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The privileged opportunity given the present Editorial Board of the FUTO Newsletter to restructure and improve on the quality, content and layout of the FUTO Newsletter has warranted a change of name. We know, and are also persuaded by our readers to choose a name that reflects the present magazine format of the FUTO Newsletter.

The Vice-Chancellor has therefore approved the change of name of the University's official news bulletin from FUTO Newsletter to FUTO News.

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From the Editor's Desk

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." (Matt. 5 vs 14 - 16).

The year, 1997 will go into the record books as a year of major breakthroughs in FUTO. The frontiers of science were pushed further afield with the innovation of new products which have grave implications for the new National Development Strategy. International prizes were won, merit awards were at various fora bestowed on ground breaking scholars of this unique University.

The last edition of the FUTO Newsletter titled 'VISION 2010 and the Vision of Federal Universities of Technology' ran a generous review of some of these milestones in scholarly enterprise. A few names are worth mentioning: Prof. A.I. Onuchukwu of the Chemistry Department and his team invented the INDE-INK to checkmate electoral fraud by multiple voting. Dr. C.N. Ubbaonu of the Food Science Technology Department developed the K-POP family from raw cassava. Dr. A.E. Iheonye, the calm and collected Associate Professor in the Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering Technology conquered the world of adhesives using starch based formulations from cassava, yam, maize etc. He calls one of the products 'FUTO-AC 12N-GLUE'.

Dr. L.M. Nsofor, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Food Science Technology developed various brands of fruit drinks after fourteen years of intensive research.

As these scientists were

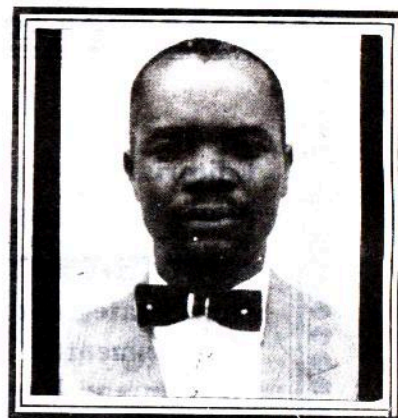
busy churning out one new product after another, Dr. B. Obah, an Associate Professor in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering on sabbatical in far away Germany, won the fellowship of Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation - an award reserved only for the best brains.

This streak of striving for excellence is a bug that has caught the FUTO Family. In this edition of the FUTO NEWS, we present you with the exploits of yet another scion of FUTO in Brazil. Dr. A.B.I. Udedibie, a professor of Animal Nutrition on sabbatical in Brazil took the scientific world by storm when he finally ended the age long problem of eliminating the toxin in Jackbean (*Canavalia ensiformis*). It was a feat that could fetch him the Nobel prize in Animal nutrition. Prof. Udedibie was in Brazil on the ticket of the International Foundation for Science (IFS).

Another chart busting merit award, the 'Nneoma Archdiocese' title was bestowed on Prof. T.Y. Obah and Mrs. I.C. Ude both ladies of St. Mulumba. Prof. T.Y. Obah is eminently qualified for this award. In FUTO, she is appreciated as the mother of the university. The Nneoma title fits her perfectly.

Mrs. I.C. Ude, a dogged leader of Catholic Women is brewed and stewed in puritan Catholicism, with an impressive track record. A prayer warrior and a strong leader of the Christ the King Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Aladinma, Mrs. Ude by the grace of God can fire dangerous explosives into the strongholds of the evil one. She is a dedicated mother.

Finally, we have the two new other principal officers: Mr. M.O. Okoye - Registrar and Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe - Bursar. We have a good story on them. We also carried their profiles. These



are all Lighted Candles in FUTO who are burning with brilliant incandescence. May their Lights never go out.

The combined 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri held on Saturday, November 22, 1997 reflected familiar images. The traditional thrills, glamour and colour which have become distinct hallmarks of convocations under the present administration featured prominently.

With the Catholic attendance and superb arrangements, the attractions were many. The ceremony kicked off on Thursday, November 20, 1997 with an interdenominational Church Service, followed by a very incisive and thought-provoking convocation lecture delivered by Prof. G.M. Umezurike, on Friday, November 21. Then came the big day, Saturday, November 22. All roads on land and in the air led to FUTO. Owerri, the Imo State Capital again stood still as many siren-led convoys whistled through the serenity of the town. Apart from the regular graduating students of the 1995/96 and 1996/97 Sessions, five eminent Nigerians were also honoured with Doctorate Degrees (Honoris Causa). These include Chief (Dr.) Alex Ekwueme, Maj. Gen. A.K. Adisa, HRH Alhaji Nuhu Muhammadu Sanusi, Air Cmdr. Luke C. Ochulor (rtd) and Chief Okon W. Inyang.

CHIKE EZENWA.

MAIL BOX

Letter of Appreciation

The entire family of Mr & Mrs I.A. Ohazuruike wishes to express their profound gratitude and appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah and the entire University community for their moral and material support to the family during Mrs J.N. Ohazuruike's illness.

May the Almighty God bless and reward you all abundantly. *Amen.*

Prof. A.B.I. Udedibie
Dept. of Animal Production
Federal University of Technology,
Owerri.

Dear Prof. Udedibie,

Congratulatory Message

On behalf of the University Research Committee and myself, I write to congratulate you on the IES/DANIDA award given to you for, your noteworthy research achievement in Agriculture.

This award is not only a recognition of your research efforts but a thing of pride to our University.

Congratulations and welcome back from your one-year sabbatical leave.

Yours sincerely,

PROF. M.U. ILOEJE
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Mr. Chike Ezenwa
P.R.O & Editor
FUTO NEWSLETTER

Letter Of Congratulation

I was very impressed to read the recent issue of the FUTO Newsletter, Vol. 17, No. 2 of Friday, September 19, 1997 captioned "VISION 2010".

The colour - graphics, lithography and coverage were very poignant, and represent an excellent improvement.

I therefore wish to congratulate you and your staff for a job very well done; and encourage you to continue in this onerous effort to sustain the healthy image of our young University.

Once more, congratulations! and please keep it up.

(Signed)
PROF. M.U. ILOEJE
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P.M.B. 1526, Owerri.

*Thank you for the
very informative
FUTO NEWSLETTER,
VOL. 17, No. 2.*

Please keep it up.

Thank you.

M. D. USMAN
*for: Vice-Chancellor,
Federal University of Technology,
Minna, Niger State.*

Develop New Strategies to Eliminate Secret Cults Abacha Tells University Authorities

University authorities have been called upon to initiate and develop new strategies to fight the lingering menace of secret cults in our higher institutions of learning. Head of state and commander-in-chief of the armed forces, General Sani Abacha, made this call in his speech at the 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, (F.U.T.O.). The visitor whose speech was read by the Military Administrator of Imo State, Col. Tanko Zubairu, noted that persistent cult activities within our ivory towers have not only "resulted in mindless violence and pre-mature deaths", but have remained a key factor in disrupting academic activities in our higher institutions of learning.

Though government is not resting on its oars to see to the eradi-

cation of this cankerworm, the visitor charged university authorities "to urgently develop new strategies in



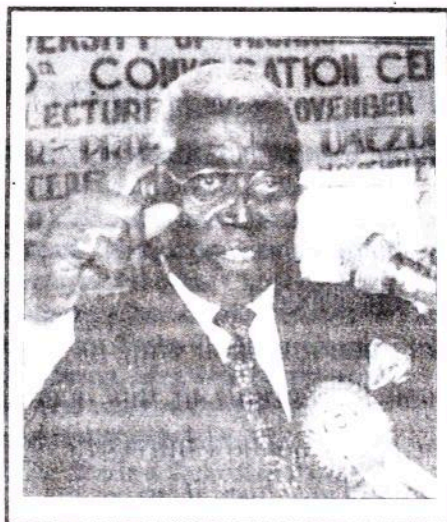
Gen. Sani Abacha

support of efforts to eliminate these cults". While emphasizing the crucial role that parents and guardians should play in this effort, he called

for the intensification of cooperation with the police and other security agencies so that all who are involved in this menace would be flushed out. He reiterated the determination of his administration to continue its support to all our universities and academic institutions in meeting the growing educational needs of our people. Similarly, he assured Nigerians that the report of the panel on the review of higher education in Nigeria will receive the urgent attention of the government in both reviewing and implementing it. He assured that the call for the review of salaries and wages would yield result soon as the Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRIC) and the National Council of States (NCS) were looking into it.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT DEBATE REVISITED

Whenever questions of development and underdevelopment are asked and answered, the state of the economies of the countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia remains lamentable. This is again the picture presented of these countries by Professor G.M. Umezurike in his convocation lecture presented at the 9th and 10th convocation ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, (F.U.T.O.) titled: "The Technological Development of Nigeria: Identification of National Goal and Strategy". In this lecture which attracted the creme de la



Prof. G.M. Umezurike

Convocation Lecturer at The 9th & 10th Convocation

creme of the intelligensia and business community, he posited that Nigeria falls within the third world underdevelopment group

within the international economic classification scheme with the following features,

- Low Gross national product
- high birth rate
- high unemployment
- heavy dependence on the agricultural sector
- low rate of capital formation, etc.

While noting that the socioeconomic development of any country is directly tied to its technological advancement, he maintained that this can only take place under a very strong and sound scientific base. Conversely, "the development of the basic sciences in

any country is necessary for the evolution and continued advancement of technology and for socio-economic development in that country". Using the dialectical materialist approach as his point of departure, Prof. Umezurike saw basic sciences and technology as two processes that must evolve an effective mix for genuine development to evolve. Seeing science in the very restricted sense of "knowledge that can be tested by experiment," he identified technology as "the application of systematic knowledge for the production of manufactured goods and wares...". Pursuing the argument further, he conceptualized development as the increase in the capacity to control the transformation of the social structure.

The aim of development, according to him, is to improve the standard of living of the people through maximizing the application of renewable resources as well as increasing the level of employment in the rural areas. The provision of these basic necessities to the people is essential for the evolution of national development in a country like Nigeria. He, however, noted that the elites who control the decision making apparatus and decide the channel of information and resource filtering

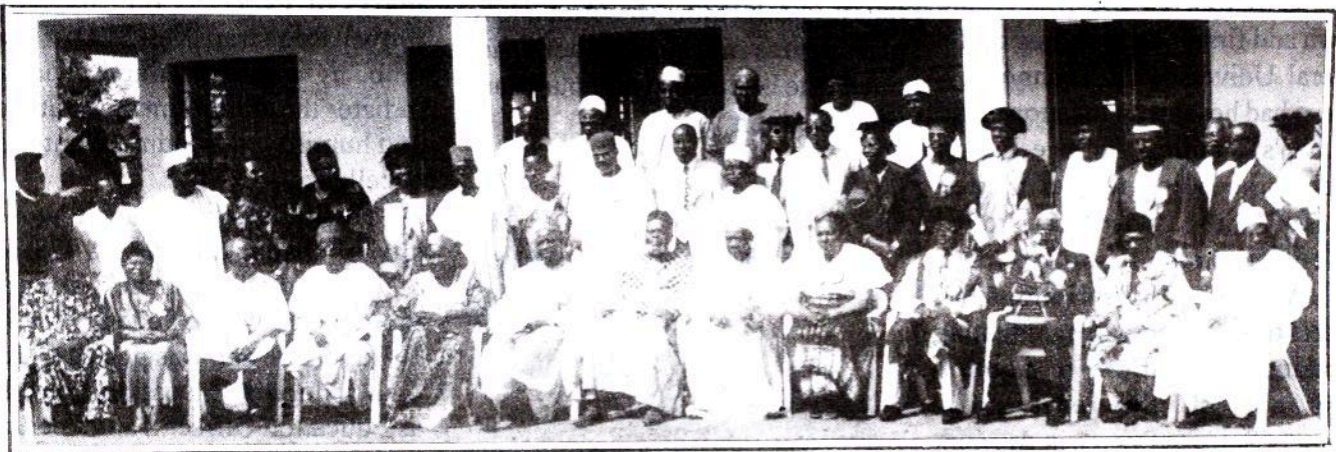
for the realisation of these objectives maintain a pattern of life that is antithetical to these goals as they are exogenous in tastes and social orientation. As a redeeming measure, he called for the adoption of a "technology for development" strategy whereby research is encouraged into the type of technologies that are in accord with our factor endowments.

Again, Prof. Umezurike posited that since independence in 1960, Nigeria had adopted a faulty approach toward technological growth and development. The import substitution strategy which was the bane of the countries of Latin America only succeeded in reducing Nigeria to the unenviable state of a receptacle for finished products from a different social and cultural setting. In effect, the technology of a people mirrors their environmental peculiarities and therefore differed from the milieu of others. The proper establishment of this technology and environment blend requires, in his words, the identification of our national goals in the area of technological development as well as the creation of curricula in our technological institutions and universities that are endogenous in focus. Thus, while accepting the international character of scientific enquiry, he cautions that we

must note that science mirrors the setting that evolves it and must therefore foster the rapid development of that milieu.

Professor Umezurike lamented the exogenous structural orientation of most of our universities which had not placed them in the proper pedestal to be at the vanguard for the rapid technological development of our society. This, however, may not be entirely due to lack of innovative capacity of these institutions as to poor research funding by the government. For example, only less than half per cent of Gross National Product, (G.N.P.), is allocated to research efforts and no country which spends that much has generated enough science for the development of a sound socioeconomic base.

In point of fact, the distinguished lecturer placed the task of evolving a new way for the development of Nigeria at the doorstep of the political class who control the channels of production and allocation of national values, adding that our education, science and technology institutions needed to be seriously challenged to play a leading role in the evolution of an alternative strategy for the development of a purely Nigerian technology. To the eminent Professor, these concerned national institutions are equal to the task. It is therefore left for the government to play its catalytic role of providing funds for the much needed research.



A cross section of distinguished guests at the 9th & 10th Convocation Lecture in a group photograph.

NEW REGISTRAR, BURSAR EMERGE

As Okoye and Ahiarakwe Mount The Saddle

A new chapter was recorded in the annals of FUTO history when she internally produced her first substantive Registrar and Bursar. The development was also remarkable for yet another reason: the first time appointment of a woman as one of the other Principal Officers of the University.

At its 76th Extraordinary meeting held on 17th December, 1997 the Governing Council of Federal University of Technology Owerri formally approved the appointment of Mr. Michael Okechukwu Okoye and Mrs. Chinedum Catherine Ahiarakwe as Registrar and Bursar

of the University respectively. The appointment which took effect from the 17th of December, 1997 is for a period of five years in the first instance, renewable for another final term of five years.

Until their new appointment, Mr. M.O. Okoye was a Deputy Registrar in charge of Council and Legal Matters while Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe, a Deputy Bursar held the fort in an acting capacity as the Bursar.

By this appointment, Mr. M.O. Okoye becomes the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe its Chief Financial Officer, both responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the smooth-

running of the Administration.

An engaging outflow of mass euphoria greeted these appointments with the Governing Council singled out for special commendation. Having been chosen from a formidable array of other aspirants, Mr. M.O. Okoye and Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe are expected to bring to bear on their offices, those attributes and exceptional competence that earned them the plum jobs.

FUTO News on behalf of FUTO Community congratulates these worthy and outstanding achievers. ■

PROFILE



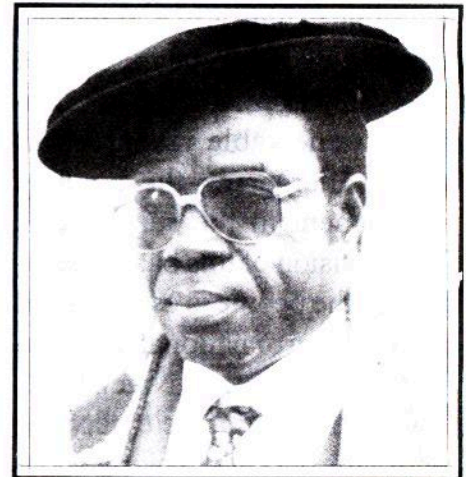
Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe smiling into the future

Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe who is making history as the first home grown and first female Bursar of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri had her early education at the Women's Training College Enugu before proceeding to the United States of America where she enrolled at South-Eastern Washington DC. She made the Dean's Honour roll several times, eventually graduating cum laude with a B.Sc. in Accountancy in 1978. She received the Master of Science Degree in Accountancy in 1979 from the University

and also the Associateship Certificate of the American Institution of Bankers in 1979.

After a brief stint at the Bank of Colombia as a Customer Services Officer, Mrs. Ahiarakwe returned to Nigeria in 1980, and took up appointment with the Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri.

In 1981, she joined the services of Federal University of Technology, Owerri as a Senior Accountant. Mrs. Ahiarakwe showed her pace in 1983 and was elevated to the rank of Chief Accountant. A devout Christian of the Anglican Faith, Mrs. Ahiarakwe plays tennis and jogs in her spare time. She is blessed with four beautiful daughters.



Mr. M.O. Okoye

Also going down in the hallowed books of FUTO is the first home grown Registrar, Mr. M.O. Okoye who, by disposition and character radiates the commitment, astuteness and humility of an administrator par excellence.

He studied History at the University of Ibadan between 1973 and 1976. On graduation, he took up appointment with the Federal Ministry of Education and was posted to Federal College of Education, Pankshin as Education Officer II and Lecturer. In October, 1979 he shifted base to

Federal Government Girls' College, Owerri from where he joined the services of Federal University of Technology, Owerri in 1981 as Assistant Registrar. From his path-finding post as Pioneer Student Affairs Officer (1981 - 1982), Mr. Okoye began what has turned out to be a flourishing and most rewarding career in the University System in spite of all the hurdles and tackles which are symptomatic of the upward moving and forward looking.

In essence, Mr. Okoye in the last sixteen years has served in virtually all the units of the Registry, Schools and other segments of the University system in diverse capacities. He has

also distinguished himself as a career administrator by being appointed Secretary to numerous regular and specialised committees including being the Assistant Secretary to the Governing Council. His well known proclivity for hardwork and thoroughness enabled him to detect an overpayment of N32,000.00 to a Landlord in June 1995. This unique act earned him a letter of commendation from the Governing Council.

The new Registrar has, in the course of his career, been privileged to attend special courses/conference, including a six-week course on General Management of Organisation,

Government and Systems at ASCON in 1983. At the level of productive works, Mr. M.O. Okoye is the author of "The Problems and Prospects of Student Affairs Administration in FUT, Owerri", 1983. He also wrote the "History of Umuokpoloji Kindred in Oraukwu - catalogued in the National Library of Nigeria.

As the founder and first Chairman, Senior Staff Association, FUTO. Mr. Okoye was honoured with a certificate for his pioneering role.

Mr. M.O. Okoye is married with children. ■

Conferment of 'Nneoma Archdiocese' ON 2 FUTO LADIES

The Villa Mariae grounds along Wetheral Road was momentarily taken over on Saturday, November 15, 1997 by a Mammoth assembly of colourfully attired Christian Mothers and their numerous invitees. The occasion that drew together this largest concourse of Christian Mothers in Imo State in 1997 was the ceremony marking the conferment of the prestigious 'Nneoma Archdiocese' title on some deserving Christian women

Among the recipients of this highly coveted honour were Prof. T.Y. Obah, Lady of St. Mulumba and Dean of the School of Management Technology (SMAT), and Mrs. I.C. Ude, Lady of St. Mulumba and a Senior Assistant Registrar (SAR) in the DVC (Admin's) Office.

The award ceremony organised by the Owerri Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Organisation was preceded by a concelebrated holy Mass di-

rected by Rev. Fr. Longinus Etoh, the Vicar General of Owerri Archdiocese.

Also speaking at the award ceremony, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Placid C. Njoku, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike poured encomiums on the leadership of the C.W.O. Owerri Archdiocese for rewarding the exemplary qualities of their outstanding members.

Earlier in her welcome address, the President of the Owerri Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Organisation, Lady Julie Anyanwu, recounted several achievements of the Association during her tenure. She assured that the recipients, who went through a tedious screening process were found to be worthy and deserving of the highly prized honour. The occasion featured many sing songs and special renditions by representatives of the different parishes and chaplaincies.



A group Picture of the Nneoma Award Winners
The Award Winners, Prof (Mrs) T.Y. Obah and Mrs I.C. Ude flanked on either sides by two other Christian mothers.

CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS OF FUTO

Being excerpts from the Vice-Chancellor's Address at the Joint 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony

We have consistently demonstrated that uncompromising maintenance of discipline, strong executive and corporate firmness with flexibility and constant dialogue are sine qua non for peace, stability and progress in the ivory tower. Thus by applying these strategies, we successfully weathered the academic staff strike of 1996, and consequently restored normalcy to our academic calendar in the 1995/96 and 1996/97 sessions, with the 1996/97 session ending in August 1997. By restoring peace and stability in the campus, we have been able to pay specific and sustained attention to staff welfare resulting in significant increase in staff promotions, staff training and professional development, disbursing of vehicle refurbishing and housing loans.

In the same way, we have recorded a quantum jump in staff research and products innovation, development and production: learned text book publications by staff increased tenfold, staff participation in learned conferences and learned journals publication experienced a remarkable increase, innovative products such as inde-ink for finger/thumb printing, industrial glues, dairy products from soyabean, maize and groundnuts and so on were taken to commercialization stage.

Within the same period, two international research awards: the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation award and International Foundation for Science/Danish Agricultural Development Agency (IFS/DANIDA) award were made to two of our staff. Dr. B. Obah of Petroleum Engineering Department and Prof. A.B.I. Udedibe of Animal Production Department respectively. In addition, we have established an academic linkage with Toon-Toby International Limited (TTI) for collaboration in training, research

and services in computer and telecommunications engineering while negotiations are in full gear for linkages with several American Universities in the areas of die-technology, computer communications, computer engineering technology and medical technology and so on. Collaborative research projects are presently being carried out by the University under the auspices of National Agricultural Research Project (NARP).



Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah — VC.

In the area of capital project execution, we completed and put into use by November 1996, a new students hostel.

Finally, we can proudly claim that our fight against cultism in our campus has been bold and sustained.

CONVOCATING STUDENTS

Special congratulations for today belong mostly to you. Despite all the palpitations in the national academic climate, you have survived to graduate. We express our profound appreciation for your mature understanding, behaviour and support during the unstable days of the 1995/96 and 1996/97 sessions. You have gone

through our mill equipped with uncompromising confidence, innovation and experience of the real problems of the world of work rather than the world of the institutions. We do not claim that we have made you the best among equals because we know you are the best among equals. You should, therefore, initiate, create and lead not only in technological development but in critical social and political facets of our national well-being. You are today deemed to have been found worthy in character and learning to be awarded the relevant degrees.

We are happy to announce that our graduation statistics are as follows:

FIRST DEGREE GRADUATION STATISTICS

	1995/96 Session No. of graduating students	1996/97 Session No. of graduating students
1st Class Hons. Division	5	6
2nd Class Hons. Upper Division	126	160
2nd Class Hons. Lower Division	393	411
3rd Class Hons. Division	61	31
Pass Division	1	3
Grand Total	590	891

A female student, **MISS OSONDU CHIOMA**, emerged as the best graduating student in the 1996/97 session.

1995/96 and 1996/97 Postgraduate Graduation Statistics

Degree	SAAT	SEET	SMAT	SOSC	TOTAL
MBA	-	-	26	-	26
M.Sc.	19	7	9	21	56
M.Eng.	-	7	-	-	7
Ph.D	4	4	4	-	12
Grand Total					101

DIFFICULTIES

FUTO still faces acute shortage of facilities for meaningful academic and administrative activities made worse by our relocation to our permanent site - the green woodland - with attendant loss of facilities. There is an urgent need to construct the Senate building to release classroom, laboratory, office and seminar facilities currently occupied by the office of the Vice-Chancellor and the rest of the Administration; on-campus residences for staff, transportation systems for staff and students, sports facilities and telecommunications are some of critical projects needing immediate attention. We are presently anxiously awaiting the fulfilment of the Federal Government promise in 1994 and 1996 to release special grant to FUTO to help "ameliorate the peculiar difficulties arising from the relocation to the permanent site and in appreciation of the excellent

progress made by the University"

FUTO COMMUNITY AND FUTO NEIGHBOURS

We are happy that we have very cordial relationship with our neighbourhood population and are grateful for their continued support and understanding. Our Community Outreach Committee (COC) will double its efforts to enhance yearly the symbiotic relationship existing between us since the inception of the University.

We have religiously maintained the Federal nature of FUTO while at the same time giving the catchment area states their full share with the host state (Imo State) getting a lion share. We have been fair and just to all and sundry. Now to whom much is given much is expected, and the immediate stake-holders should contribute appreciably to the development of FUTO. We expect

endowment of academic chairs, funds for the establishment of new Schools/Colleges, laboratories, workshops, research centres and so on. Unfortunately, we are yet to realize this dream. On the other hand, it appears to us that a few individuals from within and outside FUTO have allowed the prevalent stress and strain in the society to make them forget that FUTO, like any other Federal University, is governed by well established Act, rules and regulations and operated through a committee system, and should, therefore, be left alone to operate within its guiding laws. This we insist on. However, we welcome any constructive suggestions on better governance and development (academic and physical) of the institution consistent with the laws establishing it.

VISITORS TO THE CONVOCATION

It is humanly impossible to keep a tab on all the distinguished personalities who turned up for the Convocation. A few among them Military Administrators and Heads of Sister Tertiary Institutions sent across advance information of their visits. Most others stormed the Convocation Arena that fateful morning. It was a dizzying spectacle to behold: Many heavy weights and major role players in Nigeria's socio-economic and political turfs honoured the convocation with their presence. The visitor of the University, General Sani Abacha, GCON, Head of State and Commander-in-

Chief of the Armed Forces was represented by Col. T.K. Zubairu, Imo State Military Administrator. The Convocation also had the unique privilege of hosting the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Mike Akhigbe and Military Administrators of Akwa Ibom, Capt. (NN) J.A. Adewusi; Bauchi, Col. T.A. Bamigboye; Kwara, Col. P.A.M. Ogar; Ogun, WG. Cdr. Sam Ewang and Ondo States, Cdr (NN) A.I. Onyearugbulem. The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Alhaji Gidado Idris sent two representatives.

It was also delightful to welcome Dr.

Walter Ofonagoro, former Hon. Minister of Information and Gen. Ike Nwachukwu, a one-time Foreign Affairs Minister, to the Convocation. Traditional Rulers who visited included the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Sulu Gambari, Eze Onuegwunwoke - Chairman of Imo State Council of Ndi Eze, Eze E.E. Njemanze, Ozuruigbo V of Owerre.

The Convocation attracted a fairly large representation from the academic Community. These included the Secretary-General of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities (CVC), Prof. Aboaba; Prof. A.A. Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Yola; Prof. Fola Lasisi, Vice-Chancellor, University of Uyo; Prof. Placid Njoku, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike; Prof. A.S. Sambo, Vice-Chancellor of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi; Prof. Salim, Registrar JAMB. Represented were the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt; The Provost of the Nigerian Defence Academy and the Rector of the National Institute for Nigerian Languages, Aba.

There were many more who on account of limited space cannot be listed here.

Our appreciations of their friendly gesture has been formally conveyed to them.



VISITORS TO THE CONVOCATION

CHANCELLOR CALLS ON IMO MILAD

HRH Rtd Justice Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagoa, Mingi XI Amanyanabo of Nembe and Chancellor of FUTO, on Thursday November 20, 1997 led a special delegation on a courtesy call on the Military Administrator of Imo State, Col. T.K. Zubairu. Speaking at the occasion, the Chancellor noted with deep satisfaction the cordial relationship existing between FUTO and the State Government. He commended Col. T.K. Zubairu for his dogged fight against ritual killings and armed robbery and

specifically congratulated the military administrator for bursting the 'Otokoto' mafia. The Chancellor then went ahead to acquaint the Military Administrator with the activities lined up for FUTO's 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony.

In his remarks, the Military Administrator thanked the leader and members of FUTO delegation. He described the university as a formidable institution in Imo State and looked forward to participating in the 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony. Col. T.K. Zubairu also

recalled the promise he made on behalf of the State Government to sink a borehole in FUTO and reassured the delegation that plans were afoot to begin the project.

Present at this memorable occasion were the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council Prof. Chiweyite Ejike, Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors - Prof. M.U. Iloeje and Prof. J.E. Njoku, Dean of SMAT, Prof. T.Y. Obah, and some members of council amongst other distinguished person.

'NO WOLVES IN FUTO'-VC

As part of the activities marking the 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, an Inter-Denominational Service was held at the Multiple Activity Centre, FUTO on November 20, 1997.

The Guest Preacher, His Lordship, Bishop of Egbu, The Rt. Rev. Prof. E.U. Iheagwam in his sermon told the graduands that they are being sent out of the university like sheep to a pack of wolves. He counselled them to be as wise as the serpent to escape being devoured by the wolves. The prelate deplored the negative influences of keeping bad company and hoped that there are no wolves in sheep's clothing among the graduands".

The Guest Preacher also warned the graduands of dishonesty and told them that love of money is the root of all evils urging them to combat the prevailing dominance of corruption as a way of life. He equally told them to be hardworking as those of them that really worked hard are leaving the university with 1st class and 2nd class upper degrees while the lazy ones are left behind.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah read the first bible reading while Dr (Mrs) B.N. Anyanwu read the second bible reading.

The Vice-Chancellor, in his vote of thanks said that FUTO has come a long way and assured that there are no wolves in the university. He expressed happiness with the presence of the Bishop Rt. Rev. Prof. E.U. Iheagwam and other officiating ministers namely Rev. Fr. Dr. J.C. Ejimofor of St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, FUTO and Very Rev. B.L. Onuagha of All Saints Church, FUTO.

The service was well attended by the members of Council, Principal Officers, graduands and members of staff.

STRIKING LECTURERS RETURN TO THE FOLD

A total of 17 academic teaching staff of FUTO who initially scorned all entreaties and persuasions to back out of the ill fated ASUU strike of 1996 have now retraced their steps.

The 6th Governing Council decided to recall them on the condition that they sign a Deed of Understanding to be of good behaviour. They have all signed and resumed normal academic work.

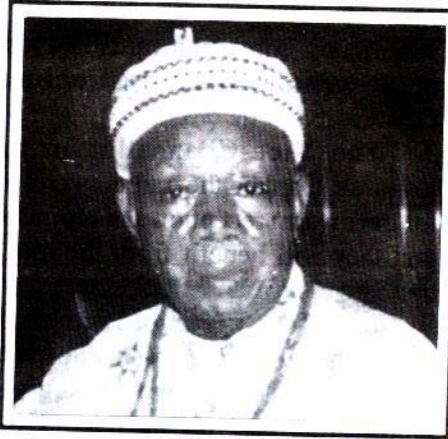
FUTO FLAG KEEPS FLYING - CHANCELLOR

The newly constituted 6th Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has been charged to keep the FUTO flag of peace and stability flying like their predecessors which made the university a model among other universities. This call was made by the Chancellor, HRH Justice Ambrose

Ezeolisa

Allagoa, Mingi XI, Amanyanabo of Nembe in his speech while declaring open the 9th and 10th convocation ceremony of the university. He advised the members of council to guide against all forms of strike as the fruit of his wise counselling during the 1996 ASUU strike led to the graduation of today.

The Chancellor also expressed his gratitude to the 5th Governing Council especially the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Sabi Idris, the Emir



Rtd. Justice Allagoa - Chancellor

of Gwanara for their worthy contributions to the development of the university.

Earlier, Justice Allagoa heartily welcomed the Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Sani Abacha who was represented by the Imo State Military Administrator, Col. T.K. Zubairu.

Congratulating the recipients of the honorary degree award, the Chancellor described them as "men who have served this nation, this university and their community, selflessly" -

To the graduands, he urged them to be worthy ambassadors of FUTO using the resources they have acquired to serve the nation. He also urged the students to desist from what he described as "twin evils of our educational institutions" - secret cultism and exam malpractice.

He concluded by congratulating the man at the helm of affairs, the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah and his dedicated staff and urged them to continue with the vigour, hard work and courage that has placed FUTO as the nation's pace-setter, in the university system.

6TH COUNCIL POISED FOR ACTION - Ejike



Prof. Ejike

In his address at the 9th and 10th Convocation C. Ejike paid glowing tributes to the time honoured contributions of the 5th Governing Council and the exceptional leadership credentials of his immediate predecessor, HRH Alhaji Sabi Idris. He also recognised the towering and monumental achievements of the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah, a record that mer-

ited him a second term in office.

Thereafter, he shifted his periscope to the critical areas upon which the present Council must focus its attention. According to him, "Council has become aware of:

- a generally disciplined and committed academic environment;
- substantial shortfalls in the quality and quantity of teaching and research infrastructure;
- little or no funds for embarking on meaningful capital development during the current financial year;
- fall in morale among some staff;
- diminished commitment by some teachers to the pursuit of true academic"...

Prof. Chiweyite Ejike assured Convocation on behalf of his colleagues that the 6th Gov-

erning Council, "despite the foregoing difficulties and more, is very much concerned and determined to create policy structures conducive to peace and harmony anchored on truth and fairness here at Federal University of Technology, Owerri."

On a solemn note of promise, the Pro-Chancellor declared "that by the end of its tenure, however limited that might be, the collective contributions of Council Members would have added positive results to the continuing task of conferring on this promising University of Technology, sustainable competitiveness within our borders and within the global arena of University education."

V.C. CALLS ON TRADITIONAL RULERS

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah and the Principal Officers of the University on Tuesday, September 30, 1997 paid courtesy visits on the traditional rulers of Eziobodo, Okolochi and Obinze Communities.

The brief visits according to the Vice-Chancellor, were to promote and encourage good relationship between the former land owners and FUTO. According to him, he wanted to bring the gown to town.

In the three Communities visited, namely, Eziobodo, Okolochi and Obinze, the traditional rulers pleaded, with the Vice-Chancellor to remember them in matters of employment,

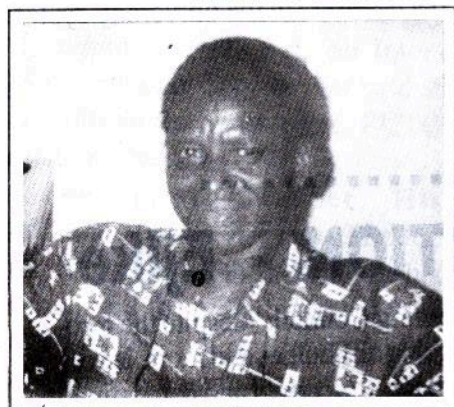
admissions, contract awards and also in provisions of infrastructural facilities.

The Vice-Chancellor in his response, thanked the traditional rulers for their warm reception and promised that they will benefit from the much the University can offer.

In terms of employment or admission, the Vice-Chancellor told them that preference would be given to the qualified persons from the former land owners.

Among the traditional rulers visited were, the Eze Oha I of Eziobodo, HRH Eze Egbukole, HRH Eze Nwabiri of Okolochi and HRH Eze Enyinnaya, the Nze Ukwu I of Obinze.

PROFESSOR UDEDIBIE WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR RESEARCH ON CANAVALIA



Prof A.B.I. Udedibie sedate, composed.

Professor A.B.I. Udedibie of the Department of Animal Production, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, was one of the first seven Agricultural Scientists to receive the newly instituted IFS/DANIDA Award for noteworthy research achievements in the field of Agriculture. Prof. Udedibie, a Professor of Animal Nutrition, received the award for his spectacular development of very simple detoxification techniques for Canavalia seeds. His Scientific feat is believed to have brought to a memorable end the seemingly endless search for economically feasible methods of rendering the Canavalia seeds edible, a search that was started as far back as 1926.

In a letter to Professor Udedibie on the Award, the

Director of International Foundation For Science (IFS) observed that "the award was given for your research results of positive applicability for development and socio-economic purposes. It was also given for your ability to overcome isolation and lack of resources through initiation and coordination of research networks and interdisciplinary cooperation".

In his award lecture presented at the 8th General Assembly of the Foundation on 7th September, 1997, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Professor Udedibie remarked that his research was a divine design aimed at introducing the Canavalia seeds directly and indirectly onto the dining tables of the teeming population of developing tropical world.

The IFS/DANIDA Award was established in 1996 with funds generously donated by the Government of Denmark, through DANIDA (The Danish Agricultural Development Agency) to honour researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa who have made noteworthy contributions clearly associated with research work supported fully or in part by IFS.

THIRD YEAR STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

The calm atmosphere on campus of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has been attributed to the dynamic leadership of the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of the institution Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah.

This was the opinion of the Secretary Ogberuru Development Association - Scholarship committee, Mr. Fred Agufobi during the award of scholarship to a third year student of Agric. Engineering, Mr. Christian Ndubisi. Mr. Agufodi went further to expantiate that the scholarship is a development oriented strategy under the auspices of Ogberuru Development Association (ODA) in the United States of America. This incorporates students based in the USA that came together to contribute money to be of help to students from Ogberuru in Orlu L.G.A. of Imo State.

According to the Secretary, the scholarship is worth 400 dollars per annum and it is envisaged that the Vice-Chancellor will help to advise the student in its disbursement.

In his reply, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the student and also the Ogberuru Development Association based in the USA for their kind gesture and promised that the Dean of Students Affairs will help the student use the money judiciously.

The immediate past president of Ogberuru Youth Association Chief Comrade John C. Ndubisi, father of the recipient expressed his happiness on his son being the first to receive the award and also wanted the Vice-Chancellor to forge ahead in maintaining discipline on campus.

Also present at the occasion were the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. U.R. Ojinmah and the Ag. Bursar, Mrs C.C. Ahiarakwe.

ROYAL FATHER SURVIVES CRASH

It was jubilation galore in Omoku, Rivers State as HRH Sir (Dr) Chukwumela Nnam Obi II (OON, JP) Oba (Eze Ogba) of Ogbaland, pioneer Pro-Chancellor of FUTO organised an interdenominational thanksgiving service and reception for his survival of a near ghastly motor accident.

Described severally as a distinguished traditional ruler, a visionary and committed king, a great philosopher, a man of profound perception and action, a defender of the oppressed, Sir (Dr) Chukwumela Nnam Obi II has been relentless in bringing development to his Domain and Rivers State generally.

In his testimony, the Royal father recalled that "On May 24, 1997, I travelled by road to attend the Vision 2010 committee workshop on Youths and Development scheduled for May 25 - 26 at Abuja. After a successful workshop, on my way home very close to Quelle in Gwagwalada Area Council, my vehicle skidded off the road but

somersaulted several times, and through the mercy of God, all the occupants survived".

Present at the thanksgiving service was His Excellency Chief



H. R.M. (Sir) Dr. Nnam Obi

(Dr) Ernest Shonekan, Former Head of State and Chairman, National Committee on Vision 2010. Also present were some past and present governors, royal fathers across the country and a FUTO delegation that comprised the DVC (Academic) Prof. M.U. Iloeje, the DVC (Admin) Prof. J.E. Njoku, Dean SMAT, Prof T.Y. Obah and others.

ANAFULU OFF TO NIPS

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri was selected to nominate a candidate to represent the Nigerian University System at the prestigious National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies. As a result, the Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah nominated Mr. J.C. Anafulu, immediate past University Librarian and FUTO Bookshop Manager to represent the Nigerian University System at the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies Kuru near Jos in the current course year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FUTO BOOKSHOP INAUGURATED

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri in keeping with NUC's directive that universities should generate 10% of their revenue internally decided to establish a University Bookshop. The inauguration of its board of Directors was performed on November 12, 1997.

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah in his inaugural speech remarked that one of the best things that can happen to FUTO is the establishment of a bookshop as it has been noted as one of the missing links in the university.

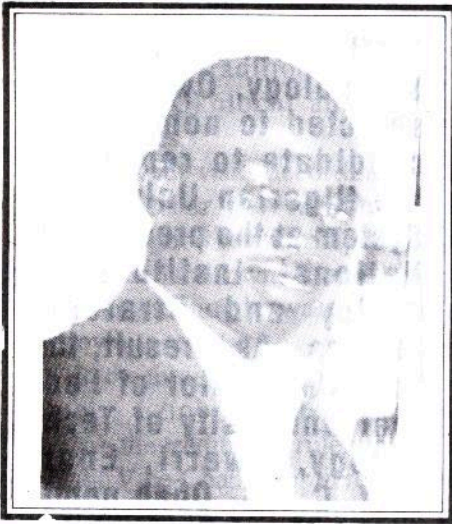
A university Bookshop, Prof. Obah said, performs social services, fulfills both academic and non-academic requirement of the university community.

The Chief Executive concluded that the inauguration of the board of Directors is a beginning and his administration is privileged to see the fulfillment of this venture that was initiated since 1982.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD INCLUDES:

Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admin)	-	Director
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Acad)	-	Director
Rep of Council	-	Director
(not member of Senate)		
Rep of Senate	-	Director
FUTO Press Manager	-	Director
Bursar	-	Director
One rep. of shareholder	-	Director
General Manager	-	Director Secretary

A COMMUNIQUE ON THE SYMPOSIUM: SECRET CULTS IN NIGERIAN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS: IMPLICATIONS FOR VISION 2010 ORGANISED BY THE STUDENTS' UNION GOVERNMENT (SUG), FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, OWERRI.



AUSTIN ELOCHUKWU OKEKE
PRESIDENT SUG

The Students' Union Government of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, in a bold, thoughtful and highly commendable attempt to root out secret cults in tertiary institutions across the country, organised a well attended symposium on Friday August 1, 1997 at FUTO on the vexed issue of secret cultism.

At the end of the presentations, comments and submissions, the following observations were made:

1. The secret cult syndrome has become a national crisis with dire consequence.
2. The various cults, Bucaneers, Black Axe, Pyrates, Black Scorpion, etc. initiate members through ritualistic ordeals.
3. Peer group influence, parental negligence, moral laxity, harsh environmental condition and the worsening socio-political and economic pressures were identified as amongst the causative factors. Other reasons adduced include social/psychological maladjustment, inferiority complex, the need for protection and desire to belong to the "happening" group.

4. The legal and constitutional provisions as envisioned by Decree 47 of 1989 have been emasculated by its very originators due to the fact that their children are frequently the culprits.

5. The activities of secret cults run counter to the spirit and principle of vision 2010.

6. Governments, their agencies and the university authorities must refrain from treating cultists with kid gloves.

Following from the observations, the Symposium recommends as follows:

1. Universities and other tertiary institutions in Nigeria should amend their academic regulations in such a way that they can impose disciplinary measures on student cult members without necessarily having recourse to the law courts.
2. In view of the fact that decree 47 of 1989 on Secret Cult activities appears to have failed to come to grips with the problem of cultism in the country to date, government should amend the decree to prevent the law courts from dismissing cases of cult membership on grounds of mere legal technicalities.
3. Since students are more likely to know and understand themselves, Students' Union Governments should organise student vigilante groups to assist university authorities and law enforcement agencies in identifying and tracking down cult members on the campuses.
4. In view of the spiritual and moral underpinning of secret cultism, universities should encourage the

growth of religious activities on our campuses as a means of providing antidote to cultism on the campuses.

5. In view of the vulnerability of fresh students to induction based on ignorance, universities should mount programmes of enlightenment especially during fresh students orientation, to educate students on the evils of cultism as well as the existence of alternative religious and social organisations that can cater for the social, psychological and emotional needs of students on campus.

6. Because of the importance of role models in influencing behaviour, parents should live exemplary lives and provide good family upbringing for their children to minimise the influence of negative peer pressure that predisposes them to cult membership.

7. Since it has been noted that recruitment of cult members begins at the secondary school level, enlightenment campaigns against cultism should be extended to the secondary schools.

8. Since the activities of secret cults frequently spill over to the immediate communities, such communities should mobilize popular support to fight against cultism.

In conclusion, the symposium expressed optimism that, if these initiatives were actively pursued by all the stakeholders concerned, the vision of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri to cult-free campuses by the year 2010 would be fully realized nationwide.

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PRESIDENT SUG

Essay

The Nigerian Lawyer: A Layman's Appraisal

Images

Our topic raises a question that is an old one. Jesus himself betrayed a curiosity to know what others thought of him: **Whom do men say that I am?** We are all naturally curious about how other people perceive us, a curiosity that is born of our need to look at ourselves in the mirror and is related to our predisposition towards being photographed. Personally, each one of us feels a need to know how the outside world sees us and how the outside world thinks since our image is what seems to matter most in a world more concerned with chasing shadows than substance.

Talking of images and perceptions reminds me of the story that highlights the difference in approach to issues of different groups of Nigerian professionals. Take the teacher, the lawyer and the accountant, for example. Someone asked each of them to answer the question: What is $2 + 2$? The teacher considered the problem simple: $2 + 2$ is equal to 4, no more and no less. The lawyer demurred: $2 + 2$? now that depends... there are conflicting decisions on the matter. The accountant, on his part, did not answer straightaway. He first got up, closed all the doors, then looked round surreptitiously to make sure no one was listening. OK, he said, $2 + 2$? - tell me, what **figure** do you want me to write? so much for images.

Truth

The question posed by Jesus: Whom do men say that I am, furthermore, presupposes the existence of different groups of people - different publics, as we say in modern parlance in varying relation to Jesus, the principal actor. Jesus himself represents the ultimate

reality - the truth. Next to him and closest to him, his disciples form an inner caucus which could be trusted to be custodians of the truth. Finally, and, at a distinct remove, is the common man - today's layman - people who should be truth-seekers but who like Pilate, merely mouth the question, what is truth, without waiting for an answer. The opinions of the common man are invariably based on hearsay, speculation and a fertile imagination. Their conclusions are inevitably wrong. Ironically, it is such farfetched, groundless and conflicting testimony that attracted initial interest. Today, history is repeating itself as the learned gentlemen of the august Nigerian Bar Association seek the opinion of the outsider, the one least likely to know the whole truth.

Empowerment

The exercise is not entirely a futile one. It does appear that answers to such soul searching questions do serve a highly therapeutic purpose in enabling the principal actors to reaffirm their role and purpose and in bolstering the image of the profession by projecting it in all its mythic grandeur. Above all, answers empower the adherents, who are motivated to live up to the highest ideals expected of their profession while repudiating its baser misrepresentations.

Appraisal: Right Judgement

Perhaps the most significant hallmark of the noble profession considered one of the oldest in the world is its association with right judgement as symbolically depicted in the blindfolded Statue of Justice. The lawyer in the best traditions is an arbitrator **par excellence**, arbitrating thorny issues and

umpiring among aggressive disputants. The best lawyer is wise as God the Creator is wise and as Solomon, that lustrous exponent of divine legal wisdom, was wise. Recall the mysterious case of 'Cot' death and contending mothers that presented itself for his arbitration. Recall the dramatic legal manoeuvre that, in a case without witnesses and in an age before forensic evidence was available, succeeded in unravelling the mystery and delivering right judgement.

The best lawyers down through the ages, Nigeria inclusive - with such prominent lawyers as our friend Supreme Court Judge, Justice C. Oputa; Chief Rotimi Williams S.A.N; late J.I.C. Taylor; late Adeniran Ogusanya and others - have radiated the creativity, the imagination and the sensitivity to human nature that are the characteristics of the noble profession. The rest of us stand awed by the power of such incisive thinking - most of the time. Someone has lamented that

*all things bright and beautiful
the Lord God made them all;
all things bright and beautiful
Nigeria kills them all.*

Perhaps this is why it seems to some of us laymen that the lawman's awesome ability for right judgement is, more and more, susceptible to manipulation, especially financial manipulation. The impression has been created that the Nigerian lawman can be prevailed upon to deliver judgement - leave alone right judgement - on any

matter so long as the price is right.

Rather apt is this extract:

*Such be the double verdicts
favoured here*

*Which send away both parties to
a suit*

*Not puffed up nor cast down - for
each a crumb*

*Of right, for neither of them the
whole loaf.*

*(The Ring and the Book I, ii,
74 103).*

The Language of Logic

Another laudable characteristic of lawyers everywhere is the twin ability for correct reasoning and the ability to articulate the conclusions reached by the path of logic. That this lofty attribute of the noble profession has also been compromised is seen in the frequent equation of lawmen with salesmen, a group of professionals noted not so much for eloquence as the 'gift of the gab'.

A cartoon in a recent edition of the **Guardian** Newspaper clearly linked salesmanship with brazen lying. A prospective employer of salesmen asked a job applicant to identify the colour of the black cup he was holding. To the applicant's utter astonishment, he failed the simple identification test. 'You have failed the test', declared the employer; 'I want someone who will convince customers that black is white'.

No one trusts a salesman, we all know. Unfortunately, there is now little to distinguish the lawyer from the salesman.

Forms of Argument

A third admirable quality of the lawyer is the ability to manipulate not merely the language of his profession, but, more especially, its forms of argument. One of the most noted of these forms of argument is the dilemma which forces an opponent into a tight corner by offering unpleasant alternatives from

which a choice must be made. For the pure pleasure of the sophistry of the reasoning, I reproduce below two of the most celebrated of these dilemmas.

An Athenian mother in an attempt to dissuade her son from joining politics posed the dilemma:

*If you say what is just, men will
hate you: and if you say what is
unjust the gods will hate you.
But you must either say one or
the other: therefore you will be
hated.*

The son rebutted thus:

If I say what is just, the Gods
will love me and,

If I say what is unjust men will
love me.

I must say either the one or the
other, therefore I shall be
loved.

In the second instance, a teacher of rhetoric, Protagoras bargained with his student that half of his tuition be paid at the end of his study and the remainder when he won his first case. But the student delayed going into practice and his teacher finally sued with the following dilemma.

*If my student loses the case,
he will have to pay me by the
judgement of the court: if he wins,
he will have to pay by the terms
of the contract. But he will either
win this case or lose it,
therefore he will have to pay.*

His student rebutted:

*If I win this case I will not have
to pay by the judgement of the
court and, if I lose this case
I will not have to pay by the terms
of the contract
But either I win this case or lose
it, Therefore I will not have to
pay.*

The ability to manipulate arguments in this way is impressive, even enviable, but it becomes less so when

the ability degenerates into a search for legal technicalities, and conundrums designed to forestall the swift implementation of justice. The Nigerian lawyer has become identified in the public mind with the ability to reason according to his master's voice delivering on request reasoned judgements that suit the government in power or the highest bidder. Like the villain of Lord Byron's the **Vision of Judgement**.

*He had written praises of a regicide
He had written praises of all kings
whatever*

*He had written for republics far
and wide,*

*And then against them bitterer than
ever ...*

*He had sung against all battles,
and*

*again in their high praise and glory
He had written Wesley's life - here
turning round*

*To Satan, 'Sir, I am ready to write
yours...'*

*So let me have the proper
documents*

*That I may add you to my other
saints."*

The villain of Byron's piece could be called a turn coat: "he had turned his coat - and would have turned his skin". If care is not taken, the same may be said of our Nigerian lawmen.

Justice and Mercy

Finally, justice is the hallmark of the legal profession. As Shakespeare pointed out, however, justice devoid of mercy is nothing but cold technicality. Portia, the symbol of the wise judge in Shakespeare's the **Merchant of Venice**, advocated tempering justice with mercy when she said:

*The quality of Mercy is not
strained.*

*It droppeth as the gentle rain
from heaven*

*Upon the place beneath: It is
twice blessed:*

It blesseth him that gives and him

that takes

'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

His scepter shows the force of temporal power

The attribute to awe and majesty...

But mercy is above this sceptered sway.

It is enthroned in the hearts of kings...

It is an attribute of God himself And earthly power doth then show like to God's.

When mercy seasons justice.

This spirit of the law was fully understood by our forefathers, who traditionally arbitrated with a view to maintaining peace and harmony in the community and among individuals. Unfortunately, as with other elements of the colonial system, the imposition of the Western legal system brought with it an emphasis upon an individual's strict legal rights and resolving cases in court became a contest of wits and a matter of winner vs loser. The best lawyers became "proponents of the skill of procrastination and cavil and the arts of confounding and

perplexing a cause". Today, the Nigerian lawyer excels in his mastery of the letter of the law. The spirit of the law has died.

Conclusion

My Lords, I have attempted to answer the question, Whom do men say that I am, with respect to the Nigerian lawyer. In as much as I have tried to follow the advice that an old lady once gave to a new bride: never call your husband a beast, call him a lion instead, if my answers are farfetched and inaccurate, it is because I am cast into the situation of the three proverbial blind men who, on first contact with an elephant, recorded their experiences in widely varying terms according to whether they had felt its trunk, its tail or its ear. Therefore, in my case, my Lords, I plead **Guilty with explanation** and I beg for leniency.

In the final analysis, however, it is not the judgement of the laymen that matters. *But who do YOU say that I am?* was ultimately the more provocative question. In the final

analysis, it is the judgement of this court that matters, the judgement of each one of you. If you, individually and collectively, affirm that the Nigerian lawyer stands for truth, right judgement, justice and mercy, then the whole nation - nay, the whole world - will stand with you. Your positive image will draw positive results for, as someone has said,

The universe pays every man in his own coin.

If you smile, it smiles with you...

If you love

the world and earnestly seek the good therein,

you will be surrounded by loving friends

and nature will pour into your lap the treasures of the earth.

Finally, learned gentlemen, if you should make truth, right judgement, justice and mercy your watchwords, then, the legal profession of which you are justly proud will shine in Nigeria like that beacon of hope it is supposed to be in our troubled, imperfect world.

Nneoma Prof. T.Y. Obah
Dean, SMAT

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HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT.

Have you ever asked your boss for a raise or a friend for a big favour, and been apologetic about the request? What happened? You got a refusal. What else could you get? If you were enthusiastic, sure of what you asked for, taken his consent for granted, the result would have been favourable. People find it very hard to refuse someone who takes their consent for granted.

If you are planning to get something big, try this method: First, make a strong mental picture of what you want. Figure it out in detail. Write out what you want, and more or less how you are going to set about getting it. Follow the architect who draws a blueprint of a house in detail be-

fore it becomes a reality. Don't bother about the likely setbacks, and obstacles; tackle them when and if they come. Keep this slogan before you: "They can conquer who believe they can."

Once you set about getting what you want, do not let anything stop you. Follow the example of Lionel Barrymore who said: I've been up and down all my life. Lots of people said I was through; but I never thought much about it. I always was too busy to worry about my troubles."

Stop worrying about troubles, and learn to face them. "Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble," says

G.W. Lyon. Keep that in mind.

You can will your way to success or failure, to victory or defeat, to happiness or misery. Life will give you what you expect from it.

A young boy sat on the bridge and watched the fish in the stream below. "I wish I could catch one of them," he said to himself. A passerby who heard him, stopped and said: "My boy, if you really want to get your wish, stop wishing and start fishing."

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Staff News

PROMOTIONS [SENIOR STAFF]

On the recommendation of the Academic Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (Professorial), the Governing Council approved the promotion of the following:

NAME OF STAFF	SCHL/DEPT	FORMER POSITION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr. John Muoka Nwogu	Library	Principal Librarian	Deputy University Lib.	1 10 95
Mrs C.C. Onye	Staff School	Master II	Master I	1 10 97
Mrs C.G. Osuoha	"	"	"	1 10 96
Mrs R.C. Nwagbaraocha	"	Senior Master	Principal Master	"
Mrs R.U. Opara	"	"	"	"
Mrs S. Anyanwu	"	Master I	Senior Master	"
Mrs F.O. Egwim	"	Master II	Master I	1 10 97
Mrs J.C. Ogu	"	Senior Master	Principal Master	1 10 96

PROMOTIONS [JUNIOR STAFF]

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the promotion of the following Junior Staff based on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Matters Committee.

NAME OF STAFF	SCH/DEPT	FORMER POSITION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr. Joseph Onyeriwe	Security	Patrolman	Senior Patrolman	1/10/97
Mr. Ariole R.N	SEET	Snr. C.O.	Asst. Chief C.O.	"
Deacon I.I. Akpan	O.V.C.	Snr. Patrolman	Asst. Patrol Supv.	"
Mr. Nwoguke C.N.	Bursary	C.O. (A/C)	Snr. C.O. (A/C)	"
Mr. Innocent Opara	Security	Patrolman	Snr. Patrolman	"
Miss Ezeonu I. N.	IPRP	C. Asst.	C.O.	"
Mr. Friday Ufomadu	IPRP	Snr. Photo Asst.	Chief Photo Asst.	"
Mr. Amaghare P.	Security	Asst. Patrol Supv.	Patrol Supervisor	"
Miss R. A. Anyanwu	SOSC	C.A.	C. O.	"
Mr. Ugwuegbu E.	O.V.C.	Asst. Patrol Supv.	Patrol Supervisor	"
Mr. W. Omenihu	O.V.C.	C.A.	C.O.	"
Miss F. O. Oparaeke	O.V.C.	C.O.	Snr. C.O.	"
Mr. C.C. Mpama	SAAT	Snr. C.O.	Asst. Chief C. O.	"
Mr. Jude Amohu	C.I.S.	Lab. Asst.	Snr. Lab. Asst.	"
Mr. A. Ogoke	SAAT	Farm Att.	Farm Asst.	"
Miss C. Asimole	Bursary	C.O. (A/C)	Snr. C.O. (A/C)	"
Mrs M.N. Njimogu	SAAT	C.A.	C.O	"
Mrs Clara Ekenta	Bursary	C.O.	Snr. C.O.	"

SENIOR STAFF PROMOTION

On the recommendation of the Administrative and Professorial Staff Appointment and Promotions Committee (ASAPC), the Governing Council has approved the promotion of:

NAME OF STAFF	SCH/DEPT	FORMER POSITION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
MR. ELOM OSI	AUDIT	ASST. CHIEF CLERICAL OFFICER	CHIEF CLERICAL OFFICER	1/10/97

APPOINTMENT/ENGAGEMENT

DR. U.R. OJINMAH

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. U.R. Ojinnmah of the General Studies Unit, SMAT as the Acting Dean, Student Affairs Unit for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 1997.

MRS C.C. UGBOLUE

The Vice-Chancellor has re-appointed Mrs C.C. Ugbolue, Headmistress of the University Staff Primary School for a further term of two years with effect from July 1, 1997.

PROF. A.B.I. UDEDIBIE

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Prof. A.B.I. Udedibie, Head of the Department of Animal Production with effect from 1st October, 1997 until further notice.

DR. O.P. NWAMMUO

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. O.P. Nwamuo of the Department of Chemical/Petroleum Engineering, SEET as the Acting Managing Director of FUTO Consult Limited, Owerri with effect from 1st October, 1997.

DEACON AKPAN

Deacon I.I. Akpan, an Assistant Patrol Supervisor in the Radio Room (Office of the Vice-Chancellor) attended a workshop on "The National Training on Radio and Telecommunication Management" organised by the Centre For Research And Management Services. The workshop took place at Park Hotels, Port Harcourt, Rivers State from 21st to 23rd October, 1997.

MR. G. NKEMDIRIM

The Vice-Chancellor, has approved the renewal of contract appointment of Mr. G. Nkemdirim of the Security Unit from Assistant Security Officer to Security Officer.

DR. A.E. AGBOGU

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. A.E. Agbogwu, Ag. Head of Department of General Studies with effect from October 1, 1997.

PROMOTIONS [ACADEMIC STAFF]

On the recommendation of the Academic Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (Non-Professorial), the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Governing Council, approved the promotion of the following members of staff:

NAME OF STAFF	SCH/DEPT	FORMER POST.	NEW POST	EFFECTIVE DATE
DR. C.N. ANYAKWO	SEET	Lecturer I	Snr Lectur	1/10/96
MR. E.N.C. OKAFOR	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. S.M. NWAKAUDU	SEET	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
MR. C.U.B. NNADI	SMAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
DR M.A.C.A. ODII	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. JERRY OBI-OKOGBUE	SMAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. D.O. UMESIOBI	SAAT	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
MR. INYAMA S. C.	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/95
MRS C.O. CHUKWUEZI	SMAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
DR. F.O.U. OSUALA	SOSC	Lecturer I	Snr Lectr	1/10/95
DR. A.U. UZOMA	SMAT	Lecturer I	Snr Lectr	1/10/96
ENGR. M.C. NDINECHI	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
DR. CHIMA EZEDINMA	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. C.C. EMEGHARA	SMAT	ASST. LECTR.	LECTR. II	1/10/96
MR. C.I.O. KAMALU	SEET	ASST. LECTR.	LECTR. II	1/10/95
ENGR D.C. ONWUKA	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. I.G. MADUFOR	SEET	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/95
MR. E.R. ONUKWUGHA	SEET	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
MR. J.I. LEMCHI	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MR. C.E. ORJI	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
DR. C.O. ANYIM	SAAT	Lecturer I	Snr. Lectr	1/10/96
MR. M.A. NWACHUKWU	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lectr. I	1/10/96
MRS EDNA MATTHEWS-NJOKU	SAAT	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
DR. D.O. ONU	SAAT	Lecturer I	Snr Lectr	1/10/96
DR. B.O. ESONU	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MR. OGUOMA N.N.O.	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. A.G. ESSIEN	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MR. UKAEGBU S.I.	SMAT	Lecturer I	Snr. Lectr	1/10/96
MR. PETER A. ANYANWU	SMAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
DR. C.N. UGWU	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MRS NWOSU JUSTINA N.I.	SAAT	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
MR. P.N. OKEKE	IES	Research Fellow II	Research Fellow I	1/10/96
MR. U.U. EGEREONU	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MR. CHINEDU IROEGBU	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
DR (MRS) G.A. CHUKWUDEBE	SEET	Lecturer I	Snr. Lectr	1/10/96
MR. P.C. OBASI	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
DR ANTHONY M. ETTE	SOSC	Lecturer I	Snr. Lectr	1/10/96
MR. A.C. ORGA	SEET	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
MR. C.C. OPARA	SAAT	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. U.N. NWOKE	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MRS P.N. OLEWUEZI	SOSC	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
MISS J.C. OKOLO	SOSC	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
DR P.C. NJOKU	SOSC	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
MR. B.N. OKOLUE	SOSC	Asst. Lectr	Lecturer II	1/10/96
DR. OKORIE CHUKWU	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
ENGR. L.O. ETTU	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97
ENGR. J.C. EZE	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/96
MR. J.O. IGBOKWE	SEET	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/97

Appointment/Engagement Contd

MISS PAULINE IROEZE

The appointment of Miss Pauline Iroeze of the Library Department has been converted from Principal Library Assistant to Assistant Library Officer, with effect from 1st November, 1997.

UPGRADING

MRS C.N. OKOROAFOR

On the recommendation of the Academic Staff Appointment and Promotions Committee (Non-Professorial) the Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of Mrs C.N. Okorafor from the post of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Librarian.

CHANGE OF NAME

MRS JUSTINA NNE IFEYINWA NWOSU

Former Miss Justina N. Nnah, an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Technology, now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs Justina Nne Ifeyinwa Nwosu

MRS. ONYEMAECHI FLORENCE OPARA

Former Miss Onyemaechi Florence Oparaeke of the Vice-Chancellor's Office now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs. Onyemaechi Florence Opara

MRS STELLA EKWUTOSI NWAIMO

Former Miss Stella Iwuji of Health Services Department now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs Stella Ekwutosi Nwaimo

All documents bearing their former names remain valid.

NEW ARRIVALS

NAME OF STAFF	POSITION	SCHOOL/DEPT	DATE ASSUMED DUTY
NWOSU JOSEPHINE C.	SECRETARY I	REGISTRY	18/8/97
OVRI FLORENCE B. (MRS)	MASTER II	STAFF SCHOOL	11/8/97
OBASI CHARLES	MASTER I	STAFF SCHOOL	1/9/97
UCHE CHUKWUMA C.	A. R.	REGISTRY	15/9/97
MRS A.U. IWUEKE	ASST. LECTURER	BIOL. SCIENCES	1/9/97
MRS OFULUME EBELE G.	MASTER I	STAFF SCHOOL	19/8/97
FERDINAND O. OPARA	SENIOR MASTER I	STAFF SCHOOL	11/8/97
MRS ENOBONG S. AKPAN	SENR MASTER I	STAFF SCHOOL	11/8/97
MR. EBIRINGA T.O.	RESEARCH ASST.	SMAT	11/7/97
MRS GEORGINIA C. AZUH	DATA PROCESSOR	FUTO PRESS	24/9/97 (TEMP)
MISS CHIBUZO M.C. NWOGA	ASST. RESEARCH FELLOW	I. E. S.	3/11/97 (Temporary)
MRS ESTER AKUCHIE	SNR. LIBRARY OFFICER	LIBRARY	27/10/97
DR. EMENALO B. I.	SOSC	VISITING SCHOLAR	03-12-97

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

On the recommendation of the Academic Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (Non-Professorial) the Governing Council has approved the confirmation of appointment of the following:

NAME OF STAFF	SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
DR. U.R. OJINMAH	GEN. STUDIES UNIT	20/6/96
MRS N.P. OLEWUEZI	MATHS/COMPUTER DEPT.	14/10/96
MR. U.N. NWOKE	BIOLOGICAL SC. DEPT.	1/9/96
MR. C.G. EMEGHARA	TRANS. MAN. TECH. DEPT.	28/10/96
MR. S.M. NWAKAUDU	CHEM/PET. ENG. DEPT.	1/12/95
MR. B.N. OKOLUE	CHEMISTRY DEPT.	14/1/96
ENGR. P.C. UGBOAJA	TRANS. MAN. TECH. DEPT.	1/9/96
DR. C.N. UGWU	GEOLOGY DEPT.	23/1/95
DR. V.L. IBEKWE	BIOLOGICAL SC. DEPT.	17/9/94
MR. A.C. ORGA	CHEM. ENGR. DEPT.	5/7/96
MR. D.O. UMESIABI	ANIMAL PROD. DEPT.	23/1/97
DR. F.O.U. OSUALA	BIOLOGICAL SC. DEPT.	29/10/94
MR. J.C. OGUGUA	LIBRARY	1/11/96
MR. K.N. EGBUKOLE	LIBRARY	10/10/96
MRS A.E. ENEH	LIBRARY	15/9/96

DIED

MADAM AGATHA NWORUH

On Monday, 13th October, 1997. Aged 76 years and was buried on 24th October, 1997 at her home town Umumeri-Ogwu Nguru, Mbaise. She is survived by Dr Godwin E. Nworuh, the Ag. Head of the Department of Project Management Technology.

MRS IHUOMA OCHULO

On 22nd September, 1997 and was buried on 10th October, 1997 at her home town, Umueledi, Old Umuahia, Abia State. She is survived by Mrs Charity Okoro of Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering.

MR. BETHRAM NWAIWU

On Saturday, August 30, 1997 and was buried on September 4, 1997. Until his death, Mr. Nwaiwu was a Hall Porter in the Student Affairs Unit.

PA MEWALAGA EMENEKWUM

On Friday, 4th July, 1997 and was buried on July 19, 1997 at his home town Umuduruamara Uba Ifakala. Left to mourn him is Miss Francisca Emenekwum of Library Department.

MRS MARTHELDA DIALA

On 24th August, 1997 and was buried on 12th September, 1997 at her home town Agbaja, Ehime Mbano L.G.A. Left to mourn her is Mr. Romanus Diala of Security Unit.

MRS SUSSANA MADUAKO

On 23rd June, 1997 and was buried in August 9, 1997 at Unuolodi Unuofeke Agwa in Oguta Local Government of Imo State. She is survived by Sunday Maduako of the Registry Department.

ALHAJI ABUBAKAR OSUIKPA

Died on December 9th, 1997 at the age of 65. He has been buried according to Islamic Faith. He is survived by 2 wives, twenty children, thirteen grandchildren among whom is Mr. Abdulkarim Abubakar of DVC (Academic) Office.

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BIRTHS

NAME OF STAFF	SCHL/DEPT.	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH
MR & MRS M.I. OPARAJIAKU	LIBRARY	FEMALE	27/3/97
MR. PATRICK OBASI	O. V. C.	MALE	3/9/97
MR. S.O. NII	SAAT	MALE	13/8/97
DEACON I.I. AKPAN	O. V. C.	FEMALE	8/11/97
DR. & MRS. ANTHONY UUZOMA	SMAT/GSU	Male & Female	6/5/97

APPOINTMENTS (contd.)

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of the following:

MR. SABINUS ANYANWU of the Security Unit from Assistant Patrol Supervisor to Supervisor for a period of two years from 1st October, 1997 to 1st October, 1999.

MR. ANDREW AMADI of the Security Unit as Assistant Patrol Supervisor for a period of two years with effect from 1st October, 1997.

MR. RICHARD NJOKU of the Security Unit from Patrol Supervisor to Assistant Security Officer for a period of two years with effect from 1st October, 1997.

MR. UMEKWE NWOGU of the Security Unit from Patrol Supervisor to Assistant Security Officer for a period of two years with effect from 1st October, 1997.

MR. ANUKWU JOSEPH Mr. Anukwu Joseph of the Security Unit as Assistant Patrol Supervisor for a period of two years with effect from 1st October, 1997 to 1st October, 1999.

CONVERSION

MISS PAULINE IROEZE: The Vice-Chancellor on recommendation from the Junior Staff Matters Committee has approved the conversion of Miss Pauline Iroeze from Principal Library Assistant to Assistant Library Officer with effect from 1st October, 1995. Other conditions of her appointment remain unchanged.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

MR. L.E. OKOROAFOR: The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of the contract appointment of Mr. L.E. Okoroafor of the Security Unit for a period of two years with effect from October 1, 1997.

AWARD OF DEGREE

MRS F.O. EGWIM a teacher at FUTO Staff School has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education/Library Studies by the Abia State University, Uturu. Her records have been updated accordingly. FUTO News congratulates her.

DR. O.D. ONUKWULI of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, has been offered a one-year sabbatical leave appointment as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) with effect from the 1997/98 Harmattan Semester.

MRS S.N. OKEREKE

At the instance of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, Mrs S.N. Okereke, a Senior Nursing Officer at the Health Services Unit served as external examiner at the final qualifying examination for general trained nurses at the School of Nursing, Umulogho, Obowo from 5th - 8th November, 1997. In the last 5 years, the Council has consistently appointed her an external examiner. Last year 1996, she served at the School of Nursing, Emekuku.

INVESTITURE

ARC. I.B. ECHETA, the Chief Architect of the Physical Planning & Development Unit of the University was one of those invested as Knights of Saint Christopher at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration of our Lord (CATOL) on Sunday 7th December, 1997.

The ceremony was performed by His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. B.C. Nwankiti, the Archbishop of Province 2 (Anglican Communion) and the Bishop of the Diocese of Owerri.

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

MR. JAMES NGOZI NWADIKE The Vice-Chancellor has approved the voluntary retirement from the service of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri of Mr. James Nwadike of Centre for Industrial Studies.

BRIEFS

FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI

The students of University of Maiduguri recently launched a Drug Free Club to rid the society of the negative and hard effect of drugs.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. N.M. Gadzama commended the club whose main objective is the eradication of drug abuse in the society and promised that his administration will leave no stone unturned towards having a Drug-free campus, through regular counselling, seminars and symposiums to arouse the consciousness of members of the university community.

UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR

The Senate of the University of Calabar has approved the establishment of three Police Posts on Campus to check the activities of miscreants.

The extra-security efforts taken by the University authority was due to the incessant cases of criminal activities and cultism on campus and was poised to taking serious steps at curtailing them.

ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA UNIVERSITY, BAUCHI

Arrangements are being made by Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council, (RMRDC) Abuja, to produce the newly devised and award-winning briquetting machine in large quantity with the aim of commercialising it.

The Chairman of the ATBU-RMRDC Linkage Committee and Co-ordinator of Mechanical Engineering Programme, Dr J.S. Jatau, disclosed that immediately after the Techno-Expo '97 at which the invention won an award, the University started negotiating with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council to produce 500 pieces of the machine.

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The Board wishes them God's continued Guidance and protection in this distinct and momentous opportunity of joining the team of 'the man of history' in taking FUTO to the 21st century.


- CHIKE EZENWA -