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- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

Our Vision

- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

Our Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It’s not how many times you say I love you, but how many times you prove you do. Words are nothing without actions.”

- Anon

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Ademola Tayo receive award from Steve Heathcote. With them are SVP Academics, Prof Iheanyichukwu Okoro and ACCA ED Finance & Operations, Raymond Jack (left).

BABCOCK BAGS ACCA AWARD

Babcock University’s contribution to the development of professional accounting education in Nigeria has received global recognition from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, ACCA.

ACCA Executive Director Markets, Stephen Heathcote, who led a 10-man delegation, said the award was in recognition of the institution’s dedication and support to the professional body.

Professor Ademola Tayo thanked them for the honour and pledged the institution’s



Prof Ademola Tayo exchanges views with ACCA’s Executive Director, Markets, Mr. Steve Heathcote.

commitment to existing collaboration.

He said everything possible would be done to nurture the relationship to ensure the production of competent Accountants with global visibility

and relevance.

Earlier, Head of ACCA Nigeria, Mr. Thomas Isibor said the visit was to strengthen existing relations and identify new areas of mutual cooperation.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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EXPLORING THE BOUNDARIES OF
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Inaugural lecturer, Prof Oludele Awodele and Prof Ademola Tayo (4th and 5th I) with other University officers and faculty.

The future of the African continent lies in continuous research and investment in artificial intelligence.

Dean of the School of Engineering and Computing Sciences, Professor Oludele Awodele made this submission at the University's 19th inaugural lecture: *Sensing the future: From Common Sense to Intelligent Systems*.

Professor Awodele noted that while universities can promote and fund inter-disciplinary research and Artificial Intelligence to bridge knowledge gap across disciplines,

governments in Africa ought to provide more support in these areas because of the high cost implications.

He listed some of the benefits of Artificial Intelligence in security matters, crime and fraud detection among others.

According to him, governments and institutions will be better positioned to make informed decisions with data from artificial intelligence thereby improving living conditions for its citizenry.

Similarly, Professor Awodele said the use of AI system in crime prevention and detection, is an asset to the police in burglary cases.

In spite of these benefits, the Dean acknowledged that the deployment of AI could lead

to job cuts if people refused to advance technologically.

He recommended the use of local and international regulatory bodies to oversee AI activities to prevent desperate scientists from crossing ethical redlines.



Prof Awodele receives award from Prof Omotosho, supported by Prof. Ademola Tayo.



Clockwise: Prof Awodele receives handshake from a traditional ruler Oba.

Former VC, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde in front row with Dr. Awodele (spouse) and mother of lecturer.

VC Adeleke University, Prof Ekundayo Alao and spouse.

Prof Oludele Awodele receives a presidential handshake from Prof Ademola Tayo.

Bottom: A cross section of HODs, deans, provost and principal officers with Prof Ademola Tayo,

Prof Dora Akinboye and Dr Joseph Ola with other guests.





Sharing the wonders of His word: Pastor Ruguri (left) sharing the power of God's promises with an enthusiastic congregation.

CELEBRATING THE WONDERS OF GOD'S WORD

For some, it was just another week of prayer. But for others, few things beat the nine-day spiritual feast which set the tone for the new year.

Themed, *His Word Works Wonders*, the programme anchored by the Division of Spiritual Life provided more than a spiritual high. It offered answers to real life challenges and global social issues.

President of the East Central Africa Division, Pastor (Dr) Blasius Ruguri and his Assistant, Pastor (Dr.) Philip

Baptiste had more than 10,000 daily attendees on both campuses reflect on their lifestyles, future and eternity.

"We know that God can use a crooked stick to draw a straight line," said Pastor Ruguri. "So don't give up on yourself. Jump out of your problems."

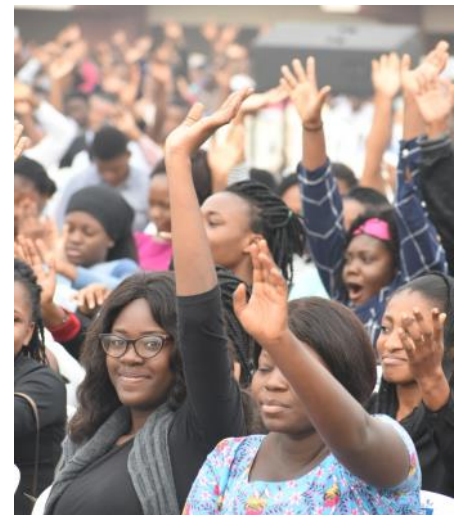
Drawing illustrations from the Bible and everyday experiences, the pastors noted that with the right perspective, storms of life could become the stepping stones for ad-

vancement.

Pastor Ruguri also warned against drugs and other vices which hinder spirituality and socio-economic growth.

"Push the cow," he said. "Anything that hinders your advancement is like a cow that gives little returns, let it go."

The programme wound up with baptisms and a deep commitment to a closer walk with God.



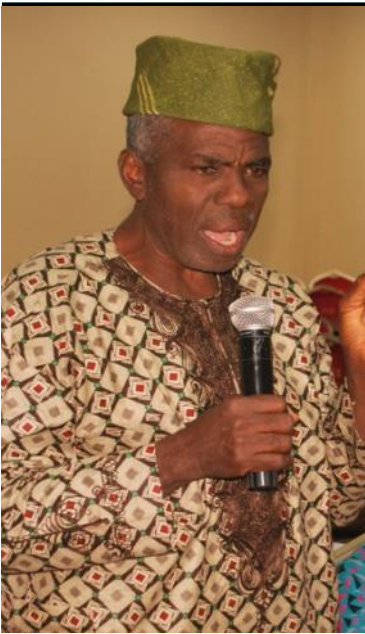
The NASS choral group (left) and other students at the event.



Pastor Tunde Ojewole & spouse, Dr. Funsho Ojewole and other students share a happy moment. Top: A cross section of worshippers. Pastor Ruguri pose with some of the students shortly after their baptism.

Pastor Roland Nwosu and other pastors during the student baptism. Profs. Ademola & Grace Tayo celebrate with Pastor Ruguri.





Dr. Tom Egwuonwu (2nd left) and Dr. Dada (right) and other BIG officers present the first prize award to Mrs. Seye Ogunsanya (Peace & Love Enterprises). Left is Wale Ogunlalu.

BIG REWARDS LOYAL CUSTOMERS

The Babcock Investment Group (BIG) recently invested in its customers. It rewarded top three bakery customers for loyalty.

Several clients attended the premier edition of the Bakery Customers Forum and Award aimed at achieving higher returns on investment through loyal customer motivation.

Among the big time patrons of Babcock Bread in 2017, Peace and Love Nigeria Enterprise emerged winner. Adebajo Odutola and Apphabbons Ventures came second and third positions, respectively. Each went home with a certificate of commendation and hampers.

The BIG Executive Director of Operations, Dr. Thomas Egwuonwu said the Group administration is planning to expand its national bread market share by leveraging on its strong customer relations as well as extend the recognition to customers of its other subsidiaries.

"We see you as partners in progress," remarked the BIG Executive Director for Finance and Administration, Dr. Samuel Dada.

"The award is our expression of appreciation for your patronage through thick and thin."



Reward for loyalty: Customers display their certificates for loyalty shortly after the event.

BU HOSTS 1st PROPRIETORS' CONFERENCE



Making a strong case for brand management: Prof. Olalekan Asikhia explains a point during the conference as participants listen with rapt attention.

Babcock University affirmed its support for effective brand management and governance as it hosted the premiere edition of Secondary Institution Proprietors' Conference, February 1.

With more than 28 public and private institutions, the programme also provided a forum for brainstorming and peer review among proprietors.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo expressed his pleasure at the response and opportunity to work with proprietors in upholding quality education.

"We hope the knowledge gained in this forum will improve service delivery and

governance in the various institutions," he said.

Convener and facilitator, Vice President Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi, showcased the University's strategic policy on brand management as case study for enhancing corporate social responsibility.

In his presentation, Prof. Owolabi reiterated the need to identify and satisfy various stakeholders while

maintaining a robust relationship with host communities.

He also stressed on the importance of the right persons on the school board for seamless administration and service delivery.

Co-facilitator/Head of the BU Business Administration Department, Prof. Olalekan Asikhia, shared strategies for sustaining rapid market growth.



Clockwise: Prof. Ademola S. Tayo (right) assisted by Prof. Sunday Owolabi addresses participants at the conference. A cross section of participants.

University Registrar, Dr. Jonathan Nwosu was also present to give his support.

GREEN HOUSE EMERGES WINNER AT BUHS 21st INTER-HOUSE SPORTS



Green House makes a grand entry during the march past before the athletic competitions kicked off.

Excitement filled the air as Green House emerged overall winner at the Babcock University High School 21st Inter-House Athletics Competition.

With 275 points, it beat White House which scored 270 points to second place followed closely by Yellow House with 268 points.

The programme featured several track and field events as well as shot put, javelin, table tennis, football, basketball and

volleyball.

Participating institutions from the host community and environs like Shagamu High School bagged gold. Silver went to Federal Government Girls College, Shagamu and Ikenne Community High School got bronze.

In the male category, Ikenne Community High School, Ikenne got gold while Shaga-

mu High School and Isanbi High School, Ilishan won silver and bronze, respectively.

Academic staff, alumni and parents also participated in the race.

Beyond winning, the event created an avenue for building muscle mass, interpersonal relations and peer bonding.

President/ Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo was represented by his Chief of Staff, Dr. Sunday Audu encouraged participants to build stamina and good sportsmanship through the event.

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Clockwise: Yellow and Blue House members take their turn. Medal presentation to 2nd position winner of the 100M Junior Girls competition. White House also made a grand impression with their march past.





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Other special guests were Babcock University Librarian, Prof. Clara Okoro, BUHS PTA Chair, Mr. Akin Awodeyi-Akinsehinwa and BU Director of Sports, Dr. Wole Oyerinde.

Principal of BUHS, Dr. Bola Adebawojo thanked parents, students and visitors for their support.

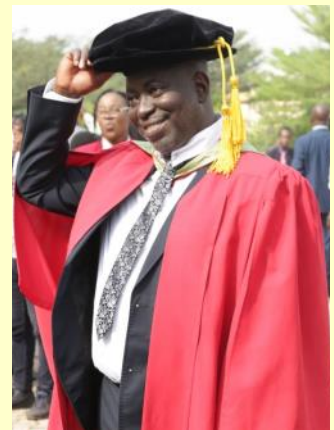


Clockwise: Green House Celebrating victory. Pink House take a turn for the march past.
Principal, Dr. Bola Adebawojo and other BUHS officers.
Medalists of the 100M Junior Girls Race.

TABLE SHOWS RESULT OF SOME EVENTS @ THE INTER-HOUSE SPORTS

HOUSE	POINTS	POSITION	MARCH PAST	100M JUNIOR BOYS	100M JUNIOR GIRLS	200M JUNIOR BOYS	200M JUNIOR GIRLS
				100M SNR BOYS	100M SNR GIRLS	200M SNR BOYS	200M SNR GIRLS
BLUE	124	4th	10	- 15	- 19	- 15	- 15
GREEN	275	1st	1	3 10	1 17	17 7	4 10
PINK	144	5th	15	4 5	17 -	4 6	- 5
PURPLE	157	6th	2	7 2	2 -	3 1	3 2
WHITE	187	2nd	4	15 7	2 -	15 10	7 15
YELLOW	166	3rd	7	10 5	19 -	1 -	25 7

PHOTO-SEEN THESIS



It was an eventful week for the University with the 19th inaugural lecture coming shortly after the Week of Prayer. Pictures capture the faces at both events.



Pastors Ruguri and Philip Baptiste receive honorary salute from the Adventist Youth Ministry grand guard. With them are other principal officers of Babcock and the Division of East Central Africa, Kenya. BU deputy Pro-Chancellor, Pastor (Dr) Oyeleke Owolabi was also present (4th from left).

PHOTO-SEEN THESIS



The Iperu campus community members also got a feel of the week of prayer. Pastor Philip Baptiste held forth. Faces at the event and those from the main campus with Pastor Ruguri and other officers.

Pastor Philip pose with students from Iperu campus shortly after their baptism.



SOCIAL DIARY



A new beginning: Mr & Mrs. Oluwale & Oluwadamilola Ogunbiyi

WEDDING

Oluwale Ogunbiyi of EAH Library and his bride, former Miss Oluwadamilola Adegbite also of the University Library, Reprographic Unit have since resumed work after they said "I do" at their traditional engagement and church wedding in December 26 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Erunmu, Oyo State. The Babcock community wishes the couple a happy marital life.

CONDOLENCE

The University community commiserates with the families of the following staff members on the untimely death of their loved ones:

OGUNSAN Tosin: DIED February 7. He was a Purchasing Officer for the Babcock Investment Group, BIG.

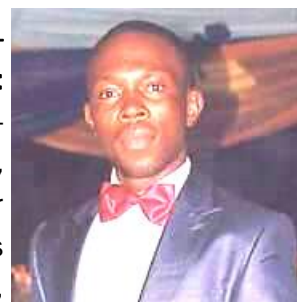
IDOWU Elizabeth: DIED January 29 after a brief illness. She was a Home Keeper, in the hall of residence under the Student Development Division.



OGUNSAN Tosin

IKE Lawrence:

DIED January 29, (Senior Logistics Officer, Electronic Surveillance Unit)

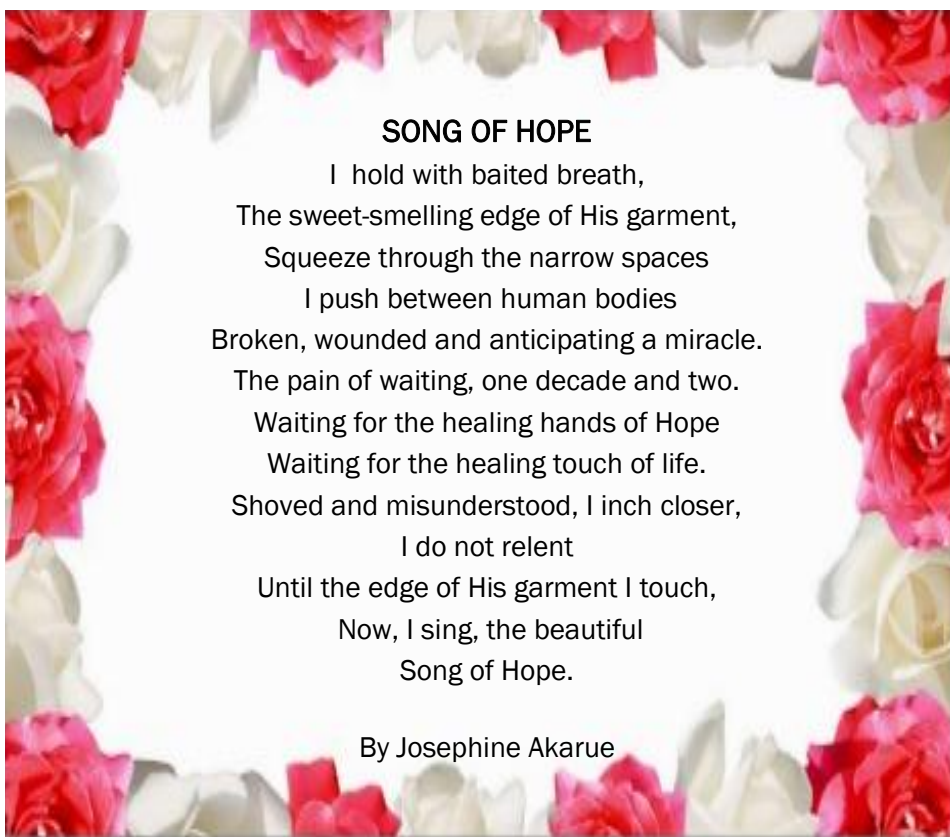


EZE Paul: DIED January 1 from an accident. He was a farm worker of the Department of Agriculture & Industrial Technology

SONG OF HOPE

I hold with baited breath,
The sweet-smelling edge of His garment,
Squeeze through the narrow spaces
I push between human bodies
Broken, wounded and anticipating a miracle.
The pain of waiting, one decade and two.
Waiting for the healing hands of Hope
Waiting for the healing touch of life.
Shoved and misunderstood, I inch closer,
I do not relent
Until the edge of His garment I touch,
Now, I sing, the beautiful
Song of Hope.

By Josephine Akarue





**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**



FEB 15

PUBLIC LECTURE

The University's Department of Political Science holds its annual public lecture with Prof. Daryl Poe as guest lecturer. Prof. Poe is an a Researcher and author on the Pan-Africanist activity and ideolo-

gy of Kwame Nkrumah as well as faculty member of Lincoln University, USA.

Venue: BBS Main Auditorium

Time: 2:00pm.

FEB 17

CHARITY CONCERT

In keeping with the season of love and giving, the Chord musical group will be hosting a charity concert to raise funds for children with special needs from the Eruobodo House, Ijebu Ode.

Venue: Pioneer Church Time: 6:00pm

FEB 18

COUPLES LOVE FEAST

Music, food and talk on family and relationship are on the menu as the Chord organize the 1st edition of the Couples Love Feast. Proceeds from the dinner will be given to charity.

Venue: BGH Time: 6:30pm

COMING EVENTS

FEB 21

WAD SOP SYMPOSIUM

Delegates from the 22-member countries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church West Central Africa Division will be meeting for Spirit of Prophecy Seminar.

Venue: BIG Boardroom

Time: 4:00pm

FEB 27

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

The SVP Management Services on behalf of the Marketing Department hosts the 3rd edition of the annual Youth Empowerment Programme. It is expected to bring together 300 students across several states of the federation.

Venue: Cafeteria Time: 9:00am

Time: 9:00am

REFLECTION



"When
someone else's
happiness is yours,
that is love."

- Lana Del Rey



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