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Late Mrs Julie Okoye

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Letters to the Editor

There are a few things human beings are always doing by God's grace under the sun: praying, working, playing, resting and eating. Which are you not doing? Which are you over doing?

(Gab A. C. Ejeamara)

'Thank you, Prof. T. Y. Obah'

On behalf of the Editorial Board of FUTONEWS, I wish to register our sincere gratitude and immeasurable appreciation to the immediate past Dean of the School of Management Technology (SMAT), Prof. T. Y. Obah. We could have said and done more in an elaborate way but she stopped us politely. As she walks into the record books and annals of history, a consummate achiever and trail blazer, we salute her.

SMAT, her pet project will always claim her as their own, but she was also our own at the IPRP. She was our bulwark and tower of strength as Chief Editor, Counsellor, Adviser, Moderator, Motivator and Catalyst. As a Leader, she was inspiring, as an Academic, she was towering and unique, as an individual, she was effacing and unassuming, motherly and painstaking.

While the University community relives with nostalgia her tenure as Chairman, Committee of Deans, and the SMAT family feels lionised by her tenure, we at the IPRP feel fulfilled that providence provided the unique and rare opportunity of learning at the feet of such a prolific scholar of excellence.

As we rise to our feet in salute, we say 'Thank you Prof. T. Y. Obah for everything and may God who endowed you with much talent and energy continue to guide and protect you'. Amen.

CHIKE EZENWA

FOR: FUTONEWS EDITORIAL BOARD

I write to commend the wonderful support and solidarity shown to me by the FUTO Community during my Wedding at Assumpta Cathedral, Owerri on 28-11-98.

May our Almighty God reward you all abundantly.

CANICE ANYANWU
Bursary Dept

First, I am a regular with FUTO News. I write to commend you for the good & quality job you always do in FUTO News.

It is peculiar - The news is juicy, the graphics is superb and the printing is of quality. I salute your innovative courage.

Second, The FUTO News for some time now has not been regular at the source from which I read them.

I suspect you have problems with delivery or finance.

If my assumption is right please go commercial (to enable you deliver).

Thanks

Ugochukwu Nwosu
Unical

I wish to extend my heart felt appreciation and thanks to members of FUTO Community who found time to condole with me on the death of my dear father Benjamin. May God Bless you all.

Engr. Prof. Peter B. U. Achi

I wish to express my heart felt thanks to colleagues in my department, corss section of friends from the University Community and the delegation from the School of Science headed by the Dean, Prof. Ejike, who came to condole with me on the death of my father, Nwachinyemere I D.U. Njoku who departed this world on Nov. 27, 1998 and was buried on Dec. 18, 1998.

I pray the Good Lord to bless and reward everyone.

Dr. P. C. Njoku
Chemistry Dept.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Man takes notice of our mistakes.
But God takes account of our striving"

- S. N. Okereke
20th August, 1982

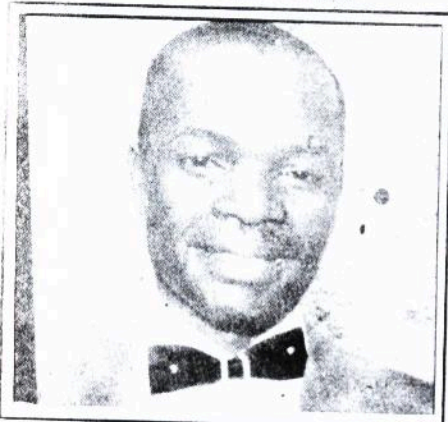
Darkness At Noon



***Exit of Mrs Julie Okoye, Pearl and Heroine of FUT0 Staff School -
a Pacificator, Bridge Builder and Crusader of Social concord***

We miss you. Adieu.

FROM THE EDITORS DESK



As 1998 drew to an end, I took a long breath as I ruminated on what we had all escaped collectively and individually. It was a year fraught with mind boggling danger. There were inexplicable deaths of the big and powerful Cruel and gruesome, murders, bomb explosions, oil inferno, air disasters, road mishaps, revolutionary uprisings and social ferment, upsurge in sponsored assassinations and exploits of armed bandits who left sorrow, tears and blood in their wake.

Having survived these thorns and thistles with all their throes and woes, some assembled at the fire places to break kolanuts and pour libations to the ancestors, while many more gathered elsewhere to give thanks and praise to our Almighty God. That night, I vowed to commemorate this beautiful survival with a piece in my column titled 'Counting our Blessings' - a caption drawn from a popular christian song which admonishes us to "Count our blessings one by one". If we do, the song continues, we would see and be surprised at "what the Lord has done".

I was still praying for inspiration and creative energy to put pen to paper when a chilling, deafening and mysterious news hit me like a thunderbolt. I collapsed

From Thanksgiving to Vanity of Life Tears For Julie

and lost control of my emotions. Say it no more! I charged at the Securityman who broke the unspeakable news - the sudden death of Mrs Julie Okoye. And with that began this endless attempt to reverse reality and bring back our own Sister and colleague from the jaws of the marauding beast called Death.

As soon as the 'news' filtered out that fateful Sunday evening, the wind carried it far and wide. Peace was violated, serenity desecrated, composure fell apart and bedlam was let loose. If it were possible for the rhythm of collective life at FUTO to take a break, it would have gone on a compulsive and impulsive short vacation. The resultant commotion and agitation left concerned humanity in a mass of suspended animation: clouded vision, foggy perception, helter-skelter and trembling. We ran into each other, seeking succour and explanation in our own deluge of tears. Only great minds amongst us, though profoundly in grief, managed to hold their heads above the consuming emotion of the moment. We held hands together as we wept for Julie, for sisterly and motherly love lost, for the lot of humanity in this vale of tears and fleeting vanity.

The entire FUTO Community and those who knew her are yet to reconcile themselves and really come to terms with the sharp and penetrating news of the sudden exit of Mrs Julie Okoye - wife of the University Registrar. It would remain so, because Julie moved like a meteor. When the curtain opened, she emerged on the centre stage fully adorned and gracefully

attired. She took some quick and dazzling dance steps in stylish fashion, provoking instantaneous ovation. Soon after she dashed away, leaving the audience in a state of agitated suspense, yearning for more.

The drama of Julie is scripted as a one act play: to teach, thrill, entertain and then fly away.

Invocations:

I call you Madam. Please return to us. A week before you 'travelled' you insisted on sharing a bottle of Eva with me in your house. Remember? I resisted it, telling you I was no visitor. You vehemently overruled me and called on Chinyere to fetch the wine from the fridge. I opened the bottle to a loud report. You applauded with your rich and enchanting smile. We cheered to **long life** and prosperity. Now Madam, where is the long life? Why this trick on us? Tell me.

Remember our discussion? Your big dreams, academic pursuits - your children's careers - You told me all. Can you see us? Swimming in our own tears on the ashes of yesterday. Those years of toil and struggle, pains and pangs. Now that we should have been sitting together celebrating the dawn of new horizons achieved, you flew away.

Good-bye Sister. Death is not victorious. We are waiting and gazing into the limits of eternity expecting that one day we shall be together in paradise, where no ill or harm would disturb our peace.

- **CHIKE EZENWA** -

BRIEF PROFILE OF MRS J.I. OKOYE

TRIBUTES TO THE HEROINE AND PEARL OF FUTO STAFF SCHOOL (MRS JULIE OKOYE)

Mrs Juliana Ifeyinwa Okoye was born in February, 1957 in Kaduna to Chief and Mrs Clement Aroh of Abatete in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State. She began her primary education in Kaduna and rounded it off at St. Theresa's Primary School, Abakaliki. The young Julie then entered Abakaliki High School, Abakaliki from where she proceeded to the famous Women Teacher Training College, Enugu, for higher qualifications.

In September 1977, she was affianced under the Native Law and custom to her husband, Mr Michael Okechukwu Okoye of Oraukwu in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State. In May 1978, her marriage to her husband was solemnized at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pankshin, Plateau State.

When her husband joined the service of FUTO in 1981 as pioneer Administrative Staff, she joined the services of FUTO Staff School later that year.

At the Staff School owing to her outstanding virtue as a great teacher of young children, she was assigned almost permanently to teach Kindergarten and lower class for almost the entire 18 years she put into the Staff School.

Academically she did not relent at being Pivotal Grade II Teacher; she attended University of Nigeria for her Associate Certificate in Education and her Bachelor's Degree in Educational guidance and Counselling which she obtained in 1994 with 2nd Class Honours (Upper Division).

Until her untimely death she was a Final Year M.Ed. student of the same famous University of Nigeria.

As a teacher in the Staff School, it is on record that she produced lots of instructional materials and pupils workbooks which are currently in use in the School. Mrs Okoye as a sports lady nurtured her pupils in athletics and all aspects of sports that for four consecutive years her former House, the Mighty "RED HOUSE" was the victor in the Schools' Sports festivals.

Julie contributed so immensely to the development and the fame of the FUTO staff School in every respect that there is no way the history of that School will be written without remembering her.

At the community level, Julie was an active member of the FUTOWA, CWO FUTO branch and a good communicant of the St. Thomas' Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, FUTO.

1. **Mannah U. H.** The victory of death over Julie is only but temporary. Surely, we shall meet again in the Lord's bosom.
2. **Uche Agwu** May the Good Lord who allowed this to happen console your family until you meet to part no more.
3. **Prof. G. E. Osuji** A very rare breed of humanity. May her gentle soul rest in PERFECT PEACE
4. **Lemmy V. Ashiegbu** A Rare mother she was. RIP.
5. **Prof. M. Maduakor** It is a pity Julie. Rest in the Bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ. All pains are gone.
6. **Mrs Oge Azih** Oh, the woman that made my children speak and understand English is gone. May God accept her gently Soul. Amen.
7. **Prof. A. I. Onuchukwu** The mirror of joy is extinguished
8. **Prof. T. Y. Obah** Sweet and gentle, loving, yet dynamic. Julie has gone to care for God's angels above. May her gentle soul Rest in perfect peace!
9. **Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah** Who are we to question the will of God? The good always take an early departure. May our dear Lord bless her gentle soul.
10. **I. O. U. Echeme** God gives, and He takes away.
11. **Prof. M. E. Enyiegbulam** Tears shall dry, but the memory lasts till our turn to go. May her soul rest in the Lord
12. **Tony Okere** Cheerful, Amiable yet very dynamic and productive. You left your footprints with us.
13. **Mrs Uche B. Elekwa Arochukwu** Julie, you were a friend indeed. There is another fellowship in Heaven. R.I.P
14. **Elder Dr. (Mrs) Obasi** Our beloved Sister, Rest in the bosom of your Redeemer. You were too wonderful.
15. **Chioma Ibezim** Auntie, I couldn't believe that I won't see you again to thank you for all you did for us. We really missed you. God knows why He allowed this to happen to you. Bye. God will take care of your loved ones. Amen.

TRIBUTE

To many of us who were her friends, the death of Mrs Julie Okoye was most unexpected. It reached me with profound shock and disbelief.

A most distinguished and illustrious daughter of Abatete, a gentle lady of the highest integrity and respectability. Federal University of Technology, Owerri by her death lost a rare gem and most brilliant, effective and highly successful woman. To us, her exit is an irreparable one. Who can now provide the alternative to those rare and invaluable qualities?

To the FUTO community, it is a monumental loss. Without fear of contradiction, it is my unequivocal assertion that FUTO may never get an industrious, ebullient, meek and unassuming personality of the person of Mrs Julie Okoye.

She was one who believed so much in the principle of fairness, justice and equity and she was always unequivocal while expressing her views on any issue to which she was a party.

On behalf of my family and the entire St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, I say Adieu, Mrs Julie Okoye. Let the splendid company of Angels meet thy soul and let Christ Jesus appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance and give thee a place among those who are to be in His presence for ever.

Tony Chukwueloka Ibe
Catechist
St. Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Chaplaincy,
Federal University of Technology,
Owerri.

NUC Executive Secretary in FUTO

The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Munzali Jibril and his 8-man entourage were in FUTO from 18th to 19th November, 1998 to see for themselves the regrettable plight of the university occasioned by the hurried, unplanned and unbudgeted relocation from the temporary site.

Welcoming the august visitors to the Campus, the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah took time off to chronicle the achievements of FUTO in the face of stupendous odds. These achievements include: Complete relocation from Lake Nwaebere Campus to the Permanent site, completion of over fourteen (14) major capital projects, increase in both total staff strength and student enrollment, increase in staff promotions and welfare programmes, setting up of internal revenue generating outfits like FUTO Consult Ltd., FUTO Community Bank; FUTO Press Ltd., FUTO Bookshop Limited, Institute of Erosion Studies, etc.

The Chief Executive pointed out that FUTO's most acute problems are lack of physical facilities and transportation as the four rickety buses on ground carry children to school only to come back later for staff;

Prof. Obah who has been calling for special Technology Grant with regard to Universities of Technology further reiterated this stand adding that the present funding and Fund Allocation Formula are both grossly inadequate and unacceptable if the Universities of Technology are to survive. Engr. Prof. Obah suggested the need for constant interaction of all concerned - NUC,

the Vice-Chancellors and staff of Universities of Technology in the form of seminars/fora if their Vision and Mission are to be realized.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded by advising the judicious disbursement of the Education Tax Fund, Stabilization Fund, release of fund for the New Salary Package and more cordial staff-NUC interactions.



The V.C. (in suit) explaining the working of the Robotics Lab to the Executive Sec. of the NUC (in Igbo National attire)

Responding, the Executive Secretary Prof. Munzali Jubril thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the hospitality accorded them, pointing out that the first time he was in FUTO was in 1986 for Convocation at the Lake Nwaebere Campus. He marvelled at the development they had seen so far contrary to what the Vice-chancellor's usual lamentation conveyed. He found the Laboratories and Workshops relatively well equipped. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor on the judicious management of the N105m Rehabilitation grant.

Prof. Jubril said he does not support special funding for Federal Universities as all science and technology students in every university use the same facilities. He also explained that the Funding of Universities based on when they started does not hold any more as some first and second generation universities have been rivalled by some later ones, rather categorization and funding are now

based on student population.

He stressed the need for universities to generate funds like sourcing for scholarships from private sectors and individuals to endow chairs.

The Executive Secretary commended the University for being up to date in drawing from the Library Fund and utilizing it appropriately.

He further reminded the University that their inability to retire the Research Grant given to her had affected the release of 1996, 1997 and 1998 Research Grants. He also advised that the Equipment Maintenance Centre should go commercial in maintaining equipment for private sectors.

With regard to the Outreach Centre in Lagos, Prof. Jubril said NUC does not support the establishment of Satellite Campus which does not receive University supervision or make use of the Lecturers, adding that it is only awarding certificate for money. Replying to this, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Executive Secretary that the Outreach Centre does not offer Postgraduate degree Programmes. They offer certificate and diploma courses through linkages with institutions which have FUTO as their consultants. Thereafter, the Executive Secretary entertained questions from the members of staff present.

In his vote of thanks, Prof. E.O.I. Banigo thanked the Executive Secretary and his entourage for the familiarization visit and his suggestions especially on the need to retire her Research Grants. He wished them God's journey's mercies.

Executive Secretary Tours The Campus

In order to acquaint themselves with facilities on ground in FUTO, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Munzali Jubril and his entourage during their visit, undertook a guided Tour of the University led by the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah.

Their first port of call was the abandoned J. T. Useni Centre for Transport Management Technology. From there, they moved to the Senate building where work on progress that they saw in progress with a great deal of work.

They then visited the abandoned Aden Edele Theatre where work had gone up to DPC level with the pillars

all up, they went to the Computer Centre Phase I which is being built with part of the N105m Special Grant. The Centre made up of two Halls can accommodate about hundred units of computers each with offices and research laboratories.

Receiving the visitors at the Library, the University Librarian, Mr M. S. Onye

said the Main Library which can accommodate about 500 students was mainly for reading adding that they have started computerizing their collection. The Executive Secretary advised the installation of a Projector at the Library door to beef up

inspected some equipment received through World Bank programme and also some products of final year Engineering Students like a Juice Extractor, Grinding Machine etc.

Some laboratories visited included

the communication laboratory where computerized studies in antenna design and characteristics were shown, the robotics laboratory and the civil engineering laboratories.

Prof. M. S. Onye said he has heard a lot about the FUTO Foundry Workshop was told by the Director of the Centre for Industrial Studies



The Executive Sec, his entourage and V.C. leave one of the Project Sites

security against pilfering of books. They equally inspected the hostels where major renovation work is being carried out by PTF and also the Multiple Activity Centre to see the construction of the basket ball court in progress.

At the SEET Workshop, the Executive Secretary and his entourage

(CIS), Prof. V. O. Nwoko that due to fluctuation in power supply, it has not been put into use for teaching and a semi-commercial venture.

The Tour was rounded off at the Equipment Maintenance Centre which maintains the equipment of departments and equally train Technologists.

Poor Funding Responsible For TECHNOLOGICAL UNDERDEVELOPMENT

The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has held lack of political will and poor funding responsible for the slow and epileptic development of the Nation's Technological Potentials.

Speaking during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor on October 27, 1998, the President of the Nigeria Society of Engineers, Engr. Charles Mbanefo (FNSE) maintained that policy and decision makers must recognise the primacy of technological education and give it the deserved priority attention. Engr. Mbanefo also spoke of the need to equip the engineering lecturers with the latest gadgets to be able to impart modern knowledge to the young engineers, because every aspect of life according to him is engineering and FUTO is one of the institutions that are in the

forefront of technological education in Nigeria. This he said is because FUTO is headed by a Chief Executive who is an engineer.

On the just concluded technology summit, Engr. Mbanefo said that it was suggested that 5% of VAT be given to technology because with correct funding, Nigerian engineers will compete favourably with their counterparts all over the world.

When Nigerian engineers travel to USA, Saudi Arabia and other European countries they usually excel. He talked of the need for university lecturers to subscribe to international journals for continuous development.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah thanked the National President of NSE and his

entourage for finding time to come and share their wealth of experience with FUTO engineers on the enormous task of training the young engineers. He traced the history of technology development and agreed with the NSE that technological institutions need special funding. He also said that FUTO has a deliberate policy of making the student industrial work experience scheme (SIWES) compulsory and it carries between 8 - 10 credit loads and is gradable. He also said that much of the teaching and research equipment grant goes into engineering because it is the backbone of FUTO.

The Dean of SEET, Engr. Prof. Ojiakor, Director of Erosion Studies Prof. Ijioma, Dr (Mrs) Chukwudebe, Engr. Orumuyi and others were also present.

'We Are Impressed' - COREN

In its determined and continuous effort to monitor and assess the standards of Engineering education and practice in Nigerian tertiary institutions, the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) Accreditation Team visited FUTO on September 2, 1998.

During the visit, the team took more than a passing interest in the structures, facilities and equipment in the 8 departments of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET).

Broaching the issue, the Registrar of COREN, Engr. Prof. Ofodile said that the poor economic climate and the attendant poor funding of universities tend to affect Engineering standards adversely, prompting the Council to closely monitor the situation to maintain acceptable standards.

During the reception organized by the University for the team, the Registrar marshalled out the criteria for Accreditation of Courses/programmes. COREN scrutinizes the following areas:

- Adequate staffing which includes not only higher degree acquisition but also membership of COREN.
- Provision of Functional Laboratories and equipment for teaching
- Current Engineering syllabus
- Moderation of Examination for testing of students' knowledge.
- Look at new programmes in Engineering.
- Reviewing earlier decisions by

COREN in the last visitation where applicable and making suggestions to government and NUC.

- Offer assistance to established

the hardwork.

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah expressed immense happiness that a dream started eighteen (18) years ago has come true.

The Profession of Engineering according to the Chief Executive is an ever-changing one that affects development. Adding that Nigeria is lagging behind among all Common health countries in Engineering, he and hoped that FUTO will pave the way for the desired engineering development. Engr. Prof. Obah promised that every five years,

FUTO will invite COREN for accreditation to ensure that FUTO moves with the changes in the Profession.

In his vote of thanks, the Dean of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Prof. G. O. Ojiakor thanked all, from the Vice-Chancellor who initiated the accreditation and was always ready to respond to their needs to the Heads of departments for their relentless efforts and useful advice.

He showered praises on the members of the Team who, with utmost scrutiny, examined all facets of the school from equipment, laboratory, staff and school programme and came out with undisguised satisfaction.



The Vice Chancellor (left) discussing an important issue with leader of the COREN Team Prof. Chu Ikoku

courses in the University.

Tracing the development, the Registrar pointed out that FUTO has done tremendously well in equipment acquisition since 1989 when COREN paid the preliminary visitation. He also commended the Vice-Chancellor for ensuring that he has Registered Engineers, technologists and technicians.

The leader of the Team, Prof. Chu Ikoku observed that the establishment of a University of Technology in Owerri was a wise decision. He praised the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. G. Obah for going out of his way to maintain high standards. Prof. Ikoku noted that COREN Team was impressed and believed that the final report would be favourable. He equally congratulated the FUTO staff on the intense preparations made for the visit. The leader of the team ended by enjoining FUTO to continue with

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION IN NIGERIA: *Drawbacks And New Challenges*

The Registry which had hitherto occupied itself in the main with files on rules, regulations and strict adherence to policy matters caused considerable ripples in academic circles when it organised a highly successful and well attended seminar and Workshop on University Administration in Nigeria. The three-day intellectual harvest was a novel departure going by its loaded topics, relevance and the quality of facilitators. In this report, Mr Rufus Ugbolue, Chairman of the Planning Committee gives a comprehensive analysis of that lively interaction.

His report:

A three-day Workshop/Seminar was recently mounted by the Registry Department to rejuvenate young administrators and sharpen the administrative reflexes of the older ones.

The massively subscribed Workshop had facilitators who are doyens of administration and management and who spoke on topical issues relevant to the management of today's university system.

In his welcome address the Registrar and Chiefhost, Mr. M. O. Okoye paid glowing tribute to his predecessors in office - Mr. K. Lupton, E. O. Emerole and Dr. T. I. Igwe from whom he imbibed the use of Administrative Seminars/Workshops as a special ingredient in the training of career university administrators. He explained that the three-day Seminar/Workshop was intended to invigorate and rejuvenate young and seasoned administrative officers in the University adding that the rudimentary skills in University Management would be brought to the door steps of the academics in University Administration.

In a keynote address, Engr. Prof C.O.G. Obah, the Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, in assessing

University Administration in Nigeria: "The Journey So Far" highlighted the fact that for an organisation such as a University to survive, its Management has to become more strategically streamlined towards less bureaucracy,



Mr M. O. Okoye - Registrar

more efficiency, more collective, dynamic and competitive status.

Sir A. E. Oradubeanya, Emeritus Registrar of the University of Nigeria, in his paper on "The Career University Administrator" stated that for the goals of any University to be met, academic staff must see administrative staff as Partners in collective progress. He stressed that no species in the University

Environment should stand endangered, as each class of workers in the university vine yard, academic staff and career/administrator, had recognisable and an assured place in

the management of university affairs. He remarked that professional administrators in the university system - Registrars, Registry Staff, Bursars, Accountants, Works and Maintenance Staff, Medical Staff all have their relevance in the system, for they oil the wheels of machinery for smooth operation especially in performing those tasks which might encumber the academic obligations of the teaching and research staff. However, Ichie Oradubeanya as he prefers to be called, decried the needless conflicts between academic and administrative staff especially in relation to Registrars and Vice-Chancellors saying that such

conflicts endanger the fate of a Career University administrator.

He emphasized that administrative staff should be graduates of high standing and that there is the need to open up opportunities for career administrators to improve on their knowledge and academic standing through relevant workshops, seminars, in-service trainings and study leave for higher

degrees, even to Ph.D level.

Commenting further, in his other paper titled "Channels of Communication in the University" Ichie Oradubeanya reminded University administrators on the need to be constantly aware of the established channels of communication. He stated that the ultimate use of the channels of communication is to make administration easy and smooth and to facilitate robust health within an organisation. He was of the view that the highest career expectation of an academic staff is not necessarily the Vice-Chancellorship or the Deanship of a Faculty but the professorship which is the pinnacle at which the academic is announced to the world as having arrived. The Vice-chancellor then, who is most often a professor, should be seen as, first among equals in the leadership of the university and should therefore mirror the collective thinking of his colleagues without sacrificing individual initiative which is an essential attribute of good leadership.

Dr. (Mrs) Fagbemi of the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) in her two papers "Management by Objectives" and "Leadership skills" highlighted the need for every organisation to articulate its corporate vision and a common direction for the attainment of this vision. Explaining the fundamentals of Management by Objective (MBO) as conceived by Peter Drucker (1954), she stated that the technique of MBO assists organisations whether private or public in overcoming obstacles to the attainment of the over all objective or purpose of an organisation.

On leadership skills, Dr. Fagbemi opined that a leader is an individual who is perceived by other group members to be in harmony with the needs of the group and is responsive to the group situation.

Explaining further, she stated that an effective leader while expected to possess such mutually exclusive qualities as being both firm and flexible, forceful yet sensitive, dynamic whilst being also patient must recognise that it may be impossible for all these virtues to be seen in one single individual, while collectively all the qualities could be found in a team.

Professor, J. E. Njoku, a veteran Student Manager, former Dean of Student Affairs and current Deputy vice-chancellor (Administration) spoke on "Management of students in the Nigerian University system." He stated that one fundamental of student management is that the ability to solve students' problems effectively depends on clear understanding of their behavioural characteristics as a group. He was of the opinion that every university administration should regard the management of students as an important area of concern in its day to day activities.

On student union activities, Prof. Njoku underscored the need for university administration to be neutral and also emphasised that whilst student politicians always refer to the Student Union Constitution as a guiding principle, the university regulations override the student Union Constitution wherever a conflict exists. Concluding, he reiterated the need for the management of students to be within an atmosphere of student union democracy and implored that students should be treated as partners in progress.

In his paper on "University Administration in a Distressed Economy" Mr. S. N. Opara, former Bursar of FUTO observed that since most Nigerian universities are government owned, the university system suffers distress as a result of distress in the national economy leading to low supply of grants to the

system. This, according to him, has led to the adoption of a number of cost saving measures such as retrenchment of staff, reduction in funding for research and passing on every other service cost to the recipient of that service.

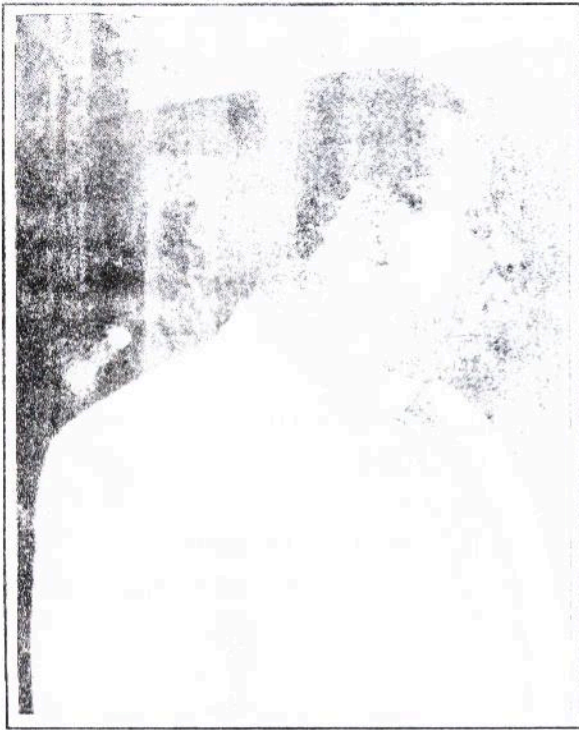
He lamented that the distressed situation has led to the emergence of career academic administrators who have taken over the duties of professional administrators.

He further declared that universities in Nigeria are now being called upon to improve on their internally generated revenue; standardise and specialise their operations as well as rationalise their programmes and Departments.

In his opinion university administrators must heed these distress calls by taking another look at their mission and reviewing their performance so far. They must consider rapid changes impacting on society through emerging technologies; a growing population of well educated and informed Nigerians who are demanding the most sophisticated assortment of goods and services, and the changing attitude of employers who are now demanding for capability rather than certificates from university graduates and judge whether they are still relevant in the nation's value chain.

In conclusion he predicted that the university system as we know it now will face management distress if the current administration fails to develop a survival plan.

Personality Watch (1)



Rev. Fr. Dr. Louis Chukwuemeka Asiagbu is no stranger to **St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, FUTO** - even though few of you students know him and the number of students Fr Louis knows has grown fewer by the semester. No, indeed, Fr Louis is no stranger; he is the earthly founder of the **FUTO St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy**.

There is no doubt that today he rejoices more than any of us to see the overflowing fruits of his labour

THE FOUNDER

It has not always been like that. More than anyone else here today, he remembers the mustard seed that was planted in the hearts of a handful of the faithful back in 1982 in the living room of the first Director of Administration, an Englishman named Mr. Lupton. That first Mass marked the beginning of a long journey and the start of this great Chaplaincy.

Jesus started with 12; Father Louis began with 6 of the faithful. Several have gone home - either to

the village, overseas or to the great beyond. Mr. Anafulu, the former Librarian, custodian of antiquity whose duty it would have been to chronicle the events of those early days, is currently on leave. Two lone survivors of that first Mass who can say, like Peter, "we were there, we actually participated with Rev. Fr. Louis" are our one and only Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof; C. O. G. Obah and the Deputy Registrar in charge of General Administration, Mr Rufus Ugbole.

THE MOVER

From Mass in the house, to Mass in a small classroom, to Mass in the LTA, a Lecture Theatre, to Mass in the Multi Purpose Hall - all on the Lake Nwaebere campus of our University - Rev Fr. Louis saw it all. In the early days, the story is told of Rev. Fr. Louis knocking on doors to signal his arrival on campus. There were also membership recruitment drives, much counselling, much teaching, much planning and much disciplining in order to put in place many of the policies that today guide the work of the chaplaincy and to establish the sodalities through which the chaplaincy operates.

When FUTO moved bag and baggage to this Permanent Site in 1993, **St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy** moved too, meeting, first, under tents in the open air before seeking shelter in this very hall, MAC. Indeed, Rev. Fr. Louis is the founder who was allowed to enter the promised land. Today, Rev. Fr. Louis

Asiegbu deserves our heartfelt appreciation and resounding applause for being, truly, the **Father of St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, FUTO**.

THE MAN

Fr. Louis a philosopher by training who joined the staff of FUTO in 1986, after years of service at Bigard Memorial Seminary, Ikot Ekpene and Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri, used all his talents, skills and resources in the service of **St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy**.

- * A man who speaks four international languages - English, Italian, French, German.
- * A writer with more than 30 publications to his credit.
- * An academic of repute.
- * A philosopher with a deepening specialization in Ethical Philosophy.
- * A modern thinker who is not afraid to tackle such controversial but topical issues as Euthanasia or "so called mercy-killing", In-Vitro Fertilization, Human cloning and others
- * A committed and practical lecturer.
- * A dedicated administrator
- * A Priest of long standing who will soon celebrate his Silver Jubilee,

Rev. Fr. Louis was, above all, a spiritual director, **par excellence**.

Father Louis had - still has - a listening ear, an open hand, a large heart. He was - and is sensitive to the needs of those around him, gentle, tactful, cheerful. He welcomed students, Christian mothers and Christian fathers and counselled us all, living an exemplary life of discipline and ordinary spirituality in our midst.

He knew how and when to

joke, to play, to be friendly without being familiar. But he certainly knew when and how to be firm, to use his tongue or the power vested in him to steer erring sheep into line. The students will not forget him, for he called them to order repeatedly and put a stop to the activities of overzealous charismatics. The Christian mothers will not forget him for he also called them repeatedly to order and once disbanded them outright, though, to his credit, his anger does not last long and he soon relented and shepherded them back into the fold. All of us who knew him will not forget him for the beauty of his Mass - the homilies that were profound yet simple and clear, the

melodiousness of his voice and his patient insistence on active congregation participation, teaching us the correct refrains whether in English, Igbo or Latin.

THE FATHER OF ALL FATHERS

Without a doubt, Rev Fr. Louis Asiegbu has left an indelible mark on **St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy**. There are not many who could follow in his footsteps. That Rev. Fr. J. C. Ejimofor has so quickly won our affection is no sign of our fickle nature but a sign of the working of the Holy Spirit who after Moses brought Joshua, after Elijah, Elisha. St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy is truly blessed to have had two such

dedicated servants of God. Today, we thank God for His Love for this Chaplaincy, and we thank Him, above all, for the life of our founder. We salute the efforts of our founder.

Brothers and Sisters, I give you - the man who started it all, the Father of all Fathers - **Rev. Fr. Dr. Louis Asiegbu**
for and on Behalf of

Rev. Fr. Dr. J. C. Ejimofor,
Chaplain,

Dr. A. E. Iheonye
Chairman, Chaplaincy council
FUTO

CITATION ON REV. FR. DR. LOUIS C. ASIEGBU
Delivered by Prof. T. Y. Obah on the occasion of his send-off as Chaplain (1982 - 1996) on July 6th, 1998 at St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, FUTO.

CORPER DONATES SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO STAFF SCHOOL

Prof. M. U. Iloeje, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) has commended Mr Uche Mannah the Youth Corper at the Staff School for his humanitarian service. Prof. Iloeje who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O.G. Obah said this at the exhibition organized by the Corper at the Staff School on December 4, 1998. He pointed out that this laudable venture has made A marvellous impression in the minds of the children.

Earlier, the Headmistress of the Staff School Mrs. C. C. Ugbole in her speech congratulated the Corp member on his initiating and completing the projects inspte of the attendant problems. She described Mr. Mannah as a teacher, a parent, a Corper and a friend who has gone round all the classes carrying out his duties and touching the hearts of all the pupils.

Mr Uche Mannah responding said he owed his success to God Almighty and the Headmistress for her encouragement, reinforcement and motivation adding that this project was not achieved because there were abundant resources but because of the support and encouragement from parents, teachers and friends.

The items donated were: 5 Mobile Road safety signs, 5 pairs of uniform to indigent pupils, 21 Exit cards and washh and basins

Commenting on the usefulness of the items, Mr Mannah said the five mobile Road Safety Sign Posts which he donated will prevent accidents when crossing the children on the roads, the five indigent pupils, twenty one Exit cards will aid in monitoring the movement of pupils in and out of calssrooms and five washhand basins.

The highlight of the occasion

was the commissioning of these projects by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. M. U. Iloeje.

In his' vote of thanks, Mr Anokam thanked Mr Mannah for his good deeds which have immortalized his name in the staff school.

In attendance at the occasion were Prof (Mrs) T. Y. Obah, Mrs Imelda Ude (members of University Staff School Management Board, USSMB) and all the teachers and workers in the Staff School.

The Vice-Chancellor Engr. P. M. C. O. Gobil, in a separate ceremony, in his office, personally received Mr Uche Mannah and congratulated him for his selfless service to the staff school. This ceremony was witnessed by officials of the NYSC secretary, Mr Uche Mannah who is now a full time staff of the staff school.

1998/99 ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR FRESH STUDENTS

The 17 Orientation Programme organized by the Students Affairs Unit and held between November 18th and 20th, 1998 was unique and elaborate as it exposed the fresh students to the different aspects of the university they will encounter during their stay.

Declaring the Orientation open, the Dean of Students Affairs, Dr. U. R. Ojinmah welcomed and congratulated the students on their admission into the University and further advised them on the need to participate in the exercise.

Mrs. U. Udedibie, the Units Welfare Officer spoke on the rules and regulations governing residence in the Hostels and Adjustment to University Life was handled by Mr. G. A. Emejama.

Speaking on Guidance and Counselling, Dr. (Mrs) Iheanachor said the unit renders an individual type of assistance and will never leak students secret. She encouraged the students to come and discuss their problems freely with the Counsellors.

On security and fire prevention in the Campus, the Chief Security Officer, Chief L. E. Okoroafor advised students to be security conscious and avoid unwholesome and illegal behaviour like rape, secret cults, smoking and cooking in the hostels. Apart from maintaining Law and Order, Chief Okoroafor said, the unit issues out identity cards. The use of fire Extinguishers was also demonstrated to the

students.

Prof M. E. Enyiegbulam, the Dean of the Post Graduate School discussed the Grading system in FUTO, pointing out the effects of carrying over courses on the result and the failure to take Exams for registered courses which merits the student an F.

Giving the students a run-down of all the schools and their various departments, Prof Ukponwan, Director of Academic Planning and Development also gave them the various Degrees awarded by the university.

He encouraged the students to read the Academic Regulations Booklets which were issued to the students on registration.

Dr Emerole, Director of Health Service Department pointed out that the Unit caters principally for the health of students adding that Registration is mandatory and requires an X-ray. Dr. Emerole said the unit has such facilities as Laboratories, Vaccination and drugs and refers serious cases to the Federal Medical Centre and carries out 24 hours service.

The students were also inform about the dangers of sexually Transmitted Diseases and the essence of Pre-marital Tests for Genyotype, Blood Group and HIV. Dr. (Mrs) Onyenekwu of the Ministry of Health who made the expose also talked on Requirements for preparing for family life and its problems.

Explaining the students Account in Bursary Unit, the

Accountant said all student fees are paid into this account situated in the Students Affairs Department. He added that all claims, addressed to the Bursar should be accompanied with original receipts. He made known the Awards/Prizes awaiting all hard-working students in all schools both from the University, Private establishments and individuals.

Mr M. I. Oparajiaku spoke on the use of the Library and processes of registration, sections of the Library, borrowing and renewal of books and the consequences of pilfering library books.

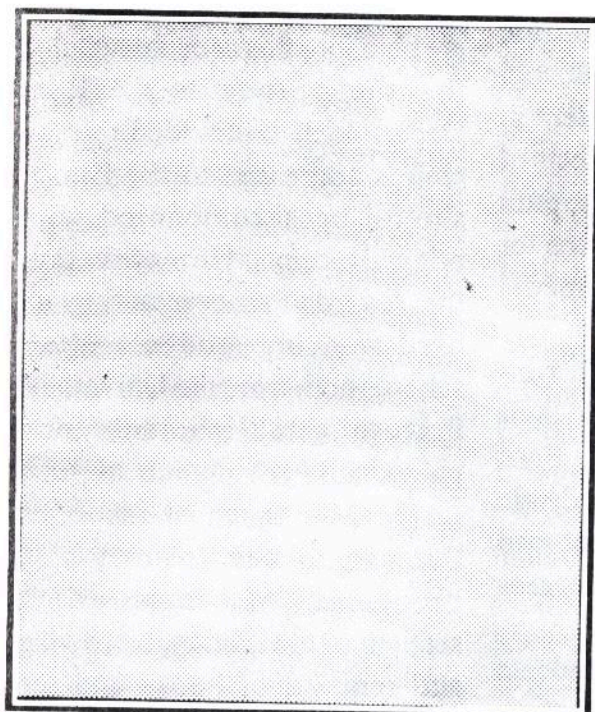
A Representative of the Director of the State Secret Service (SSS) Imo State warned the students on the repercussions of joining secret cults in the University which result into death, maiming or expulsion from the University. He warned these fresh students to desist from these cultist who are only out to extort money from them.

On students unionism, the President of the Interim Students Union Government, Mr. S. Ngwankwe enlightened the fresh students on unionism and FUTO's participation in the national body, NANS.

The students were drilled on the University song by Mrs. L. C. Ekwamalar.

The exercise was well attended by the fresh students.

-----Personality Watch (2)-----



same University in 1991. He served as the Head of Departments, Chairman of many University Committees, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science, Chairman Kano Chapter of Chemical Society of Nigeria, (CSN), member of council of CSN, the North-Eastern Assistant National Secretary of CSN and Editor of Journal of Chemical Society.

Professor Onuchukwu, fondly called Tony by his peers transferred his services to FUTO in October, 1992 while on a

leave of absence. At FUTO, he has served as the pioneer director, M.I.S. Unit, member of various University Committees and Senate. He is currently the Head, Department of Chemistry and active member of the state chapter of C.S.N.

Professor Onuchukwu is a corrosive consultant to various chemical and petroleum industries. His research interests include: corrosion control technology, battery technology, Industrial electrochemistry, material evaluation and utilisation and chemical formulation of chemical products. He is known among his colleagues as well as students as the man who has the grasp of the discipline-chemistry, because he manipulated atoms and molecules through chemical reactors to his advantage. According to him: "God created man and God directs chemists to continue the work of creation for the benefit of man" Tony is a chemist to the core! By this dictum, Professor Onuchukwu, apart from being the author of the book: Chemical

Thermodynamics, a book most widely used in Nigeria Universities has recorded many research breakthroughs

These include:

- the control of hydrogen embrittlement in oil risers for drilling rigs. (1979)
- chemically formulated oil larvicide for the eradication of mosquito larvae. (1982)
- oxygen generating kit for emergency oxygen supply to accident victim(s) (1968)
- chemical indicator for the identification of adulterated vegetable oil (1996)
- the ink project products (1997 - date)

Professor Onuchukwu has 19 years of teaching and research experience to his credit. His hobbies include: Athletics, wrestling and music.

He is married to Mrs Lucy Onuchukwu, a Pharmacist. He has four children - two girls and two boys.

Professor Anthony Ikejiofor Onuchukwu hails from Oraifite in Ekwusigo LGA of Anambra State. He is 54 years. He attended Sacred Heart College, Aba and St Parick's College, Calabar where he earned WASC (1964) and HSC (1966) certificates respectively. He earned B.Sc (Hons) Chemistry M.Sc (Electrochemical Technology) and Ph.D degrees (Industrial Chemistry) from University of Ife (1964) and University of London (1979)

His working career started after his brilliant research performance as a Scholar of repute with a Ph.D research break-through in the control of Hydrogen embrittlement in oil risers of drilling rigs in the petroleum industry at the North Sea, U.K. He got appointment with four (4) Nigerian Universities while in the U.k. He joined Bayero University Kano (Buk) as a lecturer II in 1980 and rose through the ranks to occupy the professorial chair of Chemistry in the

The citation of Professor Anthony Ikejiofor Onuchukwu on his decoration with the insignia of the fellow of Chemical Society of Nigeria, FCSN during the award night of the 21st annual conference of Chemical Society of Nigeria held on 23rd September 1998 at Ibadan, Nigeria.

IMPROVING CAMPUS MORALITY:

-The Female Perspective

The term, morality is derived from the Latin word *mores* which corresponds to the Greek word *ethos* meaning simply the customs and usages of a people. Later, the term came to mean a precept or law. Currently, the term refers to the theory of what is right or wrong in human conduct. Asiegbu (1994) summarizes the definitions of morality in this way.

"Morality or ethics is about treating people fairly. When we say we ought to do right, we really mean that we ought to treat people right."

Anowor et al (1992) say the same thing:

"Morality as a code of what is right and wrong would seem to be necessary for human society as well as for the individual ... since it defines and limits expectations."

Indeed these scholars maintain that morality is about right choices and that to be moral, an individual must abide by a prescribed code of conduct.

Campus Morality

Applying this definition to our topic, we ask ourselves what codes of conduct exist on our campuses, whether there is need for improvement and to what extent can females make or mar progress.

The campus, like any other form of human society, is bound by codes of behaviour or expectations of what is acceptable. It is important to realize that many codes of conduct or systems of expectation exist side by side on any campus. To begin with, the administrators, including the lecturers expect hardwork, honest conduct of examinations and social conduct that is acceptable to the wider society, conduct that in university parlance is deemed "worthy in character". Some of the better known service clubs or leadership oriented associations have similar codes of conduct - believing in and binding their members to live up to expectations of high grades fairly attained, hardwork and generosity in outreach. As a matron of the **Jaycees**, the **Rotaract** and others, I am well aware of their firm commitment to codes of conduct that my generation would consider laudable. But the gap in age that separates the older generation from what is now dubbed the "Millennium Generation" often accounts for varying expectations and thus widely varying codes of what is right and wrong on the campus.

In other words, on our campuses are groups of students who do not share our beliefs and our expectations but have substituted other beliefs and other systems of expectations. As far as they are concerned, it is we who are wrong and they who are right. For instance, the code of hardwork is not equally honoured on our campuses. Some students, out of insecurity or fear perhaps, would far rather cheat than work hard. Many students instead of spending time to study for their examinations, in fact spend valuable time reducing notes to "micro-chip" dimensions on paper, wood or flesh.

The code of good conduct is also variously interpreted. This is because this generation is at the age of "the group" - and the group dictates patterns of behaviour often at variance with the expectations of the wider society. Students shove and jostle, whistle and jeer because they expect support from the group. Another area in which the group acts together is in the collective destruction of public property. The entire group - never an individual - takes delight in smashing windows, stealing louvres, and light bulbs, sitting on table tops, moving chairs and more. This collective indifference to the value and care of public property is most glaring in the use of public toilets - apart from such excuses as lack of water, it is obvious that the main reason for the deplorable state in which students keep their toilets is that they do not regard these toilets as belonging to anyone and they do not think of the next user of the toilet. It might be startling to think of toilet use as a matter of morality but it is so. Talking recently to one of the contractors in charge of cleaning student hostels, I grasped this fact more vividly when he told me that what his workers were experiencing at the hands of students was not just criminal, it was downright wickedness, revealing a total lack of consideration for fellow students as well as the poor workers whose job it was to clean up after the students.

Without belabouring the point, it is clear that there is a wide gulf between the behaviour of some students and the management's picture of ideal behaviour - the type that gets rewarded on graduation day as being "Worthy in Character and Worthy in Learning". The question now is whether the ladies have anything to do either with manifestations of bad behaviour or with demonstration of good behaviour?

Female Perspective

From the beginning of time, men have blamed women for their problems, particularly their moral problems. The Greeks blame Pandora the first woman for opening the forbidden box and unleashing all kinds of problems upon an unsuspecting world. Adam justified his disobedience by implicating Eve - and little has changed since then. Our topic is much too serious and practical for us to indulge in the luxury of debate as to who is right or wrong in such gender warfare. What is clear, however, is that all too frequently there is female presence in many of the vices on the campus.

Take the case of the secret cults. Although in recent times, some all-female secret cults have been uncovered, the Amazons and the Jezebels to name only two - by and large the term secret cults has been associated with the young men on our campuses. The cults terrorize our campuses with such activities as rape, robbery shoot-out, exam malpractice and more. But it seems very clear that much of the time this anti-social behaviour is occasioned by the desire to be admired by a girl and by the desire to be very much part of the accepted social framework. I am aware - as you must be too - that cult clashes to decide the supremacy of one group over another - Vikings over Buccaneers or vice - versa - usually begin over drinks, in a party when a lone member of a cult, considering his advances spurned, perhaps, in favour of a lone member of a rival cult, calls upon his "blood brothers" to rally in his defence. The resulting mayhem which usually leaves some dead and others maimed for life, invariably leads to the arrest and expulsion of many an otherwise promising young man. Very often, nothing is heard about the girl whose beauty triggered the entire show. For show it is - boys showing off before girls, boys showing off before boys, behaving like birds caught in a courtship duel as depicted on such television shows as the **Wild World of Animals**. The boys are punished, and rightly so for the mayhem they cause but the girls...

Take another example of conduct that falls short of management's expectations. The essential duty of a teacher is to teach, test and grade, that of the student to learn, to study and to be examined. The administration expects this process to be carried out fairly and honourably with strict adherence to prescribed codes of conduct. But today a new code prevails among some staff and some students with different expectations from those of the administration. Some teachers - male ones usually - put a price on their grades while some students - mainly female students - respond by putting a price on their bodies. In the end, a thriving market ensues. Again, the teachers involved are culpable, especially when they compound this unwholesome practice with extortion of other kinds - wilful and exorbitant sale of handouts, exploitation, sexual harassment and

molestation. However, too frequently, the ladies are not totally innocent - being responsible for setting up the situations in which some of the foregoing vices can thrive.

Improving Campus Morality

My thesis is not that the ladies are at the bottom of every vice involving men on campus - it would be both wrong and unfair to level such an accusation. My thesis, however, is that since women are such an important force whose goodwill is often courted, it would be socially useful for women to be in the vanguard of saving our men from themselves. I believe women could have a salutary effect on the reduction of the secret cult menace, the exam malpractice problem and the grade exchange syndrome if they did more of what they have always been famous for and less of what they have been notorious for. The Delilahs and Jezebels of our day are names that symbolize both the beauty and the treachery of womankind. Esther and Judith on the other hand are two names among many others which reflect women's sterling qualities of cool-headedness, wisdom and initiative which should combine with her beauty to provide steadying influence for the men in our lives.

Since the young men on campus court your favour, if you as ladies show clearly that you do not admire cultism, one layer of its protection will be removed. If further, you counsel your boy friends against involvement in such groups, remembering the advice of Proverbs - "a soft answer turneth away wrath" - and if, finally, you refuse to harbour and play 'accessory after the fact' to secret cult members, then much of what makes cultism appear attractive will vanish. Furthermore, since cultism is closely allied to exam malpractice, if you as ladies will set high standards of behaviour for yourself and will work hard to attain the grade you want, then your exemplary behaviour will sooner or later affect those in closest contact with you. I believe this would equally reduce the trade in grades - even if some teachers would be poorer thereby.

Conclusion

In other words, I believe that the feminine perspective with respect to campus morality demands that we take responsibility for our actions and that we recognize that we cannot wash off the vices perpetrated in our names on our campuses. Instead, we should use all our resources and God given talents to turn the balance in favour of right thinking and right choices that will bring about new codes of acceptable behaviour on our campuses. May God grant us the wisdom so to do. ■

- Nneoma Prof. T. Y. Obah

Poetry

Odes To Prof. T. Y. Obah, in celebration of her successful and trail blazing tenure as former Dean, School of Management Technology and one time Chairman, Committee of Deans, Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO).

A PAEAN TO THELMA

Occasions call,
Like this Grand party;
When like Wordsworth weaving worthy words of Ode,
We take the liberty to weave a wreath of paean,
And deck the neck of the deserving.

You're deserving Thelma Yvonne Obah,
Your name verily resonates significance,
You are a true woman of substance,
The gem of Juno, the goddess-wife,
HAIL. EZINNE!

You stand out in the crowd,
Shoulder and head towering-over your peers,
Who like knaves and underlings underneath your feet,
Are awestruck,
At your graceful matchless marchstrides.

But what occult rituals do you indulge;
To what gods do you pray;
Upon what food do you feed;
O Thelma, thou have grown so colossal,
Like Colossus atop mount Olympus?

This successful four-year deanship eclipsing,
Reveals the secret: Hardwork,
Tenacity of purpose;
Will to succeed; Courage to dare;
Deliberate fairness; Cultivated kindness;
Humility in greatness; And transparency in Public Life.

For these you were appraised
Missus,
Lady,
Professor;
Dean SMAT - FUTO
Chairman Committee of Deans-FUTO

JERRY OBI-OKOGBUO

A RARE GEM, A READY LADY

1. She must be ready.
What a lady!
Making early start:
A mother's quick dart
To downtown mart.
2. She is still ready!
What a lady
The Dean of SMAT
Ready to play her part
She is really smart
3. She arrives FUTO before her
husband
Her garri must be free from sand.

Though here is no bed of roses
Yet there the lady goes
Hours after office closes.
4. She is hardly in any haste
Even when the hubby
goes home late
She still goes a bit later
Just to tidy loose ends
in a letter
A perfect network,
nothing ever greater
5. She always comes to work happy
Unless she travels or feels pretty
ropey.
In such cases she sends down
notes.
In office too she readily compares
notes
Not in her eyes any blinding notes.
6. Her vehicle private or SMAT
oke beke
Lifts workers conveying loyiligi or
Icheku
A rare self-abnegation in transparent
disposition.
Coming from a lady with a chair
in his location
Despite her ionic bondings to
FUTO Administration
7. She fishes out colleagues in a fix
And belches them from the mix.
But bends sideways to free people
from straits
Through motherly role and not irk
some prates.
8. SMAT is ready and upto date
'cause her Dean is steady with
out hate
Be in investigation or result
presentation
Or Staff and studen protection, aid
or promotion,
She keeps open any channel of
communication
9. The great lady gives Deans a lot
of backing
Though less in value to that of the
Vice - Chancellor.
The reasons of course are quite
glaiing.
The madam is his tireless coun-
sellor
And the displayer of his DNA
blessing.
10. The Mbaise Chief introduced
many in novations
For committees on any assigned
project.
A legacy for FUTO administra-
tions:
Never adopts a nimble attitude to
any subject.
A surviving instinct in precarious
positions.
11. What happens after your exit as
Dean, great Thelma?
We miss the near - absoluteness
of Igbo Nne-Oma di-nma
The surviving foreign blend to aca-
demic exposition
A reminder of colonial work ethics
and dedication
In country longing for celestial me-
diation.
12. There's more to write on the elo-
quence of this ever cheerful
beauty of elegance
With admirable command of
linguistics.
And clear-cut approach to preva-
lent logistics.
God bless all in your family and in
Nigerian politics.

Staff News

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Mr B. I. B. Ekejiuba, a Lecturer II in the Department of Chemical Petroleum Engineering has been confirmed effective from October, 1, 1994.

The Administrative and Professional Staff Appointment and Promotions Committee (APSAPC) at its 55th meeting held on 27th July, 1998 approved the confirmation of the following based on the recommendation of their Heads of Units/Departments:-

NAMES OF STAFF	SCHIL/DEPT	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mrs Diegadambari Okpala	H/Services	Nursing	8/4/97 Sister
Mr Christopher Okechukwu	Bursary	Accountant I	1/12/96
Mr. Uche E. Agwu	PMD (Registry)	AA	18/11/96

RETIREMENT

MR CHUKS ADIOLE

Mr Chuks Adiole, a Caretaker in Information, Public Relations and Publications (IPRP) unit has been compulsorily retired from the services of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. with effect from 30th September, 1998. Mr Adiole who served the University for seventeen years is leaving with full benefits.

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

MR CAMILLUS OSUJI

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the application of Mr Camillus Osuji for withdrawal of service with effect from November 5, 1998.

Having put in 13 years of service to the Federal University of Technology Owerri, he is entitled to his full benefits as duly approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar earnestly commends him for all his selfless and dedicated services to the advancement of FUTO.

CHANGE OF NAME

MISS CHIBUZO NWOGA

A Research fellow in the Institute of Erosion Studies, former Miss Chibuzo M. C. Nwoga, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Chibuzo M. C. Nwosu. All documents bearing her former names remain valid.

MISS PATRICIA EGO EGBU

Miss Patricia Ego Egbu of the Chemistry Department (School of Science) hence forth wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Patricia Ego Mom. All documents bearing her former names remain valid.

DIED

CHIEF NZE NA OZO MADUAKOR AHANOTU - AGED 120YRS

On August 21, 1998 and was buried on October 31, 1998 at his home town Umuofeke Agwa, Oguta L.G.A of Imo State. He is survived by Mr Sunny Maduakor, a caretaker in the Academic Affairs of the Registry Department.

NNE PAULINA AGBARAJI: AGED 92 YEARS

On September 10, 1998 and was buried on September 19, 1998 at her home town Umuanuma Nguru in Aboh Mbaise L.G.A. Left to mourn her is Mrs A. N. Buka, a Chief Typist in the DVC (Academic)'s office.

MADAM NWAYIOCHI UZO- AGWA ORJI: AGE 85 YEARS

On Wednesday, November 4, 1998 and was buried on Saturday November 28, 1998 at her home town Ogbuebulle in Ikwuano LGA. Left to mourn her is Mrs Ebere M. Oduma, a caretaker in Bursary Unit.

MR ANTHONY O. EBERE - AGED 51 YEARS

On Thursday, November 12, 1998 after a protracted illness and was buried on Saturday, December 12, 1998 at his home town Amawom, Owerri Nchi - ise. Until his death, Mr Ebere was a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geology of the school of Science. He is survived by his wife and four children.

CHIEF KALU OKORIE

On 1st December, 1998 and was buried on 8th January, 1999 in his home town Isiugwu Ohafia in Ohafia L.G.A. of Abia State. He is survived by Mrs Dorcas N. Kalu of the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Dept.

May his soul rest in peace.

BIRTHS

NAME OF STAFF	SCHL/DEPT	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH
ASINOBI EBO ANTHONY	REGISTRY	MALE	17-10-98
VICTOR NNOROM	OVC	MALE	1-10-98
MR & MRS DANIEL NGUNE	SECURITY	FEMALE	12/12/98

NEW ARRIVALS

NAME OF STAFF	SCHL/DEPT	POSITION	DATE
Mr N. C. Nwaezeaku	Project Mgt. Tech (SMAT)	Lecturer I	1/3/96
Mr E. C. Ubani	"	Asst. Lecturer	28/10/98
Mr Christopher I. A. Nwosu	Chemistry Asst.	"	26/5/97
Mrs Chibuzo Nwosu	IES	Asst. Research Fellow	3/11/97
Mr Louisa N. Eze	Registry	Admin. Officer	2/22/98
Onyeocha Sylvester	Security	Watchman	23/10/98
Mr Chinedu Onyemechi	Transport Mgt. Tech.	Research Asst	2/11/98
Mrs Geraldine Okeudo	Transport Mgt. Tech.	Asst. Lecturer	2/11/98
Dr Obiajulu Emejulu	Gen. Studies	Snr. Lecturer	16/10/98
Dr. Linus Osuagwu	SMAT	Lecturer II	21/9/98
Dr E. E. Chigbu	SMAT	Snr. Lecturer	26/10/98
Mr Fred Ugwuezi	Security	Watchman	16/11/98
Mr. Evarest O. Onuoha	Animal Prod. (S.A.A.T.)	Senior Technologist	04/01/99
Obiekezie S. O.	Biol. Sci. (SOSC)	Lecturer II	01/12/98
Ahiarakwe Cosmas	Geology	Lecturer II	01/10/99
Emejuru Adamma A.	Assistant Lect.	Bio Sc.	08/12/98
Obed Okoro	Clerical officer	Bursary	12/01/99
Amadi Samuel U.	Graduate Asst.	Pet. Eng.	26/11/98
Opara Happiness I.	Watchman	Security	04/01/99
Dr. E. J. Otagburuagu	Senior Lecturer	SMAT (Sab. appt.)	01/11/98
Mrs. A. C. Peter Onoh	Senior Agric Superintendent	Crop Production SAAT	01/06/98

REAPPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr Prof. C. O. G. Obah has also formally approved the following re-appointments:-

Dr L. E. Arriatu

as the Coordinator, Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES).

Dr. J. O. Uzuegbu

as the Acting Head of Department of Food Science and Technology.

Dr. A. E. Agbogu

as the Acting Head of General Studies Unit.

Dr. U. R. Ojinmah

as the Acting Dean of Student Affairs.

Engr. DR. D. U. Ekwenna

as the Acting Head of Department of Transport Management Technology.

Dr. G. E. Nworuh

as the Acting Head of Department of Project Management Technology

Engr. Dr. S. O. E. Ogbogu

as the Acting Head of Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering.

Dr. F. C. Ezeh

as the Acting Head of Department of Physics.

Dr. C.C. Asiabaka

as the Acting Head of Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension.

Prof. P. T. E. Ozoh

as the Head of Department of Biological Sciences.

Dr C. J. Iwuagwu

as the Acting Head of Department of Geology.

ECCLESIASTICAL ELEVATION

Mrs. Sybil E. Agogbua, a Technologist in the Medical Laboratory of the Health Services Department has been conferred with the degree of bachelor of Philosophy of the University of Healing, Campo, California U. S. A. He is now an ordained minister of the Church of God Unlimited and would henceforth be known and addressed as REV. SYBIL E. AGOGBUA.

CONVERSION

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Conversion/Upgrading of the following members of staff sequel to their appearance before an Interview Panel.

NAME OF STAFF	SCH'L/DEPT	FORMER POSITION	CONVERTED POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mrs Peperua N. Ilozue	MIS	Computer Operator	Computer Operator I	1/10/98
Miss Ceilia A Okwara	Computer Center	Data Processor	Computer II	"
Isaac Onwuchekwa	Estate & Works	Groundsman I	Farm Hand	1/10/97
Dorathy Akagha	Registry	Caretaker	Typist III	"
Anulika Nwamuo	Polymer/Textile Eng.	Typist I	Sec. I	"
Uzoma Johnson	Biol. Scs	Lab	Tech. II Supervisor	"
Austin Awu	Bursary	C C O	Ex-officer(Accts)	"
Amenyonu Emmanuel	Security	Watchman	Higher Agric. Supervisor	"
Ethel Awuzie	Bursary	Caretaker	C.O.	"
Ngozi Iheakam	Bursary	Messenger/Cleaner	C.O.	"
Romanus Opara	Bursary	E. O. (Accts)	Higher Executive Officer	"
Clement Nwufor	Library	Lab. Asst.	Typist II	"
Bassey Edet	S.A.U.	Asst. House Keeper	House Keeper	"
Charity Nwadike	Library	Lab. Attd.	Typist II	"
John Osuji	Estate & Works	Motor Driver	Motor Driver/Mechanic	"
Florence Uzodinma	Student Affairs	Assistant House Keeper	House Keeper	"
Ihian Ugwu	Registry	Typist I	Sec. II	"
Gerald Nwankwere	S A A T	Farm Attendant	Clerical Officer	01-10-97
Ngozi Ibeachu	S A A T	"	"	"
Philomena Eze	Student Affairs	Asst. House Keeper	House Keeper	"
Patricia Egbu	SOSC	Lab Supervisor	Technologist II	"
Joseph Nwokolo	Bursary (Fuel Dump)	Chief Store Keeper	Stores Officer	"
Chukwu Oji	Physics	Typist I	Secretary II	"
Uchenna Okere	Bursary	Senior Clerical Officer (Accounts)	Executive Officer	"
Ogbonna Mgbahuru	Audit	Senior Clo (Audit)	Executive Officer (Audit)	"
Obianuju Orji	Registry	Typist I	Secretary II	"

REAPPPOINTMENTS *Contd.*

Polymer and Textile Engineering Technology.

Engr. A. Asoegwu

as the Acting Head of Department of Agricultural Engineering.

Dr. K. O. Okpala

as the Acting Head of Department of Chemical Engineering.

Engr. S. I. Iwuoha

as the Acting Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Engr. Dr. O. O. Onyemaobi

as the Acting Head of Department of Metallurgical/Materials Engineering.

Engr. Dr. H. I. Agha

As the Acting Head of Department of Civil Engineering.

The re-appointments took effect from November 1, 1998 and is for a period of one year.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

I.E.S Gets New Directors

Prof. J. C. Obiefuna of the Department of Crop Production has been appointed the Director of Institute of Erosion Studies (I.E.S.) with effect from November 1, 1998. Prof. Obiefuna is currently the Chairman of the University Ceremonials Committee.

Ag Dean For SMAT

The Vice Chancellor has appointed Rev. Fr. Dr. L. E. Asiegbu the Acting Dean of the School of Management Technology (SMAT) with effect from November 1, 1998. The appointment is for a period of one year in the first instance.

Dr. C. O. Owuama

Dr. Chukwunonye O. Owuama of the Department of Civil Engineering has been selected for inclusion in the 16th edition of Who is Who in the World, an authoritative reference book of the World's distinguished personalities published by the Marquis of the United States of America.

HEADSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah has formally approved the following appointments:

UPGRADING

Sequel to the implementation of the new scheme of service approved by the FUTO Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of the following staff.

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Innocent Afor	Estate & Works	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Wks Supervisor	10-10-98
Timothy Ekeda	"	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Gregory Ejiofor	"	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Work Foreman	"
Chineme William	"	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
J. C. Okuakaji	"	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
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Augustina N. Osuagwu	Library	Chief Typist	Chief Typist	"
Henry T. Plangzak	Estate & Works	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Christian Ike	"	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Work Supervisor	"
Donatus Ofoegbu	"	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Work Supervisor	01-12-98
Peter Osuagwu	OVC	Chief Typist	Chief Typist	"
Agnes Buka (Mrs)	"	"	"	"
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Lazarus C. Okey	"	"	"	"
Marcellinus Kemdirim	Est & Work	Groundsman	Chief Groundsman	"
Theodore Emekalam	Est & Works	Groundsman	Senior Groundsman	"
Alphonso O. Igbokwe	Est & Works	Chief Driver	Snr. Transport Suprv	"
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Michael Obiyo	Registray	Caretaker	Assit. Chief Caretaker	"

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Mr Michael Obiora	Registry	Caretaker	Asst. Chief Caretaker	"
Mr. G. Ukaga	Registry	"	"	"
Mr. Christopher Nwagba	"	"	"	"
Mr Orji Agni	"	"	"	"
Mrs Tina Akwa Kwaegbo	OVC	Chief Typist	Chief Typist (Redesignated)	"
Mrs Margaret Ugoaka	IES	Caretaker	Asst Chief Caretaker	"
Mr Augustus Onuoha	OVC	"	"	"
Mrs Catherine Igbokwe	SEET	"	"	"
Mr. B. Igbokwe	Computer	"	"	"
Mr James Okeke	OVC	"	"	"
Mr Isidore Okeke	OVC	"	"	"
Mr Samuel Okeke	Est. & Works	Chief Driver	Senior Sup	"
Mrs Fanny O. Okeke	OVC	Caretaker	Senior Caretaker	"
Marcellinus Kemdirin	Estate & Works	Groundsman	Chief Groundsman	10/12/98
Theodore Emekalam	"	"	Senior Groundsman	"
Alphonso O. Igbokwe	"	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Mr. Dominic N. Obichere	Students Affairs Unit	Coach I	Senior Coach	01/10/98

FUTO GRADUANDS GET NYSC AWARDS

Miss Scholarstica Bokeshemi of the Department of Agric Economics and Extension and Mr Solomon Chikodi Onyemerela of the department of Project Management Technology have carried the flag of excellence beyond the University. They were among the thirty-five 1996/97 youth corpsers who received the Head of State's NYSC National Honours Award.

The Corp-members were honoured for their "outstanding

performance and diligence in the discharge of your duties as a National Youth Service Corps member, during the year 1996/97".

The Award ceremony was held at the NICON HILTON HOTEL, Abuja on April 28, 1998.

Miss Bokesheni Schorlastica is currently a graduate assistant in the department of Agric Economics and Extension of this University.

TRIBUTE TO LATE CHIEF (DR.) OKON WILLIAM INYANG

B.A (LONDON) PG.CE (LONDON) CERT. T.E.
SL (BRISTOL) D.LITT (HONORIS CAUSA FUTO)

Chief (Dr) Okon William Inyang, the second Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the second Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology Owerri from 1984 to 1987, a renowned educationist died on October, 23, 1998. He drew people from all walks of life to his home town, Okuikot Odung in Ikwere L.S.A, in Akwa-Ibom State on Saturday 12th Dec. 1998.

The Vice-Chancellor, was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admn) Prof. J. E. Njoku with FUTO entourage. According to Prof. J. E. Njoku "The Federal University of Technology Owerri owes a lot to the late Chief Okon Inyang for his pioneer works in contract execution at its permanent site. No wonder on November 22nd, 1997 the authorities of this great institution honoured him with the revered Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa of the Federal University of Technology Owerri"

The highlight of the occasion was the laying of the wreath by Prof Njoku at the grave of this great man. The Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Congregation and Convocation of FUTO commiserates with the family and implores the Almighty God to grant his soul eternal rest.

PROMOTION

On the recommendation of the Administrative and Professional Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (APSAPC), the Governing Council at its 79th meeting held on December 18, 1998 approved the promotion of the following senior staff.

NAME OF STAFF	SCH'L/DEPT	FORMER POST	NEW POST	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr. Joseph N. Onyeka	Estate Works	Snr. Technical Officer	Princ. Tech. Officer II	01/10/98
Mr. Lemmy V. Ashiegbu	Bursary	Asst. Chief Store Officer	Chief Stores Officer	01/10/98
Mr. Ifeanyi A. Ekenta	Bursary	Acct. II	Acct. I	01/10/98
Mr Patrick U. Ekeziem	"	Snr. Acct.	Princ. Acct.	01/10/98
Mr Lucky N. Onuoha (Audit)	O. V. C. / Audit Officer	Exec. Officer Officer	Higher Exec	01/10/98
Mr. Innocent. N. Emereole	O. V. C.	Senior Auditor	Princ. Auditor	"
Mr James I. Osi	"	Princ. Tech. Officer	Asst. Chief Tech. Officer	"
Mr. A. U. Anuo	S. O. S. C.	Tech. II	Tech. I	"
Mrs L. C. Ekwemalor	O. V. C.	Admin. Asst.	Admin. Officer	"
Mrs P. N. Ozoh	Health Service Dept	Senior Nursing Sister	Matron	"
Mrs. V. N. Anyiam	"	Nursing Sister	Senior Nursing Sister	"
Mrs. U. Ama	"	"	"	"
Mrs J. U. Anumibe	"	"	"	"
Mrs V. E. Igbojiaku	"	Staff Nurse/ Midwife	Nursing Sister	"
Mrs E. C. Egwom	"	"	"	"
Mrs. J. C. I. Egemeonu	"	Staff/Nurse/ Midwife	Nursing Sister	"
Mr. R. C. Obineche	"	Senior Pharm. Technology	Asst. Chief Pharm. Technology	"
Mrs. J. N. Ohale	Registry	Senior Typist	Asst. Chief Typist	01/0198
Mr. N. C. Azubike	S. E. E. T	Pers. Sec. II	Pers. Sec. I.	"
Mrs. Ann E. Chukwuegbo	IPRP	Admin Asst.	Admin. Officer	"
Mr. Nnanna Umeh	S. O. S. C.	Princ. Tech. Officer II	Princ. Tech. Officer I	"
Mr. S. A. Ihezue	I. E. S.	Admin. Asst.	Admin. Officer	"
Mr. L. C. Anyika	S. O. S. C.	Princ. Tech.	Asst. Chief Tech	"
Mr. Orje Ishegh-Nor	Student Affair Dept.	A. R.	S. A. R.	"
Mrs P. I. Aririatu	IPRP	Admin Asst.	Admin. Officer	"

PROMOTION

On the recommendation of the Academic Staff Appointment and Promotions Committee (Professorial), the University Governing Council at its 79th meeting held on December 18, 1998 has approved the promotion of the following academic staff

NAME OF STAFF	SCH/DEPT	FORMER POST	NEW POST	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. J. C. Iwuagwu	Geology	Senior Lecturer	Reader	01/10/95
Dr. L. N. Nsofor	Foods Sc. Tech	Senior Lecturer	Reader	01/10/96
Dr. O. P. Nwamuiso	S.E.E.T.	Senior Lecturer	Reader	01/10/96
Dr. Ken. Okpala	Chemical Eng.	Senior Lecturer	Reader	01/10/96
Dr. C. O. Onyia	Biol. Sc.	Senior Lecturer	Reader	01/10/96
Prof. C. C. Nnamere	Project Mgt. Tech	Reader	Professor	01/10/96
Prof. P. T. E. Ozoh	Bio Sc.	Reader	Professor	01/10/95
Prof. S. E. Ananaba	S O S C	Reader	Professor	01/10/96
Prof. I. C. Ogwude	Transport Mgt. Tech.	Reader	Professor	01/10/95

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NAME OF STAFF	CHL/DEPT	FORMER POSITION	PRESENT POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Juliana N. Ohazurike	SMAT	Chief Typist	Chief Typist	01/10/98
Fanny U. Okeoma	"	"	"	"
Cyrina Anyanwu	O V C	Caretaker	Senior Care-taker	"
Christopher Njoku	Registry	Caretaker	Asst. Chief Caretaker	"
Virginia Obi	O V C	Caretaker	Ass. Chief Caretaker	"
Jonathan Ofurum	Estate & Wks	Caretaker/Asst.	Chief Caretaker	"
Anslem Nwaokoro	N S D	Caretaker	Asst. Chief Caretaker	"
Rachael Obuma	S A A T	Caretaker	Senior Caretaker	"
Theresa Akarahu	Library	Caretaker	Asst. Chief Caretaker	"
Charles Azuogu	Estate & Wks	Grounds-man	Chief Groundsman	"
Appolonia Ogueri	O V C	Care-Taker	Asst. Chief Caretaker	"
Cordelia E. Nwosu	SEET	Caretaker	Asst. Chief Caretaker	"
Mr. C. C. Anunobi	SOSC	Chief Store Keeper	Snr Store Keeper	1/12/98
Mr. Emma Eke	C.I.S.	Chief Store Keeper	Snr Store Keeper	1/10/98
Mr. Anthony	Watchman	Security	"	01/12/98
Nse Hanson Udo	Watchman	Security	"	1/12/98
Elegbue Paschal	"	"	"	7/12/98
Okeabia Cletus C.	"	"	"	1/12/98
Kalu Ukpa Kalu	"	"	"	"
Edebei Kenneth	C. I. S.	Snr Tech. Asst. II	"	8/12/98
Columbus Anyanwu	Asst. Lect.	Project Mgt. Tech	"	16/12/98
Uchegbu Martin c.	SAAT	Animal Prod.	"	14/12/98
Nnamah F. Ofodile	Bursary	Accountant II	"	10/12/98
Dr Ifeanyi Chukwu C. Okoli	Animal Prod	Lect. II	"	8/12/98

Adieu Gentle
Julie

With deep sorrow, the Management & Staff of **SKILLMARK Media Ltd.** (18 Kagha Street Owerri) sympathise with the Okoyedi family, the Amaeze Village, the Oraukwu and FUTO Communities on the untimely death of their beloved Wife and Colleague

**MRS JULIANA
IFEYINWA OKOYE**

on Thursday 28th January,
1999.

*May God grant you the spirit
to bear the irreparable loss.*



May her soul rest in peace

CVC SEC. GENERAL RETIRES

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) took time off and organized a Dinner Party in honour of the outgoing Secretary General, Prof. Fola O. Aboaba at the Eko Hotel Victoria Island, Lagos, on Tuesday, December 29, 1998.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of CVC, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah thanked all for attending the occasion. The guest of honour Prof. Aboaba, he said was the first Professor to hold the post and brought dignity, maturity, stability and quiet efficiency to the CVC Secretariat adding that he and Prof. Aboaba shared certain things in common as Engineers who have worked together for the progress of CVC.

On their achievements, Engr. Prof. Obah enumerated that the committee has

- moderated the establishment of satellite campuses.
- suggested to the Federal Government modalities for the disbursement of the stabilization fund.
- help to cause the establishment of Board of Trustees of Education Tax Fund.
- approved a design modalities for the construction of CVC Secretariat in Abuja

expedited action on the take-off of PTF Intervention Projects in many universities - participated in the 1998 Association of Commonwealth universities conference held in Canada in August; and the UNESCO conference on higher education.

The chairman concluded by remarking that the committee will miss Prof. Aboaba and his rib-cracking "true story" jokes and wished him a deserved rest and God's blessings.

In his toast for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Prof. K. Etta, V.C. UniCal said we all should wish Nigeria the best and implore God to save this country.

Presenting a Souvenir to the outgoing Secretary General on behalf of CVC, the Chairman, Engr. Prof. Obah said, "it is a token of honour to you for the wonderful work you have done for us"

Prof. Aboaba in his response, said it was a pleasure and good experience working for the CVC. He congratulated the vice-Chancellors who in spite of all odds weathered through innumerable crisis and concluded by thanking all for the honour especially the pro-

Chancellors for attending.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Prof. Oba Shuaibu AbdulRaheem, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin thanked all for honouring the invitation and wished all especially Prof. Aboaba a wonderful Future.

The occasion was graced by many Vice-Chancellors namely:- Prof. T. Vincent - UniPort, Prof. K. Etta - UniCal, Prof. S. O. Umedum - UniZik, Prof. J. Okojie - FUAB, Prof. Nduka Oko, Ag. vc - UniBen, Prof. Fola Lasisi - UniUyo, Prof. P. Njoku - Umudike, Prof. Oba Shuaibu AbdulRaheem - UniLorin, Prof. J. A. Omotola - UniLag, Prof. Adebola - DVC, UniLago, Prof. Wale Omole - OAU, Prof. A. T. Suleman, Ag. VC, UniAbuja. Three Pro-Chancellors were also present at the occasion - Prof. Chiwijite Ejike - Pro-Chancellor and Chairman governing council, FUTO, Otunba (Dr) C. O. Ajayi - Okunuga of University of Calabar and Dr. Kuku, Ogun State University.

Also in attendance were Representatives from the embassies of Israel, America and Tanzania. ■

ANOTHER 500 KVA GEN. COMMISSIONED

The Federal University of Technology has procured yet another generator in order to beat the constant fluctuation of electricity and prolong the life span of the foundry machine.

The Director of Physical Planning and Development, Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu in his speech at the commissioning ceremony remarked that the approval given to his department by the administration and Governing council to undertake some projects through direct labour led to the award of the contract to FUTO Consult. Prof Nwachukwu continued that the project is meant to supply electricity to the Foundry Workshop, SOSC and the SEET Head adding that the Workshop is a gold mine which could yield reasonable revenue to the university. He concluded that his department articulated and supervised the project to practical completion stage and therefore certifies it due for commissioning.

Echoing the views of Prof. Nwachukwu on the use of the Foundry for teaching and commercial purpose, Prof. V. O. Nwoko, Director of Centre for Industrial studies (CIS) added that it is in order to provide required duration of electricity supply irrespective of power failure that they took the precaution of procuring the plant. According to him the suppliers of the machine are the John Holt Engineering Ltd whereas FUTO consult built the Plant House and did the necessary connections. To Prof Nwoko, this is a step forward in our onward march to make FUTO the practical university it is meant to be.

The managing Director of FUTO Consult Dr O. P. Nwammuo thanked the Management for giving FUTO Consult the opportunity to perform, promising that the company will gradually come up and will continue to use the members of staff for execution of jobs.

The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah remarked that the project was executed with the Refurbishing Grant highlighting that the proposal sent by FUTO to NUC and Ministry of Education in this regard became the accepted model for other universities. Cutting the tape, the Chief Executive said it signals practical completion and handing over of the 500 KVA plant which will render great service to this university.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Mr C. D. Okereke, Head of the newly created Department of Environmental Technology thanked the FUTO management and FUTO Consult for the award and execution of the project.

The occasion was witnessed by the DVCS, principal officers, Deans, Directors and Heads of departments and many staff of the University. ■

SPORTS

A MEDAL FOR FUTO AT NUGA '98



In the face of intimidating odds, athletes from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri held their own in the last NUGA Finals which took place at the University of Lagos.



Parading a team of eight athletes and two officials, the FUTO Contingent competed for laurels in different games. However, it was only in Table Tennis that one of them displayed considerable skills to win the bronze medal.



In the females single, Udo Ethelbert placed her name in the annals of history as the first female student to win a medal at NUGA.



Earlier in his goodwill message to the NUGA meet, the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah, noted that "our universities should be centres of excellence in sports". He went further to charge all participants "to play fairly and win fairly".



In his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVC) Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah observed that the committee looked forward to seeing our youths in all the universities come together in an atmosphere of peace and friendship". He enjoined both athletes and officials to "obey the laid down rules and regulations of the games".



The FUTO contingent has since returned home.

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