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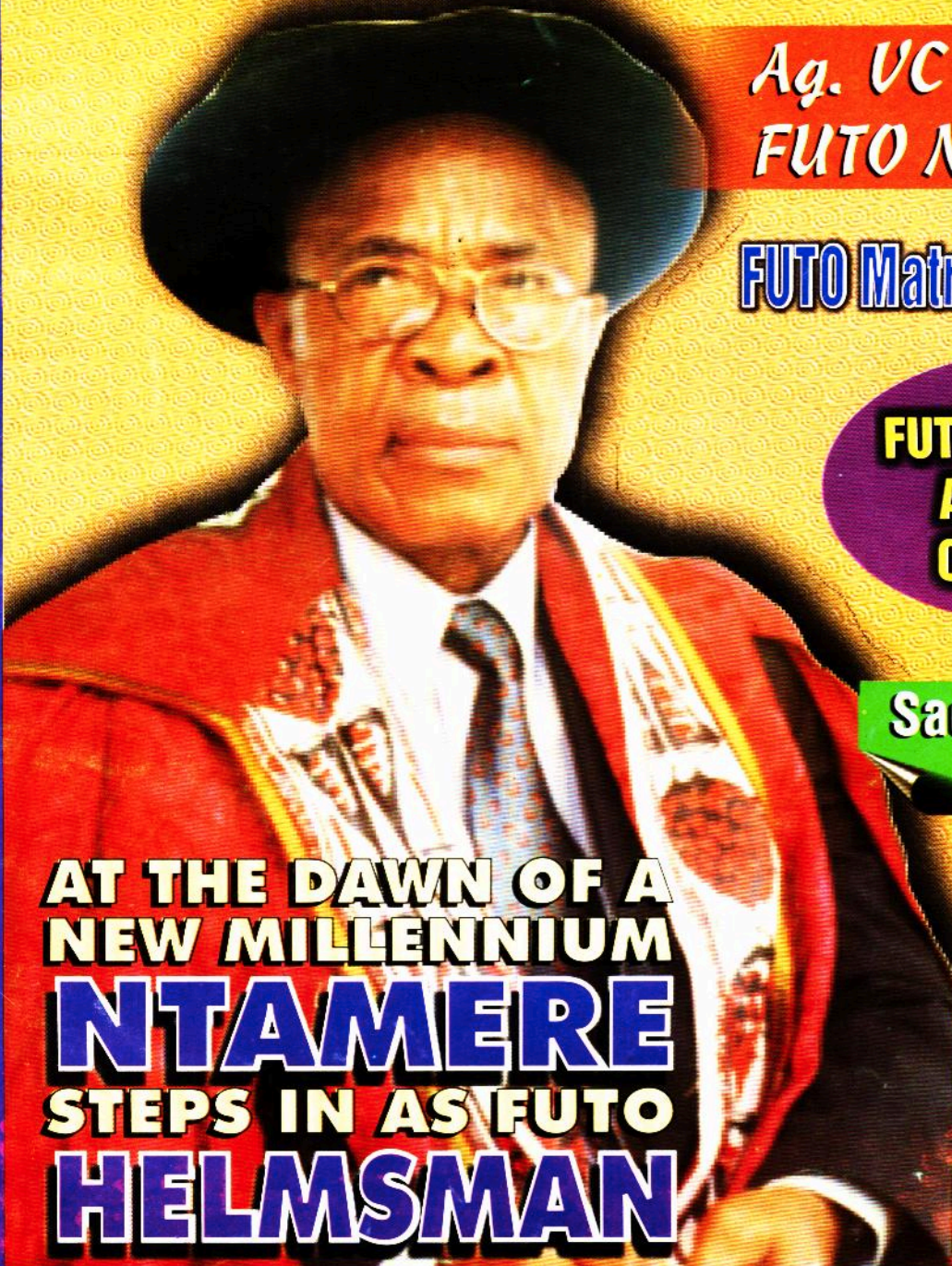
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NTAMERE

Steps In As FUTO HELMSMAN

The Federal Government on New Year Day, which also ushered in a New Millennium, announced the appointment of Professor Charles Chijioke Ntamere as Acting Vice-chancellor Federal University of Technology, Owerri. Prof. Ntamere, whose appointment took effect from December 30, 1999, replaces Engr. Prof. COG Obah who was removed from office as Vice-Chancellor before the expiration of his tenure and retired as a professor, following the partial implementation, by the incorruptible Obasanjo administration, of the reports of the presidential visitation panels to Federal Universities. Prof. Ntamere, a professor of Economics, who hails from Umuakagu, Nsu in Ehime Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State, had his University education at the Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa Ethiopia (B.A. Economics) and University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA (MSc & PhD Economics). He also did a one year post doctoral study in Demography at the University of Chicago.

He started his University teaching career at Indiana University, U.S.A where he spent about eleven years (1970-1980), before returning to Nigeria in 1980 to take up appointment at the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. From there he joined the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in 1981 as one of the pioneer academic staff. He took active part in drawing up the curriculum for the School of Management Technology, of which he was the Coordinator. He was also Dean of School of Management Technology from 1990 to 1994.

Prof. Ntamere served as Commissioner for Finance and later for health in the old Imo State Government. He also served as full time consultant at African Development Bank and consultant to other world organisations.

Prof. Ntamere is married with Six Children.

FUTO News wishes Prof. Ntamere success in his new assignment.

FUTO NEWSLETTER CHATS WITH THE AG. VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere was 100 days in office on April 9, 2000. FUTO News went to interact with him to find out the situation he met on the ground and how he is coping with the challenges of his new office. Below are excerpts from the interaction with Acting Vice-chancellor.

FUTONews:

Good morning Mr. Vice-Chancellor. How do you feel to be appointed Ag. Vice-Chancellor?

Ag VC:

I feel humbled and challenged. I am also a little awed by the enormous work before me.

FUTONews:

How do you mean awed?

Ag. VC:

There is so much to do on every facet of university life and its expression. Not so much a matter of quantity (although that aspect is here too) but in terms of quality and a certain fundamental re-orientation of perspectives and priorities.

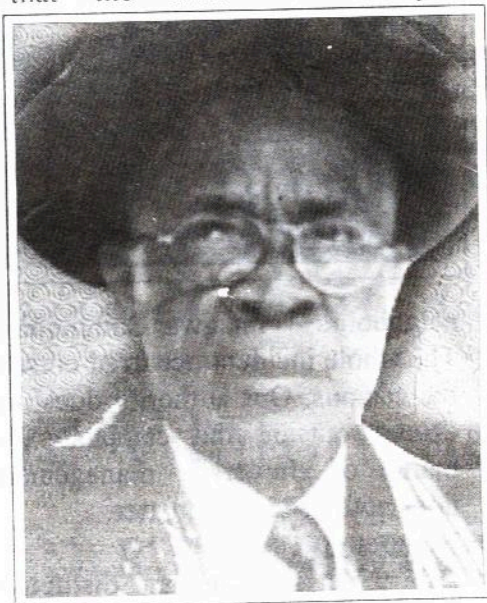
FUTONews:

Can you tell us a little of the quantity of work before we go further into the matter of quality?

Ag. VC:

Yes, I was appointed with effect from 30th December 1999. The new session was already scheduled to begin on January 5th 2000. Under those circumstances I had to bring the hostels to a state of readiness. One hostel had no louvres on the windows at all. The sewage system for the hostels had completely broken down. Another hostel had to be completely rewired. There was no running water in the SOSC building. There was no material for registration of students. The

electric generating plant for the hostels was non functional. No light in some parts of SEET HEAD including the VC'S office. There was no money. Even our little community bank had problems then. It was a nightmare. However, I had deep faith in God and hoped that the men would respond



willingly.

FUTONews:

Why did you consider that the quality of the work to be done was more important than the enormous amount of work which you have just enumerated.

Acting. V.C:

I was appointed to this office in a time of great changes. The last semester which were completed in August 1999 was only eight weeks long. Although we finished exams in August 1999, at the time of my appointment on 30th

December 1999 Senate was yet to approve the semester results. Quality in terms of dedication and application to duty which had deteriorated. I considered and still consider these more important than the prodigious amount of work to be done.

FUTONews: *You mentioned a reorientation of perspectives and priorities. What do you mean by these?*

Ag. VC:

We now have a democratic government at the centre and indeed down to the local government level. Gradually, a previously institutionalized collective psyche must be reversed so that dignity of persons and integrity of opinions are recognized. The University must take the lead in this change which we need in our country. It is more important to me that officers who work under me perform their duties out of a deep conviction that they have done what is just and proper in the circumstances. Surely, this is a more difficult project to achieve than the sheer amount of the job in question.

FUTONews:

Would you say that you have achieved this objective?

Ag. VC:

We have started and we are continuing. There is more freedom of speech and expression. The semester was

going on nicely and seriously. The hostels had been improved, the classrooms were getting attention. Signs of success have become evident. There is even more attendance at Senate which had previously become a shadow of itself. We have started and we shall succeed.

FUTONews:

Was this why you made the change in heads of units on your inception?

Ag VC:

The changes were necessary and overdue. Some of the heads of units changed had served for over six years in the office. They were becoming weary and blasé. We must challenge everybody who earns his living in FUTO. An appointment is primarily a challenge, a responsibility. Staff must be given opportunity to respond to the best of their ability. We have to realise that we did not necessarily apply to be heads of units. The fundamental challenge is our ability to manage change even in crisis.

FUTONews:

Yet we observe that you have had an interrupted semester

Ag VC:

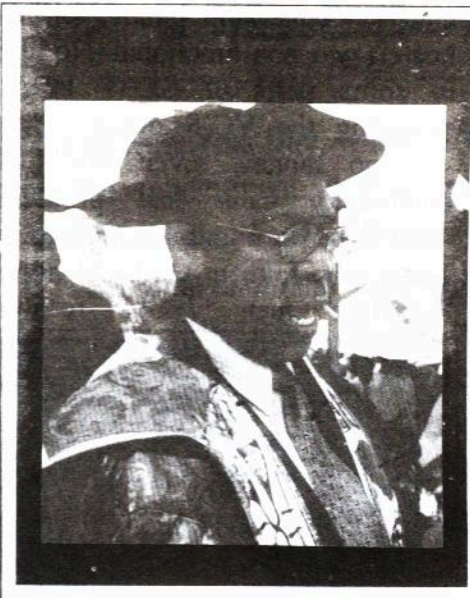
Yes, it is not abnormal in these times. That is not an excuse though. It is sad that the university system throughout the country is going through the trauma of frequent breaks in academic activity. We hope that the university system which comprises staff and students primarily will grow to realise that our main business is being hijacked by these disruptive forces.

FUTONews:

What disruptive forces? Is your own closure not due to bad management?

Ag VC:

We went on mid semester break because some students were involved in a dispute with our



neighbours – Ihiagwa Community. The whole incident occurred outside the campus. Our authority does not extend outside the campus. The matter of University management does not arise in the matter.

Newsletter:

Yet it was a “disruptive force” in relation to the University operation. Are there things you might have done differently given the opportunity of hind sights?

Ag VC:

Not directly by the University- No!! However, there are areas of improvement. The Student Union President actually managed to notify the police at Nekede of some impending disruption. Perhaps, better equipment might have helped the police manage the disruption. The Ihiagwa community and Imo State benefit from the money the Federal Government spends in FUTO. The access road to FUTO through Ihiagwa could have

been better maintained. Our sister University, the Federal University Technology, Akure received a whole campus as a gift from the State Government. Abubakar Tafawa Belewa University, Bauchi received a campus also from the host state. These, although they are federal institutions, receive tremendous encouragement from their host states. Such states realise that they, more than anybody else, benefit from federal installations in their neighborhoods. We would expect this realization in future both from our host communities and from our host state, Imo, the Eastern Heartland. We must be partners in progress and advancement.

FUTONews:

Do you think the Anti-cult programme was interrupted on purpose?

Ag VC:

Cultism is very strong in FUTO because it has matured over a long time. We are determined to wipe it out. We shall conclude the anti-cult programme. We shall root out cultism. The times have changed against cult practices. This is now a democracy and we expect that those who subscribe to this social evil will see that their actions are self defeatist. This is why we are giving them opportunity to renounce quietly and truly.

FUTONews:

How and why did you deal with the thorny issue of Decree 17 and sacked staff?

Ag VC:

I leaned on the laws of the country. Decree 17 itself had

been partials abrogated. The President on 6th September had said due process was not followed in FUTO in that exercise.

FUTONews:

What about the salaries of staff seized during the 1996 ASUU strike. Have you paid them?

Ag. VC:

We have started, we have paid the first four months. We hope to address the remainder soon.

We also paid the NASU/SSANU some of their legitimate outstanding claims.

Newsletter:

What are your regrets today?

Ag. VC:

It is not yet time to regret. We are moving forward. Academics and technology are not furthered by regrets. We want to build a strong, open and serious university culture. A university is a community, an organic relationship between staff and students.

We must revive this ideal. It needs faith, vision and hope. It does not need regrets.

FUTONews:

Thank you Sir. FUTO Newsletter wishes you well, and extends its hands of fellowship and solidarity with your administration in the challenging task of leading FUTO to greater heights in the new millennium.

Ag. VC: You are welcome

FUTONews

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- ✓ Educative and
- ✓ Entertaining

*Keeping you abreast of events within & outside FUTO
in the New Millennium*

*Pick it and
You can't afford to drop it.*

FUTO MATRICULATES 2,500 STUDENTS



Ag. VC Prof. C. C. Ntamere

The 18th Matriculation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri was held on Saturday, February 26, 2000. About 2,500 students comprising 2,300 for first degree programmes as well as 200 for diploma programmes participated in the exercise.

Addressing the matriculating students before their parents/guardians, well-wishers and observers from all walks of life, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere, described matriculation as the official admission of students into the various programmes of the University by the authority of the Senate. He explained that the students so admitted are subject to the rules and regulations of FUTO and must show allegiance to her by protecting and projecting her noble ideals which includes breeding and grooming a new crop of applied scientists and technological innovators who are able to understand, use and adapt existing technology towards the rapid development of Nigeria.

Prof. Ntamere therefore, challenged the freshmen to

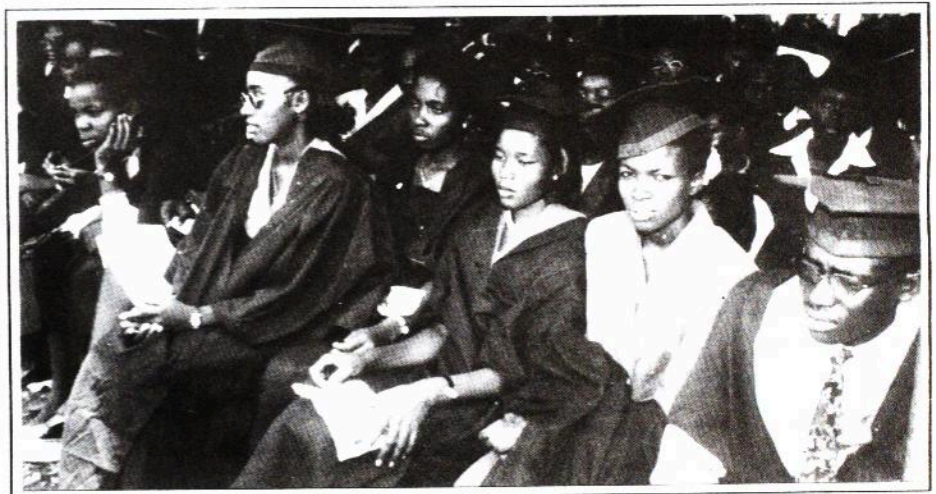
embrace hardwork, diligence, moral uprightness, level-headedness and to learn judicious use of time and available resources. In his word, "Real victory belongs to those who, in the next five or more years, will be found worthy in character and in learning to be admitted into the degree of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri." The Ag. Vice-Chancellor observed that students who aspire to "demonstrable excellence" must shun vices such as cultism, sexual immorality, examination malpractice, vandalism and other evil tendencies capable of derailing their noble vision.

Prof. Ntamere also had a message for parents and guardians of FUTO students. He enjoined them to provide moral and material leverage for their wards, as absence of these could distract and tilt them towards such vices as may result from cultivating bad habits, keeping bad company, embracing wrong values life-style and losing focus

possible to provide quality education in various disciplines, including postgraduate studies, inspite of many constraints. "FUTO environment holds out the promise of healthy development of the intellect, emotional comportsment and the innate abilities of our young people who are the leaders of tomorrow", said the Ag. Vice-Chancellor.

The address recognised the indispensable role of government and the larger society in the uphill task of accomplishing the goals and mission of FUTO. They could assist through many channels including provision of adequate grants, endowments and special subventions which help bear the recurrent and capital costs of running the University.

Prof. Ntamere also appealed to the government to help students through giving bursary and scholarship awards



A cross section of FUTO Students during the Matriculation

of the essence of University education.

On his part, he promised that FUTO would do everything

to deserving students and praised the Federal Governments for introducing the Universal Basic Education Programme (UBE).

AG. VICE-CHANCELLOR PARLEYS WITH PARENTS

As part of the activities marking the 18th Matriculation Ceremony, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere met with parents and guardians of FUTO Students from across the length and breadth of the country. The issues raised and discussion bothered on what the Ag. Vice-Chancellor termed shortages and limitations as well as social malaise among youths in our high institutions.

One of the constraints is funding the main stay and sustenance of Universities, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor not only appealed to the Federal Government for an upward review of subventions and grants but also solicited the assistance of concerned and interested companies, agencies as well as well-meaning individuals and organizations.

Prof. Ntamere lamented severe shortage of hostel and residential accommodation for the teeming student and staff population. To this end, he invited property developers and other estate investors to approach the university for

discussion of the terms for such long-term projects.

The endemic transportation problem being experienced by the staff and students as well as visitors to FUTO was also highlighted. The Ag. Vice-Chancellor said that any help that would be geared towards other alleviation of the problems by parents and concerned donors would be very much welcome. Finally, Prof. Ntamere condemned the ugly issues of cultism, criminality, examination malpractices, drunkenness, sexual immorality and prostitution among students. He noted that these problems are endemic and malicious and cannot be adequately controlled or even stopped without the help and co-operation of parents and

the larger society. He reminded them that tough laws and decrees are in place to deal with recalcitrant students. He said that FUTO was poised to enforce Federal Government directive against cultism and had as a result, set up an Anti-Cult Committee to uproot the menace in FUTO. In their various responses, parents/guardians commended FUTO Administration for all its achievements. They however decried inadequacy of hostel and residential accommodation for staff and students. They pledged to do their best to support FUTO morally and materially in due course.



Cross Section of parents of FUTO Students

FUTO POISED FOR War Against Cultism

Following the current flow of tide against cultism in Nigeria's tertiary institutions, a 22-member Anticult Committee to be headed by the fearless former Vice-chancellor, Prof. Amagh Nduka, was on February 28, 2000 inaugurated by the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere.

In his speech to members of the Committee, Prof. Ntamere observed that the crusade against cultism, for which the Committee was being set up, was in line with the Federal Government's directive to the Management of tertiary institutions to stamp out the menace, noting that FUTO was taking the rear because her students were on long vacation when the directive was given.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor noted that the appointment of the Committee was based strictly on merit, describing the members as men and women of integrity. He charged them to offer helpful suggestions, that would rid FUTO of cult activities, adding that on its own part, the Federal

Government has provided each tertiary institution with the sum of N5 million towards the fight against cultism.

He explained that, in addition to other useful programmes which the Committee was expected to design to engage the

lack of working documents and necessary information would not hamper this assignment. A member of the Committee and Dean of the School of Science, Prof. U.B.C.O. Ejike, thanked the Ag. Vice-Chancellor for finding them worthy to serve on the Committee. He admitted that the task was an uphill one, but promised that members would do their best to achieve success.

Other members of the Committee include:-

Prof. U. B. C. O. Ejike
 Prof. C. I. Ijioma
 Prof. J. O. Ukponwan
 Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala
 Prof. B. N. Onwugba
 Prof. A. B. I. Udedibie
 Prof. C. E. Onyenweaku
 Mr. M. O. Okoye
 Rev. Dr. C. N. Madubuike
 Dr. A. M. Ette
 Dr. G. O. C. Onyia
 Dr. O. N. Oguoma
 Dr. (Mrs) E. N. Iheanacho
 Mr. J. U. Nnabuihe
 Mrs. C. C. Ahirakwe
 Engr. Akin Orunmuyi
 Dr. Kas M. Ibe
 Dr. (Mrs.) M. Y. Nwaiwu
 Dr. E. E. Anyanwu
 Dr. R. I. Ngochindo
 Mrs. E. Onugha
 Mr. Simon Gokop
 Mr. Okechukwu Nwosu – Sec. Gen. (SUG.)
 Mrs. Georgina Okoro – Asst. Sec. Gen. (SUG)



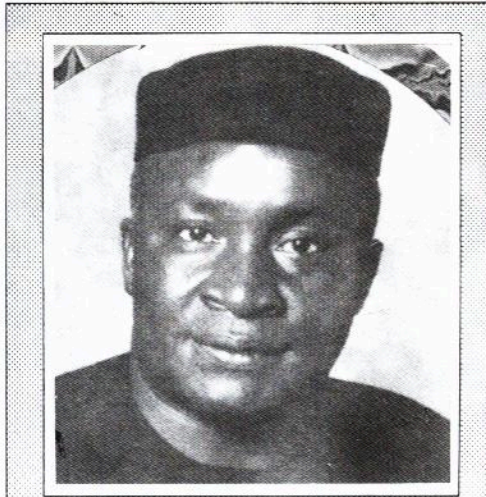
attention of students when they are not reading, part of the grant would go into the development of sporting and communication facilities.

In his own speech, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed the choice of the members, but wished that

The Executive Governor of Imo State, Chief Achike Udenwa, accompanied by some members of the Imo State Executive Council, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Vice-Chairman, Owerri West Local Government Area, Members of the State House of Assembly and Ihiagwa Community Leaders paid an unscheduled visit to the University on Friday 31 March, 2000, at about 1.00 p.m.

The Chairman, Committee of Deans and Dean of the School of Science, Professor U.B.C.O. Ejike who was looking after the University, received the Governor and his entourage on behalf of the Acting Vice-Chancellor. In his welcome speech Prof. Ejike informed the guests that the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Professor C.C. Ntamere travelled to Abuja to attend a meeting summoned by the Minister of Education with Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities. He expressed optimism that the Ag. Vice-Chancellor was being expected back on campus that day. Responding to the welcome remarks, the Governor, expressed sincere sympathy with the University on the unfortunate incident between some FUTO students and members of the Ihiagwa Community. He stated that although details of the cause of the clash had not been fully

ascertained, the result of the unfortunate development found clear expression in the level of



GOVERNOR UDENWA CALLS ON FUTO

damage occasioned by the conflict. He disclosed that a youngman from Ihiagwa was killed in the incident, while many others were injured on both sides. The Governor commended the University authority for the prompt steps taken by the Senate to send the students home on break, but cautioned that no student should be allowed on the campus until the University was officially re-opened. He announced that the State Government had set up a Judicial panel to look into the issue with a view to ensuring non-recurrence. The Governor expressed the need for

continued peaceful coexistence between the University and its host communities. He counselled against any acts that could impede such relationship.

He charged the University to continue to instill discipline in the students living on campus and outside the University. He regretted the loss of life in such unnecessary clash. The State Chief Executive assured that the outcome of the

Panel's exercise would provide the blueprint for possible remedy to the ugly consequences of the incident. He once more cautioned against reopening the University until there was adequate security within the campus and its surrounding communities. He urged the authority to ensure that normalcy was restored on campus and promised that his administration would beef up security at Ihiagwa and the surrounding communities, to prevent escalation of the problem in the vicinity.

Present at the forum included: the Registrar, the Chief Accountant, who represented the Bursar, the University Librarian, Dean Student Affairs, Directors and Head of Departments.



FUTO ALUMNI LAGOS DONATES N.7M ITEMS TO ALMA MATTER



The Ag. VC Prof. Ntamere with the Vice-President, Engr. Remi Uche & the Secretary General Engr. V. N. Nwabueze.

On Friday, February 25, 2000 the Lagos Branch of FUTO Alumni Association wrote her name in gold with the donation of gift items worth N7m to the Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO). The items included an IBM Celeron Personal Computer (PC), a Colour Monitor, APC Back-up, A Lexmark Colour Printer and some quantity of textbooks.

Presenting the items to the Ag Vice-Chancellor, the National Secretary of the Association, Engr Valentine Nwabueze said that the equipment donated were realized from concerned electronic companies, most of whom were run by FUTO graduates, during their branch Association's maiden Lecture/Dinner Night held in December, 1999.

He stressed that the donation was in appreciation of the enviable education their members received in FUTO, urging the present administration to help maintain those glorious standards which made FUTO graduates sell like hot-cakes in the labour market. The Secretary urged FUTO authorities to help create employment opportunities

for FUTO graduates by opening up communication links with relevant companies that need highly technical manpower such as FUTO products. He further advised the University to endeavour to participate in research programmes of key companies, especially the oil companies.

Finally, Engr Nwabueze enjoined ex-students to continue project the image of FUTO through hardwork. Receiving the donation, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere praised the Alumni for their thoughtful presentation, stressing that it was historic because

it was coming on the heels of his recent appointment as the Ag Vice-Chancellor.

Prof. Ntamere said he was happy that FUTO Alumni were making their marks in the economic and technological development of Nigeria. He noted that Alumni Associations the world over are partners in progress with their alma-mater. The Ag Vice-Chancellor described the gesture by the former students as a crystal manifestation of the efforts of FUTO towards their education and promised to ensure judicious use of the items.

Prof. Ntamere then appealed to all FUTO Alumni to do more to assist FUTO in the area of endowment of chairs, scholarship awards to indigen. students, provision of hostel accommodation, donation of more equipment and placement of FUTO Students for industrial attachment, etc.

The University Librarian, Mr. M. S. Onye, commenting described the choice of books by the donors as reasonable; such books are so much in demand in the Library.



The Secretary General Engr. V. Nwabueze Presents the items to the Ag. VC while some principal officers, watch with keen interest

that torn and worn out copies are continually rebound. He thanked the Alumni for their initiative and fruitful imagination.

The Dean of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), and Director of Nigerian

Universities Network, (NUNET) Prof. J. I. Ejimanya, observed that the PCs are Y2k compliant and described the complementary computer notebooks as extremely useful. Prof. Ejimanya appealed to the Alumni to donate PCs to NUNET and to the Office of the University Development OUD,

which handles Alumni matters. Among those that witnessed the presentation were Principal Officers, Deans of Schools as well as the National Vice- President of the Alumni Association, Engr Remi Uche and other officers of the Association.

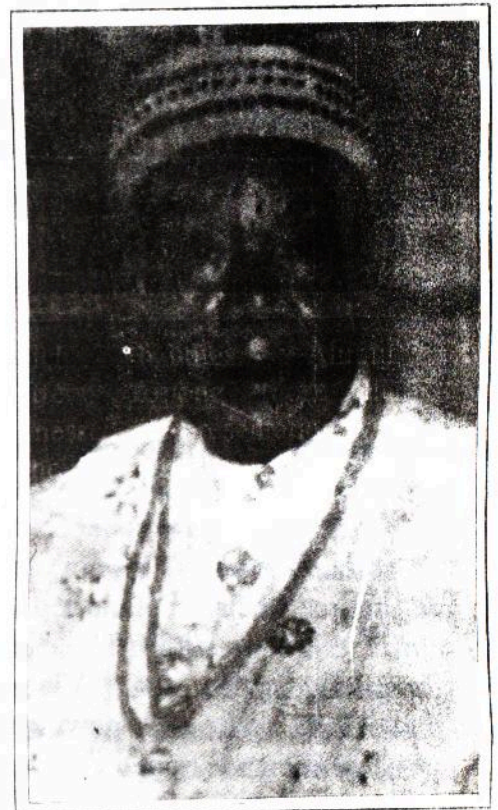
AG.VC CALLS ON CHANCELLOR

The Acting Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO) Prof. C.C. Ntamere on Saturday January 22, 2000 paid a courtesy call on the Chancellor of the University, His Majesty Justice Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagoa, Mingi XI, Amanyanabo of Nembe at his residence.

In his remarks during the visit, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor commended the Chancellor for his contributions towards the development of the University especially his efforts towards the maintenance of peace and stability. He solicited the chancellor's continued support and fatherly advice to enable the new administration to lift FUTO to greater heights. In his response, the Chancellor prayed God to give

the Ag. Vice-Chancellor the wisdom to face the challenges of his new position. He advised the new Chief Executive of FUTO to try to carry his staff along with him in his policies and programmes.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor was accompanied on the visit by the Registrar, Mr. M.O. Okoye; the Bursar, Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe; the University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye, and Prof. E.O.I. Banigo, former Vice-Chancellor of Rivers State University of Science and Technology, and currently Chairman, Business Committee of the Senate.



The Chancellor
H. R. H. Hon. Justice Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagoa

THE AG. VICE-CHANCELLOR CALLS ON *Royal Fathers*

Ag. Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri Prof. C. C. Ntamere recently undertook courtesy calls of some personalities associated with the University. Among those he called on were the Traditional ruler of Owerre Nchi-Ise, His Majesty Eze Emmanuel Emenyonu Njemanze, Ozuruigbo the V and that of Obinze Community, His Royal Highness Eze Aaron Enyinnaya.

Speaking during the visit to Eze Njemanze of Owerre the Ag. Vice-Chancellor requested for the assistance of the Royal Father in the task of building FUTO and the upliftment of her image. He hoped to benefit from the Eze's fatherly advice in his new assignment as the Chief Executive of FUTO and prayed God to give members of staff of FUTO and neighbouring communities the one family feeling to enable them live together in peace and harmony.

In his remarks, Eze Njemanze expressed his joy at the choice of Prof. Ntamere to pilot the affairs of FUTO. He stated that the Ag. Vice-Chancellor was not new to public office and hoped that he would bring his experience in the management of human and

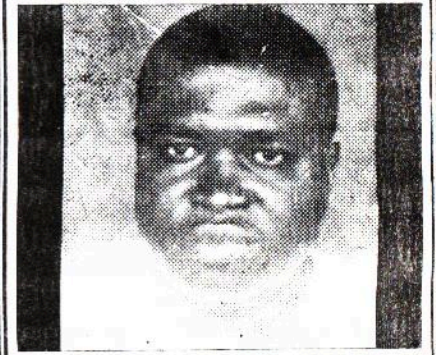
material resources to bear on the advancement of FUTO.

While assuring the Ag. Vice-Chancellor of his support, he appealed to key officers of the University to give the new Chief Executive their maximum support. Also speaking at the palace of Eze Enyinnaya of Obinze, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor appealed for His continued support to the University. He also stated his preparedness to welcome useful advice which would ensure peaceful co-existence

between FUTO and the Obinze Community.

In his response, Eze Enyinnaya pledged the support of Obinze Community for the new administration. He requested for the inclusion of indigenes of the host communities in the Governing Council of FUTO, as well as the consideration of indigenes in staff appointments especially at the junior staff cadre. He also suggested that the FUTOLA security outfit be retained. The Ag. Vice-Chancellor was accompanied during the visits by Principal Officers of the University and the Public Relations Officer.

FUTO GETS NEW P.R.O.



A change has been effected in the Headship of the Information, Public Relations Unit of the Office of the Vice-chancellor, Federal University of Technology. The new information and public relations officer is Mr. J. U. Nnabuihe, who until his recent deployment was a Senior Assistant Registrar in the Senate Affairs Unit of the Registry.

Mr. Nnabuihe is 1984 graduate of the department of Mass Communication, University of Nigeria Nsukka. He worked variously in the electronic and print media as well as in Advertising and Public Relations Consultancy before joining the services of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in August 1989.

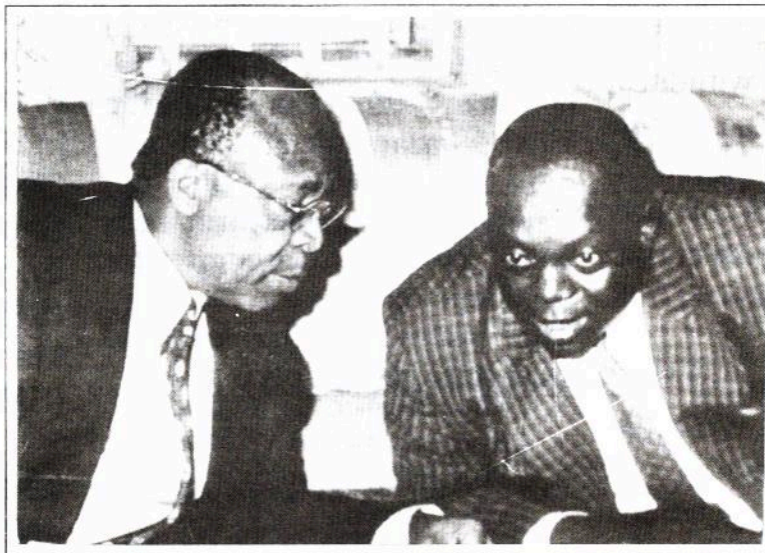
NATIONAL POST MANAGEMENT CALLS ON AG. VICE CHANCELLOR; SOLICIT PATRONAGE

The Management of the Post Communications Limited, Publisher of the National Post, an Owerri based newspaper, has appealed to the new administration in FUTO to patronize the newspaper in its business of informing the people.

The request was made recently during a courtesy call on the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.C. Ntamere in his office.

Mr. Mbadiwe Emelumba, the Company's General Manager, who led the delegation said that the request was necessary in view of the wide coverage of news about outstanding events in FUTO and around the state by the National post. He further said that the newspaper established by Chief (Dr.) Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu spotlights activities, personalities and institutions in the Eastern States, which are often underreported in other national newspapers. Mr. Emelumba boasted that only the post reported almost on daily basis the proceedings at last year's Presidential Visitation Panel to FUTO, the

outcome of which gave birth to Prof. Ntamere's



The Acting VC & G.M. National Post in a tete-a-tete

administration. The General Manager therefore solicited assistance from FUTO Management in terms of daily subscription to the newspaper for key officers and the library, employing the Post's services as the readership is widespread for advertisement and granting of space within the campus for newspaper stand. He concluded with a pledge to devote a column in the National Post primarily for news about FUTO.

In his response, the Ag. Vice Chancellor commended the Management of the newspaper for their effort to identify with FUTO. He appreciated the fact that the newspaper had, no doubt,

shown increased interest in FUTO since the visit of the Presidential Panel and urged

the management to keep the spirit alive. Prof.

Ntamere promised that FUTO would do its best to reciprocate the spirit of goodwill exhibited by the newspaper, adding that the Post Newspaper should do more to widen its

readership. During the visit, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor was flanked by the Registrar, Mr. M.O. Okoye; The Bursar, Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe, and the University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye.

The delegation from the Post Communication Limited was made up of the General Manager, Mr. Mbadiwe Emelumba; the Administrative Personal Manager Mrs. C.A. Anunuso; the Marketing Manager, Mrs. B.C. Dike and the Technical Services Manager, Mr. Chike Ogboh. Others were the Acting Editor of the National Post, Mr. Innocent Kalu and the Accountant, Mr. Innocent Onyegbula.

34 STUDENTS WITHDRAW FROM FUTO FOR ACADEMIC REASONS

The Senate of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has decided that 34 students of various disciplines in the University should withdraw on grounds of poor academic performance. The affected students had CGPA of less than 1.00 for two consecutive academic sessions-1997/98 and 1998/99.

The decision of the Senate is in line with the provisions of the section 5.3 of the Academic Regulations which stipulates inter alia: "All students admitted into the University are expected to maintain acceptable standards of performance ... students obtaining a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of less than 1.00 may be asked to withdraw from the University". Furthermore, the Senate at its 181st Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on September 1, 1999 decided that "with effect from the Rain Semester of the 1997/98 academic session all students with CGPA of less than 1.00 would be written letters of warning on their poor academic standing, and at the end of the subsequent academic session, if their CGPA continue to be less than 1.00, the affected

students would be asked to withdraw from the University."

It would be recalled that letters of warning were issued to students whose CGPA were less than 1.00 at the end of the 1997/98 academic session, and only those who could not improve on their performances were asked to withdraw for academic reasons.

The list of the affected students is as follows:

1	Duru O. A. (961011971)	Agric Econs & Ext.
2	Agwu N. U. (971020891)	- do -
3	Agberigba J. U. (9619011101)	- do -
4	Uche L. C. (961011651)	- do -
5	Opara P. U. (961011451)	- do -
6	Duru F. C. (961011161)	- do -
7	Nnodua C. (961011621)	- do -
8	Uzoze S. C. (971028736)	- do -
9	Aohe G. G. (961015516)	- do -
10	Eke F. C. (961015833)	Sch. of Mgt. Tech.
11	Ogoun A. (971026843)	Poly & Textile Eng.
12	Ukoi H. G. (971026513)	Mat/Met Eng.
13	Umezurike C. C. (971026533)	Mechanical Eng.
14	Asiegbu C. I. (971031983)	- do -
15	Ojinaak C. D. (971026333)	Elect/Elect Eng.
16	Ntuen, R. I. (961013123)	Mechanical Eng.
17	Nwokocho A. C. (951003823)	Chemical Eng.
18	Ezeani, V. O. (951003513)	Civil Eng.
19	Obi V. C. (961013823)	- do -
20	Ugnale E. C. (961013823)	- do -
21	Okolie F. (971024033)	- do -
22	Ezeonu, I. S. (971028995)	Biological Sciences
23	Udemba, C. N. (971029415)	- do -
24	Agu D. M. (972028775)	- do -
25	Ashiegbu C. A. (923,0542/5)	- do -
26	Nkwocha N. C. (971021725)	Physics
27	Anyiak O. E. (971857495)	- do -
28	Umukoka, J. E. E. (971031895)	Dept. of Physics
29	Nwosu U. U. (951010795)	- do -
30	Ogoke A. N. (971032095)	Geology
31	Ojaku, K. (971030635)	- do -
32	Anyanwu E. J. (92J/06218/5)	- do -
33	Mrikpi P. E. (951010105)	Maths & Computer
34	Unachukwu C. J. (971030135)	Chemistry

APPOINTMENTS

1. DEANS OF SCHOOLS

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere has appointed Profs. J. I. Ejimanya and I. C. Ogwude as Ag. Dean, School of Engineering & Engineering Technology (SEET) and School of Management Technology (SMAT) respectively.

The appointments take effect from February 3, 2000 to June 30, 2000.

2. DEANSHIP OF STUDENTS AFFAIRS

The Ag. Vice-chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere has appointed Dr. O. N. Oguoma, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, as Ag. Dean of Student Affairs with effect from January 13, 2000. Similarly, Dr. (Mrs) M. Y. Nwaiwu, a Senior lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences was appointed the Associate Dean of Student Affairs with effect from February 3, 2000.

3. DIRECTORS/DEPUTY DIRECTORS

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere has also made the following appointments:-

	Name	Appointment	Effect. Date
1.	Prof. S. E. Ananaba	Director I.E.S	3/2/2000
2.	Engr Dr. O. O. Onyemaobi	Ag. Director, C.I.S.	3/2/2000
3.	Prof. P.B.U. Achi	Director, Computer Centre	- do
4.	Dr. O.M.I. Nwafor	Director, FUTO Consult Ltd	- do -
5.	Engr G.I. Nwandikom	Ag. Director, OUD	- do -
6.	Dr. E. N. Ejike	Ag. Director/Co-ordinator, SIWES	3/2/2000
7.	Dr. H. I. Agha	Ag. Head, P.P. & D	14/2/2000
8.	Prof. M.O.E. Iwuala	Director, FUTO Extension services	14/2/2000
9.	Dr. C. J. Iwuagwu	Deputy Director, (Administration) FUTO Extension Services	- do
10.	Dr. S. M. Asiegbu	Deputy Director (Academic Matters) FUTO Extension Services	- do
11.	Dr. S. M. Nzotta	Deputy Director, FUTO Extension Services	- do -
12.	Dr. C.N. Madubuike	Deputy Director, I.E.S	- do -
13.	Dr. L.E. Aririatu	Deputy Director, FUTO Consult Ltd	- do -
14.	Mr. U.U. Oteh	Deputy Director, CIS	- do -
15.	Engr E.E. Chinweze	Deputy Director, CIS	- do -

4. HEADS OF ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. C. Ntamere has appointed the following as Heads/Ag. Heads of Departments:-

	Name	Department	Effective Date
1.	Prof. C.E Onyenweaku	Agric. Econs & Extension	
2.	Dr. U.A. Herbert	Animal Science & Technology	3/2/2000
3.	Dr. M.C. Ofoh	Crop & Soil Science & Technology	- do -
4.	Dr. J.O. Uzuegbu	Food Science & Technology	- do -
5.	Prof. C.I. Ijioma	Agricultural Engineering	- do -
6.	Dr. E. E. Efiog	Chemical Engineering	- do -

Heads of Departments continued

Name	Department	Effective Date
7. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu	Civil Engineering	3/2/2000
8. Dr. (Mrs) G. A. Chukwudebe	Elec/Elec Engineering	- do -
9. Engr C.D. Okereke	Environmental Technology	3/2/2000
10. Dr. C. N. Anyakwo	Mat/Met Engineering	- do -
11. Dr. E. Anyanwu	Mechanical Engineering	- do -
12. Dr B. Obah	Petroleum Engineering	- do -
13. Dr. O. Ogbobe	Polymer & Textile Engineering	- do -
14. Dr. H. U. Uzoma	General Studies Unit	
15. Dr. M. U. Anuolam	Project Mgt. Technology	3/2/2000
16. Dr. O. R. Owen	Transport Mgt. Technology	- do -
17. Dr. G.O.C. Onyia	Biological Sciences	3/3/2000
18. Dr. C.I. Anunuso	Chemistry	3/2/2000
19. Dr. K. M. Ibe	Geology	- do -
20. Dr. A. M. Ette	Maths/Computer Science	- do -
21. Prof. B.N. Onwuagba	Physics	- do -

PROMOTIONS

On the recommendation of the Administrative and Professional Staff Appointments and promotions Committee (APSAPC), the Governing Council at its 86th meeting held on Wednesday, December 15, 1999 approved the promotion of the following senior staff:

Name	Dept/School	Former Position	New Position	Effect. Date
I. C. Ude (Mrs)	DVC (Admin)	SAR	PAR	1/10/99
J. U. Nnabuihe	Registry	AR	SAR	- do -
H. O. Mezieobi	Registry	AR	SAR	- do -
C. E. H. Sani (Mrs)	SAU	AO	AR	- do -
A. N. Njoku	P.P. & D.	AA	AO	- do -
E. U. Agwu	I. P. R. P.	AA	AO	- do -
F. N. Ugonna	Registry	ACEO	CEO	- do -
W. N. Onwuchekwa	SMAT	ACEO	CEO	- do -
E. A. Amadi	Registry	SEO	PEO	- do -
L. E. Iwu (Mrs)	SIWES	HEO	SEO	- do -
J. O. Igbe (Mrs)	E & W	HEO	SEO	- do -

Promotions Continued....

Name	Dept/School	Former Position	New Position	Effect. Date
C.M.J. Ohanaka	SEET	EO	HEO	- do -
D.O. Amatobi	Bursary	Acct. I	Snr Acct.	- do -
C.A. Okechukwu	Bursary	Acct. I	Snr Acct.	- do -
Okorie Nwoke	Bursary	PEO (A/c)	AGEO (A/c)	- do -
A. N. Olekanma	Audit	SEO (A/c)	PEO (A/c)	- do -
A. O. Awu	Bursary	EO (A/c)	HEO (A/c)	- do -
C. U. Diala	P. P. & D.	Snr Pers. Secretary	Princ. Pers. Secretary	- do -
C.K. Mba	SOSC	Snr Pers. Secretary	Princ. Pers. Secretary	- do -
M. C. Okehie (Mrs.)	SAAT	Snr Pers. Secretary	Princ. Pers. Secretary	- do -
I.O.U. Echeme	Registry	Snr Pers. Secretary	Princ. Pers. Secretary	- do -
C.E.A. Anaba	Library	Snr Pers. Secretary	Princ. Pers. Secretary	- do -
B. N. U. Oba (Mrs)	Registry	Personal Secretary I	Snr Pers. Secretary	- do -
R. I. Ohiagu	Bursary	Personal Secretary I	Snr Pers. Secretary	- do -
O. C. Nwagwu	PGS	Pers. Sec. II	Pers. Sec. I.	- do -
F. O. Ezema	CIS	Asst. Chief Technologist	Chief Technologist	- do -
A. C. Ibe	SOSC	Principal Technologist	Asst. Chief Technologist	- do -
C. O. Igbojikau	CIS	Snr Technst.	Princ. Tech.	- do -
L. O. Effiong	CIS	Snr Technst.	Princ. Tech.	- do -
S. U. Ehijuo	SEET	Technologist I	Snr Technst I	- do -
L. C. Onwuji	P. P. & D	Technst II	Tecnst I	- do -
U. E. Imo (Mrs)	H/Services	Principal pharmacist	Chief Pharmacist	- do -
F. N. Anyanwu (Mrs)	H/Services	Principal Nursing Officer	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer	- do -
D. Okpala (Mrs)	H/Services	Nursing Sister	Snr Nursing Officer	- do -
C.A. Ihediola	Comp. Centre	Principal Analyst	Asst. Chief System Analyst	
A. E. Ibe	SAAT	Snr Agric Superintendent	Princ. Agric. Superintendent	- do -
L. Akawasim (Mrs)	SAAT	Asst. Chief Typist	Chief Typist	- do -
Elizabeth Odom (Miss)	SEET	Asst. Chief Typist	Chief Typist	
L. N. Ufomba (Mrs)	Registry	Snr Typist	Asst. Chief Typist	- do -
B. N. Ihedimbu	Registry	Clerical Supervisor	Asst. Chief Cl. Supervisor	
T. E. Kenkwo (Mrs)	Registry	Clerical Supervisor	Asst. Chief Cl. Supervisor	- do -
M. I. Oparajaku	Library	Snr Library Officer	Principal Library Officer	- do -
Alexander Njoku	Library	Library Officer	Higher Library Officer	
Innocent Nwosu	Library	Library Officer	Higher Library Officer	- do -
Okon Agwu	SAAT	Farm Foreman	Asst. Chief Supervisor	- do -
Augustine Nnazor	SAAT	Farm Foreman	Asst. Chief Supervisor	
L. Agu	Security	ASO	Security Officer	- do -
S. O. Duruji	Security	ASO	Security Officer	- do -

RECALL TO DUTY

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.C. Ntamere, has recalled with immediate effect some FUTO staff whose appointments were terminated in May, 1999. In respect of Decree 17. The affected staff include:

S/N	STAFF	DEPT/UNIT
1.	DR. A. N. ORISAKWE	DEAN'S OFFICE, SEET
2.	DR. J.S. ONONIWU	PHYSICS, SOSC
3.	DR. A.E. EJELE	CHEMISTRY, SOSC
4.	DR. E.T. ESHIETT	SOIL SCIENCE, SAAT
5.	DR. D.O. ONU	AGRIC. ECONS & EXT., SAAT
6.	DR. E.O.P. AKPAN	PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECH., SMAT
7.	MR. N.N.O. OGUOMA	AGRIC. ECONS. & EXT., SAAT
8.	MR. A.C. UZORH	MECH. ENG. DEPT., SEET
9.	MR. BERUCH AJURUCHI	HEALTH SERVICES
10.	MRS. PATRICIA NWAOGWUGWU	STUDENT AFFAIRS
11.	MRS. VIRGINIA OBI	STUDENT AFFAIRS
12.	MR. AMBROSE UDO	STUDENT AFFAIRS
13.	MR. JULIUS IBE	ESTATE AND WORKS
14.	MR. ETHELBERT OPARA	SECURITY UNIT
15.	MR. HARRISON OSUJI	SECURITY UNIT
16.	MR. RAPHAEL OPARA	SECURITY UNIT
17.	MRS. MARIA NDUPUH	REGISTRY
18.	MR. GODWIN ERONINI	SAAT
19.	MR. CHARLES MBATA	STUDENTS AFFAIRS
20.	MR. NGOZI OKORONTA	STUDENTS AFFAIRS
21.	MR. MARCELLINUS NDIKORA	STUDENTS AFFAIRS
22.	MR. STANLEY AMADIAJOKU	SECURITY UNIT
23.	MR. AUGUSTINE NWANYA	SECURITY UNIT
24.	MR. MONDAY OSUAGWU	ESTATE & WORKS
25.	DR. AKUFOJE UMUIGBOJE	CHEMISTRY, SOSC

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ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

NAME OF STAFF	DEPT	DESIGNATION	DATE OF ASSPT.
NWOKEOCHA, D. O.	BURSARY	CHIEF ACCOUNTANT	2/11/99
OCHULO, CHIZARAM	PTE (SEET)	LAB ASSISTANT	1/7/99
OJIAKO, E. C.	CHEM.ENG. (SEET)	LAB ASSISTANT	06/07/99
TUNDE, EDWARD	SECURITY	PATROLMAN	02/11/99
UZOMA, JONATHAN	SECURITY	SNR. PATROLMAN	09/11/99
ONYEYIN. SAMPSON	SECURITY	PATROLMAN	11/11/99
OKOROCHA, ANDREW	S.E.E.T	TECHNOLOGIST II	23/02/99

ASSUMPTION OF DUTY ON REGULATISATION

OF STAFF	DEPT	DESIGNATION	DATE OF TEMP APTMT.	DATE OF REGULAR
NWANERI. BERTHRAM	SECURITY	SNR PATROLMAN	5/11/96	01/06/99
ANYANWU. AUGUSTINE	SECURITY	WATCHMAN	22/7/87	08/06/99
NWOSU. CHIMA	EST/WORKS	GROUNDSMAN		
	SECURITY	- DO -	21/5/91	07/07/99
OBIYO. BENJAMIN	SECURITY	- DO -	12/11/98	05/07/99
NWACHUKWU. ELEAZAR	SECURITY	- DO -	04/06/98	05/07/99
PAUL, SAMUEL N.	SECURITY	- DO -	09/11/99	
NNABUIHE. INNOCENT	PET (SEET)	TECHNOLOGIST II	24/10/99	10/06/99
NDUWIZA. GEORGE O.	ESTATE &	SENIOR	04/02/99	13/09/99
OKOROCHA. EUGENE	WORKS	GROUNDISMAN		
	SECURITY	WATCHMAN	21/08/99	07/07/99
ARISUKWU. NATHAN	FUTO			
OKOGBUE. CHIOMA	BOOKSHOP	LIBRARYATTD. I	12/05/99	05/07/99
	SECURITY	WATCHMAN	16/08/96	05/07/99
ONYEMERE.			20/08/96	09/08/99
CHRISTOPHER				

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

1. The University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye served as a member of the Selection Board for the post of College Librarians for the Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri on 12th May, 1999 as well as for the Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri on August 1999. Mr. Onye served as the professional resource person on each occasion.

2. The University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye presented a paper at a "National Training Workshop on Information Management in the New Millennium: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR LIBRARIES. The paper titled "Effective Management of Library Services in the New Age" was presented at Owerri, Imo State Capital from the 17th - 19th August 1999, the venue was the Auditorium of Imo State Library Board, Owerri. The University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye was recently elected the Chairman of the Imo State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association. The election took place at the Imo State Library Board on the occasion of the Association's general meeting held on 9th of October, 1999. By this chairmanship election, Mr. Onye becomes a member of the Nigerian Library Association Governing Council. The University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye attended the Meeting of the Committee of University Librarians of Nigerian Universities (CULNU) at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, from the 2nd to 4th December 1999.

3. The National Association of Library and Information Science Students (NALISS) Imo State University Chapter, presented a "Certificate of Merit" to the University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye "in recognition of his immense contributions as a NALISS NOBLE in the year 1999 for the growth and awareness of Library & Information Science in IMSU and the nation at large".

4. The University Librarian, Mr. M.S. Onye, attended the Standing Conference of African University Libraries Western Area (SCAULWA) held at GIMPA, Achimota Ghana from the 23rd to the 27th of November 1999. Mr. Onye presented a paper titled "Library Resources, availability and Accessibility in African University Libraries". The conference elected a Central Committee made up of 3 representatives from Nigeria, and three representatives each from the other West African countries participating. Mr. M.S. Onye was among the three University Librarians to represent Nigerian University Libraries. The other two are from Unijos and FUT Yola. The Danish Institute for Development Association (DANIDA) sponsored Mr. Onye to conference.

ENGR. A. I. OGBONNA.

Engr. A. I. Ogbonna - a Lecturer in Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering attended the Nigerian Corrosion Conference at the Nicon Hilton Hotel, Abuja from 17th to 20th November, 1999.

During the Technical Session, he presented a paper on the "Stability of Some Selected Coatings in Oil Pipeline Environment".

In the same vein, Engr. Ogbonna attended the Nigerian Metallurgical Society Conference held at the Nigerian Raw Materials and Development Centre, Abuja between 3rd and 5th November, 1999. There, he presented a paper on "Strategic Mineral Deposits in Nigeria - the case of Niobstantalates".

The paper was co-authored with Engr. S.M. Nwakudu and Engr. Dr. O.O. Onyemaobi.

Engr. Ogbonna is grateful to the University Research Committee for financial assistance.

PRINCE J. A. FALEYE

Prince J. A. Faley, a Deputy Registrar and the Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Council of the proposed Covenant University, Ota, which

is being established by the Living Faith Church (a.k.a. Winner Chapel).

The Advisory Council is principally to formulate dynamic policies for the proposed University.

DEATH

MR. ANDREW OKOLOKO

A Farm Assistant in the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) is dead. The sad event occurred on December 22, 1999 after a brief illness.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor as well as members of staff condole with the family and friends of the deceased. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

RECOGNIZED CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS

The following Clubs/Associations have been granted approval to operate in FUTO in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the operation of Clubs and Associations.

NAME OF CLUB/ASSOCIATION	DATE REGISTERED
THE NEW COVENANT FAMILY	4/2/2000
FUTO FIRE FELLOWSHIP	16/2/2000
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS	1/2/2000
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT	3/2/2000

CHANGE OF NAME

Miss Edith Nwaeke Ekwumefu now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs. EDITH UMA UDOBI. All documents bearing her former names are still valid.

