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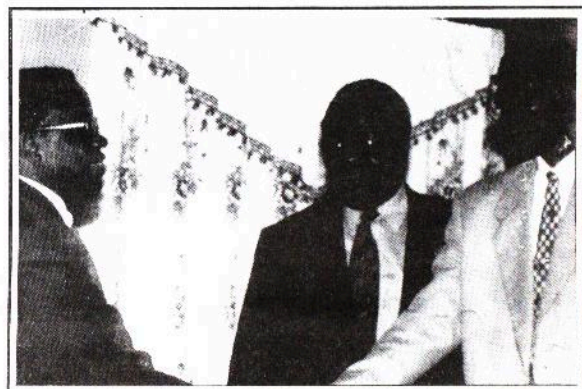
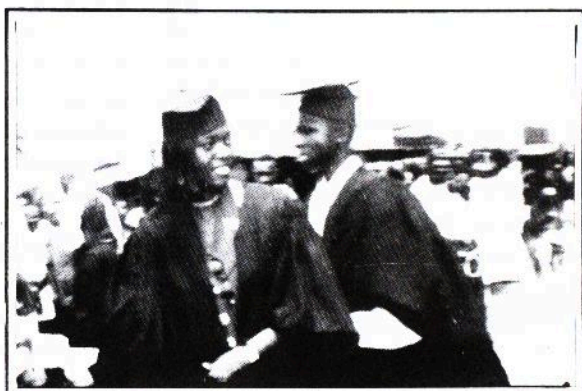
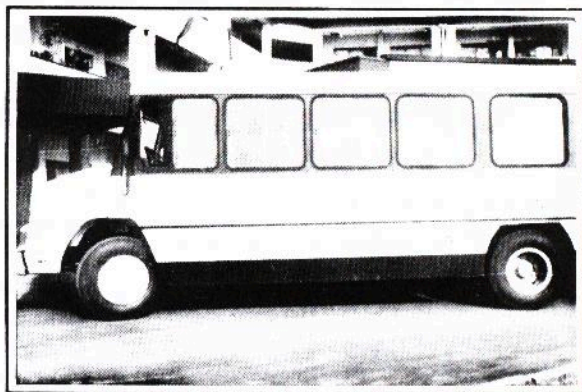


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Letters

To the Editor

FUTONEWS BULLETIN

I wish to start this letter by commending you on a display of Excellence in the production of your quarterly News Bulletin, FUTONEWS. The Educative, informative and well articulated nature coupled with a touch of technology that follows that magazine spells 'GREAT' on you. Any regular with this new bulletin can attest to this fact that as the world is growing fast in terms of science and technology, FUTONEWS has never been left behind. Keep the flag flying and more ink to your pen.

In my humble opinion, I wish to suggest that a regular column, students' column be created in your quarterly publication. This column will contain students opinions, comments, articles, views and interviews including news as it affects the students politically, socially, economically and otherwise within the quarter of publication. I believe this will increase the information content of your magazine, enhance students' contribution and of course increase the readership of this news bulletin.

Finally, I wish to request that I be receiving quarterly copy of the news bulletin for my own consumption and for my friends and colleagues within and outside this place who are also interested in knowing what goes on in FUTO.

Once more, I salute your sense of innovation!

Yours sincerely,

Ezurike O.O.
Dept. of Maths &
Compt. Sc. FUTO

Request for FUTO News

I humbly wish to request on behalf of Hot-line press for your quarterly new bulletin, FUTONEWS.

Hot-line is a duly registered press outfit in FUTO which is solely handled by students.

By getting quarterly copies of FUTONEWS, the students can now boast of first class information about the University and its environs as will be culled from the bulletin and be published on our press board. This will also go a long way in increasing the readership of this interesting, educative and information - packed bulletin.

While, I look forward to getting a favourable response, let me use this opportunity to commend you for the good work you have been displaying through the publication. More grease to your elbows.

Yours sincerely,

Ezurike O.

COMMERCIALISE FUTONEWS

It is always a pleasure to read your publication "FUTO Newsletter". The package is always rich and entertaining, please keep-up the good work! Our University no doubt is ahead in information dissemination both within and outside the University.

I suggest that you make some copies available at the Bookshop where students and other interested members of staff can have a copy at a token price.

Thanks for striving to showcase our University into the next millennium.

With my very best wishes for the future.

P. O. Moneke
Library Dept.

I wish to use this medium, to on behalf of my children and our entire family, express our profound gratitude to all members of FUTO Community who by personal calls both at our Owerri and Oraukwu residences, letters, cards and gifts commiserated with us during the timely death and burial of my beloved wife, Mrs. Julie Ifeyinwa Okoye.

I also wish to convey my special gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors and the other Principal Officers of the University, Deans Directors, Professors, the clergy, other academics and my colleagues in the Registry for standing solidly behind me during the traumatic period.

May the Almighty God Bless you all in Jesus Name.

M. O. Okoye,
Registrar

I've forgotten no one

T. Y. Obah

When I left in March, I took with me a copy of your latest newsletter. When I felt a bit homesick, I fished it out and began to browse through its pages. What was my surprise to see all the nice things said about me and our kind letter of appreciation.

I want you to know that reading all those flattering things gave me a morale boost. I do thank you sincerely - and the other contributors - for the gesture. It was always a greater pleasure for me to work with you all than for you to work with me. I was enriched by the encounter and, I suspect, received far more than I gave. Thank you very much.

Please greet all my friends at FUTO and assure them that I have

forgotten no one. You are all in my prayers and I ask you to keep me in yours.

With Best Wishes

**Prof. Thelma Y. Obah
(USA)**

FUTO News Magazine

Very rich and well produced. An excellent job. What started as a small news bulletin has blossomed into a very authoritative and impressive magazine. I sincerely congratulate you. You must keep up the good job.

Prof. Eio Amucheazi

Director-General

National Orientation Agency (NOA)
Abuja

Error in my Name

With reference to the last edition of FUTONEWS of February 26, Volume 19 No. 1, I wish to draw your attention to the wrong spelling of my name on page 29 under (SPORTS). In it you addressed me as **Udo Ethelbert**. My correct names are **Ucho Ethelbert Evie**.

Kindly use your good office to effect the correction.

Comment:

We regret the embarrassment this must have caused you. - Editor

Change of Name

**Miss Anthonia
Ugochukwu,**

A clerical Officer in the Academic Affairs Unit of the Registry Department now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Anthonia Ihuarulam (Nee Ugochukwu). All documents bearing her former names remain valid.

Date of my Promotion

You may please note that the effective date for my promotion is **October 1, 1995 and not October 1, 1996 as listed in FUTONEWS Volume 19, No. 1 of Friday, February 26, 1999.**

Kindly effect the necessary correction

Thanks.

**Prof. C. C. Ntamere
(SP 75)**

Comment

The correction has been duly effected. Please see the Promotion Column in this edition. We regret the embarrassment this may have caused you. - Editor.

Notification of Appointment

I wish to inform you that I have been appointed CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Awutu Secondary Technical School Awutu - Obomo Local Government Area. The appointment took effect from January 29, 1999 when the board was inaugurated.

GAB A. C. EMEJEAMARA
Sports Officer
FU.T.O.

Comment:

We send Mr. Gab. A. Emejeamara our hearty congratulations - Editor

APPRECIATION

I write to express my profound gratitude to the entire FUTO Community, the Ngwa indigenes and indeed all my friends, brothers and sisters for the solidarity, concern and affection shown to me from the 1st of February, 1998 till date over the demise of my most cherished late husband.

I am particularly indebted to the Vice-Chancellor, deputy Vice-

Chancellors, Directors, Deans of Schools, staff of AP&D, my colleagues and all who are innumerable to mention for sympathising with me, and the entire family.

Indeed many of you were really wonderful. May the good Lord continue to bless you all.

- Mrs C.N. Wigwe

FUTONEWS

I have had the opportunity of going through a number of editions of your newsletter - FU.T.O. NEWS. The birth (observation though belated due to the time I joined the readership) has added another great dimension to the achievements of the University Authorities. The New Bulletin is such that has the capacity to motivate staff and ignite consciousness outside the University Community.

Permit me to give my opinion on the man behind the mask - the Editor. I respect him for satisfying the diverse interests of the academia. I am particularly touched by the quality of his editorial work and his impeccable application of words to intended meanings. (A fine Artist could readily produce a record of pictorials from his inspiring description of events). Similarly, I commend the University Management for recognizing talents that make up the editorial team and sustaining the publication with a touch of class.

I wish you many more years of result-oriented service to the academic community.

Yours faithfully

Micheal O. Mbata
National Directorate of
Employment,
Federal Secretariat
Complex
Port Harcourt Road
Owerri

PTF DONATES 2 BUSES TO FUTO

The FUTO Bus -Fleet has increased by two brand new 61-seater Mercedes

buses (popularly called 1414): courtesy of the Petroleum (Special) Trust Fund (PTF.)

Shining like the rising sun in their newness, the buses zoomed into the SEET HEAD Complex late Friday, February 19, 1999.

On hand to receive the team in the Vice-Chancellor's office was the DVC (Academic) Prof. M. U. Iloeje with the cream of the University Management Staff.

Explaining the purpose of their mission to FUTO, the Team Leader and Controller of the Urban Development Bank Plc, Engr. Ken Amauchekwu said that it was to deliver and handover to FUTO two brand new buses (a.k.a. 1414) courtesy of the Petroleum (Special) Trust Fund under its mass transit programme aimed at alleviating the transport problems of the tertiary institutions. He disclosed that the decision of the Federal Government to include tertiary institutions in

its mass transit programme was a recent development. Engr. Amauchekwu attributed the

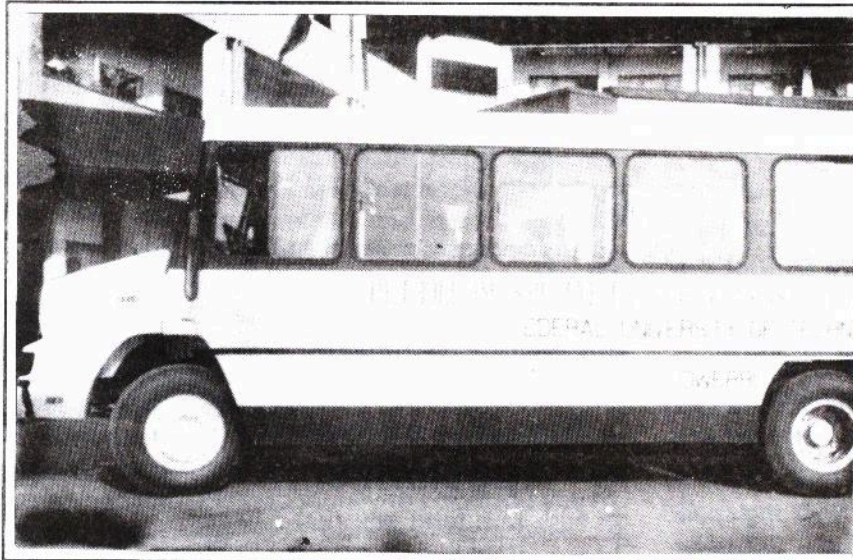
problem, hitherto experienced by both staff and students who have to travel almost twenty-

five kilometres to FUTO on daily basis. He expressed profound appreciation to the PTF for seven other cost-intensive projects going on in FUTO and encouraged her to ensure their completion on schedule.

While all present were

watching and beaming with smiles, Prof. Iloeje, in keeping with administrative protocol, transferred the keys of the buses to the Director of Estate and Works, Engr. Akin Orunmuyi.

On hand to bear witness to the historic ceremony were, among others, Mr. Mutiu Sanni, the Assistant Manager, Urban Development Bank Nigeria Plc, the Secretary, Mrs M. C. Akpangbo, the DVC (Admin.), Prof. J. E. Njoku, the University Bursar, Mrs C. C. Ahiarakwe, the Dean, PGS, Prof. M. E. Enyiegbulam; the Director, OUD, Engr. G. O. Anya and Mr. Rufus Ugbolue the deputy Registrar (Academic Affairs) who represented the University Registrar.



late delivery of the buses to the critical fuel situation in Enugu from where they took off.

Handing over the keys of the two buses to the DVC (Academic), Engr. Amauchekwu observed in a voice muffled by emotions, "The buses have been duly registered and comprehensively insured under FUTO's name.

Thank God they arrived safely"

On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the DVC (Academic), Prof. M. U. Iloeje happily collected the keys. He thanked the PTF profoundly for extending to FUTO "a piece of the National cake - a gesture which would drastically reduce the endemic transportation

17th Matriculation:

"The Challenges of being a FUTO Student"

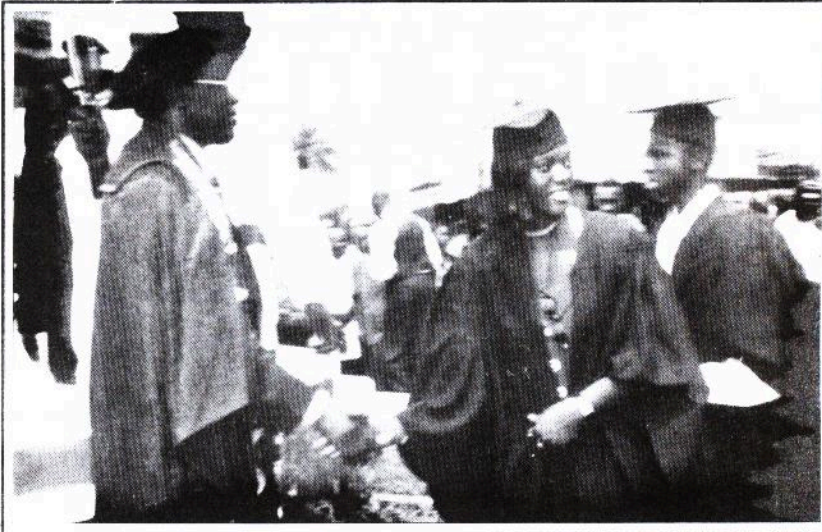
All roads again led to FUTO on Saturday, February 6, 1999 as new students, their relations and friends came from far and near to witness the 17th Matriculation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

In his welcome address, the Vice-chancellor, Engr. Prof. G.O.G. Obah, described Matriculation Ceremony as "an annual 'ritual' that signifies the official admission of students into the University Community".

To be worthy in character, the Vice-Chancellor expatiated, is for the student to allow the University to pass through him/her through active participation in the social, academic, religious and sports activities "that are eminently suited to the development of a good character".

Students who do not wish to encounter any assessment constraints throughout the duration of their programme, the Vice-Chancellor counselled, should start to work conscientiously from the first day of their admission into FUTO to the last day of their graduation. Thus, students should endeavour to pass their courses at first attempt as course repetitions have the effect of reducing the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

On secret cults and exam malpractices - two evils in the way of worthiness in character and learning - the Vice-Chancellor admonished students to beware as they could destroy their chances of fulfilling their life's aspirations and goals. He said



that students - especially incoming ones - should identify with God fearing and law abiding organisations.

Speaking on the concept of what he aptly labelled the "FUTO Spirit", Prof. C.O.G. Obah said, "it dictates that life in the hostels is made as tolerable as possible ... through the provision of basic amenities including electricity, water supply and cable television". He thus advised freshmen to dissociate themselves from 'infiltrators' whose sole objective is to tarnish the good name of FUTO and to destroy your career prospects by causing dissension, instability and unrest in the university, leading to possible closure, disruption of teaching and learning".

In what was obviously an emotional soft-spot for the students, the Vice-Chancellor said, "I say with pride everywhere I go that FUTO students are Excellent in every sense".

On incentives for hardwork and dedication to studies, the University awards cash prizes for excellent academic performance at all levels. Also, the Vice-Chancellor reminded the students that Students Work Aid

placed for over ten years in FUTO is to assist financially handicapped students through part-time employment. He exhorted students to exploit such facility.

Further to the foregoing, the Chief executive enumerated some of his most outstanding achievements to include:

- the accreditation of all eight Engineering programmes recommended by COREN (Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria) during their recent visitation.

- supply of water and electricity on a fairly constant basis
- completion of a Multiple Activity Centre
- Completion of two hostels
- completion of phase I of a new Library Complex
- completion of Classrooms and Registry Blocks
- Senate Building and a new Computer Centre Building, both under construction
- Glass - Blowing Workshop, Foundry and Furnance Workshops and Automotive Workshop.

In spite of the giant strides already taken by his almost seven-year old administration, the Vice-Chancellor solemnly appealed to concerned parents to help in the development of FUTO through provision of classroom chairs, recreational facilities, cash donations, cash prizes etc. "Do it for the love of your son, daughter or ward" he concluded.



One of the rainbow colours that the Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah has embossed on his administration and for which he will be remembered long after he has left office is the creation of an annual Parent-Teachers Forum.

Delivering his fifth address before a crowd of enthusiastic parents and guardians on the occasion of the 17th Matriculation Ceremony at the Multiple Activity Centre (MAC) matriculation ground, the Vice-Chancellor very concisely, highlighted the essence of the annual parent - teachers interaction. In his own words, ".....it helps to involve parents and guardians in the process of governance ... to the extent that we share our problems and seek practical solutions together."

For those parents and guardians who were yet unacquainted with the history, character, goal and mandate of FUTO, the Vice-chancellor took them down memory lane.

He recalled that FUTO was one of the seven specialized Universities of Technology, established in 1980 and it admitted its pioneer students in 1982 on a tempo-



rary site at the Lake Nwaebere Campus, the present location of Imo State University.

FUTO's mandate: "to operate practical and result-oriented programmes and training geared towards transforming the nation's economy from the consumer-type to the production-type with a sound technological base" has been appreciably met.

Thus, he said, "The hallmark of the FUTO graduate is that he/she represents technological manpower that exhibit initiative, self-confidence, innovation and experience of the real problems of the world of work".

The Chief Executive said that the hurried reloca-

tion of FUTO to its permanent site in 1993 was a consequence of the asset-sharing attendant upon State creation. Although the movement was virtually unplanned and unaided by Government, both staff and students, so much stout-hearted, had been able to weather the storm.

He extolled the superlative courage, cooperativeness and tolerance of both staff and students in defying the endemic constraints of the permanent site. Going an extra mile in eulogizing FUTO graduates, the Vice-Chancellor remarked, "Together we have built a reputation where today, many companies including the large oil companies openly operate a policy of requesting FUTO students first, or accepting FUTO 2² to the 2¹ of others ... or even FUTO first degree in place of M.Sc. from other Universities".

However, the Vice-Chancellor charged his audience to caution their children and wards against actions that are diametrically opposed to the 'FUTO Spirit'. He recalled with dismay that FUTO students demonstrated not too long ago over apparent lack of water, electricity, hostel congestion, snail pace of PTF

work and the poor state of Ihiagwa access road.

The Vice-Chancellor argued that the action of the students could hardly be justified in view of so much concern and provision for them in the face of dwindling university funding.

On electricity and water supply, he specially mentioned one 500 KVA and two 250 KVA Generators which respectively supply electricity to the hostels and pump water to the Campus.

On hostel congestion, he largely blamed some students who "resell their bed-space at exorbitant rates and take in 'squatters' and 'floaters.....'"

On the deplorable state of the Ihiagwa access road, he said, "It is a state-owned road; whatever little being done now is by the sole effort of the University".

On the attitude of the Petroleum (Special) Trust Fund (PTF) to the rehabilitation project in FUTO, the Vice-Chancellor said, "We are entirely at the mercy of

PTF Contractors and their slow pace of work the official stand of PTF is that it tolerates no third party intervention". He therefore, enjoined parents and guardians to counsel their children to be creative and constructive, not destructive.



Prof. C.O.G. Obah

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".... it helps to involve parents and guardians in the process of governance ... to the extent that we share our problems and seek practical solutions together:
.....

Parents and guardians who are sensitive to FUTO's problems and need informed by the peculiarity of its location, were earnestly invited to support the Institution that shapes the lives of their children and wards through generous donations of transportation facilities, sports facilities, classroom chairs, cash gifts to Schools and Departments, to mention just a few.

On their own part, the parents expressed their satisfaction with the salient issues raised in the Vice-Chancellor's address and made some promises. For example, they pledged to carry the message on social amenities to the affected residents of their various destinations with a view to discussing it in their different

fora and communicating any favourable outcome to the Vice-Chancellor in due course.

GLASS BLOWING WORKSHOP COMMISSIONED

It was all applause and praises on Friday, February 5, 1999 at the Commissioning Ceremony of an historic Glass-Blowing Workshop, adjoining SEET Workshop III.

The cream of University Management present as well as the Project Contractor listened with rapt attention and interest while Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu, the Director, Physical Planning & Development (P P & D), whose Unit monitored the project execution, told the story of the project from inception to completion.

Bubbling with excitement, Prof. Nwachukwu said that the Glass-Blowing Workshop was among the viable projects earmarked for realization with part of the ₦105m Special Grant received from the Federal Government last year. He described it as another landmark during the Administration of Prof. C.O.G. Obah.

The Vice-Chancellor, he said, set out without delay to establish the project sequel to the approval granted by FUTO Governing Council. "I thank God that today the project has been realized", he concluded with evident enthusiasm.

The Contractor, Mr. Emeka Ekedebe, was no less excited because the project was realized on schedule. He expressed the hope that, by not disappointing FUTO, he had already become "part and parcel of the Institution".

Mr. Ekedebe poured enco

but it could also generate funds by supplying the chemical-tool needs of sister tertiary institutions.

As one would expect, the most enthusiastic of all the earlier speakers was the Vice-Chancellor who had this to say, "I derive a lot of satisfaction, not just joy from the realisation of this project. The proposal and method of implementation of the project were so excellent that other universities had to borrow a leaf from us".

Finally, the Vice-Chancellor expressed wholesome gratitude to the Contractor, Mr. Emeka Ekedebe and

the Director, P.P. & D., among others for their commitment and cooperative endeavour towards the completion of the project.

Amidst a wave of hearty applause, the Vice-Chancellor formally cut the yellow tape barricading the entrance into the workshop housing the new facilities that would further boost teaching and learning in FUTO.

Among those that witnessed the monumental handing over ceremony were the DVC (Academic), Prof. M. U. Iloeje; the University Librarian, Mr. S. Onye; the Dean, SAAT, Prof. A. U. Udedibie; the Dean, SEET, Prof. G. U. Ojiako and the Dean of SOSOC, Prof. U. B. C. O. Ejike ■



VC cuts the tape

miums on the Vice-Chancellor and the Director, Physical Planning & Development as well as the entire FUTO Community for their unwavering co-operation towards realizing the project.

"A highly viable project. FUTO has come of age, indeed!" That was how the Head of Department of the User-Co-ordinating Unit, Chemistry Department, Prof. A. I. Onuchukwu registered his joy and appreciation. He disclosed that the installation of the Glass-Blowing equipment would not only save FUTO the cost of fabricating most of their chemical laboratory components from without,

ACCREDITATION TEAMS ARRIVE FUTO

From Wednesday, February 10 through Sunday, February 28, 1999, Accreditation Teams from the National Universities Commission (NUC) arrived Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO), throwing Schools and Departments into a frenzy of activities.

In his characteristic hospitable disposition, the Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah received each team of six accreditors in his office on scheduled dates.

Team leaders said that the purpose of their visit was to appraise all the courses/programmes being offered in all departments of the four Schools - School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), School of Management Technology (SMAT) and School of Science (SOSC) - so as to certify that they are "in line with world class standard".

Team Leaders in turn extolled the Vice-Chancellor for his hospitality, including the flawless arrangement made to welcome team members to FUTO

Responding, the Vice-

"FUTO's approach has been to 'common all the commonables', which enables us to conserve the meagre funds at our disposal", said maximize the use of facilities and human resources".

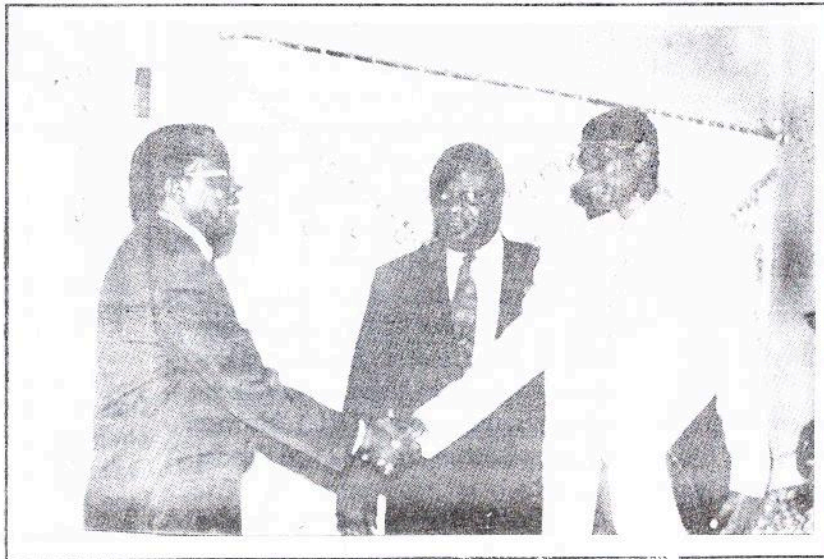
the Vice-Chancellor.

Team members were duly assured of the continued hospitality of F U T O throughout their stay.

The accreditation teams for SEET was led by Professors A.D.

Akinde and T. O. K. Audu; for SAAT was Prof. A. A. Adesoyun; for SOSC Professors L. S. O. Liverpool and J.O.I. Ayatee and for SMAT was Prof. J.A.T. Ojo.

During the courtesy calls, the Vice-Chancellor was usually flanked by the Principal Officers of FUTO Administration, Deans of Schools, The Director (Academic Planning & Development) and all the Heads of the Departments being accredited.



VC welcoming some of the team leaders

Chancellor observed that due to the hurried and unplanned relocation of FUTO to its permanent site from Lake Nwaebere Campus, Owerri, FUTO's predicament had been so peculiar that almost all its departments share common facilities: lecture halls, workshops, etc.

The arrangement, he said, was in order since all the departments are inter-related and thus inter-dependent in terms of their course contents.

5 New Professors Emerge

The Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology Owerri at its 79th meeting held on December 18, 1998 Formally approved the promotion of five Readers to the Professorial Cadre. In addition, seven Senior Lecturers were promoted Readers.

The New Professors include: Profs I. C. Ogwude, J. I. Ejimanya, C. C. Ntamere (with effect from 1st October, 1995), P. T. E Ozoh and S. E. Ananaba (with effect from 1st October 1996). Those promoted Readers include: Drs J. C. Iwuagwu, O. Ogbobe, (with effect from 1st October, 1995) and L. M. Nsofor, C. E. Nwammuo, K. Okpala, G. O. Onyia and Engr. C. D. Okereke (with effect from 1st October, 1996).

Please find serialised below academic profiles of three of the new Professors:



Engr. Prof. J. I. Ejimanya

Engr. Dr. Johnson Ihemeremadu Ejimanya of the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, who hails from Umueze Ibeku in Umuahia-North Local Government Area of Abia State, was born on January 1, 1951. He had his primary education in Umuahia, Kano and Jos. In 1964, he gained admission to King's College, Lagos securing in the process, the College tuition scholarship. His stay in King's College was cut short by the civil war which necessitated his relocation to Government Secondary School, Owerri, in 1967. With the war over in 1970, he took West African School Certificate Examinations (WASCE) in 1971 and passed with grade one. He completed the HSC the following year 1972 with principal level passes in Maths, Physics and Chemistry as well as a subsidiary level pass in French, a course he loved so much.

In 1973, he secured direct entry admission to read Electrical &

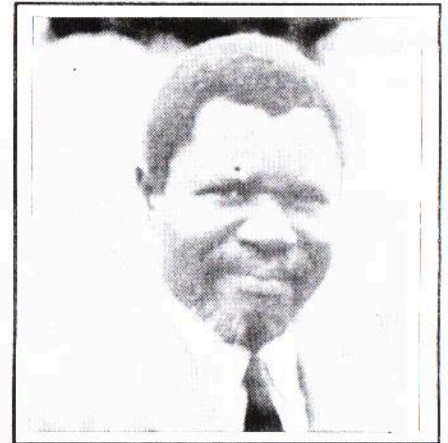
Electronic Engineering at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He completed the course in 1977, enjoying between 1975 and 1977, the ECS/Imo State Scholarship. Prof. Ejimanya was at the University of Leeds, England, as a Commonwealth Scholar between 1979 and 1982, obtaining an M.Sc Microwave Communications Engineering (1980) and Ph.D. Electronic Engineering (1982). He joined Federal University of Technology, Owerri, in September, 1985, as Lecturer I after a short stay (1983 - 1985) as pioneer staff in the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Bauchi (now ATBU). He rose to Senior Lecturer in 1987 and Reader in 1991.

Prof. Ejimanya has held a number of responsible positions which include Ag. Head of Department for six years (1988/89, 1992-1996) and Chairman, NUNet Committee (1995 - present). He belongs to a number of learned societies and is a COREN registered Engineer. He has published extensively.

Prof. Ejimanya is married to Mrs. Winifred Nneka Ejimanya and they are blessed with three children

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Prof. Innocent Chuka Ogwude

Professor Innocent Chuka Ogwude hails from Ogwashi-uku in Delta State. By this promotion he has become the foundation professor of Transport Management in this University and the first Professor in that field in a West African University.



Prof. I.C. Ogwude

He studied Economics with Statistics at the University of Ibadan where he earned a B.Sc with Second Class Honours (upper Division) in June 1974. He then proceeded to the Imperial college of Science and Technology, and obtained an M.Sc. of the University of London in Transportation Engineering and also the Diploma of the Imperial College (DIC) in Civil Engineering - Transport, in October 1978. In October 1986, he earned a Ph.D. degree in the field of Transport Economics, following an outstanding thesis in Freight Transportation modelling.

His academic career has thus been influenced by two great traditions namely: The Ibadan School of Economics tradition of questioning, explanation and refutation and The Imperial college Transport School tradition of original research, theorizing and robust analysis. In these traditions, Professor Ogwude has, over the years, investigated the structure of demand for industrial freight transportation in Nigeria resulting in the esti-

mation of over 20 models (equations) for classification and prediction of choice of transport modes.

In providing the conceptual framework for these investigations, Professor Ogwude has also made major theoretical contributions in the exposition of the following theories, namely:

- (i) a theory of the shipping firm;
- (ii) a theory of the carrier firm, and
- (iii) an extension and generalisation of Winston's model of freight transportation based on Zeuthen-Hick's theory of Bargaining

His other works have been concerned with the concept of load centres, future location patterns of load centres and their impact on African Ports and Shipping.

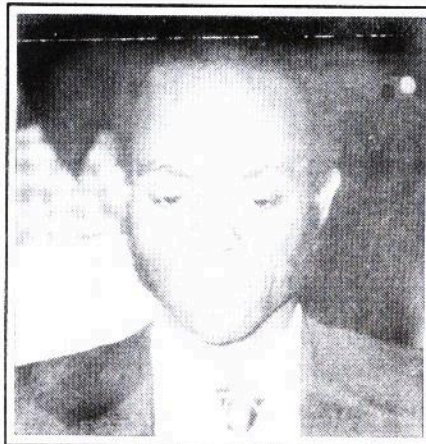
Professor Ogwude has held research and teaching positions at various levels at the University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University and the Nigeria Institute of Transport Technology, Zaria.

He is happily married to Dr. Sophia Ogwude of the General Studies Unit and they have two lovely children.

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Dr. Simon Enyinnah Ananaba was born on May 12, 1942 at Obegu Village in the present Ugwunabo Local government Area of Aba in Abia State. Professor Ananaba started his primary school education at St. Peters Anglican School, Obegu and completed at St. Paul's primary School, Jos, Plateau State in 1954, obtaining the FSLC. He attended the National High School, Arondizuogu from 1955 - 59 and his Higher School Education at the Federal Science School, Lagos, where he clinched the University of London Advanced Level General Certificate of Education in pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Physics in 1963.

Professor Ananaba added yet another feather to his academic cap in 1967 at the UNN where he was awarded a degree in Physics, thanks



Prof. S.E. Ananaba

to the immense support he received from the University of Nigeria Foundation Scholarship.

Because of the Nigerian Civil War, the progress of this hopeful academic guru encountered a slight lull and in 1970, he had to take up appointment with the Nigeria Meteorological Services in Lagos as a Meteorologist. By sheer dint of hardwork and good fortune, he obtained the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) scholarship in 1971 to study Meteorology at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, as a consequence of which he bagged a Postgraduate Diploma (Dip. Met) the following year. The same year, at the East African Institute for Meteorological Research and Training, Dagoretti, Kenya, he doubled the Postgraduate Diploma but this time in Weather Analysis and Forecasting.

Armed with a chain of academic accomplishments, Professor Ananaba returned to Nigeria in 1973 and worked for a while as Operational Weather Forecaster at the Ikeja International Airport. He is a Class I Meteorologist, the highest professional training in Meteorology recognised by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

Aided by Federal Government Scholarship award in 1974 and still radiating intelligence and hungry for knowledge, he left the shore of Nigeria for the USA to study Geophysics at the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) where he obtained M.Sc. degree in Geophysics in 1976, with considerable exposure in Remote

Sensing Technology.

Professor Ananaba's prowess while a P.G. Student at Penn State included the following award:- Society of Exploration Geophysicist (SEG) Foundation Scholarship. He doubled as the first black student to be admitted for graduate work in Geophysics at Penn State and the first to get the SEG Foundation award in the same University.

In the wake of his return to Nigeria in 1977, Professor Ananaba worked for Petty Ray Geophysical - an oil Exploration Company in Maiduguri, Nigeria. The same year, he joined the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria as Lecturer I in the department of Physics. He subsequently enrolled for the PH.D degree in Potential Field Geophysics and Remote Sensing which he completed in 1983.

He transferred to FUTO in October, 1983 as Senior Lecturer. He left for the Netherlands four years later to under-take advanced specialist course in Aerospace Surveys and Remote Sensing at the International Institute for Aerospace Surveys and Earth Sciences (ITC) in Enschede.

Promoted Associate Professor in 1992, S. E. Ananaba is a potential field Geophysicist with great interest in Satellite Technology, Astrophysics, Petroleum and Mineral Exploration Surface and Ground-water Exploration, Meteorology and a wide range of geodynamical problems Professor Ananaba has thirty-two scholarly publications to his credit.

He has served the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in various capacities, including membership of the University Senate. He was the Acting Head of the Department of Geophysics from 1988 - 92 and Associate Dean of Post Graduate School (1994 - 97). He also belongs to many a professional organisation such as the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGGS), the Nigerian Meteorological Society (NMS), the Nigerian Society of Remote Sensing (NISORS) and the Society for Exploration Geophysicist (SEG.)

He is married with six children.

AFRICA What Really Went Wrong?

Development Issues

By the late 1950s and the 1960s, a good number of African countries emerged from the throes of slavery and colonial experience to take their seats at the United Nations as free, independent and sovereign nations. The formal collapse of colonialism marked a watershed in the chequered history of Africa. The struggle for decolonisation was long drawn. Blood was spilled in places with leaders of African peoples suffering incarceration or even outright assassination at the hands of the colonial overlords.

It was therefore a glorious dawn, full of bright expectations as the peoples of Africa watched their true leaders wrest political power from the hands of the colonial governments. The people looked on with palpable enthusiasm to a future foreshadowing proud nationhood where the aspirations and yearnings of the majority would be the guiding spirit of governance now in the hands of fellow compatriots.

As it soon turned out, the nationalists who inherited power from the departing colonial authority really lacked the spirit of nationalism. Consequently they betrayed the

high hopes and expectation of the people, abandoned them to waste away in a state of anomie and alienated them from the business of governance. Instead of restructuring the newly liberated nation along the line of genuine development, our new leaders went all out to service,

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maintain and sustain the colonial structures, which meant national stagnation and development of under-development. The people watched their dreams of a life time crumbling. Attempts at agitations were neatly crushed with the coercive apparatus of state power. The new political class busied itself with using state machinery to appropriate and expropriate the wealth of the nation. Politics ‘became a means of accumulation’. The struggle for political power assumed a warfare dimension where lethal weapons were freely employed.

Elections were rigged. Political parties revolved around powerful ethnic heroes and drew cleavages along those lines. There was no serious attempt to articulate a programme of national reconstruction. Political parties lacked intellectually informed manifestoes. Rather, pragmatism and cold deceit of the unwary masses held sway. Arson, kidnapping, assassination squads and general tendency towards constant anarchy became the hallmark of the political process in most parts of Africa.

Unable to stand this ferocious onslaughts by its very custodians and supposed guiding angels, some of the newly independent African nations stumbled and crashed in the wake of heightened inter-ethnic mistrust, military coups and economic mismanagement.

We may begin to ask ourselves, what actually went wrong? Where can we locate the problems now? Slavery is gone, colonialism has ended, but Africa and her peoples are still marking time, or at best bringing up the rear in the parade of world continents. We must for the first time as a matter of compelling urgency address the causes of our disastrous plight, why Africa has

remained in a state of permanent retrogression, why we have the most unstable political structure, why we are the pawn in the chess boards of advanced western nations, why we serve as dumping grounds for spurious goods, goods of ostentation, toxic wastes and pornography, why our people are disease ridden, hungry and illiterate.

We want permanent answers to these nagging questions, gnawing at our souls because

....Increasing number of Africa's future generations are growing up carrying riffles, witnessing murders and living in the streets.

To shake off the heavy burden imposed on Africans by their white conquerors, and resolve all the prevailing contradictions, the leadership problem must be tackled. Colonialism was not only a violent and exploitative phenomenon, it was also an intriguing organism, capable of regenerating itself even after formal termination. Before it crumbled, as we have seen, it had established a puny government, an exogenous, disarticulated and dependent economy trained a crop of native intelligentsia and midwived a political class. It is this latter group that inherited power when colonialism retreated. True to type and faithful to their creator the new indigenous power elite took on the garb of their departed

metropolitan mentors and organised the post-colonial societies on the structure laid by the erstwhile colonialists. In other words, colonialism was still maintained by other means, a syndrome known as neo-colonialism. Fanon maintained that, *Because it is bereft of ideas, because it lives to itself and cuts itself off from the people, undermined by its hereditary incapacity to think in terms of all the problems of the nation as seen from the point of view of the whole of that nation, the national middle class will have nothing to do than to take on the role of manager for western enterprise and it will in practice set up its country as the brothel of Europe.*

One significant feature of this indigenous power elite all over Africa is their weak economic foundation at the time their countries gained independence. In a frenzied effort to improve on their economic status, and catch up with their metropolitan counterparts, they used the only means available to them - political power, to amass incredible wealth. The nature and character of the post-colonial state enhanced and accentuated this pervasive process of primitive accumulation. The post-colonial state in Africa has failed to rise above the society and mediate between the contending social forces. What was witnessed and is still

happening is *a state that is interventionist and involved in class struggles, that is to say, a state already dragged to politics and politicised.*

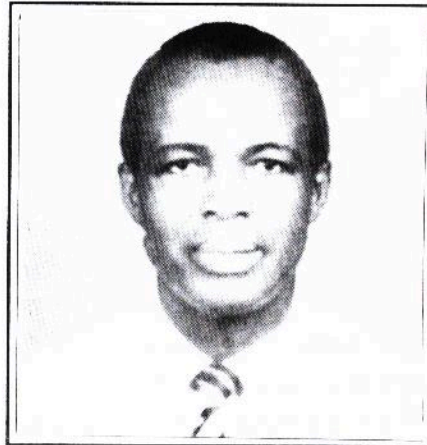
It is vital to note here that the dominant class who controls the state apparatus and the reins of government is not a monolith. There is a constant fusion and diffusion of factions and fractions of the elites depending on who outwits the others in the struggle for power. The group that later captures political power employs it to consolidate and perpetuate its control of the intermediary rungs of the national economy. Their interest lies in the commercial, distributive, hotel and house owning business - areas that characterise underdeveloped economies. As a result of their crass ineptitude, total lack of vision and patriotic zeal, these mercenary styled leaderships in Africa do not emphasise production and manufacturing a situation the former colonising power cashes on and returns as technical partners and foreign investors, immediately assuming control of the commanding heights of the post-colonial economies of Africa, namely the oil, banking, insurance, steel, food processing and manufacturing industries. These so called independent African countries become clientel states, peripheries and mere appendages of international monopoly capital.

- Chike Ezenwa

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Its Impact on Education Delivery in the Information Age

The twenty-first century will be one of innovation and acceleration of recent technology in communication and information services. Microcomputing, Cable and fibre Optics, Multimedia, communication Satellites, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), Networking/Internet Working Technologies, etc, will in all cases challenge traditional instructional/learning procedures and technology. They will also provide numerous opportunities in Africa for the rapid expansion of educational and life-long/distance learning services. Also, developments in renewable energy and environment sectors of the economy will accelerate many changes in education Management in Africa. The aim of this preliminary study will be to evaluate the socio-economic impact on education developments in Nigeria and assess our preparedness for these challenges. Office automation in a variety of different forms including Local Area Networks (LANs), Distributed Databases, Tele-Computing, Electronic-Mail, etc, will change the nature of educational technology in Nigeria. Change in Home-and Office-technology and activities will cause noticeable change in educational environment and lifestyles, eg. There would be less travels, more radio/satellite education and rural health education services. Education materials will be on Video/



Audio disks/Cassettes as a result of Multimedia technology.

All these changes in communication and information technology will affect educational requirements and cultural values. Consequently, acquisition and development of these technology through our tertiary institutions should be systematic and appropriate. Educational curricula need to be reviewed accordingly. Lifelong distance learning systems will be necessary compared to conventional teaching/learning skills. These human skills need to be organised and developed through new educational techniques. Audio/Video conferencing over satellite instead of terrestrial microwave systems will be inevitable, where there is no adequate skilled manpower for our rapidly expanding educational system. It is proposed that every Polytechnic, University and Library in each State/Zone of the country should have one or more computers with modems, to access Networks/

Databases such as Internet, Compuserve, EASYPLX, Western union EASYLINK, Sprint Mail etc. In addition, teachers, students and education officials should own home computers with

modems (also Computer Allowance is to be established) for dial-up access from their homes. Through this approach, Information technology awareness will be re-inforced and everyone will be in the bandwagon of Computer/Communication Technology for information delivery in the educational sector in the coming information age. Concurrently, Video-tapes equipment and video-disks facilities should be provided in the libraries.

It is expected that an increase in the educational awareness of our people and the provision of greater ready access to information data-bases (eg. INTERNET) will also change aspects of our traditional African social and cultural values, and increase entrepreneurial consciousness for social-economic development. Our new educational policy and strategy should be directed towards these objective, and necessary information technology infrastructure should be provided as a matter of urgency.

DR. J. N. OFULUE, FNSE
*Reader, Electrical/Electronics
 Engineering Dept. Federal
 University of Technology,
 Owerri.*

*Letter from
Abraham Lincoln
to his son's
Teacher*

He will have to learn, I know that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel, there is a hero, that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader.

Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend. Teach him that a dollar earned is of far more value than five pounds.

Teach him to learn to lose and also to enjoy winning. Steer him away from envy, if you can.

Teach him the secret of quiet laughter. Teach him the wonder of books, but also give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hillside.

In school teach him that it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if every one tells him that they are wrong.

Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with tough people. Try to give him the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men, but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him how to laugh when he is sad. Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right.

Treat him gently but do not cuddle him; because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient, let him have the patience to be brave.

Teach him always to have sublime faith in his creator and faith in himself too, because then he will have faith in mankind.

This is a big order, but please see what you can do. He is such a fine little fellow, my son.

Signed: Abraham Lincoln

POEM

A Substantial Woman!

- Ode to Mrs C.C. Ahiarakwe

1. Hon. Mrs. C. C. Ahiarakwe
Limey! she may be called
Her life - a balance of both
sweet and wise in wider
schemes entangled.
Than one could
ever dream
In truth and harmony
Honourable and
courageous
She bears the role of surro-
gate mother.
With immense enthu-
siasm
Behold the dignity, reputa-
tion she is made.
2. Why! she is adored
Her strenght and feats
And her intellect, quite
famous
Never difficult
To understand the stuff
she is made of
Her grace, dignity
Provide her a
monumental match
For a Substantial woman,
blessed to the top
as BURSAR, Head -
Bursary department - Futo
A storm standing; how
great! In the midst of
men-principal officers
3. O' Lord, Behold this auntie!
When those we love are
doing well
Their joy becomes our own
An auntie amiable
Great successes

They do not come easy
The secret of her outstand-
ing success
Hardwork, dedication
And perseverance that

symbolise excellence
She stands there destined.
4. O' Lord! give her abundant
strenght
To be brave in all her
endeavours
Constant in all changes of
fortune
That she may be loyal
And continue to love you
Lord, Amen.

AGWU, MARY
Library, Futo.

Staff News

UPGRADING

At its 79th meeting held on December 18, 1998, the Futo Governing council approved the upgrading of the following staff.

NAME OF STAFF	FORMER RANK	REDESIGNATED RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr Goddy A. Eke	Asst. Chief Typist	Chief Typist	01-10-98
Mrs Veronica Onyeanauna	"	"	"
Mrs P. Nwamuo	Snr. Lab. Asst.	Snr. Lab. Supr.	"
Mr C. O. Nnodim	Asst. Chief Typist	Chief Typist	"
Mr. John N. Amadi	Snr. Foreman Asst.	Chief Works Supervr	"
Mr Chineme Williams	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Mr Gregory Ejiofor	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Works Supervr.	"
Mr. P. C. Obasi	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Mr. H. J. Plangzak	"	"	"
Mr. M. C. Nwogwugwu	Typist I	Asst. Chief Typist	"
Mr B. N. Nwaezu	Princ. Health Asst.	Health Supervisor	"
Mrs A. N. Osuagwu	Asst. Chief Typist	Chief Typist	"
Mr Christian Ike	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Works Superv.	"
Mrs M. U. Obuba	Lab. Supervisor	Senr. Lab. Supervisor	"
Mrs Agnes N. Buka	Asst. Chief Tyist	Chief Typist	"
Mr. Donatus Ofoegbu	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Works Superv.	"
Mr Peter Osuagwu	Asst. Chief Tyist	Chief Typist	"
Mr Uzonna Johnson	Lab. Supervisor	Technologist II	"
Mr. Esowe I Esowe	Foreman	Senior Foreman	"
Mr. A. Onwuka	Lab. Supervisor	Asst. Chief Lab. Supervr	"
Mr. Innocent Osuji	Groundsman	Chief Groundsman	"
Mr. Edward Uzoechi	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Mr. Alphonso Igbokwe	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"
Mr Richard Ahuaza	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	"

RED CROSS
Love For Humanity

On 24th June, 1859, the armies of imperial Austria and the Franco-Sardinian alliance fought a day-long battle near the northern Italian village of Solferino. The casualties were heavy - some 40,000 dead, wounded or missing, Military medical services at the time were virtually non-existent, as a result there was great suffering and many of the wounded died for lack of care. The Injured were brought to the surrounding villages for whatever treatment they could get. In the church at Castiglione, a young Swiss called HENRY DUNANT, horrified by the agony of the soldiers, began to organize help with the aid of the local people.

Returning home to Geneva, still haunted by what he had seen, he wrote a book about his experience. "A Memory of Solferino" published in 1862, was acclaimed throughout Europe. In it, DUNANT put forward an idea for supplementing army medical services in times of war. This would be done through national relief societies which in peace time, would train their voluntary members for this work. Dunant also proposed that the wounded, and all those attending them, should be regarded as neutral, even on the battlefield.

To help promote the aims of the book, four citizens of Geneva - Gustave Moynier, who was President of Geneva Public Welfare Society, General Guilmume-Henri Dufour, Dr. Louis Appia and Dr. Theodore Maunoir - joined. Dunant in setting up the "International Committee for Relief to the wounded" which later became the international Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

In response to an invitation from the International Committee,

Upgrading Contd.

NAME OF STAFF	FORMER RANK	REDESIGNATED RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr. Romanus Okereke	Asst. Chief Tyist	Chief Typist	"
Mr. Samuel C. Okereke	Groundsman	Chief Groundsman	"
Mr. Theophilus Nchefu	Groundsman	Chief Groundsman	"
Mr. Aloysius Chukwu	Groundsman	Senior Groundsman	"
Mrs Glory U. Agwu	Lab. Attendant	Lab. Assistant	"

NAME OF STAFF	SCHL/DEPT	FORMER RANK	REDESIGNATED RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ogazi Benedict	Estate & Works	Chief Driver	Senior Transport Supervisor	1/10/98
Okeh Lazarus	"	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Works Superv.	"
Onwuchekwa Isaac	"	Farm Hand	Snr. Farm Hand	"
Ibe Bernadine	SOSC	Laboratory Attendant	Snr. Lab. Asst.	"
Anthony Amadi	Estate & Works	Senior Foreman	Asst. Chief Works Superv.	"

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 approved the promotion of the following staff:

NAME OF STAFF	SCH'L/DEPT	FORMER POSITION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. O. Ogbobe	S.E.E.T	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	1/10/96
Engr. C. D. Okereke	S.E.E.T	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	1/10/97
Mr. E. B. J. Iheriohanma	S.M.A.T.	Lecturer II	Lecturer I	1/10/99
Prof. C. C. Ntamere	S.M.A.T.	Reader	Prof. of Economics	1/10/95

On the recommendation of the Administrative and Professorial Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (APSAPC) the Governing Council at its 79th meeting held on 18th December approved the Promotion of the following Staff:

NAME OF STAFF	DEPT	FORMER POSITION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. C. O. Emereole	Health Services	Principal Med. Officer	Deputy Director (H/Servs.)	1/10/99
Mr. Steffa N. Okereke	Health Services	Snr. Nursing Sister	Matron Director (H/Servs.)	1/10/98 1/10/98

RED CROSS Contd.

specialists from 16 countries met in Geneva in October 1863. They adopted ten resolutions that made up the founding charter of the Red Cross, defining the functions and working methods of the Committees for the Relief of the wounded which dunant had proposed. And the movement was born.

Likewise Red Cross in Nigeria appeared as a branch of the British Red Cross as far back as 1917, when an Adamu Orisha play was staged in Lagos to raise funds for the Red Cross. In April 1951 the Headquarters of the Nigerian Branch of the British Red Cross Society was opened in Lagos by the Governor General and a period of rapid expansion of the organisation throughout the country followed. In August, 1960 the two legislative houses passed the Nigerian Red Cross Society Act and the Geneva Conventions Act. With the formal handover by the Vice-Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, the Countess of Limerick, to the Prime Minister of the Federation, the Hon. Sir. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the Nigerian Red Cross became an independent National Society in February 1961. Following the official recognition by the International Federation of Red Cross and the admission into the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Nigerian Red Cross Society became the 86th member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in September 1961.

In the same manner, it was just a tall, big and great dream of Miss Onwuzuruike Imelda, a graduate of Agricultural Economics that brought this loving society Red Cross into Federal University of Technology Owerri. In line with the trend of the development, this society was inaugurated on the 2nd of August, 1997, under the command of the then Commandant Mr. Charles Imo. This great So-

PROMOTION CONTD

Mr. Obasi O. Obuba	Estate & Wks	Princp. Tech. Officer.	Asst. Chief Tech. Officer	1/10/98
Mr. Kamalu Anyanwu	Bursary	Higher Reader Exec. Officer	Snr. Exec. Officer	1/10/98

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

NAME OF STAFF	DESIGNATED	DEPT	DATE ASSUMED DUTY
Catherine I. Njoku	Clerical Officer	Bursary	14/1/99
Jim Osuji	"	"	11/1/99
Oliver Emenalom	Asst. Lect. (T)	Animal Production (SAAT)	08/10/99
Dr. J. N. Ofulue	Reader (T)	Elect. Electr. Eng. (SEET)	15/1/99
Ajah Julius	Research Asst.	Agric. Econs (SAAT)	4/1/99
Dr. O. D. Onukwuli	Snr. Lecturer	Chem. Eng. (SOSC)	23/11/98
A. C. Ekeke	Prince. Accountant	Bursary	15/1/99
Akalazu Peter O.	Watchman (T)	Security	30/11/98
Obiyo Benjamin	"	"	14/11/98
Dr. Agu C. Madubuko	Lecturer II	Crop Production	08/02/99
Ibeawuchi I. Innocent	Asst. Lecturer	"	09/02/99
George O. Nduwuba	Techn. II	Petroleum Eng	08/02/99
Eziako Favour A. O.	Crop Productn.	Lab. Attdnt. II	11/2/99(t)
Ehiogu Kasarachi	Food Science & Tech.	Lab. Attdnt. I	9/2/99 (t)
Anyanwu Obed	Agric. Eng.	Technologist I	8/2/99 (t)
Nsaka Daniel	Crop Productn.	Farm Hand	9/2/99 (t)
Adaka Godwin	Animal Productn.	Higher Agric. supervisor	16/2/99
Inyama Uchenna	Agric. Eng.	Technologist II	8/2/99(t)
Ngozi Iheakam	Bursary	Clerical Officer	9/9/98
Andrew C. Okonkwo	Eng. (SEET)	Technologist	23 -02-99

RED CROSS Contd.

ciety is growing tremendously because of the immeasurable support given to her by the patron of the Society Engr. Prof. G.O.C. Obah, Matrons/Advisers - Lady G. Iwuchukwu and Prof. Mrs T.Y. Obah, Red Cross in F.U.T.O. has achieved much in taking care of injured students, students found in an unconscious state etc.

ROLES OF RED CROSS

- (i) Community Services -
 - Care of motherless and abandoned babies;
 - Hospital and prison welfare service;
 - First aid training and activities;
 - Environmental Clean-up Campaigns;
 - Blood donor recruitment etc.
- (ii) Disaster preparedness and response.
- (iii) International work.
- (iv) Dissemination programmes etc.

RED CROSS/HEALTH WEEK (1st - 8th May)

- Details:
 - a) Procession
 - b) Lecture on Health Matters/Topics
 - c) Visit to Prisons, Motherless Babies Homes and other Homes of the needy.
 - d) Certificate award night.
- The Nigerian Red Cross Society, Federal University of Technology Owerri detachment is calling on your assistance, especially in her forthcoming Red Cross Week. The assistance may be in form of cash donation, clothes or other materials for the motherless babies and the prisoners, including other homes of the needy

- **Ekwe Longinus Onyekachi**
Commandant, Red Cross F.U.T.O

** Join Red Cross today and render your service to Humanity.**

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

NAME OF STAFF	'SCHL DEPT	DESIGNATION	DATE
Kabuo Ngozi O (Mrs)	FST, SAAT	Asst. Lecturer	1/2/99
Nse Celestin A.	Maths/Comp. (SOSC)	Research Asst.	8/1/99
Ibe Margret A. (Mrs)	Agric. Econs	Higher Agric. Supv.	9/2/99
Madufofo prospect	MAT/MET	Work-Aid Scheme	9/3/99
Godfrey Ethel	WBPIU/EMC	Messenger (T)	11/3/99
Uchechukwu Mannah H.	Staff School	Master II	14/12/98
Alagamba Peter	SOSC (Physics)	Lab. Supervisor	24/2/99

Promotion

NAME OF STAFF	' DEPT	FORMER POST	PRESENT POST	EFFECTIVE DATE
Akhime Edward	OVC	Snr. Driver Mechanic I	Chief Driver Transpt. Suprvr.	1/10/99
Uneze Innocent	OVC	Snr. Driver Mechanic II	Snr. Driver Mechanic I	1/10/99
Chukwu Okorie Dr.	PET. Eng.	Lectur. I	Snr. Lectr.	29/3/99

UPGRADING

NAME OF STAFF	' DEPT	FORMER POST	PRESENT POST	DATE
Anorue E.. (Mrs)	SOSC	Lab. Attdt. II	Lab Attdt. I	1/10/99

BIRTHS

NAME OF STAFF	'SCHL DEPT	SEX	DATE
Mrs Tina Onyeulo	DVC (Academic)	Boy	26/10/98
Mr. Alex Njoku	Library	Girl	8/2/99

Appointment

Dr. O. Emejulu of the General Studies Unit has been appointed the protem Vice President of the Nigerian Association of Researchers and Teachers of Publishing (NARTOP).

The appointment is in recognition of his firm commitment to the development of the publishing industry in Nigeria both as an academic and professional publisher.

FUTONEWS congratulates and enjoins him to keep the flag flying.

NASU ELECTION

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (FUTO Chapter) has constituted a new eight-man Executive that will launch the Labour Organisation into the next millenium until the year 2002..

At its quadriennial Conference held Monday, April 12, 1999 in the SAAT Amphi Theatre, these underlisted officers were elected and chosen.

- Mike Oparajaku**
- Library Dept
..... Chariman
- C.M.J. Ohanaka**
- O.U.D. Unit
..... Secretary
- Okechukwu Okpo**
- Registry Dept
..... Treasurer
- Fidelis Iwuchukwu**
- SOSC
..... Exco Member
- John Emeana**
- CIS
..... Exco Member
- Humphrey Nkwocha**
- Student Affairs
..... Exco Member
- Lawrence Iwuala**
- Security Unit
..... Exco Member
- Donatus Ofoegbu**
- Estate & Works
..... Exco Member

FUTONEWS congratulates all members of NASU on the peaceful conduct of the elections.

Staff News Contd.

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NAME OF STAFF	DEPT/UNIT	FORMER POST	PRESENT POST	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kemdirim Marcelinus	Estate & Wks	Groundsman I	Snr. Grndsman	1/10/98
Osuji Raymond	"	"	"	"
Nnadi, Johnson	"	"	"	"
Osuji Innocent	"	"	"	"
Okereke Samuel	"	Head Grndsman	Asst Chief Grndsman	"
Ngele Linus	"	Groundsman I	Snr. Grndsman	"
Nwagwu Cajethan	"	Head Grndsman	Asst Chief Grndsman	"
Anyawu, simon	"	Groundsman I	Snr. Grndsman	"
Maduagwu, Godwin	"	Groundsman I	Snr. Grndsman	"
Okike James	"	Groundsman I	Snr. Grndsman	"
Nchefu Theophilus	"	Head Grndsman	Asst. Chief Grndsman	"

NEW ARRIVALS

NAME OF STAFF	'DEPT UNIT	DESIGNATION	DATE
Ejike Kenneth	Bursary	Account II (T)	8/4/99
Ogbaegbe Anthony C.	Pet/Eng.	Lecturer II	25/2/99

FRESH APPOINTMENT

NAME OF STAFF	'DEPT UNIT	DESIGNATION	DATE
Anoruo Barthlōmew	Security	Watchman (t)	13/4/99

Change of Name

Mrs valentina Onyemaechi Ndukwe, Assistant Clerical officer in the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's (Academic Office now wish to be called, known and addressed as Mrs Valentina Onyemaechi Onyeulo (Nee Ndukwe). All documents bearing her maiden names remain valid.

A MILLION THANKS TO PROF. C. O. G. OBAH

When on 24th February, 1998 (coincidentally my birth-day) I was posted to the Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) as a corper, little did I realise that I would be converted to a staff in the University Staff school by the Chief Executive of FUTO, Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah.

On behalf of my family, I heartily thank the Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah, members of the University Staff School Management Board (USSMB), the Headmistrees of the University Staff School, Mrs Cecillia Chinedum ugbolue and the entire FUTO Community for accepting me into your cherished and adoring world of Technology for Service.

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Staff School

FUTO RECEIVES PENTIUM MMS COMPUTER AND ACCESSORIES.

The Vice Chancellor F.U.T.O. Owerri received a Pentium MMX Computer and accessoried from the National Agricultural Research Project (NARP) on the 12th of March, 1998. The Petium MMX Computer is part of the support resourced for the office of the Joint Coordinator (Horticulture) located at FUTO for processing and analysis of data in the Nationally Coordinated Research Programme of NARP in South East Zone. The YZK Computer was delivered to the VC. through the Joint Coordinator NARP/NCRP (Horticulture) south East zone by J. C Obiefuna.



PRODUCT OF SKILLMARK MEDIA # 18 KAGHA STREET FEW STEPS OFF 18 MBAISE ROAD OWERRI.