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A Lecturer in the Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology in the Faculty of Education, Professor Balama Obomanu, has been appointed the pioneer Rector of Federal Polytechnic, Ukana, Akwa Ibom State, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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College of Graduate Studies rewards deserving staff at End-of-session party last Friday. Details next week.
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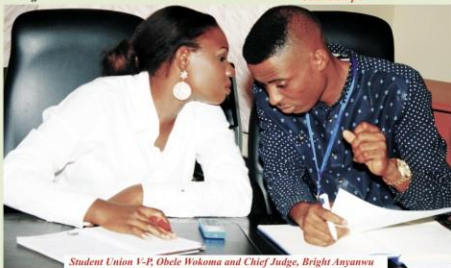
By Onikar Samuel

Following the suspension of marginal charges which led to protest by students and subsequent extension of the Long Vacation, Management has stated it clearly that the reopening of the University for the 2014/15

academic session is now dependent on when the students will come to term with the new arrangement of paying only statutory charges through the Bursary Department and non-statutory charges at the various Departments, Faculties and Colleges.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who made this assertion during one of the numerous consultative meetings with student leaders in his Committee Room, penultimate Friday, said the non-statutory charges would henceforth be left

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Student Union V-P, Obele Wokoma and Chief Judge, Bright Anyanwu



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Mgt Commissions Senior Staff Club Pool

...As Club Sets Up Electoral C'ttee



DV-C (Academic), Prof Joe (arrowed) inspecting the swimming pool after commissioning

It was a sense of fulfillment and pride as the out-going Executive Committee commissioned the renovated swimming pool of the Senior Staff Club and an eatery named after a one-time President of the Club, Professor Blessing Didia, penultimate Thursday.

Performing the commissioning ceremony on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, who expressed delight at the development, outlined the success story recorded by the Professor Tamunobelema Orunaboka-led Executive since its inauguration. He said that it was a matter of delight to see that staff now had a Club they could walk into and relax and also be proud of, advising that the new facility should be maintained to serve its purpose.

By Obinna Nwodin

In their separate speeches, Professors Frank Ugiomoh, Henry Bell Gam, Don Anyanwu, Dr Barisua Nwinea and Mr Samuel Owondah, praised the efforts of the out-going Executive, describing the President as a man with courage, tenacity and the zeal to serve. They expressed appreciation over the positive developments witnessed in the Club in the past few years, advising the incoming Executive Committee to emulate the giant strides recorded by the out-going Executive.

Speaking to *UniPort Weekly* after the ceremony, Professor Orunaboka, who was visibly satisfied with the development, said that the swimming pool which was renovated through direct labour would

be of immense benefit to the Club. "Apart from serving as a fitness centre for members, the infrastructure would also yield revenue to the Club. The money raised would be able to maintain the facility, such as the purchase of chlorine and other materials," he stated, appealing to management of the University to fulfil its promise of constructing a befitting parking space for the Club. He commended members of both his Executive Committee and Club for the support given him during his tenure as President.

Meanwhile, a Five-man Electoral Committee has been set up to conduct elections into a new Executive Committee for the Club. Those elected are: Professor Frank Ugiomoh, Chairman, Dr Kalu Nwosu, Mr Donald Ibeberi, Mr Ephraim Welawa and Dr Chinedu Ogbuji as members, while the Deputy Registrar in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Kelsey Makele is to serve as Secretary.

In a letter announcing the end of tenure of the current Executive of the Club, the ELECO Secretary advised interested teaching and non-teaching staff to pick up nomination form from his office, disclosing that vacant positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Financial Secretary, Sports, Social and Bar Secretaries.

The statement said that collection and submission of nomination form would run between Wednesday, 25th and Monday, 30th June, 2014, while screening of prospective candidates would hold on 2nd July; campaigns are expected to commence on 7th July and end on 16th July, 2014, while manifesto presentation and election proper was scheduled for 17th July, 2014. The ELECO warned that any form not returned at close of work on Monday, 30th June, 2014 would be voided.

PJC-GWDS Commences Form Sale

By Celestina Ogona

The Patience Jonathan Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies (PJC-GWDS), has announced the sale of form for admission into the Master of Arts and Postgraduate programmes for the 2014/2015 Academic Session. The minimum duration for Full-Time for both programmes would be 12 calendar months, while Part-Time studies would last for 24 calendar months.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim and obtained by *UniPort Weekly* disclosed that: "The programmes are interdisciplinary and focuses on men and women issues to provide required knowledge for achieving positive gender

relations for effective collaboration of human population in different environments. Among other things, opportunity would be provided for men and women to have an in-depth engagement in the revitalization, transmission and continuous delivery of research-based information on gender equity and women development."

The statement pointed out that: "to qualify for admission into the Postgraduate Diploma programme, candidates must possess a Third Class Degree or its equivalent with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 1.5 points on a five point scale in any field and for candidates with the HND background, a minimum of Lower Credit shall be considered." Adding that candidate must possess, at least, a Second Class Honours (Lower Division) in Gender and Women Development Studies for admission into the Master of Arts (MA) programme.

The Registrar further directed prospective candidates to pay a non-refundable sum of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Naira made payable to Account Number: 5210017988 at Fidelity Bank Plc or 1528023910 at U&C Microfinance Bank, before proceeding to obtain application form online with Bank Payment Print-out at www.uniport.edu.ng. The form is also obtainable at the Office of the Director (PJC-GWDS), University of Port Harcourt. Completed application forms together with academic transcripts, two reference letters and other relevant documents should be returned to the Director PJC—GWDS, six weeks from the date of publication.



Prof Elizabeth Okeke, Centre Director

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STOP PRESS CHANGE OF AUDIT PEN

Staff are hereby informed that the Internal Audit Department of the University, has reverted to the use of brown pen in place of green pen as a result of a directive from the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation. The continued use of the green pen was as a result of the difficulty encountered in the purchase of brown pens. The resort to brown pen followed the displeasure expressed by the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation at the use of green pen on official documents by staff of the Internal Audit Department of Universities. The University Community is notified of this change to brown pen which commenced on Tuesday, 17th June, 2014.

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A letter conveying his appointment, dated 17th June, 2014 and signed by the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Nyesom Wike, read in part: "I write to convey Mr President's approval of your appointment as the Rector of the Federal Polytechnic, Ukanu, Akwa Ibom State for

a first tenure of four years. The appointment takes effect from 9th June, 2014," adding that "As a pioneer Rector, it is hoped that you will bring your wealth of experience to bear in the successful take-off and growth of the new institution."

Speaking with a *UniPort Weekly* Correspondent last Tuesday on his appointment, Professor Obomanu, expressed optimism that the new

Institution would resume academic activities this September with initial take-off programmes in Entrepreneurship, Information Communication and Engineering, disclosing that plans are also afoot to recruit various cadres of suitably qualified staff to man the new Institution.

The Professor of Science Education, expressed hope that with support from the Federal Government, tangible effort would be made to address the problem of infrastructural development in the new Polytechnic, promising to do his very best to position the Institution as one of the best in the country and beyond.

"I will never forget the University of Port Harcourt in a hurry," he said, recounting recent developments in the Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology, including collaborative programmes with the College of Engineering. Professor Obomanu promised to bring his wealth of experience from UniPort to bear on the way

things are done in the new Polytechnic, even as he pledged a robust manpower development programme during his tenure.



Prof Obomanu, pioneer Rector, Fed Poly, Ukanu

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HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

First Year Students (Year 1B), who paid for hostel accommodation and are yet to be allocated spaces should be accommodated when they resume from vacation for the Second Semester 2013/14 session in September. Committee of Provosts and Deans gave the directive on behalf of the Dean, Student Affairs Department, Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs. Dorcas Otto in a statement issued on 6th June, 2014, said the directive was consequent upon the approval by the Committee of Provosts and Deans at its 330th Meeting held on Thursday, 5th June, 2014 which approved the Academic Calendar for 2013/14 session.

ABOLITION OF PASS DEGREE

Following a directive by the National Universities Commission (NUC) on the abolition of the Pass Degree in Nigerian Universities, Senate of the University has instructed all Faculties, Colleges and Examinations and Records Officers to take note of the new policy with effect from the new intake of 2013/14 academic session. The new classification of Degrees is as follows:

S/No	Class of Degree	Marks Obtainable	CGPA
1.	First Class Division	70-100	4.50 - 5.00
2.	Second Class Upper Division	60 - 69	3.50 - 4.49
3.	Second Class Lower Division	50 - 59	2.40 - 3.49
4.	Third Class Division	45 - 49	1.50 - 2.39

REDEPLOYMENT

The under-listed members of staff have been redeployed with effect from Monday, 16th June, 2014.

S/No.	Name	Designation	Former Dept/Unit	Present Dept/Unit
1.	IKE-JAHKA, I. Fidelis 1982/615	Principal Asst. Registrar	Academic Planning Research & Control Unit	Staff Training Development Unit (STADU)
2.	OGBONDA, Eleazar Ibekwe 1981/386	Principal Asst. Registrar	College of Natural & Applied Sciences (Dean's Office)	(Faculty Officer) Faculty of Physical Sciences & Information Technology
3.	UMBOGU, Georgenna Obiageli 1995/2007	Principal Asst. Registrar	College of Graduate Studies	(Faculty Officer) Faculty of Biological Sciences
4.	ALIEZI, Emmanuel Okachi 1986/842	Senior Asst. Registrar	Faculty of Clinical Sciences	Academic Planning Unit



Mrs Nnodim, Registrar

Only Registered Students Will Write Exams Henceforth ~Registrar

By Otiok Samuel

Returning Students for the 2013/14 have been directed to strictly follow the procedure for payment of charges and registration. They have also been told to complete all registration processes within the stipulated timeframe or risk being disallowed from sitting for further examinations in the University.

Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, who gave the directive in a statement dated 9th June, 2014 and forwarded to the Editor, *UniPort Weekly*, said only students who pay their statutory charges and complete all prescribed registration processes would be regarded as *bona fide* students of the University.

According to the Registrar, returning students

are expected to pay their charges at designated banks for the respective Colleges, Faculties or School, following which they should go online to print out the payment receipt and update their Fees Pass Book with relevant officers such as the College Accountants or Finance Officers.

The next step, she said, is for the students to contact either the Head of Department or their Academic Advisers to confirm their courses and register them online before printing the duly completed Course Registration Form.

The final stage is submission of online payment receipt and completed online Course Registration Form to the relevant officers in the Department or Faculty. The statement warned students to adhere strictly to the procedure or have themselves to blame in the event of infringing on the new directives.

CGRP Holds Confab August 27



Prof Igwe,
Director, CGRP

By Mercy Adeniji

The Centre for Gas Refining and Petrochemicals in collaboration with the World Bank African Centre of Excellence and Centre for Petroleum Research and Training, has announced its third International Downstream Conference/Exhibition on Gas Petroleum Refining Petrochemicals and Fertilizers scheduled for 27th and 28th August, 2014.

Director of the Centre, Professor Godwin Igwe, who made this known in a statement made available to *UniPort Weekly*, disclosed that the third International Petroleum Downstream Conference holding in Port Harcourt with the theme: "Enhancing Employment and Development opportunities through Gas, Petroleum Refining Petrochemicals and Fertilizer Industries", will feature a rich programme of Technical and corporate paper presentations, panel discussions by industry experts, exhibition by companies, short courses/workshops by the NREP (USA)

Environmental certification, students session and field trips.

Speaking on the essence of the Conference, Professor Igwe said: "The Conference would provide participants with insight into issues affecting Gas Petrochemical Refining Petrochemicals and Fertilizer Industries, proffer solutions to what leading professionals have to say on what has worked for others on value creation, learn what is new in research, products and services, as well as establish new business contacts and forge potential future collaborations with reputable institutions".

He further disclosed that at the end of the training and certification, participants should be able to determine and evaluate environmental hazards and sources of pollution, implement policies, strategies and tactics for a cleaner environment and carry out emergency planning, implementation, prevention, recovery, clean-up and restoration techniques. Students are to write a paper on Entrepreneurship in the downstream petroleum industries as cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third best thoughtful business plan papers.

CDRMDS To Train Rivers Legislators On Disaster Mgt

Director of the Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRMDS), Professor Samuel Arokoyu, has outlined steps taken by the Centre to improve the entrepreneurial initiative of the University, part of which are plans by the Centre to train Legislators on disaster and risk management in Rivers State. The move is to enable the lawmakers become abreast with current trends in legislating on issues bothering on emergencies and protection of lives and property in their jurisdiction. Towards

By Celestina Ogona
and Nneka Onyeukwu

achieving the objective, several proposals had been written and addressed to the Rivers State Government with regards to training lawmakers in the area of disaster legislation.

Professor Arokoyu, who defined "disaster as any situation in which the immediate people involved are incapable of managing without external help," explained that the emphasis of the Centre is on how



Prof Arokoyu, Director, CDRMDS

to manage and prevent disaster, praising the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, for contributing to the establishment of the Centre with financial assistance from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The Director stated that the Centre has been able to establish a first-rate weather observatory which is published in the *UniPort Weekly*, explaining however, that the shortcomings in the weather prediction lies in the fact that forecast is based on indices and indices are based on the principle of *ceteris paribus* (all things being equal). He added that "the closer the days to your forecast, the surer you are of correct prediction" as there are many unforeseen situations that could change the wind system and alter the forecast.

Professor Arokoyu expressed hope that in the near future, the Centre would be in a position to commercialize data that would generate funds for the University, as well as the Centre, which he said was experiencing challenges in the area of acquiring the necessary equipment needed to do the job.

According to the Director, the Centre is working towards starting up a Certificate programme in Disaster Risk Management and organize workshops as a way of creating awareness to the general public, adding that the Centre is poised to contribute its quota on safety consciousness in the University and its environs.

UniPort, Aluu Clan Brainstorm On Security

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As a follow-up on several consultative meetings, the Campus Security Committee headed by Professor Regina Ogali, met with the Executive of Ogbakor Aluu last Tuesday at the Governing Council Chambers, Senate Building, University Park.

Professor Ogali, who noted that the meeting which aimed at discussing issues involving the sting of a Divisional Police Headquarters in Aluu Clan, said "the idea is to ensure adequate security of lives and property within the University and its environs". Describing the gesture as a mutually-beneficial project for both parties, she noted that the establishment of the proposed Police presence was part of measures designed to curb crime in the area, as well as beef up security following recent security threats in the country from the Boko Haram sect. Responding, Chairman of Ogbakor Aluu, Mr.

Gershon Benson, who commended the efforts of the Management at ensuring adequate security in and around the Institution, promised that the community would partner the University to realise the project. "This is a good inaugural meeting and we want to solicit support from the University to carry the community along during the course of establishing the new Police Headquarters," he added.

Deputy Registrar, Information, Publications and Public Relations, Williams Wodi, who expressed gratitude to the delegation on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, noted that the essence of the emergent Divisional Police was to have a rapid response squad that would promptly come to the University and its host communities. Mr Nnorom Oji and Major Festus Welawa accompanied the Chairman of Ogbakor Aluu to the meeting.



Chairman, Council Security C'ttee, Prof Ogali (centre) flanked by Chairman, Ogbakor Aluu, Mr Benson (left), Council Member, Prof Ibe and others

Senate Approves New Programmes At 399 Seating

...Frowns At Duplication Of Logo



Senate in session

Senate of the University of Port Harcourt has approved establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programme in Environmental Technology and Management, as well as Occupational Health and Safety. The highest academic policy-making body also frowned and outlawed the use of unauthorized logo by Colleges, Faculties, Institutes and Centres alongside the authentic University logo, thus confusing the general public. These were the outcome of the 399th meeting of the august body held at the Senate Chamber, last Wednesday.

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Presenting the proposal on the floor of Senate, Provost, College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Professor Roseline Konya, said that the programmes, which had been considered and approved by the Board of the College was aimed at providing suitably

By Obinna Nwodim

qualified candidates an opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge of basic engineering and scientific principles underlying their areas of interest, as well as enable them develop the capability to apply the principles creatively through advanced methods of research analysis and synthesis.

Senate also ratified the decision by the Committee of Provosts and Deans (CPD) to extend the second semester break following demonstrations by students as a result of the marginal increase in charges. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, briefed members on the process that led to the decision, adding that consultations were still ongoing to iron out grey areas with the students.

Senate also approved the proposed format for computing degree results in the College of Health Sciences after it was re-presented by the Provost, Professor Chris Akani.

Presiding over the meeting, on behalf of the Chairman, Professor Joseph Ajienka, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Elibert

Nduka, said that Management frowned at a situation where Institutes and Centres designed their own logos on their letter heads, pointing out that it was inappropriate as only the University logo should appear in any official memo. He also advised members that there was need to stick to the new format for presentation of inaugural lectures as approved by Senate. Professor Nduka also announced that the procedure for registration which was drawn up by the Director, Information, Communications

Technology Centre (ICTC), Professor Anthony Ibe, has been circulated to Provosts, Deans and Heads of Department and also uploaded on the University website.

Senate also considered results from the Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Faculty of Education, College of Engineering, Faculty of Management Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, College of Health Sciences, as well as College of Graduate Studies. It also ratified executive approved result made by the Vice-Chancellor. Senate decided to give those who have not submitted their results one week to do so after which sanctions would be implemented as a laid down rule.

A minute's silence was earlier observed in honour of a Member of Senate, Professor Nicholas Oforka of the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, who passed on a few days ago while on an official assignment in Warri, Delta State.

Agberia Assumes Office As Fine Art HoD

In an effort aimed at repositioning the Department and sustaining quality service delivery, the new Head of Department of Fine Art and Design, Professor John Agberia, has disclosed plans to take the Department to a new level, as well as revive the *Journal of Creative Arts*. Professor Agberia, who spoke in an interview with *UniPort Weekly* in his office, last Monday, recalled that the Department had come a long way as it was formerly merged with the Department of Theatre Arts.

Agberia, who took over from Professor Marshall Eneajor, said that he had served as Head of Department for two consecutive times from 1999-2002, 2008-2010 and 2014, promising to bring his experience to bear on the job to make the Department a first choice destination for the creativity.

The new Head of Department, who also doubles as the Chair Occupant of the *Prince (Dr) Yemisi Adeyoin Shyllon Chair in Fine Arts and Design* said: "I have contributed immensely to the growth of the Department and we have great plans to grow rapidly as an Entrepreneurial Department which would generate funds for the University", recalling that in the last dispensation as HoD, he did a lot and promised to do even more in his third coming.

Speaking on his vision for the Department, Professor Agberia disclosed that "plans are

By Mercy Adeniji

underway to break the Department into two new Departments, one would be Department of Fine Art and the other Department of Industrial Design", stating that "we have the staffing which is the human resources and the facilities to run a new Department. He added that the programme for the new Departments is already with the Senate Committee on Academic Programmes and Policies (SCAPP) for consideration, expressing optimism that the programmes would receive approval.

He expressed gratitude to the Professor Don Baridam-led administration, for generously supporting the Department and giving approval to the request it made during his tenure that enabled it refurbish the arts studio, acquire computer sets and buy more industrial equipment such as the industrial kiln.

Professor Agberia lamented the inability of the Department to put the industrial kiln to use due to the epileptic power supply on Campus, expressing optimism that in the next six months, the Department hopes to procure a 25 KVA power generating set to enable it put the Industrial Kiln to use. "When everything is in place, staff and visitors would begin to acquire souvenirs from the Department", he promised.

Speaking on the challenges facing the

Department, Professor Agberia said, "We cannot do anything without funds, Management should provide funds, as well as create an enabling environment for staff and students to learn and do their work".



Prof Agberia, New HoD, Fine Art and Design

Mgt Tasks Student Leaders On New Session Resumption



DV-C (Admin), Prof Nduka (backing camera),
other Principal and Senior Officers addressing student leaders

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with the Departments, Faculties and Colleges to decide according to their programmes. He, however, assured the students that his administration would do everything possible to protect the genuine interest of students, who he acknowledged were very concerned about the new method for collecting non-statutory charges.

"What we tried to do was to harmonize every payment, but since you kicked against the move, we now excised the statutory charges from non-statutory charges and the highest fees any students will pay directly to the University is now N30, 000 and it is from students in the College of Health Sciences, Pharmacy and

Dentistry," the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka said.

Joined by other Principal Officers, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe; Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim; Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aliezi; University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodu and other Senior Officers, Management said that the non-statutory charges are minor charges such as Library Resources, Departmental and Faculty levies which are tailored to meet some needs, explaining that Science students would continue to pay a little token for laboratories use, while students in the Faculty of Agriculture and those

falsehood to an unsuspecting public.

Speaking on behalf of the students, the Vice-President, Miss Obelo Wokoma and Chief Judge, Bright Anyanwu, who promised to correct the negative publicity regarding the marginal increment in charges, sought permission of Management to meet on a later date to enable them find out the rate of non-statutory charges which according to them, would settle the matter once and for all. They praised Management for reverting to the original charges, though with slight adjustment in portal charge occasioned by the demand of the service provider, requesting Management to ignore rumour peddlers and look up to the Student Union Executive who the students voted to represent them.

In continuation of its talent hunt for future sportsmen and women, the Olympafria UniPort Centre, has trained more young people numbering over 30 for the football programme which is sponsored by FC Barcelona, Spain, in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Speaking with our Sports Correspondent at the Training Ground of the Port Harcourt Liberation Stadium, Elekahia, last Wednesday, the Director, Dr Chukwuemeka Agi, restated the commitment of the Centre to develop young people across the sub-Saharan Africa region through sporting activities in its *Catch them Young* initiative, explaining that harnessing potentials among prospective athletes and sports men and women would contribute to boosting sports and alleviating poverty in the region.

Talent Hunt Olympafria Trains More Youths

By Otiakor Samuel

"The training programme started in February with pupils of University of Port Harcourt Demonstration Primary School (UDPS) and others within the University host communities and we have achieved quite a lot in terms of teaching them the values of sports, commitment, tolerance, responsibility and team work. These values will contribute to develop and make them useful to themselves and the larger society," Dr Agi said.

The Director, who is a Consultant Radiologist at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital and specialist in sports medicine, also

disclosed that the young people were made to go through all-round training by a crop of seasoned professionals in athletics, sports and medicine. One of them is Mr. Mike Okote, a former player of the Nigerian national team. He further disclosed that the Centre has been collaborating with the Nigerian Olympic Committee to access relevant kits and facilities, praising coaches from the Rivers State Sports Council for tapping into the abundant opportunities available at the Centre.



Officials of the Olympafria centre and the trainees in a group photograph

GUIDE POST

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Dr Harold Oriaku, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, offered *Temporary Appointment as Lecturer I*, effective on assumption of duty.

Mr Boma Tabotamuno, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, offered *Temporary Appointment as Assistant Lecturer*, effective on assumption of duty.

ELECTION

Dr P.C. Nwankama, Department of Finance & Banking, Faculty of Management Sciences, elected *President/Chairman, Governing Council of the Chartered Institute of Financial Investment Analysts of Nigerian (CFLAN)*. He is also recognised as the Most Active Fellow of the Institute 2013.

HALL WARDEN

Mrs N. Bature-Uzor, Department of Theatre & Film Studies, Faculty of Humanities, appointed *Assistant Hall Warden, Presidential Halls A & B*. The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on 13th May, 2016.

EXTENSION OF STAY AS LEAD SCHOLAR

Professor Vincent Idemiyor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, gets approval for *Extension of Stay as LEAD Scholar*, effective 1st July, 2014 to 30th June, 2015.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Dr Jeremiah Mbadive, Department of History & Diplomatic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Assistant Lecturer to Lecture II, effective 29th January, 2014.

Mrs. Doris Ofili, Department of Music, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective 10th April, 2013.

Mr Precious Omuka, Department of Music, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective 10th April, 2013.

Mr Gelles Albert, Department of Music, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective 11th April, 2013.

Mr James Amaegbe, Department of Music, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective 11th April, 2013.

STUDY LEAVE

Anthony Onoja, Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, granted a 10-month *Study leave with Pay*, effective 15th May, 2014 to 31st March, 2015 to enable him undertake an exchange programme at the Institute of Climate and Society, Mekelle University, Ethiopia.

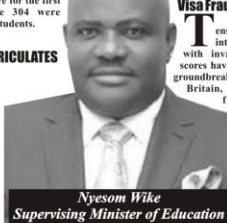
BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

81 GRADUATES OBTAIN FIRST CLASS AT FUNAAB

81 First Class students were among 3,859 graduating students of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) at the combined Convocation of the Institution for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 academic sessions held penultimate Saturday. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olusola Oyewole, who made the disclosure, said 3,555 of the graduates were for the first degree, while 304 were Postgraduate students.

IMSU MATRICULATES 5,000

Of the 5,000 students that applied for admission into Imo State University (IMSU), Owerri for the 2013/2014 academic session, only 5,000 were lucky to take the *Oath* at the 22nd Matriculation Ceremony held last June. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ukachukwu Awuzie, who chaired the ceremony, congratulated the new students on their admission, charging them to manage the opportunity offered by the University to better their future.



Nyesom Wike
Supervising Minister of Education

UI MATRICULATES 3,171

A total of 3,171 fresh students admitted into the University of Ibadan, Oyo State for the 2013/14 academic session took the Matriculation

Oath during their matriculation ceremony. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Isaac Adewole, who made this known at the ceremony, urged the students to make judicious use of the opportunity as they were lucky to gain admission into the Institution which over 50,000 candidates had applied through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board examination.

Investigation Uncovers Huge Foreign Student Visa Fraud

Tens of thousands of international students with invalid language test scores have been exposed in a groundbreaking investigation in Britain, while 57 private further education colleges have been stripped of their licences. Universities have been prohibited from sponsoring new students pending further investigations, and some 750 bogus colleges have been removed from the list of those entitled to bring foreign students to Britain. Swift crackdowns and shock findings of massive ongoing investigations were announced by Immigration and Security Minister James Brokenshire on Tuesday, 24th June, 2014.

He said that since February, immigration enforcement officers and the National Crime Agency, along with officials from UK Visas and Immigration, had been conducting a detailed and wide-ranging investigation into actions by organised criminals to falsify English language tests for student visa applicants. They had also investigated a number of

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 29-SATURDAY, JULY 05, 2014

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI (°C)	TEMPERATURE LO	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 29 June, 2014	30.0	24.0	83	NE	36.2	6:23 18:47	Heavy rain expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.
MONDAY, 30 June, 2014	31.0	24.0	78	NE	25.0	6:24 18:48	Heavy rain predicted. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
TUESDAY, 01 June, 2014	30.0	24.0	80	N	2.3	6:24 18:48	Widely scattered thunder storm expected. Mostly cloudy and Warm day forecasted.
WEDNESDAY 02 June, 2014	30.0	24.0	80	E	13.4	6:23 18:48	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
THURSDAY 03 June, 2014	29.0	23.0	80	E	16.9	6:24 18:48	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day expected.
FRIDAY, 04 June, 2014	29.0	23.0	81	NE	11.2	6:25 18:48	Thunderstorm expected early in the day. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
SATURDAY 05 June, 2014	30.0	24.0	77	E	6.1	6:25 18:48	Thunderstorm expected early in the day. Mostly cloudy. Warm day forecasted.

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SERVICOM CORNER

Every Staff Should:

- Make a positive impact on everyone you meet and everywhere you go;
- Be a **ROLE MODEL** worthy of emulation;
- Be a solution to problems and not a problem to solution;
- Be the best in all you do particularly the things you are naturally good at;
- Do the right thing regardless of who is doing the wrong thing.

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SERVICOM WORKSHOP

In an effort to deliver quality service in the University, the **SERVICOM** Unit organized a Workshop to train Marshalls and Brigades on 8th April, 2014 at the International Students' Centre, University Park. The event focused on attaining internationally-acceptable best practices. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU**, captured highlights of the event as shown below.



Acting HoD, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Dr Virginia Onumajuru, signing the workshop register, while Mrs Peace Stowe looks on

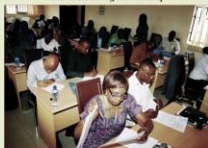


Acting Director, Institute of Agricultural Research and Development, Dr Ibismie Etela (left front row) and others during the workshop



SERVICOM Focal Officer/Director Quality Assurance and Quality Control, Prof Tony Arinze addressing participants

Assistant Director, Health Services Department, Dr Chinwe Ezirim (standing)



Cross-section of participants



Prof Arinze stressing a point



Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs Dorcas Omo (standing) and other participants



Prof Arinze displaying the SERVICOM BRIGADE Uniform



The Focal Officer displaying the SERVICOM poster



Participant taking notes at the Workshop



Some staff of the SERVICOM Unit



Group photograph of participants