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Software giants, INTELS through a partnership arrangement with CINFORES Limited, has disclosed plans to extend its software development programme to the University aimed at facilitating teaching, creativity and innovation amongst lecturers and students of the Institution, report *Ethel Timi-Johnson and Williams Wodi*.

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The 2nd Annual UNIORT Research Fair and Conference opens tomorrow, at the Donald Ekong Library, University Park. The opening ceremony holds on Wednesday, 24th April. The Fair ends on Thursday, 25th April, 2013. Details next week -Editor

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IPS Unveils Corporate Core Values

By Humphrey Ogu

A part of efforts aimed at ensuring that staff apply the core values of commitment, excellence, integrity, transparency, teamwork, effective communication and respect in the performance of their official duties, Management of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) last Tuesday, unveiled what was described as the organisation's core values.

Declaring the event open, Director, Quality Assurance and Quality Control Unit (QAQC), Professor Tony Arinze, who chaired the occasion, urged the staff to continue to uphold the values for which the Institute is known, expressing delight at the diligence they have so far exhibited in performance of their job schedule.

Arinze, who also represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, said education is mainly about inculcating values, recalling that Emeritus Professor Otonti Nduka's Inaugural Lecture, titled: "In Socratic Tradition", emphasised the point. "You must have integrity on your own before you can uphold that of the University," he advised them, disclosing that the current administration in the

University holds values to its heart.

Also speaking, Director of IPS, Professor Mike Onyekonwu, who noted that the Institute has attained 10 years, spoke of the

continuing expansion of the Institute that now hosts new Centres. The Director disclosed that plans are on to unveil the same

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Prof Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, Minister of Education

Metaphor Of Cloned Calabar Dons

By Williams Wodi

academics—especially now that it enables them to delay retirement till seventy years. But they must understand that anything we turn into an idol inevitably turns around to destroy us as the Bible repeatedly reminds us. It is self-destructive for us to be encased in a hermetic world of sheepishly following what others have laboriously achieved without any attempt at originality. Duplicates are not originals. They are simply the illusions of genuine intellectual activity. The cloned Dons of Calabar teach us that academic mimicry has no place in the teaching profession.

The sad end of the cloned Dons of Calabar symbolizes the pernicious distortion of Nigeria's once idealized and intellectual virtuous past. The beleaguered Dons of Calabar are also our own metaphor in a manner of speaking. The horrendous guilt and shame they are sentenced to endure are also our own as some of us erroneously revel in invidious triumphalism in our contrived innocence! The future of Nigerian academics looks as bleak as its present on account of prolonged neglect by those who should care. Question: who actually controls the shattered remnants of the academia in this country? The silent complicity of government through years of neglect, resulting in the absence of relevant research tools and poor funding of the system, have conspired with other variables to create a moral wasteland in the corridors of the academia.

Make no mistakes: there are still clearly identifiable moments of nobility in the corridors of the academia in this country, but the undeniable anxiety of human existence amongst academics will continue to give birth to the likes of the Calabar clones. After all, life is lived on the basis of

daily struggle that sometimes defies rational thinking. Every system must tolerate inherent contradictions in their dialectical variety as the silver of wisdom instructs us to do. Chris Hedges was right when he observed that human beings have a way of condemning those they fear becoming. We should all look at ourselves in the academic mirror before we condemn the fallen Dons of Calabar. They are our own metaphor too. The avenging authorities of University of Calabar have rightly levied sanctions to stem the alleged infringement of their errant Dons, who have inevitably suffered incalculable devaluation of their prestige. They need to do more over there to assuage the sense of victimhood now felt by the renegade Dons. Let them create an enabling environment that would promote original research and knowledge transfers. That should be replicated in all universities before we totally condemn the cloned Dons of Calabar.

Rather than consulting self-validating prayer contractors to tell them *who did this* to them, or go in search of duplicitous, phantom enemies from their villages; the cloned Dons of Calabar should refuse to be stagnated by rising to the challenge of regaining lost ground. They may, once again, become men of great moral probity. But, why were the clones all men?



Prof Julius Okojie, NUC Scribe

Fifteen senior academics from the University of Calabar recently suffered the equivalent of intellectual Darwinism, following their reported deliberate descent into moral pollution in the hallowed corridors of the academia in the *Canaan City*. The beleaguered Dons of Calabar were accused of engaging in what authorities of the highly-fancied University described as "academic dishonesty". You thought dishonesty was the exclusive patent right of *politicians* in smoke-filled rooms where members engage each other in doublespeak.

My readers may be familiar with the word "logocide"—killing of words in which old definitions are replaced with new linguistic codes of engagement to convey meaning in a particular context. In a terse *Press Release* by authorities of the University, five of the fallen intellectual angels were accused of *plagiarism* and *leaze*; while ten others were slammed with the serious charge of publishing in "fake or cloned journals" that earned them undeserved promotion. Cloning! Remember Dolly the Sheep? The inquisitors did not stop there; they demoted the ten Dons and denied them upward mobility for six years! The Institution's Registrar, Dr Julia Omang said the action was necessary to check further pollution of the academia. Lest we forget, "they are to refund all monies earned from their unmerited promotion and barred from promotion for the next six years". Oti o!

When the story broke in the middle of March, the self-righteous ones amongst us dismissed the cloned Dons of Calabar as degenerate intellectual pretenders, who betrayed the traditional core values for which academics are respected and revered in society, despite their poverty in material terms. It is true that there can be no advancement of the frontiers of knowledge when scholars hide under the veil of research to copycat their more-gifted colleagues solely for seeking vainglorious promotion that they do not deserve. Did I hear you ask: but who deserves what in Nigeria? This modern intellectual depravity has incrementally reduced scholarship to the point of ridicule. What do we expect when some dubiously-motivated pseudo-researchers, hell-bent on ascending the ladder of academic glory, are not able to factor in the dire consequences of their inordinate ambition? These genres of pseudo-academics take action without reflecting on the dire consequences of such despicable action in the hallowed corridors of the academia.

We know that academics are obliged to assist one another through a complex web of mutual support system that sometimes defies conventional logic. The urge to climb to the Professoriate is both seductive and empowering among younger

ICAN Confers Fellowship On Ayuwo

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

recognition available in the Institute, said it also represented the hallmark of professional competence and service in Accounting. A visibly elated Ayuwo expressed optimism that the Fellowship would spur her to greater service to the profession, University of Port Harcourt and the larger society.

Dr Ayuwo, who encouraged younger colleagues to strive towards professionalism at all times, added that competent and hardworking employees would never go unnoticed, no matter how long it may take for them to be recognized. "Effective discharge of duty speaks volumes for itself. The sense of satisfaction you derive from doing the right thing encourages you to put in your best at all times. The reward will always come", she added.

In recognition of professional excellence and contributions to the Accounting profession, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), has conferred its prestigious Fellowship on the Deputy charge of the Unit in the Department, Dr Ayuwo.

Briefing Weekly on the last Tuesday, Dr who described the

UNIPORT Fellowship Ayuwo, the honour as highest



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Centre, V-C, Prof. Ajenka, flanked on the right by DV-C (Admin), Prof. Ethelbert Ndaka, Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, Mr. Wolfgang, University Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo and Mr. Apeland behind

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achievements, which included development of software that reduced cost of oil drilling and exploration by the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), revealed plans for a proposed communication engineering academic programme that would drive technological innovations in the University. "We have experience in oil and gas and we also have forged viable partnerships with TOTAL/NNPC and IFP School in Paris, France. Our intention is to fully develop our local content that would make us

comparing curriculum content.

"The intended software programme would effectively run on all ICT gadgets, including hi-performance computers, iPods, laptops and other mobile devices", he pointed out.

Reiterating INTEL's commitment to improving education in the country, the company's Director in-charge of Middle East, Europe and America, Mr. Peterson Wolfgang, disclosed that the proposed partnership with the University is part of the company's resolve to encourage use of emergent technologies as tools for learning and teaching in Nigerian universities. "Part of our mandate includes capacity-building, provision and upgrade of relevant facilities and development of software that would aid oil field exploration in the Niger Delta region", he added.

Responding to the proposal, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who recalled the University's milestone

globally competitive as a University", he told the visitors, expressing hope that the proposed partnership would go beyond basic programming to development of real skills that would grow into profitable companies.

Commending Chief Executive Officer of CINFORES Limited, Mr. Ibifuro Asawo, for initiating the partnership and the intellectual capacity of his firm, Professor Ajenka observed that the proposed collaboration would enhance curriculum development and research in the University. "This is a mutually-beneficial relationship that would hopefully metamorphose into the introduction of specialized degree programmes in programming and software development in this University", the Vice-Chancellor said.

INTEL Business Development Officer, Mr. Stanley Muoneke, Harry Yeriso and Collins Pepple of CINFORES Limited were also in attendance.

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Director, INTEL Developer Zone, Mr. Scot Apeland, who disclosed the position of the company during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor at the Committee Room last Thursday, said that the proposed programme would enhance students' access to the use of evolving technologies, aid update of academic curriculum, provide students and staff with basic Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills that would facilitate knowledge acquisition, amongst other objectives.

Emphasizing that the Department of Computer Science and allied disciplines would also benefit from the proposed partnership with the University, Mr. Apeland added that the programme would enable the Institution interact with their peers around the world with a view to

Social Sciences Faculty Holds Orientation For Fresh Students

By Obinna Nwodin

In an effort to domesticate guidelines and acquaint new students with regulations guiding their conduct while in the University, the Faculty of Social Sciences conducted an Orientation exercise for Year One and newly-admitted Postgraduate students for the 2012/2013 academic session, penultimate Tuesday.

The event which featured an interactive session had Heads of Department, took the fresh students through the rules and regulations guiding academic and social activities in the University.

Speaking to *UNIPOINT Weekly* shortly after the Orientation, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Henry Alapiki, said "We have, over the years, watched how new students come into the system and most times, their problems stem from lack of proper orientation, so we decided to domesticate the Orientation exercise to enable the students grasp what we gave them", regretting that "the University-wide orientation is usually too general and may not deal with specific issues that are relevant to Departments and Faculties."

He said that the event was organized to take the students through the academic tradition and ethos of the Faculty, pointing out that the session was enlightening as a lot of

questions were asked by the students for which answers were provided. "We agreed that in the next one week, each Department will come up with a list of academic adviser's for the students. This will help them to have a proper foundation as they commence their studies", he stated.

Also speaking, some of the students expressed satisfaction with the exercise. Chibuike Jonathan of the

Department of Political and Administrative Studies, said he learnt a lot during the exercise. "The event afforded us an opportunity to know a lot of things we did not know when we started. We asked a lot of questions and we were put through. We were also advised against cultism and what to do in the event of being pressured to join any cult group."

For Felix Tarkah of the Department of Economics, "the



Dean, Prof. Alapiki (arrowed) flanked by Faculty Officer, Mrs. Flora Iyagba and HOD Pol & Admin Studies, Dr. Eme Ekeke and some of the fresh students

ICSN FELLOWSHIP AWARD

For her uncommon dedication to the provision of quality education and distinguished service to humanity, foremost educationist and entrepreneur, Professor Fidelia Obasi of the Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, was recently conferred with the Fellowship of the Institute of Customer Service of Nigeria (ICSN). At the Induction Ceremony which held in Lagos on 6th April, 2013, Professor Obasi was cited for promoting excellent "parents/customer relationship and for her achievements, outstanding leadership and passion for human development as reflected in the performance of Brainfield Group of Schools".

Receiving the award, Professor Obasi, who expressed gratitude to the Institute for adjudging her fit to be conferred with the prestigious award, promised to continue in her accustomed routine of academic and entrepreneurial excellence aimed at uplifting Nigerian youths.



Prof. Obasi

Orientation exercise has raised our consciousness to be focussed in our academic pursuits. We were given proper enlightenment which we shall take seriously. For now, we are satisfied with what is going on in the University", he noted.

Oluchi Okonkwo of the Department of Sociology said the event was of immense benefit to her. "We were properly sensitized on what to do at any time we are in difficulty. The Orientation will help us improve our academic activities and be focussed towards achieving our goals".

Chima Kingsley, also of Sociology Department, was full of praises for the Management of the Faculty. "We can say that we are the best in the University because of the gains we derived from the exercise. We are happy with the Dean and staff of the Faculty for the way they have been treating us. They have shown immense care and concern for our welfare and we are indeed grateful to them", he said.



The newly-inaugurated UNIORT Chapter EXCO. The President, Dounana, first left

Students of Niger Delta extraction have been charged to make good use of the newly-inaugurated Niger Delta Student Union to contribute ideas for rapid growth of the region by holding government and development agencies to account. They have also been tasked to take their studies seriously to be useful members of society and change the insidious perception about the Niger Delta people due to youth restiveness and armed struggle for equitable distribution of revenue from oil and gas production.

Professors Ibitamuno Aminigo, Aduabobo Hart and Godwin Igwe, who gave the charge in separate Lectures at a one-day Workshop/Inauguration of the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of the Niger Delta Student Union at the International Students' Centre, University Park, penultimate Tuesday, also urged the students to inculcate sound moral uprightness to be found worthy in character in addition to learning which are their core reasons for being in the University.

Professor Hart, who doubled as Chairman of the event, advised the students to avail themselves of the opportunity of a new Union to embark upon relevant scientific and economic research to fast-track development and liberate the region from poverty and want, rather than turning the new body into a political tool at the hands of selfish politicians, stating that unionism could provide easy access to growth when ideas and action are utilized towards transforming the society.

"In your communities, volunteer to enlighten the people to seek knowledge and demand their inalienable rights and encourage them to seek formal education. Do not allow anybody to use you for selfish motives and be in control of your emotions," Professor Hart, who lectures in the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, further advised the students.

Aminigo, Hart, Others, Task N'Delta Students On Quality Education

By Otikor Samuel

Rivers State Commissioner in the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Professor Aminigo, presented a paper on "The Role of Quality Education in the Development of Niger Delta Region," while Professor Hart spoke on "The Role of Student Unionism in the Development of Niger Delta Region". Professor Igwe presented another paper titled: "Issues affecting Niger Delta Region," while the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Choba, Mr Joe Ibezim, spoke on the relationship between the Police and people of the Niger Delta.

In his address, Rivers State Coordinator of the Union, Mr Sample Iniatorudabo, disclosed that the body which came into existence at the instance of Dr Goodluck Jonathan, when he was Vice-President of the country is

aimed at engaging development agencies towards the transformation of education in the region. He solicited support from stakeholders to sustain the activities of the new body.

Highlights of the event included inauguration of the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of the Union with Timisowei Dounana as President, Silva Akuro (Vice-President), Ifon Samuel (Secretary-General), Keguna Austin (Treasurer), George Williams (Financial Secretary), Goodluck Nwakwala (Auditor General), Ogechi Izuogu (Director of Welfare) and Ikelegbe Vincent as Director of Socials.

Others are: Ineye Ikiyepou (Public Relations Officer I), Owase Emmanuel (Public Relations Officer II), Gangan Aghogho (Provost), Batubo Malise (Director of Transport) and Chisom Uka (Director of Gender & Equality).



R-L: Prof Aminigo, staff of NTA, Profs Hart, Igwe and DPO, Choba, Mr Ibezim

I Have Collected 22 New Harcourt Whyte Compositions ~Achinevu

Ibegan the interview on a very light note. Together, we went down the memory lane as Dr Achinevu disclosed his passion for dance. In a voice laden with nostalgia, he listed waltz, rumba, ballet, chachacha, amongst other kinds of dance that magnet him to the dance floor. I can say that Dr Achinevu is an interviewer's delight any day!

"We had dancing schools in the University and I was an instructor in one of those schools. Dancing helped me a great deal in developing my sense of rhythm which is very strong. If you don't know the steps of a dance, you won't do it very well. Whenever we were given something to

The Professor Joseph Ajenka-led Administration appointed Dr Kalu Achinevu to the Harcourt Whyte Chair in Choral Music to document the musical exploits of the maestro. Our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU, spoke with Dr Achinevu on the activities of the Chair, his future plans and lots more!

notate, I did it with so much ease that our American teacher then was surprised," said Achinevu, who led others to the dance floor at the maiden

Rex Jim Lawson Memorial Concert held last January at the Convocation Arena to prove his passion for music.

Based on his avowed passion for dance, I asked him if he was conversant with some of the dance steps in vogue such as Etighi and Azonto. No, he said and let out a huge roar of an infectious laughter before saying: "If they play reggae here now, I will rise and dance, but the passion is not like it was in the good old days."

So, what is happening on the Harcourt Ikoli Chair?

"Right now, I'm busy, travelling to most of the villages around Uzuakoli, where Harcourt Whyte lived, worked

and died. I found some of the people, who sang with him; either as patients in the famous Choir or Choirmasters, whose choirs were taught by him either by going to them or they bringing their groups to Uzuakoli," he disclosed.

"I believe that we can locate his music from those people if we can identify them. Identifying them is the problem. There are few of them that are still alive. I have gone to those places to see them and I have collected quite a number. I now have 22 items that were not in my possession before my search commenced," said the

Harcourt Ikoli Chair Occupant.

Achinevu, who described the activities as a documentation process said: "We want to find out the exact number of songs he composed, which is sometimes estimated at about 300; but this exercise will show that they were, in fact, more than 300, going by what I have collected so far."

So, what is next after the documentation stage? "The next stage would now be transcribing them. The problem I have right now is that many of the songs are not correctly written, so I have difficulty singing them. I will have to go back to these people to sing them the way they were taught, so that I can write them out or record on tape before transcribing," he explained.

"My assignment is four-fold—documentation, transcription from tonic sol-fa to staff, translation of the words from Igbo to English, and then actual recording of the works," he pointed out, adding that translation and transcription, rehearsing and recording could go on at the same time.

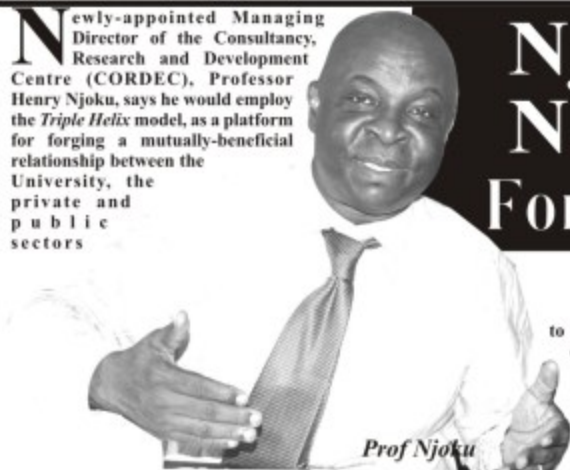
Achinevu, who further disclosed that actual recording would follow rehearsals of a number of the works, said: "We have selected three choirs to study some of the songs, but during the week that will climax on May 19, we will have the choirs sing the songs before recording them."

"On the last night, there would be a concert of Ikoli Harcourt Whyte. I have a two-term appointment of three years each. If the first term is successful, I would do a second one. I'm hoping that at the end of the first term, we would have done a lot of the recordings to justify the confidence reposed in me by the Vice-Chancellor, who is very passionate about choral music," he pointed out.



Dr Achinevu (left) displaying some of his dance steps at a recent event

Newly-appointed Managing Director of the Consultancy, Research and Development Centre (CORDEC), Professor Henry Njoku, says he would employ the Triple Helix model, as a platform for forging a mutually-beneficial relationship between the University, the private and public sectors



Prof Njoku

Njoku Sets New Focus For CORDEC

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

to streamline the activities of the Centre to enable it attain maximum productivity. Professor Njoku, who disclosed that the activities of the Centre would be broadened to cover media, hospitality industry and health administration, said that CORDEC would also focus on running capacity

development courses that would engage relevant Departments and the College of Continuing Education (CCE) in addition to establishing sustainability programmes for existing products such as Zina Water. "We are hoping to partner government at all levels and regulatory agencies to develop courses and programmes that are relevant to industry", he said.

The Director, who noted that the Technology Park and CORDEC have been repositioned to serve as a common platform to drive the entrepreneurial vision of the University, added that the paint factory has been adopted by CORDEC for effective coordination and output. "The factory would provide industrial training, including oil and chemical field research opportunities to students and lecturers alike", he said.

Disclosing that an Advisory Committee has been set up to enhance the quality of work at CORDEC, Professor Njoku pointed out that the Centre would play a crucial role in the establishment of a proposed Food and Feed Research Processing Laboratory that would produce bakery products and confectionaries aimed at generating employment, value chain and income to the University.

Stakeholders Advise AEB Students At Public Lecture

By Mercy Adeniji

Students of the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, have been urged to make optimal use of their time in the University to enable them become useful members of the society on graduation.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, gave the advice at the maiden Public Lecture and Alumni Day event which took place at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, penultimate Friday.

Declaring the event open, Professor Ajenka, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, commended the Department for keying into the vision of the present administration on research.

"Today, this budding Faculty of Biological Sciences lays emphasis on research and skills.

The Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development) was established to encourage quality research which could be transformed into products for the advancement of society. Research is critical to national development and there is need to engage in quality research that would move us forward as a nation," she noted.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who expressed gratitude to the Alumni for supporting the Department, noted that Alumni play crucial role in the development of any University, appealing to the staff and students to attend the 2nd Annual Research Fair slated for 23rd April. She explained that the research fair would afford them an opportunity to exhibit their work.

Delivering a Lecture titled: "Appropriate Biological Techniques: A sure way to Research and National Development", Guest Speaker, Professor Johnny Ogunji,

stated that "the quality of research output determines the credibility of any university and impacts positively on the university's ability to deliver quality teaching, respond to its obligations towards society and national development, in terms of generating knowledge that fuels industries and technology transfer".

Ogunji, who is a Professor of Fish Nutrition and the



L-R: Profs Francis Sikoki, Agu, Provost (CGS), Konya and DV-C (R&D) Prof Willie-Abbey

Current Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Ebonyi State University, explained that the development of society is dependent on such curiosity-driven research to secure a robust foundation of knowledge, both for undergraduate education and for a more strategically-motivated, problem-solving research, which in turn constitutes the bulwark of the prosperity of coming generations.

In his contribution, another Alumnus, Chidi Ulele, who spoke on "Living a Sustainable Life: Options for an Animal and Environmental Biologist in Nigeria," called on AEB Students to take all the advice seriously, urging

them to develop an entrepreneurial spirit by taking advantage of the environment they find yourself.

Also speaking, Provost, College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Professor Roseline Konya, reiterated the need for quality research that can add value to the development of society, advising students to also heed the advice of the Alumni. "We have passed on the knowledge to you and have also planted the seed and we want you to do more," she added.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the Guest Lecturers, a visit to the AEB building project site and a meeting with Alumni and staff of AEB. Others dignitaries, who graced the occasion included Professors Francis Sikoki, Aduabobo Hart, Georgewill Owunari,

Michael Horsfall, including other alumni of the Department.

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104TH INAUGURAL LECTURE

The University Community and the general public are invited to the 104th Inaugural Lecture scheduled for Thursday, 25th April, 2013 at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park. The topic of the Lecture is, "Tapping the Untapped Wealth in our Backyard: Pathway to Local Content Development". The Lecture is to be delivered by Professor Joel Ogbonna of the Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering, College of Engineering. Time is 3:00 pm.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Following the establishment of a Procurement Unit in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Phillip Amadi, has been appointed Procurement Officer for the newly-established Unit. The one-year contract appointment terminates on 22nd January, 2014.



Mr Amadi

NSPP CONFERS FELLOWSHIP ON ARINZE



Prof Arinze (left) receiving Fellowship Certificate and Plaque

Director of Quality Assurance and Quality Control Unit in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tony Arinze, has been conferred with the Fellow of the Nigeria Society for Plant Protection (NSPP). NSPP said the Fellowship was in recognition of Professor Arinze's immense contributions to the growth of the organization. The ceremony took place during the 38th Annual General Conference of the Society held at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State, last March. It would be recalled that Professor Arinze was President of the Society from 2005 to 2011. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Society.

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core values to students and contactors, who do business with the Institute.

Provost, College of Health Sciences (CHS), Professor Chris Akani, who spoke through the Deputy Provost, CHS, Professor Owunari Georgewill, commended the Institute for coming up with the document, promising to replicate same in the College. Georgewill, also stressed the need for reward modalities for staff with a high sense of commitment, a concern also shared by the Deputy Registrar (Information), Williams Wodi, who noted that "IPS has done admirably well; everybody in the University is trying to emulate the Institute in the areas of orderliness and punctuality."

On her part, Provost, College of Graduate Studies, Professor Roseline Konya, stressed the need for lecturers, who teach in IPS to also extend the same quality of service and commitment to the University as a means of tackling the challenge of overstay on programmes by postgraduate students.

In their separate contributions, Director of the Centre for Petroleum Geosciences, Professor John Etu-Efeator and his counterpart in the Centre for Refining and Petro-chemicals at the Institute of Petroleum Studies, Professor Godwin Igwe, pledged to prioritise the Core Values in their respective Centres.

Presenting the Core Values, IPS PGD Coordinator,

Dr Sunday Ikiensikimama listed commitment, excellence, integrity, transparency, teamwork and effective communication and respect as some of the Core Values, explaining that the values of an organisation holds the foundation for performance, not anchored on operating practices, business strategies, cultural norms, competences and change of administration.

In her contribution, Administrative Secretary of IPS, Dr Celestina Nwankwoala, who commended Dr Ikiensikimama for what she described as an impressive presentation, urged all staff to imbibe Core Values unveiled and take them seriously to enable the Institute achieve its goals.



L-R: Dr Ikiensikimama, Rep of First Bank PLC, Director IPS, Prof Onyekanwu, Dr Nwankwoala, Director QAQC, Prof Arinze (arrowed), Provost, College of Graduate Studies, Prof Roseline Konya, Prof Etu-Efeator, other staff of IPS and UNIPORT

For effective and realistic career choice that leads to a rewarding work life, a planned career guidance programme should be introduced in Nigerian secondary schools and manned by professional counsellors, because the foundation of every future career is laid at the secondary school level.

Professor Obi Kemjika of the Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, made the assertion at the 103rd Inaugural Lecture titled, "Rewarding Work Life and Marital Satisfaction: Key Ingredients for Happiness", at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, penultimate Thursday. He called on government at all levels to ensure that functional Guidance and Counselling Units are established and adequately equipped, staffed and funded at all levels of education.

"A man is said to have a rewarding work life when he achieves success in his career. Such a person must also have enjoyed job satisfaction; such a person must have also made realistic career choice too, achievable through a guided career guidance programme. Vocational guidance programmes provide opportunity for every student to set a goal of career excellence in his own line," he explained.

Defining Guidance as "a developmental process in which an individual is helped or assisted to understand himself and his world", the Guidance Counsellor, who stated that "it involves provision of specialised help by a specialist or professional in the area, whose major purpose is to prevent, remedy and ameliorate human difficulties," said, describing Counselling as a more

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Kemjika Lists Recipe For Career, Marital Success

By Humphrey Ogu

personalised element of guiding an individual to career success.

The Lecturer, who observed that guidance services could be conducted or carried out in both school and non-school settings, explained that in a school setting, guidance services are formalised activities aimed at making them readily available to students, teachers and even parents, who demonstrate interest and willingness to benefit from such programmes, identifying informational, appraisal, counselling, orientation, placement, referral and evaluation as guidance services in a typical school setting.

He condemned a practice whereby parents make career choices for their children and wards. "The choice should be made by the student and must be made out of his or her own volition, after consideration of the career information available," he advised, adding that imposing career choices on students negatively affect their achievements in the long run.

Citing an authority, Kemjika said: "Conflict refers to discrete, isolated disagreements as well as chronic relational problems," advising couples not to shy away from engaging each other in periodic disagreements. "Conflict is unavoidable in a close relationship and very normal. It can lead to marital dissolution when

mismanaged or strengthen the bond when effectively resolved," he emphasised.

Kemjika, who noted that "the essence of marital guidance is to achieve marital success and happiness, which are measured through marital stability," pointed out that "When couples see their

marriage as good and rewarding relationship, they are said to have marital satisfaction."

He advised couples to regard spouses as their friends, be supportive of each other, cultivate habits of sharing meals together, attend to each other's needs, show admiration for each others' physique and exchange text messages, amongst others as a means of strengthening their relationships.

In his closing remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenika, who stated that every child comes into the world with a peculiar gift and would excel if such gifts are exploited to the fullest, said: "The Lecturer drew our attention to parents and guardians who impose careers on their children," stressing the need for parents to heed his advice and desist from making career choices for their children and wards.

He cited the case of the late literary icon, Professor Chinua Achebe and multiple award-winning novelist, Chimamanda Adichie, who abandoned medical education to follow their passion—creative writing, in which they excelled to international acclaim. The Vice-Chancellor, who said that "Professor Kemjika had also drawn our attention to career and marriage counselling," described the lecture as a free consultancy on matters that could otherwise have been paid for by the audience.



Inaugural Lecturer, V-C and some Professors before the Lecture

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APPOINTMENT

Professor Kaniye Ebeku, granted *Pensionable Appointment*, as pioneer *Dean, Faculty of Law*, effective on assumption of duty.

Professor Omowumi Iledare, granted *Pensionable Appointment*, as *Director, Emerald Energy Institute*, effective on assumption of duty.

Professor O.B. Du Lilly Tariah, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Representative of the Vice-Chancellor on the Board of University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH)*, effective 8th April, 2013.

Dr Prince Nwakanma, Department of Finance and Banking Faculty of Management Sciences, appointed *Acting Director, Entrepreneurship Centre*, effective 12th April, 2013 to 13th April, 2015.

Professor Onyeasigboagu Uzoh, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, appointed *Adjunct Senior Lecturer*, effective 25th February, 2013.

Dr Benedict Mbam, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, appointed *Adjunct Senior Professor*, effective 22nd March, 2013.

Professor Hyacinth Inyama, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, appointed *Adjunct Professor*, effective 22nd March, 2013.

Professor Gregory Awiri, Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, appointed *Adjunct Professor* in the Department of Computer Science, effective 22nd March, 2013.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Professor Alfred Lewis, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* in the Department of Finance and Banking, Faculty of Management Sciences, effective on assumption of duty.

Professor Adaye Orughani, Department of History and Diplomatic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, proceeded on *Sabbatical Leave* at the Adekunle Ajasin, University, Ondo State, effective 1st March 2013 to 28th February, 2013.

Dr E.J. Okereke, Department of Finance and Banking, Faculty of Management Sciences proceeded on *Sabbatical Leave* at the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, effective 1st November, 2012 to 31st October, 2013.

Dr Kikpoye Aaron, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, proceeded on *Sabbatical Leave* at the Rivers State Ministry of Commerce and Industry, effective 9th July, 2012 to 9th June, 2013.

STUDY LEAVE

Mrs Elizabeth Oduali, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, granted a two-year *Study Leave with Pay* to pursue a Doctorate Degree programme at the University of Ibadan, effective 1st June, 2013 to 31st May, 2015.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor Onyeozu A.M., Department of Adult and Non-Formal Education, Faculty of Education, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 9th June, 2013 to 8th June, 2014.

PROMOTION

Mrs Priscilla Herbert, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biology promoted *Laboratory Supervisor*, 1st October, 2012.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME

This is to confirm that **Mrs Nua Kanyone** of the Internal Audit Department is the same as **Mrs Deebari Nua Kanyone**. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

We Are Proud Of Our UNIPORT Heritage ~Alumni

The Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, formerly Zoology, has produced many distinguished Alumni, including the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr Goodluck Jonathan and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Love Akonye. Our Correspondents, MERCYADENJI & HUMPHREYOGU, spoke with some prominent Alumni.

Although, Animal and Environmental Biology is not usually a first choice course for prospective candidates, those who obtained degrees in the specialization have always had good testimonies to share.

Johnny Ogunji graduated from the Department in 1990; 23 years later, he has not only become a Professor of Fish Nutrition, he also holds an exalted position of Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Ebonyi State University in addition to serving as Director, Research, Innovation and Commercialization in the same University.

Ogunji, who noted that "my experiences as an Undergraduate in this University about 23 years ago are still very useful to me up till this day," said the training he received from UNIPORT enabled him to key into research in his University.

Although she obtained her Bachelor's degree in another University, **Professor Adubobo Hart**, who did her Master's and Doctoral degrees in UNIPORT, disclosed that she has no regrets for studying AEB. Professor Hart, who was the immediate past Head of the Department, said "In AEB, we can do everything; we can fit into any sphere of life. My advice to AEB students is that whatever their hands find to do, they should do it with all their might".

Helen Imafidor had all her trainings, from Bachelor's to Doctorate degrees from the Department, which she currently heads. Recounting her experience as an Undergraduate, the Head of Department said: "I consider myself blessed to have graduated from this University. In those days, we developed some skills and am grateful to God that UNIPORT is now moving towards entrepreneurship and those skills that were inculcated in us have helped us a lot in our approach to

research.

Mr Chidi Ulelu, Chief Executive Officer, Erste Graceland (EG), recounted his experience thus: "I left here, did Marine Ecology and Fishery at the University of Lagos and I am practising Agriculture at every level today. We produce, process, package and market agricultural produce such as poultry feeds for fish and chicken, fertilizers and eggs, among other products. We also engage in consultancy services. The successful entrepreneur, who disclosed that he had been engaged in agro-businesses, since 1996, advised current AEB students not to despair, because whatever they learn here would be useful to them in future.

George-Daniel Smiles, a 2007 graduate of AEB, who is currently an Environmental Consultant to Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), disclosed that

Prof Ogunji



Mr Ulelu



Dr Imafidor



Prof Hart

he got the inspiration to go into consultancy after one of his second year Undergraduate courses titled: Environmental Impact Assessment, adding that from that moment, he began to nurse the dream and registered a company with which he now engages in consultancy services.

PASSAGE

The Death has been announced of **Mr Ikechi Wordu**. He was aged 42 years. Until his demise, he was a Chief Clerical Officer in the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration). Mr Wordu, who died on 31st October, 2012, was laid to rest last Saturday in his home town, Omuochi Gbo, Aluu in Ikwerre Local Government Area.



Late Wordu

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (AM) (PM)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 21 APR. 2013	35.0 26.0	60	NE	4.1	6:26 6:39	A few thunderstorm expected. Day expected to be mostly cloudy and hot.
MONDAY, 22 APR. 2013	35.0 26.0	64	E	11.4	6:25 6:39	Strong thunderstorm expected. Day expected to be partly cloudy and hot.
TUESDAY 23 APR. 2013	37.0 26.0	61	-	9.0	6:25 6:39	Strong thunderstorm expected. Day expected to be partly cloudy and extremely hot.
WEDNESDAY 23 APR. 2013	35.0 25.0	53	N	7.6	6:25 6:38	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Partly sunny and hot day forecasted.
THURSDAY 24 APR. 2013	35.0 25.0	56	NE	-	6:22 6:38	Day expected to be partly cloudy and hot.
FRIDAY 25 APR. 2013	34.0 25.0	59	NE	4.2	6:22 6:38	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. Partly sunny and hot day predicted.
SATURDAY 26 APR. 2013	34.0 25.0	59	NE	3.1	6:21 6:38	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. Partly sunny and warm day expected.

Inauguration Of Patience Jonathan Centre For Gender Studies

Wife of the President, Dame Patience Jonathan represented by the Special Assistant to the President on Millennium Development Goals, Dr Precious Gbeneol, was in the University on Tuesday, March 18, 2013 to inaugurate the Patience Jonathan Gender and Women Development Centre. Highpoint of the two-day event which also featured an Advocacy Workshop as captured by our Camera man, **HEADMAN ALU** are shown below.



Dr Gbeneol being welcomed with a bouquet of flower while V-C, Prof Joseph Ajiienka, Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof Ebi Bio-Awotua-Efebo and Centre Director, Prof Elizabeth Okeke look on in admiration



Dr Gbeneol and Prof Okeke in a warm handshake, while V-C, Prof Ajiienka looks on



Dr Gbeneol cuts the tape, while V-C, Prof Ajiienka, his Wife, Mrs Mercy Ajiienka, and Prof Okeke watch keenly



V-C, Prof Ajiienka explaining a point to Dr Gbeneol



University Curator, Dr Bridget Nwanze guides Dr Gbeneol through an art exhibition



Wife of the V-C and President of the UNIPORT Women Association (UPWA), Mrs Ajiienka, assisted by Dr Nwanze decorates Dr Gbeneol



Dr Gbeneol and V-C Prof Ajiienka inspect work at the permanent site of the Centre



Dr Gbeneol and V-C Prof Ajiienka in a tete-a-tete



Keynote Speaker and Representative of the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof Akaweren Essien delivering his Lecture



Dr Gbeneol giving the First Lady's Speech



V-C Prof Ajiienka, Dr Gbeneol and Prof Essien



Cross-section of guests at the event



Dr Gbeneol flanked by Mrs Ajiienka, Dr Nwanze and other members of UPWA