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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**PLUS: ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF PROF. (MRS.) EKPO'S ADMINISTRATION**

## EDITOR'S NOTE



The first quarter of 2011 has been quite eventful in most Federal Universities with the commencement of a new academic session, appointment of some new principal officers, as well as the activities of the Presidential Visitation Panel.

In the University of Uyo, it was a time for the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor, who assumed office in December 2010, to unveil her administrative focus and settle down for the serious task of administering the institution.

The quarter can indeed be qualified as a season of general administrative rejuvenation as two new Deputy Vice Chancellors' came on board; more than ninety new senior administrative and technical staff, assumed duties, and the Governing Council received newly elected

representatives at its meeting.

The Editorial board of the Uniuyo bulletin was not left out as it saw a new Editor leading a team of three newly employed administrative officers among others.

This edition highlights some of the major events that marked the hundred days in office of the first female and fourth substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, ranging from administrative, academic, and social activities to the baleful event which punctuated the joy of a new year and the euphoria of a promising academic session - the kidnap of a don and the series of protests that followed it.

We hope that this edition will not only provide an interesting reading but also serve as a reference material, as "Uniuyo in facts and figures" at pages 30 - 32 provides basic information about the University. Happy reading.

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## FG MOVES TO BEEF UP SECURITY ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

Worried by the deteriorating security situation in the country, the Federal Government has set up an Inter-ministerial Committee on Campus Security chaired by the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie.

This was contained in a circular signed by Prof. Okojie and copied to vice-chancellors of universities and directors of inter-university centres in the country.

According to the circular, Vice-Chancellors of universities and Directors of inter-university centres are to bring any security problem on their campuses to the attention of the committee for necessary action.

Tagged "Campus Security Alert", the release enjoins institutions to promote peace with their host communities as a way of strengthening the security of their campuses while advising Vice-Chancellors and Directors of inter-university

centres to be security-conscious, liaise with relevant security agencies and report any suspicious developments to them for prompt action.

Meanwhile, the authorities of the University of Uyo have directed all relevant units of the University to note the content of the circular, while calling on the entire University Community to be security-conscious at all times.

## HEALTH CENTRE OPENS DELIVERY SUITE

As part of efforts to facilitate safe delivery of babies in the University of Uyo Health Centre, a delivery suite unit has been opened. Pregnant women can now be delivered of their babies with more confidence and dignity at the centre. The delivery suite unit has been operational since January 2011.

The Director of Health Services of the University, Dr. Michael A. Udoh, disclosed this to the DIPR crew in an interview on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Dr. Udoh applauded the

University management for the provision of facilities including ambulances, in the delivery suite unit, noting that the appointment of able hands had improved health care services tremendously.

According to him, patients and other persons who have businesses at the centre were appreciative of services in the unit, saying the unit's staff were humane in the rendering of services. He, however, complained that the unit is not spacious enough to accommodate a sizeable number of patients and also

made a case for the provision of a standby generator in the event of electricity outages. Dr. Udoh used the opportunity to explain that services at the unit were free for staff in line with the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). He called on students to embrace the free services the unit offers.

Meanwhile, a woman as well as a 300-level Biochemistry student who were delivered of a set of twins and a baby girl respectively at the time of the visit by the DIPR crew, expressed satisfaction with the services rendered at the delivery suite.

## NANS PRESIDENT PAYS SOLIDARITY VISIT TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The President of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Comrade Ini Ememobong, accompanied by other student leaders, paid a solidarity visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo in her office on Wednesday January 05, 2011. In his goodwill address to the Vice-Chancellor, Comrade Ini Ememobong stated that the visit was to register the solidarity of the entire Nigerian students with the new Vice-Chancellor. He declared the willingness of the various student bodies to cooperate and work with the Vice-Chancellor to achieve the goals of the institution, as had been championed by the previous administration. He noted that the University had enjoyed peace over the years and achieved much, especially for the students. Comrade Ini Ememobong said that the students were willing to play their own part to ensure that the peaceful atmosphere in the University is sustained. He said they believe in Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort

Ekpo's ability to work hard to take the University to greater heights.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, commended the President of NANS for his sense of maturity. She explained the process of the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor to the student leader, saying that it was a matter for the Governing Council of the University over which the Management of the university had no control.

Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo assured the student leadership that the Management would continue to provide enabling environment for learning. She added that the Management would ensure that students examination scripts are marked and results published promptly. She also promised to put facilities in place to ensure a hitch-free resumption of the 2010/2011 academic year in March 2011. She advised the students to always seek correct and true information, desist

from being used for activities that are harmful to the University and to the society, while taking their studies seriously.

Present at the solidarity visit were the Deputy Vice-chancellor (Administration), Prof. Charles Uko; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Anthony Akpan, the Registrar, Mr. John Udo, the former Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Effiong Johnson, the Director International Programmes, Prof. Enoabasi Urua, and Mr. Ime Okpongette, a Principal Assistant Registrar in the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

In company of the NANS President during the visit were Uko Michael, Secretary, NANS; Cyril Imoh, President, NAAKISS, Uniuyo chapter; Mercy Edoho, Vice-President, Student Union, Uniuyo; Godwin Elijah, Cletus Adama representing the NACRISS.

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## UNIUYO MAKES LIST OF 13 UNIVERSITIES TO TRAIN PHARMACISTS

The University of Uyo is one of the 13 universities certified by both the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to train pharmacists in Nigeria. The certification came as a result of rigorous accreditation exercises which saw Uniuyo clearly meeting minimum requirements in terms of facility and faculty staff.

Reacting to a March 10, 2011 publication in the Nigerian Tribune newspaper affirming the accreditation of Uniuyo Pharmacy Programme, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor C.A. Adebajo, confirmed that Uniuyo Pharmacy had since been accredited. He said the faculty parades some of the best brains in Nigeria.

At an interactive session of the faculty board with some staff of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Professor C.A. Adebajo acknowledged that though he was not a staff of the institution at the time of the accreditation, he had

received the news with great joy. He added that it was the news of the accreditation that partly influenced his decision to work with the University of Uyo.

Professor C.A. Adebajo further stressed that accreditation, marked a very important step in the scheme of any university programme. According to him, without accreditation, an entire programme could be shut down and its students transferred to other institutions.

Also speaking, Professor Etien Essien, a one-time Dean of the Faculty, further stressed the importance of accreditation and used the medium to request that the management of the University of Uyo should do more to assist the Faculty of Pharmacy in the area of procurement and setting up of study and research equipment, as well as provision of more facilities and recruitment of more staff. Both professors stressed that maintenance



A cross-section of Uniuyo Pharmacy Students

of the Faculty of Pharmacy standards is paramount because a bad pharmacist kills in thousands and is a potential time bomb.

Both Professors Adebajo and Essien emphasized that it was important for students of pharmacy to realize how intensive the course was and, hence, focus totally on their studies in order to meet up the grade points set by the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria to be successful. It was only with determination and a focused mind that such students can become successful pharmacists, both professors concluded.

# New Deputy Vice-Chancellors Appointed



Prof. Charles Etim Akpan Uko - DVC Administration

The Senate of the University of Uyo has appointed two new Deputy Vice-Chancellors to work with the recently appointed Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo. They are Prof. Charles E.A. Uko, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), and Prof. Anthony W. Akpan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Aged 56 years, Prof. Charles Etim Akpan Uko, a professor of Structural Engineering, attended the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (1974-78) and obtained a B.Sc 1st Class Honours degree in Civil Engineering. He further studied at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom (1980-84), where he acquired both the M.Sc in Construction Engineering (1981) and Ph.D. in Structural Engineering (1984).

Prof. Charles Uko began his public service career as a Mathematics tutor at the Comprehensive Secondary School, Ndukpoise, in the present Nsit Ubium Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State before commencing his university education in 1974. During his National Youth Service Year (1978-79), he served as a lecturer at the Kwara State College of Technology, Ilorin. His career as a university lecturer started in 1984

when he was employed as Lecturer I at the University of Port Harcourt, where he served till 1995. He later took up appointment as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Uyo.

He was promoted to the rank of an Associate Professor of Structural Engineering in 2003 and Professor in 2007.

Prof. Uko's administrative responsibilities in the university system include: Chairman, Faculty Board of Studies; Head, Department of Civil Engineering and Dean, Faculty of Engineering. Prof. Uko had also had a flourishing public service experience outside the university. He had served as a Commissioner for Lands and Housing Akwa Ibom State (1988-1991), an Assistant Director, Petroleum Trust Fund (PTDF), Abuja (1998-1999); Deputy Director, Office of the Minister for Special Projects, the Presidency, Abuja (1999-2001), and a Technical Assistant to the Executive Director, Niger Delta Development Corporation (NDDC), Port-Harcourt.

Prof. Uko is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN). He has taught many courses and published books, monographs and scholarly articles in both local and international journals.

Prof. Anthony William Akpan, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), aged 54 years, is a Professor of Hydrobiology and Marine Ecology. He attended the College of Education, Uyo (1973-1976), the University of Ilorin (1977-1980), and the University of Jos (1983-85 and 1987-92). Prof. Akpan obtained the National Certificate in Education (NCE) (1976), B.Ed (1980), M.Sc (1985) and Ph.D (1992).

His work experience as a teacher and researcher started in October, 1980, at the then College of

Education, which later metamorphosed to the former University of Cross River State and, subsequently, the University of Uyo. He had also offered national, state and community services outside the University. He had been Head, Department of Zoology (1997-2004), during which he also served as the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Science (1998-2001). Prof. Akpan also served as the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science in 2004. Until his appointment as the DVC (Academic), he was the Director, Pre-Degree Studies of the institution, a position



Prof. Anthony W. Akpan - DVC Academic

he held since 2007.

Prof. Anthony William Akpan is a consultant hydrobiologist, fisheries scientist and aquatic studies expert, a thorough researcher and a member of eight professional bodies. He has to his credit four book chapters and 63 journal articles. He is also a consulting editor to many journals including the World Journal of Applied Sciences and Technology.

The appointment of the two new Deputy Vice-Chancellors took effect from January 01, 2011, and is for a period of two (2) years.

67.	Patience Jude Okokon	Pharmacist	4/1/2010
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70.	Idorenyin Uwem Enyong	Executive Officer	8/12/2010
71.	Mercy Samuel Timothy	Higher Exc. Officer Accts.	31/1/2011
72.	Unwana Imo Ekpo	Higher Stores Officer	10/1/2011
73.	Iniaya Koko Udoh	Higher Stores Officer	5/1/2011
74.	Daniel A. Bassey	Higher Stores Officer	5/1/2011
75.	Essien U. Eniang	Princ. Stores Officer II	12/7/2010
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77.	Christopher Edet Effiong	Accountant II	4/1/2011
78.	Enobong David Umoh	Accountant II	4/1/2011
79.	Otobong E. Archibong	Accountant II	4/1/2011
80.	Sifon O. Edet	Accountant II	4/1/2011
81.	Xavier I. Wilson	Accountant II	4/1/2011
82.	Magdalene C. Etukudo	Accountant II	1 /2/2011
83.	Samuel E. Umanah	Accountant I	4/1/2011
84.	Nkpoikana E. Udosen	Accountant I	4/1/2011
85.	Sunday Ibibom Nyanga	Farm Officer II	5/1/2011
86.	Usen Inyang Okpob	Higher Tech. Officer	17/5/2010
87.	Mfon Otoro Umana	Engineer II	24/11/2010
88.	Kenneth C. Akachukwu	Engineer II	25/3/2011
89.	Edidiong Etim Ukpong	Architect I	25/4/2011
90.	Idorenyin Ikemesit Abel	System Analyst	26/11/2010
91.	Okon Joseph David	System Analyst I	17/4/2009

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## ... WEEK-LONG TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Government Financial Instructions and Regulations for University Administrators

\* The Organisation and Management of Student Affairs Division for prevention of Students' Crises.

Promoting Administrative Effectiveness in School of Continuing Education.

Directorate System in the University: Achievements and Prospects

Administrative Challenges and Solutions in the Postgraduate School

Administration of Complex Faculties in the University

Servicing the University Council and Implementation of Council

21.	Inemesit S. Mathew	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
22.	Nanna Kalu Idika	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
23.	Edet Edet Ibia	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
24.	Mandu Ben Ekanem	Admin. Officer II	10/1/2011
25.	Edet Okon Dickson	Admin. Officer II	12/1/2011
26.	Caroline E. C. Ette	Admin. Officer II	10/1/2011
27.	Ubong Idibeke John	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
28.	Ukuette Michael Bassey	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
29.	Ubong Offiong Offiong	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
30.	Christopher Okon Effiong	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
31.	Mary Emaekop Obot	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
32.	Asuquo Edet Udoh	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
33.	Idongesit Uduak Mathew	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
34.	Peter Sunday Essien	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
35.	Fatima A. Babatunde	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
36.	Mery D. Atzer	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011
37.	Namsowo Ukpung Ekpenyong	Medical Lab. Scientist	26/4/2010
38.	Oyedele O. Ajayi	Medical Lab. Scientist	9/11/2009
39.	Adeiwale Samson Oyebadejo	Medical Lab. Scientist	13/4/2011
40.	Cecilia Edet Isin	Medical Lab. Scientist	2/8/2010
41.	Ekaette Uko Etim	Nursing Officer II	30/12/2010
42.	Ekere Boniface Silas	Nursing Officer II	10/1/2010
43.	Inemesit Joseph Etim	Nursing Officer II	5/1/2011
44.	Aniedi Billy Offong	Nursing Officer II	5/1/2011
45.	Owoidoho Godwin Udo	Nursing Officer I	10/1/2011
46.	Ukeme Ime Akpan	Nursing Officer I	12/1/2011
47.	Sampson Micah Ben	Nursing Officer I	30/12/2010
48.	Emem A. Inyang	Nursing Officer I	1/2/2011
49.	Akan Augustine Abara	Nursing Officer I	5/1/2011
50.	Enobong U. Okoko	Nursing Officer I	4/10/2010
51.	Mary I. Essien	Nursing Officer I	30/12/2010
52.	Peace A. Etukudoh	Snr. Nursing Officer	30/12/2010
53.	Enobong S. Udoh	Snr. Nursing Officer	1/1/2011
54.	Comfort B. Abang	Snr. Nursing Officer	30/12/2010
55.	Ekaette E. Udoh	Snr. Nursing Officer	4/1/2011
56.	Ito K. Ukpama	Snr. Nursing Officer	30/12/2010
57.	Ikwo Ini Umoren	Snr. Nursing Officer	4/1/2011
58.	Uduak A. Akpan	Snr. Nursing Officer	10/1/2011
59.	Nkekom Isaac Udom	Snr. Nursing Officer	4/1/2011
60.	Eme S. Obot	Snr. Nursing Officer	4/1/2011
61.	Comfort I. Usoro	Snr. Nursing Officer	30/12/2010
62.	Uduak D. Edinyang	Snr. Nursing Officer	4/1/2011
63.	Uko Effiong Ubob	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer	10/1/2011
64.	Lawrencia Edet Okure	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer	8/2/2011
65.	Sabbath Samuel John	Asst. Chief Nursing Officer	5/1/2011
66.	Nyeneime G. Ekanem	Chief Nursing Officer	1/4/2011

## VC Visits Oku Clan Council

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Uyo, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, paid a courtesy visit to the clan Head of Oku in Council, His Royal Highness, Etebom Dr. Effiong Eberefiak JP on Friday January 9, 2011. The Vice-Chancellor, who was accompanied by the Management team of the University, thanked the Clan Head for his consistent intervention to abate problems at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital project site. This, she said, facilitated the timely completion of projects for the accreditation of the medical programmes in the University. She told the Etebom that the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria had awarded full accreditation to the medical programme of the University. She pledged her goodwill to the community and appealed for more cooperation from the royal fathers to stem encroachment into the University land. The VC reasoned that the siting of the University in Oku clan definitely had both direct and indirect benefits to the community.

HRH, Etebom Dr. Eberefiak, in his response, described Prof. Comfort Ekpo's appointment as the will of God. Etebom Dr. Eberefiak said he regards the VC as the Governor of Academics and her visit was a great honour to him and his council.

Etebom Eberefiak decried what he considered the neglect of the Oku community by UNIUYO's past administrations considering the fact that the University is hosted by Oku Clan. The Royal Father disclosed that three major things he had since been expecting from the

University were: the visit of the Vice Chancellor to his palace, the granting of slots of employment to indigenes of Oku clan, the allotment of admission quota in the professional courses of the University to Oku clan indigenes. He was elated that the visit of the V.C. and her management team had fulfilled his first expectation and prayed that the remaining two would be met.

He reiterated his appeal to the new administration of the University to recognize the three villages where the town campus and its annex are located and the



HRH Etebom (Dr.) Effiong Eberefiak

entire clan as their benefactor and grant them the privileges attached to this status.

He described the encroachment on the University land at Itie Ikot Ekpo through lease to Julius Berger Ltd. by some persons as "unfortunate". He said he could not control the situation as the community was not part of Oku Clan. Etebom Eberefiak, JP, who is a political scientist also applauded the one-term of five years tenure for university Vice-Chancellors and advised the Nigerian political class to adopt it as a measure of control on bad governance in the country.

He thanked God for

stamping out all forms of violence, especially cultism, from the University of Uyo, a development which has ensured a conducive learning environment for its students. Extolling the Vice-Chancellor as the 'heart that sustains life', Etebom Eberefiak recalled the saying that 'the man is the head but the woman is the heart'. He averred that Prof. Comfort Ekpo was destined by God to assume a position of the heart to bring sustained success to the University and the surrounding communities. He described her as the biblical 'Esther' who would bring good things into the community.

The Clan Head appealed to the Principal officers of the University to support the new VC wholeheartedly so that she can perform better than her predecessors in the overall progress of the institution.

Etebom Dr. Effiong Eberefiak JP was in company of his three wives, Chairman of the Clan Council, Village Head of Ikot Akpan Oku and other Village Heads in Oku, Oku clan council members and other officials. In the company of the UNIUYO VC were the Deputy VC (Admin.), Prof. Charles E. A. Uko; Deputy VC (Acad.), Prof. Anthony W. Akpan; the Registrar, Mr. John E. Udo; the University Librarian, Prof. Mrs. Felicia Etim; Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Paul Ekwere; Director of Health Services, Dr. Michael A. Udo; Director, Physical Planning, Arc. Otu Umoren; Director of Works, Engr. Mfon Ukotang; the Chief Security Officer of the University, Lt. Col. Okon Nyong (Rtd); the Principal Assistant Registrar, VC's office, Mr. Ime Okpongette.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL CONDEMNS KIDNAP OF LECTURER

The University of Uyo Governing Council rose in total condemnation of the kidnap of Dr. Memfin Ekpo, describing it as a grave embarrassment to the University of Uyo Community.

In a press statement issued at the end of an emergency meeting held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 and signed by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Dr. Shem Z. Nuhu, the Council, while acknowledging the assurances given by security agents to the effect that spirited efforts were being made to secure the release of Dr. Ekpo, maintained that it was deeply concerned that the atmosphere of insecurity was impeding productivity and academic activities in the institution. According to the press statement, the situation was capable of eroding the

impressive gains the University had made in the last few years in its journey to establishing itself as a centre of excellence.

The press statement indicated that unless immediate and definite steps were taken by all concerned to redress the situation, it would be difficult for the University to sustain the progress made so far. It therefore called on all stakeholders and security agencies to rise to the occasion and ensure the safety and immediate release of Dr. Memfin Ekpo, in addition to creating a conducive atmosphere necessary



Members of the Uniuyo Governing Council in a group photograph

for the wellbeing of the staff and students as well as the general peace and security of the University of Uyo in the future.

The Council commended members of the University community and other stakeholders for their various reactions to the reprehensible act.

## NORMALCY RETURNS TO UNIUYO AS DR. MEMFIN EKPO REGAINS FREEDOM



Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

Sunday, January 16, 2011, has gone into the records as a very sad day for the University of Uyo Community, the day in which hoodlums struck the University yet one more time. Dr. Memfin D. Ekpo, an Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology, former Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences and husband of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) C.M. Ekpo, was kidnapped.

On that fateful Sunday, Dr.

Ekpo was worshipping at the Goodnews City Chapel, No.2 Uboh Way, off Abak Road, Uyo, when the hoodlums struck. An eyewitness said the kidnapers arrived the church premises in a deep green Audi 80 with registration number AQ263 CAL. The church was at the point of concluding its praise and worship session at about 11.00am when four gunmen stepped out of the Audi car, entered the church and ordered the worshippers to lie face-down. Shortly after, the hoodlums brought in a masked man from the parked car who identified Dr. Ekpo, and in a commando-like operation, the gunmen took their victim out into the waiting vehicle and drove off.

The abduction of Dr. Memfin Ekpo irked both staff and students who took turns to protest the dastardly act, resulting in strike actions by their various unions, and subsequent

grounding of administrative and academic activities for more than two weeks.

In what appeared like intense pressure on the kidnapers, Dr. Ekpo was released unhurt on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, after eighteen days in captivity. Meanwhile normal work has resumed at the University of Uyo campuses following the suspension of strike actions by various staff unions who protested the abduction of Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, also commended all university unions, staff and students as well as other stakeholders, for their show of solidarity and support towards the release of her husband.

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68	Dr. Enobong E. Joshua	Department of Computer Science	Ag. Head
69	Dr. Sikiru A. Sanni	Department of Mathematics and Statistics	Ag. Head
70	Dr.(Mrs.) Comfort A. Etok	Department of Microbiology	Ag. Head
71	Dr. Idara Akpabio	Department of Physics	Ag. Head
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### RECENTLY APPOINTED SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF

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2.	Umoh Akpan Kofi	Admin. Officer I	4/1/2011
3.	Princewill I. Egwuasi	Admin. Officer I	4/1/2011
4.	Francis U. Oborgu	Admin. Officer I	4/1/2011
5.	Otu Harry Etukudo	Admin. Officer I	5/1/2011
6.	Abosedede Anietie Efi	Admin. Officer I	4/1/2011
7.	Enobong U. Mbobo	Admin. Officer I	4/1/2011
8.	Monica B. Etuk	Admin. Officer I	13/1/2011
9.	Catherine M. Alonge	Admin. Officer I	4/1/2011
10.	Esther Dominic Essien	Admin. Officer II	9/12/2010
11.	Musa Tijani	Admin. Officer II	2/12/2010
12.	Muhammed Shittu	Admin. Officer II	2/12/2010
13.	Nnenna Iheakachi Egwu	Admin. Officer II	11/12/2010
14.	James Okpara Aghachi	Admin. Officer II	6/12/2010
15.	Kingsley B. Archibong	Admin. Officer I	9/12/2010
16.	Ekerete Udo Adiaiduo	Admin. Officer II	13/12/2010
17.	Anthony Imhanobe	Admin. Officer II	15/12/2010
18.	Chidinma Praise Ihe	Admin. Officer II	10/1/2011
19.	Deborah Iboro Isok	Admin. Officer II	17/2/2011
20.	Ndifikre Victor Obot	Admin. Officer II	4/1/2011

39	Dr.(Mrs.) Catherine S. Eyo	Department of Anaesthesia	Ag. Head
40	Dr. Emem G. Abraham	Department of Ophthalmology	Ag. Head
41	Dr. Ivy N. Umana	Department of Pathology	Ag. Head
42	Dr. Nsima F. Ikoh	Department of Early Childhood and Special Education	Ag. Head
43	Dr.(Mrs.) Eme U. Joseph	Department of Educational Foundations, Guidance and Counselling	Ag. Head
44	Dr. Paulinus J. Etim	Department of Educational Technology and Library Science	Ag. Head
45	Dr. Bassey E, Udoukpong	Institute of Education	Ag. Director
46	Dr.(Mrs.) Eno B. Usoro	Department of Vocational Education	Ag. Head
47	Dr. Maria M. Ikorok	Department of Physical and Health Education	Ag. Head
48	Dr. Amos F. Awodeyi	Department of Science Education	Ag. Head
49	Dr. Akindele F. Alonge	Department of Agricultural and Food Engineering	Ag. Head
50	Dr. Etim N. Bassey	Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering	Ag. Head
51	Dr. Eno C. Ukpong	Department of Civil Engineering	Ag. Head
52	Dr. Umana T. Itaketo	Department of Electrical/Electronics and Computer Engineering	Ag. Head
53	Engr. Ime A. Ebong	Department of Mechanical Engineering	Ag. Head
54	Dr. Ephraim E. Edem	Department of Architecture	Ag. Head
55	Dr. G. I. Idoro	Department of Building	Ag. Head
56	Dr. Johnson Ekanem	Department of Fine and Industrial Arts	Ag. Head
57	Mr. Uko J. Ekwere	Department of Geoinformatics and Surveying	Ag. Head
58	Mr. Chibuzor S. Okonkwo	Department of Quantity Surveying	Ag. Head
59	Dr. Beulah I. Ofem	Department of Urban and Regional Planning	Ag. Head
60	Mrs. Mojisola Eseyin	Department of International Law and Jurisprudence	Ag. Head
61	Dr. Dorothy Nelson	Department of Private Law	Ag. Head
62	Mr. Aniedi Ikpang	Department of Public Law	Ag. Head
63	Dr. Oloronfemi A. Eseyin	Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry	Ag. Head
64	Mrs. Ekaette I. Akpabio	Department of Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology	Ag. Head

## HOW VARSITY UNIONS PROTESTED KIDNAP OF DON

Monday, January 17, Wednesday, January 19, and Thursday, January 20, 2011 were tumultuous times in the University of Uyo as the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) and Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) took turns to protest the kidnap of a member of staff, Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

Displaying placards with various inscriptions condemning the despicable act, the labour unions appealed to security agencies to expedite action to ensure the immediate release of the University don. The labour unions, who chanted solidarity songs and marched within and outside the University Community, expressed sadness over the horrid development.

At a press briefing held on Monday January 17, the Academic Staff Union of Universities, Uniuyo Chapter, strongly condemned the latest abduction of its member particularly against the background of repeated assurances from both the government and security agencies that ASUU members would be protected from further harassment.

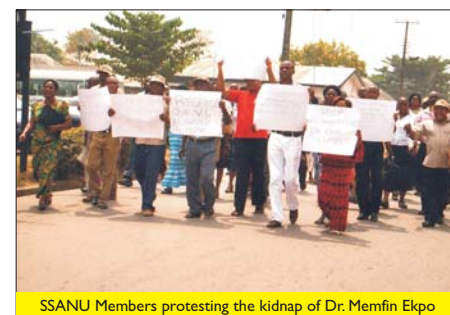
The Union issued a 72-hour ultimatum to security agencies within which to effect the release of Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

A release, which was signed by the union's Secretary, Mr. N.M.Anyim, stated that if at the expiration of the 72-hour deadline given to the security agencies for Dr. Memfin Ekpo's unconditional release, the victim was not released, the union

on-going, in solidarity with its abducted colleague, saying it would continue to take steps to protest the abduction of any of its members.

It urged security agencies to rise to the challenge and arrest those responsible for the reprehensible act.

On its part, the Non Academic Staff Union of Universities, Uniuyo Chapter, while protesting against the



SSANU Members protesting the kidnap of Dr. Memfin Ekpo

would not hesitate to withdraw its services indefinitely and totally until Dr. Ekpo was set free.

ASUU also resolved to withdraw the services of its members in the voter registration exercise which was

abduction of Dr. Memfin Ekpo, had on Wednesday January 19, 2011, called on the State and Federal governments to intervene in ensuring the immediate release of Dr. Ekpo, noting that failure to do so would force the union to refrain from

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service from Monday January 24, 2011.

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Uniuyo chapter, was not left out in the series of protests over the kidnap of Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

After a solemn assembly at the Onyema Ugochukwu Auditorium on Thursday, January 20, 2011, where prayers were offered for a safe and immediate release of Dr. Memfin Ekpo, the Union took to the streets with placards carrying various inscriptions such as "We reject kidnapping in Uniuyo". Addressing its members, the Vice-president of the union, Mrs. Felicia Ekwere, expressed worry over the incessant kidnappings in the University and called on the government and security agencies to ensure that lives were protected in the University community.

On Monday, January 24, 2011 the students took their turn in registering their grievance over the abduction of Dr. Memfin Ekpo. However, the students, who led their protest march to the Government House, Uyo, were assaulted by security operatives who manned the entrance to the Government House.

The students had hardly alighted from their buses when armed men in army uniform started shooting randomly into the air and beating them up. The crowd retreated in panic and the resulting stampede left many of the students injured.

Led by the Student Union President, Comrade Essien Udoma, the students

regrouped and were more resolute to register their

**'A CRY FOR HELP, WE REJECT KIDNAPPING IN UNIUYO, SECURITY AGENTS PROTECT THE LIVES OF OUR LECTURERS'.**

grievances explaining to their attackers that their protest was indeed peaceful, but their plea fell on deaf ears as they were met with further hostilities and erratic shooting into the air. Comrade Udoma, on his part, was severely beaten up and he



NASU Members in action

sustained grave injuries. This unprovoked attack incited the crowd and the students regrouped amidst protest chants.

More security agents emerged from the Government House to subdue and disperse the enraged crowd. The agents shot tear gas into the air and more shots were fired as the protesters scattered about. Left without an option, the students barred the Wellington Bassey

Way in Uyo with the buses that conveyed them as they chanted protest songs and displayed placards some of which read: 'A CRY FOR HELP, WE REJECT KIDNAPPING IN UNIUYO, SECURITY AGENTS PROTECT THE LIVES OF OUR LECTURERS'.

The demonstration lasted for over four hours during which traffic on the Wellington Bassey Way was totally cut off.

It took the intervention of the immediate past speaker of Nigerian Youth Parliament, Mr. Onofiok Luke, and the President of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Comrade Ini Ememobong, to pacify the students.

In separate speeches, Messrs Luke and Ememobong appealed

to the students to return to their campuses as their grievances would be conveyed to Governor Godswill Akpabio, who was indisposed to address them.

The team added that the Government was unhappy at the incessant kidnapping of lecturers in UNIUYO and everything possible was being done to secure the release of Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

7	Dr. Edem A. Eniang	Department of Forestry and Wildlife	Ag. Head
8	Dr.(Mrs.) Imaobong D. Akpan	Department of Home Economics	Ag. Head
9	Dr. Peter I. Ogban	Department of Soil Science	Ag. Head
10	Dr. Grace U. Nwagbara	Department of Communication Arts	Ag. Head
11	Dr. Imoh A. Emenyi	Department of English	Ag. Head
12	Dr.(Mrs.) Irene N. Udousoroh	Department of Foreign Languages	Ag. Head
13	Dr.(Mrs.) Ini Uko	General Studies	Ag. Director
14	Dr. Sylvester M. Eka	Department of History and International Studies	Ag. Head
15	Dr.(Mrs.) Imelda Udoh	Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	Ag. Head
16	Dr. Ime S. Ekpo	Department of Music	Ag. Head
17	Dr. Francis Ekanem	Department of Philosophy	Ag. Head
18	Dr. Mbuk A. Mboho	Public Order and Information Management	Co-ordinator
19	Dr. Anthonia M. Essien	Department of Religious and Cultural Studies	Ag. Head
20	Dr. Etop Akwang	Department of Theatre Arts	Ag. Head
21	Dr. Gabriel Ekandem	Department of Anatomy	Ag. Head
22	Dr. Edet O. Akpanyung	Department of Biochemistry	Ag. Head
23	Dr. Uduak A. Okon	Department of Physiology	Ag. Head
24	Dr. Bassey A. Akpakpan	Department of Accounting	Ag. Head
25	Dr. Uduak B. Ubom	Department of Banking and Finance	Ag. Head
26	Dr. Isaac I. Ayandele	Department of Business Management	Ag. Head
27	Dr. Ntiedo J. Umoren	Centre for Entrepreneurial Development	Ag. Director
28	Dr. Nkanikpo I. Ibok	Department of Marketing	Ag. Head
29	Dr. D. Eduwem	Department of Radiology	Ag. Head
30	Dr.(Mrs.) Uwemedimbu S. Ekanem	Department of Community Health	Ag. Head
31	Dr. Sunday B. Udoh	Department of Family Medicine	Ag. Head
32	Dr. Ndanyongmong A. Akpan	Department of Internal Medicine	Ag. Head
33	Dr. Aniekan Abasiattai	Department of Obstetrics	Ag. Head
34	Dr. Festus U. B. Abasiubong	Department of Psychiatry	Ag. Head
35	Dr. Memfin D. Ekpo	Department of Clinical Pathology	Ag. Head
36	Dr. Isaac A. Udoh	Department of Surgery	Ag. Head
37	Dr. Ikpeme Enobong	Department of Paediatrics	Ag. Head
38	Dr. Ifeanyi A. Onwuezobe	Department of Medical Microbiology	Ag. Head

## TRANSITION

S/N	NAME OF STAFF	DEPARTMENT	DESIGNATION	DATE OF TRANSITION
1.	Mr. Ekan Effiong Etim	Urban/Reg. Planning	Lect. I	04/01/2011
2.	Dr. (Mrs.) Nsisong E. Eshiet	Fine/Industrial Arts	Lect. II	02/02/2011
3.	Professor Monday P. Akpan	Business Education	Prof.	04/02/2011
4.	Mr. Peter George Etuk	Accounting FBA	Lect. I	04/02/2011
5.	Mrs. Udemé Joseph Edet	Ling. & Nig. Lang.	Lect. II	08/02/2011
6.	Dr. (Mrs.) Uduak Bassey Edet	Science Education	Lect. II	30/02/2011
7.	Mr. Emmanuel Bassey Joseph	Security Unit	Senior Patrolman	05/12/2010
8.	Mr. Ukpong Akai Udo	Curr. Studies	SEO	08/12/2010
9.	Mr. Akan Eyo Okon	Maintenance Unit (Electronics)	STA	30/12/2010
10.	Ms. Akon Thompson Ekanem	Biopharmacy	Lab. Supervisor	30/12/2010
11.	Mrs. Ekaete Okon Bassey	Works Department	Caretaker	10/02/2011

## SERVING DEANS/PROVOST (AS AT 30TH MARCH 2011)

S/N	NAME	FACULTY	STATUS
1	Prof. Paul D. Ekwere	College of Health Sciences	Provost
2	Prof. Anthony P. Udoh	Postgraduate School	Dean
3	Prof. Enefiok S. Udo	Faculty of Agriculture	Dean
4	Prof. Desmond Wilson	Faculty of Arts	Dean
5	Prof. Enomfon Akpan	Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences	Dean
6	Dr. Enefiok E. Essien	Faculty of Business Administration	Ag. Dean
7	Dr. Timothy Nottidge	Faculty of Clinical Sciences	Ag. Dean
8	Prof. (Mrs) Queendoleen Obinaju	Faculty of Education	Dean
9	Dr. Linus O. Asuquo	Faculty of Engineering	Ag. Dean
10	Prof. Godfrey O. Udo	Faculty of Environmental Studies	Dean
11	Prof. Nsongurua J. Udombana	Faculty of Law	Dean
12	Prof. Clement A. Adebajo	Faculty of Pharmacy	Dean
13	Prof. Alfred Y. Itah	Faculty of Science	Dean
14	Prof. Innocent V. O. Modo	Faculty of Social Sciences	Dean
15	Prof. Eno J Ibanga	Student Affairs Division	Dean

## CURRENT HEADS/ACTING HEADS OF DEPARTMENT (AS AT 30TH MARCH, 2011)

S/N	NAME	FACULTY	STATUS
1	Dr. Ini A. Akpabi o	Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension	Ag. Head
2	Dr. Okon J. Ifut	Department of Animal Science	Ag. Head
3	Dr. Godwin N. Udom	Department of Crop Science	Ag. Head
4	Dr. Edet J. Udoh	Centre for Skills Acquisition and Rural Development	Ag. Director
5	Dr. Alice O. Ekwu	Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	Ag. Head
6	Dr.(Mrs.) Hannah I. J. Udota	Department of Food Science and Technology	Ag. Head

## DR. MEMFIN EKPO'S FREEDOM: UNIUYO WOMEN, FORUM OF WOMEN PROFESSORS, OTHERS VISIT VICE CHANCELLOR



**Prof. (Mrs) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuyo VC (Fourth from right) & Mgt. Team with the Women Professors**

Monday February 14, 2011, was a hectic day for the Vice Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, as she played host to individuals and groups who visited her over the release of her husband, Dr. Memfin Ekpo by his abductors. One of such groups was the University of Uyo Women Association (UWA), an umbrella organization for female academic and non-teaching staff of the institution.

Speaking on behalf of the women, the Vice President of

the Association, Dr. (Mrs.) Ako Akpabio, told the Vice Chancellor that members were very worried and concerned when they received the news of the abduction of Dr. Memfin Ekpo adding that they did not relent in praying fervently for his release, and that God had answered their prayers.

Dr. (Mrs.) Akpabio said that the University of Uyo women were in the Vice Chancellor's office to reassure her of their solidarity and enjoyed her to put the sad experience behind, and brace

up for the task ahead.

The women's leader noted with happiness that the Vice Chancellor did not allow the ugly incident to weigh her down while it lasted, saying the women in the University community were encouraged by her uncommon courage and confidence in God.

Professor Ekaette Etuk, who also expressed the happiness of the women over the release of Dr. Ekpo, maintained that God had been



A cross-section of Women Professors at an interactive session during their courtesy visit

faithful to women and did not allow evil to befall Dr. Ekpo while he was in captivity. The highpoint of the visit was the presentation of gifts to the Vice Chancellor in support of her husband's quick recovery.

Similarly, the forum of Women Professors in the University of Uyo also paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor over the ordeal she passed through following the abduction of her spouse.

Led by its President, Professor (Mrs.) Inyang Udofot, the forum said they were worried when they learnt of the kidnap of Dr. Memfin Ekpo shortly after she assumed office as the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Professor Udofot, who spoke on behalf of the women professors, said they were at the point of marching in rags round the university campus to register their total disapproval

of the reprehensible act when Dr. Ekpo was released. She assured Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo that the women professors were solidly behind her in her trying moment.

Also speaking, the University Librarian, Professor (Mrs.) Felicia Etim, noted that women professors were certain that the abduction of Dr. Memfin Ekpo was a temporary distraction, which was not going to stop Professor Ekpo from performing her assignment, describing the Vice Chancellor as a strong and determined woman who would not allow anything to weigh her down. Professor (Mrs.) Felicia Etim advised the Vice Chancellor to remain focused as the entire university community was behind her. The highpoint of the visit was the presentation of gifts in aid of the quick recovery of Dr. Memfin Ekpo.

In her separate

responses, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo thanked the University of Uyo Women Association and The Forum of Women Professors for the visit, describing it as very significant since it coincided with the Valentine Day celebration.

Professor Ekpo said she was overwhelmed with joy at the show of love and support by the groups, in praying for her family, while her husband was in captivity, adding that God had been faithful to her family. She assured the groups that she would hold the office of the Vice Chancellor in trust for the women, other stakeholders, and above all to the utmost glory of God the Deliverer. She concluded that by the special grace of God she would not disappoint the stakeholders, and her generation and the Lord God whose mighty hand gave her the job.

### NEW HALL WARDENS APPOINTED

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of new Hall Wardens with effect from March 15, 2011. They are:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT
1.	Dr. [Mrs.] Juliet C. Udoudom	English	HALL WARDEN - W1 Hostel
2.	Dr. Grace Ekong	Music	HALL WARDEN - W2 A and B Hostels
3.	Dr. Eno Edem	Curriculum Studies	HALL WARDEN - W3 A and B Hostels
4.	Dr. Naomi Asamudo	Microbiology	HALL WARDEN - W4
5.	Dr. Simon B. Ochigbo	Fine and Industrial Arts	HALL WARDEN - Male Hostel M2 [Annex]
6.	Dr. Bertha Ekeh	Internal Medicine	HALL WARDEN - Clinical Hostel 2
7.	Dr. [Mrs.] Uwemedimbuk S. Ekanem	Community Health	HALL WARDEN - Clinical Hostel 1
8.	Dr. E.U.U. Ituen	Agric. And Food Engineering	HALWARDEN - Male Hostel [Main Campus]
9.	Mrs. Constance Kalu	Electrical/Electronics and Computer Engineering	HALL WARDEN - Female Hostel [Main Campus]
10.	Dr. Louis E. Akpabio	Physics	HALL WARDEN - PG Hostel
11.	Dr. Patrick S. Williams	Vocational Education	HALL WARDEN - Udo Street Hostel
12.	Dr. Anietie Efi	Business Management	HALL WARDEN - Udo Street Hostel
13.	Dr. [Mrs.] Ukpong Udofia	Home Economics	HALL WARDEN - W6 Hostel
14.	Dr. Felicia Ekpu	Physics and Health Education	HALL WARDEN - W5 Hostel

### CHANGE OF NAME

S/N	FORMER NAME	PRESENT NAME	DESIGNATION	DEPARTMENT
1.	Miss. Christiana Esang Okon	Mrs. Christiana Uduak Vincent	Asst. Registrar	Office of the Registrar
2.	Miss. Kufre Okon Etim	Mrs. Kufre Nnamonso Akpabio	Senior Nursing Officer	Health Center
3.	Mr. Bassey Udofia Udoh	Mr. Kingsley Udofia Udoh	Asst. Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
4.	Miss. Margaret Jacktor Akpan	Mrs. Margaret Michael Essien Effiong	Chief Clerical Officer	Examinations Unit
3.	Miss. Anne Anthony Okon	Mrs. Anne Peter Edima Nyah		Dept. of Food Science and Tech.
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozika Angelina Nwaoku	Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozika Angelina Oleforo		Dept. of Curriculum Studies.

**BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, BACHELOR OF SURGERY:**  
MB.BS

of Sports and Physical Education, Sociology and Psychology of

**PGD:** Agricultural Economics & Extension, Aquatic Environmental Management, Fisheries, Aquaculture, Peace and Conflict Studies (PG Dip PCS), Theatre Arts, Applied Biochemistry, Mechanical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Management, Botany and Ecological Studies, Geographic Information System (GIS) International Relations Public Administration Education, Business Administration, Mass Communication.

**M.Ed.:** Curriculum Studies, Guidance and Counseling, Educational Management and Planning, Educational Psychology, Sociology of Education, Educational Evaluation .

**M.Sc. (Ed):** Home Economics Education and Textile Technology, Agricultural Education, Business Education, Technical Education, Computer Education, Home Economics Education, Educational Technology.

**M.L.S.:** Library Science and Information Science.

**M.Eng:** Mechanical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Chemical Engineering.

**M.F.A:** Ceramics, Painting, Sculpture, Textiles, Graphics.

**M.A (Art Ed.):** Art Education.

**M.P.A.:** Public Administration.

**LLM:** Law.

**M.Sc:** Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Animal Science, Crop Science, Soil Science, Forestry and Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Aquatic Environmental Management, Home Economics, Biochemistry, Anatomy, Human Physiology, Medical Microbiology, Administration and Organization

## VICE-CHANCELLOR PLEDGES SUPPORT TO THE JOLLY PHONICS READ AND WRITE NOW PROJECT



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo - Uniuoyo VC

The Vice Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, has said that the University would continue to support efforts at enhancing the reading culture among school children.

Professor Ekpo made the pledge on Monday February 14, 2011, when members of the Read and Write Now (RAWN) project, University of Uyo, also known as Jolly Phonics Research Team, led by the Acting Director of the Institute of Education, Dr. Bassey Udoukpong, paid her a courtesy visit in her office.

While thanking the team for the visit, Professor Ekpo, who is also the leader of RAWN project, described the visit as divine as it coincided with the Valentine Day

and assured the visitors that the University of Uyo's support towards the project would outlive her administration since the project had been her pet research work.

She commended the team for keeping the flag of RAWN flying even when her time allocation to the project had ebbed on account of her official assignments.

Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo used the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the team for standing by her during her trying moment.

Earlier, the Acting leader of the team, Dr. Bassey Udoukpong, informed the Vice Chancellor that they were in her office to congratulate her on her appointment as the first female Vice Chancellor of the University of

pointer to a bright future for the team.

Dr. Ekukinam congratulated Professor Ekpo on her appointment as the first female Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo, adding that it was a plus to her admirable records of first female Head of Department in the Faculty of Education, first female professor and first female DVC, University of Uyo, among others.

She asked God to give Professor Ekpo the strength, wisdom and grace to carry out the enormous task of leading the University, pledging the unalloyed loyalty and support of the RAWN Project to her administration.

The Read and Write Now project team also registered its

sympathy with Professor Ekpo over the ugly incident, which threw her family into a very trying moment and prayed God to give her the grace to overcome the pains of that trauma.

Present at the courtesy visit were the Deputy Vice Chancellor

(Administration) Professor Charles Uko, The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Professor Anthony Akpan, The Registrar, Mr. John E. Udo, and the University Librarian, Professor (Mrs.) Felicia Etim.

On the Read and Write Now team were Dr. Bassey Udo

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Members of the Read and Write Now Project (RAWN) "Jollyphonics" in a group photograph with Uniuoyo Management

Uyo.

The Secretary of RAWN, Dr. Mrs. Thelma U. Ekukinam, who presented an address on behalf of the team, noted that the Read and Write Now Project team received the news of the elevation of Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo to the position of the Vice Chancellor with great joy, believing that it was a

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Ukpong, Dr. (Mrs.) Alice E. Udosen, Dr. Ime E. Emah, Dr. Mrs. Maria Ikorok, Dr. (Mrs.) Maria Afongideh, Mrs. Maria Etokebe, Dr. (Mrs.) Thelma U. Ekukinam, Dr. (Mrs.) Stella Nwosu and Mr. Victor Alasa. Others present were Miss Janet Okon, Miss Mary Mboho, Mrs. Grace Udua and

Mr. Archibong Effiong.

It would be recalled that Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, then the Director of Institute of Education, University of Uyo, facilitated the pilot study in six schools in the three senatorial districts in Akwa Ibom, on the Jolly Phonics Strategy in 2010 with

impressive results. Jolly phonics is a thorough foundation for reading and writing. It uses the synthetic phonics method of teaching the letter sounds in a way that is fun and multi-sensory. Jolly phonics research in the University is jointly sponsored by Chris Jolly, Jolly Learning Ltd and the Stepping Stones, UK.

## UNIVERSITY OF UYO TEACHING HOSPITAL (UUTH) MANAGEMENT VISITS VC.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Prof. (Mrs.)

Comfort Ekpo, has reiterated the commitment of the University management to ensure regular interaction with the management Board of the UUTH, with a view to tackling some of the difficulties affecting the Teaching Hospital. Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo gave the assurance on Friday, February 18, 2011 when the management Board of the UUTH, led by the Chairman, Dr. Jacob Gbakinro, paid her a courtesy visit.

The Vice Chancellor commended members of the UUTH management Board for their desire to work even when some facilities were lacking in the Teaching Hospital, pledging that she would table the challenges faced by the Teaching Hospital before the University's management and council for attention.

Prof. Ekpo opined that the immediate past administration of the University of Uyo had much interaction with UUTH which resulted in the provision of land for the students hostel and at the same time had to grapple with a lot of things in order to reposition the University especially in the area of accreditation of courses.

The Vice Chancellor used the opportunity to thank members of the Board, management and all staff of the UUTH for the goodwill and support they showed while her husband, Dr. Memfin Ekpo, was with his abductors.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chairman of the Governing Board of UUTH, Dr. Jacob Gbakinro, said they were in the VC's office to table the problems militating against the growth

of UUTH for possible remedy.

Dr. Gbakinro cited some of the problems to include dearth of facilities and equipment, office residency and accommodation for teaching staff, which he said could plunge the UUTH into problems in the next accreditation exercise if they were not addressed.

He regretted that the hospital's management Board did not have much interaction with the immediate past administration, expressing the hope that Prof. Ekpo's administration would interact more with the UUTH management Board so that some of its problems could be tackled.

Dr. Gbakinro congratulated Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo on her appointment and prayed God to give her the strength and wisdom to administer the University and wished her a successful tenure.

The UUTH Governing Board sympathized with the VC over what it termed 'emotional distraction' which the VC had gone through as a result of the abduction of her husband, Dr. Memfin Ekpo, shortly after she assumed office, and thanked God for his release, believing that such an ugly incident would not happen again.

In his remarks, the Chief Medical Director of UUTH, Prof. Etete J. Peters, appealed to the Vice-Chancellor for

support to enable the Teaching Hospital scale through the final phase of the accreditation expected soon. Prof. Peters also drew the attention of the VC to the welfare needs of staff and advocated for the appointment of only medical consultants to head the Clinical Departments.

On hand to receive the members of UUTH Management Board were the DVC, administration, Prof. Charles E. A. Uko, the DVC, Academic, Prof. Anthony W. Akpan,



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo & University Mgt. With UUTH Board Members

the Registrar, Mr. John Udo, the University Librarian, Prof. (Mrs.) Felicia Etim and the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Paul Ekwere.

Members of the UUTH Governing Board included Prof. Etete J. Peters, Chief Medical Director; Dr. Emem Basse, C-MAC; Mrs. Edak U. Umondak, Director of Administration; Prof. Ekong Okon, Representative of the Vice Chancellor on the Board; representative of Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Health; Chief Dr. Frank Eboeze, Board member; Mr. S.O. Williams, AD Public Affairs; and Mr. J. S. Idobo-DDF.

### PUBLIC SERVICE UNITS: UNIUYO

Consult for Technical and Scientific Services; Health Centre offers subsidized medical care; UNIUYO farms for commercial animal husbandry; citrus and crop production, and fish farming.

### RESEARCH POTENTIAL:

Scientific Researches are centralized for standardization and quality assurance in a Central Research Lab. With standard equipment. There are several other interaction in the various departments and faculties.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

- (i) Regular undergraduate programmes by Faculties.
- (ii) Regular postgraduate programmes by the Postgraduate School.
- (iii) Part-time Diplomas and Degrees, coordinated by the School of Continuing Education in collaboration with the Postgraduate School.
- (iv) Sandwich undergraduate long vacation programme strictly for teachers already in employment and coordinated by the Institute of Education in collaboration with the School of Continuing Education (SCE).
- (v) Pre-degree programme strictly for Science students, in the Faculties of Science, Agriculture, and Science Education.

### DEGREE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

#### BACHELOR OF AGRICULTURE DEGREE:

(B.Agric) Agric Economics and Extension, Animal Science, Soil Science, Crop Science, (B.Forestry) Forestry and Wildlife. (B.Sc) Home Econs, (B. Fisheries) Fisheries and Aquaculture, (B.Sc) Food Science and Technology.

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

B.A Communication Arts, English, Efik-Ibibio, Foreign Languages (French), Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, History and International Studies, Theatre Arts, Religious and Cultural Studies.

#### BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING DEGREE:

(B.Eng) Computer, Chemical, Petroleum, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical/Electronics, Agricultural and Food Engineering.

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & ARTS DEGREE:

Faculty of Environmental Studies: B.Sc. Architecture, Building, Estate Management, Quantity Surveying, Geoinformatics & Surveying, Urban and Regional Planning, and B.A. Fine and Industrial Arts.

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE:

Faculty of Social Sciences: B.Sc. Economics, Geography and Regional Planning, Political Science & Public Administration, Sociology

& Anthropology, and Psychology.

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS EDUCATION DEGREE:

B.A. (Ed): English, French, History, Music, Religious Studies, Efik/Ibibio.

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE EDUCATION: B.Sc. (Ed):

Vocational Education (Agric, Business Edu., Accounting); Science Edu. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics; Physical & Health Edu., Social Science Education (Economics, Geography, Political Science); B.Ed. Social Studies, Pre-Primary & Primary Education, Guidance & Counselling, Special Education.

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE:

Faculty of Science: B.Sc. Botany, Microbiology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science and Zoology.

#### BACHELOR OF LAW (LLB):

Law.

#### BACHELOR OF PHARMACY:

(B.Pharm) Pharmacy.

#### BACHELOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCE: BLS:

Library Science.

#### BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE:

B.Arch: Architecture.

## UNIUYO IN FACTS AND FIGURES

### ORGANIZATION/BACKGROUND

The University of Uyo was established as a Federal University in 1991 as a successor institution of the erstwhile Cross River State University (UNICROSS) established in 1983. Accordingly, it inherited the students, staff, academic programmes and facilities of UNICROSS.

**CAMPUSES:** Main Campus along Nwaniba Road, Town Campus and Town Campus Annex, along Ikpa Road, Uyo.

### VISITOR:

His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan (GCFR), President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria.



### CHANCELLOR:

HRH Alhaji (Dr.) Muhammadu Abali Muhammadu Ibn Idrissa, CON, Emir of Fika, Potiskum, Yobe State.



### PRO-CHANCELLOR/ CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL:

Dr. Shem Zagbayi Nuhu, OFR, B.Sc (ABU), M.Sc, Ph.D (Bradford).



### VICE-CHANCELLOR:

Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, B.LS, M.Ed.(ABU), Ph.D.(Wales)



### DEPUTY VICE - CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION):



Prof. Charles E. A. Uko, B.Sc (Nig), M.Sc, Ph.D (Leeds).

### DEPUTY VICE - CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC):



Prof. Anthony W. Akpan, NCE, B.Sc (Edu) (Ilorin), M.Sc, Ph.D (Jos)

### REGISTRAR:



Mr. John E. Udo, B.Sc (Ed) (Benin), M.A (Ife), MNIM, MIPMN, MAUA (UK), FIPOM, FIAA.

### BURSAR:



Mr. Michael E. Asuquo, HND (Polycal), MBA (Uyo), FCNA, FCIT, FIPOM, MNIN

### LIBRARIAN:



Prof. (Mrs.) Felicia E. Etim, B.Sc., MLS, Ph.D (Ibadan), FCA

### FACULTIES:

There are 12 Faculties, headed by Deans, Viz-Agriculture, Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Business Administration, Clinical Sciences, Education, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Law, Pharmacy, Science, Social

Sciences.

### COLLEGE:

College of Health Sciences, headed by a Provost

### SCHOOLS:

(1) Post-graduate School, headed by a Dean (2) School of Continuing Education, headed by a Director.

### NUC ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Total number of programmes accredited = 66  
Total number of programmes with Full accreditation Status = 63(95.5%);  
Total number of programmes with Interim accreditation Status 3(4.5%)  
Total number of programmes with Denied accreditation Status = 0(0.0%)

### ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS:

V.C's Office, Registry, Bursary, Library, Works, Health Services and Student Affairs.

### ACADEMIC/RESEARCH DIRECTORATES:

Academic Planning, Centre for Wetlands and Waste Management Studies; Clement Long Centre for Development Studies; Centre for Skills Acquisition and Rural Development; Centre for Cultural Studies, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development, General Studies Unit, Pre-Degree Studies Unit, Institute of Education

## GOVERNOR AKPABIO RECEIVES UNIUYO MANAGEMENT AND PRESIDENTIAL VISITATION PANEL

The Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, His Excellency, Chief (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio, and the members of the Akwa Ibom State Executive Council on Thursday, 3rd March 2011, received the University of Uyo Management and the Federal Government Presidential Visitation Panel at the Akwa Ibom State Governor's Lodge.

Welcoming the team, Governor Akpabio thanked the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for setting up the Visitation Panel and for ensuring that the panel was made up of high calibre, seasoned professionals, adding that he believed the panel would help the university to achieve its aim. The Governor commended the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Akanaren Essien, for striving to uphold the name of the University of Uyo during his tenure. He also congratulated Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo on her appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, noting that she was the first Akwa Ibom female Vice Chancellor of any Nigerian University. He expressed the hope that she would continue in the steps and speed of her predecessor.

Governor Akpabio assured the University Management and the Presidential visitation panel that his administration would continue to assist and intervene by providing the university with facilities and funds. The Executive Governor, however, decried the fact that the University of Uyo had not received its "take off" grant since the inception of the institution twenty years ago, and requested that the panel presents the issue to the Minister of Education.

Governor Akpabio thanked his visitors for coming and seized the opportunity to inform them that he



Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Chief (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio & the Chairman of the Presidential Visitation Panel, Alhaji Aliyu Sambo

looked forward to being successful in the forthcoming elections believing that with his re-election and that of Mr. President, the achievements of his administration for the state and for the University of Uyo would persist.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Presidential Visitation Panel, Alhaji Aliyu Sambo, gave an insight into the mission of his panel, saying it was mainly aimed at improving the University of Uyo.

Alhaji Sambo also said that the courtesy call on His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Governor Godswill Akpabio, was pertinent as he is the Chief Executive Officer of the state in which the University of Uyo is situated. He added that with the help of the Governor, the University had achieved accreditation of all its programmes.

Alhaji Sambo, thanked the Governor for his support for the University and congratulated him on the development strides recorded in Akwa Ibom State. He then used the medium to appeal for more assistance in the area of funding for the University in order to speed up its movement to the permanent site and for creation of more employment opportunities. He also

urged the Governor to help the University obtain a certificate of occupancy which would deter encroachment on the University's land at the permanent site.

Members of the Akwa Ibom State Executive Council present at the meeting were: His Excellency, Chief (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio, the Executive Governor; His Excellency, Engr. Patrick Ekpotu, the Deputy Governor; Secretary to the State Government, Mr. Umana Okon Umana; Head of Civil Service, Elder (Mrs.) Grace Anwana and the Hon. Commissioner of Education, Dr. Nseabasi S. Akpan.

The University of Uyo team was made up of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Professor Charles Uko; the Registrar, Mr. John E. Udo, and the University Librarian, Professor (Mrs.) Felicia E. Etim;

Other members of the Presidential visitation panel present at the visit were: Mr. Chucks Eze Obia, secretary; Babalola Shuaib Badmos, Arc. Ere Efeke and Barr. Mary Akujobi.

## PRESIDENTIAL VISITATION PANEL CONCLUDES ASSIGNMENT AT UNIUYO

The seven-man Presidential Visitation Panel set up by President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan to look into the affairs of the University of Uyo for the period 2005 - 2010, has concluded its assignment at the University.

The panel, which was expected to complete its assignment within four weeks, had Alhaji Aliyu Sambo as chairman and Mr. Chucks Eze Obia as secretary.

Other members of the Panel included: Chief (Mrs.) Dayo Okusami, Professor Nimi Briggs, Babalola Shuaib Badmos, Arc. Ere Efeke and Barr. Mary Akujobi.

A statement from the office of the Registrar, Uniuyo, said the panel was to look into the financial management of the institution, investigate the application of funds, examine the adequacy of staff development programmes, examine the general security of the University, among other terms of reference.

During an introductory session with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo and her management team on Monday February 21, 2011, the chairman of the panel, Alh. Sambo, said that just like the other panels visiting other Universities, they were in the University of Uyo to obtain first-hand information on the achievements and challenges of the institution and make appropriate recommendations to the Presidency. Alhaji Sambo added that the panel was not out to witch-hunt the University Management or anybody. He sued for cooperation from the University Management to enable the panel to succeed in its assignment.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, thanked the panel for the visit adding that with the caliber and wealth of experience of members of the panel, the University would be better following the exercise. She assured the panel members of the management's cooperation in making their assignment a hitch-free one.

Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo informed the panel that the University of Uyo was grappling with myriads of problems including inadequate staff offices, lecture halls, student hostels, out-dated facilities and equipment, and inadequate power supply, tracing the problems to non-release of "take-off" grant to the institution many years after it became a federal university.

The Vice-Chancellor used the opportunity to inform the panel that the Akwa Ibom State Government, donor agencies and individuals had assisted the University in the rehabilitation of internal roads, provision of facilities and equipment, which, she noted, had helped the University to obtain accreditation.

Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo noted with satisfaction that in spite of the

numerous problems militating against the development of the University, the institution had gotten full accreditation for its academic programmes, except three, which had interim accreditation status. The panel, in company of the University's Management, later paid a courtesy call on the Paramount Ruler of Uyo in council, HRM Edidem Edem Silas Akpan.

The University of Uyo team was made up of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo; the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Professor Charles Uko; the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Professor Anthony W. Akpan; the Registrar, Mr. John E. Udo; the University Librarian, Professor (Mrs.) Felicia E. Etim; the Deputy Bursar, Mr. Nyanga I. Nyanga representing the Bursar; Dean Student Affairs, Professor Eno Ibanga; Director of Works, Engr. Mfon Ukotang; Acting Director of Information, Mr. Maurice Uko and the Chief Security Officer, Lt. Col. Okon Nyong (Rtd).



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memlin Ekpo, (middle) with Uniuyo Mgt. Team & Members of the Presidential Visitation Panel

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phrase got there in the first place.

The Management of human resources has been quite a challenge and I discovered that first impressions should not be considered as a basis for generalization in any circumstance whatsoever. People should be treated with regards irrespective of tribe, nationality, status, position or gender. The absence of this mutual respect makes a system unworkable and unproductive. I learnt to tolerate others while establishing my own opinions. I improved my computer skills and intellect. I also learnt a few words of French, thanks to the Director, while perfecting my Ibibio skills. On very hot days, we used our minds to make the office cool and I can boast that it is only the DIPR staff that know about my theory of thermo psychology. It always worked. I spread the theory of using ones mind as an air conditioner in a hot day I think it worked perfectly, if not, how else did we cope amidst surging temperatures.

Finding solutions was my specialty and still is, armed with this near-obsession and with a 'fix it' DIPR team, we fixed a lot of things within a short period to a befitting place of information. I am glad for the transformation. My interaction with persons far wiser than I am has helped me affirmed the things I already knew or taught me what I didn't know. I also discovered the subtle but effective power of cohesion and how one can harness this power to achieve

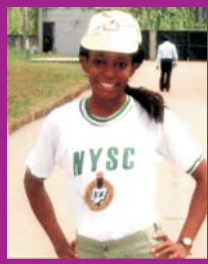
*Uniuyo Town Campus is a closely knit society, like a family where everyone knows everyone else. I began to enjoy what hitherto I called 'claustrophobia.' It is as though there is one beating heart and a thread of vein that unites everyone in a single beautiful harmony.*

results in a work environment. You may call it diplomacy.

Miss Kenechukwu Onwudinjo  
AK/IDB/0442

# UNIUYO: THE PLACE I KNOW AND LOVE

Miss Kenechukwu Onwudinjo, AK/IIDB/0442.



Nostalgia is a strong word when one goes to a place that feels like home. The University of Uyo has been home to me for many months. On my arrival, when I saw the beautiful flowers and almond trees, I felt like a child again. It reminded me, of my childhood days of endless adventure underneath giant almond trees and making red wine with crushed flower petals. I remember clearly when my undying love for almond led me to eat a perfectly unripe fruit as a result of which I had a chronic stomach ache. I would have certainly gotten a good spanking from mother if she had found out the source of my mysterious ache.

When I was posted to the DIPR in August 2010, I didn't quite know what to expect, but with a budding interest at paperwork, I knew I would fit. Arriving at the period of a transition, I would count myself quite lucky. I worked in the proactive and transformative regime of Prof. Akaneren I. Essien and witnessed the appointment of the first female Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, who through my attendance of

several courtesy visits, have come to know her as 'the woman of firsts'. Working under the supervision of vibrant and brilliant Directors, I couldn't have wished for more.

After almost a year in Uniuyo, I have witnessed its blessings, woes, trials, victories, struggles, triumphs and success, and I have taken part in these tides of change. Scanned with a critical eye of one passing by but yet so involved, I was intrigued at the relationship between everyone in the University. There was this spirit of genuine understanding and co-operation that passed through everyone.

I have experienced first hand what it means to work 8 hrs straight up, without buckling

***I have experienced first hand what it means to work 8 hrs straight up, without buckling under the pressure of what is available or what is not. My first trial at journalistic writing had according to my director, 'no writing flare', and that day I went home with a not-so-good feeling stuck in my throat.***

under the pressure of what is available or what is not. My first trial at journalistic writing had according to my director, 'no writing flare', and that day I went home with a not-so-good feeling stuck in my throat. However, with constant supervision I kept getting better. I would say that I have reached the remarkable stage of excellent error-proof stories (I dare say).

As time went on, with the assistance of a ready-to-help, ready-to listen Director, I was groomed through the throes of editing and in the process, constantly built my vocabulary with words like prosopagnosia, 'poro' for short (you wont find it in your dictionary I promise). I edited and proofread so many documents and grew happier for every word I conquered and every mistake I discovered. Once I saw an outrageous expression in the draft of the news Bulletin '... the anus of Uniuyo...' we gave it a thorough editing but not before having a good laugh and picturing the expression on people's faces if that had been published. I kept wandering how the

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## COURT DISMISSES UNIUYO'S VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP SUIT

A federal high court sitting in Uyo on Thursday March 3, 2011 dismissed a suit brought before it by Prof. Des Wilson challenging his disqualification from the vice-chancellorship race of the University of Uyo last November 2010, on age grounds.

Delivering the judgment in the suit No. FHC/UY/CS/132/10, the presiding judge, Justice E.C. Chukwu, who held that the matter was just a hypothetical exercise as the plaintiff (Prof. Wilson) was part of the University of Uyo Governing Council Meeting of May 22, 2010 which resolved that the Vice Chancellor must not be above 60 years. She thus dismissed the suit with no cost to either party in the matter.

Justice Chukwu maintained that the plaintiff was already two

months and some days above 60 years at the time he was vying for the office of Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, thereby disqualifying himself from the Vice Chancellorship contest.

The trial judge wondered why the plaintiff did not raise any objection to such a resolution at the Governing Council Meeting, but was now pleading ASUU/Federal Government Agreement on retirement age of 70 years of University professors, which he noted, was yet to become a law.

It would be recalled that Prof. Des Wilson had gone to court to obtain an ex parte injunction to restrain the Governing Council of the University of Uyo from appointing a new Vice Chancellor pending the determination of the suit.

The Plaintiff, who argued through his counsel, Elder E.I. Ekanem ESQ,

that he was yet to reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 years, contending that the irreparable damage would be done to him if he was excluded from the Vice-Chancellorship race.

On their part, counsel to the University authorities, Fidelis Iteshi esq, S. K. Ajobiwe esq, and Anthony Okon esq had urged the court to strike out the matter arguing that the plaintiff had no case before the court since he was part of the resolution of the University of Uyo Governing Council meeting that a Vice Chancellor must not be above 60 years at the time of appointment.

Joined in the suit were the Chairman of the Governing Council, the Governing Council, joint senate selection board for appointment of the Vice Chancellor, Registrar/Secretary to the Governing Council and the University of Uyo.

## UNIUYO INTRODUCES CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS

The authorities of the University have introduced Conference Registration of fresh and returning students with effect from the 2010/2011 academic year. Addressing Faculty officers, finance officers, Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, said the measure was to

address wastage in the system. Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo maintained that it was no longer acceptable to the University management for students to be dismissed or expelled from the institution for not having registered properly when they had gained admission into the University. She expressed belief that if students are properly registered, they would know at the point of registering whether or not they have met admission requirements for their respective disciplines.

Besides, Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo noted that conference registration would solve the problems students go through in changing their bank tellers to receipts after they had registered. To ensure the success of the conference registration, the

Vice-Chancellor explained that all staff involved in the registration of

students including Faculty Officers, finance officers, Deans of Faculties, and heads of departments would participate in the exercise. According to the Vice-Chancellor, conference registration would be hitch-free because students would be given adequate instructions and it would last for two weeks from the date of resumption.

The Vice-Chancellor, however, explained that conference registration was not a replacement of the on-line registration as students would be expected to proceed with on-line registration after they might have been screened and have paid the specified acceptance fees. Meanwhile, GUCCI-CHIS, managers of University of Uyo portal on-line, took time to educate all staff involved in the registration of the students on the intricacies of the on-line registration.



Mr. John Udo, Registrar, Uniuyo

## NACHRED ENERGY SAVING PROGRAMME GETS UNIUYO'S ENDORSEMENT

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, has assured a team from the National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin, of her administration's full support for their power/energy saving programme across the country.

Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo gave the assurance in her office during a courtesy call on her by the representatives of NACHRED on Thursday March 4, 2011. The VC commended the team for their initiative in introducing good quality power-saving bulbs into the Nigerian market. She added that considering the University's commitment to prudent management of resources, her administration will embrace any

project that would help to save cost.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the Team, Dr. K.R. Ajao explained that energy-saving bulbs were efficient and cost-effective, as they last longer, generate less heat and save about 80% of energy used by ordinary bulbs thereby reducing electricity bills.

He added that energy conservation was on the priority list of the Federal Government which had imported energy-saving bulbs from Cuba in its effort to phase out old energy wasting bulbs by the year 2012, and advised the University administration to avail itself of the opportunity. According to him, the Cuban bulbs last about 6-7

times longer than the substandard ones also being sold in the market. He lamented the difficulty in checking the influx of substandard bulbs into the market.

Dr. Ajao pledged to deliver to the University, 180 pieces of the energy-saving bulbs, which he said would be a gift from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

Present at the visit were the DVC Academic, Prof. Anthony W. Akpan; the DVC Administration, Prof. Charles Uko; the Registrar, Mr. John E. Udo; and the University librarian; Prof. Felicia Etim. Others were the Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Eno Ibgana, the Director of Works, Engr. Mfon Ukotang and Mr. M.K. Garuba, a member of the NACHRED team.

## NIM PRESIDENT DECRIES MORAL BANKRUPTCY IN SOCIETY

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, on Friday March 4, 2011 urged the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) to extend its training programmes to the University of Uyo and help build the managerial capacity of members of staff of the institution.

Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo gave the charge when the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), led by its President and Chairman of Council, Dr. (Mrs.) Sally N. Adukwu-Bolujoko, paid her a courtesy visit. She enjoined the institute to see its services to humanity both as a calling and a seed sown in developing great minds.

The Vice-Chancellor told the team that the University of Uyo was a promising institution, which would always welcome the services of the institute.

Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo commended the institute for upholding integrity as its core value in a society in which moral values were breaking down, adding that NIM should have zero-tolerance for people who were wanting in moral values. She advised the institute to encourage people in managerial positions to help shape the society for the better.

The Vice-Chancellor praised the institute for its passion for educational development in the

country and for working towards shoring up the falling standards, adding that it was a welcome development.

Earlier in her remarks, the President of the Nigerian Institute of Management, Dr. (Mrs.) Sally N. Adukwu-Bolujoko, told the Vice-Chancellor that members of the Institute were in her office to inform her of their activities.

According to Dr. (Mrs.) Adukwu-Bolujoko, the Nigerian Institute of Management was established in 1951 with the sole objective of building the capacity of people and training them for both public and private services.

Dr. Adukwu-Bolujoko noted that the Nigerian Institute of Management was a knowledge-driven Institute anchored on integrity as its core value, stressing that its core value was very germane to knowledge.

The Institute's president, however, decried moral bankruptcy in the society where people were cutting corners in desperation to acquire wealth without recourse to dignity of labour. She berated Nigerian leaders who

are in the rat race to make money, thus throwing integrity and morality to the winds.

It was her belief that the greatness of any nation was measured by its high moral values, regretting that Nigerian leaders were ruining the educational system in their mad rush to amass wealth for themselves.

Dr. Adukwu-Bolujoko maintained that the Nigerian Institute of Management had taken upon itself to speak for the educational development of the country.

The Institute's president thanked the Vice-Chancellor for allowing a branch of the institute to spring up in the University of Uyo, expressing the belief that it would help the Vice-Chancellor to manage the human and material resources of the University better.

She congratulated Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo on her appointment as the first female Vice-Chancellor of the University, expressing the hope that she would not disappoint the women folk.

Dr. Adakwu-Bolujoko, herself an educationist and proprietress of schools, said she was hopeful that as an educationist, Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo would bring her wealth of experience to bear in leading the University of Uyo to greater heights.

## DIPR GETS NEW TEAM



4th from the left: Ag. Director Mr. Maurice Uko & staff of DIPR

Determined to tackle the dearth of Senior Administrative officers and Technical Staff to shore up service delivery in the institution, the management of the University of Uyo recently recruited new staff to its employ.

The new officers who have already settled down to work, went through a week-long orientation/training workshop between March 21-25, 2011 to equip them with the rubrics and dynamics of university administration.

Expectedly, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations in the University which hitherto suffered dearth of manpower, is a beneficiary of the recruitment drive as three administrative officers who are well groomed in information generation and dissemination, have been deployed to the Directorate.

They are, Mr. Edet Okon Dickson, Miss Mandu Ben Ekanem and Mrs. Nnenna Egwu Iheakachi. The trio with the cooperation of the staff on ground are already discharging their duties vigorously.

At the helm of affairs in the Directorate is a new visionary, and experienced administrator, Mr. Maurice Uko who is determined to reposition the Directorate and leave behind enduring legacies.

Mr. Uko, a Deputy Registrar on sabbatical leave from the Federal Inter-university Centre for French Studies (Nigeria French Language Village) in Badagry, Lagos, was appointed Acting Director with effect from 17th January 2011. He is a member of many professional bodies and has attended several local and international training workshops and conferences. He holds the following qualifications: B. A. (Hons) French, (University of Nigeria

Nsuka), Certificate in Public Relations, DEF-2e Degré (Grenoble France), CEFLE (ROYAN, France), Masters in Public Administration, (MPA) and Masters in International Relations and Strategic Studies, (MIRSS)

among others. He has served variously as Head of Public Relations, Head of Consultancy Service, Deputy Registrar/Head of Human Resources Management and Development, Deputy Registrar/Head of Academic Affairs and a two-time member of the Governing Council at the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry Lagos.

The new Acting Director with his upgraded Directorate personnel team, having carried out a thorough diagnosis of the challenges facing the unit presented a detailed action plan to the University Management. Some aspects of the plan are already being implemented with the approval and support of the Vice-Chancellor, and the rebranded Directorate of Information is fast taking shape in Uniuyo.

It is hoped that with the corporation from the University Management, the Directorate would coast home a rebranded information unit.

As part of its corporate social responsibility in the state, Fidelity Bank Plc. has expressed its willingness to partner with the University of Uyo in the area of infrastructural development to boost learning.

The Executive Director, Business Banking of the Bank, Chief Willie Obiano, gave the indication on Monday March 28, 2011 when he led a delegation of the Bank on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, in her office.

Chief Obiano told the VC that the decision of the bank to partner with the institution was informed by the fact that the future of the nation lies with the students and expressed the hope that the university would reciprocate the gesture.

Welcoming the delegation, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Charles Uko said the major needs of the University were in the areas of information technology, infrastructure, sports complex, staff club, conference centre, campus beautification and broadcasting facilities.

Earlier in his remarks, the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) and Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, Prof. Aniedi Ette, told the delegation that the university would always welcome development partners that can affect the social environment of the university and enhance facility development.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Administration) Prof. Charles Uko, received the delegation in the company of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof Anthony W. Akpan; the Registrar, Mr. John Udo; the Bursar, Mr. Michael

## Fidelity Bank to Partner with Uniuyo in Infrastructural Development



The Executive Director, Business Banking Fidelity Bank, Chief Willie Obiano



VC's representative, Prof. Charles Uko (DVC Admin.) (3rd from right) with Uniuyo Mgt. & Fidelity Bank Delegation

Asuquo, represented by the Deputy Bursar, Mr. Nyanga Nyanga; the University Librarian, Prof. (Mrs.) Felicia Etim; the Chief Security Officer, Lt. Col. E. O. Nyong (rtd.); the PAR VC's Office; Provost, College of Health Sciences and Chairman, Committee of Deans, Prof. Paul Ekwere.

The delegation, led by the Executive Director,

## UNIUYO WOMEN CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

University of Uyo women on March 8, 2011, joined their counterparts the world over to mark the 2011 International Women's Day with the theme; "Equal Access to Education, Training in Science and Technology: Pathway to Decent Work for Women".

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort M Ekpo, in her address of welcome, appreciated the women of the University of Uyo for the remarkable support shown her since her appointment. Professor Ekpo noted that the women of the university community had a cogent reason to gather, as the "International Women's Day was a global day set aside to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women, past, present and future". The Vice-Chancellor described the theme of the day as apt, stressing that women should always make use of available opportunities to improve themselves educationally. She urged the women to remember their role in God's agenda as "the salt of the earth", thus providing succor to lives, government and relevant organizations that they are involved with.



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo-VC, Hon. Eunice Thomas-Hon. Comm. for Women Affairs, Mr. John Udo - Registrar & Prof. (Mrs.) Felicia Etim - University Librarian @ the Int'l Women's Day Celebration

She solicited the support of the women for her administration, stating that her appointment as the first female Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo was an honour to all the women in the University community. She thanked the women for their support so far and prayed God's blessings upon them.

The Honourable Commissioner for Women Affairs, Akwa Ibom State, Hon. (Mrs.) Eunice Thomas, who was the Special Guest of Honour at the event, encouraged the women to apply wisdom in their daily affairs while also exerting themselves as they live in peace with their male counterparts. The Special Guest of the day then read a special message from the Executive Director of UN Women and

former President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet. In her message, Michelle Bachelet applauded the efforts of the women pioneers for their bravery in taking a historic step towards ensuring women emancipation. Though she maintained that much had been achieved in equality with men, she observed that a lot needed to be done to improve the lot of women all over the world, in terms of safer births, better wages, equal chance at education and more positions in politics.

Michelle Bachelet, said, "the agenda to secure gender equality and women's rights is a global agenda, a challenge for every country, rich and poor, north and south", maintaining that it was in this regard that the United Nations created an organization called UNWomen,

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with the aim of delivering on the promise of the UN Charter of equal rights of men and women. She stressed that given the opportunity, women could achieve a lot, and could not afford to wait another hundred years to unlock their potentials.

The activities for the day included lectures from the University Librarian, Professor (Mrs.) Felicia Etim, on the theme "Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women", and Dr. Uwemedimbuk Ekanem, a medical consultant, on "Women and their health."

A communiqué issued at the end of the celebration stressed the need to go beyond advocacy of equality to the actual implementation of strategies which would bring about the desired result. It also called on

universities to play an important part in ensuring the actualization of set goals by setting up monitoring and counseling committees to

execute pro-gender policies on admissions and top management level employments. The communiqué also highlighted the role of nations and governments in the areas of providing child care support facilities to enable women to maximize their paid employment opportunities. Women's health was also put into perspective as they must remain healthy to maximize their potentials.

The International Women's Day Celebration also



Uniuoyo women @ Int'l Women's Day

featured an exhibition of works by women of the university community.

Other members of the University Management present at the celebration were: The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Charles Uko; The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Professor Anthony W. Akpan; and the Registrar, Mr. John Udo. The 8th of March every year is marked as the International Women day the world over.

## UNIUYO HOLDS 16th CONGREGATION, ELECTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The University of Uyo on Thursday, March 10, 2011 held her 16th meeting of Congregation during which new members were elected into various committees. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, who presided over the meeting, thanked members of Congregation for turning out in large numbers and reiterated her administration's determination to reposition the institution for academic excellence while consolidating on the gains of the past administration.

Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo noted that her administration would continue to maintain structures to facilitate learning and enhance an aesthetic environment suitable for academic work.

The Vice Chancellor announced the introduction of

conference registration in an effort to curb wastages in the system, adding that on-line registration and centralized computation of results would be enhanced to ease stress hitherto encountered by the students.

She informed the congregation that she had gotten the approval of the Governing Council to rehabilitate the abandoned male hostel, and to appoint two able lieutenants, (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Charles Uko and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Anthony Akpan).

Prof. Ekpo urged the staff to be dedicated to their duties, maintain peace on campus, exhibit honesty and be punctual to work and stay through. The Vice Chancellor used the opportunity

to thank members of the congregation for their prayers and support during her most trying period in January 2011 and prayed God to bless them richly.

The highlight of the meeting was the election of new members into various committees.

Mr. Mfonabasi Isaiah and Mrs. Faith Emmanuel were elected into the Appointments and Promotions Committee A&PC (SATS); Dr. Luke Eyo, Appointments and Promotions Committee (Academic); Dr. Joseph A. Ushie, Development Committee; Dr. Ashong Ashong, University Governing Council; Mrs. Unwana A. Ossom, University Governing Council; Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Ekpu, Board of the University Staff School.



Prof. Anthony W. Akpan DVC Academic, (representing Uniuoyo VC, Prof. (Mrs) Comfort Ekpo) commissions UNICO-OP Building

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UNICO-OP held on the 29th of March, 2011. Hon. Udom acknowledged the Committee's effort in complementing Government's bid at promoting group business initiative through its continuous investment in the organization. He urged the UNICO-OP management team to brace up for a profitable business year, and suggested that the Committee consider the production of fruit juice, assuring them of the State Government's support.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (DVC), Academic, Prof. Anthony W. Akpan, congratulated the Committee on their credibility in uncovering and recovering misappropriated funds, and rebuilding the foundation of UNICO-OP which, hitherto, had

been eaten up by a cankerworm of mismanagement and other untoward activities. He decried the activities of the immediate past UNICO-OP management as unacceptable and shameful.

The highlight of the event was the commissioning of the UNICO-OP building by the DVC Academic, Prof. Anthony Akpan who was representing the Vice Chancellor.

Earlier at a courtesy visit, the UNIUYO Vice Chancellor pledged her support to the Committee, stating that if leaders were appointed as they should, taking into consideration their level of professionalism and integrity, then right hands would emerge to ensure sustainability. She urged them to keep the UNIUYO management informed of developments in the organization.

The President of UNICO-OP, Mr. Imoh E. Markson highlighted some of

the achievements of the administration in the period of two years to include:

- \* Investigation and discovery of gross financial misappropriation
- \* Recovery of faulty bank charges
- \* Reception of loans interest waver.
- \* Liquidation of outstanding bank loans
- \* Liquidation of overdraft facility.
- \* Recovery of IOU
- \* Conversion of IOU and unqualified advances to performing loans.
- \* Recovery of misappropriated funds.
- \* Granting of loans to members.
- \* Purchase of a brand new official car for the office of the President.
- \* Construction of a befitting cooperative business office.

## UNIUYO COMMENDS AFREN OIL PLC



From left: Mr. Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC, Mr. Bayo Ayorinde, MD of AFREN Oil Plc, and the Registrar, Mr. John Udo, during the visit.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, has commended Afren Oil PLC for assisting the Petroleum and Chemical Engineering Programmes of the institution by donating books and journals.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the commendation on Monday March 14, 2011 when the Managing Director of the Company, Mr. Bayo Ayorinde, led other executive members of the company on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor.

Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo used the opportunity to inform Afren Oil team that the University of Uyo has a linkage programme with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway (NUTN) on the training of postgraduate students and noted that the books and journals they had donated to the Petroleum Engineering Department would be of immense assistance to the students.

The Vice-Chancellor also thanked Afren Oil Plc for the equipment they had procured for the department, saying they would

go a long way in providing further practical exposure for postgraduate students. She assured Afren Oil Plc that the University of Uyo would continue to welcome and cherish the partnership it has with Afren Oil Plc. In his remarks, the Managing Director of Afren Oil Plc, Mr. Bayo Ayorinde, told the Vice-Chancellor that they were in the University of Uyo to check facilities they had donated to the Petroleum Engineering Department and to look into other areas of possible assistance to the Department.

Mr. Ayorinde said their visit was informed by the aggressive zeal of Afren Oil Plc in discharging their corporate social responsibilities in the host communities, maintaining that they were not investing in projects which do not have sustainability, but in educational development for capacity building.

He pledged Afren Oil Plc's commitment to attracting other oil companies to contribute their quota towards the capital development of the University of Uyo.

In his remarks, Professor Aniedi Ete assured Afren Oil Plc that the Vice-Chancellor would support them in whatever they can do to assist Petroleum Engineering department of the institution.

Professor Ete, who is the Chairman, University of Uyo Afren Oil Committee, thanked the Company for choosing to assist the University, saying the institution was grateful for the gesture.

Also speaking, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Linus Asuquo, while appreciating Afren Oil Plc management for their contribution, noted that investment in capital development needed to be broadened to shore up capital development index in the state.

Dr. Asuquo appealed to Afren Oil PLC to assist the Petroleum Engineering Department to ease the transportation problem of students.

On his part, the community representative, Barrister Asuquo Okpo, appealed to the University to take the partnership between it and Afren Oil Plc seriously. He also appealed to the Akwa Ibom State government to help sustain the Faculty of Engineering for the sake of the State's indigenes studying in the Department.

The team later inspected facilities in the Petroleum and Chemical Engineering Departments at the Main Campus of the University along Nwaniboa Road Uyo.

Among facilities inspected were Engineering Laboratories, Workshop, Library, and Auditorium.

Speaking shortly after the inspection, Mr. Bayo Ayorinde expressed satisfaction with the facilities he saw, noting that Afren Oil PLC was not disappointed in the University of Uyo.

On the University team were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Charles Uko; Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Anthony Akpan; Registrar, Mr. John Udo; Dean of Student Affairs, Professor Eno Ibanga; Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Linus Asuquo; and former Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Benjamin Etuk.

Afren Oil Plc team comprised Tari Kosewei, Community Affairs Manager, Obahi Evemin Khale, production Supervisor, and Barrister Asuquo Okpo, Community representative.

## VICE-CHANCELLOR LISTS 100 DAYS ACHIEVEMENTS



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo has within her first one hundred days in office, taken notable strides in administration and improvement of physical structures namely: the renovation of female hostels, introduction of conference registration to curb wastages in the system and monitoring successfully, the conduct of the part II and III MBBS Medical examinations. Others include, maintenance of a cordial relationship with traditional rulers of the host communities, prompt payment of salaries and allowances, maintenance of peace and order in the institution, defense of the university budget at both the House of Representatives and Senate, and giving boost to her pet project- The Jolly Phonics project which is designed to enable the Akwa Ibom child read and write with ease among others.

The Vice-Chancellor, listed these achievements during a live interview on Uniuvo Radio 100.5FM on Thursday, March 10, 2011. The interview

was anchored by the duo of Drs. Uwem Akpan and Nsikan Senam of the Department of Communication Arts. It was also an avenue for interaction

position because of her deep passion for the development of quality education in the university and to consolidate and build upon the efforts of the past administration in which she played a very significant role.

Reacting to the issue of imposition of textbooks on students by lecturers, the Vice Chancellor made it clear that such act is against Senate decisions. She described it as criminal and vouched that culprits will be brought to book. She urged the students to cooperate with the management to expose "the bad eggs".

Professor (Mrs.) Ekpo promised to look into the problem of lack of maintenance of facilities in Uniuvo including the Uniuvo Radio FM station which needs digital and improved system of transmission and also the appointment of permanent staff to man the station.

She described constraints of space for staff and students as her major challenge, and expressed the confidence that her administration will move to the main campus significantly, as a way of meeting the challenge.

*The VC, who is a Professor of Educational Technology, a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and also a Researcher, said she was inspired to seek her present position because of her deep passion for the development of quality education in the university and to consolidate and build upon the efforts of the past administration in which she played a very significant role.*

between the VC and staff and students of the university during the phone-in segment of the programme.

The VC, who is a Professor of Educational Technology, a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and also a Researcher, said she was inspired to seek her present

## UNICO-OP MANAGEMENT RECEIVES COMMENDATION

The Executive Committee of the University of Uyo Cooperative (UNICO-OP) has been commended by the special Adviser to the Governor on Bureau of Cooperatives, Hon. Godwin Udom and the Uniuvo Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.)

Comfort Ekpo respectively, for an outstanding performance.

The commendation came during the 7th Annual General Meeting of



Uniuvo VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo & Uniuvo Mgt. With UNICOOP executives

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## ZENITH BANK TO RECIPROCATE UNIVERSITY'S GESTURE

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Professor (Mrs) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, on Thursday March 10, 2011 told the authorities of Zenith Bank PLC to make itself more visible in the University of Uyo in the area of infrastructural development to reciprocate the institution's gesture of banking with it.

Professor (Mrs) Ekpo, stated this when a three man delegation from Zenith Bank PLC, South South Region, paid her a courtesy visit in her office.

She noted that Zenith Bank should reciprocate the gesture of the University of Uyo as its major banker by building structures in the institution to enhance learning. The Vice-Chancellor commended the bank for establishing a cash centre in the University to serve both students and staff of the institution. She also lauded the bank for employing qualified Uniuyo students who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers.

Professor (Mrs) Ekpo, who described the visit of the bank as very significant, recalled that it was also in March that Zenith Bank opened its Cash Centre in the University and pledged continued partnership with the bank.

Earlier, the South South Zonal Head of the Bank, Mr.

Austine Njoko, said the team was in the Vice Chancellor's office to congratulate her on her appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the University and to kindle the business relationship existing between the University and Zenith Bank. Mr. Njoko noted that the University of Uyo was very dear to the bank and pledged to support the infrastructural development of the institution.

He promised to support the University of Uyo in its lofty programmes, even as he stated that the Zenith Bank would contribute its quota towards the movement of the University to the Main Campus along Nwaniba Road, Uyo. He used the occasion to inform the Vice-Chancellor that graduates of the University of Uyo employed by the bank had

distinguished themselves in their various callings, noting that the feat was a plus to the institution.

Present at the courtesy visit were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Professor Charles Uko; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Anthony Akpan; Registrar, Mr. John Udo; the University Librarian, Professor (Mrs) Felicia Etim; and the Bursar, represented by the Deputy Bursar.

On the Zenith Bank team were Zenith Bank branch manager, Abak Road, Mrs. Dorcas Jackson, and the Manager, Cash Centre, Mr. Uwem Okpoho.



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuyo VC & Mr. Austin Njoko, South-South Zonal Director Zenith Bank



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, receives a gift from Zenith Bank delegation

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such, forms the foundation of all fields of study, both in the sciences and in the arts.

High points of the event were the presentation of awards to awardees including the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Chief (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio, who received the special award, the Chemistry Gold Award for Excellence in Governance; the Uniuyo Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort M. Ekpo, received the Chemistry Excellence Award for Academic Attainment. Other awardees included Prof. (Mrs.) Mabel Akpuaka, Prof. (Mrs.) Miranda I. Dosunmu and Dr. (Mrs.) Margaret L. Inyang.

In the graduate students category, the awardees included: Miss Jenny Inuk, Engr. Okon Amasi, Engr. Ephraim

Miss Jenny Inuk, Engr. Okon Amasi, Engr. Ephraim



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo inspecting an exhibition @ Int'l Year of Chemistry

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE INAUGURATED

A ten-man research and development committee has been inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo. Speaking at the inauguration, the Vice Chancellor, Professor (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, said that her vision for the University of Uyo in the next five years was to develop an excellent teaching and research institution of international repute. She added that universities all over the world are known by their scientific and technological innovative contributions, maintaining that UNIUYO cannot be an exception. Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo acknowledged that most breakthroughs in Europe and America have been driven by universities. She also observed that quite often some of those leading these innovations are Nigerians. The Vice-Chancellor stressed that the University of Uyo must be part

of this global development process.

Prof. Ekpo outlined the terms of reference of the committee to include developing a blue-print for research and development in the university, charting a new course in research for the university and developing a road map towards arriving at the institution's global objective. She conceded that there are brilliant minds in the University of Uyo who will be pooled together and properly harnessed through a practicable plan of action to achieve the desired objectives.

She stressed that this project would be handled with utmost seriousness and expressed the hope that funds would be sourced for, to enable the committee carry out its functions.

Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo expressed optimism that the

research culture in the university would be revived. She said that both academic and administrative staff of the university are encouraged to participate in local and international conferences, especially with regard to research.

The Research Committee has Prof. Lawrence Etim of the Faculty of Agriculture as Chairman. Others are Prof. Nsongurua Udombana, Dean of Law; Prof. Fidelis Onwuoduokit, Faculty of Education; Prof. Godfrey Udo, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies; Prof. Enoabasi Urua, Faculty of Arts; Prof. Imo Ukpong, Faculty of Social Sciences; Dr. Edu Inam, Department of Chemistry; Dr. A. Efi, Faculty of Business Administration; Dr. Memfin Ekpo of Faculty of Clinical Sciences and Mrs. Nene Essang, Director of Academic Affairs (Secretary).

## GOVERNOR AKPABIO AT INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY CELEBRATION, TASKS NIGERIAN CHEMISTS

The Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom state, Chief (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio, has charged Nigerian chemists to conduct researches that would transform Nigeria to a world-class economy.

He made the charge in the opening ceremony of the Global Celebration of the International Year of Chemistry (IYC, 2011) hosted by the University of Uyo, on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the ELF Lecture Theatre. The theme of the celebration was 'Chemistry - our Life, our future'. The occasion provided an opportunity to recognize the contributions of women to Chemistry.

Speaking at the event, the Governor, who was represented by Elder Friday Edem, Director of School Services, Inspectorate Division, Ministry of Education, Akwa Ibom State, stated that the free and compulsory education scheme in the state gives its people a strong foundation in the sciences and Chemistry, in particular, in line with the

objectives of the celebration.

He thanked the UNIUYO Management for being the first Nigerian University to host such an event of international repute thereby boosting the image of the state.

He pledged to upgrade laboratory facilities in the Department of Chemistry,

Ekpo, stated in her address the objectives of the IYC 2011 to include building positive image for Chemistry and to demonstrate its centrality to the daily activities of life. She described the celebration as a direct result of the long-term UN programme for global sustainable development. She

thanked the Governor and pledged her unwavering support to the Chemistry Department.

Reiterating the importance of Chemistry, the Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. A. Y. Itah, stated that Chemistry was the first

single science subject to be accorded such international recognition. He announced that graduates from the Chemistry department held positions of trust and responsibility in the society.

The Chairman of the occasion and President of the Chemical Society of Nigeria, Prof. Felix Okieimen, emphasized that Chemistry lies at the centre of the civilization the world enjoys today and, as



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuyo VC with Elder Friday Edem, Director of School Services, Inspectorate Division, Ministry of Education, representing the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Chief (Dr.) Godswill Akpabio

UNIUYO, to international standard and provide a project vehicle for the Chemistry Department. He mandated the Department to liaise with relevant government establishments to ensure the participation of the state in the global experiment launched by UNESCO to measure the purity of water.

In the same vein, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Uyo, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort M.

## UNIUYO CONCLUDES WEEK-LONG TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

In its determined effort to build the capacity of administrative officers for enhanced productivity, the University of Uyo recently mounted an intensive training workshop for newly employed administrative officers in the University.

Declaring the weeklong orientation/training workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Memfin Ekpo, stated that the training was organized to equip the new administrative officers with requisite information regarding the workings and operations of the University system.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Administration), Prof. Charles Uko, the Vice-Chancellor described the training workshop as innovative and the first of its kind, stating that it was part of her administration's resolve to drill administrative officers for efficiency and effectiveness so as to match the challenges of the modern day university administration.

Describing the administrative officers as pivot in the decision-making process of the University, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo said that gone were the days when students would have their studentship terminated, or not being able to graduate as a result of the negligence of administrative officers. She reiterated her administration's resolve to sanction erring administrative officers.

The Vice-Chancellor charged the new officers to take the training workshop seriously to justify the University's huge



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, VC, (7th from left), Prof. Anthony Akpan, DVC Academic, (8th), Mr. John Udo, Registrar (6th) & Mr. Emmanuel Imeh, Director-Personnel Affairs (5th) with Admin. Officers during the Training/Workshop

expenditure in the exercise as the University of Uyo would have no room for unproductive administrative officers in the system.

Prof. (Mrs.) Ekpo, while congratulating them on their successes at the interview and subsequent appointment, warned the new officers to shun extortion of money from students and other such corrupt practices as the University of Uyo had zero tolerance of corruption. She noted that the new administrative officers had been employed at the time administrative staff strength of the University of Uyo was declining occasioned by retirement, death, resignation, transfer and termination of appointment, and urged them to reciprocate the gesture, noting that "to whom much is given much is expected".

Seasoned resource persons were drawn from academic and senior administrative/technical staff of the University of Uyo to handle the various aspects of the University administration with the aim of putting the new administrative officers on a

sound footing for optimal performance.

The Registrar of the University, Mr. John E. Udo, delivered a lead lecture on Operation of the University Administrative System: Requirements for Efficiency.

Other distinguished resource persons included; Prof. Udo A. Etuk, Prof. P. E. C. Onwurah, Prof. N. J. Udombana, Mrs. Edak U. Umondak, Dr. Michael Udoh, Mr. Michael Asuquo, Prof. Effiong Johnson, Mrs. Nene U. Essang, Mrs. Regina G. Ikpat, Mr. Mfonabasi Isaiah, Miss Enenwan G. Ukporo, Mrs. Uduak Akpan, Mrs C. N. Ekong, Mrs. Cecilia Ochigbo, Mrs. Faith Emmanuel, Mrs. Mfon Udom, Mrs. Mfonobong Akpan, Barr. (Mrs.) Enobong Etuk, Mr. Linus Okoko, Lt. Col. E. O. Nyong (rtd.), Dr V. J. U. Ekong, Mr. Enobong Macaulay Umoh and Mr. E.A.G. Imeh.

Topics treated at the week-long training included;

- \* Staff-Welfare Through Health Care and Health Insurance Services.
- \* Implications of Federal

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VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo & Mgt. Team with members of Read and Write Now (RAWN) "Jollyphonics" Project during a courtesy visit.



VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo (R) with Hon. Comm. of Women Affairs, Akwa Ibom State, Hon. Eunice Thomas @ the Int'l Women's Day Celebration



VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo with the University Librarian Prof. (Mrs.) Felicia Etim @ Int'l Women's Day Celebration



VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Abaji Aliyu Samba, Chairman Presidential Visitation Team at a courtesy visit to the Paramount Ruler of Uyo, HRM Eddiem Edem Sitas Abang



Fidelity Bank Delegation on a courtesy visit to the University



Uniuvo VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, some Mgt. Staff & Goodnews Community Members at a courtesy visit



VC inspects a stand @ the Int'l Year of Chemistry Celebration



Prof. Charles Uko, DVC Admin (right) with The Executive Director, Business Banking, Fidelity Bank, Chief Willie Okonme



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC with Elder Friday Edem, Director of School Services, representing the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Chief (Dr.) Godwill Agbako & Prof Anthony Akpan, DVC Academic @ the Int'l Year of Chemistry Celebration



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC with Mr. Bayo Ayorinde, MD of AFREN Oil Plc.



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo presents a teaching aid to one of the participants at the "jollyphonics" workshop.



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC with Dr. (Mrs.) Sally N. Adukwu-Bolujoko, President NIM



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC and Uniuvo Mgt. on inspection with AFREN Oil Plc. delegation



Prof. (Mrs.) Comfort Ekpo, Uniuvo VC (m) and Uniuvo Mgt. with Zennith Bank Officials



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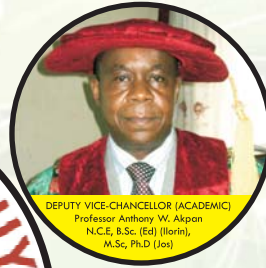
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