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

The Vice-Chancellor has therefore approved the change of name of the University's official news bulletin from FUTO Newsletter to FUTO News.
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"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." (Matt. 5 vs 14 - 16).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finally, we have the two new other principal officers: Mr. M.O. Okoye - Registrar and Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe - Bursar. We have a good story on them. We also carried their profiles. These are all Lighted Candles in FUTO who are burning with brilliant incandescence. May their Lights never go out.

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

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

CHIKE EZENWA.
Letter of Appreciation

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

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

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

Dear Prof. Udedibie,

Congratulatory Message

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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

Letter Of Congratulation

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

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

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

Once more, congratulations and please keep it up.

(Signed)

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

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

Please keep it up.

Thank you.

M. O. USMAN
For: Vice-Chancellor,
Federal University of Technology,
Minna, Niger State.
Develop New Strategies to Eliminate Secret Cults
Abacha Tells University Authorities

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

Though government is not resting on its oars to see to the eradication of this cankerworm, the visitor charged university authorities to urgently develop new strategies in support of efforts to eliminate these cults. While emphasizing the crucial role that parents and guardians should play in this effort, he called for the intensification of cooperation with the police and other security agencies so that all who are involved in this menace would be flushed out. He reiterated the determination of his administration to continue its support to all our universities and academic institutions in meeting the growing educational needs of our people. Similarly, he assured Nigerians that the report of the panel on the review of higher education in Nigeria will receive the urgent attention of the government in both revising and implementing it. He assured that the call for the review of salaries and wages would yield result soon as the Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRIC) and the National Council of States (NCS) were looking into it.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT DEBATE
REVISITED

Whenever questions of development and underdevelopment are asked and answered, the state of the economies of the countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia remains lamentable. This is again the picture presented of these countries by Prof. G.M. Umezurike in his convocation lecture presented at the 9th and 10th convocation ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, (FUTO) titled: "The Technological Development of Nigeria: Identification of National Goal and Strategy". In this lecture which attracted the creme de la creme of the intelligenzia and business community, he posited that Nigeria falls within the third world underdevelopment group within the international economic classification scheme with the following features:

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

While noting that the socioeconomic development of any country is directly tied to its technological advancement, he maintained that this can only take place under a very strong and sound scientific base. Conversely, "the development of the basic sciences in
any country is necessary for the evolution and continued advancement of technology and for socioeconomic development in that country". Using the dialectical materialist approach as his point of departure, Prof. Umezurike saw basic sciences and technology as two processes that must evolve an effective mix for genuine development to evolve. Seeking science in the very restricted sense of "knowledge that can be tested by experiment," he identified technology as "the application of systematic knowledge for the production of manufactured goods and wares...". Pursuing the argument further, he conceptualized development as the increase in the capacity to control the transformation of the social structure.

The aim of development, according to him, is to improve the standard of living of the people through maximizing the application of renewable resources as well as increasing the level of employment in the rural areas. The provision of these basic necessities to the people is essential for the evolution of national development in a country like Nigeria. He, however, noted that the elites who control the decision making apparatus and decide the channel of information and resource filtering for the realisation of these objectives maintain a pattern of life that is antithetical to these goals as they are exogenous in tastes and social orientation. As a redeeming measure, he called for the adoption of a "technology for development" strategy whereby research is encouraged into the type of technologies that are in accord with our factor endowments.

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

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

In point of fact, the distinguished lecturer placed the task of evolving a new way for the development of Nigeria at the doorstep of the political class who control the channels of production and allocation of national values, adding that our education, science and technology institutions needed to be seriously challenged to play a leading role in the evolution of an alternative strategy for the development of a purely Nigerian technology. To the eminent Professor, these concerned national institutions are equal to the task. It is therefore left for the government to play its catalytic role of providing funds for the much needed research.
A new chapter was recollected in the annals of FUTO history when she internally produced her first substantive Registrar and Bursar. The development was also remarkable for yet another reason: the first time appointment of a woman as one of the other Principal Officers of the University.

At its 76th Extraordinary meeting held on 17th December, 1997 the Governing Council of Federal University of Technology, Owerri formally approved the appointment of Mr. Michael Okechukwu Okoye and Mrs. Chinedum Catherine Ahiarakwe as Registrar and Bursar of the University respectively. The appointment which took effect from the 17th of December, 1997 is for a period of five years in the first instance, renewable for another final term of five years.

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

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

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

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

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PROFILE

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

Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe, smiling into the future.

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

He studied History at the University of Ibadan between 1973 and 1976. On graduation, he took up appointment with the Federal Ministry of Education and was posted to Federal College of Education, Pankshin as Education Officer II and Lecturer. In October 1979 he shifted base to...
Federal Government Girls' College, Owerri from where he joined the services of Federal University of Technology, Owerri in 1981 as Assistant Registrar. From his path-finding post as Pioneer Student Affairs Officer (1981 - 1982), Mr. Okoye began what has turned out to be a flourishing and most rewarding career in the University System in spite of all the hurdles and tackles which are symptomatic of the upward moving and forward looking.

In essence, Mr. Okoye in the last sixteen years has served in virtually all the units of the Registry, Schools and other segments of the University system in diverse capacities. He has also distinguished himself as a career administrator by being appointed Secretary to numerous regular and specialised committees including being the Assistant Secretary to the Governing Council. His well known proclivity for hardwork and thoroughness enabled him to detect an overpayment of N32,000.00 to a landlord in June 1995. This unique act earned him a letter of commendation from the Governing Council.

The new Registrar has, in the course of his career, been privileged to attend special courses and conferences including a six-week course on General Management of Organisation, Government and Systems at ASCON in 1983. At the level of productive works, Mr. M.O. Okoye is the author of "The Problems and Prospects of Student Affairs Administration in FUT, Owerri", 1983. He also wrote the "History of Umuekpoloji Kindred in Oraukwu - catalogued in the National Library of Nigeria.

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

Mr. M.O. Okoye is married with children.
CONSOLIDATING THE GAINS OF FUTO

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

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

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

Within the same period, two international research awards: the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation award and International Foundation for Science/Danish Agricultural Development Agency (IF/SDA) award were made to two of our staff. Dr. B. Obah of Petroleum Engineering Department and Prof. A.B.I Udende of Animal Production Department respectively. In addition, we have established an academic link with Toan-Toby International Limited (TTI) for collaboration in training, research and services in computer and telecommunications engineering while negotiations are in full gear for linkages with several American Universities in the areas of die-technology, computer communications, computer engineering technology and medical technology and so on. Collaborative research projects are presently being carried out by the University under the auspices of National Agricultural Research Project (NARP).

Ingr. Prof. C.O.G. Obah — VC

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

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

CONVOCATING STUDENTS

Special congratulations for today belong mostly to you. Despite all the palpitations in the national academic climate, you have survived to graduate. We express our profound appreciation for your mature understanding, behaviour and support during the unstable days of the 1995/96 and 1996/97 sessions. You have gone through our mill equipped with uncompromising confidence, innovation and experience of the real problems of the world of work rather than the world of the institutions. We do not claim that we have made you the best among equals because we know you are the best among equals. You should, therefore, initiate, create and lead not only in technological development but in critical social and political facets of our national well-being. You are today deemed to have been found worthy in character and learning to be awarded the relevant degrees.

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

FIRST DEGREE GRADUATION STATISTICS

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

1995/96 and 1996/97 Postgraduate Graduation Statistics

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

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

We have religiously maintained the Federal nature of FUTO while at the same time giving the catchment area states their full share with the host state (Imo State) getting a lion share. We have been fair and just and sundry. Now to whom much is given much is expected, and the immediate stake-holders should contribute appreciably to the development of FUTO. We expect endowment of academic chairs, funds for the establishment of new Schools/Colleges, laboratories, workshops, research centres and so on. Unfortunately, we are yet to realize this dream. On the other hand, it appears to us that a few individuals from within and outside FUTO have allowed the prevalent stress and strain in the society to make them forget that FUTO, like any other Federal University, is governed by well established Act, rules and regulations and operated through a committee system, and should, therefore, be left alone to operate within its guiding laws. This we insist on. However, we welcome any constructive suggestions on better governance and development (academic and physical) of the institution consistent with the laws establishing it.

VISITORS TO THE CONVOCATION
It is humbly impossible to keep a tab on all the distinguished personalities who turned up for the Convocation. A few among them Military Administrators and Heads of Sister Tertiary Institutions sent across advance information of their visits. Most others stormed the Convocation Arena that fateful morning. It was a dazzling spectacle to behold. Many heavy weights and major role players in Nigeria’s socio-economic and political tussles honoured the convocation with their presence. The visitor of the University, General Sam Abacha, GCON, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces was represented by Col. T.K. Zuhairu, Imo State Military Administrator. The Convocation also had the unique privilege of hosting the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Mike Akhigbe and Military Administrators of Akwa Ibom, Capt. (NN) A. Adewuyi, Bauchi, Col T.A. Bamigbade, Kwara, Col P.M. Ogari, Ogun, W.G. Cdr. Sam Ewung and Ono State, Cdr (NN) A.I. Onyeaogu, and the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Alhaji Gidado Idris sent two representatives.

It was also delightful to welcome Dr. Walter Ofonagoro, former Hon. Minister of Information and Gen. Ike Nwachukwu, a one-time Foreign Affairs Minister, to the Convocation. Traditional Rulers who visited included the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Sulu Gambari, Eze OnwegwuWoke - Chairman of Imo State Council of Ndi Eze, Eze P.E. Njemanze, Omuwugbo V0f Owerre.

The Convocation attracted a fairly large representation from the academic Community. These included the Secretary-General of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities (CVU), Prof. Abubakar Alhaji, Prof. A.A. Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Yola, Prof. Fola Laseki, Vice-Chancellor, University of Uyo, Prof. P she Fisk, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Umuahia, Prof. A.S. Lamido, Vice-Chancellor of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Prof. Salami, Registrar JAMB. Represented were the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southwark, the Provost of the Nigerian Defence Academy and the Rector of the National Institute for Nigerian Languages, Agra.

There were many more who on account of limited space cannot be listed here. Our appreciations of their friendly gesture has been formally conveyed to them.
HRH Rtd Justice Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagha, Mingi XI Amanyanabo of Nsime and Chancellor of FUTO, on Thursday November 20, 1997, led a special delegation on a courtesy call on the Military Administrator of Imo State, Col. T.K. Zubairu. Speaking at the occasion, the Chancellor noted with deep satisfaction the cordial relationship existing between FUTO and the State Government. He commended Col. T.K. Zubairu for his dogged fight against ritual killings and armed robbery and specifically congratulated the military administrator for bursting the ‘Otokotuk’ mafia. The Chancellor then went ahead to acquaint the Military Administrator with the activities lined up for FUTO’s 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony.

In his remarks, the Military Administrator thanked the leader and members of FUTO delegation. He described the university as a formidable institution in Imo State and looked forward to participating in the 9th and 10th Convocation Ceremony. Col. T.K. Zubairu also recalled the promise he made on behalf of the State Government to sink a borehole in FUTO and reassured the delegation that plans were afoot to begin the project.

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

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**‘NO WOLVES IN FUTO’-VC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**STRIKING LECTURERS RETURN TO THE FOLD**

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

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

The newly constituted 6th Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has been charged to keep the FUTO flag of peace and stability flying like their predecessors which made the university a model among other universities. This call was made by the Chancellor, HRH Justice Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagoa, Mingi XI, Amanyanabo of Nembe in his speech while declaring open the 9th and 10th convocation ceremony of the university. He advised the members of council to guide against all forms of strike as the fruit of his wise counselling during the 1996 ASUU strike led to the graduation of today.

The Chancellor also expressed his gratitude to the 5th Governing Council especially the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Sabi Idris, the Emir of Gwanara for their worthy contributions to the development of the university.

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

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

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

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

6TH COUNCIL POISED FOR ACTION - Ejike

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

itted him a second term in office.

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

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

Prof. Chiwefite Ejike assured Convocation on behalf of his colleagues that the 6th Governing Council, “despite the foregoing difficulties and more, is very much concerned and determined to create policy structures conducive to peace and harmony anchored on truth and fairness here at Federal University of Technology, Owerri.”

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

V.G. CALLS ON TRADITIONAL RULERS

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

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

In the three Communities visited, namely, Eziohodo, Okolochi and Obinze, the traditional rulers pleaded with the Vice-Chancellor to remember them in matters of employment, admissions, contract awards and also in provisions of infrastructural facilities.

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

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

Among the traditional rulers visited were the Eze Oha I of Eziohodo, HRH Eze Egboke; HRH Eze Nwaobiri of Okolochi and HRH Eze Eniwaya, the Nze Ukwu I of Obinze.

THIRD YEAR STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

According to the Secretary, the scholarship is worth N400 dollars per annum and it is envisaged that the Vice-Chancellor will help to advise the student in its disbursement.

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

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

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

PROFESSOR UDEDIEBE WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR RESEARCH ON CANAVALLA

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

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

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

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

ROYAL FATHER SURVIVES CRASH

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

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

In his testimony, the Royal father recalled that “On May 24, 1997, I traveled by road to attend the Vision 2010 committee workshop on Youths and Development scheduled for May 25 - 26 at Abuja. After a successful workshop, on my way home very close to Quelle in Gwagwalada Area Council, my vehicle skidded off the road but somersaulted several times, and through the mercy of God, all the occupants survived”.

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

ANAFULU OFF TO NIPS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FUTO BOOKSHOP INAUGURATED

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD INCLUDES:

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

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

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

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

1. The secret cult syndrome has become a national crisis with dire consequence.

2. The various cults, Buceaneers, Black Axe, Pyrates, Black Scorpion, etc. initiate members through ritualistic ordeals.

3. Peer group influence, parental negligence, moral laxity, harsh environmental condition and the worsening socio-political and economic pressures were identified as amongst the causative factors. Other reasons adduced include social-psychological maladjustment, inferiority complex, the need for protection and desire to belong to the “happening” group.

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

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

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

Following from the observations, the Symposium recommends as follows:

1. Universities and other tertiary institutions in Nigeria should amend their academic regulations in such a way that they can impose disciplinary measures on student cult members without necessarily having recourse to the law courts.

2. In view of the fact that decree 47 of 1989 on Secret Cult activities appears to have failed to come to grips with the problem of cultism in the country to date, government should amend the decree to prevent the law courts from dismissing cases of cult membership on grounds of mere legal technicalities.

3. Since students are more likely to know and understand themselves, Students’ Union Governments should organise student vigilante groups to assist university authorities and law enforcement agencies in identifying and tracking down cult members on the campuses.

4. In view of the spiritual and moral underpinning of secret cultism, universities should encourage the growth of religious activities on our campuses as a means of providing antidote to cultism on the campuses.

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

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

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

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

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

AUSTIN ELOCHUKWU OKEKE
PRESIDENT SUG.
Essay

The Nigerian Lawyer: A Layman's Appraisal

Images

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

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

Truth

The question posed by Jesus: Whom do men say that I am? Furthermore, presupposes the existence of different groups of people - different publics, as we say in modern parlance in varying relation to Jesus, the principal actor. Jesus himself represents the ultimate reality - the truth. Next to him and closest to him, his disciples form an inner caucus which could be trusted to be custodians of the truth. Finally, and at a distinct remove, is the common man-today's layman - people who should be truth-seekers but who like Pilate, merely mouth the question, what is truth, without waiting for an answer. The opinions of the common man are invariably based on hearsay, speculation and a fertile imagination. Their conclusions are inevitably wrong. Ironically, it is such far-fetched, groundless and conflicting testimony that attracted initial interest. Today, history is repeating itself as the learned gentlemen of the august Nigerian Bar Association seek the opinion of the outsider, the one least likely to know the whole truth.

Empowerment

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

Appraisal: Right Judgement

Perhaps the most significant hallmark of the noble profession is considered one of the oldest in the world is its association with right judgement as symbolically depicted in the blindfolded Statue of Justice. The lawyer in the best traditions is an arbitrator par excellence, arbitrating thorny issues and umpiring among aggressive disputants. The best lawyer is wise as God the Creator is wise and as Solomon, that lustrous exponent of divine legal wisdom, was wise. Recall the mysterious case of 'Cot' death and contending mothers that presented itself for his arbitration. Recall the dramatic legal manoeuvre that, in a case without witnesses and in an age before forensic evidence was available, succeeded in unravelling the mystery and delivering right judgement.

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

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

Perhaps this is why it seems to some of us laymen that the lawyer's awesome ability for right judgement is, more and more, susceptible to manipulation, especially financial manipulation. The impression has been created that the Nigerian lawyer can be prevailed upon to deliver judgement - leave alone right judgement - on any
Rather apt is this extract:
Such be the double verdicts
favoured here
Which send away both parties to
a suit
Not puffed up nor cast down—for
each a crumb
Of right, for neither of them the
whole loaf.
(The Ring and the Book I, ii, 74 103).

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

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

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

Forms of Argument
A third admirable quality of the lawyer is the ability to manipulate not merely the language of his profession, but, more especially, its forms of argument. One of the most noted of these forms of argument is the dilemma which forces an opponent into a tight corner by offering unpleasant alternatives from which a choice must be made. For the pure pleasure of the sophistry of the reasoning, I reproduce below two of the most celebrated of these dilemmas.

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

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

The son rebutted thus:
If I say what is just, the Gods will love me and,
If I say what is unjust men will love me.
I must say either the one or the other, therefore I shall be loved.

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

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

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

The ability to manipulate arguments in this way is impressive, even enviable, but it becomes less so when the ability degenerates into a search for legal technicalities, and conundrums designed to forestall the swift implementation of justice. The Nigerian lawyer has become identified in the public mind with the ability to reason according to his master's voice delivering on request reasoned judgements that suit the government in power or the highest bidder. Like the villain of Lord Byron's The Vision of Judgement.

He had written praises of a regicide
He had written praises of all kings whatever
He had written for republics far and wide.
And then against them bitterer than ever...
He had sung against all battles. and again in their high praise and glory
He had written Walpurgis's life - here turning round
To Satan. 'Sir. I am ready to write yours...'
So let me have the proper documents
That I may add you to my other saints.'

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

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

The quality of Mercy is not strained
It dropeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: It is twice blessed:
It blesseth him that gives and him
This spirit of the law was fully understood by our forefathers, who traditionally arbitrared with a view to maintaining peace and harmony in the community and among individuals. Unfortunately, as with other elements of the colonial system, the imposition of the Western legal system brought with it an emphasis upon an individual's strict legal rights and resolving cases in court became a contest of wits and a matter of winner vs loser. The best lawyers became proponetns of the skill of procrastination and cavil and the arts of confounding and perplexing a cause. Today, the Nigerian lawyer excels in his mastery of the letter of the law. The spirit of the law has died.

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

In the final analysis, however, it is not the judgement of the laymen that matters. But who do you say that I am? was ultimately the more provocative question. In the final analysis, it is the judgement of this court that matters, the judgement of each one of you. If you, individually and collectively, affirm that the Nigerian lawyer stands for truth, right judgement, justice and mercy, then the whole nation - nay, the whole world will stand with you. Your positive image will draw positive results for, as someone has said.

The universe pays every man in his own coin.
If you smile, it smiles with you.
If you love the world and earnestly seek the good therein, you will be surrounded by loving friends and nature will pour into your lap the treasures of the earth.

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

Nneoma Prof. T.Y. Obah
Dean, SMAT

POSITIVE THOUGHT SERIES:

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

If you are planning to get something big, try this method: First, make a strong mental picture of what you want. Figure it out in detail. Write out what you want, and more or less how you are going to get about getting it. I follow the architect who draws a blueprint of a house in detail before it becomes a reality. Don't bother about the likely setbacks, and obstacles; tackle them when and if they come. Keep this slogan before you: "They can conquer who believe they can." Once you set about getting what you want, don't let anything stop you. Follow the example of Lionel Barrymore who said: "I've been up and down all my life. Lots of people said I was through, but I never thought much about it. I always was too busy to worry about my troubles." Stop worrying about troubles, and learn to face them. "Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble," says G.W. Lyon. Keep that in mind. You can win your way to success or failure, to victory or defeat, to happiness or misery. Life will give you what you expect from it.

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

By A.P. Pereira, our Book Choice
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SENIOR STAFF PROMOTION

On the recommendation of the Administrative and Professional Staff Appointment and Promotions Committee (ASA/PRO), the Governing Council has approved the promotion of:

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APPOINTMENT/ENGAGEMENT

DR. U.R. OJINMAH

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

MRS. C.C. UGBOLUE

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

PROF. A.B.I. UDEHIBIE

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

DR. O.P. NWAMMUO

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

DEACON AKPAN

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

MR. G. NKEMDIRIM

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

DR. A.E. AGBOKU

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. A.E. Agbogu, Head of Department of General Studies with effect from October 1, 1997.
**PROMOTIONS [ACADEMIC STAFF]**

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

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**MISS PAULINE IROEZE**

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

**UPGRADING**

**MRS C.N. OKOROAFOR**

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

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**MRS JUSTINA NNE IFEYINWA NWOSU**

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

**MRS. ONYEMAECHI FLORENCE OPARA**

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

**MRS STELLA EKWUTOSI NWAIMO**

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

All documents bearing their former names remain valid.
## NEW ARRIVALS

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## CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

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### MADAM AGATHA NWORUH
On Monday, 13th October, 1997. Aged 76 years and was buried on 24th October, 1997 at her home town Umunum-Ogwu, Nsukka, Mbaise. She is survived by Dr. Godwin E. Noworuh, the Ag. Head of the Department of Project Management Technology.

### MRS IHOUMA OCHULO
On 22nd September, 1997 and was buried on 10th October, 1997 at her home town, Umuala, Old Umuala, Aba State. She is survived by Mrs. Charity Okoror of Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering.

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

### PA MEWALAGA EMENEWU
On Friday, 4th July, 1997 and was buried on July 19, 1997 at his family home town Umuduru, Umuahia, Aba. Left to mourn him is Miss Francesca Emenewu of Library Department.

### MRS MARTHELEDA DIALA
On 24th August, 1997 and was buried on 12th September, 1997 at her home town Agbada, Emene Mbo L.G.A. Left to mourn her is Mr. Romano Dia of Security Unit.

### MRS SUSANNA MADOAKO
On 23rd June, 1997 and was buried on August 9, 1997 at Umudolu, Umumaaka Agwai in Opata Local Government of Imo State. She is survived by Sunday Madoako of the Registry Department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT
MR. I.E. OKOROAFO: The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of the contract appointment of Mr. I.E. Okorofor of the Security Unit for a period of two years with effect from October 1, 1997.

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

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

MRS. S.N. OKEREKE: At the instance of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, Mrs. S.N. Okereke, a Senior Nursing Officer at the Health Services Unit of the University, was one of those invested as Knights of Saint Christopher at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration of our Lord (CATOL) on Sunday 7th December, 1997. The ceremony was performed by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. B.C. Nwaikiti, the Archbishop of Province 2 (Catholic Community) and the Bishop of the Diocese of Owerri.

INVESTITURE
ARC. I.B. ECHETA: The Chief Architect of the Physical Planning & Development Unit of the University was one of those invested as Knights of Saint Christopher at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration of our Lord (CATOL) on Sunday 7th December, 1997. The ceremony was performed by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. B.C. Nwaikiti, the Archbishop of Province 2 (Catholic Community) and the Bishop of the Diocese of Owerri.

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

FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

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

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

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

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

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

The Chairman of the ATBU-RMRDC Linkage Committee and Co-ordinator of Mechanical Engineering Programme, Dr. J.S. Jatau, disclosed that immediately after the Techno-Expo '97 at which the invention won an award, the University started negotiating with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council to produce 500 pieces of the machine.
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The Editorial Board of FUTO News heartily rejoices with Mr. M.O. Okoye and Mrs. C.C. Ahiarakwe, who by the special Grace of God were appointed Registrar and Bursar of FUTO respectively by the Governing Council.

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

- CHIKE EZENWA