



Powell Chair Mounts Fish Production W'Shop For Women

In a bid to empower women in the University to earn extra income to support their families, the Bruce Powell Chair in Hydrobiology, held a one-day workshop on homestead fish production, last Friday, report Humphrey Ogu and Friday Marcus. *More on pg 3*

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Nnodim Charges Registry Staff On Productivity

By Otiakor Samuel

As part of an Orientation Exercise for newly-recruited staff of the University, the Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, has charged staff of the University to operate within the confines of acceptable standards as provided in the ethical code of conduct for staff. She also urged them to put in their best through contributing towards the accelerated growth of the University.

Mrs. Nnodim, who gave the charge while delivering the Keynote Address at a one-day Orientation Exercise for Senior Non-Teaching Staff employed between 2012 and 2014 at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, penultimate Thursday, stated that hard work was capable of preparing one to surmount challenges in a competitive world, in which globally recognized operational skills counted over routine duty schedules.

"That you are earning salary is not enough, you must work hard and garner valuable experience chain from any Unit you are posted to serve. The Orientation exercise is to formally welcome you into the University family. It is to usher you into a life of responsibility. Every office or unit has its peculiarity and you need to



understand this peculiarity. You also need to be IT-compliant; the era of accommodating an analogue is gradually being phased out and time is coming when every staff would be expected to use one form of computer or the other. So, you must endeavour to avail yourselves the opportunity of being proficient in the use of information technology that is on offer today so as not to lose your job tomorrow,"

Mrs. Nnodim told the new officers, revealing that she is fully aware of units that work hard even though she was not in the habit of moving around the offices to whipping staff into line.

The Registrar, who charged all staff to dress as administrators and carve a niche for themselves by being serious with their job schedule, advised them to abhor

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Revisiting Congress On Communication Disorders

By Obinna Nwodin

Between 13th and 14th May, 2014, the Centre for Children Developmental and Communication Disorders (CCDCD), University of Port Harcourt, organized the 5th Congress on Childhood Developmental and Communication Disorders at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park.

The event, which featured the formal inauguration of the Governing Board of the Centre, had *Unlocking Potentials for Total Childhood Development* as its theme. It also witnessed the endowment of two Professorial Chairs; the first by former Minister of Aviation, Alabo Tonye Graham-Douglas, who was the Special Guest of Honour and Architect Fifi Ejindu, who was the Guest of Honour.

The two-day Congress was also attended by distinguished personalities from all walks of life, including the Minister of Interior, Mr. Abba Moro, who was represented by the Rivers State Commandant of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Mr. Mike Longe, (NIS), Senator Magnus Abe, who was represented by a member of the Rivers State House of Assembly, Dr Innocent Barikro, as well as the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Abia State, Mrs. Bridget Nwaejike. Indeed, the food for thought generated by the event is the need to pay attention to the plight of physically-challenged children, and not to write them off as useless and a burden to society. Speaker after speaker stressed the need to evolve policies and programmes that would enable children who find themselves in this category actualize their hopes and aspirations just like the so-called normal children. Who says that children with communication disorders cannot function

effectively when proper attention is paid to them? As a matter of fact, it is necessary to provide a conducive environment for children in this bracket to express themselves and be what they want to be. Senator Abe expressed willingness to partner the Centre in the sponsorship of a bill that would protect the rights of children with communication disorders in order to guarantee them freedom to express themselves wherever they may find themselves in Nigeria. Indeed, this does not apply only to children with communication disorders, but also children with general disability. It is important to state that the environment is now evolving into a society where no individual should be taken for granted or disregarded, particularly due to his or her physical condition. That a child is born with one form of disability or the other is not of his or her making. Most times, it is the neglect and carelessness of some parents that results to such conditions which leave child to suffer the consequences. There have been numerous cases of abandonment of children as a result of one deformity or the other. If adequately taken care of, children with such conditions will grow up to become useful citizens that would contribute to the development of society.

With such a Centre in place, we believe that the plight of children with communication disorders will receive better attention. Society would become more aware that there is "ability in any form of disability" if the right frame of mind is adopted and a conducive environment created. The Centre will also add value to this campaign by training the required manpower that would help in providing the needed services for children with disorders. If there is one Centre that should be



Prof Yul-Ifofe, Chair Occupant

given great support, it is this Centre, headed by a woman with a large heart—Professor Shirley Yul-Ifofe. It is imperative to commend the efforts of the Director in ensuring that the objectives for which the Centre was set up is achieved. According to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, the Director's passion and zeal for the success is a highly commendable gesture that deserves to be emulated by her colleagues. No doubt that the efforts of the Centre and indeed the Governing Board would yield the desired results in no distant time.

STUDENT WORLD

Only Road Worthy Vehicles Should Operate On Campus ~Adebayo

Dissatisfied with the condition of most commercial vehicles operating on Campus today, Students' Union Director of Welfare, Adebayo Ifeoluwa has announced plans to recommend to Management of the University, the banning of vehicles that are considered not road worthy from operating on Campus, Our Intern, CELESTINA OGONAREports



Adebayo, Director of Welfare, Student Union

Adebayo, who is a Final Year Student in the Department of Petroleum Engineering, said that the days of franchising rickety vehicles to convey students to their destinations on Campus would soon be over, if Management of the University accepts to implement his proposal on the issue that bothers students so much. He disclosed that the necessary machinery has been put in motion for the renovation of hostels, in addition to scrapping of rickety vehicles which are unfit for transportation within the Campus. Ifeoluwa hoped that new buses would, sooner than later, be introduced to replace the old ones that frequently break down and cause so much pollution that endanger the health of students on Campus.

Mr Adebayo disclosed that students' welfare is of utmost importance to him and the present Executive of the Union. "My office is spreading its tentacles to

other areas such as health, social welfare and security for students," he told our Correspondent.

The Petroleum Engineering student, who hopes to become an international driller in future, is encouraging his fellow students not to shy away from taking on leadership positions whenever the opportunity may present itself because it prepares them for the future challenges.

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Speaking at the Workshop, which took place at the Department of Animal Science and Fisheries Laboratory, Faculty of Agriculture, Choba Park, Guest of Honour and President, University of Port Harcourt Women Association (UPWA), Mrs Mercy Ajienka, observed that women have a responsibility to manage their homes very well, despite their official engagements in the University.

"When you rear your fish you will be sure of the quality of fish you are consuming, because some of the fish you buy in the market are not properly reared and processed," Mrs Ajienka, who is also an alumnus of the Animal and Environmental Biology Department, added, recalling with nostalgia her time under the tutelage of Dr. Powell in whose honour the Chair was endowed.

Also speaking, Secretary, University Foundation, Mrs Selina Inko-Tariyah, said: "When we empower women, we eventually empower the nation. There is need for additional means of income since we cannot rely solely on one source of income in the present state of Nigeria's economy. This is why everybody is looking for additional means of generating funds."

"Programmes of this nature are meant to empower women with skills on homestead fish production that would enable them own fish farms, produce fish for sale and consumption, thereby feeding well, while earning extra income. I, therefore, urge every participant to take this workshop seriously," she said, disclosing that a fish farm she started not so long ago to rear fish for consumption did so well that she had to sell some and also expand the farm.

In her contribution, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Ekanem Wokoma, expressed joy that the Powell Chair deemed it fit to collaborate with the Faculty in organising the workshop, stating that it would provide an opportunity for AEB and the Faculty to network in research and other areas.

"Over 70 per cent of the population in Agriculture in developing countries are women and Agriculture is a very serious business that should be the concern of everybody—especially the youths, who are currently

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C.B. Powell Chair Occupant, Prof Hart (6th left), Wife of V-C, Mrs Ajienka (7th left) and others pose for a group photograph

roaming the street in search of non-existent white collar jobs. Agriculture is the bedrock of the economy," she noted.

"Before now, women went into subsistent Agriculture mainly for consumption. Today, all that has changed, as Agriculture is now taking its rightful place. This workshop is not only very important, but also timely as it focuses on empowering women through fish farming. Incidentally, the theme for World Food Day 2014 is: *Family Farming and women* are at the Centre of the family. This workshop is, therefore, in line with the theme of 'World Food Day 2014'," she stated, adding that fish is in high demand in the Niger Delta which should be a fish hub.

On her part, Provost, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor Nnenna Frank-Peterside, noted that the workshop shows that there are vast opportunities for those studying Animal and Environmental Biology. "I am very passionate about empowering the girl child and women. Every opportunity we have should be used to better our lot educationally and economically. Fish production does not require millions to start," she stated, adding that protein is in high demand and fish is a major source of

protein.

In her welcome address, C.B. Powell Chair Occupant, Professor Aduabo Hart, who lauded the guests and participants for making it to the workshop, noted that "we have heard good pieces of advice from experts who are established in their various fields of specialisation. As Women—Worthy Officers of Men and Nation, we should be committed in whatever we do."

Professor Hart, who recalled the times of C.B. Powell in the University, described him as a very committed teacher and researcher, noting that it was his commitment that necessitated the endowment of a chair in his honour.

Highlight of the workshop was a training session in which presentations were made and a visit to the fish farm section of the Faculty of Agriculture Demonstration Farm. Dr Nene Jamabo of the Department of Animal Science and Fisheries spoke on *Introduction to Fish Farming*; the Special Adviser to Bayelsa State Government on Aquaculture, Dr Ebi Ansa, handled *Business Opportunities in Fish Farming*, while Dr Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu of the AEB Department delivered a lecture on *Economics of Homestead Fish Production*.

UDPS Announces Sale Of Form

The University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS), has commenced sale of application

By Otokor Samuel

forms for admission into Kindergarten and Primary sections for the 2014/15 academic session. The sale of forms would close on Monday, 21st July, 2014.

In a statement dated 5th May, 2014 and issued from the Office of the Administrator which was made available to *UniPort Weekly*, Management of the School disclosed that children within the age of three years would be qualified for admission into Kindergarten I, while those who fall between one year and four years would qualify for Kindergarten II. Parents and guardians of prospective candidates, according to the statement are advised to obtain a bank draft for N2,000 and a Teller for N1,000 at the U&C Microfinance Bank, made payable to Account Number: 001528010315. "Both the bank draft of N2,000 and the Teller of N1,000 should be presented for the collection of the application form from the Administrator's Office," the statement said.

"Duly completed application forms should be accompanied with photocopies of the following documents: applicant's birth certificate, immunization card and two passport photographs," the Administrator further directed parents of prospective pupils, adding that Examination and Interview for Kindergarten Classes would hold on Monday, 4th August, while Primary Classes are slated for Tuesday, 5th August, 2014 at 9:00am in the School premises.

TETfund Appoints Lale To Research Monitoring C'ttee

By Williams Wodi

Former Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Forensic Entomologist, Professor Ndowa Lale, of the Department of Crop and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, has been appointed a Member of the Screening and Monitoring Committee under the National Research Fund (NRF) Intervention under the auspices of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETfund).

The Screening and Monitoring Committee is a special committee of the Fund, saddled with the responsibility of assessing research proposals in the three thematic areas and recommending suitably qualified candidates to the TETfund Board of Trustees for sponsorship that are adjudged fundable and relevant to the development of the nation.

A letter conveying the appointment and signed by Executive Secretary of TETfund, Suleiman Bagoro, described the three thematic areas to be covered by Lale's appointment as Science, Technology and Innovation, Humanities and Social Sciences, including cross-cutting areas of specialization.

The letter stated that the Committee would also be involved in the monitoring of the execution of approved research projects under the NRF intervention.

According to the letter of appointment, Professor Lale is to serve in the Science, Technology and Innovation sub-Committee. The Executive Secretary urged him to use his wealth of experience to bear in the discharge

of the assignment, describing it as a clarion call to the service of the country.



Prof Lale

Power Supply Stakeholders Deliberate On Gas Utilization in UniPort

As part of efforts aimed at reducing the cost of running power generating sets on Campus, stakeholders in the University and experts from the oil and gas distribution industry held a Roundtable discussion on the possibility of compressing natural gas to replace diesel.

Speaking at the event, which took place at the Governing Council Chambers, penultimate Tuesday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who headed the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) Chair for the initiative, stated that "one of the greatest challenges we face on Campus today is power supply. We need regular electricity supply to be fully productive in both academic and administrative activities. Reliance on power generating plants is not only capital-intensive, but also pollutes the environment."

The Vice-Chancellor, who spoke through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Igbo Joe, disclosed that "the University practically operates on power-generating plants since there is poor power supply from the national grid," adding that the utilisation of natural gas as an alternative source of power supply would save the University the cost of running its power-generating plants on diesel, which is relatively more expensive.

Explicating the advantage of gas over petrol and diesel, PTDF Chair Occupant, Professor Elijah Iyagba, noted that "Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is cleaner and safer when compared to liquid fuels. Apart from saving cost, gas-driven generators are cheaper to maintain," stressing the need for academics to engage in research that could be applied in tackling local



Senior Officers of the University and project team members after the Roundtable Discussion

By Humphrey Ogu, Rita Ohi and Nneke Oyeaukwu

challenges.

Corroborating the views of Professor Iyagba, representative of the Nigerian Gas Company (NGC), Uwakwe Nnadike, who stressed the importance of converting the existing diesel powered generators to gas-driven power-generating plants, explained the roles of NGC as a facilitator of gas compression and utilisation, citing corporate organisations that currently use the proposed gas system in powering their plants.

As a way of making gas available for use in the University, Uwakwe said that compressed gas could be supplied to the University from designated stations. Another alternative, according to him, is to run pipes

from a nearby flow station to the Campus.

On his part, representative of a gas compression firm in Germany, Sibusiso Ojekwu, pledged his company's support, stating that "our company will install the necessary machines and also train staff of UniPort in handling them to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply."

Other participants at the Roundtable included the University Librarian, Dr Obinigeli Nwado, the Director, Centre for Gas, Refining & Petrochemicals, Institute of Petroleum Studies, Professor Godwin Igwe, Director, Offshore Technology Institute, Professor John Okeli, Director of Works, Mr. Jubrin Inwe, Acting Head, Department of Mechanicals, Dr. Tobin Briggs, Director of ICCT, Professor Anthony Ibe, Director, College of Continuing Education, Professor Steve Okafuda and Professor Tambari Loto.

PENCOM Sensitizes Retirees On Scheme, As Mass Retirement Hits UniPort In 2016

By Mercy Adeniji

As part of the implementation process for issuance of the Federal Government Bond which is in line with the provisions of Section 12 of the Pension Reform Act 2004, the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) had a Verification and Enrolment Exercise for staff retiring between January and December, 2015, at Ekiti Bimbo Auditorium, penultimate Monday.

The exercise is even more significant as mass retirements is expected to hit the University of Port Harcourt in 2016. Making the disclosure on the sidelines of the just-concluded verification exercise by PENCOM, Pension and Welfare Officer, Mrs.

Ime Iyanga, said that a lot of staff would leave the services of the University of Port Harcourt in 2016, when they are expected to have attained the statutory retirement age of either 70 years for Professors and 65 years for non-Teaching staff, urging those to be affected to ensure their full documentation with PENCOM to avoid frustration that could follow.

Briefing UniPort Weekly on the essence of the exercise, Head, National Database Unit of PENCOM, Mr. Usman Buzi, noted that "this annual enrolment exercise for retirees is for Federal Government employees due for retirement in 2015 and it covers both employees in the Federal Government Treasury-funded Ministries,

Departments and Agencies (MDAAs)."

Mr. Buzi added that "the objective of the exercise is for us to obtain data of those due for retirement in the following year to advise the Federal Government on how to make provision in the annual budget. It covers the services of employees from the date of their first employment to when they retire."

He explained that "The accrued right is the benefit of the employee from date of his first appointment to 36" June, 2004, when the old pension scheme terminated. Then from July 2004 to the month of their retirement covers both the employer and employee's contributions." Speaking on why UniPort was chosen for the exercise, Mr. Buzi said "PENCOM chose UniPort because it is a centre of its own and the centre has been giving them all the necessary cooperation in the implementation of the programme," stating that facilities in the University can also be compared to what they have in the Cross River State Zone.

Mr. Buzi said that the three-day exercise commenced with staff in the Ministries; day two covered their colleagues in the academics/non-teaching category, while the last day covered staff of Paramilitary organizations, explaining that after the exercise in Port Harcourt, they would be moving over to Benin and then finally to Abuja.

Corroborating the view of Mr. Buzi, the Pensions and Welfare Officer of UniPort, Mrs. Iyanga, said "the event is an annual enrolment exercise organised by the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) for retirees. Normally, they come once a year and this year's exercise fell in May. The exercise covers all the Federal Parastatals in the South-South Zone".



Pensions and Welfare Officer, Mrs. Iyanga (2nd right, back row) and others during the sensitization

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has advised students to be good ambassadors of the University and avoid engaging in rumour-mongering, warning that misinformation about the University would have very negative consequences on the development of the institution.

Addressing representatives of the Student Union Executive at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room, penultimate Monday, Professor Ajienka noted: "We have come a long way as a University; today, the President of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, Supervising Minister for Education, Chief Nyesom Wike and Governor Chibuike Anasochi of Rivers State, amongst other very important personages are products of this University; therefore, any information about the University would be blown out of proportion to embarrass these distinguished Alumni," urging the students to be mindful of the kind of information they send out to the public space in this age of social media.

The Vice-Chancellor, who spoke on the heels of a dubious text message about fee increment in the University, asking the rounds, wondered how students would circulate such messages without verifying the information, explaining that Management directed that charges hitherto paid in various Faculties and Departments were centralised and worked into tuition fees.

Disclosing plan to set up a Committee to manage hostel in the University, Professor Ajienka, who stated that the Committee, when constituted, would also be responsible for the provision of water and electricity, directed the Deans of Student Affairs, Professor Henry Bell-Gum to set up such a Committee.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that government is not paying for security and sanitation on Campus, adding that the cost of running the University is increasing by the day, necessitating minor increases in payment for managerial services. He also charged the Secretary, Faculty Presidents' Forum, Victor Afikar, to circulate a text message countering the misinformation circulated earlier by a faceless student group.

Also speaking, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Igbo Joe, emphasised the need for students to be reasonable and realistic and ask for quality

V-C Warns Students Against Misinformation



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (centre), flanked by Senior Officers (right) and Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Bell-Gum and Students (left)

By Humphrey Ogu

education rather than agitating for reduction of non-statutory charge, advising them against making bogus claims about payment of fees in other universities without facts. "When you by complaints without statistics it becomes difficult to engage in a constructive discussion," he stated. He also addressed issues pertaining to students' results, following complaints from the student leaders.

The University Bursar, Mr. Vitalis Alioti, was also on hand to address issues bordering on finances. He urged the students to avoid late registration in order not to be compelled to pay extra money as the University is not interested in penalty. The Chief Security Officer, Lt Col Reginald Igboke (rtd), also made clarifications on registration and collection of students' identity card.

On his part, the Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Bell-Gum, expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and other members of the University Management for the

audience and advice given to the students, adding that the interaction session showed that the University is democratic and allows students freedom of expression. The Dean stated that the students are now better informed as to how to conduct themselves as students.

Speaking earlier, Student Union President, Felix Nwinkpa, complained about what he described as hike in fees, and problems associated with accessing students' results online, appealing to Management to expedite action on the hostel complex being constructed by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and make some available to students.

Following the explanations made by the Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers of the University, the Student Union President thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the University Management for the clarification promising to transmit same to the students down the line of communication.

Additional reports from, Celestine Ogonna, Rita Ohi and Nwaka Okechukwu

Senate Approves New MPA Programme, Degree Results

By Obinna Nwodin

Senate of the University of Port Harcourt has approved the establishment of an Executive Masters' Degree Programme in Public Administration (MPA) under the auspices of the Claude Ake School of Government. The Programme is to be run in conjunction with the Centre for Advanced Social Sciences funded by the late political theorist and social thinker.

The decision was taken at the 398th Extra Ordinary Meeting of the august body held at the Senate Chambers, last Wednesday.

Presenting the proposal on the floor of Senate, Provost, College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Professor Baseline Konyia, who disclosed that it had passed through the necessary procedures and processes, including the Board of the College of Graduate Studies, stressed that the objective of the programme was to train seasoned administrators to man Nigeria's public and private sectors. She described the proposal as the University's own contribution to the promotion of good governance

and productivity in the Public Service.

She noted that the new programme would provide an advanced and specialized courses in Public Administration and Management.

Senate also approved establishment of some Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) programmes to be run by the emergent Sports Institute in the College of Graduate Studies. Justifying the new programme, Professor Konyia said that the objective of the programmes which are to be run in Sports Broadcasting Journalism, Sports Marketing, Team Management, Massage Therapy, Fitness and Recreation, as well as Sports Medicine, is to provide graduates with broad-based training required for sustainable sports development and recreation, adding that on successful completion of each programme, graduates would among other skills, be able to compete globally and practice professionally in their respective areas of specialization in project the University of Port Harcourt as a Centre of Excellence in Sports, as well as a place for the training of future athletes for enhanced performance in Sports.

The 398th Meeting of Senate which was presided over by

the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, also approved and ratified results from the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, Colleges of Natural and Applied Sciences and Engineering, Faculty of Management Sciences, Agriculture and Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, as well as approved recommendations for Degree results from the College of Graduate Studies.

Senate also ratified the appointment of External Examiners for undergraduate programmes in various Departments.

It considered and approved the amended Academic Calendar for the 2013/2014 Academic Session. It also considered and approved the 14th Report of the Appends Committee on Certificate Verification (ACCV), as presented by Professor Princewill Stanley of the College of Health Sciences on behalf of the Committee Chairman, Professor Eugene Oyejide. Senate directed that the report for a redesigned Statement of Result for the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme which was presented by the Deputy Provost of the College of Health Sciences (CHS), Professor Owanari Georgevill, be studied by its Members and taken at the next Meeting. It also considered the Report on alleged Examination Malpractice by some Students. After considering the Report, Senate recommended that the document should be forwarded to the Students' Disciplinary Committee, directing that the Report be presented at the next Senate Meeting.

Senate also considered a Report on the unauthorized clearance of some students, who have disciplinary cases to answer as presented by a Committee headed by Professor Regina Ogali, as well as ratified some results that were executive approved by the Vice-Chancellor. Senate also noted the decision by the National Universities Commission (NUC) on the abolition of Pass Degree in the Nigeria University system. Acting Chairman of Senate had earlier announced the election of Professor John Enangomwan as the new Dean of the Faculty of Humanities.



Senate in session

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coming late to work as such a habit was counterproductive and detrimental to their institutional growth. "The University is going entrepreneurial to make itself relevant to the society; so staff members need to grow with the emergent trend to make themselves relevant in the scheme of things. If our University is not well-branded, we may no longer be in a position to attract talented students, meaning that there would be no need for the University to continue to exist, which makes us irrelevant here," she warned.

"Time was when we were recycling bad staff. I am prepared to throw away as many people who do not want to work as the situation may become necessary in the scheme of things. The good news is that as the bad eggs are shown the way out of the system; more knowledgeable workers will be recruited to take their place. Let me urge all of you to make good use of the rare opportunity offered to you by the University and be productive to justify your inclusion in the workforce," the Registrar charged the participants.

Recalling the achievements of some past Vice-Chancellors, Mrs. Nnodim said that the University has carved a niche for itself among its contemporaries in the country which was why Vice-Chancellors of the University from the fifth to the present one headed the Committee of Vice-

Nnodim Tasks Staff On Good Conduct



A cross-section of participants at the Orientation Exercise

Chancellors of Nigerian Universities.

"Out of the 129 universities in Nigeria, UniPort is well-respected amongst its peers; for instance, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs was Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, while our 6th Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don Baridam was also appointed during his tenure as CVC Chairman and now our current V-C, Professor Joseph Ajenika, has just been elected CVC Chairman, meaning that we are doing very well," she added.

Earlier, the Deputy Registrar (Establishments), Mr. Ekeh Stephen, told the participants that the exercise was aimed at acquainting new staff with extant rules governing the University, as well as expose them to the new working environment, which had peculiar operational structures that all staff should be conversant with in the line of duty.

Directors, Student Affairs Department, Mrs. Bridget Nnizim; Council Affairs, Mr. Roland Wahali and Junior Staff Officer, Mrs. Elizabeth Ndiokho, presented Papers at the Orientation exercise. Mrs. Nnizim presented a paper on *Levels of Authority and Channels of Communication in the University of Port Harcourt*, while Mr. Wahali talked on *The History of Universities - A Case Study of UniPort*; Mrs. Ndiokho spoke on *Attitude to Work*.

The exercise featured an interactive session with the participants, who took turns to inquire more about their new work environment and some of regulations governing their employment. The new staff members were provided with a copy of the code of conduct prepared by the Professional Ethics Committee.

Additional reports from Celestina Ogonu, Nneke Onyeukwa, Friday Marcus and Rita Obi.

We'll Give Foreign Language Dept A Face-Lift ~ Ofuru

Retired Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Rivers State, Dr. Richard Ofuru, has distinguished himself as an ace administrator and philanthropist par excellence, who is ready to give back willingly to society. The distinguished Alumnus of the University of Benin, Edo State, spoke to our Correspondent, OTIKOR SAMUEL and Interns, Friday Marcus and Celestina Ogonu on why he chose to assist the University of Port Harcourt. Read on:



Dr Ofuru

De Ofuru, who had a glittering career during his service years, retired satisfactorily from the Rivers State Civil Service as a Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education. As a lover of education, the former ace Civil Servant has decided to invest his lean resources and time in the growth of education in the country.

Ofuru was in the University last month to present a refurbished Food and Industrial Microbiology Laboratory in memory of his mentor, Mrs. Emily Okwukwu of Elele in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State, for playing a vital role in his upbringing which enabled him to attain the peak of his Civil Service career in good health.

On his next line of assistance to the University, Dr. Ofuru, who stated that he was investing in the University, because it is a well-organized institution with a number of old friends and mentors he so much admired, promised to give a face-lift to the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in the Faculty of Humanities in collaboration with colleagues such as Professor Achior Akakura.

"The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is headed by an Old Boy of Government College, Owerri in the person of Professor Akakura. I felt I should honour him because he is one senior Old Boy I respect so much, so I have decided to give his Department a

face-lift," he said.

Speaking further on his choice of a Federal university, rather than State institution, the retired Permanent Secretary, disclosed that "the training I received from the famous Government College, Owerri, prepared me to always be impartial in taking positions on important issues. We were trained to always go for the best and by that special training, we don't look at where anybody comes from; we always consider the very best in every circumstance. I hope to one day reach out to other institutions if the resources are available." Dr. Ofuru promised, adding that he enjoyed the relationship that existed between him and some Lecturers in the University such as the Provost, College of Graduate Studies, Professor Roseline Kenya and Acting Executive Director of University of Port Harcourt Foundation, Dr. Nguzi Odu when they served the Rivers State Government some years back. "I am very proud to have been part of the team that recorded so much success at the State level at that time," Dr. Ofuru told our Correspondent. He advised individuals to always show gratitude not only to God, but also to relations, friends and institutions that had contributed in shaping their lives positively, adding that no one could become successful without assistance from public-spirited individuals and groups.

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APPOINTMENT

Professor Adego Ogburn, Department of History and Diplomatic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, appointed Head of Department. The appointment which is for two years, effective 21st May, 2014, terminates 21st May, 2016.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Dr Ilumika Adebayo, offered Temporary Appointment as Senior Lecturer in Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Efe Odo, offered Temporary Appointment as Senior Lecturer in Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Solomon Eshobak, offered Temporary Appointment as Senior Lecturer in Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

HALL WARDEN APPOINTMENT

Dr Peter Modie, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Nelson Mandela Halls A,B,C,D and Claude Ake Hall C. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Rosemary Ekechukwu, Faculty of Education, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Goodluck Jonathan, Dan Rorie and Claude Ake Hall A. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Eze Hoss, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, re-appointed Assistant Hall Warden, PG Halls (Donald Ekong B.C., Intercontinental and U&A Halls). The re-appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Rosemary Oye, College of Health Sciences, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Clinical Hostel, Claude Ake B, Donald Ekong Block A and Ota Okonkwo Hall. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Chitwe Eze, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, King Aja Halls A, B,C, D, Delta Park. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Bahare Eze, Department of Theatre Arts and Film Studies, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Presidential Halls A and B. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Mr Bola Igboaka, Registry Department, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Keane Nwamaka Hall (Medical Extension). The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Mabel Fadoye, Faculty of Education, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Nelson Mandela Halls A, B, C, D and Claude Ake Hall C. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

Dr Ugochukwu Kanaka, Department of Electrical Engineering, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Amara Kano Hall A, B, C. The appointment which is for two years terminates on 13th May, 2016.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

Mrs Rowena Wariboko, Admissions Office, Registry Department, granted a one-year Contract Appointment, effective 31st November, 2014 to 10th November 2015.

Dr G.F. Uzo, Department of Computer Science, granted Renewal of Adjunct Appointment, effective 30th April, 2014 to 29th April, 2015.

106th INAUGURAL LECTURE

The 106th Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: *The Philosophy of Sanding: A Subsurface Production Engineer's Perspective*, will be delivered by Professor Dala Appah of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Faculty of Process and Energy Systems Engineering, College of Engineering. The Lecture will hold on Thursday, 12th June, 2014 at Ekhini Banjo Auditorium, University Park. Time is 3pm.

UniPort To Host UMaT Students July 12

By Onikor Samuel

The fourth batch of staff and students from University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), Tarkwa, Ghana, is expected to arrive the University on 12th July, 2014, in furtherance of an existing exchange and linkage programme between the two universities.

Chairman, Committee on UMaT Field Trip, Dr Boniface Orij, in a statement dated 20th May, 2014 and obtained by *UniPort Weekly*, disclosed that a batch of forty students and staff of the Department of Petroleum Engineering of UMaT would be hosted by the University for a period of two weeks on a field trip to gain more theoretical and practical knowledge of oil and gas facilities in the country.

The students, who would undergo lectures on introduction to Petroleum and Gas Industry, Drilling and Completion

Operation, Production Operations and Facilities and Reservoir Analysis, would gain from the tutelage of a pool of experienced academics in the Departments of Petroleum and Gas Engineering in the University which proudly pulls the highest number of professors in the strategic field in West Africa.

According to Dr Orij, some of the facilities to be visited by the Ghanaian students and their instructors would include Drilling Field of the Shell Petroleum Development Company, Production facilities of TOTAL, Wellplot

in Trans Amadi, Baker Hughes, Port Harcourt Refinery in Eleme, Master Energy, Halliburton, Addax Petroleum and Hamilton.

The visitors would depart the Port Harcourt International Airport Omagwa on Day 15, Saturday, 26th July, 2014, after a farewell cocktail from the University.



Dr Orij, Chairman, Once on UMaT Field Trip.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 01-SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI (°C)	TEMPERATURE LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY 01 Jun, 2014	33.0	25.0	68	E	12.3	6:18 18:41	Thunderstorm expected partly cloudy and warm day forecast.
MONDAY 2 Jun, 2014	32.0	25.0	73	NE	3.1	6:18 18:41	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day/night period.
TUESDAY 03 Jun, 2014	32.0	24.0	63	N	3.3	6:19 18:42	Partly sunny and Warm day expected.
WEDNESDAY 04 Jun, 2014	33.0	24.0	62	E	6.1	6:18 18:42	Isolated thunderstorm expected partly sunny and warm day expected.
THURSDAY 05 Jun, 2014	32.0	24.0	52	NE	5.5	6:19 18:42	Isolated Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
FRIDAY 06 Jun, 2014	32.0	24.0	61	NE	7.7	6:19 18:42	Thunderstorm expected. Broken clouds. Warm day forecast.
SATURDAY 07 Jun, 2014	32.0	24.0	64	N	12.4	6:18 18:43	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and Warm day forecast.

DR GLADYS EMEHKE
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PROF SAMUEL AKROKUYI
DIRECTOR, (ICDRMS)

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 - Always listen attentively to customers;
 - Always be willing to take ownership of Customers problems;
 - Provide an accurate response to complaints, letters, enquires etc;
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World Voice Day 2014

The University of Port Harcourt joined people around the world to celebrate World Voice Day on April 16, 2014. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU**, captured highlights of the event as shown below:



Representative of V-C and former Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Prof Ozo-mekuri Ndimole, welcoming guests



HoD Music, Prof Nyjee Nwankpa, speaking



University Poet, Prof Martin Bestman reading a poem



Keynote Speaker, Pioneer Director, Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture, Paul Worika



Dr Vera Okorankwo of Nwafor Orizu CoE, Nwabge, Anambra State, speaking on Vocal Techniques



Chairman of the occasion, Mr Lawrence Jumbo, making a speech



Prof Nwankpa welcoming Peace Building Technical Advisor, Fund for Peace (FFP), USA, Michael Gonzalez



Profs Nwankpa, Godwin Tassie and Ndimole



A guest choir performing



UniPort Concert Chorus performing



A guest musical group



Students of Music Dept UniPort performing a playlet



Nollywood Star & Lecturer Theatre and Film Studies Sam Dede (left) and Precious Omuku of the Dept of Music