

V-C, Others, Task UDPS Graduating Class

Graduating pupils of the University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS) have been advised to exhibit the good qualities inculcated into them by their teachers during their days in the School. They have also been told to be worthy Ambassadors of their *Alma Mater*, as they prepare to commence the next phase of their educational career, reports *Mercy Adeniji*.

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Department of Nursing Science, Faculty of Clinical Sciences holds maiden Induction this morning at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Details next week. -Editor

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PCN Inducts 38 New Pharmacists

By Obinna Nwodin

The healthcare sector received a major boost last Thursday with the induction of 38 new Pharmacists into the profession by the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) at the 2nd Oath-Taking/Induction Ceremony of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Port Harcourt.

Performing the ceremony, which took place at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, Acting Registrar of the Council, Mrs Gloria

Abumere, charged the new Pharmacists to strive for excellence in their chosen profession, describing Pharmacy as a noble career line that requires diligence and hard work from practitioners.

Mrs Abumere stated that "Pharmacy, like every human endeavour, is dynamic and so the need for you to continuously update your knowledge cannot be overemphasized," stressing that "the Continuing Professional Development Programme is the veritable instrument which the Pharmacists Council of

Nigeria (PCN) officially ensures continuing competence of Pharmacists throughout their career."

Mrs Abumere reminded them that there is need to be up-to-date with current international best practices, adding that "the Council, along with the Faculties of Pharmacy nationwide, is building men and women of power; of exceptional intellectual prowess and competence, who would take their proper place among fellow professionals."

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UNIPOINT Graduates Win NYSC State Awards

By Otikor Samuel

No fewer than eight former students of the University had won Awards for distinguishing themselves at their various states of primary assignments in the National Youths Service Corps scheme. The awards were a testimony to the well-rounded education they acquired as students of the University.

Speaking with *Weekly* last Monday, the Department of Fisheries, Inemesit presented her Certificate for

UNIPORT a Graduate of Animal Science & Udom, who Award outstand



Nnadozie displaying his award

ing performance and contribution to the development of Ebonyi State, signed by the Governor, Chief Martin Elechi, disclosed that she undertook three significant projects as her Personal Community Development Services (PCDS) to win the award.

The projects, according to her, were a mini-fish hatchery for rearing of *clarias gariepinus*, a species of catfish, training of over 100 women and young people and donation of furniture to Uguachara Community Primary School, Abakaliki. "The mini-fish hatchery is the very first ever built in the Ministry of Agriculture. It has capacity for over 2,000 fingerlings after the first harvest. I spawned the fingerlings and also trained staff of the Ministry to produce the fish in large quantity," Miss Udom said.

The Ex-Corps member also trained over 100 women and young people on a three-month skills acquisition on bread-making, pastries, liquid soap, perfume, air freshener and vaseline pomades, which led to a graduation ceremony that was graced by various stakeholders, including the Ebonyi State Ministry of Economic Empowerment & Poverty Reduction, which promised to provide loans to the women to start small-scale businesses.

Similarly, a Graduate of the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, Chinonso Nnadozie, who served in Osun State received the State Honours Award

and was also recognised as the third Best Corps Member for the 2012 Batch 'B' that passed out last month. Mr Nnadozie, was recognised as a Development Knowledge Facilitator by the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Community Development Service (CDS).

Other UNIPORT Ex-Corps Members, who received State Honours Awards for the 2011 Batch 'C' were four Medical Doctors namely: Drs Ateke Joshua, Ovundah Nyeche, Donald Ogolo and Alamina Belema. The unique Alumni, who served in Kogi, Ekiti, Ebonyi and Lagos States, respectively, distinguished themselves during their Service Year, while Drs Joshua, Nyeche and Ogolo emerged overall Best Corps Members in their States of deployment.



Udom

STUDENT WORLD

I'm Researching On New Drug For Diabetes Control ~Nwauche

As Diabetes continues to remain a major health challenge in the country, KELECHI NWAUCHE, a Master of Science Student in the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, has embarked upon research on a new drug to complement available treatment for the disease. He spoke with our Correspondent, HUMPHREYOGU on his research.

Worried by the rising spate of diabetes in society, Kelechi Nwauche, who took a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry at the Imo State University, Owerri, is now completing a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Medical Biochemistry in the University of Port Harcourt, where his main concern is how to tackle the killer disease, with minimal or no side effects on patients.

Nwauche, whose thesis is titled: "Phytochemical, Some Liver Function Test and Lipid-Lowering Effect of Costus after Stem Aqueous Extract on Streptozotocin-Induced Diabetic Male Rat", observed that diabetes is now on the increase, compelling most diabetic patients to depend on drugs throughout their lives. He noted that most of such drugs have adverse effects on the patients—they could harm the liver, kidneys or other organs and tissues, regretting that drug manufacturers do not disclose the side effects of their products in their bid to make profit.

Nwauche cited hepatitis, resulting from the inflammation of the liver, as a possible side effect of some existing drugs. "The essence of this research is to find possible ways of developing a new drug that would be used in the management of diabetes, with little or no side effects on the patient and at the same time lowering their glucose level," he disclosed, adding that when developed, the drug would also be used to treat other diabetes-related ailments, such as hyperlipidemia, and management of diabetic-induced liver problems.

"What we do here is to extract phytochemicals contained in plants,

induce diabetes into rats and treat them for a period of nine weeks, and then we confirm diabetes through the use of streptozotocin—a chemical used for induction of diabetes in animal studies.

"We are looking at the hypoglycaemic effects of the plant on the streptozotocin-induced animal, lipid-lowering of the plants on the pancreas and heart. When we get a good conclusion, we would be in

a position to recommend the plant for production of orthodox medicine or herbal drugs to be administered on diabetic patients with a specified dosage," he said.

Nwauche who cited finance as his major challenge, disclosed that his research project is capital-intensive, emphasising the need for public-spirited individuals and corporate organisations to assist graduate students by funding their research work.

He advocated regular monthly or quarterly interactive sessions between Graduate students and management of the College to tackle challenges faced by students, stating that the College of Graduate Studies Orientation programme, which holds yearly cannot handle all the matters that arise in an academic year. Commending his Supervisors, Professor Comfort Monago and Dr Frank Onwuka,

for their support in the course of his research, Nwauche expressed delight over the construction of a new Graduate College building, stressing the need for more classrooms and laboratories to accommodate students in their studies and research.



Nwauche

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DV-C (Admin), Prof Nduka and others admiring products made by Vilawa Nenubari, and Dominion Awviri, Pupils of UDPS

V-C, Others, Task UDPS Graduating Class

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, gave the advice at the 2012/2013 End-of-Year Graduation/Prize Giving Ceremony of the School held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Tuesday.

Professor Joseph Ajienka, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, commended the pupils for successfully passing through the School, a feat he described as a turning point in their academic pursuit. The Vice-Chancellor stated that the beautiful exhibition displayed by the pupils was indicative of their ability to be successful in future.

"We want you to work hard and excel in all your future endeavours. You must always remember your *Alma Mater* in whatever you do and wherever you may find yourself. From our findings over the years, we have seen that many of our children, who pass through this School, have excelled in their chosen professions. This is because of the commitment and the level of exposure and experience the teachers have; we must build that confidence in them, so that the School can continue to compete favourably with its counterparts in the country", he said, promising that Management would continue to work for the progress of the School by putting in place the required infrastructure and resources that would motivate staff and pupils to improve on their output.

Chairman of the occasion and Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor Hakeem Fawehinmi, congratulated the pupils for exhibiting outstanding qualities while in School, urging them to go out and prove themselves worthy graduates of UDPS.

"Today is a day of intellectual harvest in the vineyard of God. Intellectual harvest is not only for tertiary education; it starts now in the formative years of the child. This is the time to groom the children to become leaders of tomorrow. It is also the toddler stage which is the most vulnerable period for domestic accidents. I am glad we are training these pupils well," he noted.

He recalled that he was opportune to be Chairman of the Board of the School at a time when it was beginning to gain ground, expressing satisfaction that the UDPS has maintained standard over the years. The

Chairman expressed hope that the *Valedictorian*, Amadi Stephen and other pupils would continue to make the School proud as they forge ahead in their educational pursuit.

In her address, Administrator of the School, Dr Ibironke Kosemani, congratulated the graduating pupils, charging them to continue to represent their *Alma Mater* well wherever they may find themselves.

"You must put in your best, be confident and focused in your approach to the challenges of life and continue to demonstrate that you are good pupils of UDPS", she advised them. Dr Kosemani also commended the teachers for their contributions, thanking the parents for sending their wards to the School.

Also speaking, Chaplain of Our Saviours Chapel (OSC), Reverend Kelechi Francis, admonished the pupils to always imbibe the good values passed on to them by their teachers

and those before them, urging them to pursue success through hard work and continue to make their families proud. "As you leave UDPS, you are moving over to greater heights. To achieve success in life, there are three things you must know: listen to the advice of your parents, be determined to succeed, be courageous and don't forget your foundation", he said.

The event which featured launching of the third edition of the School's *Year Book*, Arts Exhibition by pupils, cultural displays, a performance of the *Woman of Calabar*, a play written by Writer-in-Residence in the University, Dr Elechi Amadi and directed by a Lecturer in the Department of Theatre Arts, Dr Faith Ken-Aminikpo, by the out-going class, as well as presentation of prizes to deserving pupils. A total of 25 pupils passed out from the School.

Other dignitaries present were: former Chairman of the Board of Governors, Professor Owunari Georgewill and incumbent Chairman, Dr Ofonime Ndioho, among others.

Onyige, Eketu, Ebong Get Platinum Award

By Otikor Samuel

Three teaching staff of the University were among other distinguished personalities that received this year's Woman of Excellence Merit Award and African Credibility Gold Award organized by the Platinum Standard Publications Ltd at the Nigerian National Merit Award House, Maitama, Abuja.

The recipients were Dr Chioma Onyige of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Science, who received the *Women of Excellence Merit Award*,

Dr Continue Eketu of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Faculty of Management Sciences and Professor Josephine Ebong, Department of Educational Management and Planning, Faculty of Education, were given the

African Credibility Gold Award by the Platinum Standard Publications Ltd.

In his remarks, Publisher, Supreme Magazine, which is an offshoot of Platinum Standard Publications Ltd, Mr Gabriel Dike, said Professor Ebong was selected for the award for distinguishing herself as an educationist, Dr Eketu was recognised as an erudite scholar for his proficiency in research on knowledge management and intellectual capital development, while Dr Onyige got the Merit Award as a young and dynamic academic.



Prof Ebong and Dr Eketu after receiving their Awards

As part of efforts aimed at alleviating the sufferings of families of their deceased members, the University of Port Harcourt Branch of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Education and Associated Institutions (NASU), has presented cash gifts to their next-of-kin. The Union

also used the event to further commiserate with the deceased families over the demise of their bread winners.

Handing over cheques for the sum of One hundred thousand naira to each of the benefiting families at the NASU Labour House, Delta Park, last Tuesday, Chairman of the Union, Mr Benson Young, who spoke on behalf of the Executive, said that the gesture was part of the decision of Congress to assist families of colleagues, who died in active service to the University.

"This is just our own way of sharing in their grief and also reminding them that their loved ones have not been forgotten by the Union and the University for the quality services they rendered in the line of duty", Young explained, urging them to invest the money wisely to yield lasting benefits for them. Reiterating the Union's commitment to the welfare of its members, the Chairman disclosed that NASU would continue to assist bereaved families with welfare packages to ease



NASU UniPort Chairman, Mr Young (arrowed), some EXCO members and beneficiaries of the welfare package

NASU UNIPORT Gives Succour To Departed Colleagues Families ... Holds Prayer Session

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

their sufferings.

Responding on behalf of the beneficiaries, Mr Isaac Nkomadu, expressed gratitude to the Union for rewarding the hard work of departed members, describing the gesture as highly commendable. "We want to thank NASU for deeming it fit to fill the gap created by the demise of our loved ones, who were the bread winners of

their various families", he added.

Meanwhile the Union held a one-day Prayer Session last Saturday at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park, to pray for longevity and welfare of its members and other staff of the University. The NASU Chairman explained that the high mortality rate among staff of the University prompted the prayer session which had several ministers of God in attendance.

UNIPORT Pledges To Implement Visitation Panel White Paper

By Obinna Nwodin

Authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have stressed the importance of the Presidential Visitation Panel to the overall development of the Institution. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, made the assertion in his office, last Monday, when he received an assessment Team from the Federal Ministry of Education to ascertain the level of implementation of the White Paper on the Visitation

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, the Vice-Chancellor said that "the exercise is important to us as an Institution. As a result of the exercise, we have been able to address quite a lot of the issues raised in the White Paper and we are happy we did".

He noted that the University is pleased with the development, noting that it would help the authorities to address issues that would help position the Institution for efficient service delivery.

"We appreciate the fact that this exercise is aimed at improving the University system. It would also complement the NEEDS Assessment report by the National Universities Commission (NUC), which is geared towards improving the system", he said, expressing hope that by the time the team completes its assignment, it would be pleased to note that "we have gone a long way in addressing areas of concern pointed out in the Report".

Earlier in her address, Team Leader, Dr (Mrs) Patience Efulue-Ejikeme, said their mission was to monitor and evaluate the level of implementation of the White Paper from the 2004-2010 Visitation Panel to Federal universities. She commended authorities of the University for the co-operation so far received and the prompt response in making available necessary documents that eased their assignment.

Also speaking, Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, thanked the Team for the visit, assuring members of Management's co-operation in facilitating their assignment.

Other members of the Team were: Mrs Chinyere Okeke, Mr Solomon Adeoti and Mrs Obiageli Ngalovu.



L-R: D V-C, (Admin), Prof Nduka, Prof Okeke, Registrar, Mrs Nnodim, V-C, Prof Ajenka, Team Leader, Dr (Mrs) Efulue-Ejikeme, Mr Adeoti, Mrs Ngalovu and Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi

The vision of establishing the Faculty of Agriculture appears to be paying off as the Faculty's Demonstration Farm has become the toast of the University and the neighbourhood. Conducting **UNI PORT Weekly** round the expansive Farm at Choba Park, last Tuesday, Chief Farm Officer, Mr Tubotamuno Lawson, disclosed that the

UniPort Demonstration Farm Commences Sale of Produce

In line with the entrepreneurial direction of the present administration, the Faculty of Agriculture Demonstration Farm, Choba Park, has again commenced sale of various farm produce and livestock, report HUMPHREY YOGU & MERCY ADENIJI.



explained the operational structures of their various Units, calling on the University community to patronise the Farm to buy quality products at affordable rates. Products available for sale on a daily basis include: fingerlings, eggs, rabbits, chicken, mushroom, oil palm seedlings, and nursery plants for both aesthetic and economic uses, among others.

Chief Farm Officer, Mr Lawson (left) and Unit Head, Livestock, Mr Ologboso (right) explaining points to UNI PORT Weekly

facility consists of nine Units namely: Fishery, Livestock, Poultry, Forestry, Wildlife, Commercial and Research, Farm Power and Machinery, Mushroom, Crop and Soil Units, adding that it also accepts and trains Interns on how to raise livestock, establish farms, treat animals, spawns and also develops new seedlings.

At the Livestock Unit, Mr Festus Ologboso, announced the availability of rabbits for sale. "We have two types of rabbits: New Zealand White and Dutch of different ages. We have the mature ones to sell for consumption. We also have laying birds which are fed from day old to 8 weeks with chick mash. He stressed the need for the University community and its environs to avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase quality products at a comparatively cheap rate.

"The Farm has unlimited capacity to raise funds for the University if proper investment is made to prop up the Faculty of Agriculture," Mr Ologboso said, appealing to Management to provide overtime and hazard allowance to staff at the Farm. "We deserve hazard allowance and overtime here. When we attend to the birds and animals, we face a lot of hazards, dust and ammoniac odour, which are very toxic and we work every day, including Saturdays, Sundays and even festive periods; we do not have holidays here," he disclosed. In their separate contributions, Unit Head, Fisheries, Mr Greg Okwuosa; Unit Head, Forestry, Mr John Nke-ee and Unit Head, Wildlife, Mr Adedotun Abdul Moroofo,



Interns picking eggs at the poultry

New Pharmacists Speak On Induction

It was celebrations galore as the long journey towards qualifying as Pharmacists came to a climax at the 2nd Oath-Taking Ceremony held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Thursday. Some of the Inductees, who spoke with our Correspondent, OTIKOR SAMUEL could not hide their joy.

Lilian Ogaraku, who was former Class Representative and Vice-President of the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of the Pharmaceutical Association of Nigerian Students (PANS), expressed gratitude to God for the successful completion of the five-year programme and Induction ceremony. Miss Ogaraku disclosed her passion for teaching, stating that she would like to go into academics and administrative aspects of Pharmacy. "I feel so happy that we have

successfully graduated at last. I would like to proceed for further studies after my Internship and national service," she said.

"It is indeed a thing of great joy that after the long and challenging journey, I am now a full-fledged Pharmacist. I want to contribute in changing the face of Pharmacy to make it a respected profession like others. I have to work to give a good account of myself as a Pharmacist that passed through a Unique University," said Ibitamuno Meshack-

Hart.

For Nengi Lawson, who served the Faculty Association as Director of Socials and Sports, the Induction was fun-filled. He was so much excited that years of toiling on Campus had culminated in a successful end. "37 of my colleagues and I are happy that at last, we made it and for me, this is a stepping stone to a better end. I see myself as a valuable addition to the profession," the new Pharmacist said.

Kesiena Abanum was also former Director of Socials for the Association in the Faculty, with interest in Community Pharmacy. Mr Abanum, who described the Oath-Taking Ceremony as a dream come true, expressed joy that the journey which began five years back, turned out successfully with the Induction, praising authorities of the University for impacting positively on them. "It is a journey many started, but only a few completed, so my happiness is immeasurable. This is an empowerment that would enable me explore the profession in totality."



Ogaraku

Lawson

Meshack-Hart

Abanum



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In his address, Vice Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who congratulated the Inductees on the successful completion of their programme, advised them to "strive harder to improve on the excellent culture of academic excellence and administrative efficiency they have so far established in the emergent Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences." The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that substantial investment, in both human and material resources, has been made in the Faculty, acknowledging that more was still required.

Professor Ajienka further revealed that the Faculty has grown to become an Institutional Member of the International Pharmacists Federation, Amsterdam, Netherlands, expressing hope that this rare feat would take the Faculty to higher pedestal, internationally.

Earlier in his address, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Oleka Udeala, said that "the essence of an Induction Ceremony is to have the professional body declare its agreement in public that the University has carried out its function of training, as well as exposing the students to the academic

disciplines necessary for their journey in their chosen profession satisfactorily, stressing that "what they obtain today is a Provisional Registration which initiates them into the practise under the supervision of Registered Pharmacists in a Health Institution, Industry and University approved by the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria."

Professor Udeala stated that that "the knowledge that you have acquired within the walls of the University comes under scrutiny, so does your integrity as attested to your character, as it pertains to respect for human life", disclosing that "by the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria Decree 91 of 1991, you are authorised to import, export, mix, compound, prepare, dispense, sell and distribute drugs and poisons. This is a heavy responsibility; I hope you divest yourselves of *laissez faire* approach to your work in practise of the profession so that the balance sheet of your

performance will always record Credit."

In a Keynote Address, Director, Pharmaceutical Services, Rivers State, Dr (Mrs) Elizabeth Didia, said that "the greatest challenge facing the profession is the attitudinal inadequacies of the

practitioners", adding that "many Pharmacists have not realized their responsibilities within the current philosophy of the practice." Dr (Mrs) Didia, whose address was titled, "Challenges of Pharmacy in Nigeria", stated that due to low density of Pharmacists in the country, large portion of drug provision is handled by Patent and Propriety Vendors License (PMVL) Holders. In her speech, Best Graduating Student (BGS), Miss Pokuboye-Amakiri Bala, thanked authorities of the University for the quality of training they received in the School, assuring them that they would do their best to uphold the name of their *Alma Mater*.

Highlights of the event, which also included goodwill messages from the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Professor Aaron Ojule, who was represented by Dr Abiodun Arigbede and Provost College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani, were presentation of Provisional Certificates to the New Pharmacists by the PCN, as well as presentation of Award to the Best Graduating Student.

CSSA Trains Corps Members On New Skills

By Mercy Adeniji

Director of the Centre, Professor Oledinma Nwanna-Nzewunwa, made the disclosure to *UNIPORT Weekly* in her office, last Tuesday, disclosing that the Centre was approved by Senate in June, 2012, following the restructuring of the Institute of Education, which now houses four new Centres, namely: Sandwich and Skill Acquisition, Kindergarten Education, Pre-service training and Re-training of Teachers and Higher Education.

The Director, who stated that the Centre trained the Corps members on valuable skills, said the State Co-ordinator of NYSC is collaborating with the Centre to realise the goals, adding that some faith-based and Non-governmental organisations have also indicated interest in training their members at the Centre.

"The Centre runs a Pre-degree programme for nine months, while those that are successful would be eligible for admission into the degree programme of the University through a competitive computer-based Entrance Examination. The entry qualification would be the West African School Certificate (WASC) Ordinary Level or its equivalent from the National Examination Council (NECO)," Professor Nwanna-Nzewunwa disclosed, adding that the Centre would also prepare students for the Joint Admissions Matriculation Examination (JAMB) and the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE). This is in addition to training interested candidates on Vocational, Environmental and Technical skills, amongst others.

She noted that the Centre which has *Knowledge for Skills Acquisition and Sustainable National Development* as its Motto, is intended to address the unemployment crisis facing youths in the country and restiveness in the Niger Delta region through professionalism, entrepreneurship and employment generation, through short executive courses, in-service training, refresher courses, apprenticeship and industrial attachment.

Corroborating the view of the Director, a Lecturer in the Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Dr Felix Nte, said the programme is in line with the entrepreneurial vision of the present administration.

"I have proper orientation on the general focus of the programme, which aims at training and empowering students with practical skills to enable them positively impact on the community and become employers of labour on graduation, rather than job seekers. Such skills include: driving, computer communication, machine operation, carpentry and furniture-making, design and building, pest control, occupational health and safety, aquaculture and quality control and assurance, amongst vocations," Dr Nte, also a Co-ordinator of Centre for Higher Education, disclosed.

Dr Nte



Director, CSSA, Prof Nwanna-Nzewunwa

In line with the new academic policy aimed at empowering students and graduates of tertiary institutions with appropriate skills needed for self-reliance and capacity-building, the new Centre for Sandwich and Skills Acquisition (CSSA), has taken its training programmes to the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).



GUIDE POST

APPOINTMENT

Mr Barilee Baridam, Department of Computer Sciences, Faculty of Physical Sciences & Information Technology, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, appointed **Coordinator, General Studies (GES) 101 Programme**. The appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on 23rd July, 2015.

STUDY LEAVE

Mr Justus Dike, Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering, granted a one-year **Study Leave with Pay** to enable him pursue a Doctoral Degree programme in Electrical Engineering, effective February 2013 to February, 2014.

Miss Ruth Kinako, Lagos Liaison Office, granted a one-year **Study Leave with Pay** to enable her undertake a Pre-NCE programme at the School of Vocational Education, Department of Home Economics, Federal College of Education (Technical), Omoku, effective February 2013 to February, 2014.

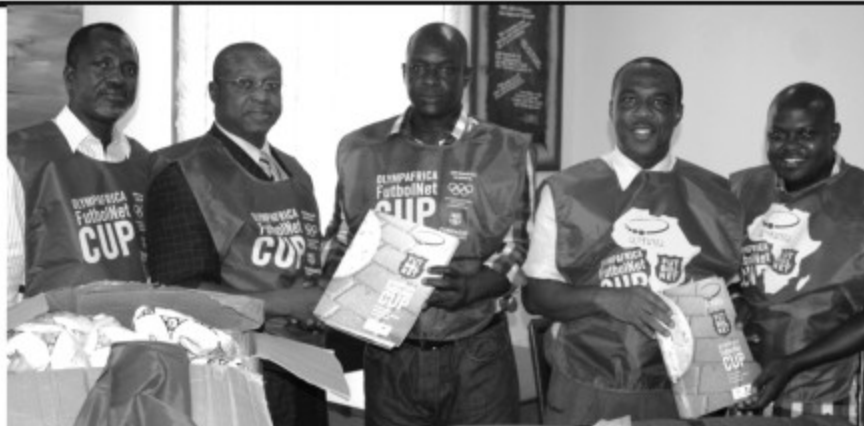
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PH BOOK FESTIVAL 2013

The Port Harcourt Book Festival (PHBF) formerly known as *Garden City Literary Festival* announces this year's festival to be jointly hosted with the University between 21st and 26th October, 2013. A Letter dated 5th July, 2013, addressed to the Vice-Chancellor and signed by the Festival Director, Mrs Koko Kalango, disclosed that the University would host the opening ceremony, where the Department of English Studies and a troupe from the Institute of Arts and Culture would coordinate academic symposium and stage performances, amongst other events.

POWER OUTAGE

Members of staff and residents are hereby advised to adjust to a new power supply arrangement at night and morning hours. A Memo issued by the Director, Works and Services Department, Mr Jubrin Inede, alerted the University Community that power supply would be seriously affected, owing to the shutdown of Afam VI Power Plant, stating that electricity supply to the University would be solely generated from the power plants at the various Parks.



L-R: Head, Protocol & Logistics, Dr Sylvester Udeorah, D V-C (Acad), Prof Joe, Technical Director of Olympafrica, Mr Sambe, Director of Sports, Dr Anugweje and Country Rep of NOC, Mr Ibrahim, at the official commencement of the Centre

Samsung Soccer Fiesta To Hold In UNIPORT Aug 7

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

A head of the proposed soccer Fiesta to be hosted in the University between August 7th and 24th 2013, Director of Sports, Dr Ken Anugweje, has disclosed that the event which is sponsored by electronics giant, Samsung Plc under the auspices of Olympafrica Centre and University of Port Harcourt, is aimed at attracting young and talented players to the High Performance Centre sponsored by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). Briefing *UNIPORT Weekly* on the development last Tuesday, Dr Anugweje said that the eagerly-awaited Fiesta was targeted at pupils and students at the primary, secondary schools levels and Football Clubs in Rivers State. "The Samsung Cup competition is also intended to select best players for the famous FC Barcelona Football Academy in Spain", he said, assuring prospective participants of Olympafrica's commitment to youth development through sports. "One of the goals of the Centre is to create academies for various sporting activities, where young athletes would be trained to unleash their inherent potentials as part of our objective of building their careers", he stressed. Disclosing that the Fiesta is open to young persons aged between 13 and 15, the Sports

Director said that the *Samsung Cup* is affiliated to Chelsea Football Club of England. He noted that plans are also on to hold athletics competition to select gifted athletes for the Athletics Academy. "The concept of Olympafrica International is that participants should not be above 17 years, but here in the University, we have reduced the age limit to 15 years to allow participants two extra years of training at the Academy", he pointing out, adding that the winning team would have an opportunity to commence trials at Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea Club.

Reiterating that the Centre is also committed to ensuring that young players do not choose sports at the expense of their education, Dr Anugweje said that those selected would be mentored to complete their basic education before they would be allowed to venture into professional sporting activity. He disclosed that Footballer, Andre Inista of Barcelona Football Club, is expected in the University later in the year as *FIFA Value Respect Ambassador*.

Director of Olympafrica Centre, Dr Chukwuemeka Agi, is Coordinator of the event, while Mr Deinma Tamunokoru, is designated Coach.



Dr Anugweje

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (AM) (PM)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 28 JULY, 2013	30.0 24.0	72	NE	2.9	6:28 6:48	Rain showers expected late in the day. Broken clouds and warm day anticipated.
MONDAY 29 JULY, 2013	30.0 22.0	65	NE	-	6:28 6:48	Mostly cloudy and warm day expected.
TUESDAY 30 JULY, 2013	31.0 21.0	63	E	-	6:28 6:48	Mostly cloudy and warm day expected.
WEDNESDAY 31 JULY, 2013	27.0 22.0	67	NE	-	6:28 6:48	Mostly cloudy and mild day anticipated.
THURSDAY 01 JULY, 2013	28.0 21.0	69	N	-	6:29 6:48	More clouds than sun. Mild day forecasted.
FRIDAY 02 JULY, 2013	28.0 21.0	64	NE	-	6:29 6:48	More sun than clouds. Day anticipated being warm.
SATURDAY 03 JULY, 2013	29.0 21.0	65	NE	-	6:29 6:48	Partly sunny and warm day expected.

3rd Port Harcourt Petroleum Mini-Roundtable

The Emerald Institute of Energy, Economics Policy and Strategy held its 3rd Port Harcourt Petroleum Mini-Roundtable at the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS). Participants drawn from the oil and gas sector and the academia examined the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB), undergoing legislative scrutiny. Our Cameraman, HEADMANALU captured the highlights.



Director, IPS, Prof Mike Onyekonwu, welcoming the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, to the event



Assistant Director, Emerald Energy Institute, EEL, Dr Eme Ekekwe, welcoming the DV-C (R&D) Prof Bene Willie Abbey



Former V-C, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs and Provost College of Engineering, Prof Dulu Appah



V-C, Prof Ajenka and Professor Mike Oti



Chairman of the event, Dr Emmanuel Egbogah represented by Vice-Chairman, Emerald Energy Service, Mr Jude Awasefula, flanked on his right by V-C, Prof Ajenka and Keynote Speaker, Dr Joseph Ellah



Acting Director, Emerald Energy Institute, Professor Joel Ogbonna, giving a welcome address



V-C, Prof Ajenka, addressing participants



Participants listening to a presentation



Dr Joseph Ellah giving a keynote address



D V-C, (R&D) Professor Willie Abbey, making a presentation



Assistant Director, Emerald Energy Institute, Dr Ekekwe, presenting his paper



A front view of Resource persons at the event



A cross section of participants