



V-C Commends Geology Dept On Industry Partnership

Following the impressive performance of scholars from the Department of Geology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CNAS), in implementing the first and second phases of a study it undertook on behalf of multinational oil giant, Chevron Nigeria limited in 2013, a high-powered delegation from the Department was in the Senate Building on Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 to brief the Vice-Chancellor on the research project, report *Mercy Adeniji and Obubelebara Wokoma.* **More on p3**

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President, Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Prof. Obioma Njoku, interacted with staff and students of the Dept. of Biochemistry last Thursday. Details next week. *~Editor*



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Senate Elects Ibe DV-C Administration

By Obinna Nwodin

There will be a formal change of baton in the Management hierarchy of the University as from Monday, April 27, 2015, following the election of Professor Anthony Ibe of the Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering in the College of Engineering as the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration.

Professor Ibe emerged after polling 120 votes as against four votes polled by his fellow nominee, Professor Harold Nwosa, also of the College of Engineering, who had earlier indicated his intention not to continue with the contest.

The incoming will take over from the incumbent, Professor Ethelbert Nduka, who has successfully completed his maximum two terms that spanned four years. Shortly before the election, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, had expressed gratitude to Professor Nduka for the cordial working relationship he enjoyed with him in the last four years, stressing that his calm disposition was very helpful in light of the

stressful situation in which Principal Officers performed their functions in the University.

"I want to sincerely thank you for the cordiality and sense of commitment to duty I enjoyed while working with you. I want to wish you well in your future endeavours and hope that you would continue to avail the University of your wealth of experience even as you leave office," the Vice-Chancellor told Professor Nduka.

He expressed hope that his successor would assume duty in the same team spirit by equally working towards taking the University to higher grounds in line with the dream of the

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The University of Port Harcourt, through the Department of Music, will join its counterparts around the world to mark the 2015 edition of World Voice Day Nigeria (WVDN) on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

A letter signed by the Head of Department, Professor Onyee Nwankpa and made available to *UniPort Weekly*, disclosed that the event, which has "One Voice, One People" as its theme, will hold from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the *Amatu Braide Lecture Hall, University Park*.

"The World Voice Day is an annual global celebration of the human voice aimed at promoting voice health and education, as well as harnessing the potentials of human voice development," Nwankpa explained, urging the University community and the general public to attend the event.

"WVDN 2015 will focus on the human voice as a possible tool for arresting youth restiveness, promoting peace, enhancing national unity and sustaining development in Nigeria," he disclosed. It would be recalled that the University joined the

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By Humphrey Ogu
rest of the world in marking WVD in 2014, with

lectures, musical performances by *UniPort Concert Chorus*, guest choirs, cultural displays, poetry renditions and drama sessions.



A Guest Choir performing at WVD 2014

SSLT Inductees Relive Experience

A total of 770 new technologist trained by the University of Port Harcourt were recently inducted into the profession by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), as part of the 4th Oath Taking/Induction Ceremony of the 2012/2013 graduands of SSLT. Our Correspondent, MERCY ADENIJI spoke with some of the new Inductees. Please read on:

Maureen Akabuogu, who studied Industrial Chemistry and Petroleum Technology, disclosed that she looked forward to her graduation. "Today is the day I have been waiting for

and I am happy I made it thus far. When I started this journey in 2008, it was not very easy. I want to use this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to God, my parents and lecturers for their support," she said,



Akabuogu

Udoh

Ehichioya

Nworah

36th Matriculation Holds Tomorrow

By Williams Wodi

It is now set for the 36th Matriculation Ceremony of the University of Port Harcourt holding tomorrow at the Convocation Arena, University Park. Over 6,000 Candidates, who were given provisional admission, would be eligible to participate in the Matriculation Ceremony.

The Ceremony which would be presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajioka, is scheduled for 9:00am. It will commence with an Academic Procession by Members of Senate from all the 16 Faculties of the University.

A statement signed on behalf of the Registrar by the Director of Academic Affairs, Mrs. Doreen Otto, directed all Matriculants to be seated at 8:30am according to their Colleges and Faculties. They should also be very orderly and obey instructions from their Faculty Officers to achieve a smooth Matriculation Ceremony, the statement advised the Fresh students, warning that taking of photographs would not be permitted inside the Convocation Arena.

The statement further directed Matriculants to print out the copy of the Matriculation Pledge from the University's website, and sign same at the end of the Oath-Taking and return same to the College

Secretaries and Faculty Officers after the Ceremony. The Matriculants were also directed to return their outfalls after the Matriculation Ceremony and complete the necessary documentations for the refund of their balances not later than the close of work on Monday, April 20, 2015.



Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, Registrar

calling on her younger colleagues to keep up the good work. "They should be focused and hard working and I know God will crown their efforts with success."

Another inductee, who graduated in the Biomedical Technology option, Mr. Goodluck Udoh, expressed gratitude to God for seeing him through his academic pursuit, recalling that "Our colleagues in other institutions who were admitted with us since 2008, are already working and doing well for themselves; it was not easy for us, but we thank God that we were able to reach the finish line. I am appealing to Management of the University to create an enabling environment for students in SSLT to learn. Management should also look into the registration process of upcoming Technologists, so that they will not experience what we went through during our registration process."

In his contribution, another Biomedical Technologist, Mr. Kingsley Ehichioya, described his days on the SSLT programme as very memorable. "Academically, politically and all round, I think I have done my best. To the glory of God, I will not regret coming back to this University to do my Master's and PhD programmes. I owe God all the praises. SSLT is one programme many people were running away from, but today, we are all living witnesses to success of the programme."

Mr. Ehichioya, who once represented SSLT students at a negotiation with Management of the University on tuition fees, described the graduation ceremony as one of the best days of his life. He applauded Management, staff and students of the University and the SSLT for affording them the enabling environment to actualize their dream of acquiring higher education, urging them to keep up the good work. "I believe that the University of Port Harcourt is one of the best in the country and I am lucky to have studied here," he said, promising to make the Institution proud.

On her part, Chiswe Nworah, who specialized in Biochemistry Technology, disclosed that being among those that were inducted is a dream-come-true. "It is something all of us who got admitted in 2008 wished for and I am privileged to be among the lucky ones that were inducted. My stay in the University of Port Harcourt is an act of God and I am grateful to Him, my parents and lecturers, who encouraged me to work hard. It was not easy, but God and our own determination saw us through. She called on her younger colleagues to be steadfast, prayerful and not listen to the wrong impression people have about the programme.

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Briefing the Vice-Chancellor on the essence of the presentation, outgoing Acting Head of Department, Dr. Akaha Tse, recalled that the Department was invited by Chevron to submit a proposal on a study titled: "Investigation of Spatial /Temporal Variation in CNL JV Western Asset Area Phase II OML's/83,85,86,8 and 88.

"The letter inviting bids was also sent to 13 other Geology Departments in Nigerian universities and based on the quality of our proposal, University of Port Harcourt won the bid and was subsequently selected to carry out the research for the company. The proposal was first awarded in August, 2011 and presented in August 7, 2012. I was the project Manager at the time, Professor Levi Amajor was the Coordinator, while Professor Michael Oti was the Lead researcher, among other lecturers and some Doctoral candidates.

"We did the asset project and presented a report, after which the company asked us to do another project because of the quality of our work. It was on that basis that we received funding from Chevron. Following the successful outcome of the second project, which was concluded in 2014, the proceeds realized from the research work with the University of Erlangen, Germany, were shared in the College. It is part of the money that accrued to us that was invested in the purchase of a field vehicle and two high quality microscopes. I am also grateful to all my colleagues, who made quality contributions that resulted in the effective implementation of the proposal," the outgoing Acting HoD said, expressing gratitude to Management of the University for affording him the opportunity to serve twice in that capacity.

Receiving the delegation, Professor Ajienka congratulated the Department for achieving such landmark feat, urging other Departments to emulate Geology Department. "I must thank your

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V-C, Prof Ajienka (arrowed), Principal Officers, Provost, CNAS, Prof Peterside and Senior Lecturers of the Dept. of Geology

Department for being a shining example for others to emulate. We are training people for the industry, so if you don't attend conferences, you will not be known. We should build on this achievement so that the industry would continue to reckon with the contributions of the University towards solving societal problems," the Vice-Chancellor told them.

Professor Ajienka, whose area of discipline is Petroleum Engineering, disclosed that "Geology and Engineering are sisters in the same industry and they are also recognized for their complementary contributions towards oil exploration and exploitation. This is a lesson to other Departments in the University. Government has given us the basic salary; but we can earn even more through research," he explained.

The Vice-Chancellor further charged the Department not to let its retiring Lecturer, Professor Levi Amajor go without tapping from his wealth of experience, adding, "there is so much potential in Professor Amajor, so you should not

let him go away just like that. There is no reason for any Professor known in the industry to retire; you should set up a research team, so that your retired staff would be part of it."

Also speaking, Professor Michael Oti, who gave a brief insight on how the project was bided for, expressed gratitude to Management of the University, the College of Natural and Applied Sciences and members of the team for the feat. "I am very happy to state that we successfully executed the project and part of the proceeds went into the purchase of two quality microscopes and a field work vehicle to aid movement," Professor Oti disclosed, praising Professor Amajor for being instrumental to the success of the project.

Other members on the delegation were, Provost of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CNAS), Professor Nnenna Frank-Peterside, immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, Professor Victor Ukaegbu and current Head of the Department of Geology, Professor Godwin Udom.

Clear Activities Calendar With Us, V-C's Office Advises Organizers

...As Bursary Clarifies Irregular Balances

Ethel Timi-Johnson

Dissatisfied with clashes of programmes originating from Colleges and Faculties, especially as they relate to the organization of the ongoing 40th Anniversary celebration of the

University, the Office of the Vice-Chancellor has called for proper harmonization and approval of such events before they are mounted to avoid embarrassment.

A statement signed by the Deputy Registrar and Head of Administration in the Vice-Chancellor's

Office, Mr. Kelsey Makele, and made available to *UniPort Weekly*, directed all concerned to forward their annual schedule of programmes and events to his office on or before April 13, 2015 for proper scrutiny and harmonization to ensure that they do not clash with other official University events.

"This is to enable the University have a harmonized schedule of programmes and events taking place each year which would serve as a guide to members of the University community and the general public," the statement stated in part, warning that Management would sanction any programme or event that is not captured in the proposed publication to be issued from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

In another development, the Bursar, Mr. Vitalis Aliuzi, has solicited the understanding of staff, who noticed irregular balances in the various deductions on salaries in the months of January and February, 2015. The Bursar in a statement signed by Mr. Abel Ejiofor and made available to *UniPort Weekly*, explained that the seeming irregularities were occasioned by a system error that has since been rectified.

"It is necessary that we inform you that we have taken steps to correct the errors that were noticed and we also would like to use this medium to plead for your understanding and patience during the pendency of these system challenges," the Bursar stated, assuring staff of better service delivery in the discharge of duties in the Department.



Prof. Ajienka, V-C

Mr. Aliuzi, Bursar

UniPort Researcher Breaks New Grounds In Weed Control

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Dr. Udensi Udensi of the Department of Crop and Soil Science in the Faculty of Agriculture, has broken new grounds in the effective control of obnoxious weeds, especially spear grass, using the integrated method. The integrated method, according

to him, is a combination of the use of herbicides and smaller crops such as legumes which add fertility to the crops.

As part of his landmark research, Dr. Udensi disclosed that he is currently collaborating with Bayer Crop Science International on the production of two herbicide varieties—*Lagon 575* and *Laudis 420sc*. *Lagon 575*, according to him, is intended for pre-emergence control of weeds in maize and cassava, while *Laudis 420sc* is post-emergence of weeds, respectively. Presently, the herbicides are being screened to determine their weed control spectrum (their efficacy on weeds, crop tolerance and phytotoxicity levels). Dr. Udensi described weeds as important components of crop production, but insisted that they must be under strict control.

Disclosing that farmers battle to contain weed in order to get good crop yield, Udensi noted that weeds such as spear grasses are highly competitive with crops. "Sage and Spar grass are the second and seventh worst weeds in the world and are categorised as obnoxious weeds. Spar grasses are also considered as problematic weeds within the South-South region of Nigeria,"

he added.

"The idea is to come up with the best active ingredient that can control the weeds and be tolerated by the plants so that farmers can save time and labour and drudgery associated with manual weeding. The whole essence is to provide a functional technology that would control weeds and make farming interesting for farmers—especially the youths."

"Weeding takes more than 40 per cent of farm labour. Weeds are secondary hosts to insects, pests and plant diseases that affect the cropping system," Dr. Udensi revealed, disclosing that he has developed a Youth Weed Control Business Group (YWCBG) that trains youths and links them up with chemical companies to serve as agro-chemical dealers. Such companies offer sales and spraying services to farmers, while the participating youths are trained on how to apply international safe standards in the use of chemicals.

As a way of easing farmers' concern about weeds, Dr. Udensi noted that the Faculty of Agriculture in concert with the Institute of Agricultural Research and Development (IARD), has proposed a training for youths in Ogoni to develop a Weed Control Business Group that would tackle problems associated with weeds.

As part of efforts aimed at assisting farmers to increase their yield, the Faculty also plans to partner the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan on the development of short courses on weed control with the aim of boosting crop production. "These are hands-on tools training aimed at helping local farmers on weed control," Dr. Udensi added.



Dr. Udensi

Osuji Registers UniPort With FastLane Organisation

By Humphrey Ogu

As a way of boosting research capacity of the University, Professor Julian Osuji of the Department of Plant Science and Biotechnology (PSB) in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, has registered the University of Port Harcourt as a member of the American-based FastLane Organisation. Briefing *UniPort Weekly* on the cheering news, FastLane contact for the University, Professor Osuji, explained that he registered with the FastLane platform of the National Science Foundation of the United States of America, which is an arm of the US Government that largely coordinates scientific research in America.

"Organisations or scientists, who may wish to do research-related business that requires funding from the United States Government or her agencies are required to seek membership of the FastLane organisation. If it is an individual scientist, he or she is expected to register through his or her institution, which has to be a FastLane-approved organisation," he explained.

"That way, money from the United States can be mobilised to fund such researches or businesses through the organisation. By the approval of UniPort as a FastLane organisation, any scientist in the University of Port Harcourt that wishes to do any research can apply for grants from any grant-making agency in the US that offers funding through the National Science Foundation of the U.S.," Osuji explained, urging his colleagues to take advantage of the new opportunity to source for grants in the US to advance their research.

Osuji, who is also working with some foreign scholars on a research to characterise and improve Nigerian cocoyam variety, said: "I am involved in research with some professors in the United States and one of the requirements is for me to be part of a FastLane Organisation. That is why I had to register the University as a FastLane Organisation. One needs to be on a universal data numbering system in order to register as a member of FastLane Organisation."

"I am also trying to raise funds for molecular engineering of photosynthesis in coco yams and yams to develop crops that would yield larger tubers and, therefore, more food," he disclosed, revealing that he is also seeking funding to equip the Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology Laboratory in his Department. Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, has in a letter signed on his behalf by Head, Office of Research and Development,

Professor Bene Willie Abbey, congratulated Professor Osuji on the registration of UniPort as a FastLane Organisation.

"I hereby appreciate and congratulate you on your achievement in the successful completion of the registration of the University of Port Harcourt to use the FastLane facility in the United States," the letter stated, adding: "We assure you it will impact positively on research and development in our Entrepreneurial University."



Prof Osuji

Our Error

In Edition 224, Vol. 23 of *UniPort Weekly*, we erroneously classified Emeritus Professor Kelsey A. Harrison as "of blessed memory" alongside the great pioneers of the College of Health Sciences. Quite on the contrary, Emeritus Professor Harrison, who was the third Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, is not only hale and hearty; the venerable gentleman currently resides in Finland. This highly embarrassing error is highly regretted. ~Editor

Celebrating Excellence In Faculty Of Mgt Sciences

By Obinna Nwodin

Professor Daniel Asechemie, amongst others. These names rang bell in the field of Management Sciences with their exemplary academic and leadership qualities. Professor Don Baridam of the Department of Management went on to become the 6th Vice-Chancellor of the University between 2005 and 2010.

Looking back after nearly 40 years of intensive academic activities that has resulted in quality human resource development, there is no doubt that the Faculty has so many reasons to celebrate the University at 40. It currently has five Departments at both the Undergraduate and Graduate levels. The Undergraduate programmes lead to the award of the Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Finance and Banking, Management, Marketing and Hospitality and Tourism. The Faculty also runs specialized Part-Time Bachelor's degree and



Late Prof. Asechemie

The Faculty of Management Sciences started in 1980 as a Graduate School of Management and Business Administration (GSMBA). It offered a Harvard-style Master's degree programme in Business Administration (MBA) in four distinctive disciplines, namely: Accounting, Finance and Banking, Management and Marketing. Undergraduate programmes were introduced in the 1984/85 Academic Session to grant access to candidates that were desirous to acquire university education.

The emergent Bachelor of Science degree programmes were designed to prepare students to become professionals in all areas of Management Sciences. To achieve this ambitious objective, the Faculty provided a broad-based, highly qualitative and analytical management science education that produced a skilled managerial workforce that now man the commanding heights of the industry in Nigeria and abroad. This is in line with the Faculty's stated objective to train men and women who would fill the management development needs of the country in both the public and private sectors of the economy.

Today, the Faculty is joining 15 others in celebrating 40 years of the establishment of the University. The Faculty commenced with a vision of aspiring to become a reference point in management studies, training and research that would equip highly-motivated men and women with the right operational skills to fit into an increasingly globalized managerial workforce.

Since its inception, the Faculty has been working stridently towards the attainment of excellence in teaching, research and consultancy services through a combination of team spirit amongst Lecturers and tenacity of purpose. The Faculty played host to accomplished brand names in Management such as Professors Celestine Nwachukwu, Don Baridam, and the late Accounting guru,



Prof Okereke, Dean

Postgraduate Diploma programmes that prepare students for admission into the highly-subscribed MBA and MSc degree programmes.

At the Postgraduate Diploma level, the Faculty offers research-oriented and professional Master of Science (MSc), Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes that enhance the students' leadership qualities, decision-making ability, independent thought and professional attitude. Like the other Colleges and Faculties in the University, the Faculty has continued to grow in strength with each passing year, producing the needed capacity for both the academia and industry. Today, products of the Faculty of Management Science could be found in both the public and private sectors where they are flying the flag of the University high. This is



Prof Baridam

attributable to the quality of training students receive in the Faculty. Dean of the Faculty, Professor Emeka Okereke, believes that "the Faculty has made significant progress since it was established in 1980. Plans have reached advanced stages to establish two more Departments, namely: Insurance and Entrepreneurship." These new programmes would further deepen the capacity of the Faculty to attract more talented staff and students and expand its scope of activities.

As we take stock of the activities of the last 40 years in the University, we expect that the next 40 years would enable the Faculty experience geometrical rise in its capacity to deliver quality service to its growing clientele. With additional Departments in the offing, it is expected that more specialized areas would bring about the development of not only the University, but also society at large.



Prof Nwachukwu

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Prof Ibe

Ibe Emerges DV-C Admin

founding fathers.

Born on September 19, 1951 in the commercial hub of Nnewi in present day Nnewi North Local Government Area of Anambra State, Professor Ibe, who joined the services of the University of Port Harcourt in 1985, obtained a 1st Class degree in Electrical/Electronics Engineering in 1979 from the University of Nigeria and a Doctor of Philosophy in Power Systems Engineering from the famous Imperial College, London in 1984.

On the completion of his Doctorate degree programme, the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor joined the then Anambra State University of Science and Technology. After just one year there, Professor Ibe transferred his services to the University of Port Harcourt as Lecturer I. His nearly 30 years of active service in diverse capacities in the University has seen him rise to the rank of Professor of Electrical Engineering. Between October 1990 and December, 2002, he

was Acting Head of the Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering; Member, Development Committee, 2000-2002; Head, Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, October 2005 to August 2006. From February 2005 to August, 2011, he served as Chairman, Degree Results Verification Committee; between May 2006 and May 2012, he was Senate Representative on the Appointments and Promotions Committee (Academic); from 2006 till date, Chairman, Departmental Graduate Programmes Committee; from March 2014 till date, Chairman, Senate Business Committee. Professor Ibe, who is currently a member of the Governing Council of the University, was appointed Director of Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC) in November 2011, a position he held until his new elevation to the office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Senate Takes Stand On Collegiate System

... Abolishes 50% Surcharge

By Obilana Nwodin

Senate of the University last Wednesday, took a new stand on the lingering issue of a Collegiate System that is already running in the Colleges of Engineering, Natural and Applied Sciences and Graduate Studies. Senate also abolished an extra 50% surcharge for students who do not meet the stipulated deadline for such payments.

At its 485 Emergency Meeting, Senate reviewed its stand on the contentious Collegiate System based on new realities. After extensive deliberation on the issue, the august body approved the Colleges of Engineering and Natural and Applied Sciences based on the restructuring of each College into two Faculties in line with the recommendations of the Professor Igbo Joe-led Committee for that purpose. Senate also directed that the Faculty of Humanities that has already met the criteria, as well as other Faculties wishing to transform into the Collegiate System should await a response to the memo written by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka to the National Universities Commission (NUC) seeking final clarification and authorization on the issue.

Senate also approved the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree programme in Natural Resources and Environmental Management to be run by the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainability (INRES). The approval was granted after Provost of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Professor Roseline Konyia, presented the proposal on the floor of Senate. The proposal for the establishment of a School of Public Health was, however, re-directed to pass through the Board of the College of Graduate Studies for presentation at the next Senate Meeting.

Senate also considered and approved suggestions by the Dean of Student Affairs Department, Professor Andrew Efenini, on the abolition of 50% Surcharge on students for late payment of charges. Professor Efenini also outlined new processes for the payment of charges and

registration that would make for a more efficient fee regime in the University.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who announced the election of Professor Christie Mato as the new Provost of the College of Health Sciences, also notified Senate about the impending retirement of some senior academics from the University, disclosing that the Academic Office has been directed to commence preparations for a befitting *Farewell Ceremony* in their honour in recognition of their outstanding services to the University. Those lined up for the honour are: Professors Mark Anikpo of the Department of Sociology, Samuel Ibejode of the Department of Political

vehicle and two modern Microscopes for the Department. He encouraged other Departments to emulate the entrepreneurial drive of the Department of Geology by capitalizing knowledge to bring in the needed funds, rather than waiting for statutory allocations.

The Vice-Chancellor also announced that the Webometric ranking of the University has improved with the renewed drive to populate the website with information on the numerous events that take place here. He commended the Acting Director of Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Peter Kpolsio for working so hard to ensure that the University attained visibility on the website. He reminded members of Senate of the decision that all academic staff should upload a brief profile of themselves on the University website to boost its profile and visibility and facilitate contact with their colleagues

in other parts of the world.

Senate also considered and approved a report of the Professional Ethics Committee (PEC) on allegations of examination malpractice levelled against a staff and a student in the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies as presented by its Chairman, Professor Abdurazak Kilani. Senate also approved the amendment of the regulation on the use of cell phones and other communication gadgets in the examination halls as submitted by Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Kaniye Ehekwa.

It approved the 2013/2014 Second Semester Result 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 the College of Graduate Studies. It also approved the 2012/2013 Outstanding Part-Time Degree Results from the Department of English Studies; an Application for Re-instatement in the Faculty of Humanities; Correction of 2011/2012 Degree Result in the Department of Philosophy and appointment of External Examiners in the Department of Internal Medicine, amongst others.

Emeritus Professor Oseidi Nduka was in attendance at the 485 Emergency Meeting of Senate.



Senate in session

and Administrative Studies, Levi Amajar of the Department of Geology, Raphael Maro of the Department of Economics and Hyacinth Dike of the Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology.

The Vice-Chancellor also commended the Department of Geology for introducing a Research and Development Unit which carried out an important research work for Chevron Nigeria Limited which was recognized by the National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS). The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that part of the proceeds from the work was used to purchase a field

GUIDEPOST

APPOINTMENT

Professor Chinyerem Madumere-Obike has been inducted as a Member of the Nigerian Academy of Education (NAE).

CONVERSION

Mr. Stanley Aulubi, Sports Unit, Student Affairs Department, elevated from *Coach 1* to *Assistant Lecturer*, effective October 23, 2014.

REGULARIZATION OF APPOINTMENT

Miss Vivian Kasakwe, Department of Educational Psychology Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, granted *Regularization of Appointment*, effective February 7, 2014.

Mrs. Emily Syder, Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, granted *Regularization of Appointment*, effective March 31, 2014.

EXTENSION OF STUDY LEAVE

Mr. Hanson Ogbu, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted an 18-month *Extension of Study Leave with Pay*, effective January 31, 2015 to July 30, 2016.

STUDY LEAVE

Mrs. Beatrice Affiah, Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, granted a 30-month *Study Leave with Pay* to enable her undertake a Confidential Secretary Course (Grade IV), at the Rivers State Staff Development Training School, Port Harcourt, effective March 9, 2015 to September 9, 2017.

Mrs. Caroline Suwari, Department of Petroleum Engineering, Faculty of Process and Systems Engineering, granted a 2-year *Study Leave with Pay* to enable her pursue her Master's degree programme in Petroleum Engineering, at the University of Benin, Edo State, effective May, 2014 to April, 2016.

Mrs. Mary Udoakang, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted a 9-Month *Study Leave with Pay* to enable her pursue her Master's programme in Library and Information Sciences at the University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, effective March 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015.

Parents, Inductees, Speak On Doctors' Induction Ceremony

The College Of Health Sciences presented 53 new Doctors and 6 Dental Surgeon to the Society Of Gynaecology and Obstetrics Of Nigeria for the induction into the profession on Thursday, 26th March, 2015 at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park. The atmosphere was gay as some parents and graduates expressed delight for being part of the historic event, our Intern, OBU/EBELABAWOKOM reports.



Mrs. Nwaejike

Mrs. Arimie

Dr. Okoh

Honourable Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development in Abia State, Mrs. Bridget Nwaejike, commended the students for their hard work, urging others to continue to strive for success. Mrs. Nwaejike, whose daughter was one of the inductees, said "I thank God for giving my husband and me the strength as parents to support my daughter. I call on management of the University to continue to teach and train doctors that would add value to their society."

Mrs. Joy Arimie, a parent, "I congratulate the students and my son especially, who has brought smiles to our family. I thank the Almighty God for making my son a medical doctor today though, I am not surprised because I had confidence that my son will pull through."

On her part, Dr. Mary Okoh said: "I have been in UniPort for nine years now, with issues of strike delaying my graduation. I am grateful that finally this day have come" disclosing that studying Medicine and Surgery has been very difficult. "It was a rough road and a tough journey, but it was also very rewarding," she added.

"The journey through the college was tough; I owe my success to God for his mercies

and all those, who supported my ambition to become a qualified Doctor," Dr. Confidence Okorji recalled.

On her part, Dr. Uju Nwosu said: "I thank the University and my parents for the needed support and encouragement given to enable me to succeed in my chosen career line. I almost withdrew from the programme while in 300 level. I thank God I finally graduated."

Dr. Okere Victor noted that "Medical School was not fun at all, dealing with the challenges of reading at all times. The issue of Ward Rounds was also tedious. I have waited for this day for more than seven years; I thank God that finally I am a Doctor."

In her view, Dr. Ijeoma Nwaejike said: "It was God all the way. Today is one of my happiest days; I thank my parents and my lecturers for their love and support."



Dr. Okorji

Dr. Nwosu

Dr. Okere

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12 – SATURDAY 18, 2015.

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI (°C)	TEMPERATURE LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am, pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY 12 APRIL, 2015	34.0	24.0	61	NE	-	6:27 18:39	Partly sunny day expected.
MONDAY, 13 APRIL, 2015	36.0	24.0	56	NE	3.1	6:26 18:39	Thunder storms expected late in the day. Morning clouds expected.
TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015	34.0	24.0	59	NE	-	6:26 18:39	More cloud than sun anticipated.
WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2015	35.0	25.0	68	NE	-	6:25 18:39	More sun than clouds expected.
THURSDAY 16 APRIL, 2015	35.0	25.0	71	N	2.7	6:25 18:39	Thunder storm expected early in the day. More clouds than sun expected.
FRIDAY, 17 APRIL 2015	35.0	25.0	70	N	3.0	6:25 18:39	Thunder storms expected early in the day. Partly sunny day expected.
SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015	36.0	25.0	65	NE	-	6:24 18:38	Partly sunny day expected.

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TRCN Inducts 759 Teachers

A Total of 759 new teachers trained by the Centre for Teacher Education and In-Service Training in the Faculty of Education took the Teachers' Oath of Allegiance at the first Faculty-wide induction ceremony which held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU**, captured highlights of the event as shown below:



Some Inductees processing into the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajienka and DFC (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Nnaka arriving the Auditorium



Director CTES, Prof Samuel Nwidereduh, Prof Benjamin Ehezuz, Associate Dean, Dr. Clara Odele and Dean, Fac. of Education, Prof Lawrence Igwe during the procession



Members of the High table rise for the National and UniPort Anthems



V-C, Prof Ajienka making his opening remarks



Director, Nomadic Education Centre, Prof Ehezuz delivering his Lecture



Assistant Director of Professional Regulations, Mrs. Jacinta Imaretse-Oghobosa administering the Teachers' Oath of Allegiance on the Inductees



Some of the Inductees taking the Teachers' Oath of Allegiance



Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof Igwe addressing the Inductees



A cross-section of Lecturers at the Induction ceremony



Prof Israel Onwite receiving his certificate from Mrs. Ametse-Oghobosa



Group photograph of V-C, Prof Ajienka, Senior Lecturers of the Faculty, and staff of TRCN



Group photograph of V-C, Senior Lecturers of the Faculty and the Inductees