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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Moral principles do not depend on majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right.”
- Fulton Sheen

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Pioneer BU President/VC, Prof. Adekunle Alalade and spouse with former President/VC and spouse, Prof. J. A. Kayode & Yetunde Makinde at Prof. Alalade's 80th birthday celebration.

BCED EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM TAKES OFF



Prof. Egwakhe: Developing competencies

The Babcock Centre for Executive Development's executive MBA program has taken off in full swing.

Director of the Centre, Professor Egwakhe Johnson said the program was to develop the skill gaps and competencies of individuals in execu-

tive positions as well as assist executives in enhancing their skills by taking a holistic view of various problems and operational scenarios.

He explained that it was also a holistic education that turns potential into big achievements, strategically enabling executives to realize their own career goals and aspirations, help them to easily step into superior po-

sitions as well as assist executives in enhancing their skills by taking a holistic view of various problems and operational scenarios.

The Director said the Centre also offers programs ranging from advanced diploma, part time undergraduate and professional to executive programs. He said that the centre had during the short term met the aims and objectives of the organization.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF GENDER ISSUES



Senior Vice President Academic, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro and Prof. Bolanle Sotunsa (2nd and 3rd right) with other Deans and officers.



A cross section of the staff and faculty members at the lecture listen with rapt attention.



Professor of Gender and African Literature, Omobolanle Sotunsa has redefined the boundaries of gender with a call for the establishment of an Institute for Gender and African Studies saddled with empowerment of women and men.

She said such an institute, preferably domiciled in Babcock, would help mainstream gender concerns and equality as well as improve the relevance of Africa's development agenda. Delivering the University's

22nd inaugural lecture, ***Gender Matters and the Cultural Dilemma in African Literature***, Prof. Sotunsa argued that there would be a new consciousness to foster closer co-operation and progress for humanity if men redirected the energies invested in maintaining their position as superior beings and women retraced their steps from confronting them as adversaries.

According to her, investment in gender relations held the key to future de-

velopment if men and women agree to work together.

Professor Sotunsa said oral and written literature have the potential to reshape gender relations in Africa without dislocating the culture.

"It does not mean that women and men have to be the same but that their rights, responsibilities and opportunities in life should not depend on their sex," she said.

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She argued that while great literature opens doors for understanding people and cultures, the lack of exposure to good literary works stifles growth.

Prof. Sotunsa also promoted the virtues of African oral literature as repositories of the continent's history, as well as providing the means for self expression in a way written literature was incapable of doing.

She noted that though most African cultures and literary works had evolved towards encouraging women's visibility, the African woman still struggled with an identity dilemma emanating largely from the different perceptions of feminism.

This also explains the uneasiness of



Prof. Dora Akinboye and Prof. Grace Tayo (3rd and fourth right) and a cross section of other faculty and staff at the inaugural lecture.

many African female about using the term feminism to denote the African female experience.

For the male, the dilemma is in the "threat" to his traditional powers as the head of the

home and main economic provider.

Her paper thus supports the view of adopting other terminologies to capturing the African female experience in gender discourse.



Top: Mr. David Makinde and Dr. Babatunde Adebua share a moment with the talking drum.

Left: Immediate family members of the lecturer.

Bottom: Prof. Bolanle Sotunsa and SVP Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro with other officers.



POOR READING CULTURE: WHY AND WAY FORWARD



Citadel of learning: Front view of the Laz Otti Central Library. Top right, Sandra Omilo and right: Dr. Goodnews Osah.



With many Nigerians decrying the downward trend of decreasing interest in books and general poor reading culture, the Editorial team sought the opinion of the public on ways to reverse the trend and put the nation back on the right tracks.

PROF. ANJUWON AKINWANDE, FACULTY, (Mass Communication Dept)

Students are not encouraged to buy books in schools with the internet and social media providing entertainment.

We can however reverse this trend through establishing reading clubs, competitions, book gifts and hosting reading festivals. We can also encourage students to buy books and download applications that will enable them access books online and engage in online reading clubs.

Dr. GOODNEWS OSAH, (Faculty, Political Science Dept)

Globalization is the major cause of the low reading culture. It brings the world into one parlour and facilitates

information sourcing with just a click of a button. So why read all day? No one has time for hard copy books since it is easily accessible from anywhere and anytime.

Parents are also too busy and would prefer easy way out. No more bedtime stories; no more suspense or hidden treasures to find in books. Books are now mere decorations on the shelves.

We can begin from primary schools to encourage pupils to use the library while parents can encourage hard work through rigorous study at home. We can revive reading and debate clubs in schools and reward hard work.



Prof. Anjuwon Akinwande

“Students are not encouraged to buy books in schools with the internet and mobile communication providing entertainment.”

-Anjuwon AKINWANDE

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SANDRA OMILO, Student:

Modernization, peer pressure, and the internet. Some people feel it's not cool to read, when there are other things to do such as, listen to music and follow fashion trends on the social media. When you have people with such mind-set around you as friends, you have the tendency to act that way too.

Jonathan AMADI, (LEO Graduating Class Student)

There are so many other means of getting information other than reading through the lines of a book; so many places we can source for information; the social media, even association with friends.

The electronic media is most competent when it comes to sourcing information, so this contributes to the problem of lack of interest in reading books.

Francis ODII, Babcock Staff:

I think the problem of poor reading culture among Nigerian youth is because of the internet. They no longer go to the library to read.

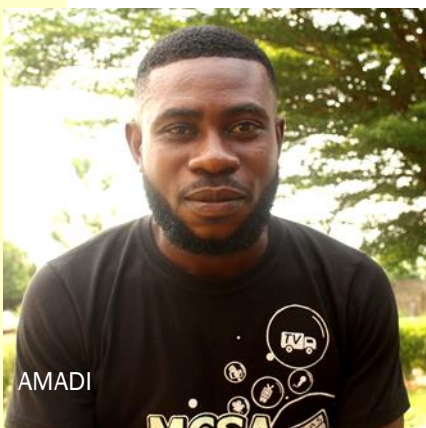
VICTOR NJOKU, (Student):

I think corruption is one major reason why Nigerian students don't read anymore or have interest in reading. Students believe that at the end of the semester, they can actually sort their lecturers and pass their exams. Some people have totally lost it by believing education is all about passing exams.

AMAKA ONWUKWE, (Student) :

The reason is that students no longer find reading interesting. They prefer listening to voice note and social media; reading is no longer fun. Also peer pressure is one other issue. Some students want to read but

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- Francis Odii



their friends will discourage them, either by bringing a movie or other things.

IFEOMA JAMES-ONOJA, (Student):

I think the environment is not conducive for reading. For instance, sometimes the library is congested and stuffy, and at other times, too cold.

These contribute to loss of interest in reading among students. On Sundays when we have time to read, the post graduate students occupy everywhere.

The hostels sometimes too are very noisy. Peer group influence can also contribute especially when you are reading and friends start calling you names. Laziness is also another problem. Some students believe if they read they will forget before exam. So the cycle goes on.

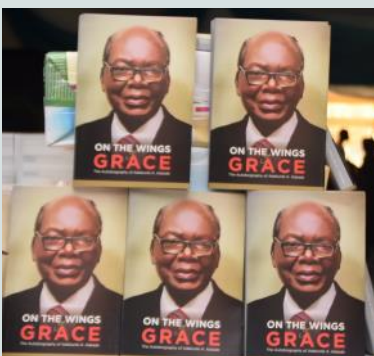
PIONEER PRESIDENT/VC 80TH BIRTHDAY AND BOOK LAUNCH IN PICTURES





The University's pioneer President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adekunle Alalade and spouse, Margaret Idowu Alalade celebrated landmark birthdays, 80th and 60th with a book launch, *On the Wings of Grace*, an autobiography.

Pictures of people and scenes at the event held at the Babcock Central cafeteria.



BABCOCK ALUMNI WIN SCHOLARSHIPS



Reward for Excellence: Babcock celebrates Gilbert Oladehnbo (left) and Esther Fowowe (right)

Babcock Alumni are in the news again for good reasons. This time, the former students of Law and Security Studies are celebrating scholarships for academic excellence in the diaspora.

The Dean of the LSS, Prof. Pius Olanrewaju, said Gilbert Oladehinbo, a 2012 first class graduate with highest CGPA of 4.92 in the history of Babcock School of Law, and prize winner in the Nigeria Law School has just won another award in University of Georgia, USA.

The Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers presented him with the **Custer Tuggle** Award for excellence in Family Law.

In a related development, the University of Bournemouth, UK, awarded Esther Fowowe, a 2013 first class graduate of Law from Babcock University, the Dean's International Scholarship.

The scholarship came with a £6000 (50%) reduction in tuition fee payable for LLM International Tax Law in Bournemouth University.

According to Fowowe, the award was in recognition of her outstanding educational profile from Babcock University.

Fowowe also made distinction and came first in the LLM Programme 2017 at Bournemouth.

She has graduated and secured employment with one of

the UK's leading tax consultants.

Last year, two Babcock alumni members, Abimifoluwa Ajala and Uju Ude, emerged first class at the Law School Bar exams, placing the University top two of the 45 Universities accredited to run Law programmes in the country.



Roudly Babcock: Ajala (middle) with President/VC Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and Prof. Olanrewaju shortly after her call to Bar.

WEEKLY ON HOPE 89.1FM



Mr. Akintayo Omolabi (middle) with programme anchors.

“WE NEED A PARADIGM SHIFT IN MAINTENIANCE, “ OMOLABI

The University's Estate Manager, Mr. Akintayo Omolabi has called for a paradigm shift in maintenance culture for a more rewarding experience. He said this on the weekly radio programme, *Thursday @ Eight* on Hope 89.1FM. He said in spite of his department's oversight role in ensuring quality control and best practices within the framework of available resources, the lukewarm attitude among some residents in reporting faults, constitute a major challenge for his office.

“Some residents attitude to cleanliness and lack of cooperation are part of our challenges,” he said. “Our dream is to facilitate the requisition process to achieve a better maintenance culture.”

Besides this, he said he also contends with other challenges such as shortage of routine maintenance manpower and effecting repairs without due consultation.

RELECTIONS

A weekly program that tackles issues of everyday life and finding ways to dealing with them. Host is Dr. Babafemi Akintayo and airs Mondays @ 11:00am.

IDILE AYO

A live, phone-in Yoruba programme which deals with real family issues and discusses solutions to them and host is Dr. Omolayo Jegede. It airs Mondays 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

This celebrates people on their birthdays and captures historic events which coincide with these dates. Airs Mondays 4:00pm and Thursdays @ 9:00pm. Anchor is Dr. Babafemi Akintayo.

Ahead of the May 8 celebration of the World Red cross Day, the President of the Babcock chapter of the Red Cross, Prof. John Ihongbe, and representatives had a special thanksgiving to mark the Day.

Prof. Ihongbe, who is also Head of Medical lab Sciences, led other members at the event held in the University Pioneer Church.

BU CHAPTER MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY



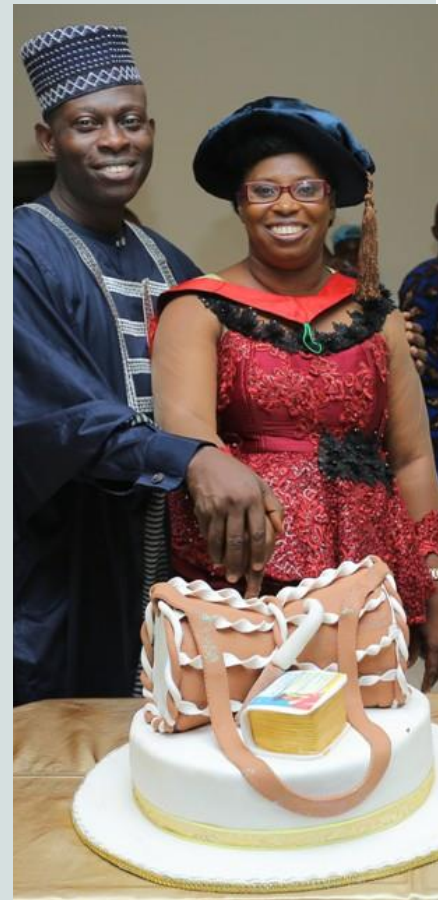
Prof. John Ihongbe (middle) with Dimeji Folorunsho-Ako (l), Peace Oniuri (2nd left) and other members of the Babcock Chapter of the Nigerian Red Cross

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University's 22nd inaugural lecture attracted more than the academia. Royal fathers and captains of industries also graced the occasion held with the usual pomp.

Pictures capture faces and scenes at the event.



SOCIAL DIARY



Mr & Mrs Nwachukwu: A new beginning



Dr. & Mrs Olarenwaju: Love across borders.

WEDDING

Love was in the air as family members and friends witnessed the April 29 wedding ceremony of former Gift Njoku, a

staff of Quality Assurance. She said “I do” to Mr. Obinna Nwachukwu, at the University Pioneer Church. Her spouse is CEO of Emmadon Comput-

er Tech Ltd, Port Harcourt.

While workers observed the labour Day on May 1, former **Miss Oluwanbo Adesegun** marched down the aisle with her beau, Dr. Jacob Olanrewaju, a Consultant internist with government hospital in Los-Angeles, USA.

Adesegun is a PhD candidate in the College of Post-graduate studies and faculty member of the Babcock University Biochemistry Department.

The University wishes both families a happy and prosperous marital life.

COMING EVENTS

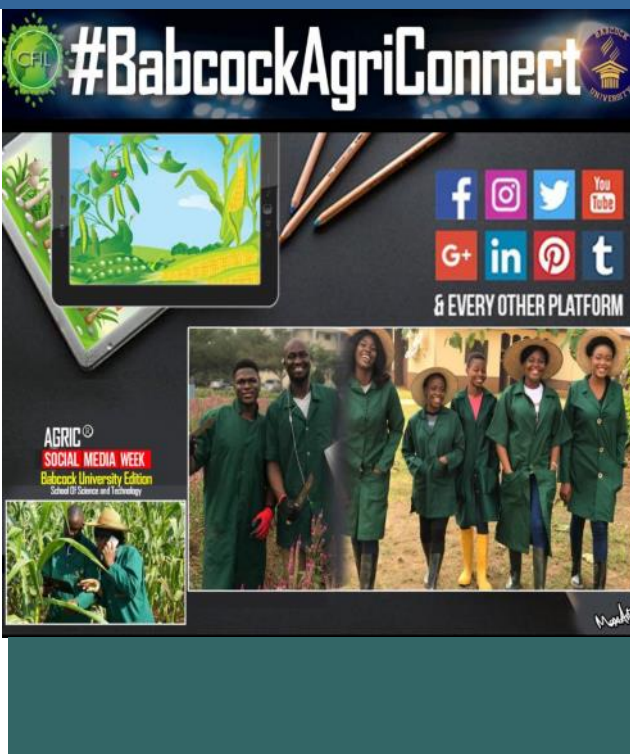


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AGRIC TRAINING

The University's Department of Agriculture and Industrial Technology is coming up with a project, **#AgriConnect**, to boost food production and capacity building for upcoming agricultural entrepreneurs.

Venue: BBS Auditorium



Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm.

REFLECTION



“Leadership is the capability to translate vision into reality.”

- John Maxwell