

Borgatti Highlights Importance Of African Textile

Ways of exploiting the values and meaning of textiles in African Arts formed the main focus of the second Public Lecture series organised by the Institute of Niger Delta Studies in collaboration with Onyoma Research Centre, the Departments of History and Diplomatic Studies and Fine Arts and Design, report *Humphrey Ogu & Mercy Adeniji*.

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Professor Darlington Iwarimie-Jafa of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, delivers the 105th Inaugural Lecture this Thursday. Time is 3.00pm. Details next week -Editor

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Asamaowei, New Pro-Chancellor, Pledges Support For Infrastructural Dev In UNI PORT

By Obinna Nwodin

Business mogul and new Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of University of Port Harcourt, Chief Gesi Asamaowei, has pledged active

support for ongoing efforts aimed at transforming the University into a world-class centre of academic excellence.

Chief Asamaowei, gave the assurance when he paid a maiden visit to the University, last Friday, as

part of an on-the-spot assessment of the state of the Institution, preparatory to the inaugural meeting of the new Council next month. After an extensive inspection tour of the Permanent Site of the University, the Chairman of Council said: "I am very impressed with the efforts being made by Management to transform the University of Port Harcourt; but I am also aware that so much more needs to be done by all stakeholders to take the University to where we all want it to be."

"Even though we are not core academics, we know the importance of education in the growth of any society and from the interactions we have had so far, it is obvious that staff and students are very enthusiastic about turning the University into a centre of academic excellence through quality research and development. We are determined to ensure that there is an enabling environment that would motivate staff and students to give of their very best to the system", Chief Asamaowei said, adding that "if there are things we can do to address the obvious institutional challenges facing the University; you should not hesitate to let us know through the appropriate channels of interaction

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RCB, UNIPORT Graduate, Partner On Bio-Electricity Research

By Otikor Samuel

A 2012 Graduate of Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering, Mr Olayinka Fasusi in collaboration with the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), has commenced a research project aimed at generating electricity through waste products. Director of the Centre, Professor Bosa Okoli and Dr Herbert Stanley of the Department of Microbiology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, are lead researchers driving the project which received rave reviews during the Second Annual Research Fair of the University held at the Donald Ekong Library last April.

Speaking to *UNIPORT Weekly*, last Wednesday, Dr Stanley and Mr Fasusi, disclosed that the research aimed at using crude oil polluted sediment enriched with snail shells and domestic waste water to generate electricity for municipal consumption through Microbial Fuel Cell technology, stating that Microbial Fuel Cell (MFC), a device that uses microorganisms to generate electrical current through the oxidation of organic materials could serve as an alternative source for generation of electricity for commercial use.

The duo lavished praises on Professor Okoli for not only giving direction to the research, but also for what they described as the unquantifiable

financial commitment he had been making to the project that brought it to its current level of realization, urging others to emulate Professor Okoli's exemplary mentorship of younger scholars.

"Crude oil polluted sediment can be used as an alternative energy source in an environmentally-friendly manner to generate electricity for municipal consumption and other uses. The electricity production is directly related to the concentration of the substrate," the duo further disclosed, adding that the technology which is renewable and reliable could also be used for bioremediation and treatment of other biodegradable organic wastes.

Lamenting paucity of funds to commence a municipal pilot scheme on the commercial viability of the project, the researchers called on government agencies, well-meaning organizations and research institutes to invest on the project to facilitate its field application to

generate electricity, explaining further that with a modest grant of about N10 million, electricity could be generated in commercial quantity in a sustainable manner to cater for the needs of the University and its environs.



Dr Stanley (right) and Mr Fasusi (left) displaying the project at the Second UNIPORT Research Fair

STUDENT WORLD

Students Should Dress Decently ~Abraham

A Final Year Student of the Department of Computer Science in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, OGECHI ABRAHAM, spoke to *UNIPORT Weekly* on her perception of the University, students' fashion craze and called for a future for the youths of Nigeria. Our Intern, HENRIETTA OTONNAH spoke with her.

Miss Abraham gained admission into the University four years ago, based on her satisfactory performance at the Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (PUTME) screening exercise. She was very enthusiastic about being in the University, because she wanted to pursue her passion for record-keeping. As a child, she loved keeping records and files, a practice that fuelled her aspiration to be a Database Administrator in future.

As a student in the Department of Computer Science, she prefers Data Base Management

System (DBMS), to other courses, because of its practical nature, advising the Department to offer enough practical training to students to overcome the challenge they face in data processing and management.

Expressing satisfaction with the calibre of teaching staff in the Department, Abraham noted that the Lecturers are doing their best; expressing optimism that upcoming structures in the University would offer students a more conducive environment for learning once they are completed and put to use. Inadequate classroom accommodation, according to her, is one of the challenges Computer Science students are currently facing. Miss Abraham appealed to Management to build more classroom blocks to enhance teaching and research in the University.

"I must say that a lot of developmental projects are ongoing, but more can still be done to provide students more learning space that would enable them to give of their best. Compared to other institutions, this University is doing its best in research and development and infrastructural development. In fact,

UNIPORT is one of the best institutions in the country in terms of research and development and I honestly think that it is a great place to acquire an all-rounded education," she observed.

Disclosing that she visits the Library regularly to read and do research in other disciplines of interest, Abraham said she enjoys reading wide, especially novels and religious books, to boost her knowledge and also loves listening to music which she describes as her source of inspiration.

The Computer Science student described the fashion sense on Campus as crazy, regretting that some students now wear all kinds of

clothes to class, not minding which ones are suitable for lectures and parties. "There is nothing wrong with dressing nice and looking classy, but everything is wrong when our fashion statement borders on indecent and inappropriate dressing. We need to dress decently, because we are addressed the way we dress" she advised her colleagues.

Miss Abraham said that she prefers the University's hall of residence to off-campus accommodation, explaining that "when you stay in the hostel, you avoid unnecessary distractions from and you are encouraged to read more. This is in addition to availability of electricity and water supply, as well as security".

On her perception of her country, Abraham said: "Nigeria is a great nation, but it lacks the thirst for development due to the kind of leadership we have now. If citizens change their attitude and become honest and patriotic, Nigeria will be a better place for all of us. The leaders also need to spare a thought for the future of the youths, who appear to lack direction at the moment".

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Miss Abraham

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Delivering a Lecture titled: "Monuments in Cloth: African Textiles, Old and New", at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Wednesday, a Consulting Curator of African and Oceanic Art Fitchburg Art Museum, Professor Jean Borgatti, disclosed that "textile, text and context all stem from the Latin word, texture which means to weave and all are both literal and metaphoric references: the interlocking of threads to make cloth, the weaving of words to make a story or text and the interweaving of cultural and social practice to make a context."

Borgatti, who is of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts at the University of Benin, noted that "African textiles historically woven by hand also creates text or tells stories in their pattern, how they are used and who wears them," citing El Anatsui, as one of the few transnational artist, who has chosen to keep his home in Africa said: "Cloth is to the African what monuments are to Westerner" which means that cloth communicates and tells a story in Africa the same way monuments communicate in the West.

The Guest Lecturer, who is also Research Fellow at Boston University and Clark University Massachusetts, respectively, pointed out that cloth "commemorates events and celebrates individuals in Africa," adding that "cloths can also communicate directly to an audience through the incorporation of text and visual symbols that refer to text, notably proverbs as in Ashante Adinkra cloth and also serve as money in the past and continues to symbolise wealth or act as a store of values today."



L-R: Director of the Institute, Prof Derefaka, Guest Lecturer, Prof Borgatti, V-C, Prof Ajenka, DV-C (R&D), Prof Willie-Abbey, Prof Lisa Aaronson, Emeritus Prof Alagoa, staff and other participants

Borgatti Highlights Importance Of African Textile

In his opening remark, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajenka, expressed gratitude to the organisers of the event for attracting quality Guest Speakers, recalling that a visit to an Exhibition in Mali motivated him to plan a museum that would be dedicated to the legendary Akwete textile weavers. In his contribution, Emeritus Professor Ebiegberi Alagoa, expressed delight that the Lecturer linked textiles to monuments as documentations, stating that it is very important in historical documentation.

On his part, Director, Institute of Niger Delta

Studies, Professor Abi Derefaka, expressed gratitude to participants, hoping that students of both History and Diplomatic Studies and Fine Arts and Design would have learnt quite a lot from the Professor Borgatti's presentation. Highlight of the event was the decoration of the Guest Lecturer with the University Muffler by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey.



A cross section of participants

Research Ethics C'ttee Meets Provosts, Deans, Others

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

In a bid to ensure proper coordination and effective monitoring of research activities in the University, the Research Ethics Committee, headed by Professor Osaretin Odia, held an interactive session with Provost of Colleges, Deans of Faculty and Heads of Department, last Thursday at the Seminar Room of the College of Graduate Studies, University Park.

Reiterating that a competent Research Ethics Committee would ensure that the University applies best practices in the conduct of research, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, commended the Committee for producing a book on *Research Ethics Standard Operating Procedures*. "This is a document that would serve as a guide in the conduct of research in this University. It would enable us resolve ethical issues that may arise in the process", he stated, promising support for the Committee as it fine-tunes issues in research ethics.

Also stressing the importance of the interface, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and

Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, noted that the training was aimed at spurring academics in the University to undertake research that would

earn them international recognition and credibility. "While the idea is to get us to publish in international and Indexed Journals, the Committee should ensure that academics comply with laid down rules and regulations, making sure that nobody submits a work that is not vetted by the Committee", Professor Willie-Abbey said.

Chairman of the Committee, Professor Odia, who pointed out that the application of international best practices improves the overall rating of a university and the quality of research, urged the participants to ensure that their works conform to the basic tenets of research ethics. "Given the emphasis placed on research activities in the University, it is important for all participants to know that there is a standard procedure for undertaking research", he added.

Professor Odia, who spoke on the topic: *Basic Tenets of Research Ethics*, expressed the Committee's readiness to accept research proposals from Colleges, Faculties and Departments. "In the first phase, proposals of graduate students would be reviewed by the Committee to ensure that they are in line with the research ethics focus of the University.

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WOKO TAKES DOCTORATE DEGREE

Chief Internal Auditor (CIA), Boniface Woko, has crowned his glittering academic career with a well-earned Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Accounting from the Faculty of Management Sciences of the University of Port Harcourt.

Dr Woko's new status was conveyed to him in a letter signed on behalf of the Provost by Secretary of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Dr Agatha Ataga. "I am pleased to inform you that as a result of your successful completion of the Graduate Degree Programme and the satisfactory fulfilment of the requirements of the status of the University of Port Harcourt. Senate has at its 393rd Meeting held on April 24, 2013, approved that you be awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Accounting)", the letter read in part.

Dr Woko, who joined the services of the University in 1981 as an Audit Clerk, rose through the ranks to head the Department on the retirement of his predecessor, Mr Emma Mbachu.



Dr Woko

Accounting Products Can Compete Anywhere ~Acting HOD

By Mercy Adeniji

Barely six months into his appointment as Acting Head, Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr Christian Leyira-Micah, has started repositioning the Department in an effort aimed at sustaining quality service delivery in line with the requirements laid down for the forth-coming Accreditation exercise by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Dr Leyira-Micah, who spoke in an interview with *UNIPORT Weekly* in his office, penultimate Tuesday, stated that before now, the Department had problems with graduating students, but with the effort of the former HOD, Dr Emmanuel Ibanichuka, his administration is already working to ensure that students graduate within the stipulated time-frame.

On his vision for the Department, Dr Leyira-Micah said: "My major focus is to ensure that we graduate our students and ensure that the programmes of the Department runs in conformity with the NUC benchmarks", observing that in a bid to achieve the vision of the Department, he has been able to address some issues of concern to students.

Dr Leyira-Micah disclosed that the focus of every leader, especially in the academia, is to graduate students that can meet the demands of the industry. "We have to equip our students professionally to enable them meet global best practices" he disclosed, expressing optimism that the vision of the Department would be achieved with the co-operation of dedicated colleagues and administrative staff in the Department.

"This Department had the highest number of graduates during the last Convocation and it was the only Department in the Faculty that produced two First Class graduates, one in the Regular programme and the other a Part-Time student, because of the policies put in place by my predecessor," he stated.

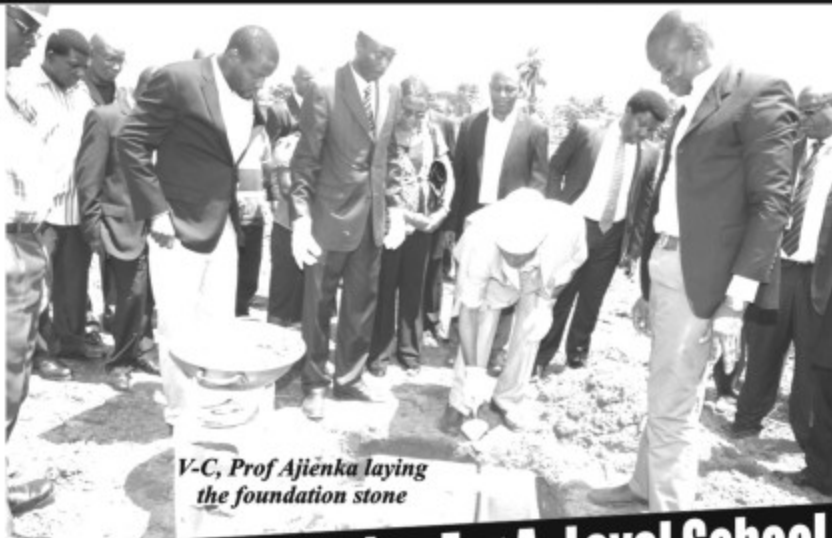
He noted that graduates of the Department are competing well in major industries across the country based on favourable reports received from employers on their performances, adding that with the entrepreneurial vision of the present administration, students are now equipped with hands-on skills which would enable them fit into the labour market on graduation.

The Acting HOD expressed satisfaction with the calibre of Lecturers in the Department, charging students to work hard to ensure they graduate with good grades. He urged them to always feel free to approach their Staff Advisers for proper direction on academic and personal matters that they may wish to clarify.

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STOP PRESS ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The College of Graduate Studies holds its 2nd Orientation exercise for fresh and returning Graduate Students tomorrow at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park. Time is 10.00am.



V-C, Prof Ajiienka laying the foundation stone

V-C Lays Foundation For A-Level School

By Obinna Nwodin

Barely three weeks after a Memorandum of Understanding was (MoU) signed between the University and Fidelity Bank Plc to build an Advanced Level School, the project is set to take-off with the foundation-stone laying ceremony of the complex, last Thursday.

Speaking at the event, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, expressed hope that the programme, when fully operational, would improve the quality of education at that level, thereby enhancing the rating of the University. He expressed optimism that the building would be completed at the stipulated time-frame to enable the School commence activities in line with vision of its founders.

Also speaking, Project Consultant, Mr. Osagie Unuigbo, said that the complex which is expected to be constructed in two phases on a three-floor elevation, would be completed within 12 months, explaining that the first phase would comprise administrative and hostel blocks, dining hall, events centre, parking lot and recreational facilities.

In her remark, representative of Fidelity Bank Plc,

Vivienne Bucknor, expressed delight that the project has finally commenced, promising that the Bank would continue to partner the University in other areas of need for improved service delivery on a mutually-beneficial basis.

Earlier in his address, Director, College of Continuing Education (CCE), Professor Steve Okodudu, also expressed happiness that the project has become a reality after being on the drawing board for some time. Professor Okodudu restated the resolve of the Management of CCE to achieve the stated goals of the project, stressing that the A-Level School would give a foundational knowledge to beneficiaries as they prepare to transit into the university system.

It would be recalled that the A-Level School Programme was part of the recommendations made by a Committee chaired by the Director of the University Advancement Centre (UAC), Dr Ngozi Odu.

The School is expected to provide foundational knowledge to prospective candidates seeking admission into Nigerian universities, in addition to generating revenue for the University.

IPS Research Assistant Wins SPE Regional Contest

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Doctoral Candidate and Research Assistant in the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), University of Port Harcourt, Naomi Ogolo, has emerged overall Regi winner of the African onal Students' Paper Contest, which was part of activities that marked the 11th Students' Technical Conference and Exhibition organized by the Society of

Petroleum Engineers (SPE) at the University of Nigeria (UNN) last month.

Ogolo's, research on *The Trapping Capacity of Nanofluids on Migrating Fines in Sand*, beat presentations from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, University of Ibadan and African University of Science and Technology, Abuja to emerge winner of the Contest.

Disclosing that by this feat, she would be eligible to represent the African continent at another Paper Contest in Louisiana, United States of America later this year, Ogolo said an Award would be presented to her at the Nigerian Annual International Conference and Exhibition (NAICE), scheduled for August, 2013 in recognition of her exploits in the application of nanoparticles to solve divers problems.

An elated Ogolo told *UNIPORT Weekly* penultimate Friday that her Paper centered on an experiment on control of migrant fines in sand, which she described as very important to the operation of the oil and gas industry. "The experiment aimed at identifying the most effective nanoparticles that have the capacity to trap migrating fines, thus preventing them from further migrating".



Ogolo



V-C, Prof Ajenka (centre), flanked by DV-C (Admin), Prof Ndaka and CSO, Lt Col Reginald Isiguzo (right) Dean and Associate Dean, S'Affairs Dept, Prof Bell-Gam and Dr Gloria Emenike

Following an unruly protest by a few students from the School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT) over the "No fee, no examination" policy as directed by Senate of the University, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, has strongly condemned last Tuesday's protest, which he described as unnecessary, cautioning them against disrupting academic activities for serious-minded students. The Vice-Chancellor also frowned at the manner in which some students chose to express their grievances, reminding them that there were proper channels through which they could advertise genuine grievances and gain attention from the authorities. Professor Ajenka gave the advice to the students when he met with their Course Representatives at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Tuesday to address issues arising from the refusal of some of them to pay the approved non-statutory charges that were approved by relevant organs of the University for the SSLT programme. A visibly-disappointed Vice-

Chancellor told the students that the administration meant well for them at all times, wondering why they would allow a few trouble-makers to take over the East/West Road outside the University as a strategy to draw attention to their grievances, contrary to the rules governing protests by students on Campus.

"Either as students or staff, we all mean well for the University. Since this is the reality, anytime you have genuine grievances, it is necessary that as members of a civilized community, you go through the proper channels to advertise such grievances", the Vice-Chancellor told the student Representatives, reminding them that hard work was the hallmark of an average student of the University, which had distinguished itself in diverse areas of human endeavour.

He said that actions that give the University negative publicity were inimical to the image of graduates that are doing the University proud in the public and private sectors of the economy and the larger society.

V-C Cautions SSLT Students Against Unruly Conduct

By Obinna Nwodin

"Anything we do, we must consider that we have very distinguished alumni, who are flying the flag of the University high out there", he noted, reminding them that people were always on the look-out for both the high and low points of the University with which they rate it accordingly—especially in the age of the Social Media.

He frowned at the destruction of the official vehicle of the Dean by a few students who opposed payment of approved charges, warning that authorities of the University would not tolerate indiscipline or threat to law and order on Campus.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, SSLT is one of the flagship programmes of the University that is well-subscribed by candidates, assuring the students that the authorities attached great importance to the programme and had always ensured that their interest was paramount in all policy pronouncements. He told the students that the "No fee, no examination" policy was a decision of the Senate, which is the highest academic policy-making body of the University, pointing out that the Dean, Professor Anthony Ataga, was merely implementing the decision of Senate on the matter, contrary to the erroneous impression created amongst students that he was against them by applying the decision.

Earlier, spokesperson for the students, Mr. Datubo Allison, a Fourth Year Geology and Mining Student, said that they embarked on a peaceful demonstration in order to make their demands known to the authorities after a formal letter regarding their plight in the Programme had been sent to Management without immediate response. Other students also took time to express their grievances, which the Vice-Chancellor promised would be addressed by authorities of the University to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.

Institute Holds Orientation For Pre-Degree Students

By Mercy Adeniji

As a way of acquainting new intakes with the basic principles involved in the Pre-degree programme, the Institute of Education in the Faculty of Education organised an orientation exercise for its students last Tuesday.

Addressing the students at the Convocation Arena, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who was represented by the Director, Institute of Education, Professor Joseph Okoh, commended the students for gaining admission into the Pre-Degree programmes of the University. "This Orientation programme is our way of formally recognising that you are in the University and we hope that you study hard to gain full admission into this great citadel of learning as bona fide students".

Professor Okoh, who recalled that the programme was formally known as Certificate programme, but now called Pre-Degree programme, stated that the National Universities Commission (NUC) recognises three programmes which are: Adult and Non-Formal Education, Human Kinetics and Theatre Arts to be run in

each originating institution.

Citing a letter written to Management by one of the students, Professor Okoh, expressed gratitude to students for bringing their academic and personal matters to the attention of Management for clarification, promising to address such issues on time. He further charged the students to be disciplined and respect the rules and regulations governing the University, advising them to study hard to justify the fees being paid by their parents.

Also speaking, Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs Dorcas Otto, congratulated the students, urging them to work hard and make effort to gain admission into the Institution. "Your certificates must be genuine, with your names in full. Some Candidates have lost their admission due to wrong spelling and abbreviations of their names on their Certificates. I encourage you to start on a good note and take into cognizance all that has been said", she noted.

In his contribution, Chief Security Officer, Lt. Col. Reginald Isiguzo (rtd), who spoke on security issues, called on the students to be vigilant during their stay in

the University. "Our security lies in our own hands as it depends on the security measures we take to safeguard ourselves. Shun anything that can distract you from your studies, such as armed robbery, kidnapping, fighting, cultism and extortion", he said, advising students to learn to manage the resources given to them by their parents and guardians and always live a modest life to avoid being noticed by criminals.

Director, Skills Acquisition, Professor Oledinma Nwanna-Nzewunwa also congratulated the students for choosing University of Port Harcourt and for conducting themselves well. She commended them for coming out en-mass to grace the event, appealing to them to bear with Management as plans are on to provide a conducive learning environment for them. She expressed gratitude to authorities of the University for supporting the Institute.

Others who spoke to the students were: Mrs Elizabeth Okey-Wali, who represented the Director, Information Communication and Technology Centre (ICTC), Professor Anthony Ibe, Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi, who was represented by Mr Joseph Nwachukwu and Faculty Officer, Faculty of Education, Mr David Anyanwu.



Director of the Institute, Prof Okoh (centre) flanked by Director, Skills Acquisition, Prof Nwanna-Nzewunwa (left) and Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs Otto (left), Immediate past Ag. Director of the institute, Dr Osaat and other participants

New Pro-Chancellor Pledges Support For Infrastructural Dev In UNIPORT

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and communication. From the initial discussions I had with the Vice-Chancellor, it is obvious that we are saddled with a lot of problems and we need to commence action immediately to tackle them headlong to justify the confidence reposed in us by the Federal Government".

The Pro-Chancellor, who said that he was looking forward to a cordial working relationship with Management, expressed willingness to make personal financial sacrifices to enhance the infrastructural development of the Institution, identifying the East-West Road junction as a major source of concern that needed to be tackled promptly to ease traffic into the University. He promised that he would personally ensure that in the next 90 days, something concrete would be done to ease the chaotic traffic situation along that section of the road.

"The Council is only on ground to assist

Management carry out its onerous responsibility of day-to-day running of the University. You can count on us for the needed support to help you discharge your duties". On our part, we promise to make good policies for the effective running of the University that has achieved so much since it was established by the Federal Government", the new Governing Council Chairman assured all stakeholders in the affairs of the University.

Receiving the new Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, who presented a copy of the Statutes of the University to him, informed him that with the election of six Internal Members from Senate and Congregation, the new Governing Council has been fully

constituted to commence business. Professor Ajiienka, who briefed the new Pro-Chancellor on the state of the University, congratulated him and other Members on their appointment and election into the Governing Council of the University, promising that Management would give them all necessary cooperation to enable them succeed in their onerous national assignment.

Also on hand to receive the new Pro-Chancellor were, Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Ndaka, (Academic), Professor Igho Joe, (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim and Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi.



New Pro-Chancellor, Chief Asamaoewei (3rd from right) flanked by Registrar, Mrs Nnodim, DV-C (Admin), Prof Ndaka (right), V-C, Prof Ajiienka (centre), DV-Cs (R&D and Acad), Profs Willie-Abbey and Igho Joe (3rd & 1st left) and Bursar, Mr Aliezi

Winning The War Against Malaria

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and successive Nigerian Governments have so far deployed enormous resources to eradicate the dreaded malaria scourge that is graduating into a pandemic. Why have the stakeholders so far failed in combating the killer-disease? Our Correspondent, HUMPHREYOGU, sought answers from experts.



Prof Idemiyor

Health—especially in the battle against malaria which kills millions each year. Why?

"The MDGs on malaria and other infectious diseases are not attained because everyone ignores the Entomologists who are experts in the management of insects and the vector—mosquitoes that spread the parasites that cause the debilitating disease. Until attention is focused on the vector and Entomologists are involved in the fight against malaria, the MDGs on health, especially as they concern malaria would never be achieved," Noutcha observed.

Noutcha, who is a Vector Biologist, noted that if well managed, the monthly environmental sanitation scheme in the Rivers State has the potential of reducing the malaria scourge amongst the populace,

describing it as an environmental method of controlling mosquitoes that could reduce the disease burden over time.

"We need to prevent contacts between the vector and the host; between

the female anopheles and humans. Prevention is better and cheaper than cure," she noted, adding that there are water-beds everywhere around the University that must be eliminated to deny the anopheles a breeding ground.

Noutcha, who is also a Molecular Entomologist, regretted that "most people ignorantly stay outside at night till about 10 p.m. before sleeping under the nets," observing that mosquitoes start biting humans between 6 and 7 p.m. "Staying outside the nets between that time and 10 p.m. exposes one to the vectors that transmit the parasites known as *plasmodium falciparum*, which cause the disease in humans."

"Any country that wants to tackle malaria must put together a well-balanced and coordinated effort to implement what is on paper. It is not about talking or crowing from the rooftops. You can't roll back malaria by words of mouth alone. It is like a business; you have to set targets and work towards achieving them," said Professor Vincent Idemiyor of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science.

Dr Aline Edith Noutcha, a Lecturer in the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, exudes optimism on a good day, but her optimistic outlook on life doesn't extend to winning the battle against malaria just yet. She is very pessimistic about attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on



Dr Noutcha

GUIDE POST

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

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

Dr Clement Anwuri, Department of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 1st September, 2013 to 31st August, 2014.

Dr U. Uwaga, Department of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment* as Senior Lecturer, effective 29th March, 2013 to 28th March, 2014.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

Professor Steven Odi-Owei, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, granted a one-year *Renewal of Appointment*, effective 11th November, 2012 to 10th November, 2013.

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

Dr Bright Obasuyi, Department of Anaesthesiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, assumed duty as *Lecturer I*, effective 15th October, 2012.

PENSIONABLE APPOINTMENT

Mr Dagogo Ogan, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment* as Graduate Assistant, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Okari Karibo, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment* as Lecturer II, effective on assumption of duty.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Pharmacist Nkemakolam Nwachukwu, Department of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, granted *Review of Status* from Assistant Lecturer to *Lecturer II*, effective 12th July, 2012.

Mr John Lander Ichenwo, Department of Petroleum & Gas Engineering, College of Engineering, granted *Review of Status* from Assistant Lecturer to *Lecturer II*, effective 4th April, 2012.

Mr George Ohia, Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to *Assistant Lecturer*, effective 6th June, 2012.

Mrs Alice Ukwueze, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to *Assistant Lecturer*, effective 3rd October, 2012.

CHANGE OF NAME

MRS OLALEYE, SELE MERCY. Former Miss Warizeribe, Sele Mercy of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Faculty of Agriculture, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Olaleye, Sele Mercy. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

FAITH AMADI. Former Ngozi Amadi of the Faculty of Dentistry now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Faith Amadi. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.



Ag HOD, LCS, Dr Ihejirika, handing over the trophy to the female Captain, flanked by a Lecturer in the Dept, Mr Jones Ayuwo (right), President, LIMCOSSA, Humphrey Anokuru (left)



Winners of the Williamson, Emenanjo Cups pose for a group photograph

Year Two LCS Wins Williamson, Emenanjo Trophies

By Otikor Samuel

Second Year Class in the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, carted away two trophies at the maiden edition of

late Professor Kay Williamson and Professor 'Nolue Emenanjo Football Competitions which commenced penultimate Tuesday at the Convocation Arena playground.

The Class which won the Male and Female categories, played the Third Year Class in the Finals that took place last Wednesday. In addition to the trophies, the winners also went home with a cash prize of N20,000.00. The winners in the Female category defeated the rival class in a penalty shoot out, following a tough goalless contest at full time, while their male counterparts also won in their category, scoring each of the two goals to win in the first and second halves of the game.

Speaking before handing over the trophies to the winners, Acting Head of Department, Dr Walter Ihejirika, commended the students for exhibiting maturity throughout the competition, charging them to brace up to bring back the Dean's Cup to the Department.

The Acting HOD, who congratulated some of the players on their excellent performance, expressed optimism that some of them would be selected to represent the University, State and the nation in future.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12- SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 12 MAY, 2013	27.0 25.0	91	NE	2.9	6:18 6:38	Isolated thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day predicted. Light rain is expected.
MONDAY, 13 MAY, 2013	32.0 24.0	72	NE	6.6	6:18 6:38	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
TUESDAY 14 MAY, 2013	33.0 25.0	66	NE	7.6	6:18 6:38	A few thunderstorm anticipated. Day expected to be mostly cloudy and hot.
WEDNESDAY 15 MAY, 2013	32.0 24.0	54	NE	9.8	6:18 6:38	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.
THURSDAY 16 MAY, 2013	32.0 24.0	62	NE	4.0	6:18 6:39	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day predicted.
FRIDAY 17 MAY, 2013	33.0 24.0	65	N	6.5	6:18 6:39	Isolated thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day.
SATURDAY 18 MAY, 2013	33.0 24.0	56	N	4.1	6:18 6:39	Thunderstorm expected early in the day. Partly sunny and warm day.

VREMUDIA WEKPE
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

PROF SAMUEL AROKOYU
DIRECTOR, (CDRMDS)

SIWES Orientation Exercise

The Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) in conjunction with management of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) organised an Orientation exercise for students preparing for the 2012/2013 SIWES programme. The exercise held at the Convocation Arena, University Park on Tuesday, 30th April, 2013. Pictures show highlights of the event as captured by our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU.**



Area Manager of Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Mr Abdul-Rasaq Adeniran, (standing) during a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Joseph Ajenka (right), Head of Training, Mr Emmanuel Isiwu (left)



Prof Ajenka, handing over a copy of UNIPORT Weekly to the Area Manager, Mr Adeniran



Prof Ajenka, making a speech



Director SIWES, Prof Regina Ogali, presenting her address



Mr Abdul-Rasaq, addressing the students



V-C, Prof Ajenka, flanked by University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, DV-C (Acad) Prof Igbo Joe (right), ITF Area Head, Mr Adeniran, Director, SIWES, Prof Ogali (left), other Coordinators of SIWES UNIPORT, ITF staff and Registrar, Mrs Manilda Nnodim (2nd left)



Acting HOD, Fine Arts and Design, Dr Marshall Enenango, explaining the work exhibited by a student of the Department



Co-ordinator, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr Usman Zauka (1st right), showing V-C, Prof Ajenka and others varieties of seedlings produced in the Faculty Farm



Array of Batiks, Tie and Dye produced by a Final Year student, Miss Opudo Afagha of Department of Fine Arts & Design



Miss Joy Wohuruche, A Final Year student, Department of Fine Arts and Design, displaying her works



Prof Ajenka, (third right) and Registrar, Mrs Manilda Nnodim, inspecting shoes produced by Mr Olie Gbani of the Department of Fine Arts and Design



Dance troupe from Department of Theatre Art entertaining participants



A Cross-section of students at the ceremony