Mgt To Student Leaders: Resumption For New Session In Your Hands

By Otukor 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

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t was a sense of fulfilment 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 Tamuno-Obemena Orumabor-led Executive before his termination. 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 Nwodim

In their separate speeches, Professors Frank Ugomoh, Henry Bell Gam, Don Anyanwu, Dr Barisua Nwose and Mr Samuel Owhondah, praised the efforts of the outgoing 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 outgoing Executive.

Speaking to UniPort Weekly after the ceremony, Professor Orumaboro, 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 fulfill 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 Ugomoh, Chairman, Dr Kalu Nwosi, Dr Donald Iheberr, Mr Ephraim Welewa and Dr Chinedu Ogbuji as members, while the Deputy Registrar in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Kelsey Makale 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 be on Wednesday 25th and Monday 30th June 2014, while screening of prospective candidates would hold on 2nd July; campaigns are to commence on 5th July and end on 10th 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

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.

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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 pen. 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.
Obomanu, UniPort Don, Heads Federal Poly A’Ibom

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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, Ukana, 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 cadre 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.

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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 Senate to 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:

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Only Registered Students Will Write Exams Henceforth ~Registrar

By Otkor 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 disqualified 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.

Mrs Nnodim, Registrar
CGRP Holds Confab August 27

By Mercy Adeniji


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 will have 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)

CDRMDS To Train Rivers Legislators On Disaster Mgt

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.

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 this, the Centre has commenced training on disaster risk management to legislators, culminating in the recent training of Rivers State Lawmakers and others across the country.

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 siting of a Divisional Police Headquarters in Aluu Clan, said “the idea is to ensure adequate security in 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.

Chairman of Ogbakor Aluu, Mr. Gershon Benson, who commended the efforts of the Management at ensuring adequate security in and around the University, promised that the community would partner the University to realise the project. “This is a very good 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 Welewa accompanied the Chairman of Ogbakor Aluu to the meeting.

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 Petroleum 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.
Senate Approves New Programmes At 399 Seating

Presiding over the meeting, on behalf of the Chairman, Professor Joseph Ajienka, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, said that management frowned at a situation where Institutes and Centres designed their own logos on their letterheads, 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 the executive approved results made by the Vice-Chancellor.

By Obinna Nwodim

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enate 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.

This was the outcome of the 399th meeting of the august body held last Wednesday at the Senate Chamber. 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 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.

Agberia Assumes Office As Fine Art HoD

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n 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 Ezenajor, 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 Adebayo 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 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 programme 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.”

By Mercy Adeniiji
Mgt Tasks Student Leaders On New Session Resumption

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with the Departments, Faculties and Colleges to
decline 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.

Joining by other Principal Officers, including the
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor
Igbo Joe; Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim;
Bursar, Mr. Vitalis Alizezi; University Librarian,
Dr. Obiageli Nwodo 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 Obiele Wokoma and Chief
Judge, Bright Anyanwuk 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 Olympafia
UniPort Centre, has trained more young
people numbering over 30 for the futbolnet
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

By Otikor 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 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 Okotie, 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.
GUIDEPOST

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 Tubotunmo, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, offered Temporary Appointment as Assistant Lecturer, effective on assumption of duty.

ELECTION

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

HALL WARDEN

Mrs. N. Bature-Usor, 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 Idemury, 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 Mbadibe, Department of History & Diplomatic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted Review of Status from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer 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 Onuoku, 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 Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer, effective 15th April, 2013.

Mr. James Amuegbue, 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 VARIETIES

81 GRADUATES OBTAIN FIRST CLASS AT FUNAAB

81 First class graduates 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 graduands were for the first degree, while 304 were Postgraduate students.

IMSU MATRICULATES 5,000

Of the 50,000 students that applied for admission into Imo State University (1MSU), 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 Anwuzie, 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.

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, where 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 members of staff who had been involved in the fraud.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT

WEATHER OBSERVATORY

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

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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.

Send your complaints to servicom@uniport.edu.ng
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.