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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A leader takes people to where they want to go. A great leader takes people to where they don’t want to go but ought to be.”
- Roselyn Carter

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Some members of the University Pioneer Church choir after their special musical programme last weekend tagged *Via Dolorosa*.

BULAS ADDRESS ABUSE AT FIRST SHOW OF THE YEAR

As global attention shifted to the International Day of Women, March 8, members of the Babcock University Literary Arts Society focused on implications of abusive relationships in their first outing in 2020.

Held at the Chiemela Ikonke Lecture Theatre, *Behind the Scenes*, scripted and directed by students, Paul Yissa and Rachel Adesanya, drew attention to the dangers of staying in abusive relationships.

“The fear for most women is

the fear of being alone or of rejection,” said one of the students. “But one is better alone than dead.”

According to Yissa, “*Behind the Scenes* is an eye-opener on why there is never an excuse to remain in an abusive relationship and why no one should abuse a partner in any way.”

“No one is worth our lives, if a relationship isn’t working, then walk



away from it,” said another student.

BULAS Sponsor, Dr. Solomon Iguanre, described the drama as “germane” to global trends and International Day for Women.

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UPDATE ON YOUTH MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE



External view of the Youth Centre and below is the side view.

Efforts are on-going to ensure the Pioneer Church Youth Centre is ready ahead of the commissioning in June.

According to the Director of Physical Planning, Arch Mykell Jegede, while internal work is nearing completion at the two-floor structure with basement, external work is about to begin.

“We are completing tiling and fixing of windows,” he said. “But the design for the car park is yet to be completed.”

On completion, the building will feature a 2,000 sitting capacity worship hall, rooms for vocational and musical training as well as Sabbath School classes.

The same contractor handling the BUTH complex, Fagorite, is also handling the job.



Top: Inside view of the Youth Centre's vocational rooms

The large auditorium for worship





Work in progress: Front view of the Alumni Secretariat with the butterfly roofing. Bottom is the 3-D design showing what the completed project would look like.

ALUMNI SECRETARIAT NEARS COMPLETION

It's a race against time as workmen work to meet the May ending deadline for the ultra-modern Alumni Secretariat.

The four-floor building comprise library, offices, seminar rooms and shopping mall as well as a 16-room en suite accommodation among others.

The last floor has a pent house with two suites of two bedrooms each.

"We have designed the top floor to have a sit-out so from there one can have a panoramic view of the town," said Architect Sunday Eyoma. "We also realize that some of executive MBA students would like to stay over for the weekend. All these have been taken into consideration during the design.

Tiling work and electrical fitting is almost completed. External work including car park and sinking of bore hole for water would begin soon.

The Alumni project which is expected to be completed ahead of the June 7 graduation, will be one of the on-going projects to be commissioned this year.

"If we get all relevant mate-

rials on schedule, we can meet the deadline," added Arch Eyoma.



3-D showing side view of the complex



Arch. Mykell Jegede



PROF ONI ADVOCATES HOME GROWN DEMOCRACY



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and lecturer, Prof. Michael Oni (3rd and 4th left) with other University officers at the inaugural lecture

Nigeria can never get democratic governance right as long as she continues to patronize westernized form of democracy.

Professor of Research Methodology & Nigerian Government and Politics, Prof. Michael Oni made this summation at the University's 31st inaugural lecture.

According to him, the majoritarian democracy would only continue to promote politics of exclusiveness and domination by a section at all levels.

His lecture, *Misconceptions of Majoritarian democracy and elections in Nigeria*, advocated a cross tabulated zoning and rotational arrangement that offers each zone opportunity to participate in governance.

It also called for the adoption of a two party system and a six-year single term to "lessen acrimony and tension associated with power struggle either at the federal or state levels."

Prof. Oni said it would allow elected leaders to be "focused and concentrate on governance instead of dissipating energies on re-elections as well as reduce expense on every four year primaries and general elections."

He stated that the two-party system would also mitigate ethnic and religious polarities in Nigerian politics and discourage the use of weak opposition party agents to endorse fraudulent electoral results.

In addition, he believes it would reduce corruption in governance as there would be no need to amass resources for a second term agenda.

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Chief of Staff to the President/Vice Chancellor, Dr. David Alao (left) and a cross section of the audience listen at the lecture.



Prof Micheal Oni

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Besides these, he called for neutrality in the appointment of members of the Independent Electoral Commission, (INEC) as well as adjusting elections from Saturday to week days to accommodate Seventh-day Adventist church members.

“This would not only boost voters’ turnout during elections but promote politics of inclusiveness,” he said.

“The adoption of a two-party system or a six-year single term will lessen acrimony and tension associated with power struggle either at the federal or state levels.”

- Prof. Michael Oni



Faculty members and friends of the lecturer



Prof. Ademola Tayo congratulates Prof. Michael Oni.



Prof. Michael Oni with pioneer Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adekunle Alalade and Pastor (Dr.) Oyeleke Owolabi (2nd and 4th left) with friends and officers.



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and lecturer, Prof. Michael Oni with other officers after the lecture. From 4th right are: Senior Vice President Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, Dean of the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences, Dr. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso, University Pastor, Dr. Sunday Audu and Provost of the College of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Yacob Haliso.

BU HOLDS CAREER FAIR FOR LYNX CLASS



Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (4th right) delivers his address while other faculty and officers of the university listen with rapt attention.

Babcock University once again rose to the challenge of empowering five unengaged alumni with an award valued at N200,000 each for presenting best business plans.

The award marked the climax of the Lynx Graduating Class Career/Job fair & Exhibition with several participating organizations, both international and national. These included: KPMG, Stanbic IBTC, Unilever, Deloitte & Touche, Jobberman Professional Recruiters and Lekoil among others.

The beneficiaries were: Nehemiah Izang of (Swift Express), Frances Oribhabor (Tempt & Crave Confectionaries), Constance Emmanuel (C-J Bridal & Events Planning), Omolola Adeyanju (Faith's Company) and Ogunsanwo Akinwunmi (Farm Haven).

While thanking the University for empowering them, one of the

awardees, Emmanuel said she would deploy the fund to grow her business.

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo congratulated the beneficiaries and urged them to put the money into good use. He further urged the Graduating Class to develop soft and entrepreneurial skills to be relevant in the job market because the first degree was just a

launching pad.

"What you learn at school is quite different from what it is outside there." He said. "You need therefore get yourself ready for the world of work or further studies."

The event provided networking and educational advancement opportunities in foreign universities for the participants.



Mr Adeboye Makinde (left) with four of the five winners of the Best Business Plan.



(l-r): Toluwanimi Akinnirun, Eunice Ayomide Hamdele and Obidue Stella Utomi,



(l-r): Oluwafunmilayo Oguneko, Eniola Alade and Sophia Omabuwa

WHAT THIS CAREER FAIR MEANS TO US

The programme exposed me to corporate organizations and opportunities for self-expression. I expected it would be more literary and fun-filled. Attendance should also be optional.

Toluwanimi Akinnirun

Accounting/Management Sciences

It gave us insight on life outside school and expectations for budding entrepreneurs. The information and knowledge gained would definitely help us to achieve more.

Eunice Ayomide Hamdele

Language & Literary Studies

I gained insight on how to be a better entrepreneur. The programme will be better if it is voluntary. Changing the venue will make it more fun and spirit-filled

Obidue Stella Utomi,

Accounting

It will help me build my own business and identify my career goals.

Oluwafunmilayo Oguneko,

Business Administration

I gained exposure to different careers and opportunities.

Eniola Alade

Public Health

It will help me understand the business cycle.

Sophia Omabuwa

Business Administration

It enhanced my understanding of the business environment. Organizers can im-

prove the programme with refreshments and more presentations.

Sarah Fidelis

Business Administration

I had opportunity to learn and be motivated by the panellists which will certainly impact my future career immensely. The environment can be made more conducive.

Terfa Shanu,

Mass Communication



Sarah Fidelis



Terfa Shanu

RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH DEPENDS ON PRODUCTION



Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu presenting his paper. Seated are Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (2nd right). Others are: Prof Emeritus, Michael Omolewa, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro, Head of History & International Studies, Dr. Michael Popoola and Prof. Sunday Owolabi.

Nigeria needs to boost its competitive advantage in trade to truly compete at the global level.

Special Adviser to the President of the Federation on Economic Matters, Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu said this at the University's 2nd Distinguished Personality Lecture hosted by the Department of History & International Studies.

His paper, *Continental Free Trade Agreement: The Benefits and Challenges to Nigeria*, alluded to

the gains Nigeria stood to reap from the continental free trade agreement if she engaged in more productive ventures.

Dr. Dipeolu also noted that "the Chinese turned their country into the world manufacturing power house not by wringing their hands and mourning but by producing."

According to him, the Chinese were still producing when the WTO agreement wasn't favourable to them, but by the time the playground was leveled, they took ad-

vantage of all the opportunities.

"Trade has never being a zero sum game; you produce what you have and sell it and another country produces what she has and sells it," he said.

He therefore urged Nigerians to innovate and use the ICT sector to turn the country around because the world market was highly competitive and favourable to those maximizing their competitive advantage.

"The Chinese turned their country into the world manufacturing power house not by "wringing their hands and mourning but by producing."
Dr. Dipeolu



Prof. Ruth Aderanti presents a plaque to Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu (left).



Dr. Andy Okwu with officers of the Economics Students Association

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS KEY TO DEVELOPMENT

Entrepreneurship and innovation as keys to self-development were on the top burner as several entrepreneurs addressed issues at the Babcock University Economic Students Association symposium.

Among them was Entrepreneur, Mr. Mike Aigbe. He explained that innovation allowed organisations to leverage on fresh ideas to repackage some old products in more presentable ways.

“Business organisations rebrand their

goods and services to attract quality customers,” he said.

He enjoined them to learn the rudi-



ments of business and a mind-set of making a difference before embarking on any project.

Former President of the Association, Mr. Damilola Onagbeso, also charged members to maintain a good network of friends and walk with people of like-minds with great visions and future ambitions.

He advised the students to make good use of their summer holidays to gain more experience through internships or starting a new business.

Another facilitator and alumna, CEO/Founder of Money Africa, Oluwatosin Olasehinde used the event to encourage the students never to give up. She said her determination never to settle for less birthed Money Africa.



A cross section of the students listen as guest speaker delivers his paper.



Empowering lives: Mr. Mike Aigbe

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University Pioneer Church held a special musical service last weekend tagged *Via Dolorosa* in remembrance of Christ's sacrificial love for mankind. Besides the University choir were the Chord, Chika and other groups.

The emotions, ambience and moments are captured in the pictures.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



Last week witnessed a cocktail of events among which was the Mass Communication Departmental week .

Some of the activities included seminars, departmental dinner and leisure. Faculty, staff and students mingled to share the mood and feel of the week.



The cocktail after the inaugural lecture is time to unwind and exchange pleasantries with family, friends, staff and faculty. Prof. Micheal Oni had his time out after the lecture.





COMING EVENTS

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MARCH 21

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MARCH 19

SENATE

MARCH 20

RESEARCH FAIR

Selected final year students will have an opportunity to showcase their research work with the best three going home with prizes. The Office of Research, Innovation and International collaboration will coordinate the event.

MARCH 26

CONGREGATION

Administration will share information with the congregation on several issues. Venue: Pioneer Church; Time: 4:00pm.

MARCH 30 - APRIL 2

SEMESTER EXAMS

APRIL 26

SUMMER SEMESTER

Students resume for the summer semester.

APRIL 27

SUMMER CLASSES RESUMPTION

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick.

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“Leadership
is not a title,
it is a behavior.
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- Robin Sharma

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