

MDCN Inducts 45 New Doctors, 5 Dental Surgeons

A total of 45 new Medical Doctors and 5 Dental Surgeons from the College of Health Sciences were inducted into the Medical and the Dental Council of Nigeria during the Swearing-in Ceremony of the 2nd Batch of Dental Surgeons and 34th Batch of Medical Doctors at the Ebirimbi Banigo Auditorium, last Wednesday, reports *Obinna Nwodim*.

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Renowned Professor of Thinking Professor William Maxwell of University of Arizona, delivers a public lecture at Ebirimbi Banigo Auditorium today. [Details next week](#) -Editor

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Bayelsa Govt Pledges Support For Williamson Language Centre, Chair

By Williams Wodi

Impressed with activities lined up by authorities of the University of Port Harcourt to celebrate and immortalize the legacy of accomplished pioneer Linguist and Ethnographer, the late Professor Kay Williamson, the Bayelsa State Government has pledge total support for the proposed Kay Williamson Language and Communication Centre and Professorial Chair. Secretary to the Government of Bayelsa State, Professor Edmund Allison-Oguru, made the pledge when the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenifa, led a high-powered delegation to consult with the SSG on

modalities that would make the Centre and Chair operational within the shortest possible timeline.

"We will identify and support areas of possible collaboration between the Bayelsa State Government and the University of Port Harcourt to immortalize late Professor Williamson, who was widely respected as the Mother of Linguistics in Africa-especially in Nigeria-where she left bold footprints through unequalled mentorship and philanthropy," he said.

Professor Allison-Oguru promised to convey the outcome of the discussion to Governor Seriakie Dickson, who he described as a good friend of UniPort and a lover of indigenous languages.

Pledging that his Government would be part of efforts aimed at mounting a robust Language Centre, the SSG also promised to be on hand to chair the first Kay Williamson Lecture series scheduled for 11th March, 2014 in the University.

On the request for the Government to build a befitting structure to house the Center, Professor Allison-Oguru, requested for a design, bill of quantity and actual cost of the project for consideration by his Government, also promising to donate a project vehicle that would facilitate the functions of the Centre and Chair Occupant. He agreed with the Vice-Chancellor that Professor Williamson

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Still On Same Sex Unions

Creat emper! Discussion of sex remains an offensive taboo in our part of the world, which is conservative to the core. You see, sex and virtue or even morality are like Tom & Jerry in the children cartoon series that elicits hilarious laughter on a massive scale. They always seek to hurt each other. There is more pleasure in loving than being behaved, says a proverb. That is precisely where the problem of same sex unions lies. God or whatever is responsible for decreeing the universe and man into existence created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve; that is if you believe the creationist account contained in Genesis. Even the big bang theory recognises male and female species. Who is the senior partner in these civil unions that offend human sensibility to the bone marrow?

In same sex union, which some ignoramuses call

By Williams Wodi

marriage, two ugly-looking men or two gals-like women long past their menopausal lifespan hold hands and engage in a plastic kiss and wooden embrace for cameras effect and they are proclaimed husband and husband or wife and wife by just about any Goddess pretender to the Priesthood! There is no verifiable evidence to prove that these perverted couples live happily ever after. We always see them revelling in manufactured happiness and half-lies in confusion about the enactment of an unnatural union. They therefore contradict the entire project by seeking to adopt children to massage their little egos as part of the union. Whose children do they wish to expose to homosexuality? Can't they produce their own babies through and coitus, fingering or masturbation? Decent people laugh this envious man-to-man "love" to scorn because their lust for homosexual romance is a pipe dream that can only be real in a fictional universe. Such delusions vanish before morning; if not for the incompatibility of the partners, but for its unnaturalness in human affairs. A man, who cannot cohabit with a woman, can only, at best, engage in a very vanishing relationship with a fellow man. Why should a wife submit to another wife against the natural order of things?

While the cyclone of Western public opinion is sweeping the unnecessary issue of same sex union right into the court of public opinion in Africa, the sterner desires and darker hopes of the perverted practitioners of such



Justice Mariam Aloma-Mukhtar, CJN

abominable and unnatural sexual acts continue to propel them to new levels of agitation for recognition, including besieging willing foreign Embassies as romantic refuges, while claiming persecution at home! Very soon, preferred foreign Embassies would have to set up new entrances for the millions of fake Nigerian homosexuals, who would plead *perspicacio* on account of their God-given orientation. It is only then that Europe would be compelled to publicly plead with these romantic refuges to stay home and practice their trade here.

Trust Nigerians, they can attach themselves to stones if it guarantees them a trip to the remotest parts of the world, where some of them misapply their abundant energies that could be well applied to the vast agricultural spaces

in this country. The obviously sick hearts that crave for masculine or feminine unisons over proper marriage between a man and woman describe their perversion as sexual orientation for which they are not responsible. They are like Rupert Brooks' half-men, with dirty songs of self-depreciation that amounts to emptiness of love.

It is a trick of thought for sexually perverted felons to defend themselves into believing that they would be allowed to practice their self-negating trade in a conservative society that still regard marriage as between Adam and Eve and not Adam and Steve. The candlelight story of freedom of association does not apply here. For, one Imam said: should we allow a group of armed robbers or pimps/dollies to meet to plan a robbery attack or child abuse under freedom of association? That would be a call toarchy that would return man to the Hobbesian social jungle.

The faint orchestra of love by these half-beasts and half-borderless birds brandishing a wild desire for their likes, paints a picture of something weird in the land that the Anti-Gay Act seeks to urgently exorcise. Nature did not make men or women lovers of their kind. It is opposites that attract each other. These perverted habits were picked up along the way and transferred into sexual orientation. What a mischievous devil love is to attract man to man and woman to woman? Love's impetuous rage destroyed the morally bereft cities of Sodom (wands like condom) and Gomorrah. Trust me; inhabitants of these two cities now have enough grounds of appeal against whatever force(s) that destroyed them on account of secret killing lusts. The modern world has repudiated the bad record of these two biblical cities, which deserve open apologies for their destruction on account of sexual perversion.

The recent passage and ascenting of the *Same Sex Prohibition Act* or the *Anti-Gay Law* has raised unnecessary dust both in and outside Nigeria. The only reason the Act became laughably controversial is because Europeans and their American cousins are in favour of this un-African practice. Why are white people crying more than the bereaved when the Act is targeted at Nigerians? Is this also the second phase of teaching us how to be civilized? The outlandish coverage of the Act in Western media circles is conclusive proof that Europeans still regard us as semi-anthropoid apes that need to be guided to understand what constitutes good conduct on their own terms. The handful of people in this country opposed to the Act are not gay people; they are wondering what happens to the so-called fundamental human rights of gays. This is not a human rights or privacy law issue; it is a values and customs matter. We are eight years away from the day when a woman would bring another woman home to introduce to her parents as her fiance. It just doesn't just add up on any scale of measurement.

Let the proponents of gay union be reminded that the practice has long been unlawful and criminalized in Nigeria under the *Criminal and Penal Codes*—because it is considered as an offence against morality. "The Penal Law refers to homosexuality as "unnatural and indecent offences." Section 214 of the Criminal Code prescribes felony for practitioners of homosexuality. And that is no laughing matter."

The fallacious argument that the Act criminalizes sexual orientation misses the point, because an unnatural act cannot be backed by law under any guise. This practice is an adulteration of convention and should not be allowed to stand, let alone walk in Nigeria. Homosexuals are smiling perverts on the causeway of perdition. Let their spouses be told: we have drawn a circle that excludes gays in Nigeria and there is nothing those who believe in democracy when it suits them can do! Go gay and go to jail for 14 years! Simplicia

STUDENT WORLD

Warring Against Hepatitis B

Unlike most students who find themselves studying Microbiology after failed attempts to get a place in Medicine, Saheed Akinoloye, chose to study Microbiology from the very beginning. He spoke with our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU, on his academic voyage and destination.

S aheed Akinoloye is not a soldier in the true sense of the word; neither does he hope to be one in future. He is just a final year student in the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Applied and Natural Sciences, who chose to wage a relentless war on the Hepatitis B virus.

Asked if he decided to study Microbiology after failed attempts to secure a place in the highly competitive Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme, he replies: "In as much as I want to touch lives and impact positively as my environment, I did not make any attempt at getting a degree in Medicine; I chose Microbiology, knowing full well that it is essential in the study and practice of medicine. I am particularly interested in the global health of individuals.

Akinoloye, whose project work is titled: "Prevalence of Hepatitis B Surface Antigen in HIV-Hep B Co-infected Persons", observed that "the world is winning the war against HIV/AIDS, with the help of anti-retroviral drugs. "It is a good thing that the world is recording success in combating HIV/AIDS, but it is worrisome that Hepatitis B, which is 50-100 per cent more infectious, is on the increase," he laments.

"I have been able to screen 300 blood samples from

Akinoloye

Warring Against Hepatitis B

Ghana International Model United Nations General Assembly, says he is passionate about public speaking and youth advocacy, adding that "my goal is to touch lives; I am an active citizen with a mission to impact positively on my immediate environment and the world at large."

Disclosing that he has an e-book enabled download software in his phone, Akinoloye says he depends more on online resources and visits the University Library only when he has need for materials he knows are available there.

"I read more at night and listen to my body to know when to sleep. I work hard and sleep well to balance my health and academic needs," Akinoloye reveals, advising younger colleagues to start working hard right from their first year in the University.

"I look forward to a time when scholars in the Faculties of Social Sciences and Sciences, among others would be leading voices that would proffer solutions to various societal problems" he notes.

Akinoloye

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Administering the Physician's Oath on behalf of the Council.

Provost of the College, Professor Chris Akanu, advised the new doctors to always abide by the ethics of the profession by always exhibiting exemplary conduct in their career. He warned them against unethical conduct that would attract sanctions from the Council. The Provost, who congratulated the new doctors on their success, expressed optimism that they would be good ambassadors of the University and their families. In his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajieka, who congratulated the doctors on their success, said that "given the quality of medical training they received as students, we are confident that you will do us proud in the cause of your professional practice." He commended the parents

for their steadfastness in giving both moral and financial support to the students throughout their stay in the College and the University.

Also speaking, the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Professor Opubo Du Lilly-Taria, advised the student that their new status as medical doctors has enormous responsibilities which will be demanded of them at all times, stressing that the essence of their training is the preservation of human lives which should remain their top-most priority at all times. He also advised them to improve on their medical knowledge by subscribing to continuous medical education to enhance their knowledge. He also told them to continue to show utmost respect to their parents,

teachers and patients, while cooperating with their colleagues.

In his speech, the Best Graduating Student (BGS), Dr Claude Obijuruwa, who expressed gratitude to authorities of the University, teachers in the College and their parents for the support given them throughout the years of their sojourns in the College, said that they were able to scale through the hardships with much persistence and perseverance. He also thanked the Management of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) for giving them the enabling environment for their practical training.

Highlights of the event were the presentation of provisional licenses to the new doctors and recognition of various subject prize winners.



V-C, Prof. Ajieka (arrowed) flanked on the right by DVC (Admin), Prof. Elshehert Nduka, Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnedim, Prof. Onyeaso and on the left by Provost, CHS, Prof. Akanu and the new doctors

V-C Seeks ICAN Partnership To Develop UniPort

By Onikor Samuel

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajieka, has called on the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) to seek areas of collaboration to strengthen the financial base of the University and boost its Department of Accounting in the Faculty of Management Sciences. Professor Ajieka, who made the call during a courtesy call on him as part of the itinerary of a courtesy call on him by the ICAN President, Mr Kabe Mohammed to Port Harcourt yesterday Thursday at the Senate Chambers, inside the Senate Building, University Park, urged the Institute to study the curriculum of the Department with a view to providing input for the training of industry-ready graduates, appealing to the Institute to "be a major stakeholder in developing the University."

The Vice-Chancellor, who expressed satisfaction with the services rendered by certified Accountants and the Department of Accounting, praised them for doing exceptionally well, pledging no contract services of more professionals in the Department to ensure probity and transparency in the financial transaction of the University.

"We are proud of the Accountants we have in the University and I appreciate their contributions towards the growth of our University. Professor Clifford Ofurum, who is now the youngest professor

in the University, is Director of our Business School. Since I took over, I have changed the direction of the University to entrepreneurship to enable our products develop professional skills that will make them useful in society. For the first time, we now have a Director of Internal Audit and a vibrant Department of Accounting, Professor Ajieka said, disclosing that the University would sustain its partnership with industry to develop capacity in the accounting profession.

Earlier, in his speech, the 49th President of ICAN, Mr. Mohammed, said the Institute was fond of visiting Port Harcourt annually due to the large concentration of its members in Rivers State, stressing the need for regular interaction with certified members, student members and beneficiaries of ICAN's products to evaluate special needs.

Represented by the Vice-President, Mr Chidi Ajaegbu, Mr Mohammed, who disclosed that the membership strength of the Institute was over 40,000, including 120,000 student members, recalled some of the landmark achievements of the Institute, promising to do all within his powers to produce world-class Chartered Accountants, who would be ethically responsible to their clientele in accordance with the mission statement of the Institute. The visit featured interactive session with students.



V-C, Prof. Ajieka (arrowed) Mr. Ajaegbu, Principal Officers, Senior Officers of UniPort and ICAN officials

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NYSC BRIEFING

Some staff of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), will be in the University to brief all prospective corps members and final year students on NYSC matters. A Memo signed by the Director, Student Affairs, Mrs. Margaret Nwachukwu, was available to *Uniport Herald* indicating that the briefing will hold at 10:00 a.m. at Monday, February 17, 2014.

The memo, which stated that attendance is mandatory for all prospective corps members and final year students, said issues concerning mobilisation and participation of the target group in the scheme would be properly addressed.

UNIPORTE E-MAIL ADDRESS

Senior Members who are yet to send their UniPort e-mail addresses to the Academic Office are reminded to contact the Director, ITC to activate the UniPort e-mail Account and thereafter, submit same to the Academic Office or forward to: academics@uniport.edu.ng

RETURN OF UNIQUE FM (88.5MHz)

Radio UniPort broadcasting on 88.5 FM has returned to the airwaves. Staff and students of the University have been advised to tune in and also advertise on the station, which runs from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Nigeria's Future Growth Lies In Agriculture ~V-C



Prof. Ujenna, presenting the books while Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Wakama, University Librarian, Dr. Nwodo, Ag. Director (IARD), Dr. Etela and others look on.

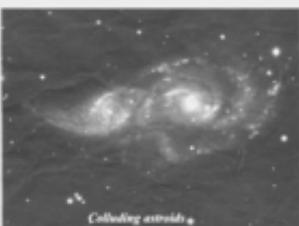
Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiekwa, has described Agriculture as the future of the Nigerian economy, charging experts in the discipline to brace up for the onerous tasks of driving the economy in the nearest future.

Astronauts Demystify Big Bang Theory

Astronomers in two separate studies have demystified more extraordinary asteroids and how collisions made early galaxies huge.

A new study published Monday in the scientific journal, *Astrophysical Journal*, might have demystified Big Bang. It has long puzzled scientists that there were enormously massive galaxies that were already old and no longer forming new stars in the very early universe, approximately three billion years after the Big Bang.

According to Wikipedia, the Big Bang theory is the prevailing cosmological model for the early development of the Universe. According to the theory, the Big Bang occurred approximately 13.8 billion years ago, which is thus considered the age of the universe. At this time, the Universe was in an extremely hot and dense state and began expanding rapidly. After the initial expansion, the Universe cooled sufficiently to allow energy to be converted into various subatomic particles, including protons, neutrons, and electrons. Now new research shows that these massive galaxies were formed by explosive star formation that was set in



Colliding asteroids

motion by the collision of galaxies a few billion years after the Big Bang.

Also, a new map developed by astronomers charts the size, composition, and location of more than 180,000 asteroids throughout the solar system and shows that rogue asteroids are actually more common than previously thought, particularly in the solar system's main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter—the researchers found a co-positionally diverse mix of asteroids.

Galaxies are giant collections of stars, gas and dark matter. The smallest galaxies contain a few million stars, while the largest can contain several hundred billion stars. The first stars already emerged in the very early universe approx. 200 million years.

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By Humphrey Ogu

tracking and research.

Also speaking, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Ekasem Weloma, who expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his support to the Faculty and IARD, also thanked CTA for its support. "UniPort is one institution where the presence of CTA is felt," she stated, promising that "the books would be made accessible to faculty members and students, who need them for research and studies."

Earlier in his welcome speech, Acting Director, IARD, Dr Etela, who noted that "we are gathered here today because the CTA has fulfilled the first part of the agreement by sending 237 copies of CTA publications," expressed hope that "the extent to which we ensure the visibility of CTA via this agreement will grant us access to other agricultural reference materials and facilities as contained in the agreement."

The Acting Director, who was full of appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for his numerous contributions towards the growth of the Institute, listed signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, RSSDA, Port Harcourt, and an agreement with CTA and sponsorship of staff to international conferences, among others, as some of the areas in which the University Management supported the IARD and the Faculty.

He, however, called for more support to enable the Institute tackle emergent challenges and meet set goals, listing provision of library furniture, well research grants and fencing of existing IARD Agrotechology Development Farm to ward off cattle herdsmen from grazing their cattle on the farm. He also stated that IARD is very well positioned to support Management in its bid to establish the UniPort Songkai Farm. Highpoint of the event was an inspection tour of the space prepared for use as CTA library located inside old library at Choba Park.

Professor Ajiekwa, who gave the charge at the Institute of Agricultural Research and Development (IARD) during the commissioning of books donated to IARD by the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA) last Monday, predicted that in future, Agriculture would be so attractive that graduates of other fields would like to take courses in the disciplines. The Vice-Chancellor, who commended the current Dean and her predecessors for contribution towards the development of Agriculture in the University, congratulated the Director of the Institute, Dr Ebisoma Etela, for his proposals to the World Bank and the Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency (RSSDA), leading Dr Olufemi Adesape, for attracting ACP-EU Grant Co-operation Programme in Higher Education to the University.

Commissioning the books, the University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, expressed appreciation to CTA for the donation, commending the Faculty of Agriculture and IARD for casting their dragon beyond the University for Grants that would enable them engage in

Gender Studies Centre Commences Lectures

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Barely eleven months after the Dame Patience Jonathan Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies (PJC-GWDS) was commissioned by the Special Assistant to the President on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Dr Precious Ghenea, lectures have commenced at the Centre with 23 students for the 2013-2014 academic session.

Speaking on the Graduate Studies Policies at the orientation ceremony penultimate Thursday, Provost, College of Graduate Studies and representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Roseline Konya, reminded the new students that the University considers plagiarism a serious academic offence, stressing the need for originality in research work.

Emphasizing the use of library and available resources to graduate students, University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, enjoined them to make judicious use of the rich and varied resources available at the Donald Ekua University Library.

Director of Academic Affairs, Mrs. Dorcas Otto, Director, Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS),

Professor Mike Onyeikwu, Dean, Graduate School of Arts, Education and Social Sciences, Professor Martins Ifeanyi, were among resource persons that spoke at the event.

Director, PJC-GWDS, Professor Elizabeth Okeke, who disclosed that the Centre had already published a *Journal of Gender and Women Development (JOGEO-WD)*, noted that the Master of Arts (MA) and Postgraduate Diploma in Gender and Women Development Studies programme, which have already commenced at the Centre would run for 12 calendar months each, using the modular system with, at least, 75 per cent mandatory attendance for students, adding that the programme would not be affected by strike and public holidays.

"As beneficiaries of the Centre's executive programme, you are not expected to scrounge for job after graduation given the multi-disciplinary nature of the programme. At the end of your studies, you are expected to become leaders in organizations of high repute and contribute positively towards the development of the country," the Director told the new students said.



Lecture in Progress at the centre

A 1992 Alumnus of the University of Port Harcourt, Mr James Ntakidem, has donated a Computer Set to the Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering, Faculty of Process Engineering in the new College of Engineering, as part of efforts aimed at enhancing productivity in the Department.

Receiving members of the team, last Tuesday, at the Petroleum Engineering Conference room, Acting Head of Department, Dr Sunday Ikienikimana, expressed gratitude to the donor, promising to deploy them for proper use amongst staff and students.

Dr Ikienikimana said: "It would surprise you to know that the man who is donating these items is not here, he sent his colleagues. He is Mr James Ntakidem, a 1992 Alumnus of this Unique University."

"From the moment I saw the box, I resolved within me that new things are beginning to happen. This is about one of the first time in four years that we are seeing such things. I am so glad to see that people who have passed through this place after a while remember where they are coming from, where they have been and are able to send things to us, especially teaching aid after they have left the University," he stated.

In his contribution, Shell-Adam Aret Chair Occupant, Professor Adewale Dossouma, commended the donor and his friends for conveying the items to the Department. "For someone after being away for over twenty years to remember to come with this wonderful gift items, shows that those of us here are not forgotten. It gives many of us here who taught him great joy."

Professor Dossouma, who is also the Dean, School of Graduate Studies of Engineering Technology (GSET), noted that many Universities in different parts of the World are sustained by their Alumni; they are the ones who go back and give to their Alma Mater, so that those who come after them can benefit and improve on it.

"So we are very grateful and we would convey this message to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajekwu and am sure he as a Lecturer must have taught this

Anaesthesiology Is Unique Specialty In Medicine ~Dr Onajin-Obembe

Anaesthesiology is a medical specialization that deals with the provision of pain relief and peri-operative care for surgical patients. Dr Bisola Onajin-Obembe of the Department of Anaesthesiology is the Chairman of the African Regional Section of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiology. She let UniPort Weekly into the world of Anaesthesiology and what the future holds for the specialization. She spoke to OBINNA NWODIM.



Dr Onajin-Obembe

Pet Eng Receives Donation From Alumnus

By Mercy Adeniji

student and also other Lecturers. Please convey our message to him and in due course, the University and the Department would write to him," he stated, encouraging other Alumnus to continue to support the Department and the University at large.

Presenting the items, Logistics Officer, ExxonMobil, Mr Emeka Ichende, disclosed that the donation was made by Mr James Ntakidem, who is currently a staff of the Company. "Due to time constraint, the donor could not make it to his alma Mater. So he sent me to deliver this teaching aid. On his behalf, I present two Laptops, speakers, two Projectors and two Projector screen to this

Department. Mr Ntakidem said I should let you know that in the process of installing the systems he would be the one to bear the cost for everything that has to do with the installation."

Mr Emeka revealed that he is also an Alumnus of the University from the Faculty of Social Sciences, explaining that the donation by Mr Ntakidem was made out of the passion he had for the Department. "I believe what led him to make this donation today was carefully thought out, following the success he has recorded and the knowledge he received from his lecturers here in the University several years ago. The things he was not able to enjoy in his time, he thought it wise to bring it to the upcoming students to enhance their learning."



The Donor, Mr Ichende, Dean GSET, Prof Dossouma, Ag HoD Petroleum & Gas Engineering, Dr Ikienikimana and staff of the Dept

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WELLS MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Wells Mountain Foundation, a public charitable organization based in Bristol, Vermont is inviting application for the 2014 scholarships.

A memo signed by Programme officer, Exchange and Linkage Programmes Unit (ELPU), Francis Ongwai, urged interested applicants to contact ELPU office at the International Students' Centre, University Park, disclosing that the deadline for the submission of application is March 25, 2014.

"The purpose of the Foundation is primarily to support programmes and individuals or other situations of extreme poverty and need. Each year, the Foundation provides support to a number of students as they pursue various educational objectives," the memo stated, adding that "the scholarship covers tuition, books and supplies and in limited cases, personal expenses."

PAYMENT OF CHARGES BY STUDENTS

Candidates, who failed to pay University charges at the expiration of the deadline earlier given to them, will cease to be students of the University. This was contained in a Memo conveying the decisions reached at the 7th Meeting of Principal Officers, signed by Director of Personnel Affairs, Mr Roland Wabali, adding that "only the results published in the University Website are authentic."

such specialties."

On the quality of Anaesthesia training in the University, she stated that the Department ensures quality service delivery. "We are conforming to modern trends in the practice. We have a minimum standard in medical training which we have always maintained," she assured the general public.

She also disclosed that the Department pioneered sub-specializations in anaesthesia. "We have a breakdown into different areas and doctors take to each area in such a way that the lecturers will be motivated in

Bayelsa Govt Pledges Support For Williamson Centre



From right, V-C, Prof. Ajienka, Bayelsa SSG, Prof. Allison-Oguru, Emeritus Prof. Alegba, other officers of UniPort and Bayelsa State Govt

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was deserving of a befitting National Honour by the Federal Government of Nigeria as a fitting recognition of her pioneering effort in writing the Practical Orthographies and Dictionaries of most Niger Delta languages and her great philanthropic efforts.

In his Address, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Chair Occupant, Professor Ozo-ekwu Ndieme, pleaded with the Bayelsa State Government to construct a befitting complex to house the Chair and other relevant activities, adding that the 3D design of the proposed building had already been completed. Professor Ndieme expressed readiness of the Centre and Chair to play a strategic role in documenting the dialects of Ijo and the culture of the people to save them from total extinction. He called on the Government and People of Bayelsa State and the Niger Delta generally to take special interest in engaging in activities aimed at perpetuating the great legacy of Professor Kay Williamson, who abandoned her father's enormous

estate back in England in champion the cause of the Niger Delta at a time when people knew next to nothing about the area and its fragile ecosystem.

Earlier, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, had described the late Williamson as a rare gift to the Niger Delta people, stressing that her legacy was worthy of being preserved and celebrated by all Nigerians—especially in the Niger Delta—where her impact was felt most. "There was a woman, who made us to read and write in our own languages under very difficult conditions. We want her great achievements to be recorded properly by Linguists and Ethnographers for the benefit of the next generations," he said. "We also want the Kay Williamson Centre for Language and Communication to be properly activated to enable scholars have a place they can consult for information on the great legacy of the late language expert. UniPort can offer quite a lot through the Centre and Chair and we want all hands to be on deck in propagating the vision to fruition," Ajienka told the NSG.

The Vice-Chancellor also used the opportunity to plead for the completion of construction work on the College of Graduate Studies being sponsored by the Bayelsa State Government, disclosing that the building had reached the roofing stage before work was stopped by the Contractor for obvious reasons. Professor Ajienka regretted that in spite of Williamson's monumental achievements, the Nigerian State was yet to immortalize her great legacy as an incentive to others who may wish to emulate her good example.

Also speaking, Emeritus Professor Ebiegheri Alagon, described the late Professor Williamson as his colleague, who worked with him on many projects. "We started the Rivers Readers' project together with a few other scholars. We liaised with the Ministry of Education in the Old Rivers State to execute the project that saved some Indigenous languages from extinction," regretting that Kay did not live long enough to see the fruition of the various projects he initiated in the Niger Delta.

Other officers of the University, who accompanied the Vice-Chancellor on the trip, were Professors Donwa Yai-Hinde, Nnam Okoh and Imecheachukwu Akasuru. Others were Dr Virginia Onwumere and Dr Walter Igweke, The Commissioner of Education, Mr. Sale Adikwu, Commissioner of Culture and Ijaw National Affairs, Dr Felix Tsoodah and Commissioner of Information and Orientation, Mr. Markson Felegha joined the Secretary to the Bayelsa State Government to receive the entourage.

Dean, Others, Task Education Students On Hard Work

By Humphrey Ogu & Mercy Adeniji

Dept. of Education, Professor Ebio Awutu-Elebo, has charged students to make the best use of studentship opportunities by focusing on their studies to enable them graduate in flying colours.

Awutu-Elebo, who spoke at an orientation exercise for fresh and returning students, organised by the National Association of Foundations Students (NAFS) the International Students Centre, urged them to work hard right from Year One, which he said is the foundation of their academic programme in the University, stressing that those who start being serious with their studies from the beginning usually end well. He regretted that most persons erroneously look down on education as a discipline, noting that courses in the faculty of Education are of vital importance in the development of society, pointing out that they make better teachers and educational administrators, curriculum developers and policy-makers.

"You must learn how to use the Internet, because there is so much information on the Internet that would be of immense benefit to you in your studies. If you go online, you will be surprised about the amount of information you will get on any subject. Phases are very powerful tools for learning. You all have Internet-enabled phones, put them to positive use," he advised the students.

The orientation also featured a talk titled: "The Relevance of English Language to the Nigerian Educational System" given by Professor Daniel Ogwu of the Department of English Studies; while, Professor Bitamano Amisiga spoke on "The Role of Cordial Relationship towards Enhancing Academic Performance." Other speakers at the orientation included Dr Anzika Onyido and Dr Jerome Anyanwu.

Also speaking, President, NAFS, Marshall Obodo, explained that the event was aimed at preparing the fresh students for challenges ahead as they begin their academic voyage.

In a related development, Head of Department, Adult and Non-Formal Education, Professor Merut Oyehanji, has charged the students to always work hard and read their books to enable them graduate in flying colours.

Oyehanji, who spoke during a welcome party organised by the Department of Adult and Non-Formal Education, said: "You would feel bitter, when you see your colleagues going for service and you are not part of them. Remember, the essence of coming to the University is not to make friends, but rather you are here to study and make good grades. Use your money and buy books and read, so that you can develop yourself and do not miss classes."

Represented by the Department's Staff Adviser, Dr Festus Mbalif, Oyehanji said: "You are here as an independent person, you need to know why you are in the university. Ensure that you work hard and leave the university with good grades."

Delivering a paper titled: "Adult Education as a veritable tool for National Growth and Integration" a Lecturer in the Department, Dr Michael Enimah, noted that national growth and integration are attainable, stating that to foster it will require functional adult education anchored on commitment, understanding, patriotism, tolerance on the part of the government and goodwill and exemplary leadership on the part of the leaders.

In his welcome address, President of the Nigerian Universities Association of Adult Education Students (NUAAES), UniPort Chapter, Mr. Timothy Eyo commended the students for honouring the Department's invitation, "congratulated the Year One students on their admission into the University and also welcome the returning and final year students into a fulfilling semester," he noted.

The President urged the students to embrace the course, remain focused and committed to their studies so as to be good ambassadors of the Department, thanking Indoso Noodles Company for their support in ensuring the success of the event.

Highlights of the event were performances from Aleté Company and some students of the Department.



Adult and non-formal Education students during the event

GUIDEPOST

PROFESSORIAL PROMOTION

Dr Marshall Emenjor, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Professor of Graphic Design, effective 25th July, 2012.

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PROMOTION

Dr A.D. Nnebe, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Senior Lecturer, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr J.E. Jesufo, Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Senior Lecturer, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr I.U. Gwanirewa, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Senior Lecturer, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr R.I.C. Averachi, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Promoted Senior Lecturer, effective 1st October, 2013.

O.J. Efemue, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Senior Lecturer, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr Bassey Edom, Department of Crop & Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr H.C. Oris-Oris, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr S.C.J. Mbaze, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dr Peter Nyah, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

F.I. Okorokwu, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

Ngozi Chukwu, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

S.E. Onwuneme, Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, promoted Lecturer I, effective 1st October, 2013.

F.C. Wolemonwu, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer II, effective 1st October, 2013.

Dafua Sharp-Akande, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer II, effective 1st October, 2013.

Edward Iwo, Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer II, effective 1st October, 2013.

Osvaldo Ikwuno, Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer II, effective 1st October, 2013.

I.H. Fyneface, Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, promoted Lecturer II, effective 1st October, 2013.

What Is Your Valentine Day Gift?

By Francis Okocha

Last Friday was marked around the world as St Valentine's Day or simply Valentine's Day. The Day is celebrated annually on 14th February in honour of the 3rd Century Roman Catholic priest, who suffered martyrdom for refusing to obey the law against marriage as proclaimed by the almighty Roman Emperor Claudius. In defiance of the Emperor, who made enlisting into the army compulsory for all young men and so the law against marriage, St Valentine defiantly, but secretly wed young lovers, who were in obvious breach of the anti-marriage imperial decree. This act of defiance that was considered treasonous brought him condemnation and public execution. He died for his faith, for standing up to a ruler, who stood against love. This is the story of the man we celebrate on this day popularly known as Lovers' Day.

For many adults, this day is a special day for lovers (not limited to those in romantic or marital relationships) to re-enact their commitment to love for each other, exchange gifts, give and receive special treats, go on special outings, and strengthen their union.

Valentine's Day celebration has become one that is seriously begged to be given a public holiday as the numerous jingles, events and decorations that herald the celebration are now appearing to suggest. After all, it will not be an abomination to set aside a work-free day for the celebration of love. But our attention is drawn here to the act of giving that characterizes the celebration of this wonderful day of love. People are expected to buy special gifts for their lovers and loved ones at Valentine so much that a giftless Valentine is almost an inconceivable as a sleepless death. These gifts range from flowers to greeting cards, rings, necklaces, bangles, shoes, clothes, cars, phones, ipads, etc.

Was! A book as a Valentine's Day Gift? Who can imagine that? What 21st Century young man will not be the worst jester in history, if, of all the items in gift shops, he chooses to buy a book for a young lady as Valentine's Day's Gift? Who would today prefer a textbook in place of a Car, an Ipad, a Blackberry or an Android phone as a Valentine's Day gift, even as a student? What wife would at Valentine Day prefer her husband to buy her a book in place of balls of wrapper and cloths and boxes of trinkets and jewellery? In fact, no child who

opted for a book as Valentine's Day gift in place of a blackberry phone or better still a car from a lover will be allowed into the house by the mother. That is how bad it is today.

Is it any wonder then that a great man once said: "The best way is hide something from black people is to put it in the pages of a book?" The reading culture has gradually eluded us as a people. Even students find it most difficult to spare little times to read, despite the fact that we live in the Information Age and have gained the opportunity to read any book on any subject. Instead of seeking information through reading, an average Nigerian has more important things to do, such as watching of movies, football and other sports, partying, having series of meetings, etc. It is high time those who are concerned with and are bordered by the total decline in our reading culture started encouraging everyone, most especially young people, to equally consider books as worth giving and receiving as Valentine's Day Gifts. Doing this will not dry up the ocean, but would cause our ocean of knowledge to overflow.

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Fulbright Research Fellowship

Call for Applications for the Fulbright African Research Scholar Programme for The 2015/2016 (Spring/Fulbright)

Field of Study: Social Sciences, Humanities and related disciplines including curriculum development for HIV/AIDS related topics.

Eligibility: At least 3 years post-doctoral. Those interested should visit Centre for Research Management, School of Graduate Studies Building to discuss with the Desk Officer.

Deadline: April 30, 2014.

Director, Centre for Research Management, 2-CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2014 NETHERLANDS SHORT COURSE:

Those interested should visit Centre for Research Management, School of Graduate Studies Building to discuss with the Desk Officer.

Deadline for Application: March 31, 2014.

3. Call for Application for the 2014 Sub-Saharan Africa Scholarship Programme for Young African Researchers (Cesbra) in Europe for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral:

Those interested should visit Centre for Research Management, School of Graduate Studies Building to discuss with the Desk Officer.

Age Limit: Not more than 46-years.

Deadline: February 28, 2014.

4. Call for Applications for the 2015 – 2016 Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) Program:

Field of Study: Science, Engineering, Technology, Arts/Humanities, Journalism/ Public Relations/Media Studies, Agriculture/Food Science, Economics, Environmental Science, International Relations, Political Science, Public Administration/Policy, Public Health and Tourism.

Eligibility: Those who have done significant part of their work in a Nigerian University, i.e., those requiring about 9months for completing the research work.

Those interested should visit the Centre for Research Management, School of Graduate Studies Building to discuss with the Desk Officer.

Deadline: August 31, 2014.

Director, Centre for Research Management

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT

WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (sunrise (pm) sunset (pm))	SUMMARY
SUNDAY 16 FEB. 2014	36.0	24.0	91	E	2.2	6:47 18:45
MONDAY, 17 FEB. 2014	36.0	25.0	94	E	-	6:47 18:45
TUESDAY 18 FEB. 2014	36.0	25.0	95	NE	-	6:48 18:45
WEDNESDAY 19 FEB. 2014	36.0	25.0	96	NE	-	6:48 18:45
THURSDAY 20 FEB. 2014	36.0	25.0	99	E	-	6:48 18:45
FRIDAY 21 FEB. 2014	36.0	25.0	62	NE	2.7	6:48 18:45
SATURDAY 22 FEB. 2014	35.0	25.0	87	NE	2.8	6:48 18:45

SANDRA NWABUFO
OFFICER IN CHARGE

PROF SAMUEL AKOKUYI
DIRECTOR, (CDRMDIS)



Staff of Faculty of Dentistry during a sensitisation rally preceding the lectures

First Dentistry Day In UniPort

Faculty of Dentistry marked its 'maiden Dentistry Day with lectures on Thursday, 30th and Friday, 31st January, 2014. Our cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU**, captured some highlights of the event as shown below.



Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Prof Chukwudi Onyeze welcoming Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs



V-C, & Chairman of the occasion, Prof Joseph Ajenka, making the opening remarks



Prof Onyeze presenting his welcome speech



Keynote Lecturer, Professor Carla Evans, delivering her lecture



Guest Lecturer, Professor Kala Ogbareke, delivering a lecture



F UniPort V-C, Emeritus Prof Briggs receiving a plaque in recognition of his contributions to the development of the Faculty



F UniPort V-C, Prof Dan Baridam receiving a plaque in recognition of his contributions to development of the Faculty



V-C, Prof Ajenka, receiving a plaque in recognition of his contributions to development of the Faculty



CMD, Prof Aaron Ojilo, receiving a plaque in recognition of his contributions to development of the Faculty



R-L: Professors Ogbareke, Carla Dennis & Husband, Evans Dennis, Onyeze and a guest



R-L: Prof. Onyeze, Evans and Carla Dennis and Ogbareke



DVC (Acad), Prof Igho Joe (seated) Prof Evans and Carla Dennis & Ogbareke, other senior academics and guests