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VC DELIVERS HOMILY AT CHAPEL OF TRANSFORMATION

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Isaac Uzoma Asuzu, has admonished students to walk closely with God to achieve their purpose in life. The Vice Chancellor gave this charge in a sermon delivered at Ikole Campus during a joint service of the Chapel of Transformation, (COT), an inter-denominational Christian gathering of students and staff of the institution.

He cited Biblical examples of men who walked with God and allowed the power of God to manifest in great works through them. Speaking on the topic: "From Communion to Dominion", he mentioned Moses, Joseph, Shedrach, Meshach and Abednego, who became instruments for God's service and reference point for all ages.

Professor Asuzu enjoined the congregation to shun all godless acts and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. He identified Jesus Christ as the sole instrument in molding him into what he is today. "When a person allows God to direct his affairs in life, the person draws energy and focus from Him to actualize his goals", he concluded.

In a closing remark the Ag. Registrar, Mr. Daniel Adeyemo, noted that FUOYE community was fortunate to have the Vice Chancellor not only as a secular father but also as a spiritual model. He added that while many people were 'burning' for the devil, only a few were 'burning' for God. He called on the students to 'burn' for God and anchor all their activities in the campus on God for a bountiful academic yield.

Other events that added glamour to the day included a playlet presented by the Chapel of Transformation Drama group and song renditions by Ikole and Oye choir groups. Other guests among the congregation were the acting Bursar, Mr. Obadiah Dyiiltu, Director, Procurement Unit, Ikechukwu Areh, among other dignitaries. Membership of COT is open to all students and staff of FUOYE.

NEWS FROM PHASE II

Activities at the Phase II of the Federal University Oye-Ekiti are gradually coming alive, what with the relocation of the Faculty of Science and ICT to the place. FUOYE News Bulletin crew went round the place to ascertain how the current occupants of the site are fairing. We serve you extracts from our encounters with them and their expectations. At the ICT Complex, staff there were bubbly as they were seen dashing from one office to another in pursuit of one task or the other. Staff who were used to being cramped in one hall shared with the University Library now had large areas of office spaces to themselves alone. To tackle problem of power supply in the area our crew was shown an installed transformer which was yet to be connected to the power grid. Our crew was also informed that the department was making use of mobile server in the meantime, while work had reached advanced stages on the mast. Actually there was an installed mast but it was not in use yet due to lack of distribution facilities. An ICT staff, Seun Ojedeji, however pointed out some inevitable construction mistakes by the contractor which needed to be rectified before the place could function properly. According to him, the Physical Planning Unit had been notified about some errors.

One other challenge which all staff of the Phase II area were unanimous about was the issue of access to the complex. This challenge was attributed to bad roads, a situation that forces staff to park their cars very far from the offices. They expressed fears that problem of access could degenerate if status remains before the rains set in. At the Faculty of Science, Faculty Officer, FO, Mr. D.A. Fatuase expressed similar sentiments. He was however optimistic that the problem of power supply would soon be a thing of the past as the Vice Chancellor had promised to procure a heavy duty power-generating set for them. On the absence of internet access, he called on ICT to come to their aid as there was no internet service whatsoever in their complex. He also disclosed that more cleaners were needed to keep the beautiful complex tidy always. At present, we were told, the faculty had only one cleaner. Some students of the faculty corroborated the FO's observations as they decried the dearth of power supply, good transportation system and portable water. They were unanimous in calling on food vendors and business centres to open annexes at the new site. "Trekking from here to and fro the main gate to eat or do a photocopy is a daunting task", one student volunteered. An appraisal of the shuttle bus service revealed that more vehicles were needed to meet up with increased traffic in the axis.

FUOYE PRE DEGREE UNIT CONDUCTS FIRST SEMESTER EXAM

Federal University Oye Ekiti Pre-Degree Programme conducted first semester examination for the 193 students that registered for the 2014/2015 session from Thursday 26th to Friday 27th February, 2015. The examination which started with a demo/mock examination on Tuesday Feb 24 was to allow students get acquainted with writing examinations online as obtains at the Pre-Degree Unit in line with JAMB's new procedures.

Administrative Secretary of the unit, Mr. Johnson Adeyemo, revealed that the examination was originally slated for March 12 but Management Board of the unit decided to change the date in line with Joint Admissions Matriculation Board (JAMB)'s rescheduled UTME examination timetable for this year. The mock exam was also to allow the students have sufficient time to study for the forthcoming JAMB examination. He also added that the second semester would begin immediately after exams. He therefore advised students not to travel as lectures would commence thereafter.

Mr. Adeyemo finally entreated members of staff to bring their wards and relations to the programme as it helps prepare candidates for both the UTME and Post-UTME. He revealed that of the 394 candidates that took part in the pre-degree programme last year, 260 passed the UTME while 180 were admitted into different undergraduate programmes for the 2014/2015 academic session. He stressed that the importance of the Pre-Degree platform in helping to prepare candidates for the undergraduate academic life cannot be over-emphasized.

In a related development, the Ikechukwu Iheanacho Information and Communication Technology (IIICT) Centre has expressed its preparedness to conduct the 2015 UTME coming up in next month. Principal Systems Administrator and JAMB's Coordinator for the University, Mr. Kunle Francis Adebayo, revealed that the Centre has the capacity to accommodate 350 candidates, affirming that the centre remains an approved venue for JAMB examination.

Speaking further, Mr. Adebayo reiterated that the 2015 UTME exercise would not have any substitute for the compulsory computer-based test (CBT). This means that the paper-based test (PBT) has finally been phased out by JAMB.

In the CBT method, exam questions are pre-arranged in such a manner that no two candidates have the same series of test items and numbering patterns. The systems administrator expressed confidence that the ICT Centre is ever-ready to aid this year's conduct of the examination, adding that the Centre has explored the same platform JAMB will be using in conducting its exams exam by subjecting the pre-degree students to a DEMO test. He stated that 150 computer systems are currently being put in use to test-run the DEMO examination exercise.

CEDSS to commence training soon.

Training will soon commence at the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Support Services, CEDSS, as the Centre has purchased and installed equipment worth over twenty million naira covering all its quoted areas of trade to train students in skills acquisition and development necessary to plan and begin a venture on their own. CEDSS is in line with the current global practice of incorporating Entrepreneurship Studies into university regular curriculum to produce self-reliant and creative graduates who would not depend on paid employment. The centre recently conducted interviews for instructors. Listed below are the available vocational trades at the Centre. Computer Hardware Engineering ,GSM Repairs, Satellite TV Installation & Services, Professional Driving Skills, ,Hair Dressing, Electrical Installation, Telecommunication, Radio & TV Servicing & Repairs, Manicure & Pedicure, Barbing, Bakery & Confectionary , Paint Production, Tailoring & Fashion Designing Photography, Bead making & Wireworks, Screen Printing, Woodwork & Furniture Making, Welding & Metal Fabrication, Catering Services, Soap/Detergent/Perfume Production, House Painting, Textile/Adire/Kampala Production, Interior Decoration, Events Management, Photoshop, Sound & Video Editing, Leather Works(Shoes & Bags) and Make up Art.

FUOYE COOPERATIVE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE ISSUES CERTIFICATE OF RETURN

The newly-elected officers of FUOYE Cooperative Society have received their Certificates of Return. The event took place on Wednesday February 25, 2015 at Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.. Presentation of the certificates was done by the Chairman of the Electoral Committee, Mr. Ojo A. Eyitope, in a rank ordered manner preparatory to inauguration of the new executive sometime in April, 2015. Present to witness the event were the out-going president of the Society, Mr. Borisade , Secretary, Mr. Felix Chukwu as well as other co-operators.

Call for articles

Faculties, Departments, Units, Directorates and Divisions are hereby invited to send in news of their up-coming events, activities and programmes for inclusion in our weekly news bulletin for circulation. All such entries should be forwarded to:pro.fuoye.edu.ng Assist us harvest news-worthy events happening around our campuses to enrich your bulletin!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATING OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS SWEARS IN NEW EXECUTIVE.

National Association of Psychology Students (NAPS) FUOYE chapter had a swearing-in ceremony for new executive of the association on Wednesday February 25, 2015. The ceremony which was the 3rd since inception of the University had in attendance the Head of Department Dr. Alexander Eze, Dr. Abiodun Lawal, Mrs Oladunjoye and other academic staff in the department. Dr Lawal who is a staff adviser admonished the students to live up to expectations. He said "we lead and others follow hence, this should reflect in everything we do to become true and good leaders." Also, Mrs Oladunjoye in her short speech welcomed the 100 level students into the association and encouraged them to take their studies very seriously in line with the University mandate. She implored them to maximize their potentials and make the best use of their stay on campus.

In a chat after the ceremony, the new president, Omoboyeje Ibunkun, said the intention of the new executive for the association in the next one year is to ensure more closeness among members of the association "as this will foster the habit of studying together (tutorials)". He also promised to "connect with the national body of the association to get the chapter registered, invite them for seminars and create a blog for the association where psychological papers and discussions can be accessed".

We're in a hurry to be No 1. _____ Prof Bolu

The Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Professor Chris Bolu, has hinted that Federal University Oye-Ekiti is in a hurry to become the best university in the world. Professor Bolu made this assertion while representing the Vice Chancellor in a media chat Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, FRCN, in company of FUOYE News Bulletin crew at Ikole. He commended the Federal Government for providing funds for the construction of the different edifices that dot the entire landscape of the university today.

The Dean disclosed that as at the moment, the university at three years, has faculty buildings, administrative complexes, ICT complexes in the two campuses and an Engineering workshop under construction, not to mention the Faculty of Agriculture's large farm and Engineering workshop. He disclosed that the university's was building (in both campuses) state-of-the-art hostels complete with swimming pool and other recreational facilities. This according to him will be the first of its kind in this part of the world.

Celebrating the achievements of the university in such a short period of its existence, Professor Bolu recollected that the young university has recently been ranked 16th among all Nigerian universities in the 2015 Webometrics ranking and 24 by the Nigerian Universities Commission. He however noted that though the Federal Government has provided funds for the university, this has not been enough. He likened the Government to a mother with 12 children and with limited resources to cater for their needs.

Speaking further, Professor Bolu said that the university has made tremendous positive impact on its two host communities in economic, social and even religious spheres. According to him, the influx of both staff and students into the towns has created a big market for them and has thereby increased their earnings; social life has improved with stepped up social activities, while churches have also recorded increase in membership and takings.

He asserted that the cordial relationship between the university and its host communities has resulted in goodwill gestures such as the donation of a 350KVA power generating set worth 10 million naira to the university by the people of Ikole kingdom. According to him, every adult, including petty traders, contributed to the donation as show of benevolence. On its part, the university has always directed its research endeavours to the host communities especially in the area of providing them with improved varieties of crops.