



CIPM To Partner UniPort On Staff Dev

The Rivers State Branch of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM) has disclosed willingness to partner the University to establish a Personnel Practitioners Consultative Association (PPCA) for the benefit of staff, who are registered members of the Institute and students desirous of seeking careers in Human Resources Management, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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The Samsung-sponsored sports fiesta under the auspices of Olympiad Centre in the University kicks off from Wednesday, 7th August to Saturday, 24th August, 2013 at the Sports Complex, University Park. Details next week - *Editor*

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NMCN Inducts 79 Pioneer Nurses

It was an admixture of backslapping, clinking of glasses, warm embraces, congratulatory messages and photo sessions that greeted the induction of 79 pioneer Nurses trained by the Department of Nursing Science in the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN), last Monday. Performing the very impressive Induction Ceremony at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, Acting Registrar of the Council, Mrs Eunice Azuikwe, who was represented by Dr Glory Obong, advised the newly-inducted Nurses to always abide by the ethics of the profession, reminding

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By Obinna Nwodin

them that the Oath-taking ceremony was a serious covenant between the new Nurses and the Council, which compels them to abide by the ethics of the profession at all times. She also reminded them that the Nursing profession is a noble one, even as they were advised to work hard to excel in it as properly-trained professionals in one of Nigeria's leading universities. In his commencing address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who

congratulated the Inductees on the successful completion of their prescribed course of study, charged them to be worthy ambassadors of the University. He advised them to "maintain diligence and excellence in service to humanity, ensuring that the best professional practices are maintained at all times". The Vice-Chancellor, who congratulated the new Nurses for the quality education they received in the University, advised them to justify the huge resources expended on their training

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DPPD Opens Contract Bids In UniPort

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As part of efforts aimed at improving infrastructural facilities in the University, the Department of Physical Planning and Development (DPPD) Unit in the Office of Vice-Chancellor, last Friday, opened bids for various contracts, following the expiration of the period stipulated in the advertisements placed in the *Federal Tenders Journal* and some national dailies inviting interested Contractors to bid for the jobs. Speaking at the Pre-qualification and Tenders Sub-Committee meeting which had Chairmen of the Nigeria Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Nigeria Institute of Engineers, Nigeria Institute of Architects, Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (ASUU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and allied unions as observers in attendance, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, assured prospective Contractors of total transparency and due process as a means of ensuring that competent bidders are selected to do the jobs.

The Vice-Chancellor, who stressed the need for quality job delivery under proper supervision by the DPPD, advised successful bidders to keep to the stipulated deadline for the completion of the jobs to make them eligible for new jobs in the University.

Director of DPPD, Collins Amietubodie, who supervised the Tenders opening session, said that a total of 16 projects sponsored by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), including

rehabilitation of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences building and laboratories, procurement of teaching and research equipment for the College, construction of the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies and a Petroleum Museum building, were open for the bidding process.

National Universities Commission (NUC) and TETFund Representative, Mr Jide Oluokun, who described the entire bidding process as characterized by due process and openness, cautioned the Contractors against engaging in influence-peddling to secure the contracts, which he said would only be given to competent bidders. "There is no sentiment or partiality in this business. All bids were opened and addressed before everybody to ensure that only qualified Contractors would

be selected to execute the projects when they are eventually awarded", he added.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Eshelbert Nduka; University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwode; Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nwamini represented by Director, Personnel Affairs, Mr Rowland Wahali; University Bursar, Mr Vitalis Alizi represented by Mr Abel Ejiofor and Procurement Officer, Mr Philip Amadi, also witnessed the bidding process.



DPPD Director, Amietubodie supervising the Tenders Opening Session as V-C, Prof Ajienka and others watch

STUDENT WORLD

I'm Determined To Solve Outliers Puzzle ~Onyeukwu

After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics/Statistics and a Postgraduate Diploma in Economics from the University of Port Harcourt, Eneke Onyeukwu is back to obtain the Master of Science Degree from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Physical Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences. He shared his research interest with our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU.

Eneke Onyeukwu is on a mission to solve the puzzle of outliers, which has been of major concern to Statisticians and others in the business of grading students' results and handling of data. He chose his *thou Mater*, UniPort.

Onyeukwu, who disclosed that he is working on a thesis titled: "Comparative Analysis of Estimating and Discarding Outliers", supervised by notable Statistician and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Eshelbert Nduka, cited student who scored in a number of subjects, suddenly

scores abysmally low or records outright failure in another subject as a typical example of outlier, explaining that "an outlier is when someone is excelling in a particular area and suddenly drops in other related subjects."

"A highlier is supposed to remain a highlier. So, we need to investigate why a highlier will fly in some areas and crash elsewhere. A case arose in a certain Department, where a student scored A in some courses, and out-rightly failed one course. This caused uproar at a Departmental Staff Meeting. So I decided to take up the challenge of unravelling the mystery. I compare the way this thing works and estimate, get some values, check for outliers, carry out tests on them and try to find out why they occur," he pointed out.

"In the course of my research, I have discovered that outliers have come to stay. They are normal human phenomena. For instance, some students use their time well, focussing on their studies all the time, while others play all the time. Those who spend time playing are likely to become outliers during examinations. Sometimes, outliers are caused by situational differences," Onyeukwu said. Onyeukwu, who noted that outliers can be either positive or negative, pointed out that when a student scores 90 in virtually all his courses and suddenly scores 40 in another one, it becomes an outlier. Similarly, when a student scores an average of 40 and suddenly scores 90 in one subject, 90 becomes an outlier.

"If ten students take a course and one of them scores 80, but in a particular course, he scores 40, that is an outlier, because of what he had in other

courses. There is a need to investigate why he had 40 in that particular course," Onyeukwu said.

"In my findings, I discovered that if a highlier records failure in a course, the lecturer in charge of such a course should be investigated to determine what happened. Maybe he is not good at imparting knowledge. If a student, who is generally poor fails we don't call that outlier, but if he performs excellently, we check if he cheated. If we find no proof, we just assume that the student has improved; otherwise, we believe that he must have copied from a colleague. So, he has to be investigated," he explained.

Onyeukwu, who spends most of his time online and in the Library said: "Sometimes you can have data of about 20 persons and you now have about six persons having the same scores, it may not be an outlier. That is a challenge. You need to do some statistical tests to ascertain if they are outliers. When it occurs in a set, it may not be an outlier; a test would be required to prove that."

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Onyeukwu

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Chairman of the Branch, Mr Steve Ojeh, who led executive members of the Institute on a courtesy visit to the Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, last Tuesday, explained that the PPCA would become an umbrella body of the Institute in the University and a Centre of Excellence that would organize conferences, seminars and workshops in addition to training students on the rudiments of job placement to ease the rising tide of unemployment in the country. "PPCAs are already functional in Lagos State. It is just an extension of the Institute in your University", he added. Chairman, Training and Development Committee (TDC), Mr Barine Gbosi, Chairman, Membership Committee, Mr Godfrey Agorom, Secretary TDC, Mrs Abigail Abajue, Administrative Secretary, Albert Ogodu

and Financial Secretary, Dr Njideka Ebisi, who also spoke on other benefits of PPCA, said it provides knowledge-sharing opportunities and bridges the gap between the academia and the private sector in the drive towards improved productivity.

Welcoming the delegation, Registrar, Mrs Nnodim, described the proposed collaboration as a wholesome idea that would greatly benefit the University. "Our University is desirous of training staff to enable them give of their best to the system. You could work with the Staff

Training and Development Unit (STDU) and the Association of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators (ANUPA) to train non-teaching staff", she said, adding that in line with the entrepreneurial vision of the University, the students would benefit from whatever trainings that may be provided by the PPCA to update their knowledge and improve their productivity.

Directors Personnel Affairs, Mr Rowland Wahali; Academic, Mrs Dorcas Otto; Council Affairs, Dr Dakoru Charles-Granville; Student Affairs, Mrs Bridget Nzimiro and Junior Staff Officer, Mrs Elizabeth Ndioho, were also present at the event.



(6th from left) Branch Chairman, Mr Ojeh, Registrar, Mrs Nnodim, flanked by officials of the University and CIPM

Female Candidates Emerge Best Performers At 2013 PUTME

By Otokor Samuel

Two female candidates, Olie, Nueka Sandra and Obeche, Raluchukwu Judith, scored the highest marks at the just-concluded Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (PUTME) conducted by the University of Port Harcourt. Each of them coincidentally scored 336 out of 400 at the Computer-Based Test (CBT) for candidates seeking admission into the University for the 2013/2014 academic session.

Director of the Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC), Professor Anthony Ibe, who made the disclosure to *UNI-PORT Weekly* in his office last Wednesday, further revealed that the candidates

applied for admission to study Accounting in the Faculty of Management Sciences and Computer Science in the Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, respectively. Describing the 2013 CBT as better organized than the preceding year, the Director said the number of applications dropped by 50 per cent, probably due to Management's resolve to downsize admission of students in line with the carrying-capacity of each Department. "One of

the unique features of this year's CBT is that we did not crowd the examination; we spread it out and stipulated time for examinations to ensure convenience for the candidates, who knew exactly when to report for their papers," he added.

Professor Ibe stated that strict security equipment were installed at strategic locations to capture the candidates when they logged in and out after the examination, which facilitated the arrest of impostors, regretting that die-hard examination contractors had not learnt from the lesson of past years when suspected fraudsters were tracked down and handed over to security agents.

"Fraudsters are still defrauding unsuspecting Post-UTME candidates with fake promises of manipulating results in their favour. Such gullible candidates should know that this is not possible. My advice is that they should save themselves the headache that will certainly follow their resort to self-help in their desperate bid to secure admission into the University. Do not pay anybody," the Director warned, adding that admission is based on each candidate's score which would finally be determined by the appropriate authorities.

Professor Ibe also said that there was no serious challenge at this year's examination as the Centre had strengthened weaknesses observed from previous examinations by putting adequate measures in place to address any issue that would have militated against the successful conduct of the exercise.



Miss Obeche

Miss Olie

A non-governmental organization, the **Aminu Musa Abdulalami Foundation (AMAF)**, has donated 35 Dell Notebook Computers to facilitate learning in the University of Port Harcourt.

Handing over the Computers and accessories to authorities of the Institution last Monday, Personal Assistant to Founder of the Foundation, Ursula Odeh, said that the gesture was part of the objectives of the Foundation, which was set up in 2010 by a business mogul, Alhaji Abdullahi Musa Bello, who she said was very passionate about improving the health and education sectors of Nigeria. She disclosed that the Foundation had already visited Sokoto, Niger, Kaduna and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to donate health equipments and was now donating facilities to educational institutions such as the University of Port Harcourt.

Odeh also stated that the Foundation had deep interest in education and health matters, which she said formed critical components of the nation's drive towards the reduction of social inequalities, hoping that the gesture would add to the improvement of service delivery in the University.

Receiving the items, a visibly delighted Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, expressed gratitude to the Foundation for the gesture, pointing out that such acts of philanthropy contributed to the advancement of society, in addition to immortalizing the donor's name. He assured the Foundation that the Computers would be dedicated to the establishment of a Telemedicine Laboratory in the College of Health Sciences to facilitate learning.

"We would like to give the Laptops to the College of Health Sciences to enable it open a digital Laboratory in Telemedicine that could be named after the Foundation."

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By Obinna Nwodin

The Vice-Chancellor, who described Alhaji Bello as a great Nigerian, whose philanthropic gesture

was worthy of emulation, stated that by such a singular act of philanthropy, the donor had become a valued Friend of the University of Port Harcourt.



V-C, Prof Ajenka receiving a set of the computers from Ms Odeh

Day UDPS Pupils Thrilled Audience With Drama

That University of Port Harcourt is a breeding ground for performing artists is no longer news. What is news is that pupils of the University of Port Harcourt Demonstration Primary School have also the capacity to thrill any theatre audience in the world. Our

Correspondent, HUMPHREYOGU, writes

It was the 2012/2013 Graduation cum Prize-giving Ceremony of the University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS). The expansive Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium at the University Park was filled to capacity. The audience was impressive with the likes of Writer-in-Residence, Dr Elechi Amadi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, Deputy Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Ogunwari Georgewill, and Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences,

Professor Hakeem Fawchinn, who chaired the event, among other dignitaries. Parents of the Pupils and Staff of the School were also on hand to applaud the excellent performances of the pupils. Highlights of the prize-giving event, which took place penultimate Tuesday, included a cultural dance by the pupils, which kept the audience nodding their heads in approval and tapping their feet on the floor to the rhythms of the traditional tunes. The outgoing pupils staged Elechi Amadi's *The Woman of Calabar* to the applause of the

audience, including the Playwright himself. The pupils' adept interpretation of the play was quite impressive.

Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly* after the performance, author of the play, Dr Amadi said: "It is indeed a very wonderful performance. I couldn't believe that children of that age could act the play, until I saw them do it. I am very impressed and I am sure that they would be great actors and actresses in future."

"My advice to the teachers is that they should keep up the good work, because they are doing very well. When you expose children early to this kind of things, they grow with it and achieve their potentials," the famous Playwright said.

In her contribution, Director of the play, Faith Ken-Aminikpo, noted that the "level of the play is quite high for the kids and it was a big challenge for me to have carried this play with primary school pupils," regretting that most parents were not willing to release their children for rehearsals. She advised such parents against depriving their children opportunities to realise their full potentials.

Ken-Aminikpo, who is a Lecturer in the Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, stressed the need to add children drama and theatre to the primary schools curriculum, observing that Creative Arts, which comprises music, fine arts and theatre arts, should be emphasised at the primary and secondary school levels. "Although music and fine arts are currently being studied, but theatre arts is left out. Children only have the opportunity to experience the theatre at the end-of-year and extra-curricular activities."



A scene from *The Woman of Calabar* performed by outgoing pupils of UDPS

A part of his electioneering promises to carry Union members along in the decision-making process, Branch Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Mr. Ameh Ogbegbe has disclosed plans to hold its South-South Zonal Meeting on 16th August, 2013, to discuss critical issues concerning development of the Union and members' welfare.

Mr. Ogbegbe, who made the disclosure to *UNI-PORT Weekly* penultimate Tuesday, said: "We are gathering as a zone to discuss the affairs of each of the universities in the zone and would also pay a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor to express our gratitude to Management of the University for its labour-friendly disposition.

Mr. Ogbegbe, who doubles as the pioneer Zonal Coordinator of NAAT said that "During the meeting, we hope to let Management know how we are faring, as they have assisted us a lot here in this Branch by implementing the contentious hazard allowance, despite the outstanding of arrears," adding that plans are on to also bring to the notice of Management, some problems affecting NAAT members in the Branch, such as payment of protective wears allowance which was part of FCN/NAAT agreement in 2009.

On the achievement of the Association, Mr. Ogbegbe said: "When I assumed office as Chairman, we were able to furnish our Secretariat situated at the Basic

NAAT To Host S'South Zonal Meeting Aug 16

By Mercy Adeniji

Studies Unit complex and purchase an 18-seater bus. We also employed an Office Assistant and equipped the office with furniture to enable us have a conducive working environment. The Branch Chairman expressed gratitude to Management of the University for supporting the Association thus far and for approving hazard allowance for NAAT members, appealing to his members to attend the meeting en masse.



Mr. Ogbegbe

Amadi, Aniebo, Advise Budding Authors On Patience

Budding writers have been advised against being in a hurry if they wish to succeed in their writing career. Writers-in-Residence, Elechi Amadi and Ifeanyi Aniebo, gave the advice at the Monthly Literary Evening of the Rivers State branch of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) at the residence of distinguished novelist, Elechi Amadi in Mgbodo-Alusa, last Sunday.

In his opening speech, Chairman of the State branch of ANA, Obinna Nwodin, noted that the Association's choice of Aniebo as Guest Author was informed by the recognition of his enormous contributions to literature, restating the

By Humphrey Ogu

Association's commitment to its campaign on revival of the reading culture in Nigeria.

Highpoint of the event, which was a gathering of the literati, was reading by various authors and comments by literary scholars and authors. The host, Amadi, read from his play entitled, *Isibura*, while the Guest Author, Aniebo read from his collection of short stories entitled *Rearguard Actions*, based on the Nigerian-Biafran Civil War. Authors, who read at the event, included National Treasurer of ANA, Joy Esaku and Dr. Priye Iyalla-Amadi, amongst others.

Also speaking, noted Playwright of Oduma Egege fame and Lecturer in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Missionaria Niniima comended the Guest Author, the

host, and other dignitaries for making the event a success.

Dignitaries present at the event were notable Professors of Comparative Literature, Chidi Maduka and Omolara Ogunlape, of the Department of English, who kept doling out useful pieces of advice to the younger writers, and Wife of the Guest author, Dr. Mbakwem Aniebo, amongst others.



Amadi



Aniebo

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VACATION OF HALLS OF RESIDENCE

In view of the ongoing industrial action embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Management of the University has directed all students to vacate the Halls of Residence before last Wednesday, 31st July, 2013. A Memo dated 25th July, 2013 and signed by the Associate Dean, Student Affairs Department, Dr. Gloria Emenike, said the directive becomes expedient as Management is concerned over the safety and security of students at a time when Lectures were put on hold following the nationwide strike.

TRIAL TRANSMISSION OF RADIO UNI-PORT

Following upgrade of facilities of *Radio UniPort 88.5 FM*, a five-day trial transmission commenced from Monday 29th July between the hours of 11.00am and 1:00pm.

Members of the University, who had tuned to the station are encouraged to send feedback on the quality of transmission to enable the technical crew make adjustments before commencement of full transmission.



V-C, Prof Ajenika (arrowed), other Senior Officers of the University and officials of the NMCN with the newly-inducted Nurses

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by their parents and guardians as they prepare to render selfless service to mankind.

Professor Ajenika thanked the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria for its unflinching support and concerted efforts in ensuring that the stipulated standards are not compromised in the training of Nurses.

Also speaking, the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani, described the ceremony as "part of efforts aimed at addressing the perennial brain drain and anticipated relocation of locally-trained high quality Nurses to the Western world, where they are guaranteed higher wages", commending the new Nurses, who he described as worthy pioneers, for surmounting the challenges on their way to the acquisition of knowledge and skills. Professor Akani praised them "for not only navigating their way to this point, but for charting a good path for the crowd behind you and bringing many more to glory. Without you, the entire vision of starting a

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Department of Nursing Science in this University would have been meaningless". He advised them to lay emphasis on evidence-based approach in the empirical practice of their new profession to gain the confidence of their colleagues and patients.

Earlier in her welcome address, Acting Head of the Department of Nursing Science, Dr Grace Robinson-Bassey, who called for the establishment of a Faculty of Nursing Sciences that would house five new Departments, reflecting the various Nursing specialties, said that the Department has come a long way, from one that seemed to have no hope, to a National Universities Commission (NUC) and NMCN-accredited Department. Dr Robinson-Bassey charged the Inductees to abide by the ethics of the Nursing profession.

"You are expected to boost the strength of the inter-disciplinary healthcare team within and

outside Nigeria by your earned status. Always remember that you have your own integrity, the University of Port Harcourt and the Nursing profession to preserve, protect and uphold. Your services to humanity must be credible, embracing the tenets and ethical codes of the profession and leaving no room for any compromise that would lead to avoidable litigations in the line of duty", she advised them.

Speaking on behalf of the Inductees, the Valedictorian, Miss Abraham Oluchi, who thanked authorities of the University for affording the pioneers an opportunity to pass through the institution, described the Oath-taking as a new beginning for more achievements for all of them, urging her colleagues to continue to fuel the zeal in their future endeavours.

The event, which featured presentation of licences to the Inductees, was preceded by a pre-Induction Lecture, penultimate Friday.



NASU members and the Ministers at the prayer session

Worried by what it described as rising cases of premature deaths of staff before their statutory retirement, the University of Port Harcourt Branch of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), has turned to God for intervention with a prayer session titled: "Workers Prayer against Sudden and Untimely Death in UniPort", held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, penultimate Saturday.

Speaking before the six-hour intense prayer session, Branch Chairman of NASU, Mr Benson Young, said the programme was aimed at collectively inviting God into the affairs of staff and students of the University, expressing hope that the intervention by NASU would yield fruit by turning things

NASU UniPort Turns To God On Premature Deaths

By Otiok Samuel

around for the better on Campus.

Mr Young, who commended the members and Guest Preachers for honouring the invitation, described cases of incessant and untimely deaths of staff as most unfortunate, stating that under normal situation, staff should happily retire and spend some years with their families before answering the inevitable call of nature in their ripe age.

The Guest Preachers, who ministered at the programme included: Apostles Caleb Erond

(Apostolic Christian Church Mission, Omuike Aluu), Florence Ihua (Holy Ghost Foundation Word Centre, Choba-Akpor), Prophetess Agnes Anyike (Christ Intervention Centre, Odohua-Emohua), Pastor Emma Ekeke (Omega Power Ministry, Omuokiri, Aluu Branch) and Rev Chibuzor Nwaobasi (Apostolic Christian Church Mission, Alakahia Branch).

Highlights of the programme were special prayers for staff, students and management, as well as special offering for three eldest persons in the University's host communities of Choba, Aluu and Alakahia.

GUIDEPOST

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

Dr Bright Opara, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, assumed duty as *Adjunct Senior Lecturer*, effective 9th July, 2013.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Professor C.O. Oko, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, proceeded on a 12-month *Sabbatical Leave* to Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, effective 1st January, 2013 to 31st December, 2013.

Professor Chifioke Nwauche, Department of Hematology, Blood Transfusion & Immunology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, proceeded on a 12-month *Sabbatical Leave* to Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, effective 6th May, 2013 to 5th May, 2014.

Professor Dennis Ekpo, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, proceeded on a 12-month *Sabbatical Leave* to Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni, Port Harcourt, effective 11th June, 2013 to 10th June, 2014.

Professor C.C. Chukuegu, Department of Fine Arts & Design, Faculty of Humanities, resumed *Sabbatical Leave*.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Professor Anthony Uzoma, Department of Philosophy Science & Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, granted a one-year *Sabbatical Appointment* in the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr John Inyang, Department of Philosophy, University of Calabar, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Michael Okoro, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, Imo State University, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, effective on assumption of duty.

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STUDENTS WITHOUT JAMB
ADMISSION LETTERS

The list of Second Batch students whose admission has been regularized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is available at the Student Affairs Department. All affected students are directed to use the JAMB Registration Numbers duly assigned to them to access their Admission Letters online. This is to also assure all affected Corps Members for the 2013 Batch 'C' Service Year that the Student Affairs Department is working towards ensuring that all students whose results have been received are listed for service. They are advised to check the Student Affairs Notice boards and the University Website for further update on the exercise.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT

OBSERVATORY

FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 04- SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI (°C)	TEMPERATURE LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 04 AUG, 2013	30.0	22.0	60	NE	-	6:29 6:47	More sun than clouds expected. Warm day predicted.
MONDAY, 05 AUG, 2013	31.0	22.0	64	NE	-	6:29 6:47	More sun than clouds expected. Warm day predicted.
TUESDAY 06 AUG, 2013	29.0	21.0	57	NE	-	6:29 6:47	Day anticipated being more sunny than cloudy. Warm day forecasted.
WEDNESDAY 07 AUG, 2013	29.0	21.0	57	NE	-	6:28 6:49	Day anticipated being more sunny than cloudy. Warm day forecasted.
THURSDAY 08 AUG, 2013	30.0	21.0	50	NE	-	6:28 6:49	More sun than clouds expected. Day expected to be warm.
FRIDAY 09 AUG, 2013	30.0	21.0	54	NE	-	6:26 6:49	Partly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
SATURDAY 10 AUG, 2013	29.0	21.0	61	NE	-	6:26 6:49	Day anticipated being partly cloudy and mostly warm.

VREMUDIA WEPKE
RESIDENT METEOROLOGIST

PROF SAMUEL AROKOYE
DIRECTOR, (CDRMD)

ELIZADE VARSITY AWARDS
SCHOLARSHIP TO BEST
STUDENTS

Five students of Elizade University (EU), Ilara Mokin, Ondo State, who performed well in their various courses after the First Year examinations, have been rewarded with a Scholarship scheme. Each of them received a cash prize of N 1.6 million to cover tuition fees for the next three academic sessions.

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Valentine Aletor, who said that the scholarship would assist the students to consolidate on their excellent performances, restated the resolve of the Institution to put in necessary measures to enhance capacity building of its students to meet the demands of the global market.

FROM HONSELE EMERGES
COVENANT VARSITY'S BGS

A twenty year graduate of Civil Engineering, Michael Eromhonsel, emerged Best Graduating Student (BGS) at the eight Convocation ceremony of Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, held penultimate Friday. The Valedictorian scored a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4.92 on a five-point scale. A total of 1,496 graduands convoked at the Undergraduate level with 144 First Class, 720 Second Class (Upper Division), 565 Second Class (Lower Division) and 67 Third Class.

V-C ADVISES FG ON RISK MGT
CENTRES

Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMINNA), Niger State, Professor Musbau Akanji, has advised the Federal Government on the need to establish more Centres for Disaster Risk Management & Development Studies in the country to assist train citizens and create awareness on disaster preventive, mitigation and responsive strategies in Nigeria. The Vice-Chancellor gave the advice while declaring open a two-day Workshop jointly held at the Dogon Koli Hotels, Minna, Niger State.

ADESANYA

NOWOOUV-C

Ogun State Governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, has confirmed the appointment of Professor Saburi Adesanya as substantive Vice-Chancellor of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye. The new Vice-Chancellor, who is a Professor of Pharmacognosy, was appointed in acting capacity on 27th July, 2012 by the Governing Council of the Institution before his confirmation, which takes immediate effect. Adesanya, who was promoted to the professoriate in 1966, was former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife from 2009 to 2012.

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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 an academic symposium and stage performances, amongst other events.

Post-UTME Screening

The University conducted the Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination Screening Exercise for the 2013/2014 Academic Session, penultimate week. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, visited the two centres to assess the conduct of the exercise. Our Cameraman, HEADMAN ALU, was on hand to capture highlights of the event.



V-C, Prof Ajienka, arriving at the Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC)



An aerial view of candidates waiting to be screened at the ICTC



V-C, Professor Ajienka, and Director, Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC), Prof Tony Arinze



An ICTC staff explaining a point to V-C, Prof Ajienka



D V-C, (Academic), Prof Igbo Joe, V-C, Prof Ajienka, and Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs Dorcas Otu



Officials attending to candidates during the exercise



Candidates waiting for accreditation at the School of Basic Studies auditorium



Candidates during the screening exercise at the School of Basic Studies



CBT screening in session



Candidates waiting to be screened at the School of Basic Studies Centre



Candidates queuing at the entrance of the examination hall



V-C, Prof Ajienka, D V-C, Prof Joe and others walking from ICTC to the School of Basic Studies Centre