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Education Minister

Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili

Presents

FUTO



- FUTO holds 25th Matriculation Ceremony
- FUTO Committed to Research - VC Signs MoU with TTU, USA
- Eheduru happy to be a Professor
- 1st International Women's Day Celebration at FUTO

New DVCs



Prof. E. T. Eshett

Prof. M.I. Nwifo



I am indeed glad and excited to bring home to you the memorable moments in the life of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri within the first quarter of 2007, and dating back to our Combined 18th and 19th Convocation/Silver Jubilee Celebrations in December 2006.

The Convocation was unique in more ways than one. It coincided with the landmark celebration of the silver jubilee of the University witnessing the first ever awards of Long Service to staff.

It is also noteworthy to highlight the unprecedented turn-out of over 27 Pro-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of visiting universities, who by their physical presence added glamour and colour to the events.

Most significantly, the University Community had the privilege, thanks to our amiable, innovative and dynamic Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, of having a sitting Honourable Minister of Education, a renowned legend and achiever, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili present the Jubilee Convocation Lecture. Her grace, diction and oratory, transparency, conviction and passion for transforming the educational landscape of her motherland was evident for all to see. It is therefore no gainsaying that we cherished those magical moments.

Also, in this special edition, you will meet our new Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Prof. E.T. Eshett and Prof. M.I. Nwugo, both from the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology.

The University Community on Thursday, March 8, 2007 witnessed an "earth-shaking" International Women's Day Celebration, again, the first in the history of FUTO, under the direction of our First Lady Amazon, Prof. (Mrs.) V.A. Onwuliri. Well, since you have the tit-bits, please read on and enjoy yourself.

I remain indebted to our Vice-Chancellor for all he has been to us motivator, teacher, father, model... To Soulmate Industries Ltd., McQuintus Ltd, Intercontinental Bank Plc and Rennys, we express sincere gratitude for the support you have given us through your adverts.

Finally, I give reverence to God for his grace has been sufficient for us all in the Information, Public Relations and Publications Unit.

- Adaeze Okany



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FUTO @ 25: OBASANJO TASKS HIGHER INSTITUTIONS ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT



The Hon. Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili representative of the Visitor, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, delivering the Visitor's Address.

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo on Saturday, December 2, 2006 lamented the lack of relevance of university curriculum to the needs of the nation. According to him, this situation had led to an unbearable level of underemployment and unemployment of graduates of Nigerian universities.

He made this declaration while speaking through the Honourable Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili during the 18th and 19th Convocation and Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

Little emphasis on entrepreneurship, according to the

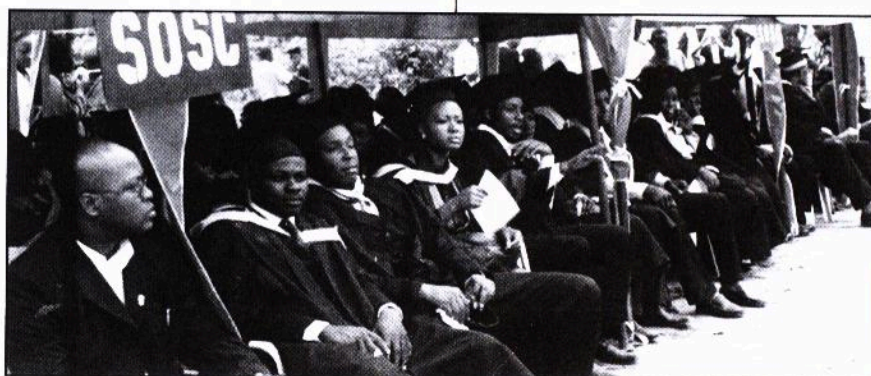
Visitor, had resulted in over reliance on white collar jobs by Nigerian graduates. He noted that acquisition of entrepreneurial skills and a firm belief in the dignity of labour could transform our students into graduates wielding ideas and business plans as against CVs for employment.

He also used the opportunity to assure Nigerians of Government commitment to providing access to tertiary education, stressing that no nation had achieved technological and socio-political advancement where less than 15% of its young citizens had access to University education.

According to him only 1.5 million Nigerians (ie less than 3%) were currently enrolled in universities. This he said, posed a serious challenge to the nation's desire

for socio-economic transformation. He announced the merger of Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education to Federal Universities located within their precinct and noted that it would significantly increase university admission opportunities by 500,000.

Finally, during the epic unveiling and presentation of *FUTO At 25*, a compendium of the history of the growth and development in the University, its structure and achievements, the Visitor noted that the University had continued to attract the patronage of respected blue chip companies in Nigeria and beyond. On that note, he commended Management for sustaining the University's reputation for excellence.



Cross section of graduands from the School of Science (SOSC)

- Ademola Adalakin

Ezekwesili - Legend of Reforms in Education



Hon. Minister of Education delivering the Jubilee Convocation Lecture at FUTO.

The Hon. Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili, has called on all Nigerians to embrace yet another opportunity to right the colossal mistakes of the past through the current reforms in the education sector.

She made this call while delivering the Jubilee Convocation Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri entitled *Human Capital: A Strategic Asset to National Development*, on December 1, 2006 at the 750 Capacity Lecture Theatre.

Mrs. Ezekwesili opined that mere possession of mineral endowment does not guarantee national growth and development. She declared that Nigeria's development as a nation lies in the country's ability to develop her human capital and regretted that our past leaders had over the years shown disdain for intellectualism which had led to the brain drain syndrome even as critical resources needed for research funding dwindled.

According to her, "the attack on intellectualism was also an attack on our value system", hence hard work and dignity of labour for which Nigeria was known for was over the years replaced by craze for easy money.

She bemoaned the state of the nation's education system, a situation where less than 3 percent of the youth

were in universities and with only 25.9 million out of 42.1 million Nigerian children within the age bracket of 6 - 14 in school. She frowned at a system that had no policy for children with special needs and had a tertiary curriculum that had no bearing with the realities of the labour market.

The Minister said she strongly believed that the deployment of e-learning at all levels and the opportunities offered by ICT would be optimally exploited. She promised Government support through the Special Computer Initiative for Education in Nigeria for Competitive Economy (SCIENCE), which would enable every lecturer and university student to own a laptop.

She further explained that the SCIENCE project would be funded by Government, financial institutions and payments by the beneficiaries and also through the provision of a N1b Competitive Research Grant facility to be managed by the Nigerian Academy for Science and the Academy for Educationists.

The high point of the occasion was the pronouncement by the Minister merging all Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education to Federal Universities located in their precincts. By this pronouncement, she said the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede and the Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri will become campuses of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri

with their students looking forward to being awarded University degrees at the end of their academic programmes.



A captivating moment during the lecture

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri expressed his delight at the honour done the University by the Minister's gracious acceptance to deliver the Convocation Lecture. He described it as a rare occurrence for a sitting Minister of Education to be a Convocation Lecturer and expressed profuse gratitude to her.

Among dignitaries who graced the occasion were the Chancellor, His Royal Majesty Shekarau A. Masa-Ibi, other Principal Officers of the University, two former Vice-Chancellors of the University, Professors Amagh Nduka and Jude Njoku, Members of the University Governing Council, visiting Vice-Chancellors and heads of tertiary institutions around the country.

Others were Directors, Deans and Heads of Departments and Units, the National President, FUTO Alumni, Sir Victor Ijeh and Sir Ndukwe Osogho-Ajala, Chief Executive of Soulmate Industries Ltd.

- Ndidi Eziolisa



RELEASE TAKE-OFF GRANT TO FUTO

Chancellor Appeals To FG

His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa Ibi, CON, Aku Uka of Wukari, Chancellor of the Federal



The Chancellor of FUTO, His Royal Majesty Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi, con, Aku Uka of Wukari, delivering his Address on the occasion

University of Technology, Owerri has appealed to the Federal Government to give special attention to the University by releasing its long awaited take-off grant.

In his address during the 18th and 19th Convocation & Silver Jubilee Celebrations on December 2, 2006, the Chancellor hoped that the University would continue to improve in the area of infrastructural development.

He commended the current University Management led by Prof C.O.E. Onwuliri on the completion of on-going projects through internally generated revenue and for maintaining

the academic calendar of the University. The Chancellor encouraged all other universities to emulate the example of FUTO, while enjoining staff and students to

sustain academic excellence so that the products of the University would remain the best in the country.

- Ademola Adelakun

ONWULIRI BRIEFS MEDIA

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor C.O.E. Onwuliri has commended the press on the positive media projection the University has enjoyed within the short period of his administration.

Interacting with the media as part of the line-up of activities to mark the 18th & 19th Convocation and Silver Jubilee Celebrations in the University, the Vice-Chancellor briefed them on his achievements.

He listed seven projects commissioned since he assumed office to include a 500KVA sub-station, a motorised borehole and overhead tank as well as the Project Management Technology Building.

He also named the NDIC Lecture hall, twin laboratories for the School of Science, the Biological Sciences Building and 750-capacity Lecture Theatre as projects successfully completed and commissioned.

He also made it known that high

level contacts and aggressive efforts had been made to get some benefactors to resume work on hitherto abandoned projects.

These projects include the N200 million Chevron/Texaco ICT and Electrical and Electronic Engineering Building projects and the NDDC Hostel Complex.

The Vice-Chancellor also disclosed that Management had signed BOT agreements with some private sector investors for the construction of on-campus staff and hostel accommodation. After a meaningful interaction with the media, the Vice-Chancellor commissioned three completed projects including SUSIC Foods.

While cutting the symbolic tape to declare the eatery open, he commended its Chief Executive, Mrs. Nkiru Ajoku, a 1993 graduate of FUTO for giving back to her Alma mater and society.

- Emmanuel Onwurah

VISITOR CHARGES FUTO GRADUANDS TO VENTURE INTO SELF EMPLOYMENT

The Visitor to the Federal University of Technology Owerri, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo has enjoined graduands of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri to rise up to the challenge of self employment by using the skills they had acquired during their years of study to become job creators instead of job seekers.

This was made known during the presentation of the Visitor's address by his representative, the Honorable Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili during the combined 18th and 19th Convocation ceremony of

the University. In that regard, they explained that Government had set up the Education Tracking Assets for Progress (Ed. TAP) to provide retooling opportunities for graduates. According to him, a pilot scheme for 100 participants held in October 2006 had elicited great interest.

Mr. President also stated that all universities had been directed to establish Career Centres and Graduate Records Offices. These he said, would ensure proper counselling on career choices and collation of data for

effective manpower planning and programmes development.

He opined that current efforts would enhance the employability and self employment potentials of Nigerian graduates.

Finally, he congratulated the graduands and implored them to be good ambassadors of their Alma Mater. 2,962 graduated with first degrees in the 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 academic sessions respectively while 210 were admitted to higher degrees and diplomas.

GREAT FUTOITES NNANNA AND CELESTINE STAND TALL

It was a day to be remembered, a day of glory for Nnanna O.M. Orieko, *Best Graduating Student* for the 2004/2005 Academic Session and Celestine Unegbu *Best Graduating Student* for 2005/2006 Academic Session, as they mounted the podium to deliver their valedictory speeches on the occasion of the combined 18th and 19th Convocation Ceremonies and Silver Jubilee Celebration.

Nnanna Mba Orieko recalled his arrival at the University Campus in 1999 and metaphorically described his classmates and self as "blank papers anxious and ready to be written on". He stated that they would always cherish the five years they had spent in FUTO during which they had been moulded into ready vessels.

Similarly, Celestine T. Unegbu

thanked the lecturers and staff advisers for the realisation of their dreams.

Both valedictorians called on the Government to increase the level of funding to their Alma Mater and assured Management that they would make the University proud.

- Ademola Adalakin



FUTO Honours Staff

History was made on December 2, 2006 when the Federal University of Technology, Owerri honoured long serving staff as part of activities marking the combined 18th and 19th Convocation and Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Presenting the awards the Pro-Chancellor, Umaru F. Abdullahi, Esq said that the reason for the dinner was “to celebrate ourselves while alive”. He said that the reputation of the University derived from the dedication and commitment of staff to excellence, and urged the beneficiaries to continue to discharge their duties effectively.



FUTO AT 25: CUTTING OF THE ANNIVERSARY CAKE

Pro-Chancellor, Umaru F. Abdullahi, Esq. (middle), the VC, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri and wife (left) and Prof. J. E Njoku, immediate past Vice-Chancellor, and Prof. Amagh Nduka 2nd substantive Vice-Chancellor cut the Jubilee Cake while serving Principal Officers, Alumni President and some pioneer staff watch with delight.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee, Rev. Fr. (Prof.) L.C. Asiegbu said that the attainment of 25 years as the foremost university of technology in Nigeria was worthy of celebration and an occasion to publicly recognise and reward staff who had laboured to see the University to great heights.

Awards were presented in several categories; Past and Serving Principal Officers Award, Long Service Award, Research Grants Award, Distinguished Alumnus Entrepreneur Award, Highest No of Ph.D supervision Award amongst others.

Responding on behalf of the awardees, Sir Victor Ijeh former National President of FUTO Alumni Association expressed joy and gratitude to the University for the honour and prayed for greater successes.

The climax of the event was the cutting of the anniversary cake by the Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, past and serving Principal Officers, the SUG President and some pioneer staff.

- Tessy Iwuji



Boogie time... the Vice-Chancellor and wife take to the dancing floor at the Silver Jubilee Dinner Party.



LIST OF AWARDEES

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2. Chief Okon W. Inyang
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5. Professor Chiweyite Ejike
6. Dr. T. C. Osanakpo, SAN
7. Umaru F. Abdullahi, Esq.

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2. Professor Amagh Nduka
3. Engr. Prof. C.O. G. Obah
4. Prof. Jude E. Njoku
5. Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri

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4. Prof. I.C. Ogwude
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4. Prof. M.U. Iloeje
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6. Prof. A.B.I. Udedibie
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3. Mr. R.U. Akujobi

University Librarian

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2. Mr. M.S. Onye
3. Chief J.E. Nwogu

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1. Prof A.B. I. Udedibie
2. Engr. Prof. C.I. Ijioma
3. Prof M.U. Iloeje
4. Prof M.I. Nwufu

Linkage Award

1. Prof. J.O. Duru
2. Prof J.C. Obiefuna

Best Ph. D. Dissertation Award

1. Dr. (Mrs.) Nnenna Oti

Highest number of Ph.D Supervision Award

1. Prof. C. C. Ntamere

Distinguished Alumnus in Industry Award

1. Sir Victor O. Ijeh
2. Sir Ndukwe Osogho-Ajala, CON

Distinguished Alumni Entrepreneur Award

1. Mrs. Nkeiruka G. Ajoku

Distinguished Alumnus in Information Communication Technology (ICT)

1. Mr. Felix Chukwu

Productive Research Award

1. Dr A.E Iheonye
2. Engr. Emeka Chinweze

Highest C G P A Award

1. Chibuzor Obi (4.87)

Posthumous Award for outstanding service to FUTO

1. Dr. O.S. Eke

Long Service Award (25yrs)

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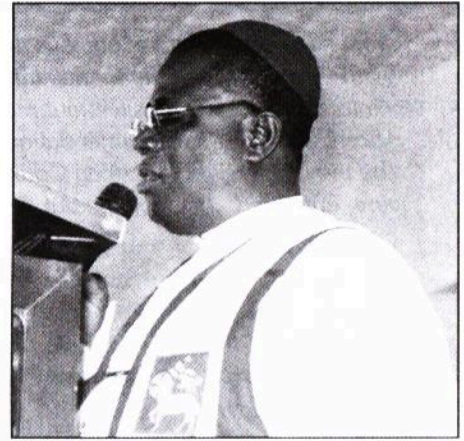
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9. Okereke, Samuel
10. Nwagwu, Cajetan
11. Amadijoku, Stanley
12. Osuchukwu, Rhoda
13. Ojije, Godson
14. Onuoha, Augustus
15. Obijunwa, Julius
16. Nworgu, Timothy
17. Nwaghara, Christopher
18. Ehirim, Lawson
19. Alozie, Rose
20. Madukaji, Virginia
21. Anorue, Eileen
22. Opara, Margaret
23. Njoku, Christopher
24. Anyanwu, Cyrina
25. Akarahu, Theresa
26. Omenihu, William
27. Orji, Achi
28. Igbokwe, Catherine
29. Ihejieta, Samuel
30. Ukaga, Godwin
31. Egbule, Godwin
32. Maduagwu, Godwin
33. Nchefu, Theophilus
34. Osuji, Raymond

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE HERALDS 18TH & 19TH CONVOCATION



Rt. Rev. S.C.K. Uche, Methodist Bishop of Owerri delivers the sermon at the Interdenominational Service.

On Nov 29, 2006 an inter-denominational service for the 18th and 19th Convocation Ceremonies and Silver Jubilee Celebration was held at the newly commissioned 750 capacity Lecture Theatre with a large turnout of university staff, students and invited guests.

The opening prayer was said by Rev. Fr. (Prof.) L. C. Asiegbu, while the sermon for the day was delivered by Rt. Rev. S.C.K. Uche, Methodist Bishop of Owerri.

Bishop Uche congratulated Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri on his new appointment as Vice-Chancellor and advised him to maintain a cordial relationship with the staff so as to sustain high academic standards in the University.

He also told the Vice-Chancellor to pray always and to seek God first in every thing he did. Finally, Bishop Uche made a prophetic proclamation that FUTO would become the best university in the nearest future.

In his response, Prof. Onwuliri expressed gratitude to the Bishop and promised to move FUTO forward.

- Chioma Njoku (NYSC)



MEET OUR NEW DVCS

To a keen observer, it is obvious that Professor C. O. E. Onwuliri has fulfilled the promise he made during the 15th General Assembly to maintain fairness and due process in the appointment of the right calibre of people into strategic positions without recourse to discrimination or favouritism. Following Senate ratification of the Vice-Chancellor's recommendation for the appointment of Deputy Vice-Chancellors and consequent approval by the University Governing Council, FUTONews brings you our interaction with the two scholars on whom were entrusted the enviable but demanding positions of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and Administration.

OUR NEW VC IS GOD SENT - PROF ESHETT

Sir, can you please give us a little insight into the man Prof. E.T. Eshett?

I am Prof. Ebong Thomas Eshett, I attended the famous Ibuno Central School in Akwa Ibom state with distinction in 1959. I had my secondary education in Qua-Iboe Mission Secondary School Etinan Akwa-Ibom State. Due to the Nigeria Civil War my secondary education stretched until 1971 when I had my WASC and proceeded the same year to UNN to study Land/Soil Science. I remained among the top 5 in the class till 1975 when I graduated. I did my NYSC in 1976, in Oyo State. After service I worked in the South Eastern Government Ministry of Agriculture as a Rice Agronomist between 1976-1979. I got my Masters Degree from 1979-1980 and my PHD between 1981 - 1985 from the University of Ibadan. This I did with the collaboration and sponsorship of the Institute of International Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Ibadan. After my Ph.D, I continued working as a Rice Agronomist in the Eastern State



Prof. E. T. Eshett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic stress a point during the interview.

public service and later in 1986 left for University of Calabar to start my lecturing career as Lecturer II. As a result of some unfavourable development I migrated to FUTO as Lecturer I in 1988 and became a Professor of Pedology in 2000. I have served as Exams Officer, HOD Soil Science, Associate Dean of SAAT and Dean of SAAT. I also served as Chairman of ASUU for 7 years and I am currently DVC Academic.

How did you react when you learnt of your appointment as the DVC Academic of FUTO?

It was a thing of great favour and God's intervention in my career, which I believe is full of hardwork,

diligence, perseverance and a strong belief in God, because it is a position that I never canvassed or lobbied for, and so I have promised my God that I will not betray the confidence reposed in me by the Vice-Chancellor, the University Governing Council and the entire University community who have welcomed and supported this appointment.

In which area do you hope to assist this administration?

I plan to work very closely with the VC with my wealth of experience to enable him implement his five year strategic plan for the University. It is also my responsibility to help him put things right, to make sure that justice and fair play reign during his tenure and to also raise academic standard and sustain it and to also help him to bring on board new academic programmes. For example, we are about to commence a Fishery Technology and Aqua Culture Department in SAAT. I will also assist him in embarking on viable agricultural projects that will help the



university in maximising its internal revenue generation capacity. It is also my intention to show leadership by example and to give the university an admirable image within the country and outside.



Prof. E. T. Eshett

Sir, do you have any mentor worthy of note?

Yes, yes, I have men whom I do admire. One of them is Prof. Amagh Nduka who is a man of great intellect and principle. He is one person that has really impacted very greatly in my life. Others are Prof. J.C. Obiefuna and Prof. G.E. Osuji. Outside the university I have people like, Prof. J.A. Iovinetti of University of Ibadan, Prof. Jega the former President of ASUU, Prof. Tuo of Texas A and M University, USA and Prof. I. Unamba-Opara. In the Christian circle my mentors are Bishop Kenneth Eboh and Rev. Ben Erimujor of Holiness Evangelical Mission, Owerri.

How would you assess the quality of students and lecturers of today compared to your days as a student?

In our own time the conditions were very favourable. There were enough facilities to go round, no light outage and no secret cults. Students then, were ready to learn and were very hungry for knowledge, but today most students engage themselves in things that cannot benefit them. In fact, there is no ground for comparing the present day system and that of those days. It is still the same products of this bad system that are being recruited as lecturers. In those days our lecturers were not interested in today's get rich quick syndrome. They were dedicated and very diligent.

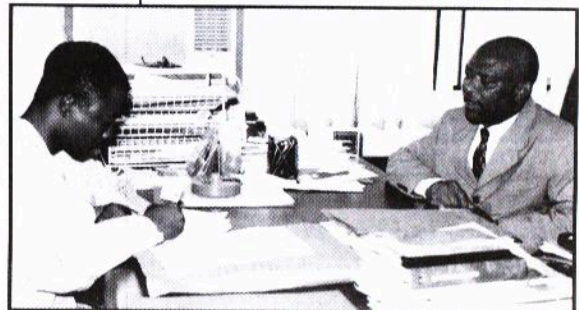
Prof, how can these problems be addressed?

The task of reformation of the academic system should not be left in the hands of government alone. It requires a concerted effort by lecturers, parents, guardians and even the church, so that we don't end up producing mediocres and thieves.

What would you like to be remembered for when you leave office?

I will like to be remembered for standing up for what is right, defending the masses and one who made sure that justice and

fair play reigned in the system. I want to also be remembered for standing firmly against victimisation, having being a victim myself. I want to also be remembered for raising the academic standard of FUTO by addressing any observed irregularity in the system and standing up against bribery, corruption and bad governance.



Mr. Ademola Adedokun (left) recording interview proceedings.

What do you do in your spare time?

My dear, I do not have spare time. I listen to news, while working and I also spend so many hours in the church on Sundays; this I do very consistently.

Do you have any message for the University Community?

We should allow peace and tranquility to reign in this place, because of what has happened in the past. We must endeavour to co-operate with the current Vice-chancellor whom I believe is God-sent. We should also return to God and give him a place in our individual lives.



I AM TAUGHT TO SEE AND TREAT HUMAN BEINGS AS EQUAL

- Prof. M.I. Nwugo



Prof. M. I. Nwugo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration answering questions from the interviewer.

Sir, who is Prof. Nwugo, and how did your journey of life begin?

I am Prof. Martin Ikechukwu Nwugo KSM, from Amawbia Awka South L.G.A. of Anambra State. Born on April 5, 1952 in Ibadan to Late Bishop Nwugo. I attended Alafia Institute Primary School, Ibadan. After my primary education in 1963, I started my secondary education in CAC Grammar School, Ibadan and concluded it in Comprehensive High School, Nawfia Anambra State in 1971, where I had my A Level before proceeding to University of Ibadan in 1974 where I had my B.Sc Second Class Upper in Botany in 1977. I did my NYSC in Shagamu in Ogun State in 1978. After service, I started work as Pupil Research Officer in National Root Crops

Research Institute in Umudike, now Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike. I later went back to the University of Ibadan to further my education and bagged my Masters and Ph.D in 1980 and 1984 respectively. I joined the services of FUTO in August 1984 on transfer of service. I was promoted to Lecturer I in 1986, Snr. Lecturer in 1989, Reader in 1991 and Professor in 1995. Since then, I have served in various capacities in the University as Head of Department, Director and Chairman of various committees and Dean of SAAT during which I served as Chairman, Committee of Deans.

What was your reaction when you got the information that you had been appointed DVC Administration?

When I got the information, I gave gratitude to God Almighty for the favour he had granted me. I also showed sincere appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for finding me worthy. To be sincere with you, my appointment was the handwork of God and I know he has blessed me for a special purpose of contributing my

quota to the development of this great institution.

What do you think gave you an upper hand in the ratification of your appointment by the Senate and approval by the University Governing Council?

I think I was considered because of my past record having rendered selfless service to the University and above all, I was favoured by God because there are others in the system who possess good records too.

Prof. can you please give us a little insight on your mission as the DVC Administration?

My mission foremost, is to work in line with the mission of the Vice-Chancellor, to assist him in achieving his mission for FUTO and whatever will lead to the development of FUTO is what I really aspire to do.

As an insider, what is your view Sir, about the declining standard of education in Nigeria?

I would not say for certain that the standard has fallen. The problem is that the increase in the population of students has exceeded the available facilities on ground in the universities. The universities need to be adequately funded and



Government needs to encourage the establishment of more productive industries in the country so that our young graduates can get an opportunity to practice what they have been taught, instead of being redundant and rotting away in idleness.

Sir, do you have any body whose administrative skills has inspired you in the past?

Yes, I have some people in FUTO; Prof. S.C. Ugbole and Prof. Jude Njoku are my models when it comes to administrative skill and style. I am highly inspired by them and seeing what they have done, I hopefully wish to do better.

Sir, were you nurtured from your childhood days to become a professor?

All the while, I had known that God created me for a purpose and that I will attain a leadership position one day, and this position should be seen as one to help mankind, but precisely to help the Vice Chancellor to make this place better than we met it.

In FUTO the word 'humility' has become synonymous with Prof. Nwifo. How did you acquire this great



Prof. M. I. Nwifo, DVC Administration

quality that has become your trademark?

I will say that it is part of my background and upbringing. My mother instilled this character in me at a very tender age. She was always showing leadership by example, teaching me to see every

human being as an equal deserving the right to be treated as such and to also see every position I attain in life as God's gift.

Do you have any message for the University Community?

Everybody should work hard to see to the growth and development of the university. Knowing that this institution will outlive all of us, we should eschew rancour and bitterness to enable peace reign in this institution. I believe with all hands on deck, FUTO will be the best university in the country and will be able to compete favourably with other institutions internationally.

EHEDURU, FUTO'S Newest Professor

Prof. can you please tell us your historical background?

I am Prof. Gerald Chukwujieze Eheduru, currently the Head of the Department of Information Management Technology. I started my academic training in St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School Ubima Elele and St. Philips Lutheran Primary School Umuezeala Nsu, Ehime Mbano L.G.A in Imo State. I also went to Lutheran High School, Uyo in former Cross Rivers State,

from where I obtained a Grade I. I had an NCE in Maths and Physics with distinction in Alvan Ikoku College of Education. I graduated with a first class degree in Communication Science from the University of Ibadan in 1979, had my Masters and Ph.D in 1985 and 1989 respectively from the University of Benin specialising in Computer and Management.

Was being a Professor a part of your dream as a young man?



Initially at my early stage of life, I never dreamt of becoming an academician. My ambition was to go into industry to make money, but along the line I had a rethink and went back to academics as an Assistant Lecturer in the University of Benin.

How would you compare your days as a student and the present day situation?

Then, students worked hard. Lecturers were more dedicated, there were enough facilities and books then. Individual results were posted to our respective home addresses.

Sir, what do you think is the major cause of the present development and how can the problem be addressed?

I think the problem is the increase in the number of students and employment of lecturers who are not sufficiently prepared academically and psychologically to take up this sacred responsibility.

What was your reaction when you realised that you had been promoted to this exalted position?

I gave gratitude to God and to the University for recognising

my determination to put in my best in the service of FUTO while praying to God for strength because professorship is the beginning of higher service to the university and humanity.

existing facilities and administrative structures to meet international standards. If these can be achieved by lumping the institutions together then it is okay. All we want and are all working for is a perfect,



Prof. G. C. Eheduru, HOD, Information Management Technology

Do you have a mentor who has motivated you?

My area of specialisation (Computer Science) is like a virgin ground. There was really no mentor that I know in Nigeria. But in other areas I have mentors like Prof. Alonge of University of Ibadan and Prof. Onibere of the University of Benin.

What is your view about the decision of the federal government to merge some tertiary institutions?

I think the present decision is an expensive venture. I actually expect the government to upgrade and improve on

stable and enhanced quality education for Nigerians.

How would you rate the progress of FUTO so far and in what areas do you anticipate improvement?

I think we are not doing badly, when one considers the available facilities. I think the major problem is the distance between the university and where staff are residing. The university needs to become a community as anticipated. This is necessary to encourage lecturers and other staff to work beyond the normal working hours.

Research, lectures and important administrative jobs can still be done beyond 6.00pm if we have staff quarters on campus. We should also work towards improving technology. Thank God the Vice-Chancellor is working assiduously towards the building of standard laboratory and office spaces for staff and on-campus staff quarters.

The university linkage roads should be maintained even if it means using internally generated revenue and the plan to construct the General Studies Directorate and the proposed School of Environmental Technology buildings should be of high priority to the university. With all this FUTO will certainly be one of the best universities in the country.

What qualities attract you?
Honesty, sincerity and hard-work.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not engaged in academic or administrative activities?

When I am not working, I take a long walk. Sometimes I play table tennis and attend church activities.

- Interviews By
Ademola Adelokun

--- -- **SERVICOM;** --- -- **IT'S GOODBYE TO SHODDY SERVICE**



VC with Dr. (Mrs.) A.O. Longe (left) and Ms. Phoebe Nwandu, officials of SERVICOM Abuja

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Professor C. O. E. Onwuliri has instituted a SERVICOM Unit under the Office of the Vice-Chancellor in line with NUC directive to all Federal Universities and inter-University Centres.

The primary function of the Unit as stated in a letter of appointment to the pioneer Co-ordinator, Mr. Chike Ezenwa, is to improve the service delivery capacity of the university.

It will be recalled that in June 2003, President Olusegun Obasanjo had observed that the combined evils of inefficiency and corruption had impeded the effective implementation of government policies and ultimately short-changed Nigerians. Consequently, a report was commissioned to review service delivery in Nigeria culminating in a Special Presidential Retreat on Service Delivery in Nigeria in March 2004, where the President and the Federal Ministers entered into a Service Compact with All Nigerians (SERVICOM), to provide the basic services to which each citizen is entitled in a timely, fair, honest, effective and transparent manner.

In an address delivered at the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Ad'Obe Obe, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Strategy and Research/National Co-ordinator, Servicom, represented by Dr. (Mrs.) A. O. Longe, Head, Servicom Institute, Abuja noted that it was "a great step in the positive revolution of institutionalising high quality service delivery in the University system by planting the principles, tenets and ideas of Servicom in the trainers as well as the trainees in this great institution of technology".

He charged Management and staff to provide the basic service to students whom he described as their customers, in a timely, fair, efficient and transparent manner. According to him, FUTO was the first university in the country to inaugurate Servicom.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri praised President Obasanjo for redefining the practice and quality of public service delivery in the country and enjoined staff and students to eschew bribery and corruption. The ceremony witnessed a large turn-out of staff and students.

- Tussy Iwuji & Ndidi Ezilolisa



FUTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST PUBLIC LECTURE

The Alumni of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO) Lagos Branch has taken a bold step to begin their first Public Lecture series.

The maiden edition of the Lecture Series captioned *Nigeria's Quest for Development: The Technological Fast-Tracking* with the topic "Power and Development in Nigeria: Seeking That Workable Solution" took place at the Muson Centre, Onikan - Lagos. The occasion was graced by the cream of the society among whom were Professor (Mrs.) Dora Akunyili, Director-General, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) who was also the Chairman of the occasion and the likes of Professor Bart Nnaji, Chairman/CEO of Geometric Power Limited (first indigenously owned private sector power company in Nigeria) and former Minister for Science and Technology, the main lecturer of the day.

In his address at the occasion, the Branch Chairman of the Alumni, Mr. Andrew Ogaga Ejayeriese stated that the aim of

the lecture was to brainstorm and proffer solutions to salient challenges as part of alumni contribution to national development. He commended FUTO for producing graduates who have consistently been adjudged the best by employers especially in the Oil & Gas Sector.

In the area of entrepreneurship, he stated that FUTO alumnae had not been left out as the likes of Soulmate Industries Ltd., a house hold name in the Cosmetics industry; McQuintus Ltd, a prominent player in Information Technology; and Sevi Nigeria Ltd in the Oil and Gas sector were all companies founded and run by graduates of FUTO.

In a paper titled, *Nigeria's Quest for Development: The Technological Fast Tracking*; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri while expressing his delight with the organisers of the public lecture reiterated his pride and belief in the Alumnae and used the opportunity to invite all FUTO Alumni at home and in diaspora to partner with Management to realise Nigeria's quest for development.

He listed the physical and structural development of the University, production of qualitative graduates as well as extending the frontiers of the University nationally and internationally as part of his vision for FUTO.

Speaking at the occasion, the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Turner Isuon, represented by Dr. Goddy Onuoha, Director-General, of PRODA commended the organisers of the programme for effective organisation and stated that a Centre of Excellence in Engineering had been approved for FUTO. He also commended Prof. Bart Nnaji for the choice of topic in the light of the need for alternative supply of power by private investors to supplement energy supply by PHCN, since there could be no meaningful economic development without efficient power supply.

Also at the well attended ceremony were Sir N. Osogho-Ajala, OON Chairman of the Lecture Series Organising Committee, Engr. Prof. C. D. Okereke, Director, Office of University Development, FUTO and Adaeze N. Okany, the University PRO.

- Nndi Ezolisa

NIM, FUTO CHAPTER INAUGURATED

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) was recently inaugurated at the University's Council/Senate Chamber.

Speaking during the occasion, the National Vice-President, Mr. Austin Monday who represented the President of the Institute stated that the inauguration of NIM FUTO Chapter was in fulfilment of the promise made by the President, Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar to take NIM round the country. He praised the former Profem Executive, now substantive, for fulfilling all the requirements necessary for the inauguration of the chapter, and implored them to continue to work as a team while praying that God would direct them as they continued to work for the development of the Chapter.

After the administration of oath of office on the Executive, the Vice-President on behalf of the President of NIM, declared the Chapter fully inaugurated.

Reacting, the Vice-Chancellor represented by the Dean, PGS, Prof. C. I. Anunso thanked the national leadership of NIM for finding FUTO chapter worthy of inauguration and assured them that the members of the Executive were men and women of integrity and honour, who would work assiduously for the growth of the Chapter.

The Executive include

Elder Chief C. E. A. Anaba - Chairman
 Mrs. A. B. Omotosho - Vice-Chairman
 Deacon Benjamin U. Dialah - Gen. Sec.
 Mrs. C. N. Okoroafor - Treasurer
 Franklin C. Matthew - Fin. Secretary
 Mr. Paul Ogboide - Ex-Officio I
 Mr. Pully Martins Osuji - Ex. Officio II

Also present during the occasion were the Registrar, Mr. Charles O. Omeire represented by Dr. A. N. Orisakwe; Council Member and Eastern Region Co-ordinator of NIM, HRH Eze (Dr.) Chidi Abali; the Registrar of NIM, Mr. Isaac Ngwube and all members of NIM, FUTO Chapter.

- Ademola Adelakun

FUTO ACCEPTS LINKAGE PROGRAMME WITH TTU

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri has accepted the immediate commencement of a linkage programme between Tennessee Technological University (TTU) and Federal University of

Damian Dike, a staff of FUTO currently a doctoral student in TTU. He promised to assist the university in the areas of securing funds from American institutions and foundations and agencies for research and infrastructure.



Prof. Francis Otuonye (middle), Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, Tennessee Technological University USA, Prof. Onwuliri VC, and wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri at a dinner hosted in honour of Prof. Otuonye at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge.

Technology, Owerri. Speaking during a visit by Prof. Francis Otuonye, Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, Tennessee Technological University USA, the Vice-Chancellor said that the visit would quicken collaboration with TTU in the areas of research funding, exchange programmes, linkages and grants from international foundations.

Prof. Otuonye said that the aim of his visit was to find out possible areas of collaboration between TTU and FUTO following requests made to him by Mr.

In a vote of thanks, Prof. M.O.E. Iwuala, Director Academic Planning and Development described Prof. Otuonye as a pride to the Igbo race and to Nigeria and assured him that his efforts would yield positive developments.

Also present at the meeting were Principal Officers and Directors of the University including Prof. C.D. Okereke and Dr. O.A. Emejulu who were appointed the University contact persons by the Vice-Chancellor.

- Tessa Iwuji



PROF. ACHOLONU VISITS FUTO

- Donates Grains of Sweet Corn

Prof. Alex D. W. Acholonu of the Department of Biological Sciences, Alcorn State University, Mississippi USA has donated grains of *Sweet Corn* to the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in appreciation of the place of Agriculture in the University and in fulfillment of his promise to partner with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri in actualising his vision.

Presenting the items to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Acholonu who is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Willy-Esther Foundation Inc. prayed for a fruitful relationship between Alcorn State University, his Foundation and FUTO.

Receiving the donation, the Vice-Chancellor, welcomed the kind gesture of Prof. Acholonu and prayed that their cordial and mutual relationship would facilitate exchange programmes for FUTO.

Prof. Onwuliri thanked the donor immensely for finding the University worthy of such benevolence. Present at the meeting were Prof. E. T. Eshett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic; Prof. M. I. Nwugo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration; Mr. R. U. Akujobi, Bursar and Chief J. E. Nwogu, University Librarian.

- Tessa Iwuji

FUTO CONSULT HOLDS WORKSHOP

FUTO Consult Ltd has organised a *Strategic Planning Workshop* for all academic staff and technologists in the University.

While declaring the workshop open on 21st December 2006, the Vice-Chancellor represented by Prof. M. I. Nwugo, DVC Admin. described the theme of the workshop as relevant to the vision of his administration.

Earlier, Dr. O.A. Emejulu, Director, FUTO Consult Ltd. stated that the aim of the workshop was to afford the University the opportunity to chart its way out of the 'no research' syndrome and emphasised the need for the university to share the experiences of others.

The one day workshop titled

Reshaping and Repositioning for the 21st Century attracted a distinguished resource person Dr. Vincent Ogu, a first class graduate of Geology and Regional Planning from the University of Benin currently residing in the United States of America.

Addressing the participants at the workshop, Dr. Ogu opined that the role of universities were fast changing from mere custodians of knowledge to centres for research and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Ogu urged schools and departments in the university to initiate their own business plans that will flow into the university plan, while also calling on Management to open up a Research Office.

- Nndi Eziohia

ANYACHONKEYA DONATES BOOKS TO FUTO

Ngozi Anyachonkeya, PhD, Chief Lecturer & Head of Department, Continuing Education, Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Uwana has donated a total of 25 recent reference English and literary text books to the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

The books include 'A Grain of Rice' 2006 Revised Edition; 'Udara Song' (2006); Omume Heritage, *Literary Approach to the Historical, Anthropological and Sociological Investigation of a People* (2006); *Fundamentals of English and Communication Skills* (2006 Revised Edition) Richard. Eds; 'The Anatomy of English Studies' (2006) by Anyachonkeya, Ngozi and Anyachonkeya, Chinwe.



WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE INAUGURATED

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E Onwuliri has inaugurated a 10-man committee on Water Resources Management and Public Health to undertake the task of aggregating research activities dealing with water resources, environmental protection and public health issues; to co-ordinate grant writing and research funding and distribution efforts in the specified areas; and to also play a lead role in the

utilisation of the Otamiri River for various research, industrial and agricultural purposes. The Vice-Chancellor charged the Committee to pursue its objectives vigorously.

The membership include:

Prof. G.I Nwankwo, Chairman, Prof. S.C. Nwadiaro, Prof. (Mrs.) V. A. Onwuliri, Prof. C. D. Okereke, Dr. O. Emejulu, Dr. D. Osuigwe, Dr. M. Dike, Dr. O. C. Abanobi, Mrs. U. Dike, Mr. R. C. Kamalu and Mrs R. C. Ekeopara, Secretary.

CJN INAUGURATES FUTO COLLEGE OF MDLRP FELLOWS

His Lordship, the immediate past Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice S. M. Alfa Belgore represented by Justice N. Durueke on January 16, 2007 inaugurated FUTO College of Millennium Development Leadership for Rights Programme Fellows in the Council/Senate Chamber of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

Delivering his speech, he stated that the new Fellows would be expected to improve the level of functional literacy in the country through seminars and research to find out new ways of solving age old problems of poverty, ignorance and disease.

Earlier, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of FUTO in his opening remarks thanked the Federal Government and all the bodies involved in the project for considering FUTO most appropriate for the pilot inauguration and the citing of the Olu Obasanjo Global Study Centre for Sustainable Human, Youth and Educational Development Rights. He described the Fellowship nominees as men and women of integrity who had carved a niche for themselves in the sacred duty of managing men and resources for the greater good of all.

Reacting, the National Chairman of the MDLRP Committee, Mallam Yusuf Adamu represented by Mr. John Mokayi thanked the University Management for the site allocated for the realisation of the project.

Highpoint of the occasion was the decoration of the Vice-Chancellor as Senior Fellow of the African Regional College of Millennium Development/ Convener

of FUTO College of MDLRP Fellows and the unveiling of the Landmark at the Olu Obasanjo Global Study Centre FUTO by the Chief Justice of Nigeria.

The Roll Call of Fellows of FUTO MDLRP include Prof. E. T. Eshett, Prof. M.I. Nwufu, Mr. C. O. Omeire, Mr. R.U. Akujobi, Chief J.E. Nwogu, Prof. C.I. Anunuso, Prof. O.O. Onyemaobi, Prof. C.C. Ntamere, Prof. G.I. Nwankwo, Prof. (Mrs.) B. N. Anyanwu, Prof. E.E. Anyanwu, Prof. M.O. E. Iwuala, Dr. P.C. Obasi and Engr. N. Okoro.

- Ademola Adelakun

FUTO LIBRARY TRAINS STAFF

The FUTO Library recently organised a 2-week in-house Workshop for Library Assistants/Attendants and Porters in the University Library. The workshop which held from 29th January to 9th February, 2007 was centred around *Basic Librarianship* and *New Information Technologies* and was attended by 57 participants.

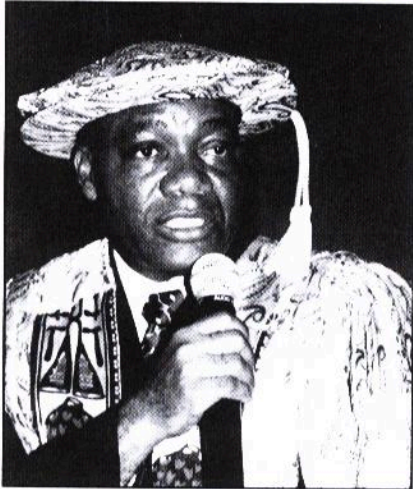
Resource persons were drawn from professional Library staff among whom was the University Librarian, Chief J. E. Nwogu.

The workshop which featured hands-on-experience in Information Technology using ICT facilities in the Library was very rewarding for all who participated.

In a similar development, a new online database titled **Online Access to Research in the Environment**, containing over 1,882 journal articles can now be accessed at the ICT unit of the Library.



REFORMS IN EDUCATION WILL RESTORE PAST GLORY - VC



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri delivering his Address at the 25th Matriculation Ceremony of the University.

Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has stated that the reforms in the education sector would restore the past glory of Nigerian educational institutions and ensure the realisation of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

He made this declaration at the 25th Matriculation Ceremony of the University on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at the University Convocation Arena.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the matriculants to the university and urged them to dedicate themselves to academic pursuit and to obey

the instruction and counsel they had received during the week long orientation programme. He admonished them to shun cultism, examination malpractice, fighting, rape, violence, intimidation of fellow students and other anti-social behaviour that could lead to expulsion from the University.

Prof. Onwuliri also called the attention of the fresh men to the rampaging scourge of HIV/AIDS which had claimed and was still claiming human lives and implored them to be wise and resist all lustful temptations so as to remain alive to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

He noted that the university administration was determined to respond to the demands of a new Nigeria through collaboration and partnership with reputable universities abroad, financial institutions, oil & gas companies, private sector, alumni and repositioning of commercially oriented ventures in the university.

The highpoint of the ceremony was the admittance of the matriculants by the Vice-

Chancellor as bona fide students of the university.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor had during the Parents cum Management (PMF) pre-matriculation interactive forum, commended the body for its significant contribution to the infrastructural development of the University. He noted that the university had sustained healthy relationships with government & host communities and had gone further to acquire a liaison office in Abuja.

On their part, parents made suggestions on some issues. While Mr. Ibeabuchi O Elendu encouraged Management to reward virtue by awarding prizes to well behaved students, Mr. Emma Okpara observed that off-campus hostel accommodation was very expensive and did not guarantee the security of students.

The ceremony attracted dignitaries from all works of life, including were parents, guardians; friends, and well-wishers of the matriculating students for the 2006/2007 academic session.

- Ademola Adelakun

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PMF PROMISES TO UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION OF 50 ROOM OFFICE BLOCK



Chief Chidi Nkwopara, PMF PRO delivering an Address on behalf of the PMF Chairman at the Forum.

The Parents/Management Forum of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has promised to build a 50 room office block worth N50 million on campus. This was disclosed by the representative of the PMF Chairman, Chief

Chidi Nkwopara on February 24, 2007 at the pre-matriculation meeting of the PMF.

The Chairman praised the Vice-Chancellor and his team for encouraging PMF which he described as the first of its kind in the country. According to him, the introduction of the body by other universities had proven that FUTO was a pace setter. He recounted some of the achievements of PMF which include the construction of a 750 capacity lecture theatre, and the purchase of a brand new Mercedes Benz luxury bus and affirmed their preparedness to do more.

The Chairman noted that it would be fool hardy for parents to wait endlessly for the Federal Government to equip the University at the detriment of the welfare of their children and wards.

He wished the matriculating students well and advised them to realise that they were in an institution where only the best counted and which had zero tolerance for arson, cultism, examination malpractice, indecent dressing and all forms of indiscipline.

The Chairman called on parents to always attend PMF meetings and appealed to them to contribute in cash and kind whenever they were called upon to do so.

- Ademoia Adelakun

FUTO RECEIVES VISITATION PANEL REPORT



Prof. Munzali Jibril, Chairman of the Visiting Team to FUTO for the Public Presentation of the White Paper.

Three years after the submission of the Report of the Visitation Panel that looked into the affairs of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, the Federal Government took the first step towards implementation with the presentation of the *White Paper*.

The aim of the exercise according to the Chairman of the team, Prof. Munzali Jibril, former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), was in line with the current democratic dispensation to widen discussion and engage the University Community and the public in the affairs of FUTO.

This exercise, he further stated, would serve to strengthen accountability in the management of the University. He noted that the work of the team was not to rewrite the *White Paper*, but to collate additional information and suggestions that would aid the implementation of the recommendations by the Governing Council.

Meanwhile, negative reactions has greeted aspects of the *White Paper*. Complaints against the non-payment of take-off grant to the University dominated deliberations at the sitting. Members of the University Community and the public pleaded that a commensurate take - off grant be given to FUTO, given the current inflationary trend in the country and appealed to the Visitor to revisit his recommendation.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. E.T. Eshett had earlier commended the Federal Government for its initiative and assured the panel of the co-operation of the University in its assignment.

Other members of team included Chief Bob Ogbuagu, Mrs. Rita Kenny-Ogwu, Mr. Jide Olukoju, Barr. (Mrs.) Alma Eluwa, Mrs. E.O. Okojokuwu and Dr. (Mrs.) R. Gurin, Secretary.

- Tessa Iwuji



70% OF OUR 2006 FRESH EMPLOYEES ARE FROM FUTO -SCHLUMBERGER RECRUITMENT MANAGER

The visiting Schlumberger Management team to FUTO declared that 70% of the company's employment for the year 2006 were graduates of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, with 33 currently on overseas training.



Mr. Femi Adewumi, Schlumberger Recruitment Training and University Relations Manager

This was made known by the Company's Recruitment, Training and University Relations Manager, Mr. Femi Adewumi during their courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C.O.E Onwuliri on February 28, 2007.

Mr. Adewumi further stated that out of the 41% IT opportunities allotted to Schlumberger Nigeria in 2006, 25% was filled by FUTO.

He also informed Management that approval had been given for the first Technological Exhibition in Africa, to be hosted by Schlumberger, Nigeria. Hoping that the University would benefit from the venture, he noted with regret that beneficiaries of collaboration and research grants from Schlumberger were mostly

foreign universities. This he said informed their visit to find ways of collaborating with the University and to develop a relationship that would transcend the ordinary.

He commended the University, for being able to submit at very short notice, the highest number of research collaboration proposals ever received from any university in Nigeria.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri thanked them for their positive remarks about FUTO and assured them that the relationship between Schlumberger and the University would remain that of husband and wife.

Prof N.N. Onu, Director, Institute for Erosion Studies urged Schlumberger to come to the aid of the University in the provision of infrastructural facilities and the endowment of a Professorial Chair.

The Director of Academic Planning and Development, Prof. M.O.E Iwuala in a vote of thanks thanked the visitors for their good gesture and hoped that their promises would be translated into action in the nearest future.

A Career Fair was thereafter conducted for 400 & 500 level students.

“WOMEN SHOULD TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE” - VC TELLS FUTO LADIES

Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has challenged women in the University to take their rightful place in the scheme of things.

He made this known during a courtesy call on him by the Executive of FUTO Ladies on February 5, 2007. He commended the Executive for trying to organise the women folk, stressing that the unity of women in the University would go a long way to unite the men and their families.

The Vice-Chancellor urged them to try as much as possible to mobilise all the women in the University and charged them to play their role in their homes and communities where they reside. Concluding, he told the women that he would prefer their change of name from FUTO Ladies to FUTO Women Association as was the convention nationally and internationally.

Earlier during the visit, the President of the Association, Dr. (Mrs.) R. N. Nwabueze had briefed the Vice-Chancellor on the history of the Association. According to her it was formed to foster peace and goodwill in the University Community and also to promote the welfare of the members. She also told the Vice-Chancellor that they regularly organise Pre-Matriculation seminars for freshmen and women.

Those present at the occasion were Prof. (Mrs.) B. N. Anyanwu, Patron; Mrs. E. E. Onugha, Vice-President; Mrs. C. R. Nwifo, Secretary; Mrs. Iwueke, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. J. C. Anumihe, Financial Secretary; Dr. (Mrs.) H. C. Nwigwe, Treasurer; and Salome Ogidi, P.R.O.



VC ENCOURAGES FUTO CO-OPERATIVE

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri speaking during a courtesy call on him in his office by the Executive of FUTO Community Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Limited on February 19, 2007, commended them and urged them not to relent in their efforts to improve the services of the body.

Earlier, the President of the Society, Dr. O.T. Ebinga had informed the Vice-Chancellor that they paid over N64m to thrift contributors at the end of 2006.

Also present at the meeting were H. I. Opara, Assistant Secretary; Elder M.D Essien, Financial Secretary; Gladys Chiamaka PRO, and Mr. I.M. Aligbe, Chairman, Organising Committee for the 5th AGM.

AKWA IBOM STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION PLEDGES LOYALTY TO PROF. ONWULIRI



VC & the Registrar in a group photograph with members of Akwa Ibom State Welfare Association, FUTO.

The members of the Akwa Ibom Staff Welfare Association have pledged their loyalty to the administration of Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

Presenting his address during their courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor on February 6, 2007, the Chairman, Chief Edet Bassey stated that they happy to identify with the Vice-Chancellor's focused leadership especially in maintaining the enviable record of a stable academic calendar and graduation of students in the recently concluded timely convocation for the conferment of degrees.

He expressed their appreciation

for the gesture of fellowship towards them through the appointments of their members into positions of trust viz: Prof. E.T. Eshett, DVC Academic, Prof. E.O. P. Akpan, Director Management Information Systems, Mr. S. E. Akpan, Co-ordinator, Special Duties and assured the VC that the confidence reposed in them would not be betrayed.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor thanked them for their support and loyalty and urged them to continue to do their best in any area they found themselves. He noted that the University was in dire need of faithful and trustworthy people to move it to the next level.

- Ademola Adelokun

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT FUTO



The Co-ordinator, IWD Celebration, Prof. (Mrs.) V.A. Onwuliri exchanging pleasantries with Mrs. G. Oduka, Hon Commissioner for Women Affairs & Social Dev., representative of His Excellency, Chief Dr. Achike Udenwa, Executive Governor of Imo State at the occasion.



Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, VC and Chief Host delivering his Address on the occasion.



Prof. (Mrs.) Onwuliri decorating Prof. M.O.E. Iwuala, Director, Academic Planning & Dev. and Chairman of the day's event to the delight of the Vice-Chancellor.



Representative of the Executive Governor, Mrs. G. Oduka, Hon Commissioner for Women Affairs & Social Dev. delivering the Keynote Address at the occasion.



Guest Lecturers for the day- Dr. (Mrs.) Mary Mathews of Pathfinder Int. And Dr. (Mrs.) C.U. Njoku of the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede.



Co-Host of the celebration, Sir Angus Oguike, Director - General, Imo State Orientation Agency making some remarks.



Hon. Commissioner for Women Affairs & Social Development with the Vice-Chancellor, representative of the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and other distinguished members of the High Table cutting the IWD Cake.



Omenimo Cultural Troupe entertaining guests.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS AT FUT



The Visitor, President Olusegun Obasanjo represented by the Honourable Minister of Education, (Mrs.) Oby Ezekwesili in a handshake with the Pro-Chancellor, U.F Abdullahi Esq. while the representative of the Executive Governor of Imo State, Barr. Soronnadi Njoku, Hon. Commissioner for Public Utilities watches with interest



Umaru F. Abdullahi, Esq. Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University Governing Council at the Convocation Ceremony.



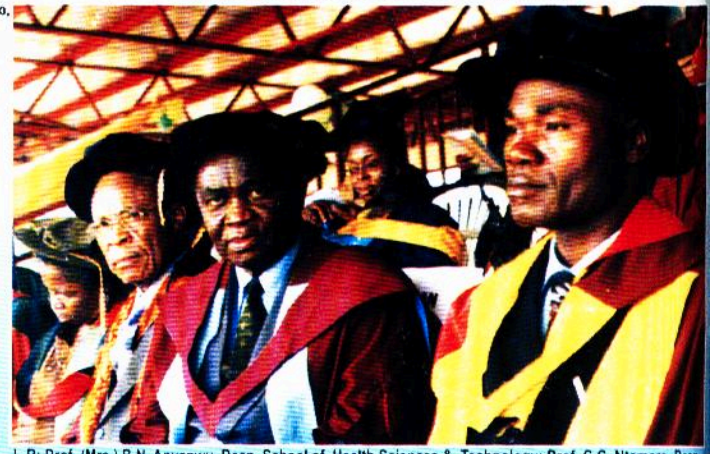
L-R Prof. Ikenna Onyido, FAAS, Vice-Chancellor, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike and Prof. I.C. Okonkwo, Vice-Chancellor, Imo State University, Owerri in the Chancellor's procession to the Convocation Arena.



L-R: Representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. J.O. Asalar and Prof. S.G. Tyoden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jos at the ceremony.



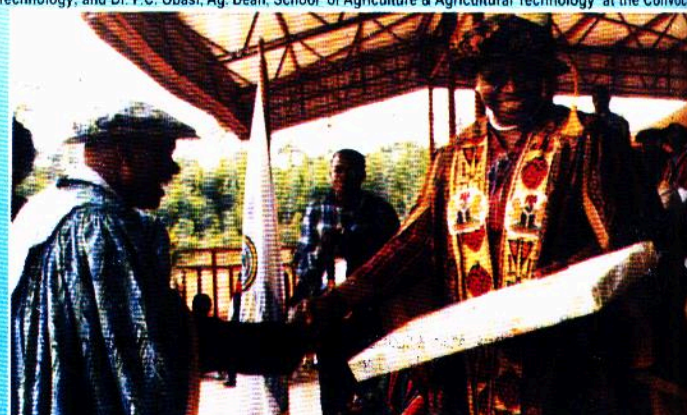
Rev. Fr. (Prof.) L.C. Asiegbu, Chairman, Silver Jubilee Committee delivering his Address at the public presentation of FUTO At 25.



L-R: Prof. (Mrs.) B.N. Anyanwu, Dean, School of Health Sciences & Technology; Prof. C.C. Ntamere, Dean, School of Management Technology; Prof. O.O. Oyemaobi, Dean, School of Engineering & Engineering Technology; and Dr. P.C. Obasi, Ag. Dean, School of Agriculture & Agricultural Technology at the Convocation



The Chancellor in the customary handshake with First Class Honours Degree recipients.



The Hon. Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili receiving a Silver Jubilee memento from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri.

'S 18TH & 19TH CONVOCATION



The Visitor of the University, His Excellency, President Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, represented by the Honourable Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili in a group photograph with the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Council members and Principal Officers of the University at the close of the 18th & 19th Convocation Ceremonies.



A cross section of parents and guests at the Convocation.



The Convocation Lecturer, Hon. Minister of Education, Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili in a group photograph with Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, VC - FUTO, Prof. Chinye Ejiro, former Pro-Chancellor, FUTO, Prof. J.E. Njoku, immediate past VC, Council Members and Principal Officers of the University.



L-R: Engr. Dr. Remy Uche, FUTO Alumnus and Assoc. Dean Student Affairs; Dr. B.O. Esonu, University Alumni Relations Officer; Sir Ndukwe Osogho-Ajala, FUTO Alumnus & CEO Soulmate Ind. Ltd.; Madam Minister, VC and former National President of FUTO Alumni in a group photograph after the Convocation Lecture.



Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri and wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri beaming with smiles at Jubilee Celebration.



Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri in a convivial mood with his predecessor Prof. Jude Njoku at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge in readiness for the Jubilee Dinner.

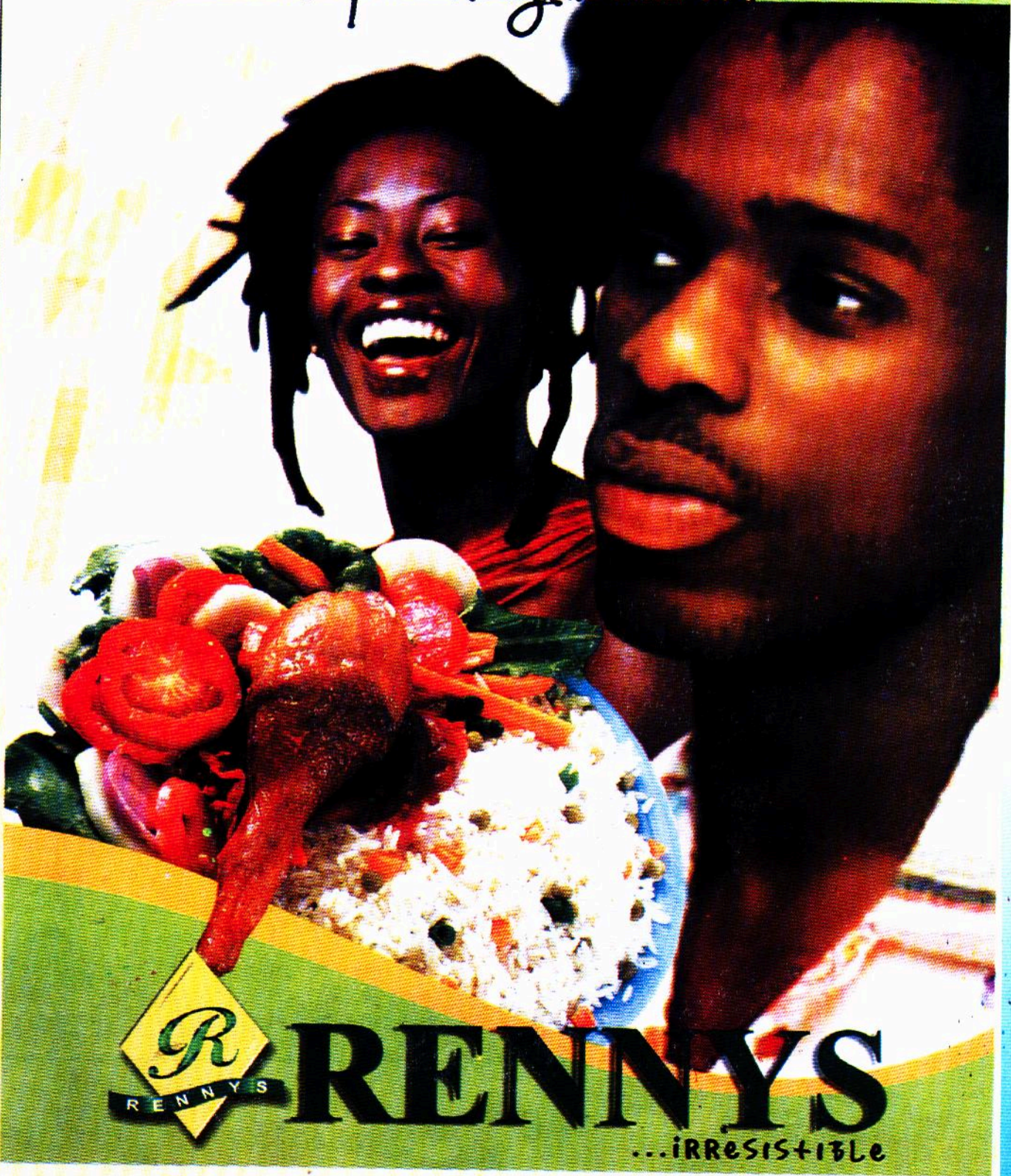


Chief M.O. Okoye, former Registrar of the University, receiving a memento from Prof. C.C. Asiabaka during the Awards for Past Principal Officers while the University PRO, Adaeze N. Okany looks on with interest.



Mr. Chris Ogu leading the University Choir dressed in their resplendent traditional attire during a Grand Performance at the Dinner.

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VC COMMENDS ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE



The University PRO and Secretary of the Attendance Committee, Adaeze Okany (standing) introducing members of the Committee to the Vice-Chancellor during a courtesy call on him.

Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri has commended the members of the Attendance Committee for carrying out their duties diligently.

Speaking during a courtesy call on him by the Committee on February 6, 2007 he opined that the Committee was a well thought out one especially with the involvement of Union leaders.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that he had directed the Registrar to enforce sanctions on defaulters and enjoined the Committee members to keep up the good work.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. M.I. Nwufor congratulated Prof. Onwuliri on

his appointment and gave a brief historical background of the Committee.

He noted that it was set up by the immediate past Acting Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B.A. Nwachukwu, to stem the poor attitude to work amongst FUTO staff.

He also drew the attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the unpaid allowances of the Committee members.

Also present at the occasion were Comrade O. Nwagwu SSANU Chairman; Comrade J. K. Okere former NASU Chairman; Engr. V.O Egwu Chairman, ASUTON; Comrade Athan Igbokwe; Adaeze Okany, Secretary; and Pastor R. C. Eke, Assistant Secretary.

ANGLICAN BISHOP PAYS COURTESY CALL ON VICE - CHANCELLOR

On February 12, 2007 the Anglican Bishop of Egbu Diocese, His Lordship, Prof E.U. Iheagwam paid a courtesy visit to Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in his office.

During the visit the Vice-Chancellor welcomed his Lordship to the University and affirmed the commitment of Management to sustain and consolidate on the gains of the past.



The VC making a presentation to the visiting Anglican Bishop of Egbu Diocese, His Lordship, Prof. E.U. Iheagwam.

The University Orator and Director of Academic Planning and Development, Prof. M.O. E. Iwuala in his remarks stated that the visit afforded Management the opportunity to listen to words of wisdom from the Bishop.

Also speaking during the occasion, the Chairman of the Council of the Anglican Chapel



of Light, Prof. B.N. Onwuagba thanked His Lordship for his annual visits and financial contributions to the Chaplaincy.

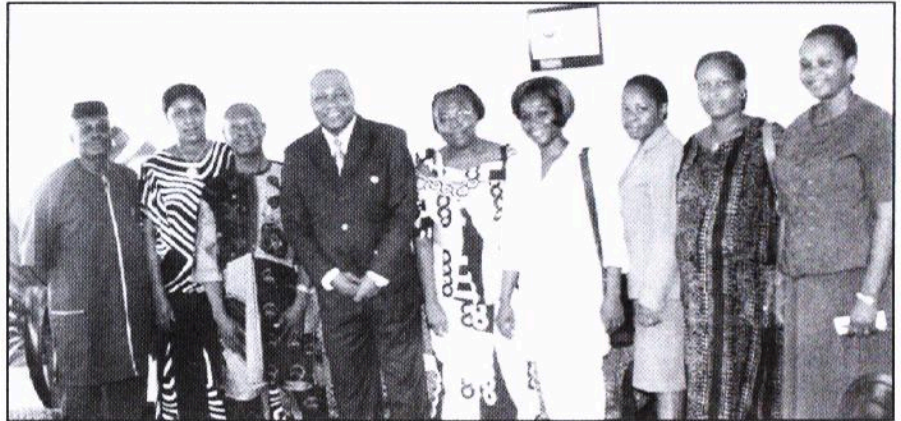
Responding, His Lordship thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the warm reception accorded him and his entourage and assured him of the fervent prayer of the Church. He called for close working relations between the Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers and urged staff and students to play their part.

While noting that FUTO students had been of very good behaviour, he stated the intention of the Diocese to build a hostel in Eziobodo to reduce the problem of accommodation. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his support for the *Chapel of Light* and urged him to strive to realise the establishment of a Medical School in FUTO during his tenure.

During the exchange of gifts, Bishop Iheagwam presented two items to the Vice-Chancellor, one of which was a Holy Bible.

Those present during the occasion were the University Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, Professors, Co-ordinators, and the Council of the Anglican Chapel of Light.

APWEN FULL OF GRATITUDE TO VC



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri in a group photograph with members of the Association of Professional Women Engineers, FUTO Chapter.

The Association of Professional Women Engineers has expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof C.O.E. Onwuliri for approving the sponsorship of two of their members to her 2006 National Conference.

Making their feelings known during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor on February 6, 2006, the President of the Association, Engr. Dr. (Mrs) Gloria Chukwudebe extolled the Vice-Chancellor's leadership qualities. She also aired the views of the members on the problems of the university and proffered ways of solving them.

The Vice-Chancellor lauded the women's courage to delve into the field of engineering, an area

previously dominated by men. While responding to their comments, he assured them that his administration would through the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the University address the issues they had raised. He implored them to put in their best in their service to the university while promising them his support and encouragement.

In the delegation of APWEN were Engr. (Mrs.) Angela Nwakaudu Secretary; Engr. (Mrs.) G.N. Ezeh, Engr. (Mrs) Ifeyinwa Ekeke, Engr. (Mrs.) S.A. Ukaigwe and Engr. (Mrs.) B. U. Dike. As is their practice, they were also accompanied by their menfolk, Engr. Prof. C.I. Ijioma and Engr. M. S. Nwakaudu.

-Stories by Ademola Adelakun

VC ATTRACTS ATM TO FUTO

Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, has further consolidated his commitment to the increased provision of Information and Communication Technology.

In response to the Vice-Chancellor's collaboration with the private sector and in appreciation of his burning zeal to accelerate effectiveness and efficiency through ICT, the Intercontinental Bank has deployed an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) to the Senate Building of the University.

Staff who would otherwise have travelled to Owerri to make cash withdrawals can now do so within the precinct of the campus, thereby reducing risk exposure and enhancing convenience and efficiency. Moreso, the use of the machine is not limited to the bank's customers, but accessible to customers of other banks who have interswitch cards. Information gathered from the bank shows that customers can easily access bank balances, bank statements etc using the ATM.

- Adaeze Okany

VC INAUGURATES HIV/AIDS COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri has inaugurated a HIV/AIDS Committee in the University under the leadership of Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri the first and only female member representing Africa in the Council of International Aids Society (IAS), Geneva.

The VC charged the committee to produce a workplace and institutional policy on HIV/AIDS for FUTO; initiate, plan and execute programmes that will protect FUTO staff, students and host communities from HIV/AIDS.

The Committee's membership is as follows:

Prof. (Mrs.) V. A. Onwuliri	- Chairperson
Dr. I. N. S. Dozie	- Member
Dr. (Mrs.) C. O. Chukuezi	- Member
Dr. Okey Ojiako	- Member
Engr. (Dr.) Remy Uche	- Member
Dr. Martin Dike	- Member
Rev. Sis. (Dr.) E. Oparaocha	- Member
Dr. Obiajulu A. Emejulu	- Member
Mr. F. O. Nwosu	- Member
Mrs. U. J. Udedibie	- Member
Miss Adaeze Okany	- Member
Mrs. Chinasa Muruako	- Member
Mrs. Chinyere R. Nwifo	- Member
Mr. Tony Njoku	- Secretary

ANUPA ELECTS NATIONAL OFFICERS

At its Annual National Conference held at Lagos State University (LASU) from 22nd-24th November, 2006, the Association of Nigeria University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) elected a new Executive to pilot its affairs for the next two years. Amongst the officers elected were Mr. Christian Chuks Uzoho (PAR, Senate Affairs Unit, FUTO) National Assistant Secretary and Mr. Chike Ezenwa (Co-ordinator, Servicom, FUTO) as Editor-in-Chief.

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AMUZI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HONOURS VC



His Lordship, Dr. Victor Chikwe, Catholic Bishop of Ahiara Diocese, Chief Celebrant at the Thanksgiving Mass

It was a joyful gathering at St. Jude's Catholic Church Amuzi, Ahiazu Mbaise L.G.A of Imo State on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at a Thanksgiving/ Reception in honour of Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, the 5th substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri and 1st Vice-Chancellor from Mbaise. The occasion was organised by the Amuzi Catholic community to celebrate their own.

During the mass, Rev. Fr Paul Amakiri in his homily stated that salvation comes only through Jesus Christ and advised all to imbibe the Christ like virtue of humility. The prelate preached obedience to authority, forgiveness, sacrifice and urged the Vice-Chancellor to uphold love and justice.

He described the appointment of Prof. Onwuliri as Vice-Chancellor of FUTO as the first of its kind in Mbaise and prayed that "God will show him where to cast his net as head of a miniature world. I pray he will not be found wanting in the education sector reforms".

Later at the reception party, the Catholic Bishop of Ahiara Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr Victor Chikwe thanked God for the appointment of Prof. Onwuliri describing it as a meritorious one based on dint of hard work.

Preaching against bribery and corruption, His Lordship described it as an ill-wind that blows no good. Similarly, in an address on the occasion, the Parish Council Chairman, Engr. C.A.C. Urewuji advised Prof. Onwuliri to continue to live the humble life for which he had been known.

Responding the Vice-Chancellor, thanked the Amuzi Catholic Community immensely for the honour done him and for solving a communal problem that had lingered for years. He prayed that forgiveness be total. He also thanked the Bishop for his prophecy that had come to pass. Prof. & Prof (Mrs.) C.O.E. Onwuliri in appreciation presented a monstrance, chalice and ciborium all made in gold to the Parish.

Highlight of the occasion was the presentation of gifts to the Vice-Chancellor, his wife and Principal officers of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied to the ceremony by Principal Officers of the University, Deans, Directors, Co-ordinators and the University Public Relations Officer amongst others.

- Tessy Iwuji

OW WEST RECEIVES VC

Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Owerri was on Thursday, December 14, 2007 treated to a grand reception by the Owerri West Local Government Council headed by High Chief Nze Barr. Victor C. Muruako.



The VC, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri in an animated conversation with wife and Pro-Chancellor, Umaru F. Abdullahi Esq.

The ceremony which took place at the Palace of Eze Sir James O. Muruako, Nnaochie II of Ihiagwa attracted distinguished personalities both from the University and host communities.

In a very colourful ceremony which featured several displays, speeches and tributes, Prof. Onwuliri and wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri were toasted to the delight of all present. The Executive Chairman described Prof. Onwuliri as a God fearing and peaceful man who had achieved great strides in academia.

Also in his remarks the Nnaochie II of Ihiagwa, recalled



Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri & wife



with pride the many feats achieved by the Vice-Chancellor, especially in the area of maintaining good relationship with the host communities since he assumed office in June 2006.



L-R: HRH Eze Sir James Muruako, Nnaochie II of Ihiagwa, HRH Eze Morrison S.J. Eke, Omadike of Umuoma and High Chief Nze Barr. Victor Muruako, Host and Chairman Owerri West LGA at the reception.

His Royal Highness described Prof. Onwuliri as a great achiever and encouraged him to maintain the good record associated with his name.

In response, the Vice-Chancellor thanked his brother knight, Eze Muruako and the Local Government Council led by Barr. Victor Muruako for the honour bestowed on him and promised to continue to work in harmony with the Council and the host communities.

Present at the ceremony were the Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of the University Governing Council, Umaru F. Abdullahi, Esq, Principal Officers of the University, Deans, Directors, Heads of Units and Traditional Rulers from host communities.

- Tessy Iwuji

ONWULIRI LEADS FUTO BACK TO GOD

-Pronounces Hall of Mercy

A historic revolution started in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri on Wednesday, 28th March, 2007 when the 5th Substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor C. O. E. Onwuliri led the entire university through an edifying session of praise and worship at the inaugural prayer session tagged **"FUTO Prays"** held at the **Hall of Mercy**.

Inaugurating the one hour prayer session, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his joy that FUTO had finally come together to pray as a family. He stated that the free gift of life and good health from God was enough reason to glorify and worship Him adding that "a family that prays together, stays together". He urged the staff to see the occasion as an opportunity for value re-orientation to enable them realise the need of doing things that will benefit one another.

He condemned idolatry in all its ramifications and emphasised the need to uphold the truth in order to be set free and to sustain our relationship with God.

He commended the large turnout of staff and students and pledged to hold the monthly prayer session throughout his

tenure in office as Vice-Chancellor.

The highpoint of the event was the pronouncement in faith by the Vice-Chancellor renaming the 750 Capacity Lecture Theatre, venue of the occasion, **"Hall of Mercy"**.

Preaching at the occasion, the officiating Minister, Rev. Canon Kelechi Okere likened the gathering to the *Pool of Bethesda, the House of Mercy* where people went to obtain mercy through healing. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the historic stride and prayed that mercy will come to abide in FUTO through the prayer session.

Rev. Canon Okere also used the opportunity to appeal to students to see their stay in the university as a period in the house of mercy and not an opportunity for extorting their parents.

According to the Dean of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Prof. O. O. Onyemaobi who moderated the event, FUTO Prays will hold every last Wednesday of each month.

- Ndidi Eziolisa

FUTO HOSTS 2007 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Women all over the world have risen in one accord to bring to an end all forms of societal violence against women and the girl child.

This was the focus of this year's International Women's Day Celebration/Seminar with the theme "Ending Impunity for Violence Against Women and Girls" held at Federal University of Technology, Owerri on 8th March, 2007.

Declaring the occasion open, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), Professor C. O. E. Onwuliri commended the initiator and Co-ordinator of the celebration, Professor (Mrs.) V. A. Onwuliri for her tenacity in ensuring that the event held in the University for the first time.

Describing women as friends, mothers and colleagues, the Vice-Chancellor stated that time had come for all to join women and encourage them towards actualising their desirable goal of empowerment which would invariably lead to world development and peace.

According to him, the ideals of the International Women's Day were in line with his vision of gender equality and women empowerment. He commended Nigeria's number one citizen, His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo for his

decision to involve women in governance, a gesture which had elicited applause for him across the nation. According to him, no ending solution to society's most threatening socio-economic and political problems could be found without the full participation and total empowerment of women.



Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri, Chairperson HIV/AIDS Committee & Co-ordinator, IWD Celebration delivering her address at the maiden International Women's Day Celebration in FUTO.

The Vice-Chancellor urged the men to have a sober reflection over the theme of the celebration in their various capacities as husbands, bosses, leaders and ensure that violence against women in the homes, offices, classrooms, streets, bars and brothels was stopped forthwith.

Speaking at the occasion the Co-ordinator, Professor (Mrs.) V. A. Onwuliri described the International Women's Day as the story of ordinary women as makers of history adding that it was rooted in their struggle to participate in society on an equal

footing with men. She noted that the theme was very appropriate and timely considering the various degrees of violence being perpetrated against women.

The Chairman of the occasion, Professor M. O. E. Iwuala described women as the uniting factor in the society adding that culturally, marital links were crucial in the life and development of society.

He congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for his foresight and vision and commended the Co-ordinator for bringing the occasion to FUTO adding that the event will stand out as the first of its kind in the history of the University.

The Imo State Governor, His Excellency Chief (Dr.) Achike Udenwa, represented at the occasion by the Honourable Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Mrs. G. Oduka stated that the women were already on the right track and advised them to sustain the tempo.

Among dignitaries who attended the occasion were the representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. (Mrs.) Joy Ogwu; and Imo State Police Commissioner and Co-Chairman Mr. John Moronike who was represented by Mr. John Ibe, Officer-in-



Charge of Legal Matters; Dr. (Mrs.) Mary Matthews of Pathfinder International and Dr. (Mrs.) Celestina U. Njoku of the Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Guest Speakers for the day; and Professor J. E. Njoku, former FUTO Vice-Chancellor.

Plaques were presented to Governor Udenwa, his amiable wife, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the State Police Commissioner and our *Beijing-compliant* Vice-Chancellor, Professor C. O. E. Onwuliri and his wife, Professor (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri. The event also featured presentation to wives of former Vice-Chancellors and Acting Vice-Chancellors and recognition of female Council Members, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Head of Units/Co-ordinators.

The grand performance by the *Omenimo Cultural Troupe* and the cutting of the IWD Cake added grace, glamour and colour to the ceremony.

The Thursday celebration was preceded by a 30-minute interactive Radio Programme with Committee members and Prison visitation on the eve of the celebration. It was a glorious celebration with the women appearing in branded T-shirts, clutching seminar bags.

- Ndid Eziolisa

FUTO COMMUNITY BANK NOW A MICRO FINANCE BANK

Federal University of Technology Owerri Community bank has been upgraded to a Micro Finance Bank.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof-Celestine O. E. Onwuliri disclosed that during the 5th Annual General Meeting of the FUTO Community Multi purpose Co-operative Society held at the 750 Capacity Lecture Theatre recently.

He noted that the elevation of the bank's status would enable the society boost with income through long-term investment in shares and stocks and also enable members effectively increase their retirement savings in line with the new contributory pension initiatives of the Federal Government.

Prof. Onwuliri advised the society to be ready to collaborate with the revamped FUTO Consult Ltd and FUTO Farms in a mutually beneficial relationship.

FCMCS LTD ELECTS NEW EXCO

The FUTO Community Multi purpose Co-operative Society Ltd (FCMCS) on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at its 5th Annual General Meeting elected a new Executive.

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| Dr. O.T. Ebiringa | - | President |
| Mr. D.O. Amatobi | - | Vice-President |
| Chief C.E.A Anaba | - | General Secretary |
| Mr.H.I. Opara | - | Asst. General secretary |
| Dr.A.B.C. Akujobi | - | Financial Secretary |
| Mrs.Chidiebere Opara | - | Treasurer |
| Mrs. Gladys Chiamaka | - | Public Relations Officer |
| Mr. Ralpheal Opara | - | Provost |
| Mr. Barthlomew Uwaezu | - | Credit Committee |
| Mrs.Joy M. Ihejieta | - | Credit Committee |
| Pastor I.I. Akpan | - | Ex-Officio |

NASU ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers were elected by the Non-Academic Staff Union, FUTO on March 12, 2007 to run its affairs for four years.

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| Comr. Reginald C. Obineche | - | Chairman |
| Comr. Emeka Kechere | - | Secretary |
| Comr. Ment U. Nwosu | - | Treasurer |
| Comr. Lazarus Obi | - | Exco Member |
| Comr. Franklin Ohanaga | - | Exco Member |
| Comr. Osondu Nwoke | - | Exco Member |
| Comr. Emmanuel Amadi | - | Exco Member |



SEND FORTH FOR — OMEIRE —



The Registrar, Mr. C.O. Omeire receiving a gift from Mrs. F.C. Ike, Deputy Registrar, PGS MOUAU to the admiration of the wife, Mrs. G. C. Omeire (centre) during a send-off party organised for him by Committee of Friends Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike.

The appointment of Mr. Charles Obioma Omeire to the esteemed position of Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Owerri has been described as a reward for excellence, hard work, humility and obedience by Prof. A.C. Nwosu, representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike during a dinner party organised in his honour at the Conference Hall of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated Mr. Omeire on his new appointment and urged him to live out his name "Obioma". In a similar vein Rev. Emenike Akpulonu described the elevation of Mr. Omeire as God's reward and enjoined him to guard his appointment jealously. Engr. Dr. C.C Chukwura, Director, Physical Planning, MOUA, described Mr. Omeire's present status as the way of cross and crown, pointing out that he was an amiable man of character.

In response, Mr. Omeire, who was until his appointment a Deputy Registrar, General Administration MOUA thanked the organisers for the honour done him. He said that he would remember that God made him a Registrar for a purpose. According to him people should operate in harmony and cordiality since it was God that determined the destiny of man.

In his vote of thanks, the Co-ordinator of the Committee of friends, Mr. M.O. Ojukwu prayed for journey mercies for everyone present at the ceremony. The event witnessed the presentation of gift items to the Registrar, Mr. Charles Omeire and his wife, Mrs. Gloria Omeire. The Registrar was accompanied by Dr. A.N. Orisakwe, Co-ordinator, Records and Statistics, Chief R.O. Ugbole, former Co-ordinator, Exams Unit, Barr. H.O. Meziobi, Co-ordinator, Legal Matters Unit and Mr. Oliver Nwagwu, SSANU Chairman.

- Tessa Iwuji

Professor Banigo - The Amaopusenibo of Grand Bonny Kingdom

Professor Sir Edward Opuada Iwo-Nte Banigo of the Food Science & Technology Department FUTO was recently conferred with the highest titled citizenship in Ancient Grand Bonny kingdom - the Amaopusenibo by His Majesty King Edward Asimini William Dappa Pepple III, CON, JR, Perekule XI and the Amanyanabo of Grand Bonny kingdom.

The investiture took place on Thursday, 21st of December 2006 in Bonny with the presentation of insignia of office and special walking stick to commemorate the 10th coronation anniversary of the monarch.

Professor Banigo who is the pioneer professor of Food Science and Technology, in the Department of Food Science and Technology, FUTO and a one time Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt is also the first subject of the Ancient Bonny Kingdom to attain the rank of professor.

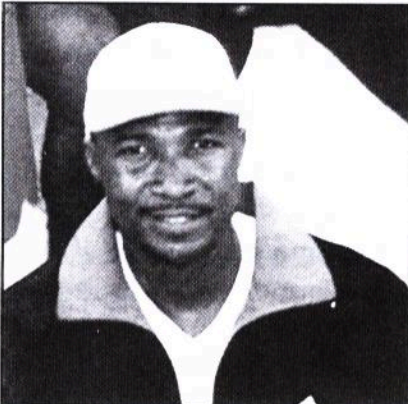
A Knight of the Sacred Order of Saint Christopher (KSC) he is also a licenced lay reader in the Anglican Communion. Professor Banigo's commitment to his native land had earlier earned him the prestigious position of a one time President of the Bonny Community Front (The Bonny Think Tank).

As the erudite scholar and researcher assumes his exalted position in his native land, FUTO News joins his numerous well wishers in congratulating him.

- Ndidi Eziolisa



DR. ONYEKWERE SAMUEL EKE LIVES ON



Dr. Eke during one of his outings as Coach of the University Football Team.

May 16, 2004 was a day FUTO Community will never forget in a hurry as one of the most promising academic gems in the University, Dr. Onyekwere Samuel Eke, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Technology lost his life in a ghastly motor accident along Aba-Owerri high way.

Although Dr. Onyekwere is dead, his memory lives on through the DOSE Foundation which was inaugurated and launched on Wednesday, December

6, 2006 at Hotel Enitona, Margaret Avenue, Aba.

The Foundation, established in 2004 to immortalise Late Dr. Onyekwere was intended to project his legacies - charity, honesty, academic excellence, hardwork and resilience.

According to its Chairman Prof. O.E. Okoroafor, the beneficiaries of the foundation would include children of the deceased, indigent and intelligent students, helpless accident victims and destitutes.

Speaking during the occasion Prof. C.O.E Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri speaking through Prof. M. I. Nwifo, DVC Administration commended the organisers for the decision to celebrate the life of a friend who was a symbol of love, honesty, hardwork and academic excellence. He prayed that the foundation would in the nearest future grow into the

class of Ford Foundation.

He also thanked God that the sorrowful moment of May 16, 2004 was being translated into an expression of love and celebration of a real man who did not loose the nature of God in him.

The occasion featured two lectures; *As for Me and My Family* presented by Elder A.L. Onukogu and another which dealt with the issue of *Accidents on Nigerian Roads*.

During the inauguration, the Foundation also donated gifts to destitute and motherless babies homes.

Also present were the wife, family and relations of the deceased, the representative of the Government of Abia State and Commissioner for Justice, Honourable Solo Akuma and Dr. B. Esonu, Alumni Relations Officer, FUTO.

- Ademola Adalokun



APPOINTMENTS

DEANSHIP

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. P.C. Obasi as Ag. Dean, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology with effect from November 6, 2006

DIRECTORSHIP

The Governing Council has approved the appointment of Engr. Nnanna Okoro as Director, Physical Planning and Development with effect from November 3, 2006.

DIRECTORSHIP/DEPUTY DIRECTORSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved their appointment/re-appointment of the following into Directorship/Deputy Directorship positions.

NAME	CENTRE/UNIT	STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. P.B.U. Achi	Centre for Industrial Studies	Director	Oct. 1, 2006
Prof. J.C. Obiefuna	Centre for Agric. Research	Director	Oct. 1, 2006
Prof. C.I. Ijioma	FUTO Farm	Managing Director	Oct. 1, 2006
Prof. B.N. Onwuagba	Centre for Energy and Power Systems Research (CEPSR)	Director	Oct. 1, 2006
Rev. Fr. Prof. L.C. Asiegbu	Quality Assurance	Director	Oct. 1, 2006
Elder Prince J.A. Faleye	FUTO Bookshop	Managing Director	Oct. 1, 2006

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO VC

Dr. I.N.S. Dozie has been appointed Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor with effect from December 11, 2006 until his appointment, Dr. Dozie was an Associate Professor and HOD, Industrial Microbiology at the Imo State University, Owerri and is currently on sabbatical at FUTO.

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO VC

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Mr. Joe Nwachukwu as Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor with effect from Oct. 1, 2006.

APPOINTMENT OF CO-ORDINATORS

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed the following Co-ordinators.

S/NO	NAME	INSTITUTE /CENTRE/UNIT	STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Dr. I.C. Ndukwe	Pre-Degree	Co-ordinator	Oct. 1 2006
2.	Dr. C.C. Ibe	Entrepreneurial Studies	Co-ordinator	Oct. 1, 2006
3.	Mr. C. Ezenwa	Servicom	Co-ordinator	Jan. 16, 2007



APPOINTMENT AS ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. B.O. Esonu the Alumni Relations Officer for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 2006.

APPOINTMENT AS PRINCIPAL

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. (Mrs.) N. Ihediohanma the Principal of FUTO International School with effect from December 4, 2006.



EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

ONWULIRI NOMINATED MEMBER OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ICT INITIATIVE

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Owerri Prof, C.O.E. Onwuliri was nominated to represent the universities in the South-East Zone as a member in the Ministerial Committee on Tertiary Institutions ICT Initiative.

This was contained in a letter signed by the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okogie dated December 20, 2006.

The Committee which has since been inaugurated held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at the Conference Room of the National Universities Commission.

Prof. Onwuliri was also recently conferred with fellowship of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration in a colourful ceremony held on November 11, 2006 at the Excellence Hotel Ogba, Ikeja Lagos.

OMEIRE NOW A FELLOW OF ICA

The Registrar of FUTO, Mr. Charles Obioma Omeire was conferred with the fellowship of the Institute of Corporate Administration on Saturday, December 16, 2006 during its fourth quarter Public Lecture held at Modotel, Owerri.

Addressing the recipients during the occasion, the representative of the Executive Registrar, Charles Ngwukwe ACAI called on all the nominees to see themselves as a part of an institute that is poised to re-orientate the citizenry for a greater Nigeria. He urged them to make themselves available whenever the institute required their services in the area of research and lecture presentation.

Among those honoured was physically challenged Mr. Godson Okeoma, Deputy Director, Rehabilitation, in the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. His award was significant, being a man who had risen above his wheel chair to attain great accomplishments.

NWOGU BECOMES FELLOW OF THE NLA

The Council of the Nigerian Library Association will confer its fellowship on Chief John E. Nwogu, University Librarian during her Annual Dinner/AGM scheduled for September 2007 in Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State. The NLA Council in its correspondence to Chief Nwogu state that the NLA fellowship award was in recognition of Librarians who had distinguished themselves in the profession.

DR. B.O. ESONU NOW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (ASN)

DR. B.O. ESONU, the former Head of the Department of Animal Science & Technology has been elected Secretary General of the Agricultural Society of Nigeria (ASN) at its 40th Annual Conference held at the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI), Umudike in Abia State.

Dr Esonu also won the Attendance Trophy for 2006.



CONVERSION

The conversion of the appointments of the underlisted staff have been approved with effect from the dates indicated against their names.

S/NO	NAME	FORMER RANK	NEW RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	ONWUCHEKWA, N. C.	CHIEF PERS. SEC.	SNR. ASST. REGISTRAR	MAR. 10, 2005
2	ZAKKA, HEZEKIAH	PATROL SUPERVISOR	PRIN. LIBRARY ASST.	JAN. 30, 2006
3	ONYEAGORO, HAMILTON	SNR. DRIVER/MECH. II	SNR. CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 30, 2006
4	NDUKORO, HELEN	SNR. PORTRESS	CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 30, 2006
5	OKEKE, CHINEDU	SNR. PATROLMAN	CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 30, 2006

The Conversion of the appointments of the underlisted staff have been approved with effect from the dates indicated against their names.

S/NO	NAME	OLD RANK	NEW RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	ABALEKE, EDITH	SNR. PORTRESS	CONFIDENTIAL SEC. II	JULY 14, 2005
2.	AMADI, WILLIAMS	ASST. PATROL SUPVR.	SNR. CL. OFFICER	JAN. 31, 2007
3.	EKE, WILLIAMS MARTIN	PATROLMAN	CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 31, 2007
4.	NWACHUKWU, MESHACH	ASST. PATROL SUPVR.	CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 31, 2007
5.	UGORJI, ERIC	SNR. DRIVER/ MECH.	CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 31, 2007
6.	UNANKA, AMBROSE	ASST. PATROL SUPVR.	CLERICAL OFFICER	JAN. 31, 2007

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the confirmation of appointments of the following.

S/NO	NAME	DEPARTMENT	RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	ALAJEMBA, C. C.	PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECH.	ASST. LECTURER	FEB. 13, 1999
2.	CHIKWENDU, C.	MICROBIOLOGY	ASST. LECTURER	JUNE 14, 2003



SABBATICAL APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointments of the under listed academic staff for a one year sabbatical leave in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

S/No	Name	Dept/ Unit	Rank	Date of Assumption	Nature of Appointment
1.	Nwankiti, A.O. (Prof.)	Crop Science & Tech.	Professor	Dec. 8, 2006	Sabbatical
2.	Onwuliri, V. A. (Prof.)	Biochemistry	Professor	Dec. 1, 2006	Sabbatical
3.	Okwujiako, I.A. (Dr.)	Biotechnology	Senior Lecturer	Dec. 1, 2006	Sabbatical



SABBATICAL LEAVE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the commencement of one year sabbatical leave of the following:

Prof. I. C. Ogwude of the Department of Transport Management Technology with effect from December 1, 2006.

Prof. (Mrs.) S.O. Ogwude of the directorate of General Studies with effect from December 1, 2006.

Prof. P.T.E. Ozoh of the Department of Biotechnology with effect from November 1, 2006

Dr Samuel M. Nzotta of the Department of Project Management Technology with effect from December 1, 2006.

Dr. (Mrs.) A. Uzomah of the Department of Food Science and Technology with effect from March 1, 2007.

Arc. I. B. Echeta of the Estate and Works Department with effect from Feb., 20, 2007.

COMMENDATION ON SABBATICAL

Dr. U.U Egereonu of the Department of Chemistry, School of Science has received a commendation from the Vice-Chancellor on his performance during his sabbatical leave at the Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State.

This was communicated to him in a letter dated October 17, 2006 signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

UPGRADINGS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of

-Ndidi Paschal Anyaoha of the Department of Agric Extension from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from August 16, 2006.

-Mrs. G. N. Ben-Chendo of the Department of Agricultural Economics from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 22, 2006.

-A. I. Durunna of the Department of Food Science & Technology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 22, 2006.

-Eucharika Ngozi Ejiogu of the Department of Agricultural Extension, from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 22, 2006.

-M. C. Iheagwara of the Department of Food Science & Technology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 22, 2006.

-Mrs. Juliet N. Odii of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from February 28, 2006.

-Chinenye E. Okere of the Department of Civil Engineering from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer.

-Engr. Joachim C. Osuagwu of the Department of Civil Engineering from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 27, 2006.

-K. E. N. Umannakwe of the Department of Food Science & Technology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 22, 2006.

-Mr. Lazarus Okechukwu Uzoечи of the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 22, 2006.

REDESIGNATION

The Governing Council at its 115th meeting held on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 approved the redesignation of Mrs. N. Onwudike from University Pharmacist to Deputy Director, Pharmaceutical Services on HATISS 14 in line with the career structure for pharmacists in the University as approved by the National Universities Commission.



RETIREMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the commencement of the terminal leave of Elder Prince J.A. Faleye former Registrar of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri with effect from July 31, 2006.

OFFER/RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the offer/renewal of the contract appointments of the following.

Elder Prince J. A. Faleye as Ag. Managing Director of the University Bookshop for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 2006.

Prof. U. B. C. O. Ejike as a Professor in the Department of Maths/Computer Science for a period of one year with effect from the date he assumes duty.

Prof. Ignatius I. Iwuh as Senior Lecturer in the Directorate of General Studies with effect from November 11, 2006.

Engr. Prof. C. M. Kamma as a Professor in the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering for a period of two years with effect from October 6, 2006.

Prof. A. J. Njoku as a Professor in the Department of Biotechnology for a period of one year, with effect from October 1, 2006.

Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu as a Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering for a period of two years with effect from October 1, 2006.

Engr. Prof. A. E. Onyeagoro as a Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering for a period of one year, with effect from December 25, 2006.

Dr. D. C. Onyekwelu as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Information for a period of one year, with effect from the date he assumes duty.

Green A. O. Mbang as a Lecturer in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering for a period of one year, with effect from October 1, 2006.

Mr. S.E Akpan as a Principal Assistant Registrar in the Registry Department for a period of one year with effect from the date he assumes duty.

Mr. Godwin E. Kenkwo as Farm Manager in FUTO Commercial Farm for another period of one year, with effect from October 1, 2006.

ASSUMPTION FROM SECONDMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the resumption from secondment of Dr. J.E.O. Ovri of the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering in the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology with effect from December 1st, 2006.

It will be recalled that Dr. Ovri was hitherto on secondment as Rector to the State Polytechnic, Delta-State.

STUDY LEAVE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the study leave for the following:

Mrs. I. E. Chika of the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department with effect from October 2, 2006 for a Ph.D programme in Computer Engineering at Ports mouth University in United Kingdom.

Mr. Uche Zimuzo of the Department of Physics effective Feb. 20, 2007.





SAM WINS NSE AWARD

Sam Okonkwo, a 400 level student of Mathematics and Computer Science has emerged the State winner of the Nigerian Stock Exchange Essay Competition held in Lagos on November 2, 2006.

An elated Sam in a letter to the Vice-Chancellor thanked the University for the opportunity and encouragement given to him and promised to continue to bring honour to the University. FUTO News crew congratulates Sam Okonkwo.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Asiegbu Ibe Family of Umuofor Amuzi, Abiazu, I acknowledge and appreciate the enormous outpouring of sympathy from FUTO community on the death of our dear father, Mr. Silverius Asiegbu Ibe.

We are grateful to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor C.O.E. Onwuliri and his wife, Professor (Mrs.) V. A. Onwuliri, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, other Principal Officers, Deans and Directors, Professors, Heads of Departments and the entire staff and students of FUTO for their calls, visits, gifts and condolence messages. The large turn out/attendance of University community at the funeral ceremony on February 16, 2007 was an encouragement to our family in our time of grief. We thank you all and pray the Good Lord to bless and console you in your time of need.

Rev. Fr. (Prof.) L.C. Asiegbu

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT INTO STUDENT WORK-AID-SCHEME

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointments of:

* **Ivan F. I Nzeribe** (Reg. No. 20021197801) under the Student Work Aid Scheme for a period of one year, with effect from December 14, 2006.

* **Mkpuma Ude** (Reg. No. 200114751) under the Student Work Aid Scheme in the Library Department for a period of one year, with effect from the day he assumes duty.

CHANGE OF NAME

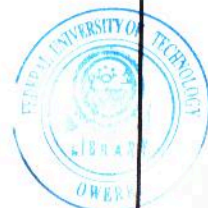
OLD NAME	NEW NAME
Miss Sylvia A. Chukwu	- Mrs. Sylvia A. Stanley-Akaforo
Miss Lovina C. Ehiogu	- Mrs. Lovina C. Akawusim
Miss Chinyere N. Ibezimako	- Mrs. Chinyere N. Akpe
John O. Udumaga	- John O. E. Amuneke
Miss Felicia O. Eze	- Mrs. Felicia O. Anosike
Miss Mercy Nnadi	- Mrs. Mercy Awa
Miss Gladys U. Njoku	- Mrs. Gladys U. Chiamaka
Miss Edith C. Amadi	- Mrs. Edith C. Njoku
Miss Priscilla A. Nwaimoh	- Mrs. Priscilla Akudo-Chike Njoku
Miss Ifeyinwa C. Nwankwo	- Mrs. Ifeyinwa C. Ekeke
Miss Angela U. Ohiagu	- Mrs. Angela U. Emetuche
Miss Chinyere N. Okpe	- Mrs. Chinyere N. Ibezimako
Miss Chinyere C. Mbata	- Mrs. Chinyere C. Jude-Mgbemgasa
Miss Henriette C. Omordi	- Mrs. Henrietta C. Obi
Miss Collet Opara	- Mrs. Collet Okara
Miss Ijeoma A. Osuji	- Mrs. Ijeoma A. Olawuni
Miss Obianuju Anoliefo	- Mrs. Obianuju Onwurah
Miss Cyrina C. Umunnakwe	- Mrs. Cyrina C. Tony-Azuogu
Miss Justina U. Ngodi	- Mrs. Justina U. Udensi



LIST OF EXPELLED STUDENTS

As its 278th meeting held on Thursday, November 2, 2004, the Senate approved the expulsion of the underlisted students who were found guilty of examination malpractice from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in keeping with section 16 (1) (d) of the Federal University of Technology Act Cap 143 of Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1990.

S/NO	NAME	REG. NO	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE OF EXPULSION
1	ACHIWELA, K.C.P	20021160253	CHEMICAL ENG.	2002/2003 ACADEMIC YEAR
2	AKPAN, EZEKIEL	20031331153	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	
3	ALEXANDER, C.	19991062253	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
4	ANDERSON, WORDIT.	971024807	MECHANICAL ENG.	
5	ANAEME, CASMIR	19991071473	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
6	ANDREW, EKE LADO OJI	20021174873	MECHANICAL ENG.	
7	ANYANWU, J.	200313207231	CHEMISTRY	
8	ANYAOKU, IKEOMA	20011117513	ELECT & ELECT. ENG.	
9	ASHIWUIKE, K.	20021161483	CHEMISTRY	
10	CHINEDO, B. C	20031335433	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
11	CHUKWEDU, PREMIUS	20021196243	POLYMER & TEXTILE ENG.	
12	CHUKWU, BESTMAN	20011193783	MECHANICAL ENG.	
13	EBIRIM, L. O	20001089803	PHYSICS	
14	EBIRINGA, DIVINE	20011117783	CHEMICAL ENG.	
15	EKEOCHA, AUGUSTINE	20021178933	PETROLEUM ENG.	
16	EMECHETA, U.	20001081813	AGRIC. ENG.	
17	EMERONYEKWERE, A. J	20021158983	AGRIC. ENG.	
18	EZE, EJIKE	20001105103	CHEMICAL ENG.	
19	EZEH, P. C.	981036283	CHEMICAL ENG.	
20	EZURIKE, O. J.	981048513	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
21	IDAM, OKO SAMSON	20011119703	ELECT & ELECT. TECH.	
22	IKECHUKWU, ELIJAH	20021176753	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
23	JACOB, A. O	981036403	CHEMICAL ENG.	
24	JERRY, JAMES	20001088973	CHEMICAL ENG.	
25	KEJI, BABATUDE	20001082743	CHEMICAL ENG.	
26	MAGNUS, G.	20021195803	MECHANICAL ENG.	
27	MBATA, S.	19991061883	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
28	MOLOKWU, A. I. U	20011113053	CHEMICAL ENG.	
29	NJOKU, E. U.	20001092983	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
30	NJOKU, N. B.	20011183125	PHYSICS	
31	NJOKU, UCHECHI CHIGOZIE	20011118783	ELECT & ELECT. ENG.	
32	NONSO, OKWUMA	20011141985	MECHANICAL ENG.	
33	NWANOZIE, G.	20011115783	CIVIL ENG.	
34	NWOSU, C. A	20011123093	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	
35	NZE, UGOCHUKWU	981031293	CHEMICAL ENG.	
36	NZEM, C. W	20011123093	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	
37	OBIAJULU, DURU	981031293	CHEMICAL ENG.	
38	OBIKE, OKECHUKWU	981041663	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
39	OFOEGBU, O. D.	19991073963	CHEMICAL ENG.	
40	OGBU, CHUKWUMA	981039123	ELECT/ELECT. ENG.	
41	OGOKE, FRANCIS	19991071723	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
42	OJI, F. C.	20011123883	MECHANICAL ENG.	
43	OKENE, A. O.	20011139975	GEOLOGY	
44	OKORO, M. C.	20011113633	CHEMICAL ENG.	
45	OKORIE, C.		CHEMICAL ENG.	
46	OKOROJI, C. K	20001090223	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	
47	OLORI, EBIMIETU	20001083593	CHEMICAL ENG.	
48	ONUOHA, KINGSLEY	20001083633	CHEMICAL ENG.	
49	ONWUBUO, O. A.	20021179703	PETROLEUM ENG.	
50	ONWENYI, VIVIAN	20011123083	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	
51	ONWUKWE, C. C.	20001082603	CHEMICAL ENG.	
52	OSIGWE, S. K.	20001106203	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	
53	OTUA, A. O.	19991072823	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
54	SAMSON, ERIC	20011127673	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
55	UCHENDU, J. I.	19991055243	CHEMICAL ENG.	
56	UKACHI, S. O.	20031083813	CHEMICAL ENG.	





The Senate at its 281st Meeting on January 31, 2005 approved the expulsion of the underlisted who did not possess the requisite qualification for admission into the University at the time of entry to the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, in keeping with Act Cap 143 of Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1990.

S/NO	NAME	REG. NO	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE OF EXPULSION
1	ADIZEA, OLIVIA CHIOMA	19991071183	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
2	AFORWALAM, REX. HENRY	19991069315	PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
3	AGBAI, ELESIE MARCUS	19991073453	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
4	AGHALANYA, JUDE A.	19991056833	ELECT & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
5	AJAH, ISAAC OKORIE	19991055433	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
6	AKUAKANWA, LINDA	19991076375	CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
7	AKPAN, ETIM AKPAN	19991070843	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
8	AKUKANWA, MARY QUEEN	19991062363	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
9	ALAGHA, DOREEN	19991065086	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
10	ALARIBE, UCHENNA	19991055463	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
11	ALOR, OKECHUKWU EMMANUEL	19991073983	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
12	ALUKO, RAPHAEL ADEYEMI	98103392151	FOOD SCIENCE & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
13	AMADI, CHIBUZO	19991053673	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
14	AMADI, AUGUSTINE O.	19991055483	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
15	ANAEME, CASMIR CHINDEU	19991071473	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
16	ANEFOH, BENEDICTA NKIRU	19991063363	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
17	ANEKE, NNAMDI KINGSLEY	19991062433	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
18	ANUFORO, NNENNA M. S	19991071223	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
19	ANUKWU, CHIKWE OGED	19991053703	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
20	ANUSIEM, UCHECHUKWU RICHARD	19991063393	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
21	CHIGBU, CHINAGOROM JAMES	19991066645	CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
22	CHIGBUNDU, AZUBUIKE	19991054583	CHEMICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
23	CHUKWU, CHRISTIAN LAWRENCE	19991053783	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
24	CHUKWU, OKO SAMUEL	19991062483	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
25	CHUKWU, ROMANUS NNAMDI	19991067585	GEOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
26	CHUKWUOCHA, CHINEBULI U.	19991064306	PROJECT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
27	EASY, ROWLAND N.	19991053803	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
28	EBULUE, OKECHUKWU ROLAND	19991062513	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
29	ECHUKWU, VICTOR IFEANYI	19991068745	MATHS & COMP. SCI.	JAN. 31, 2005
30	EDUJE, LAWRENCE	19991065206	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
31	EFFIONG, HARRY EMMANUEL	19991069535	PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
32	EFUGHI, CHIKODI JENNIFER	19991062523	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
33	EGBUONU, PETER PASCAL	19991057243	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
34	EJIKE, CHUKWUMA INNOCENT	19991071263	FOOD SCIENCE & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
35	EJIOGU, HENRY	19991074163	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
36	EKEOLISA, ONYEDIKACHI S.	19991058923	ENV. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
37	EMEH, JORITA	19991066755	CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
38	EMEROLE, CHINOMNSO P. C.	19991065266	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
39	ENO, CHIJIJOKE AGWU	19991053863	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
40	ENWEREOWE, ESTHER C.	19991054733	CHEMICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
41	ERONINI, UZOMA CHIMEREZE	19991071473	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
42	EZE, CHUKWUEMEKA A.	19991072753	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005



43	EZE, OKONKWO GETRUDE	19991074183	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
44	EZEBULAM, CHINWENDU	19991066025	IND. MICROBIOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
45	EZEIFEDIKWA, UGOCHUKWU A.	19991053903	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
46	EZEONU, INNOCENT OGBONNA	19991062593	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
47	EZEUNARA, FELIX OBINOZIE	19991061763	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
48	EZUMA, CHUKWUMA KENNEDY	19991060413	MECH. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
49	IBEAGI, UZOCHUKWU		AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
50	IBANGA, BEN EMMANUEL	19991055833	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
51	IBEBULAM, EZEAKOLAM A.	19991068805	MATHS & COMP. SCI.	JAN. 31, 2005
52	IBIADAH, MAUREEN I.	19991072573	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
53	IBIAM, IKECHI NWOKE	19991062643	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
54	IDIMOGU, NKASIOBI G.	19991066095	IND. MICROBIOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
55	IGWE, EKENE	19991074425	INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
56	IHEONU, DANIEL CHINEDU	19991062653	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
57	IMUDJE, GODBLESS	19991071283	FOOD SCI. TECH	JAN. 31, 2005
58	INYANG, RICHARD BENEDICT	19991057093	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
59	IRECHUKWU, IFEANYI E.	19991069605	INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
60	IWU, GODWIN CHIDI	19991074103	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
61	IZUCHUKWU, SYLVESTER I.	19991074113	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
62	JOHNSON, PROMISE FRIDAY	19991065583	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
63	JOVI, VOKE J.	1999256013	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
64	KANU, EMMANUEL	19991056023	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
65	KOSOKO, ADESHOLA OLAWALE	19991057663	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
66	MADU, ANTHONY CHUKWUEMEKA	19991066185	IND. MICROBIOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
67	MAZI, ADAOBI	19991052861	ANIMAL SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
68	MADI, UGOBI	19991052591	ANIMAL SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
69	MBANALI, NICHOLAS OKECHI	19991073405	GEOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
70	MBATA, SAMUEL AMARACHUKWU	19991061883	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
71	MBOH, MARCEL UCHE	19991069655	INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
72	NNA, PRINCEWILL	19991065476	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
73	NNADI, AUGUSTINE	19991066955	CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
74	NNAMDI, UJU OKORIE	19991056393	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
75	NDULOR, PAUL	19991061893	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
76	NGEH, SILAS UZOMA	19991067935	GEOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
77	NKWULUHO, CHUKWUDI N.	19991067965	GEOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
78	NLERURU, LAURA OGAN	19991056283	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
79	NGBAAWII, BATAMBARI L.	19991056893	CHEM. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
80	NJOKU, STEPHEN OGUNNA	19991059603	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
81	NWADIKE, OLUCHI MARY	19991065496	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
82	NWAGBARA, IZUCHUKWU CHARLES	19991060793	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
83	NWACHI, GABRIEL	19991057853	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
84	NWAGBAOSO, CHIOMA	19991068935	MATHS & COMP. SCI.	JAN. 31, 2005
85	NWAIGWE, CHARLES	19991057923	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
86	NWANKWO, NGOZI ANN	981034131	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
87	NWIKE, JANE OLUCHUKWU	19991055003	CHEMICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
88	NWANGAGA, CHUKWUDI C.	19991061963	MAT & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
89	NWANOCHIEZE, THADDEUS O.	19991053171	ANIMAL SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
90	OCHIABUTO, O.D.P	19991032320	CHEMICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
91	OBI, CHUKWUNONSO CHIEJINA	199910608931	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
92	ODIDIKA, GAIUS IYKE	19991060933	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
93	OBIOHA, LEONARD C. HOPE	19991070301	AGRIC. ECONOMICS	JAN. 31, 2005
94	ODODO, MARY CHUKWUANYA	981048041	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
95	OGBONNA, CHUKWUGOZIE A.	19991062523	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
96	OGBUEHI, KELECHI F.	19991068195	GEOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
97	OGED, ELIZABETH NNENNA	19991073815	IND. MICROBIOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
98	OHAGI, CASMIA CHUKWUEMEKA	19991061013	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005





99	OHAZURUIKE, OBIANUJU D. O.	19991068215	GEOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
100	OHIAGBAJI, UCHENNA KENNETH	19991052731	ANIMAL SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
101	OHIAGBAJI, IKECHUKWU R.	19991065616	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
102	OJUKWU, IFEYINWA	19991067115	IND. CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
103	OKAFOR, ANTHONY ONYINYE	19991063943	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
104	OKEIGBO, C. GRANT	19991069935	INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
105	OKEKE, ANTHONY NNAMDI	19991073765	INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
106	OKEKE, IFEANYI OZICHUKWU	19991071763	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
107	OKEREAFOR, CHIMA	19991053001	ANIMAL SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
108	OKEREKE, SUNDAY CHRISTIAN	19991062113	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
109	OKIRE, IKECHUKWU	19991070763	CHEMICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
110	OKITE, PETER SAMUEL	19991054333	AGRIC. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
111	OKOMBA, AGWU ERIC	19991062993	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
112	OKORO, FINAN UGOCHUKWU	19991063953	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
113	OKORO, OKECHUKWU MAGNUS	19991059233	ENV. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
114	OKOWE, ELIAS O.	19991052301	AGRIC. ECONOMICS	JAN. 31, 2005
115	OKOYE, DONALD CHIGOZIE	19991070783	CHEMICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
116	OKOYE, TOCHUKWU KEVIN	19991063013	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
117	OKWUCHUKWU, AMARACHI ROSSY	19991065696	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
118	OLEWE, HENRY NDUBUISI	19991061113	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
119	OMAGBEMI, EDWARD	19991064826	PROJECT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
120	AMBROSE, OMAMOKE	19991065106	TRANS. MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
121	ONUMAEGBU, FEDELIS EMEKA	19991058373	ELECT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
122	ONUOHA, UCHECHUKWU C.	19991062153	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
123	ONWOCHIE, J. CHIEDU	19991070025	INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS	JAN. 31, 2005
124	ONUENGBULA, EUNICE C.	19991059793	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
125	ONU-WOGU, IFEANYI	19991064856	PROJECT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
126	ONU-WOGU, CHIKE	19991071093	ELECT. & ELECT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
127	ONYEKWERE, NKAH CHIGOZIE	19991074376	PROJECT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
128	ONYEKWERE, MOSES M.	19991071813	MAT. & MET. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
129	ONYEOBI, HENRY ONYEBUCHI	19991061233	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
130	ONYEOMA, KELECHI QUEEN	19991059813	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
131	ONYEUKWU, OGECHI BLESSING	19991069195	MATHS & COMP. SCI.	JAN. 31, 2005
132	ONYEWUCHI, MICHAEL	19991069205	MATHS & COMP. SCI.	JAN. 31, 2005
133	OPARA, CELESTINE EMEKA	19991073105	IND. MICROBIOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
134	OPARA, MARTINS CHRISTIAN C.	19991053531	CROP SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
135	ORJI, ONYEDIKE ESTHER	19991067295	CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
136	OSUJI, DONATUS E.	19991056583	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
137	TAWO, EKABA EKABA	19991071123	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
138	UBANAJU, EMEKA REXLEO	19991056643	CIVIL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
139	UCHECHI, OBINNA T.	19991067335	CHEMISTRY	JAN. 31, 2005
140	UDEH, MATTHEW ORJI	19991063183	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
141	UKPABI, VICTOR CHICHETARAM	19991063233	PETROLEUM ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
142	UKPONO, JACOBSON UDOMAN	19991071433	FOOD SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
143	UMUEANOZIE, CHRISTOPHER A.	19991074063	ENV. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
144	UMEH, JAMES IFEOMA S.	19991073145	IND. MICROBIOLOGY	JAN. 31, 2005
145	UNANKA, ISRAEL OBINNA	19991053571	CROP SCI. & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
146	URIOMOR, OKEOGHENE K.	19991061483	MECHANICAL ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005
147	UTIBE, EMMANS BENJAMIN	19991058943	ENV. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
148	UWAKWA, JOSEPH	19991065006	PROJECT. MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
149	UZEGBU, ONYEMECHI A.	19991065766	TRANSPORT MGT. TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
150	UZODINMA, JAMES	19991052731	ANIMAL SCIENCE & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
151	UZOKA, STANISLAUS	19991053375	ANIMAL SCIENCE & TECH.	JAN. 31, 2005
152	WILLIAMS, GIFTS SOSEPIRIALA	19991058723	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	JAN. 31, 2005



At its 296th meeting held on Thursday, February 23, 2006, the Senate approved the expulsion of the underlisted students, found guilty of examination malpractice from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in keeping with section 19.4 of the Academic Regulations.

S/NO	NAME	REG. NO	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE OF EXPULSION
1	AJAEGBU, OBIOMA	20031326093	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	2002/2003 ACADEMIC YEAR
2	AKPO, DESMOND	20021176793	MECHANICAL ENG.	
3	ANYANWU, GODSPOWER	20011111873	CHEMISTRY	
4	ARIOLE, AHAMEFULE	2021176203	MAT & MET. ENG.	
5	ASSAN, YAYA BABIO	2001105003	CHEMICAL ENG.	
6	AWAH, GODSTIME C.	20011143963	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
7	AYILA, SULE	20011133216	PROJECT MGT. TECH	
8	CHINYERE, F. E.	1981036193	CHEMISTRY	
9	DURU, LINDA	981036253	CHEMICAL ENG.	
10	EGBUKA, OBINNA	2001086493	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
11	EJEKE, C. I	981036293	CHEMISTRY	
12	EJIM, SIMON	20001094103	PETROLEUM ENG.	
13	ENWEREUZOR, CHINYERE O.	20021160803	CHEMISTRY	
14	ETUKUDO, WILLIAM	2001475243	CHEMICAL ENG.	
15	EZECHI, EMMAUEL	20001092823	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
16	EZEWOGBU, OSITADIMMA	20021160933	CHEMICAL ENG.	
17	IBENNE, E. N	20021176635	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
18	IGBOJIAKU, KELECHI	20011126843	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
19	IKECHI, AMAECHI	19991070613	CHEMISTRY	
20	IWUOHA, EMEKA	2001216243	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
21	JIDE, JAMES	20011143683	CHEMICAL ENG.	
22	NNAEMEKA, ALLAS DOGGI	20011328863	MECHANICAL ENG.	
23	NONSO, MADUKOR	20021174013	MECHANICAL ENG.	
24	NJOKU, ROBERT I.	200211127123	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
25	NJOKU, VICTOR	20011123303	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
26	NLEME, KINGSLEY	20021161363	CHEMISTRY	
27	NWABUISI, UGOCHUKWU	20003237063	AGRIC ECONOMICS	
28	NWANKWO, ONYEKACHI	19991054973	CHEMISTRY	
29	NWANONAKU, CHRISTIAN	20012110193	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
30	NWANONAKA, CHRISTIAN	200121189370	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
31	NWOSU, NKECHINYERE N.	20001096213	POLY & TEXTILE ENG.	
32	OBIS, PRECIOUS	20011117484	CROP SCI. & TECH.	
33	ODIDI, ANGELA	981032349	ELECT/ELECT ENG.	
34	ODII, NNAMDI	20011119343	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
35	ODIONYE, UGOCHUKWU	20002083393	CHEMISTRY.	
36	OFOEGBU, P.	19981037713	CIVIL ENG.	
37	OGBONNA, DONALDI	20021174773	CIVIL ENG.	
38	OHIAGBAJI, UCHENNA KENNETH	19991052731	ANIMAL SCI. & TECH.	
39	OKA, LOWO	20021169370	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
40	OKAFOR, C. A	20011127413	MAT. & MET. ENG.	
41	OKAFOR, IFESINACHI	20021161973	CHEMISTRY	
42	OKEKE, DENIS C.	20021167673	MECHANICAL ENG.	
43	OKONKWO, E. C.	20011107863	AGRIC ENG.	
44	OKONKWO, UCHE	2001169370	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
45	OKORO, KINGSLEY	1999205285	ELECT. & ELECT. ENG.	
46	OLUWUIHE, UCHENNA	20021170423	CHEMICAL ENG.	
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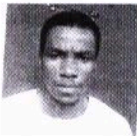


PASSAGES

For the staff and students of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, it has been a period of mourning, having lost these staff to the cold hands of death.



Theodore Emekalam, a Chief Groundsman in Estate & Works Department died on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 and was buried on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. He served the University for 18 years.



Theophilus Nwankwo, a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Chemistry died on September 17, 2006, after a painful illness and was buried on November 10, 2006. He served the University for one year.



Chukwuemeka Unanka was until his death on Sunday, October 15, 2006 in a ghastly motor accident, a Clerical Supervisor in the Department of Environmental Technology. The deceased who served the University for 16 years was buried on Friday, November 10, 2006.



John Njoku, a Security Officer died on December 13, 2006 and has since been buried. The deceased served the University for two and half years.



Sunday Alozie, a Chief Caretaker in the Office of the DVC (Administration) died on Sunday, December 24, 2006 and was buried on January 31, 2007. He served the University for 25 years.



Goodluck Uzoagwa, a Senior Clerical Officer in the Department of Chemical Engineering died on January 20, 2007 after a brief illness and was buried on Friday, February 9, 2007. He served the University for 6 years.



Augustine Nwanya, a Security Officer died on Monday, January 29, 2007 and was buried on Saturday, February 10, 2007. He served the University meritoriously for 19 years.



Chioma Caroline Nwangwa, a Computer Operator in FUTO Bookshop died on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 and was buried on Thursday, April 5, 2007. She served the University for 11 years.



Edmund Onyewuchi, a Principal Technical Officer (Civil) in the Estate and Works Department died on Saturday, March 10, 2007 after a brief illness and was buried on Friday, March 30, 2007. Mr. Onyewuchi joined the University in November 3, 1981.

May their souls rest in the bosom of the Lord

EDITOR'S NOTE

We had observed some errors in FUTONews Vols. 26 No. 1 & 2 Editions and wish to make corrections as follows:

ONONIWU, J.S. (PROF.) The effective date of promotion of Dr. J.S. Ononiwu to the rank of Professor is 2003 and not 1993 as published on page 11 of FUTONews Vol. 26 No. 1. April- June 2006.

ANOZIE, N.E

We wish to correct the error in the surname of ANOZIE, N.E wrongly spelt as AWUZIE, N.E. on page 32 (No. 9) of the Conversion Table in FUTONews Vol. 26 No. 1. April June 2006.

EKENTA, C.

We wish to correct the former rank of Ekenta, C. wrongly specified as Snr. Clerical Officer on page 32 (No. 21) of the Conversion Table in FUTONews Vol. 26 No. 1, April-June 2006. Ekenta C. was converted from the rank of Senior Clerical Supervisor to Accountant II.

OPARA, C.

Opara, C. was converted from the position of Higher Executive Officer to Accountant I as opposed to Snr. Clerical Officer to Accountant I published on page 32 (No. 28) of the Conversion Table in FUTONews Vol. 26 No. 1, April - June 2006.

ELECTION OF PROF. G.I. NWANKWO AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Contrary to what we published on page 52 of FUTONews Vol. 26, No. 2, July September 2006, Prof. G.I. Nwankwo was elected (rather than appointed) as the Dean of the School of Science.

We regret the errors.



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2006/2007 Academic Calendar

NOVEMBER 12, 2006

New Students come into Residence for Harmattan Semester

NOVEMBER 13-17, 2006

Registration of new students

NOVEMBER 20-24, 2006

Orientation of New students

NOVEMBER 27-DEC.1, 2006

Week 1- Lectures

NOVEMBER 20 - DEC. 2, 2006

Convocation

DECEMBER 3, 2006

Arrival of Old Students

DECEMBER 4-8, 2006

Week 2 - Lectures for New Students/Registration of Old Students

DECEMBER 11-15, 2006

Week 3 - Lectures

DECEMBER 18-20, 2006

Week 4 - Lectures

DEC. 21 2006-JAN. 1, 2007

Christmas Break

JANUARY 2-5, 2007

Week 5 - Lectures

JANUARY 8-12, 2007

Week 6 - Lectures

JANUARY 15-19, 2007

Week 7 - Lectures

JANUARY 22-26, 2007

Week 8 - Lectures

JANUARY 25, 2007

Senate Meeting

JANUARY 29-FEB. 2, 2007

Week 9 - Lectures

FEBRUARY 5-9, 2007

Week 10 - Lectures

FEBRUARY 12-16, 2007

Week 11 - Lectures

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2007

Week 12 - Lectures

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Senate Meeting

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2007

SUG Activities

FEBRUARY 24, 2007

Matriculation

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 2, 2007

Week 13 - Lectures

MARCH 5-9, 2007

Week 14 - Lectures

MARCH 12-16, 2007

Week 15 - Lectures

MARCH 19-23, 2007

Revision Week

MARCH 26-30, 2007

Senate Meeting

APRIL 2-6, 2007

Week 2- Harmattan Semester Examinations

APRIL 4-13, 2007

Week 3- Harmattan Semester Examinations

APRIL 14, 2007

End of Harmattan Semester Examinations

APRIL 16-20, 2007

Semester Break

APRIL 22, 2007

All students come into residence for the Rain Semester

APRIL 23-27, 2007

Registration

APRIL 26, 2007

Senate Meeting

APRIL 30 - MAY 4, 2007

Week 2 - Lectures

MAY 7-11, 2007

Week 2 - Lectures

MAY 14-18, 2007

Week 3 - Lectures

MAY 21-25, 2007

Week 4- Lectures

MAY 31, 2007

Senate Meeting

MAY 28- JUNE 1, 2007

Week 5 - Lectures

JUNE 4-8, 2007

Week 6 - Lectures

JUNE 11-15, 2007

Week 7 - Lectures

JUNE 18-22, 2007

Week 8 - Lectures

JUNE 25-29, 2007

Week 9 - Lectures

JUNE 28, 2007

Senate Meeting

JULY 2-6, 2007

Week 10 - Lectures

JULY 9-13, 2007

Week 11 - Lectures

JULY 16-20, 2007

Week 12 - Lectures

JULY 23-27, 2007

Week 13 - Lectures

JULY 26, 2007

Senate Meeting

JULY 30-AUGUST 3, 2007

Week 14 - Lectures

AUGUST 6-10, 2007

Revision Week

AUGUST 13-16, 2007

Week - 1 Rain Semester Examinations

AUGUST 20-25, 2007

Week 2 - Rain Semester Examinations

AUGUST 27-SEPT. 1, 2007

End of Rain Semester Examinations

AUGUST 30, 2007

Senate Meeting