

NEPAD Donates Books To UNIPORT

As part of its poverty eradication and sustainable development programme for African countries, the Rivers State office of the New Partnership for Africa Development (NEPAD) has donated 591 volumes of books on different fields of study to the University in line with its 1 Million Books for Rivers Project initiative, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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The Nigerian Sustainable Development Solutions Network (NSDSN) held a two-day Workshop on the Niger Delta at the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), last week. Details next week.
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Experts Discuss PIB At Mini-Roundtable

By Obinna Nwodin

While the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) into law is still a matter of legislative scrutiny at the National Assembly, experts in the oil and gas industry and scholars say that its delay has robbed the country of the purported benefits intended by the original authors of the Bill. They are also of the view that the new Bill should restore provisions to support research as the neglect of research has led the International Oil Companies (IOCs) to engage universities and

research centres in their home countries to the detriment of Nigerian universities.

This was the outcome of deliberations at the 3rd Port Harcourt Petroleum Mini-Roundtable organised by the Emerald Institute of Energy, Economics, Policy and Strategy, held at the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), penultimate Friday. Participants also agreed that government policy for the energy sector should deliberately focus on wealth creation through energy utilization and entrepreneurship, as well as encourage fiscal

provisions to boost gas production, which is the main driver of the proposed industrialization in Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, Chairman of the occasion who is also Chairman, Emerald Energy Resources Limited, Dr Emmanuel Egbogah, represented by Vice-Chairman of the Company, Dr Jude Amaefule, said that the Institute is a Centre where ideas are crystallized by academics and industry experts to formulate policies in the oil and gas sector of the economy. He pointed out that the theme of the Roundtable

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Meet Wessy, UNIPORT Pioneer S'Union President

Now a Lecturer in the Department of Geology and Physics at the Niger Delta University (NDU), Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, Dr Napoleon Wessy was the pioneer President of Student Union in the University of Port Harcourt elected in the 1978/79 academic session.

The proud Alumnus, who was on the entourage of the National President of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS), Professor Teme So-ngo during a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, as part of the 27th Inauguration ceremonies of the Society, used the opportunity to pay a glowing tribute to some Principal Officers, including the Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim.

Dr Wessy, who spoke to *UNIPORT Weekly* on a sideline interview, recalled that during his time, "simplicity was the watchword and we were unique in our activities as Student Union; we started the semester and course system in

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Nigerian universities before others emulated us. We were always meeting to ensure that there was peace in the University and our effort turned out to be successful as we remained open when others were shut down during the *Ali-Must-Go* saga. It was as a result of these outstanding feats that we introduced the *Unique UNIPORT* slogan. While others go with 'Great Life' for instance, we chose *Unique UNIPORT*."

The pioneer Student Union President, who stated that the crop of students in his days were mature in character, noted that they assisted in rapid growth of the University, commending subsequent administrations for consolidating on earlier developmental efforts which contributed in placing the University at its present height.

"I am impressed with what I have seen. During our time, we did not have much buildings and



Dr Wessy

the student population was much lower than what is today. There is a great improvement and change," he said, pledging to continue to do his little best towards the growth of his *Alma Mater*.

STUDENT WORLD

Wopara Investigates Effects Of Food Spices On Humans

IHEANYICHUKWU WOPARA may not be a medical doctor, but he is involved in finding out the effect of a very popular food spice on human health with a view to enhancing their wellbeing. Wopara, who is a Master of Science Student in the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, shares his research interest and experience with our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU and Intern, HENRIETTA OTONNAH

Driven by passion for the promotion of good health in his society, Iheanyichukwu Wopara on completing his undergraduate programme at Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State, opted for a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Medical Biochemistry in the University of Port Harcourt, where he is currently carrying out research on the effects of on a particular food spice on human health and working on a thesis titled: "Effects of *Xylopiia Aethiopica* on Some Biochemical and Haematological Parameters Using Albino Rat".

Wopara, who explained that *Xylopiia Aethiopica*, popularly known as *Uda* in South Eastern Nigeria, especially among the Ibos, is a spice used to prepare pepper soup, noted that "Most people in the South-South and South-East use it to prepare pepper soup for women who have just given birth. The effect of this spice on the health of such women is not yet known. That is why I am carrying out this

research.

"Although the research is still ongoing, we have got some results and so I can say a little about prolactin—one of the parameters used in the study. The intake of an *Uda*-spiced pepper soup by women after childbirth is known to boost the production of breast milk, but not much is known about how this works. Again, it also not known if consumption of *Uda* also increases the prolactin level in males; if it does, then it could lead to infertility," he noted.

"Prolactin has the tendency of suppressing testosterone—male reproductive hormone. At the end of this research, we would be able to ascertain if males should keep taking *Uda* or not. It is also already clear that high level of prolactin fights against testosterone. When that happens, the male sex hormone that is supposed to produce sperm cells goes down, this could result in low sperm count. The higher the level of prolactin, the lower the level of fertility in humans," Wopara pointed out, hinting that high level prolactin could be responsible for non-conception during lactation.

He observed that many traditional medicines without knowing drugs

people now resort to using without the side effects of such on their health. "Most people in this part of the world take herbs, roots and other things without knowing the effects of such things in their system. For instance, most of us take bitter kola and we enjoy it just because someone says it is good for human health," he said.

Wopara, who disclosed that he uses laboratory animals such as male albino rats to carry out the

research, said he fed the rats with hot pepper soup-like water laced with ground *uda* in three different groups. "I fed the first, second and third groups for two, four and six weeks, respectively, before killing each group at the expiration of the scheduled periods of two, four and six weeks. The essence of this is to find out if there is any difference in prolactin level in the first, second and third groups, as well as ascertaining the prolactin level due to prolong use of *uda*," he pointed out.

On challenges faced in course of his research, he said: "the animal handling was a bit easy, because the housing and feeding are done in the University, since an animal house for research purposes is available. However, the laboratory analysis was done at a private laboratory—Healthwise Laboratory, due to certain factors, including space constraints. The laboratories here are always in use and some of the equipment are not available and then power supply is also a challenge. Although the equipment for haematological parameters are not available in the laboratory here, but they are available at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital," stressing the need to provide such facilities in the University too.

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R-L: Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi, Dep Bursar (Treasury) Dr Felicia Ayuwo, Univ Librarian, Dr Nwodo, DV-C (R&D), Prof Bene Willie-Abbey, V-C, Prof Ajienka, Director, PME, Mr Ibaraye, Miss Offiong, Mr Ekong, Mrs Kosemani and Principal, UDSS, Mr Anele. Inset: The books

Making the donation, Director, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Mr Nemi Ibaraye, who represented the Special Adviser and State Coordinator of the Agency, Dr Tex Wariboko, described the *1 Million Books for Rivers Project* as a partnership between NEPAD Rivers State and a United States-based organization, Books for Africa. "The essence of the project is to enhance access to books and improve reading culture in our society", he said.

Reiterating that the Agency which is a brain-child of the African Union (AU) cannot achieve its mandate without collaborating stakeholders in public and private sectors, Ibaraye noted that NEPAD has begun implementation of the project through donation of Science, Mathematics, English and other instructional materials to primary, secondary and post-secondary schools

in the State. "We are in the University to donate 28 cartons of 591 volumes of books as part of our visits to tertiary institutions in the State", he added.

Receiving the books, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, commended NEPAD for the gesture, promising that the books would be adequately utilized. Recommending other areas of partnership between the University and NEPAD, Professor Ajienka described the University as the largest in the Niger Delta region with interest in diverse fields, including the arts, oil and gas, among others.

Also speaking, University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, described the donation as a lasting legacy for posterity. "Generations to come would remember this donation because books are not perishable. It is the best legacy that could be

bequeathed to anybody", she remarked, appealing for more donations. "There is no end to knowledge, so like *Oliver Twist*, we are still asking for more", she stressed.

NEPAD's Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation Personnel, Miss Eme Offiong and Chief Protocol Officer, Mr Effiong Ekong, Principal Officers of the University including Principal of the University Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS), Mr Ogechi Anele and Administrator, University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS), Dr Ibironke Kosemani, witnessed the donation of the books spanning various subjects such as Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, Journalism, Communication, Computer Science, Management, English, Mathematics and Marketing among others.



V-C, Prof Ajienka (in white) flanked by Fidelity Bank Officials and Senior Officers of the University

As part of efforts to bring its services closer

to customers, Fidelity Bank Plc has commissioned a new Automated Teller Machine (ATM) gallery at the Ofrima Complex, University Park.

Performing the ceremony, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who commended the Bank for the initiative, said that the facility would ease the difficulty customers faced in accessing their money by going to the banking hall. Professor Ajienka also thanked management of the Bank for its impact within the short period of its operations in the University, assuring the Bank that the authorities would continue to partner it for mutual benefits.

He expressed hope that the relationship between

V-C Commissions Fidelity ATM Gallery

By Obinna Nwodin

Fidelity Bank and the University would continue to grow from strength to strength, disclosing that the Advisory Board of the new University of Port Harcourt Foundation would include financial experts from Fidelity Bank and Diamond Bank, who would lend their wealth of experience in growing funds for the University.

Earlier in his speech, Executive Director, South, Mr Nnamdi Okonkwo, said that it is the policy of its Management to ensure that customers do not have difficulties accessing their money, thanking the authorities of the University for providing an enabling environment for the Bank to carry out its operations. He said that the Bank's

partnership with the University is one that the Management

appreciates immensely, assuring that the confidence reposed in the Bank would not be breached.

Mr Okonkwo said with the ATM gallery at the Ofrima Complex, there would be no need for customers to visit the banking hall before they can access their money, pointing out that in modern banking, over 78% of activities are carried out through electronic means.

Also present at the event were: General Manager, South-South, Mr Nicholas Okoro; Regional Manager, Rivers South, Mrs Ebite Sam -Yudo and Branch Leader, UNIPOINT, Vivienne Bucknor.

10 Receive CGS Doctoral Scholarship



Provost, CGS, Prof Konya flanked by Deans, Graduate School of Arts, Education and Social Sciences, Prof Ifeanchi (left), Graduate School of Natural, Applied and Medical Sciences, Prof Gregory Awiri (right) and the beneficiaries

Ten deserving Doctoral Candidates have benefitted from the 2012/2013 annual scholarship scheme of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) aimed at assisting the beneficiaries complete their programmes within stipulated period. The annual award which was initiated by the pioneer Provost of the College, Professor Roseline Konya is sponsored by some Alumni through the College. Speaking before issuing certificates of award to the beneficiaries, Professor Konya, who congratulated them for emerging successful through the rigorous screening exercise, expressed delight that the scheme would assist them to meet the new policy of the College on payment of fees before registration

and commencement of lectures and examinations. "We have curbed the students' habit of completing their programmes without paying fees. Under the new arrangement, Admission Letters can only be accessed by those who intend to take up the

By Otiakor Samuel

admission by prompt payment of fees. So this intervention by some Alumni of the University will motivate you to study and complete your studies within the stipulated duration of your programmes," the Provost said, advising Graduate Students to report to her office any case of unjust delay capable of militating against early completion of their programmes.

Professor Konya commended Dean, Graduate

School of Arts, Education and Social Sciences (GSAESS), Professor Martins Ifeanchi for implementing the College's vision of floating the scholarship scheme, stating that the scheme has been supported by public-spirited Alumni.

In his speech, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Professor Ifeanchi, disclosed that out of the 25 applicants for the scheme, 17 candidates attended the interview which held on 27th June, 2013 at the Board Room of the College where 10 persons were finally selected. Other members of the Committee are Professor Okey Onuchuku and Dr Christy Omega.

"Payment of school fees and registration for the programme were the major criteria for interviewing the candidates. The progress in their academic work was also taken into consideration. After the exercise, ten candidates were recommended for the award," the Chairman said.

Responding on behalf of the beneficiaries, Mr Peter Uzomba of the Department of Economics praised the College for the initiative which he described as laudable, promising to utilize the opportunity judiciously by taking their studies more seriously to complete their programmes within the duration. Other beneficiaries are Olanrewaju Abiodun (Physics), Christopher Ohorka (Animal & Environmental Biology), Faith Okonkwo (Microbiology), Eme Happiness (Chemistry), Ogbobuibe Ibe (Theatre Arts), Amadi Cajetan (Educational Psychology), Grace Udoyen (Sociology), Clement Asadu (Linguistics and Communication Studies) and Krama Itode (Economics). It could be recalled that eight candidates had benefitted from the maiden scheme last academic session.

V-C Bids UMaT Students Farewell

By Mercy Adeniji

Following a successful completion of the Exchange programme in the University, the third batch of staff and students from the University of Mines and Technology (UMaT) Tarkwa, Ghana has left after a two weeks experience-sharing programme. Addressing them at a farewell Cocktail in their honour, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who was represented by Acting Head, Department of Petroleum Engineering, Dr Sunday Ikiesikimama, commended the students on their conduct during the programme which he said is aimed at exposing the students to industry best-practices in the expansive oil and gas operation in the Niger Delta region, charging them to ensure they put to practice lessons derived.

Professor Ajenka expressed delight with the success of the programme, adding that "We had planned for this journey a number of months ago. One thing is to plan for a journey and the other is to be able to make it. The end of a thing is better than the beginning, because when you are beginning, you do not know how it would end, but when you have ended you can look back and see how well you have fared," he said, pointing out that "this is how well we have fared, you have come and we have had the opportunity for taking you round and you have seen some of the things you needed to see early enough in your career. We have also given you the opportunity to interact with some of us we have also spent some time coaching you".

"We want to assure you that we are ready to carry this partnership to its logical conclusion. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt appreciates the MoU we signed with University of Mines and Technology (UMaT) and we are assuring the authorities of UMaT that subsequent trips would be better." Dr

Ikiesikimama disclosed.

Eric Broni-Bediako, who stood in for the Head, Department of Petroleum (UMaT), Dr Peter Eshun, lauded authorities of the University for the success recorded so far from the previous batches. "We express our sincere gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and his team for their support. He has been working with us, we really appreciate him. We would also pass this kind gesture you have shown us to our Vice-Chancellor and we know he would respond accordingly," he said.

"We have had a full package. The last time I came, because of some community disputes, we were not able to visit Shell, but this time the students visited Rigs and certain companies. It has been very educative", he stated.

Speaking on their experience, Class Captain, Dawuda Abdul-Waris expressed gratitude to the authorities of

the University and other Lecturers who mentored them and competently handled their field trips. "We really learnt a lot from our field trips, especially when we visited some companies such as SHELL, TOTAL and Schlumberger, we were well received when we visited these companies", he disclosed.

In their separate speeches, Kobina Forson, Priscilla Eme and Assistant Class Captain, Kofi Somuah Evans, said they all enjoyed their field trips. "This experience has given us the opportunity to see how the oil and gas company operates. In class we learn the theory, but we didn't know how it operates, so coming on this programme, it has given us the opportunity to for ourselves how these companies operates", they stated.

The students promised to put all they have seen and learnt during their field trip to practice they go back to class.



Some of the students at the farewell cocktail. Inset: V-C, Prof Ajenka



Female CPG Students Get MacArthur Sponsorship

Director CPG, Prof Etu-Ofeotor (centre) flanked by Assistant Director, Dr Beka (left), Admin Officer, Mrs Agorom (right) and the beneficiaries

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Six female students of the Centre for Petroleum Geosciences (CPG) in the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) have benefitted from the 2012/2013 academic year Gender Equity Sponsorship Scheme of the MacArthur Foundation, Chicago.

Speaking last Friday at the presentation of cheques to the recipients, Director of the Centre, Professor John Etu-Efeotor, who acknowledged the contributions of the Foundation to the growth of the Centre, described it as the principal sponsor of the Centre.

"Today's event is a fulfilment of the pledge of sponsorship of this Centre every year. This is the

second batch to be sponsored. The Foundation has been consistent in its sponsorship of the activities of the Centre, ranging from geological and geophysical field works to refurbishment of laboratories", Prof Etu-Efeotor disclosed, expressing gratitude for the support so far received by the Centre.

Advising them to justify the \$10,000 per student investment by the Foundation through hardwork and diligence, the Director told the students that their successes would leave a lasting legacy to the good deeds of the Foundation and the Centre. "The money given to you today is not a small amount, so you have to work very hard to make the donors and Centre proud", he added.

Responding on behalf of other recipients, Miss

Ogechi Abaraonye commended the Foundation and the Centre for the gesture, promising that they would graduate with excellent grades as a way of justifying their selection. "We want to say a big thank you to MacArthur and the Centre. We promise to be at our best during the duration of our programme in addition to making very excellent grades", she said.

CPG Assistant Director, Dr Francis Beka and Administrative Officer, Charity Agorom witnessed the signing and presentation of cheques to the following students: Oluchi Amakwe, Chinazom Eloji, Peace Ngeri, Victoria Ogunole, Rose Okokon and Ogechi Abaraonye.

Students of Niger Delta extraction have been advised to take their studies seriously to be useful members of the society and also change their orientation by exhibiting exemplary conduct.

Professor Aduabobo Hart gave the advice when University of Port Harcourt chapter of the Niger Delta Students Union paid her a courtesy visit, penultimate Wednesday. She lauded the students for bestowing her with an award, promising to continue to mentor those, who come in contact with her.

Professor Hart, who was former Head of Department, Animal and Environmental Biology (AEB), reminded the students that the main reason why they are in the University is to develop their skills and be academically fit to contribute to the development of the society.

"Work hard and embark on relevant studies and researches that can assist you add value to yourselves, the University and society at large. I want you all to develop the spirit of discipline and leave your foot prints on the sands of time. You should prepare yourself properly by excelling in your academic pursuits and in whatever you do, so that people would look for you at the end of your career. Learn to equip yourself, read wide so you can stand and talk anywhere," she advised them.

Leader of the delegation and National President of the Union, Mr Tombara Yala, disclosed that the visit was to ascertain the level of ongoing work at the students' hostel project by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

"We have spoken with the

Hart Charges N'Delta Students On Hard Work

By Mercy Adeniji

Chairman of the Board of the Commission who has assured us that before he leaves office, the project would be completed", he noted, lamenting that Niger Delta students have a lot of challenges which the Union would want the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs and NDDC to address, including students accommodation and general welfare.

The National President appealed to Authorities of the University to consider Niger Delta students and assist the Union get a secretariat in the building and also allocate hostel space to his members. He pledged the Union's resolve to abide by the statutes of the University.

In his contribution, President, Niger Delta

Students Union, UNIPORT Chapter, Mr Timi Dounana, lauded the National President for piloting the affairs of the body at the apex, expressing gratitude to Management of the University for supporting the Union.

Also speaking, Director of Socials, Batubo Malise, thanked the Matron, Professor Hart, for her support and encouragement, promising that they would not let her down.

Highlight of the visit was an award presented to Professor Hart for her meritorious service and contributions to the growth and development of the Union.



Prof Hart (displaying her award) and EXCO members of the Union



A Cross-Section of participants

Experts Discuss PIB At Mini-Roundtable

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was apt as the Petroleum Industry Bill has not received the attention it deserves. "We should look beyond the Bill and see what benefits it would accrue to the country", he advised.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, said that the Petroleum Industry Bill is strategic to the development of the Nigerian economy, noting that "if we do not get it right, it will have negative impact on the entire country". He commended Emerald Energy Institute for putting together the event, assuring participants that the next Roundtable would be held at the Institute's complex.

Delivering a Keynote Address titled, "*The Nigerian Oil and Gas Economy, Post PIB*", former Group General Manager of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Dr Joseph Ella, said that the Bill which is supposed to bring about a transformation of the Nigerian economy needs to be properly conceptualized to enable it yield the needed impact. According to him, certain provisions in the Bill need to be straightened, otherwise the intent and purposes of the Bill would be defeated.

Earlier in his welcome address, Acting Director of the Institute, Professor Joel Ogbonna, thanked Emerald Energy Resources Limited for its commitment to seeing that the Centre realized the objectives

for which it was established. He said that the problem faced by the petroleum sector is not about the policies, but its implementation, adding that "with the pedigree of experts and scholars assembled for the event we should have a roadmap for the development of the oil and gas industry".

The event featured presentations by distinguished academics and industry experts, as well as contributions from participants. Papers presented include: *Impact on Environment and Sustainable Development* by Professor Joel Ogbonna; *Impact on Security in the Oil Producing Regions of Nigeria* by Senior Regional Security Director (Sub Saharan Africa), GE Corporation, Mr Dennis Amachree; *Impact on Innovation and Skills Acquisition* by Vice-Chairman and CEO, Emerald Energy Resources Limited, Dr Jude Amaefule; *Local Content and Capacity Building* by Executive Secretary, Nigeria Content Development Monitoring Board, Mr Ernest Ndukwe, represented by Engineer IK Oviasu, General Manager, Capacity Building of the Board; *Impact on Nigeria's International Strategic Alliances* by President, GWEST LLC Washington DC, Mr Paul Wihbey, presented by Mr Ikechi Ibeji; *Impact on Universities and Research and Development* by Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Bene Willie-Abbey; *Overview of Direct Impact on Oil Producing Communities* by Assistant Director, Emerald Energy Institute, Dr Eme Ekekwe; as well as *Impact on LOCS and their Investments* by Chief Executive Officer Oildata Group, Engr. Emeka Ene.

V-C Tasks Geosciences Society On Professionalism

By Otikor Samuel

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has advised members of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS) to exploit the opportunities provided by University-Industry partnership to strengthen professionalism and also benefit the larger society.

Professor Ajienka, who gave the advice when the new President of the Society, Professor So-ngo Teme, led a delegation on a courtesy visit on him in his office, stated that collaborative efforts with relevant stakeholders would assist in rapid transformation of the Society, reiterating the University's commitment to encourage professionalism for quality service delivery.

Earlier in his remarks, President of the Society, Professor Teme, said the visit was to acquaint authorities of the University with activities of the body, particularly the inauguration of the 27th President which held on 29th June, 2013 at the Banquet Hall, Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt. Professor Teme, who noted that the Society has fully come of age following its formation on 15th January, 1961, congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for the transformation witnessed in the University. Other Executive Council members on the entourage included: Professors Luke Anike, Aniekan Edet, Dr Paul Ogunleye, Dr Napoleon Wesley, Arisekola Tunde, Ayodele Asiwaju-Bello, Samuel Dagusa, Kingdom Abam, Victor Ukaegbu, Nelson Kiri, Ogbunije Prosper and Moses Bereiweriso.



V-C, Prof Ajienka (Centre) flanked by the 27th President of NMGS, Prof Teme (left) and other national and branch Executive Officers of the Society

GUIDEPOST

APPOINTMENT

Dr Moses Ekanemesang, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, offered a one-year *Adjunct Appointment* as Senior Lecturer, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Bright Opara, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, offered a one-year *Adjunct Appointment* as Senior Lecturer, effective on assumption of duty.

Professor Kalu Ogbureke, offered a one year *Visiting Appointment* in the Department of Oral Pathology and Oral Biology, Faculty of Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Tudor Chinnah, offered a one-year *Visiting Appointment* in the Department of Human Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, effective on assumption of duty.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr Abiodun Oluwabamide, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, granted a one-year *Sabbatical Appointment* as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology.

CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor S.N. Wekke, Department of Animal Science and Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture granted a one-year *Contract Appointment*, effective 1st September, 2013 to 31st August, 2014.

Professor Samuel Maduagwu, Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, granted a one-year *Contract Appointment*, effective 1st September, 2013 to 31st August, 2014.

COMPLETION OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Dr Zakka Usman, Department of Crop and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, completed his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programme in Animal and Environmental Biology option in Entomology and Pest Management.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Mr Dangor Briggs, Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted *Review of Status* from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II, effective 6th June, 2012.

STUDY LEAVE

Mr Kingsford Jack, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, proceeds on a three-year *Study Leave with Pay*, for his PhD Degree programme at Plymouth University, United Kingdom, effective 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2016.

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UPWA ELECTION

University of Port Harcourt Women Association (UPWA) has elected new executive Officers to fill vacant positions. A release issued by the Public Relations Officer, Dr Celestina Harry, disclosed that the election which took place at the Gladys Cookey International Centre was presided over by Professor Omotayo Ebong, Barr Esther Igho-Joe and Mrs Bridget Nzimiro. Mrs Ekaette Edionhon emerged Assistant Secretary; Mrs Theresa Uwakwe, Financial Secretary; Mrs Ese Avwiri; Welfare Officer and former Financial Secretary, Mrs Esther Shaka, elected new Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 14- SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am/pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 14 JULY, 2013	30.0 24.0	83	NE	19.6	6:27 6:49	Thunderstorms expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.
MONDAY, 15 JULY, 2013	27.0 24.0	87	NE	12.0	6:27 6:49	Thunderstorms expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted. Possibility of rainfall is high.
TUESDAY 16 JULY, 2013	30.0 23.0	73	NE	4.4	6:27 6:49	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. More clouds than sun predicted.
WEDNESDAY 17 JULY, 2013	28.0 23.0	64	NE	2.5	6:27 6:49	Rain showers expected. Mostly cloudy and mild day forecasted.
THURSDAY 18 JULY, 2013	27.0 23.0	66	N	-	6:27 6:49	Mostly cloudy and mild day predicted.
FRIDAY 19 JULY, 2013	28.0 22.0	61	NE	-	6:27 6:49	Partly sunny and mild day anticipated. Chance of rainfall is minimal.
SATURDAY 20 JULY, 2013	28.0 22.0	59	NE	2.0	6:27 6:49	Showers expected late in the day. Partly sunny and warm day forecasted.

VREMUDIA WEKPE
RESIDENT METEOROLOGIST

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DIRECTOR, (CDRMDS)



Prof Nwankpa

Nwankpa Launches Community Music Book

By Humphrey Ogu

most of them are not yet documented.

Debunking the view that academic interest in music in Nigeria is very low, Nwankpa said: "right now

Indigenous musical literature received a boost penultimate Friday with the presentation of a book titled: *Community Music Programme: Development & Management*, by the Head of the Department of Music, Professor Onyee Nwankpa.

Speaking with *UNIORT Weekly* shortly after the presentation, Professor Nwankpa said the book focuses on ways of producing an educated crop of music instructors in the areas of enlightened performance, good recording, sound enhancement and the use of instruments.

"The book provides all strategies needed to revive community music. It provides information on how to look at the musical elements in the communities, organise and develop them. We need to package, record and document musical elements in our cultures. Community Music should be well organised to make them more entertaining. We also need to analyse, package, record and document them for posterity," he explained, regretting that

I don't think there is a low interest in the study of music, what is happening is that we do not have enough institutions to take care of all the candidates that are interested in the study of music. For instance, we had a teeming population of candidates that sought admission into our Department, but we couldn't take all of them. So, the interest is there. In fact, we've had cases where students in other Departments apply to change to Music Department.

"If you have to admit students, you have to teach them and you need to have the resources with which to teach them. You need a theatre—a recital hall, recording studio, musical instruments and the enabling environment," Nwankpa pointed out, regretting that most people see music as an all-comers' affair, but when they are given the opportunity to learn the theoretical aspects to be able to perform excellently, they drop out, because they want the easy way out. "We still need to develop the manpower—those who will teach and help us develop the art of music," he added.

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NIM ZONAL CONFERENCE

The Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) holds its South South Zonal Management Conference 'Edo 2013' at the Bishop Kelly Pastoral Centre, Airport Road, Benin City between 24th and 27th July, 2013. With the theme: "The Roadmap to a Transformed Niger Delta," the Conference is expected to be chaired by the President and Chairman of Council, Dr Michael Olawale-Cole. Staff who are members of NIM are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Mr Ekanem Ekanem (Academic Office) 07033205565.

Premiere Of Maiden Video Film

*The Institute of Arts and Culture (aka Artsville) blazed a trail last month with the premiere of an educational film titled; "Who is Afraid of Job Interview?" and the presentation of the maiden edition of OJA: Journal of Arts and Culture. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the event as shown below:*



V-C, Professor Joseph Ajenka, briefing the Press before the Premiere



Director Artsville, Professor Julie Okoh, speaking at the Press Briefing



Local Organizing Committee, Adiola Onyedibia at the Press Briefing



L-R: Prof Okoh, Prof Ibitumuno Aminigo; Representative of Trend Media City, Kalada Wilson; V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka, Writers-in-Residence: Drs. Elechi Amadi, Gabriel Okara and Book Reviewer, Seyifa Koroye, unveiling the Journal



D V-C (R&D), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, displaying a copy of the Journal



Mr Seyifa Koroye, reviewing the Journal



Representative of CEO, Trend Media City, Kalada Wilson, speaking



Director Artsville, Professor Okoh, displaying a copy of the video CD



Cast and Crew of the film "Who is Afraid of Job Interview?"



University Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi, flanked by Director, Institute of Education, Prof Joseph Okoh and Director UAC, Ngozi Odu



Mr Onyedibia and Film Director, Lancelot Imaseun



HOD, Theatre Arts, Dr Julie Umukoro



V-C, Prof Ajenka and other Guests at Cocktail