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- Amy Poehler

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## BU CELEBRATES 64/24 FOUNDERS' DAY WITH CULTURAL DISPLAY



Celebrating unity in diversity: A cultural troupe expresses the University's multi-cultural diversity in dance drama during the 64/24 Founders' Day.

## DON CALLS FOR MORE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IN HEALTH SECTOR



Prof. Isaac Oyewole

By Godwin Ugbaka

A professor of parasitology and public health entomology, Isaac Oyewole has called for an appropriate legislation to stem malaria-induced deaths in the country.

Professor Oyewole, who expressed this view while delivering the University's 44<sup>th</sup> inaugural lecture, "*Parasites and vectors: The Siamese Twins That Kill Soft-*

*ly,*" said a successful implementation of functional health policies, operative legislation as well as hygienic environment could reduce the incidence of malaria.

"There are several health policies and

plans in Nigeria to preventing diseases from parasites and vectors," he said. "The crux of the matter is poor implementation."

He cited other militating factors such as human behaviour, cultural practices and inadequate social amenities.

According to him, access to portable water, good housing scheme, well-planned environment and availability of other basic amenities could further reduce contact with parasites and vectors.

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Prof. Ademola Tayo (3rd left) and others listen as Prof. Isaac Oyewole presents his lecture



## DON CALLS FOR MORE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IN HEALTH SECTOR

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Professor Oyewole also called for alternative therapies that are not only effective against resistant malaria but available and affordable to vulnerable groups.

He therefore urged the federal government to reorganize and re-establish a functional and sustainable primary health care system in the rural areas to address the needs of the poor. He also recommended re-research funding and

increase in budgetary allocation for disease control to meet the international

benchmark of 15 per cent.



A cross section of Babcock staff and guests at the lecture.



A cross section of guests and faculty.



Prof. Constance Nwosu, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa and Prof. Abiodun Adesegun

“There are several health policies and plans in Nigeria to preventing diseases from parasites and vectors. The crux of the matter is poor implementation.”



Prof. Isaac Oyewole and family. With him are (l-r): Prof. Ademola Tayo, Prof. Dora Akinboye, Prof. Grace Tayo and Prof. Emeritus Michael Omolewa.

# BU RECORDS SUCCESS WITH ITS PILOT BIO-GAS PROJECT



Bio-digesters before covering



Bio-digesters after covering showing outlets for gas, temperature and pressure monitoring



Gas Purification House



Constructed Wetland for Treatment

Clockwise: The bio-digester before and after covering and the gas purification house. The wetland for treatment of waste. Right: Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran



By Josephine Akarue

The University has recorded success with its pilot bio-gas project and is set to join the league of global institutions to replace butane with methane bio-gas for cooking.

For BU this is a major step towards reducing the impact of fossil fuel on climate change and global warming.

Associate Vice President for Works and Physical Planning, Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran, is optimistic that this project will be one of Babcock's biggest energy savers and wealth creation strategies.

"With the completion of the bio-digester project, we have saved millions of Naira for sewage disposal," he said.

This comes down to an estimated N104million annually from the student hostel area alone.

It will also save on waste disposal cost from the MRI and radiology Centre where pipes from the sewage tanks are

already connected to the bio digester.

Aside the economic benefit, Prof. Adeniran said the project opens opportunities for further research in Agriculture and related fields as the effluence from the bio-digester could be used as organic fertilizer and the treated liquid waste for irrigation.

"The gas can also be used as alternative electrical power source for the

MRI and radiology building," he added.

With this success, Prof. Adeniran said his department is proposing the building of another bio-digester closer to the cafeteria to generate cooking gas from food waste.

"I feel a sense of fulfilment that we are not only saving money, but protecting our groundwater and environment," said Prof. Adeniran.



Methane-powered gas from the bio-digester.



Frontview of the MRI and Radiology Centre which can be powered by gas,



Central cafeteria: Future plans include generating cooking gas for meal preparation

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## BUTH MARKS WORLD PHARMACY DAY



Prof. Constance Nwosu (left) and others listen as the BUTH Chief Medical Director, Prof. Barnabas Mandong gives his welcome address.

By Godwin Ugbaka

The Chief Medical Director Babcock University Teaching Hospital (BUTH), Professor Barnabas Mandong has urged all health workers to work as a team for the benefit of the patients.

He stated this at the opening of the World Pharmacists Day celebration hosted by the BUTH Pharmacy department.

He said with non-communicable diseases fast becoming a public health concern, there is an urgent need for new approaches to mitigate the health burden.

“As health workers, let us get to the root of our problem and let us come up with new ideas and approaches that would improve the wellbeing of our people,” he stated.

Dean of Pharmacy, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Professor Lateef Kazim while reflecting on the theme, *‘Pharmacy: Strengthening the health Sector*, said the service of pharmacist is pivotal to

health system as no treatment to patients is complete without administration of drugs or medicine.

“The Pharmacist’s duty is very important in the health system as he not only prescribes but also ensures the prescriptions are error free. Pharmacists are germane in taking care of the patients,” he

said.

Keynote speaker and CEO, Riverside Healthcare Ltd, Pharmacist Matthew Azoji urged his professional colleagues to collaborate with other health practitioners for patient care and well-being.

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Pharmacist Blessing Amaike and guests at the programme.



Pharmacist Hope Onyemachi



Prof. Lateef Kazim



Dr. Rebecca Benjamin (left) and Mr. Akintayo Omolabi

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For instance, he said anti-biotic drugs were to be taken based on prescription within the specific periods of time.

“Patients need to take their drugs as prescribed otherwise they risk allowing the drugs to become ineffective,” he said.

Director of BUTH Pharmacy Dept, Pharmacist Blessing Amaike described the programme as fulfilling.

“We have gained a lot from this programme and encouraged to ensure patient satisfaction because they are the end-users,” she said.



Pharmacist Joseph Fakeye



Prof David Alao (right) listens as Pharm. Merck Tobeckukwu makes a point.



Pharmacist Matthew Azoji



Pharmacist Joseph Fakeye



Pharmacist Matthew Azoji and spouse (7th & 8th left) with BUTH Pharmacists

## MASS COMMUNICATION DEPT HOSTS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING



A cross section of students and faculty at the programme. Seated right are: Dr. Clementina Anatusi and Prof. Kolade Ajilore.

against its acceptability globally,” said the Head of Mass Communication department, Prof. Kolade Ajilore. “There will be positives and negatives to change the narrative on how to employ AI to add values.”

He urged the students and faculty to be open-minded about AI as the training offered opportunity to still learn, unlearn and relearn.

By Godwin Ugbaka

The University’s Mass Communication department in conjunction with Verdant Zeal Marketing Communication Ltd last week hosted a one-day training on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Marketing.

The programme themed, *Em-*

*powering Future Creatives in the Era of*

*AI*, was to expose students to the prospects and challenges of AI as well as develop critical thinking skills in identifying advertising and marketing opportunities with the use of AI.

“Though AI is fast gaining global popularity, there are still many arguments skewed



Left: Dr. Foluke Akoja receives a gift from a Verdant Zeal staff as guest speaker, Chisom Nwonkwu makes a point.

# BUILDING UPON LEGACY AT 64/24 FOUNDERS' DAY



Prof. Ademola Tayo addresses the retirees and others.

“If our doctrines and values are not made more relevant to today’s young people, we risk losing many of them.”

By Josephine Akarue with additional reports

As global trends tilt towards secularization and modernism, Babcock University stakeholders must seek creative ways not only to build great leaders and entrepreneurs but ones who will imbibe godliness through its Adventist heritage.

Guest speaker, Dr. Yohanna M. Danladi made this remark while delivering the University’s 64/24 Founders’ Day, lecture themed, ***Building Upon the Legacy.***

According to him, while God’s grace formed the major building block of Babcock’s growth from a small Adventist College of West Africa with only seven students in 1959 through its years as Adventist Seminary of West Africa in 1975 to its current 12,000-strong student population, administrators must remain diligent in upholding the values.

“At the heart of the issue is the need for a re-visioning of our heritage in terms of our values, and doctrines,” he said.

“If our doctrines and values are not made more relevant to today’s young people, we risk losing many of them.”

To achieve the balance between educational excellence and faith-building, he called for the promotion and renovation of courses that will drive entrepreneurship and spiritual nurture.

“We must refocus and develop courses that would enable our graduates to find employment in a dry labour market.”

He recommended a re-evaluation of the curriculum to flush out un-marketable courses while developing new ways to teach those retained.

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Prof. Philemon Amanze presents a plaque to Elder David Ayeni with spouse. Left is Prof. Seyi Oduyoye.



Dr. Yohanna Danladi



Prof. Yacob Haliso



A cross section of BU staff and faculty



Cultural dancers give their presentation.



Mrs. Biobaku (l) and Dr. Abiola Makinde



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Dr. Danladi said in the light of growing unemployment, students must be taught how to be creators of labour rather than seekers of employment.

In this regard, he recommended partnering with the National Directorate of Employment and creating a department of entrepreneurship.

His paper further warned against secularization as Adventist institutions of higher education struggle with finances and enrolments.

“There is the danger involving the gradual loss of our ideology in favour of the preservation of the institution – i.e. a slow move to secularization.”

“Let us begin to train our minds to look out for opportunities embedded within challenges and be prepared to take the risks needed to move BU forward.”



Clockwise: Top: Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro receives plaque from Prof. Tayo; Prof. Philemon Amanze presents plaque to Dr. Tom Egwuonwu; Dr. Samuel Amanze supported by spouse pres receives his plaque.



Dr. Folorunsho Akande presents a plaque to Dr. Nwanbueze Agbayim.



Mr. Mark receives his gift from Prof. Haliso as Mrs. Mark watches.



# BU ENJOYS FREE HEALTH CHECK ON WORLD HEART DAY



Nurses volunteer their services as they carry out the random blood sugar test. Pictured right is Dr. Esther Ijaola.

By Josephine Akarue

Health workers at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital Cardiology Department gave free health check to mark the World Heart Day, September 30.

The event, aimed at providing Babcock community members basic health check on blood pressure and random blood sugar, was in collaboration with the Nursing Department and other Pharmaceutical companies including Novartis and May & Baker among others.

“We decided to bring the heart check home because we realised that we had always looked out for

others and left ourselves. It’s only when we are well that we can take care of our patients, our communities and loved ones” said BUTH Cardiologist, Dr. Esther Ijaola.

For the Director of Nursing services, Mrs. Adeola Oyinloye, the event was “an eye opener on how

to care for our hearts in this socio-economic crisis.”

Some staff were referred to the cardiology clinic because of their parameters. Hypertension is silent killer and remedy is constant check up,” she added.



A cross section of the healthworkers with a patient.



Mrs. Adeola Oyinloye



Pharmacist Niyi

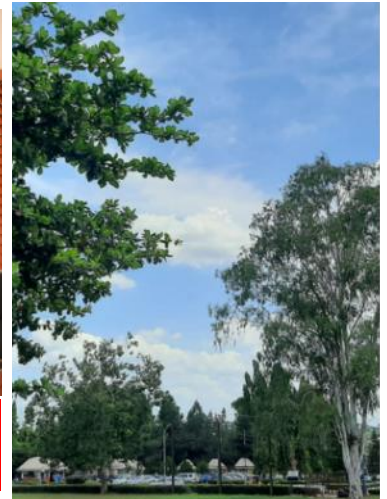


Another patient takes her turn.



BU staff waiting to have a turn.





Prof Juan Gonzalez and Prof Ademola Tayo (middle) with (l-r): Mr. Akinkunmi Allen-Alebiosu, Prof Jennifer Holme, Prof Philemon Amanze and Prof Yacob Haliso.

## TEXAS UNIVERSITY & AXCESS/CAVISTA TEAM PAY COURTESY VISIT

By Godwin Ugbaka

A joint delegation from the University of Texas, Dallas, USA and Axxess/Cavista Nigeria paid a courtesy visit to explore collaborative opportunities with Babcock University.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo and other senior

officers received the team comprising Vice Provost for Global Engagement, Prof. Juan Gonzalez and Prof. Jennifer Holme from University of Texas as well as the Axxess/Cavista team, Engineer Ajayi Olaolu, Maureen Osigwe and Akinkunmi Allen-Alebiosu.

Prof. Tayo, described the visit as

“the beginning of a good working relationship with University of Texas and Axxess/Cavista.”

He expressed delight at the possibility of expanding the scope of collaboration.

In response, Prof. Gonzalez said he hoped the University of Texas would build a robust faculty and student exchange programme with Babcock University as well as create platforms for research, grants and international partnership.

He also looked forward to exploring new opportunities in Engineering, Business, Arts and Research among others with African students, particularly Nigerians who make a good number of his university’s 10,000-foreign student population.



Dr. Sunday Audu (left) and Dr. Folorunsho Akande and others listen as Prof. Gonzalez pictured right makes a point.



Prof. Jennifer Holmes and Prof. Gonzalez share information with Prof. Tayo



Profs Ademola and Grace Tayo and Prof. Philemon Amanze (6th, 7th & 8th left) with other University officers and guests.

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Last week witnessed several events: the wedding ceremony of Simeon Julius and Ife Abo-larin. The bride's parents are both BU staff working at the College of Postgraduate Studies and the Division of Spiritual Life and respectively.



The Unity Chorale held its annual musical concert, **Orele** to celebrate Nigeria's Independence Day at the Amphitheatre.

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University's 64/24 Founders' Day celebration provided platform to also honour the Babcock retirees at a special thanksgiving service. Former WAD Secretary, Pastor Onaolapo Ajibade ministered.





## COMING EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**OCT 16**

#### POST UTM EXAMS & SCREENING

The University is holding its last post UTM examinations and screening exercise for prospective students. Please note that there will be no more exams after this.

**Venue:** BU Centre for Distance, Open and e-Learning **Time:** 7:00am

**OCT 30**

#### FRESHMAN RESUMPTION

All fresh students including direct entry students are expected to resume for the 2023/2024 academic session.

**NOV 5**

#### GC PRESIDENT'S VISIT

The President of the Seventh-Day Adventist church worldwide, Pastor (Dr.) Ted Wilson will be visiting Babcock University . Details of his

visit will be further communicated to the public.

**NOV 18**

#### OPERATION SMILE

The annual outreach programme to vulnerable children in the host community will be held. Programme will include free eye screening for children and participating schools.

**Venue:** Pioneer Youth Church  
**Time:** 2:00pm

**NOV 25**

#### FEAST OF LIGHT

The feast of light is once again coming up to celebrate the living saviour, Jesus Christ with the theme, *Christ, the Light of the World*. **Venue:** Sports Complex, **Time:** 5:00pm

**NOV 26**

#### BU POINEER CHURCH HARVEST/THANKSGIVING



## BENEFITS OF KIWI

Kiwis are loaded with a lot of health benefits that guarantee our well being, of which some are:

- Regulates blood pressure with its rich potassium content.
- Protects cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- Improves immune system
- Reduces risk of blindness.
- Protects against diabetes.



## FACTS

### CAMEROUN

Cameroun is situated in Central Africa. It has one of three Africa's waterfalls that empties directly into the oceans and is one of the world's wettest countries.

- It is home to some of the world's rarest animals like the Cross River gorilla.
- It is also famous for its warm springs and parks. At 14,445 feet, mount Cameroun is one of the highest peaks in Africa,

## SAFETY TIPS

- Think safety. Turn off electrical appliances after work even when there is no power.
- Never take safety for granted. Ensure proper use of tools, equipment and machinery.
- Pay attention to signage.
- Report any unsafe conditions.
- Keep workplace and hallways clutter free.
- Practice good posture when sitting or lifting.
- Take regular breaks and stay hydrated.
- Avoid waste. Turn off taps after use.

