



UNAAB Mourns Yar'Adua, (Its Visitor)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi O. Balogun, has on behalf of the Governing Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students of the University, mourned the demise of the former President and Visitor to the University, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, describing him as a great and highly principled politician

through which deliberate intervention funds were approved and disbursed for the nation's tertiary institutions.

Professor Balogun prayed for the repose of the soul of former President Yar'Adua and wished that his family and the entire nation would summon enough fortitude to bear the



politician, an advocate of the rule of law, who demonstrated a strong penchant for due process.

His death, according to the Vice-Chancellor was a great loss, particularly at this time that the nation is desirous of a sincere leader that could assist in charting a positive and respectable image for it, through a genuine rebranding of our key values and practices.

Professor Balogun said the former President would be greatly missed by the academia for his genuine commitment to reposition the education sector, particularly on the road-map initiative of his administration,

painful loss.

In line with Federal Government's directive, the national flags at the Main Gate and the entrance of the University's Senate Building were hoisted at half-mast, as part of the seven-day mourning rites of the late President.

As part of UNAAB's mourning of the late President, the current edition University Bulletin is printed deep black in paying tribute to the University's departed Visitor.

During his lifetime, President Yar'Adua displayed rare courage over the inevitability of death.

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WORDS ON MARBLE

"I am not a super human being and I have never seen one. I don't know one yet, but certainly I am not one. I am a normal human being who can fall sick, recover, who can die, ... and who is fit enough to be president".

Late President Umar Musa Yar'Adua in a chat with Financial Times of New York.

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UNAAB Gets New Visitor



Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan has emerged the new

Visitor to the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, following his swearing in as the President and Commander-in Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, last Thursday by the Chief Justice of the Federation, Justice Aloysius Kastinga-Alu.

The death of the immediate past President, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua on Wednesday paved the way for Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, who until then was the Acting President.

The emergence of Yar'Adua and his successor, Jonathan has been noted as symbolic, given the fact that they both shared common antecedents as University Lecturers and first set of academic graduates to rule the country.

The ascension of Dr. Jonathan was hailed, particularly in the academia, as a positive development for the nation, citing his determination to revive power generation, redeem the electoral system and find lasting solution to the restive Niger-Delta crisis.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya has therefore on behalf of the entire University, congratulated His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, on his assumption of office, particularly, as the new Visitor to the University.

COLANIM's Induction Postponed !

The University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB) has postponed indefinitely, the ceremony for the maiden and historic induction of its first set of graduates from the College of Animal Science and Livestock Production, as members of the **Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS)**.

An earlier release by the Dean, College of Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM), Professor (Mrs.) Daisy Eruvbetine, had indicated that the induction ceremony was scheduled to hold tomorrow, Tuesday,

May 11, at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex.

Meanwhile, information from the Office of the Acting Registrar, Mr. Adeleke Adeboye, disclosed that the University will announce a new date for the induction, in a due course.

Mr. Adeboye said the University deeply regrets any inconvenience the postponement might have caused and pleaded with the prospective inductees, the College and the general public, to bear with the University.

GTB Transfers Campus ATM to Consortium

The Management of the Guarantee Trust Bank (GTB), UNAAB Branch, Alabata Road, Abeokuta, has transferred the management of its Automated Teller Machines (ATM) situated in the University premises to an ATM Consortium (ATMC).

The handover, according to the bank was in compliance with the March 31, 2010 deadline directive of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), to all commercial banks to either hand-over their offsite ATMs to a licensed ATM Consortia or relocate the machines to their branches.

As a result of the change of baton, GT Bank stickers, images and video graphics on the ATMs would be replaced with those of the ATM Consortium.

The Bank however thanked the University Management and Community members for their unflinching cooperation and patronage.

VC Okays Weekend Farm Work for Students

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has endorsed immediate commencement of the Weekend Students Farm Work Study Programme in the University's Teaching and Research Farm Directorate (TREFAD).

According to a release by the Deputy Director, Teaching and Research Farm Directorate (TREFAD), Mr. J.J Olobasola, the programme has been designed to run on weekends only, in order to offer students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) the opportunity to engage in paid-services on the farm.

Mr. Olobasola said the students would also gain valuable hands-on experience in all aspects of Crop Production and Livestock Management practices, among other benefits.

Interested students have therefore been encouraged to forward their applications and Curriculum Vitae through their Heads of Departments and Deans of their respective Colleges to the Deputy Director, TREFAD, latest by May 14, 2010.

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Speaking with newsmen in 2008, he declared, "I have no control over whether I will live to clock 70, 80 or 100. One thing I will try to do is to make sure I affect Nigerians positively during my tenure".

Born on August 16, 1951 into the popular Yar'Adua Dynasty, late Yar'Adua attended Rafukka Primary School in 1958 and moved to

Dutsinma Boarding Primary School in 1962. Attended Government College, Keffi, 1965-69. He received Higher School Certificate from Barewa College in 1971. He attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, 1972-75, obtaining a B.Sc in Education and Chemistry. In 1978, he bagged an M.Sc degree in Analytical Chemistry from the same University.

UNAAB REPUTATION

... VC Charges Journalists ... As Varsity Donates Split ACs

The University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has charged journalists to rally round the University towards sustaining the institution's good reputation and acco-

ists not to destroy the magnificent structure (UNAAB) which they contributed to build over the years by succumbing to the lure of mischievous elements, who for personal reasons, wallow in the "Ph. D - Pull Him Down"



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Balogun (4th Left), presenting the ACs to the NUJ Chairman, Mr. Tunde Sodeke (in cap) with other members and officials of the University.

mplishing its vision.

Professor Balogun gave the charge at the formal presentation of two sets of Split air-conditioners to the Ogun State Council of Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) by the University, at the Council Chamber.

The Chairman of NUJ, Mr. Tunde Sodeke had in his Opening Remarks set the tone for the Vice-Chancellor's charge when he commended the University for its enviable reputation and ranking, which places it among top 100 Universities in Africa.

Responding, Professor Balogun attributed UNAAB's success story to the unflinching supports and cooperation of journalists within and outside the state over the years, adding that the sustainability of the recorded successes posed a joint challenge to his administration and the journalists.

He, therefore, charged journal-

syndrome.

According to him, "I want to appreciate what the NUJ is doing in terms of contributions to the progress and development of this great University. When we look back, there is no way we won't include NUJ in the list of those who make UNAAB thick".

The Vice-Chancellor stressed that "the sustainability of the good reputation of our University is a big challenge to my administration and also to you our dear journalists. I therefore charge you not to participate in the demolition of what you helped to build," he added.

Speaking further, Professor Balogun who noted that in every organisation there's always a period of high-level politicking, stressed that such period will dawn in UNAAB whenever the race for the Vice-Chancellorship of the University starts gathering momentum.

Professor Balogun appealed to

journalists not to connive in heating-up the system but uphold the tenets of journalism in their reportage of emerging developments in the University.

Earlier in his speech, the NUJ Chairman, Mr. Tunde Sodeke who described Professor Balogun as a "Press-friendly Vice-Chancellor" thanked the University profusely for the donation of the sets of Air-conditioners.

He said the Air conditioners would be put in the Conference Hall of the Iwe-Irohin Press Centre, to add aesthetic and value to the Hall in the furtherance of national development.

Hall Exco Commends VC, Dean

The immediate past Executive of Umar Kabir, Male Hall of Residence of the University has commended the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun for being a strong pillar of support during their tenure.

The Exco, in a letter jointly signed by Faluyi Olawale and Sowande Kayode as Hall Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for the 2008/2009 Session, expressed their gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his immeasurable support.

According to them, the support was responsible for the remarkable improvement in the welfare of residents, in the area of infrastructures such as electricity, water, security and health services.

The outgoing Exco also gave kudos to the Vice-Chancellor for nominating the outgoing Chairman, Faluyi Olawale, to participate at the coming World Youth Congress scheduled for Turkey, noting that the gesture gives more credence to the VC's passionate interest in their future.

They also commended the Dean, Students Affairs, Professor Samuel Oluwalana, the erstwhile Hall Warden, Prof. Olusegun Apantaku and the current Warden, Prof. A. B. Idowu.

Prof. Adedire Steps - Up — *Becomes Fellow of FFPS*

A meritorious honour has come the way of Professor Oladepo Adedire of the Forestry and Wildlife Management Department of the University, following his award of Fellow, Forest and Forest Products Society.

He lamented that the recent spate of natural disasters like hurricanes, droughts and floods were the earth's response to the increased hotness of the planet, warning that except the world genuinely acknowledged global warming as arch-enemy,



Prof. Adedire receiving his Fellowship Award from the Dep. VC (Dev) FUTA, Prof. Joseph Fadamiro

Adedire, a Professor of Agro-forestry and Forest Ecology, was inducted fellow of FFPS at the 2nd Biennial Conference of the body, held at the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

The awardee also delivered the lead paper at the ceremony, titled "Agro-forestry and Climate Change Mitigation", where he expressed worry over the rising spate of climate change, which has increased the tenacity of global warming.

The don attributed climate change to man's insensitivity to his environment, noting that the development has been further spurred by the increased surge of the earth's temperature.

it would continue to pose threat to human existence.

Professor Adedire therefore urged scientists, the media and environmental agencies to step-up enlightenment campaigns on the meaning and scientific implications of climate change with its attendant global warming.

To further stem the tide, Professor Adedire called for aggressive forest preservation, efficient use of energy resources, popularization of organic farming and waste recycling technologies with deliberate shift from the use of fossilized fuel like coal, oil and natural gas, to a more environment friendly fuel.

UNAAB Hands-Over New Vehicles to Officials

Activities of some Departments, College and Units of the University received further boost with the provision of additional Project Vehicles to complement their operations.

Ten different brands and specifications including Pick-Up Jeeps, buses and cars were distributed to some Departments and Units in a bid by Management to improve on service delivery in the University.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Professor Segun Lagoke, who coordinated the handing-over of the vehicles on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, noted that they were procured to complement the efforts of the University staff and also act as a catalyst, for them to improve on their productivity.

Professor Lagoke who was assisted by his counterpart for Academic, Professor Chryss Onwuka, cautioned staffers to always ensure a judicious use of University property entrusted in their care.

Various Departments, College and Units that benefitted from the allocation of the vehicles included the College of Engineering, Industrial Park Unit, Environmental Management Unit, Teaching and Research Farms Directorate, Works and Services, Student Affairs and the Vice-Chancellor's Office.



Some of the distributed vehicles on display

UNAAB Matriculates 243 Part-Time Students

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has reiterated that the academic curricula for Part-Time degree programmes as well as their implementation in the University were same as those of the regular programmes, except for their timing.

Delivering the welcome address at the 2nd Matriculation Ceremony of Part-Time students for the 2008/2009 session, Prof. Balogun said the programme was initiated to provide avenues for candidates who could not gain regular admission into the University through the Joint Admission Matriculating Board (JAMB) or commit themselves to full-time studies.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, six out of the eight Colleges in the University presently admit students for Part-time programmes, adding that "it is hoped that the remaining two Colleges of Engineering and Veterinary Medicine would admit students in the Part-time programme in the near future".

Represented by the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor (Development), Professor Segun Lagoke, he assured the students that the Certificates that would be issued at the completion of their studies won't indicate Part-Time programme.

The Vice-Chancellor however charged the students to desist from anti-social activities such as cultism, examination malpractice, fraud, violence, forgery, impersonation and harassment, in any form.

He stressed that the University has zero tolerance for indiscipline with a strict adherence to the dictum "slap and get expelled from the University", therefore urging the students to always use dialogue to resolve issues.

A total number of 243 students were administered the matriculation oath for the 2008/2009 session, thereby bringing the total Part-time students population of the University to 467.

40 HECTARES CASHEW PLANTATION

— Catholic Archdiocese Engages
UNAAB Expertise

The University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB) has concluded arrangements towards assisting the Catholic Archdiocese of Ibadan, to establish a 40-Hectare Cashew Plantation on its 2005-Acre, Lanlate Youth Camp Initiative (LYCI) in Lanlate, Oyo State.

Confirming the development to **UNAAB BULLETIN**, the Director of UNAAB Consult, Professor Akin Omotayo, said UNAAB would provide technical and manpower expertise for the cashew plantation to enhance the success of the project.

Professor Omotayo disclosed that the expertise of the University in the cultivation and processing of cashew informed its choice by the Catholic Archdiocese, noting that such service was in line with the extension mandate of the University.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Lanlate Youth Camp Initiative (LYCI), Mr. Adewale Kupoluyi, said the project is part of the contributions of the Catholic Church to national development which it aims to achieve through youth empowerment that will cut across ethnic, religious and other social groups in the country.

He stressed that the project enjoys a priority attention and support of the Metropolitan Archbishop of Ibadan and President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria, His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Felix Alaba Job.

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Regular Students Matric. Under Way

The Matriculation Ceremony of the University for Fresh Students under the 2009/2010 Academic Session will hold on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex.

A release issued by the Senior Assistant Registrar, Senate and Admissions, Mr. A.O Salaam, said the Ceremony billed for 11.00am, will be preceded by the Vice-Chancellor's Procession that will

take-off at 10.50am from the Car Park of the College of Plant Science and Crop Production (COLPLANT).

Matriculating Students have been enjoined to call at the Senate and Admissions Office of the University, to collect their academic gowns and other necessary details. They were further enjoined to comply with all Matriculation requirements and be seated, not later than 10.45am.