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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Happiness is an inside job. Don’t assign anyone else that much power over your life.”
- Mandy Hale

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Staying cool: Young, garland-carrying team members for the Uninfluenced group stand out at the *Feast of Light* while waiting for the programme to begin.

GREENHOUSE PRODUCTION TO BOOST AGRICULTURE

The University has taken up the challenge to boost the agricultural sector with a tripartite collaborative training on greenhouse production.

Prof. President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo who declared the session open, urged Nigerians to go back to the land as crude oil was fast losing its value. He described greenhouse production as another variant of agriculture open for Nigerians to boost economic growth.

“Greenhouse production not only enables farmers to produce all year round but also has many advantages such as control environment, pest control and little dependence on land,” he said.

He said the University was taking a cue



Prof, Stephen Fapohunda: Commends initiative

from government initiative to support agricultural sector to feed the nation.

He commended the Head of Agriculture & Industrial Technology Department, Prof. Cyril Nwangburuka for collaborating with programme partners, Mushroom Development Foundation Nigeria and Dizengoff, in facilitating the training.

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Mr. Oscar Walumbe of Dizengoff addresses participants at the workshop at BGH.

GREENHOUSE PRODUCTION TO BOOST AGRICULTURE

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Prof. Tayo, represented by the Dean of School of Basic Sciences, Professor Sunday Fapohunda, reminded participants that the institution was looking forward to testimonies in the nearest future.

Integrated Projects Country Manager of Dizengoff, Mr. Oscar Walumbe said Dizengoff green house production was the answer to modern day farming as traditional farming methods brought little returns on investment.

He said unlike traditional farming, greenhouse production had several advantages including land and

forest conservation, uniform crop growth, all year crop production and employment opportunities among others.

Professor Cyril Nwangburuka said the University introduced Agropreneurship to give staff and faculty opportunity to learn different ways in which to get value for money through agriculture.

“LEAD BY EXMAPLE,” DR DOSUMU CHARGES FATHERS



Dr. Tokunbo Dosumu: Calls for change of attitude

Nigeria's former Ambassador the Netherlands, Dr. Tokunbo Dosumu last week decried the casualness placed on the value of human life in the country.

“There's much violence

the chair of the BU Gender and African Studies Group one-day seminar aimed at creating awareness and ending violence against women and girls and book presentation.

“Fathers can teach by help-

around ing in the home and sons and not can learn that loving is a much val- daily affair,” she said.

In addition, she recommended that parents teach their daughters to reject the notion that

they are underdogs.

The Gender and African Studies Group (BUGAS), is a non-profit, intellectual platform for research, training and information dissemination inaugurated April 10, 2013.



Dr. Tokunbo Dosumu.(l), Dr. Okei-Odumakin (m) and Dean, VASS, Prof Femi Ajayi during BU Gender Group presentation. Right: Dr Okei-Odumakin stresses a point during the seminar held at BBS Auditorium.

“NEVER MAKE EXCUSES FOR ABUSE,” DR. OKEI-ODUMAKIN

Against increasing incidence of gender-based violence in the country, female activist and human rights campaigner, Dr. Joe Okei-Odumakin has called on women never to make excuses for abuse.

The call came as the BU Gender and African Studies group held their advocacy against violence and book

presentation last week chaired by Dr. Tokunbo Dosumu.

According to Dr. Okei-Odumakin, while only 5% of victims are male, female abuse accounts for 95% of reported cases with sometimes fatal consequences in

Nigeria.

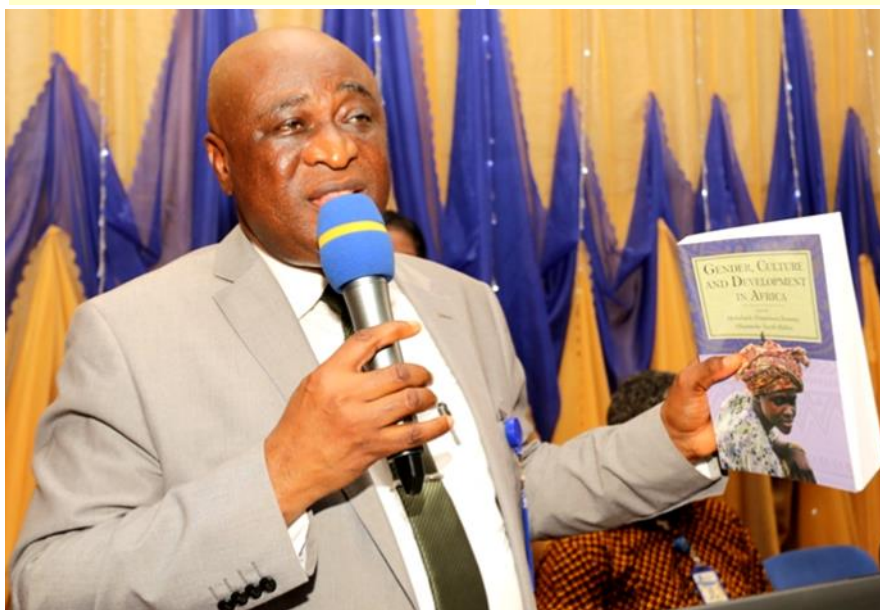
“Parents, especially fathers must instill self-confidence in their daughters and teach them to speak up against violence,” she said. “All too often, the societal pressure encourages victims to stay put in abusive relationships.”

Besides spouses, she also identified the community and state as perpetrators citing some high profile cases.

She attributed the high incidence of female victims to societal expectations from the girl child and sluggish judiciary process.

In addition, Dr. Okei-Odumakin believes existing laws have not served as deterrence for abuse and victims tend to absolve their abusers of any blame.

The President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo commended the group for their advocacy against abuse as well as pledged support for the book presented. He was represented by Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro promised administrative support at the seminar and presentation of the book, *Gender, Culture & African Development*.

VC LAYS FOUNDATIONS OF TENNIS COURT, OTHERS



Prof. Ademola Tayo laying the stone of one of the four courts donated by Orion Class.

Bottom; Class sponsor, Prof Cyril Nwangbyuruka performs similar activity at the event.

Months after the donation of the new car park to the School of Science & Technology, the President/ Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo performed the ground breaking and foundation laying ceremony of another gift from the 2017 Orion graduating class.

The gift comprising four courts: two hard tennis courts and a Volley and Basketball courts are part of the Class legacy for posterity.

Professor Tayo, accompanied by other principal officers, thanked God for the donation which he described as a good gesture worthy of emulation.

According to him, the courts would not only fulfill Adventist holistic education but also enhance students' physical and social wellbeing.

Prof Tayo reminded the Project Contractor, Engineer Sylvester Okonji of Goldmark Golden Heritage Company Ltd, on the need for integrity in maintaining standards.

'Don't compromise standard so that

God's blessing will follow you," he advised.

Class Sponsor, Professor Cyril Nwangburuka, said, in addition to the SAT car park and four courts, the Orion graduating class still has an outstanding project (restaurant) for Iperu campus.

Director of Students Activities, Dr. Wole Oyerinde said it was a

dream come true for sports development in the university with prospects for greater returns on investment.



Principal officers putting heads together.





Smiles of victory: Prof Femi Ajayi (2nd r) and a student hold up trophy won by the department at the BU Debate challenge 2017. With them are: Prof Patrick Enyi, (l) Dr. Tolani Williams (3rd l) and Dr Oladapo Awolaja (r) with other students of the department

22 STUDENTS CLINCH THE ECONOMICS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Twenty-two students have clinched this year's Economics Departmental Awards for Academic Excellence; a feat for which the Senior Vice President Academics, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro commended the department.

Prof Okoro who was represented by the Dean of Management Sciences, Professor Patrick Enyi, said recognition for academic performance would certainly motivate students to up their game.

Expressing similar views, the Associate Vice President Student Development, Dr. Tolani Williams, noted the department's brilliance at the 2017 BU Debate to clinch second position.

Head of Department, Dr. Oladapo Awolaja said the decision to give the recognition for academic excellence has already yielding fruits as more students on the honours roll compared to last session.

Among these, three students emerged in the most improved category: Ayomide Kolawole, (100L), Emmanuel Tadesse, (200L) and Anthony Osuji (300L) - corroborating Dr. Awolaja's observations.

This year's honourees will go home with plaques and certificates. But Dr. Awolaja promised bigger gifts next session as the department plans to get sponsors for the third edition.

HONOUR ROLL

100 Level

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| 1. | OKAFOR, Amarachukwu | 4.82 |
| 2. | OKWUANALU, Afamefuna | 4.73 |
| 3. | OGUNDOKUN, Iyanuoluwa | 4.70 |
| 4. | OLOYEDE, Oluwakemi | 4.61 |
| 5. | OYEOLA Olayinka | 4.57 |
| 6. | AMODU, Oyindamola | 4.52 |

200 Level

- | | | |
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| 1. | OJUTIKU, Oluwaseun | 4.78 |
| 2. | CHUKS-NWOSU, Joy | 4.76 |
| 3. | MONEHIN, Joy | 4.73 |
| 4. | AJAGUN, Jesusetuntun | 4.71 |
| 5. | OKORO, James | 4.66 |
| 6. | OMOLE, Omobonike | 4.66 |
| 7. | YUSUF, Olumuyiwa | 4.63 |
| 8. | POPOOLA, Isaac | 4.61 |
| 9. | OGUNBONA, Oluwafunmilayo | 4.60 |
| 10. | AGBELUSI, Aderonke | 4.55 |
| 11. | OLUJOBI, Gbadura | 4.51 |

300 Level

- | | | |
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| 1. | ASUQUO, Joseph | 4.62 |
| 2. | EVBUOMWAN, Omorose | 4.57 |
| 3. | OGUNDOKUN, Ibukunoluwa | 4.55 |
| 4. | DAN-EKEH, Ejodamen | 4.54 |
| 5. | LALA, Erioluwa | 4.51 |

BABCOCK CELEBRATES FEAST OF LIGHT



A scene from the adaptation of the Nativity put together by the Classic World Concept group during the Feast of Light. Bottom: Students pose with one of the event's mascots.

The University Sports complex was a kaleidoscope of colours as more than 10,000 persons turned out to celebrate the **Feast of Light**, a medley of carols, scripture and drama to usher in the holiday season.

Excited community members arrived early to get vantage seats ahead of the event and to thank God for the gift of Jesus.

The event also provided a platform to celebrate sexual purity through the Uninfluenced group. Members were decorated with flower garlands after the renewal of their vows.

According to the Director of the Student Support Centre, Dr. Yetunde Olaore, the public display was to encourage others and help those who have made commitments to stay true to their vows.

She noted that the world is in dire need of people who are ready build strong families and stable marriages through compliance with God's word on chastity.

The Iperu campus choir as well as other musical groups gave their presentations amidst thunderous cheers. The Babcock University High School and Staff School were not left out either.

They presented several Christmas carols alongside other choral ensembles and soloists while the Classic World Concept retold the story of the

birth of Jesus through drama.

The President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo who led in the candle lighting ceremony, encouraged all to be faithful.

Before pronouncing the benediction, the University Pastor, Dr. Tunde Ojewole asked all to stay focused on the reason for the season.

The sky lit up with fireworks that night; excitement was high, but it was the lighting of the candles that served as a visual reminder that each one is a light of the world.

"For me, this is the crowning moment of the semester on campus," said a student.

"The world would be a much better place if each person lights up a little corner of the world," he remarked.



FEAST OF LIGHT IN PICTURES



Clockwise: Profs. Ademola & Grace Tayo followed closely by Mrs. Audu lead in the candlelight ceremony. Children enjoy the company of a mascot, another with a candle.

Profs. Kayode & Yetunde Makinde celebrate together.

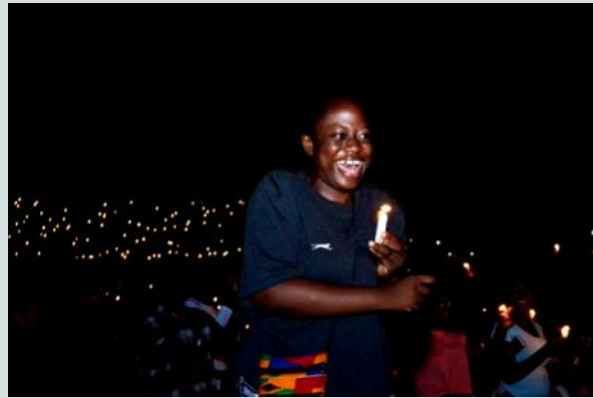


Pastor Tunde Ojewole offers praise to God at the Feast.



Top left: The BU High School Choir during their presentation. Top: The Iperu Choir lead out in a Niger Delta-style thanksgiving during a special offering segment to help indigent students complete fees.

PHOTO-SEEN THESIS



The children, joyful faces and dramatic scenes that marked high moments at the *Feast of Light*.



PHOTO-SEEN THESIS



From the Staff School to the University, everyone chipped in something to make this year's Feast of Light memorable.

The Uninfluenced Group also made it to encourage sexual purity and abstinence. Pastor Ekpendu decorates a member.

At the end, it was a free for all celebration and a night to remember.

COMMENDATION SERVICE FOR DR. ADIELE



Spouse, Michael Adiele (middle) and other family members receive prayers for God's consolation. Top left: Pastor Ojewole. Bottom: Dr. Irene Adiele



Gone too soon. This was the phrase that captured the mood at the commendation service of late Dr. Irene Adiele at the University Pioneer Church.

"Dr. Adiele was dependable and committed to duty," noted the Chief Medical Director of the Babcock University Teaching Hospital, BUTH, Dr. Franklin Ani. "We were already working on her request to specialize in Paediatrics."

Members of the Association of Resi-

dent Doctors and the School Officer of the Benjamin Carson School of Medicine, Mrs Ifeoma Ayeni, also shared their thoughts on about her.

The gUniversity Pastor, Dr.. Tunde Ojewole encouraged the family members and friends with scripture on the certainty of a tomorrow that is not defined by human calendar.

"There is a tomorrow that is not defined by the sun but by the grace of a living God whose promise is sure. Dr. Adiele will be missed," he said.

In response, the brother to the deceased, described his sister's life as brief but impactful. He also thanked

the University for supporting the family in their trying time.

Late Dr. Adiele was born 1975 and is survived by her husband, Mr. Michael Adiele, siblings and other family members.

REFLECTION



"The key to being happy is to know you have the power to choose what to accept and what to let go."

- Dodinsky



COMING EVENTS

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DEC 16

**OPERATION SMILE
OUTREACH**

The mission outreach

for less privileged in our host community comes up. The programme is an initiative of the Children's Ministries, University pioneer Church.

The goal is to reach 100

children with warm meals and gifts.

Venue: Vision Centre

Time: 4:00pm