Survey, Mr Ezemonye Ezekiel-Amadi has warned land speculators to stay clear of the area or be prepared to face the full might of Government.

The Commissioner, who handed down the warning when he led a high-powered Government delegation empanelled by Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi to the University to take stock of the situation, penultimate Friday, reminded all land speculators around the University that the Rivers State

Government was in possession of all relevant documents in respect of the exact land mass it ceded to the Federal Government for the establishment of the University, including a valid Certificate of Occupancy issued by the State Government.

"As a Government, we are not aware of any exercise that ceded parts of the land allocated to University of Port Harcourt to a third party for any other purpose. The entire land mass was acquired for the establishment of a university

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Comedian, Michael Ogolo, Donates To Dept

By Humphrey Ogu

In what could be described as a demonstration of the culture of giving back canvassed by the University Advancement Centre (UAC), a postgraduate student in the Department of Theatre Arts, Michael Ogolo, has donated a brand new Digital Multifunctional System Photocopier to his Department to facilitate administrative functions. Ogolo, who is also an Alumnus of the University and distinguished CRABITE, is well-known in the entertainment industry as a Port Harcourt-based Comedian of the "Funkie-Four-Plus-One fame on Silverbird Rhythm 93.7 FM. Reacting to the donation, Acting Head of the Department of Theatre Arts, Dr Julie Umukoro, expressed gratitude to the donor, calling on other alumni and well-to-do postgraduate students to emulate Ogolo's kind gesture by donating to their Alma Mater as a way of contributing to the

development of the Institution.

A letter addressed to the donor, signed by the Acting Head of Department and made available to *UNIPOINT Weekly*, partly read: "We are most appreciative of your kind gesture, which has come at the nick of time. This will in no small measure facilitate administrative procedures at our end. We pray that God Almighty will not only increase your good fortunes, but will sufficiently replenish your purse."

Earlier, Mr Ogolo had commended staff of the Department for their selfless services that has resulted in the training of some of Nigeria's best entertainers, promising to continue identifying with the Department that gave him recognition.

"I am very proud of the quality training I received as a student in the Department and it is my hope that you would continue to turn out new stars to take over the entertainment industry," calling on the authorities of the University to build a befitting



Mr Ogolo

Theatre as a mark of encouragement to staff and students of the Department.

Security Dept To Screen Staff, Visitors, Without ID Card

By Otiakor Samuel

Visitors to the University of Port Harcourt without the new Biometric Identity Card would be subjected to routine security checks before gaining access to any part of the Campus as the Security Unit in collaboration with Tambuwai Nigeria Ltd, the contracting firm handling the Biometric Identity Card project, has commenced the operation of electronic Gate Pass.

The pilot-test which was first conducted at the entrance to the Vice-Chancellor's Office and the major entry points into the Senate Building penultimate Monday, according to the Chief Security Officer (CSO), Lt Col Reginald Isiguzo (rtd), was the beginning of the exercise that would soon be extended to all the Parks. Staff, who are yet to activate their Identity Cards are advised to do so or be subjected to security screening just as any other visitor to the University.

"We have installed security doors in the Senate Building as part of the electronic access control project of the University. The very essence of mounting the security doors is to control entry and

exit, provide sufficient ground for screening people coming into the building and sensitize staff on the need to regularly carry their ID Card," Lt Col Isiguzo said, stating that the measure would restrict access to unauthorized persons in the University.

"Our next target after installing the Gate Pass in all the Parks is to introduce devices that would monitor resumption and closure time of staff. The overall design of the project is to restrict unauthorized access and enhance productivity by making staff responsive at the workplace," the CSO said, appealing to staff, students and other stakeholders to endeavour to obtain their Biometric Identity Cards as part of the strategies to make the project fully operational in the University.

While acknowledging the initial difficulties encountered by some staff and students in the process of obtaining their Biometric Identity Cards, the Chief Security Officer pleaded with them to cooperate with operators of the system as they strive to overcome such challenges as part of the strategy to secure the University from criminal elements and potential terrorist attacks.



Isiguzo

STUDENT WORLD

I Aspire To Become A PR Guru ~Ebuziem

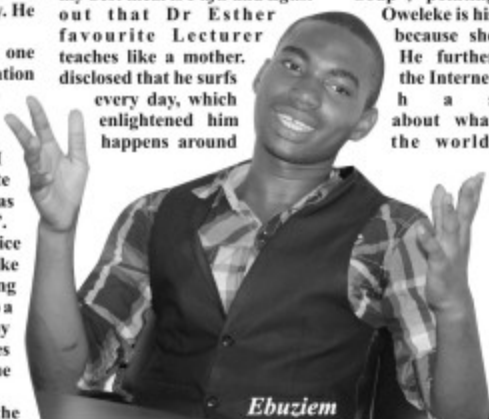
EBUKA EBUIEM, is a Second Year Student of the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, who wants to become a Public Relations guru, Politician and Philanthropist rolled into one ball. He spoke to our Intern, ADEOLAOJO on his ambition.

To gain admission into a Nigerian university is a rarity in a country where over one million candidates compete for about 250,000 places on offer each year. To have an opportunity for admission into two Departments in one Faculty in the same university is a special privilege that only hard work and a dose of good luck can bring to a student. That was the unusual situation Ebuka Ebuziem found himself as he prepared to enter the University of Port Harcourt two years ago. Lucky on two fronts, you would say. He sure was.

The lucky Ebuka puts it this way: "I gained one admission through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) to study English Language and another one through the Certificate in Communication programme to study Linguistics and Communication Studies in the University. I promptly chose the latter because I had learnt quite a lot during the Certificate programme that I was reluctant to give up for an uncharted field of study". University of Port Harcourt had been his first choice destination for tertiary education because, unlike other universities, it is well-known for teaching valuable entrepreneurial skills to students and also a breeding ground for many Icons that occupy strategic positions in the society today. Who does not wish to identify with a good brand that Unique UNIPOINT has become!

On his study habit, Ebuziem said he patronizes the

Donald Ekong Library once a week because he easily grasps what he is taught in class; hence he does not see the need to always use the Library. He carries out more research at home with his personal computer, a good habit that has contributed to his unfolding UNIPOINT experience. He loves being on casual wears at all times. Ebuziem, a Christian, who resides off-Campus, said "my favourite colours are Purple, Pink and Blue and my best meal is *Fufu* and *Egusi Soup*", pointing out that Dr Esther Oweleke is his favourite Lecturer because she teaches like a mother. He further disclosed that he surfs the Internet every day, which enlightened him about what happens around the world.



Ebuziem

Ebuziem said, "I am into different businesses that have made me who I am today," warning his peers that laziness breeds poverty.

As part of his career plans, Ebuziem said he intends to be a Public Relations practitioner with a difference, a politician and a philanthropist in his own right; a curious combination that would enable him contribute his quota to society on graduation.

He pointed out that, his role models are: former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Dr. Gabriel Olukoya and former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar. "My advice to Unique UNIPOINT Student is that they should plan for themselves and do what they can do best because integrity pays a lot. Hard work is the only key to success in life," he said.

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Comprising a consortium of 30 universities, RUFORUM partners the Makerere University in regional doctoral programmes in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology and Rural Innovations with students drawn from East, Central and Southern African regions of the African continent.

Contact person for the University of Port Harcourt and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Love Akonye, who made the disclosure

while speaking with *UNIPOINT Weekly*, penultimate Tuesday, said that following demands to link RUFORUM initiatives to West Africa, Makerere University has indicated interest in working with the University to develop collaborative training programmes and experience-sharing on research and exchange.

Professor Akonye, who was recently on a 4-day tour of facilities available for the training at Makerere University, called on teaching staff of the Faculty of Agriculture and related disciplines

to apply for the EDULINK II-ACP-EU programme, sponsored by the African Caribbean and Pacific Europe Cooperation programme in higher education meant to promote agribusiness; the MSC INTRA- ACP, Master's programme in various disciplines covered by RUFORUM universities and Ph.D supported CARNEGIE Scholarship for Plant Breeding and Biotechnology and Agricultural Innovations.

The Dean said that successful applicants would be required to submit a consent note and proposal. "Applications are first sent to the Makerere University College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and applicants are also eligible to secure grants from any of the RUFORUM initiatives. There are indications that applications sent in early enough would be successful", she added.

As it is now customary in the University, the 392nd Senate Meeting which held penultimate Wednesday did not go without an evening of entertainment and relaxation. Unlike what obtained in the past, it was much more than the regular Senate Performance as musicologists from various institutions within and outside the country formed part of the audience.

Speaking at the event, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, expressed hope that like their counterparts trained in the Department of Theatre Arts, who are currently shining stars in the firmament of the Nigerian movie industry—*Nollywood*, products of the Department of Music will one day rule the music scene. He also reiterated his commitment to the development of African Music in the University.

Coming on the heels of the just-concluded Maiden African Composers' Summit organized by the Department of Music in collaboration with the Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilization (CBAAC) held in the University, the Senate Performance had in attendance such music scholars as the Chair Occupant, Harcourt Whyte Chair in Choral Music, Dr Kalu Achinevu, Professor Dan Agu, among others, who were thrilled by series of indigenous tunes rendered by the *UNIPOINT Concert Chorus*.

Reacting to the rendition of melodious pieces of native air by the Professor Onyee Nwankpa-led Choir, some of the guests, including Dr Cosmas Mereku of University of Education, Winneba, Ghana, Former Head, Department of Music, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt, Kummerdoh Nah-Kofie and Professor Christian Onyeeji of University of Nigeria, Nsukka, (UNN) expressed satisfaction with the performance of the choir, urging the Department to keep up the good work.

"The performance was very good, but there is always room for improvement. Art is always a

UNIPOINT Concert Chorus Sparkle At Senate Performance

By Humphrey Ogu

developing thing and a journey in progress. But so far so good, it was wonderful," said Onyeeji, a former student of Professor Nwankpa, who is currently the only Professor of Music at UNN.

Dr Mereku described the performance as "fantastic for a Department that is only one-and-half years old; they are doing magnificently well," expressing hope that by the time they get to the fourth year, they would be doing wonderfully well. In his contribution,

Nah-Kofie, who noted that the performance was good, said that the CRAB was too small for such a performance, citing power supply as a challenge that needed to be addressed to propel the Choir to greater heights. Earlier in his address, Head, Department of Music, Professor Onyee Nwankpa, lauded the guests, especially music scholars who came from far

and near for finding time to be part of the performance.

Highlights of the event were rendition of indigenous numbers, including those of Ikoli Harcourt Whyte and others composed by some teaching staff in the Music Department. Popular Tenor Soloist, Precious Omuku rendered classical tunes: "For Ever Blessed" and "How Vain is Man" by Judas Maccabeus, while ace Instrumentalist, Toyoy Esimabele, thrilled the audience with a trumpet solo.



UNIPOINT Wind Ensemble performing at an event.
Inset: Prof Onyee Nwankpa

Dame Patience Jonathan To Inaugurate Gender Centre Tomorrow

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As it is now set for the formal inauguration of the *Patience Jonathan Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies* tomorrow at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park.

The event which will also feature an Advocacy Workshop with the theme: *Gender Mainstreaming: National Affirmative Action for Sustainable Development* on Wednesday will have the First

Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dame (Dr) Patience Jonathan as Special Guest of Honour. A statement by the Centre Director, Professor Elizabeth Okeke, disclosed that the Honourable Minister of Women Affairs, Hajia Zainab Maina, is expected to deliver the Keynote Address. While the Ministers of Petroleum, Mrs Diezani Allison-Madueke, Finance, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Aviation, Mrs Stella Oduah and Lands and Housing, Ms Amal Pepple, among other dignitaries are expected to grace the event.



Dame (Dr) Patience Jonathan

32 Months On It's Projects Galore On Ajienka's Watch!

Professor Joseph Ajienka assumed office on 12th July, 2010 in a surge of eager anticipation. Thirty-Two months down the line, our roving Correspondent, OBINNA NWODIM, visited the various project sites to assess his performance in the area of infrastructure as part of the new up-building the Vice-Chancellor promised during his Inaugural Speech to the University Community. His verdict? Projects galore!

Pix: Headman Alu

On assumption of office as 7th Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka had more than enough challenges to contend with as he settled down to work. He first turned attention to strengthening the capacity of the University to deliver quality academic programmes to its ever-increasing clientele. Then he tackled the knotty issue of the University's carrying-capacity, following the de-accreditation of two key programmes by the National Universities Commission (NUC). Next, the new Vice-Chancellor restructured the central administration by introducing the Directorate System that had been on the drawing board for as long as anyone could remember. These achievements were regarded as intangibles that sceptics could not immediately quantify in space-time continuum.

Brick and mortar projects conceived by the Administration were caught up in inexplicable bureaucratic red tape that only Civil Servants in far-away Abuja could understand. Actual award of contracts for many critical projects that had received approval were delayed by the *Due Process* phase which only the initiators could explain under the circumstances. All that is now behind as the entire University has been converted into a huge construction site. It's projects galore as our Correspondent discovered at the various sites he

visited!

The Campus has witnessed significant development in physical structures in all areas and crannies in recent times. About 20 verifiable projects sponsored by the Ajienka Administration, Government agencies; public-spirited individuals and groups are currently at various stages of completion at diverse locations in the University. These projects are aimed at enhancing the capacity of the University to deliver quality services to its stakeholders in line with the new entrepreneurial vision of the University. To give our readers a clear perspective on the progress so far recorded, UNIPORT Weekly recently embarked upon its own version of Minister Labaran Maku's *Good Governance Tour* to evaluate not only the level, but the quality of ongoing work at each project site.

For instance, work on the *Palace Jonathan Centre for Gender Studies* being constructed by Global Power Pack Limited, has reached 20% completion. The Site Engineer, Paschal Umeze, told UNIPORT Weekly that construction work is currently concentrated on Phase I of the three phase project, with a 10-month completion deadline.

The *Central Office Complex* being constructed by AP Agapack Construction Services Nigeria Limited is a two-storey building that would accommodate 51 offices for academic staff and 280 sitting capacity lecture halls.

The Faculty of Agriculture building being constructed by TEAC Limited is another two-storey structure expected to provide office accommodation for academic and administrative staff, as well as lecture halls for proper learning and research.

UNIPORT Weekly also inspected another two-storey building being constructed by Aye Dunfira Nigeria Limited for the Department of Music, comprising lecture halls for students and office spaces for staff.

The College of Graduate Studies (CGS) building sponsored by the Bayelsa State Government is being constructed by Blitck Limited. The contractors told UNIPORT Weekly they would deliver the project in September, 2013. The building that would house the *Emerald Energy Institute for Petroleum Economics, Policy and Strategic Studies* donated by Emerald Energy Resources Limited is at the final completion stage.

The *Centre of Excellence in Economics/Management Studies* building sponsored by the Central Bank of Nigeria is progressing apace. The building being constructed by Chinese firm CC&C Limited is now at the piling stages. On completion, the three-star hotel facility attached to the complex promises to be a truly international centre of academic exchange programmes and recreation; as it would run training courses on modular

basis along the model of Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS). The complex would also provide first-class accommodation for students and guests in the University.

Another emergent state-of-the-art office that would beautify the UNIPORT skyline is the imposing *Elechi Amadi Faculty of Humanities* building donated by the Rivers State Government. It is a two-storey building being constructed by Kelsil Investment Nigeria Limited that is expected to accommodate the various Departments in the Faculty.

Work is progressing steadily on the *Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Hostel* project, which authorities of the University are planning to convert into an academic facility on account of its location in the central academic area at the Permanent Site. The 178-room building is being constructed by Forint Services Co. Limited.

At the *Central Instruments Laboratory* building, work is continuing apace as the facility which is expected to provide heliport space for sensitive scientific instruments used for high profile researches that would reposition the University as a research-focused institution.

The *Nuclear Thermal Hydraulic Laboratory and Nuclear Science and Engineering Laboratory* buildings sponsored by the Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission

(NAEC) has attained nearly 85 per cent completion rate. New buildings for the Faculties of Law, Social Sciences, Basic Medical Sciences and the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology are at various construction stages. When completed, the projects sponsored by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), are expected to provide ample space for both teaching and learning in the University.

Also, construction work on a building for the *Power Systems Engineering* being constructed by JIBKN Investment Limited is progressing satisfactorily and is expected to be delivered on the target date.

Other projects are the *Ramanga Tukur Institute for International Trade and Development*, Phase II of the Institute of Petroleum Studies building, Model Primary and Secondary Schools being funded by the Rivers State Government, as well as the proposed *Children's Amusement Park* being sponsored by Chief (Mrs) Selma Late-Briggs as a legacy project.

Speaking to UNIPORT Weekly on the welcome development, Acting Director of the Department of Physical Planning and Development (DPPD), Mr. Isaac Ewa assured the University community that most of the projects would be completed by the end of the year, promising that his Department would insist on proper supervision of the jobs to ensure compliance with standards specified in the terms of each contract to give the University value for money expended on the projects.

Prof. Ajienka

Central Office Complex

NDDC Hostel Block

Lecture Halls

Faculty of Agriculture Building

Palace Jonathan Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies

Department of Music

Department of Animal and Environmental Biology

Elechi Amadi Faculty of Humanities Building

Central Instruments Laboratory

Department of Power Systems Engineering

Emerald Institute

Nuclear Thermal Hydraulic Laboratory, Inert Lab

Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences

College of Graduate Studies (CGS)

CBN Centre for Excellence site

Model Primary School

IPS Extension by TOTAL

Faculty of Law site

Additional reports by Onkar Samuel and Williams Hodi

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Stay Clear Of UNIPORT Lands, Commissioner Warns Speculators



F-C, Prof. Ajenka (3rd from right) flanked by Permanent Secretary, Mr. Asor (right), Commissioner of Lands and Survey, Mr. Ezekiel-Amadi, Mr. Briggs and some Principal and Senior Officers of the University. A Director in the Ministry, Mr. Emeja (first right)

and nothing else; all those who encroach upon the delineated areas are doing so at their own risk as Governor Amaechi has given my Committee a clear Executive directive on the appropriate steps to recover the land from speculators either posing as host communities or buyers", Hon Ezekiel-Amadi warned.

It would be recalled that Governor Amaechi, had directed his Commissioner of Lands and Survey to wade into the series of complaints made by authorities of the University concerning incessant land encroachments by some indigenes of the host communities in recent times.

At the 29th Convocation Ceremony of the University held last month, Governor Amaechi had, in response to the address of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka on the knotty issue, restated his administration's resolve to pay appropriate compensation to genuine land owners as a way of ending it. The Governor also appealed to the host communities to keep off the

University's lands to enable it restore the original Master Plan, which has been grossly distorted partly as a result of encroachments by aggrieved communities protesting non-payment of compensation.

In response to the distress call by authorities of the University, Commissioner of Lands and Survey led a delegation on an inspection tour of areas of the University being encroached upon originally covering nine communities stretching beyond the Obiri Ikwerre axis on the East-West Road.

Receiving the delegation at the Governing Council Chambers, Senate Building, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who disclosed that more than 52 per cent of the land had so far been encroached upon, lamented that some indigenes even go as far farming right at the backyards of staff at the University quarters, pointing out that such encroachments could endanger the fraternal relationship between the University and its host communities.

"Access to land for infrastructural development in the University is now posing serious a challenge and except urgent steps are taken to address the situation, a great danger is looming with grave security implications for all parties concerned,"

the Vice-Chancellor warned,

commanding Governor Amaechi for his prompt intervention to save the desperate situation from boiling over.

Speaking before embarking on the inspection, the Commissioner, who led two Permanent Secretaries, Mr. Christopher Briggs and Gaias Asor and Director, Acquisitions, Valuations and Compensations, Mr. Iyaye Emeja assured the University that the Ministry of Lands and Survey would do its best to stem the ugly tide. "We will not shy away from our responsibility as it concerns reclaiming the original land areas allocated to the University, because we know exactly where the land begins and ends. We will be on ground to carry out an informed and detailed report that would guide Government to take appropriate decisions on the land issue, while also carrying the host communities along," he added.

Mr. Ezekiel-Amadi advised authorities of the University to always keep proper records documenting land acquisition to avert future occurrences.

Odia, Didia, Others, Talk Research Ethics

review is also guided by high ethical principles that do not compromise laid down rules.

Professor Didia noted that to avoid causing harm to participants engaged in research, it was necessary that

some guidelines be put in place to protect them, regulate the activities of investigators, maximize benefits and also minimize risks associated with the process. The former Chairman of the Research Ethics Committee, disclosed that

By Mercy Adeniji

Federal regulations provide some key safeguards to human subjects involved in research activities which include institutional assurances, proper evaluation of the process by an Institutional Review Board and informed consent, adding that ethical principles and Federal regulations equally provide a framework for the IRBs to evaluate research

involving human subjects.

Professor Didia, who is a foremost Anatomist, disclosed that as a matter of urgency, "There is the need for a vibrant and active Institutional Review Board in Nigeria in order that we may protect our population, attract funding in collaborative research, protect and expose our researchers as well", pointing out that for proper research to take place, the Ethical Review Committee should have a well-equipped office, Standard Operational Procedure (SOP), well-trained support staff and make available to

investigators the role, authority and composition of the IRB and other requirements for conducting research involving human subjects and a detailed document explaining the workings of the body.

The training was facilitated by the Acting Director of the Centre for Health and Development (CHD), Dr. Seyi Babatundé with resource support from the World Health Organization (WHO).

As part of efforts aimed at ensuring that staff and students maintain high ethical standards in their research findings and avoid plagiarism, the Research Ethics Committee has organized a one-day in-house training for researchers on the right path to follow in research.

Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly*, during the training session, penultimate Thursday, Chairman, Research Ethics Committee, Professor Osaretin Odia, disclosed that, "The training is designed to pass on the basic ethical principles involved in a proper research environment to members and the University Community, in such a way that would enable them embark on ethical reviews as fairly as possible and acquaint themselves with the right standards and procedures involved". Professor Odia said that the concept of a University is to participate in research and development, encourage Lecturers, Staff and Students to engage in quality research that can add value to society and advance the frontiers of knowledge.

Delivering a paper titled "Ethical Review and Human Protection in Research", former Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Blessing Didia, described research as a systematic investigation designed to develop and contribute to generalized knowledge. He explained that the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is the glue that holds the research evaluation process together, adding that the Board's



L-R: Prof. Osaretin Odia, Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Osaretin Odia, Prof. Samuel Amos, Prof. Alice Nwa, Chairman, Research Ethics Committee, Prof. Odia (far right), Prof. Didia and Ag. Director, Centre for Health and Development (CHD), Dr. Babatundé

GUIDE POST

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

Professor Alexis Monsi assumes duty in the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Faculty of Agriculture, effective 3rd December, 2012 to 2nd December, 2013.

PROMOTION

Miss Waaka Nwannah, Library Department, promoted *Chief Porter*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mr Kingdom Cookey-Gam, Bursary Department, promoted *Clerical Officer I*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Mrs Barikora Dora, Student Affairs Department, promoted *Senior Portress*, 1st October, 2012.

Mrs Doris Akio, Student Affairs Department, promoted *Chief Portress*, effective 1st October, 2012.

Miss Patience Biira, Student Affairs Department, promoted *Senior Portress*, effective 1st October, 2012.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor L. Alaleye-Wokoma, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 21st October, 2012 to 20th October, 2013.

Dr Isesoma Gbobo, Department of Human Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, granted *Renewal of Part-Time Teaching Appointment*, effective on assumption of duty.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Professor Anele Kinikanwo, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences granted *Sabbatical Appointment* with Niger Delta University Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa, effective February 2013 to January, 2014.

Professor Joseph Ebeniro, Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* with Shell Petroleum Development Company, Port Harcourt, effective 11th February, 2013 to 11th February, 2014.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

Mr Cletus Nyeche, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, confirmed *Staff*, effective 9th June, 2010.

Dr Oluchi Nwaichi, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, confirmed *Staff*, effective 21st June, 2012.

Mr Uwanemzor Ideozu, Department of Geology, Faculty of Physical Sciences, confirmed *Staff*, effective 7th July, 2012.

Mr Wobidi Echebiri, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences, confirmed *Staff*, effective 22nd October, 2009.

Mr Daberechukwu Nzurike, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, confirmed *Staff*, effective 18th April, 2009.

STUDY LEAVE WITH PAY

Mr Ebigenibo Saturday, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, proceeds on a three-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective February, 2013 to January, 2016.

Miss Ogechukwu Okafor, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, proceeds on a two-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 2nd January, 2013 to 31st December, 2015.

Mr Chinedu Okonkwo, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, proceeds on a one-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 2nd January, 2013 to 31st December, 2013.

Mr Nelson Okene, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, proceeds on a three-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 1st October, 2012 to 31st December, 2015.

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2013 WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY

The Faculty of Dentistry invites members of the University Community to a Free Oral Screening as part of its 2013 World Oral Health Day on Wednesday, 20th March, 2013 at the Dental Care Centre in the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH).

CNES HOLDS WORKSHOP

Director, Centre for Nuclear Energy Studies (CNES), invites members of staff and students to a one-day National Workshop on New Learning Pedagogy in Engineering Education: *Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP-B) Project* on Tuesday, 12th March, 2013. The Workshop would hold at the TETFund Conference Room Building, University Park.

Ukwuije Insists On Quality Assurance In Pharmacy Education

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

In an effort to consolidate on the quality assurance drive of the University, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at its 7th Lecture Series dwelt extensively on the imperatives of effective and sustainable measurement and evaluation strategies for ensuring quality assurance in pharmacy education.

Delivering the Lecture at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park, penultimate Tuesday, Professor Reginald Ukwuije of the Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, stressed the role of education in producing quality pharmacy teachers, who would take on the responsibility of training globally-benchmarked Pharmacists.



Prof Ukwuije delivering the Lecture

Ukwuije, who listed adequate funding, manageable class sizes, use of credible moderators and proper monitoring, as some of the factors that could guarantee quality assurance in education, described the mastery of assessment tools and application of same in pharmacy education as indispensable, especially as end-products of pharmacy training would deal with human life. "Training provides techniques that can effectively evaluate students to ensure that standards are maintained", he added.

Describing quality assurance as a collective responsibility, the Lecturer advocated adequate marking guide, formative feedback from students, teacher evaluation, using questionnaires for purposes of improving quality of teaching and learning, as strategies that could be implemented to enhance quality assurance.

"All those concerned with the business of education must work in synergy", he pointed out, warning that the days of lone rangers in research and teaching were gone.

In their separate speeches, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Oleka Udeala and Visiting Scholar, Professor Vincent Idemvor, who reminded the students that they were being trained to graduate as world-class professionals, expressed satisfaction at the success of the Lecture which they both described as timely and educative. "There is a need to regularly evaluate teachers on their strengths and weaknesses. This Lecture has provided the Faculty an opportunity for self-assessment and improvement for teachers", the Dean said.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNSET AND SUNRISE (AM/PM)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 10 MAR, 2013	35.0 26.0	62	NE	6.1	6:48 - 6:44	Thunderstorm expected. Day expected to be partly sunny and hot.
MONDAY, 11 MAR, 2013	34.0 26.0	66	NE	9.1	6:48 - 6:44	Strong thunderstorm expected. Day predicted to be partly sunny and hot. Chance of rain is 70%.
TUESDAY 12 MAR, 2013	34.0 26.0	65	NE	5.2	6:59 - 6:44	Isolated thunderstorm expected. Day anticipated being partly sunny and hot.
WEDNESDAY 13 MAR, 2013	34.0 26.0	53	NE	-	6:59 - 6:44	Day expected to be partly sunny and hot.
THURSDAY 14 MAR, 2013	33.0 26.0	72	NE	12.1	6:59 - 6:44	Some thunderstorm expected. Day predicted to be partly sunny and hot.
FRIDAY 15 MAR, 2013	33.0 26.0	55	N	9.3	6:58 - 6:43	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Day anticipated being partly sunny and hot.
SATURDAY 16 MAR, 2013	32.0 26.0	56	NE	9.4	6:58 - 6:43	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Day anticipated being partly sunny and hot.

VREMUDIA WEKPE
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

PROF. SAMUEL AROKOYU
DIRECTOR, (CDRMDs)

PASSAGES

MR BARIKUMA KPAAKPAA

The death has been announced of Mr Barikuma Kpaakpaa, a Superintendent Driver in the Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences. He was aged 56. Late Mr Kpaakpaa, who died on 14th December, 2013, was buried in his home town Barako in Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State on Saturday, 9th March, 2013.

Late Kpaakpaa

MRS GLADYS NNENDAH FRANKLIN

The death has been announced of Mrs Gladys Nnendah Franklin. She passed away on 7th January, 2013. Until her demise, she was a Caretaker in the Registry Department. She was aged 48. The remains of Late Mrs Franklin were laid to rest last Friday in her hometown, Choba in Ikwerre Local Government Area, Rivers State.



Late Franklin

29th Convocation Ceremony

The 29th Convocation Ceremony for the award of Certificates, First, Higher and Honourary Degrees held on Saturday, 9th February, 2013 at the Convocation Arena, University Park. Highlights of the event were captured by our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU.**



Graduands procession



Visitor's procession led by the Mace Bearer



From L-R: V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka, Chancellor, His Majesty, (Dr) De Weso Abolu Mewa Toji I, Minister of Education, Prof Ruyasaya Rafu'u, Ag. Pro-Chancellor, Rev (Dr), Walter Enaji and Governor of R/S, Rt. Hon. Chibwike Rotimi Amaechi



L-R: Wife of R/S Governor, Dame Judith Amaechi, PDP National Chairman, Dr Bamanga Tukur, his Wife and Senator George Sekibo



University Poet, Prof Martin Bestman (left), handing over a copy of his poem to Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ajenka



A Cross-Section of Graduands



V-C, Prof Ajenka, in a handshake with a staff, Dr Austin Abah, after conferment of Doctorate Degree



Honorary Awardee, Dr Lamine Diack, being dressed by V-C, Prof Ajenka, and Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim



Honorary Awardee, Emeritus Prof Tekena Tamuno being dressed by V-C, Prof Ajenka and Registrar



Honorary Awardee, Prince Yemisi Skyllon being decorated by V-C, Prof Ajenka



Best Graduating Student, Stella Ogbogo, handing over her Valedictory speech to V-C, Prof Ajenka



Prof Onyee Nwankpa directing UNIPORT Wind Ensemble



Nye-Nwe-Ali Akpor, His Highness, Eze Anele Orlu-Oriebe and Nye-Nwe-Ali, Choba, Eze Raymond Okocha