



Change of BATON: VC Inaugurates UNAABSU ... Commends Past Exco

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has called on the Executive of the Students Union to collaborate with other stakeholders of the University to sustain and surpass the University's celebrated excellence in the Country and Africa as a whole.

ership of Mr. Semighan Taiwo of management's support, charged them not to use their offices to terrorize, blackmail or molest other Students as the University authorities will not tolerate any form of indiscipline.

Professor Balogun commended especially, the past Executive of the



INAUGURATION: A cross-section of Executive of UNAAB Students Union being sworn-in by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun while Principal Officers and the immediate past President of the Union, Com. Olayiwola Ogunpayimo, watch with keen interest.

Professor Balogun made this call at the official inauguration of the Students Union Executive of the University for the 2009/2010 Academic Session.

According to him, the University is currently rated amongst the first 100 in Africa and holds a rateable zone in the world ranking, therefore calling on all stakeholders to join hands together in contributing to the development of the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor, who assured the new executive under the lead-

Students Union for their maturity, level-headedness and sacrifices made towards the development of the University while. He attributed the enduring peace, development and rising profile enjoyed in the University to good leadership across all cadres and also noted the cordial relationship among the Management, Students and the Students Executive.

He urged the new Executive not to be carried away with the demands of the Union at the expense of their primary responsibility of attaining academic excellence.

I will Join Hands with Management -UNAABSU New President

The new President of the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta Students Union (UNAABSU), Com. Semighan Taiwo Tamaraukaritei, has pledged to join hands with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. O.O Balogun

and the entire Management in taking the University to enviable heights.

Semighan made the pledge moments after he was sworn into office along with other Executive of the Students Union by the Vice-Chancellor

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"I wish to state very unequivocally, that a mobile text message canvassing purported intention by Management to increase School Fees should be disregarded in its entirety as outright falsehood, misleading and mischievous. Where there is adequate justification for a hike in the regime of fees in the University, Management would only do so through the appropriate procedure of convening the Stakeholders Forum for deliberations, while outcomes will be widely published".

...UNAAB VC, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun while inaugurating UNAABSU

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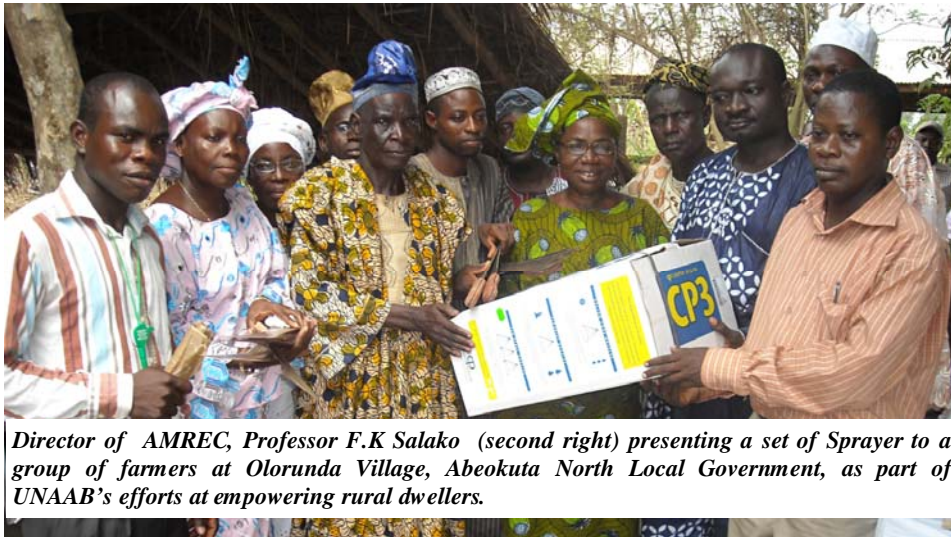
SPECIAL REPORT

GOWN and TOWN RAPPORT: UNAAB Trains, Empowers Rural Dwellers ... through AMREC

The University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB), has trained hundreds of rural dwellers and empowered numerous other villagers in its neighborhood, in the last

and Utilization of Cassava Flour (fortified with soybeans) into confectioneries.

All age grades were represented



Director of AMREC, Professor F.K Salako (second right) presenting a set of Sprayer to a group of farmers at Olorunda Village, Abeokuta North Local Government, as part of UNAAB's efforts at empowering rural dwellers.

one year through the Agricultural Media Resource and Extension Centre (AMREC).

The beneficiaries are mostly Igede, Fulani and Yoruba peasants, cattle rearers and petty traders who reside in neighbouring villages, which include Agbede, Kofesu, Oluwo-Keesi, Labuta, Kango, Isolu, Ojoo, Oluwaseyi, Owe, Ogboja, Alabata, Kootu and Adao.

According to the AMREC 2009 Annual Report, 30 farmers, cattle rearers and traders were taught basic arts of reading and writing at Alagbede Village under the UNAAB Neighbourhood Adult Literacy Project.

The beneficiaries graduated in January 2010 and the Vice-Chancellor of UNAAB, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Chryss Onwuka presented them with Certificates of Participation.

Also, another batch of 66 inhabitants of Adao Community and environs also benefited from the Village Based Capacity-Building Training for Farm Families on "Processing

at the training held between August and December 2009.

Similarly, a Pre-Season Training for 37 farmers, drawn from Agbesu, Kofesu, Kango, Ogboja, Isolu, Labuta and Ilugun Communities took place in April, last year.

Resource persons, including Prof. K.A. Okeleye, Dr. A.O. Oni, Dr. G. Sokoya, Mr. M.A. Jayeola, Mrs. O.T. Irekhore, and Mrs. A.O. Adeyeye trained the villagers on current trends and developments as it affects cultivation of maize, soybean, rice and cassava.

The report further showed that UNAAB also organized a Sensitization and Awareness Campaign on Avian Influenza (bird flu) for 60 Farmers in Agbede, Kofesu, Oluwo-Keesi, Labata, Kango, Isolu, Ojoo, Oluwaseyi, Ogboja, Alabata, Kootu and Adao.

According to the Director of AMREC, Professor F. K. Salako, the training and empowerment programmes of neighbouring villagers, were in line with the tripod mandate of the University, one of which is the Extension Services.

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at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex last Tuesday.

UNAABSU President in his maiden address to scores of fellow students, Principal Officers, Academic and Non-Teaching Staff, commended the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Balogun for "building the University to greater heights".

Semighan pointed out that as a builder, he would join hands with the Vice-Chancellor and his team in lifting the standard of the University to a world class.

According to him, "...indeed good and marvelous things we have been seeing, thanks to God and our aptly insightful Vice-Chancellor. Balogun is building and so I build. I am a builder and together we shall make UNAAB great until it stands tall to finely compete with other international universities..."

The President of the Students Union assured that openness, fairness, justice and equity would be the hallmark of his administration, adding that there will not be room for rancour, acrimony, nepotism and other social vices that are inimical to peace and progress.

Semighan promised his teeming fellow Students that he would work at "God's speed" in meeting their yearnings and aspirations.

He solicited their support and cooperation for the University Management and his administration.

Earlier in his speech, the Chairman of UNAABSU Independent Electoral Committee, Mr. Ayodeji Ayeni, said his Committee had fulfilled its constitutional duty with the emergence of the new Executive, through a free and fair elections.

He charged the new leaders not to betray the confidence reposed in them by fellow Students.



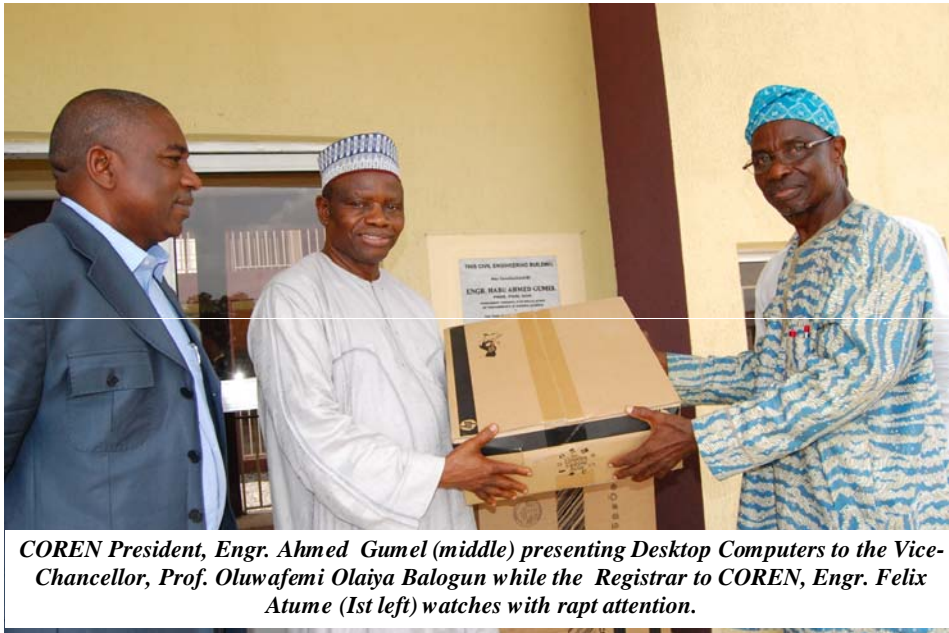
Semighan Taiwo

COREN Lifts UNAAB: ... Donates 10 Desktop Computers Says more goodies are in the pipeline

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), has donated ten Desktop Computers and other accessories to the Department of Civil Engineering of the University,

without a deliberate policy to develop its engineering knowledge and facilities.

According to him, the quest for infrastructural development



COREN President, Engr. Ahmed Gumel (middle) presenting Desktop Computers to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun while the Registrar to COREN, Engr. Felix Atume (Ist left) watches with rapt attention.

as part of efforts at supporting the teaching of Engineering programmes in the nation's Ivory Towers.

The Computers were formally presented to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun by COREN President, Engr. Ahmed Gumel.

Moments after the presentation, Gumel expressed belief that the gesture would spur the University to do more for the Department of Civil Engineering, adding that the donation was the beginning of other planned support for the University.

Engr. Gumel then called on stakeholders in education to give Faculties of Engineering in the nation's Universities top priority, observing that no nation can develop

can only be achieved, when a robust indigenous engineering capacity is encouraged to thrive.

He commended the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Balogun and other Principal Officers as well as the Dean of College of Engineering, Professor E. S. A. Ajisegiri, for a job well done.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Balogun who was visibly overwhelmed by the COREN's gesture, reiterated his genuine commitment to nurture the College of Engineering to a model in the country.

He assured that the computers would be put to the best use, to enhance the teaching and learning of Engineering in the University.

Management Okays CBT for Examinations

In a bid to sustain its academic reputation, the authorities of the University have concluded plans to introduce the **Computer Base Testing** (CBT) technology for examinations.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Chryss Onwuka, revealed this during a chat with **UNAAB BULLETIN** in his office.

Professor Onwuka said the CBT would be adopted in the University because of its technological advancement and the likely advantage to hasten examination conduct and results processing.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor however urged Students to catch-up with the technological challenges that would be posed by the machine, saying "the Students should expect such challenge, after all, we are in the computer age".

He encouraged the newly admitted Students to take advantage of the on-going ICT training to upgrade their computer literacy, as it will be of help in their study, particularly to be grounded in the CBT application.

The University hitherto used the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) machines to conduct its examinations, all in the effort to provide examination credibility.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Chryss Onwuka

UNAAB VC Raises The Bar Again ... 8 Buses Underway, 1 on Ground

The facet of the transportation services in the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, UNAAB will take a new look with the acquisition of nine new buses to aid mobility of both Staff

bus, already delivered.

However, in an earlier interview with **UNAAB BULLETIN** in his office, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Chryss Onwuka described the Mar-



A brand new Luxury Bus parked near the Senate Building

and Students of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun dropped the hint during the inauguration of the 2009/2010 Executive of the Student Union, on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex, UNAAB, Abeokuta.

In his revelation, the Vice-Chancellor assured the gathering that "in a few weeks time, seven brand new Luxury Buses would be delivered to augment the existing fleet".

According to Professor Balogun, the purchase of the buses became necessary in order to stem the perennial transportation problem, often faced by Students.

Apart from the seven buses being awaited, the Vice-Chancellor also informed of two additional buses donated by the Federal Government to the School, with one of them, a Marcopolo Luxury

copolo bus as a plus to UNAAB, thanking the Federal Government for the generosity, which was extended to all Federal Universities in the country.

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The DVC, who corroborated the acquisition of the seven buses, stated that UNAAB was committed to the welfare of its Students.

COLLAPSED BUILDINGS: Stop Blaming Engineers - COREN President cries out

The President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engr. H.A Gumel has urged Nigerians to stop blaming Civil Engineers for the spate of collapsed buildings in the country.

The nation, in the past years, has been rocked with frequent cases of collapsed buildings with attendant avoidable killing and maiming of people.

Worst hit are Lagos, Abuja, Ibadan and of recent, Abeokuta, the capital city of Ogun State. Condemning the development, Gumel blamed the spate on quacks who according to him engage in building construction, without the required expertise or recourse to standard rules and provisions of COREN.

Gumel therefore called on Nigerians to stop heaping the blame of incessant collapse of buildings on registered members of COREN, with an assurance that COREN was leaving no stone unturned towards nipping the menace of quackery in the bud.

The COREN boss advised Nigerians to always engage the services of experts for their building constructions.

Gumel spoke at the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, UNAAB after donating ten Desktop Computers and other accessories to its College of Engineering.

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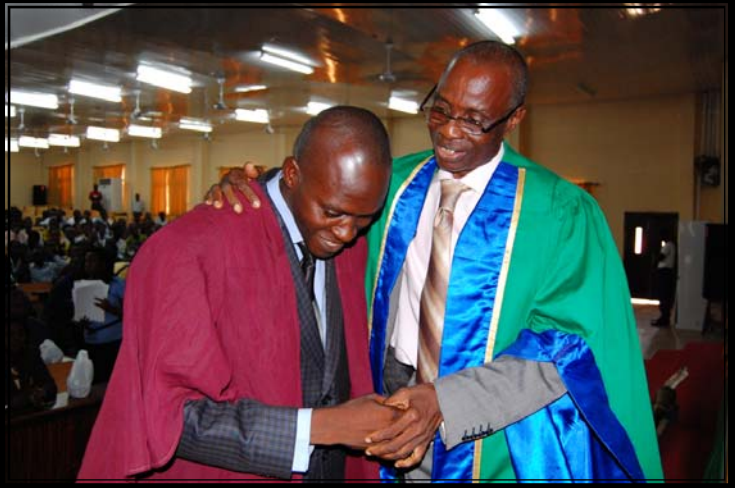
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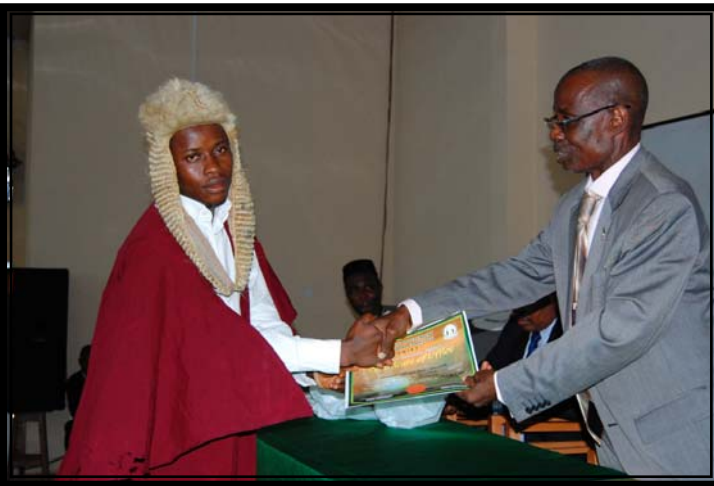
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Cross-section of the Students Union Executive with fellow Students and dignitaries, reciting the UNAABSU anthem.



Partners in the UNAAB Project: VC, Professor Balogun (right), hugging the UNAABSU President, Com. Semighan Taiwo.



VC, Professor Balogun (right), presenting Certificate of Office to Hon. Oluwaseun Adewoye, Speaker, Student Rep. Assembly.



VC, Professor Balogun (right), presenting Certificate of Office to UNAABSU President, Com. Semighan Taiwo.

UNAABITE Shines on MTN Millionaire's TV Show ...smiles home with N250,000 Cash Prize

A UNAABITE, Mr. Dipo Oginni, penultimate Friday, held millions of viewers of the popular TV Quiz Game, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire", spell-bound for about 30 minutes as he dazzled and shone like million stars with his intellectual mastery of current affairs.

Lovers of the TV Quiz Game, aired on several TV channels, were mesmerized as Oginni, a

400-Level Student of the Department of Food Science and Technology, re-enacted the University's winning streak by answering ten questions correctly, without batting an eye lid.

Oginni, the son of UNAAB Deputy Registrar and Secretary of Postgraduate School, Mr. Obafemi Oginni, who was confident to introduce himself as a UNAAB Student, thereafter went away with a

cash prize of N250,000, for his brilliant efforts.

Staffers and Students have since been congratulating the Oginnis for doing the University proud.

UNAAB BULLETIN also joins others in felicitating with the Oginnis and the University in the celebration galore.