



# ESUT COURIER

Happenings in ESUT Community

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## Vice-Chancellor Charges Fresh Students On Discipline

The Vice-Chancellor, ESUT, Prof. C.O. Onyeji has called on the newly admitted students of the university to exhibit high moral character and be seriously committed to their studies to ensure success in their academic pursuit.

Professor Onyeji gave this charge in his opening remarks during a three day orientation organized recently to acquaint the freshmen with the university environment.

While congratulating them for gaining admission into ESUT which he noted was based mainly on merit for the first time, he stressed that the students must be found worthy in character and learning before they could graduate from the university.

The Vice-Chancellor chronicled the history of ESUT from the time of its establishment as ASUTECH in 1980 noting that it had given birth to two other universities viz: Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka and Ebonyi State University Abakaliki.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O. Onyeji addressing the students during the orientation

He described students as major stakeholders in the university system, stating that ESUT- was very interested in the welfare of its students.

The Vice-Chancellor urged them to abide by the existing rules and regulations and to shun all vices that were capable of truncating their mission in the university.

Earlier in her remark, the chairman of the committee for the 2011 orientation and matriculation, Professor J.U. Mgbada had while educating the students on their new academic environment, enjoined them to be good ambassadors of ESUT in all their social and academic activities.

The three day orientation which held between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011, was attended by principal and key officers of the university.

Some of the lecture topics included; "Life in the university community, delivered by the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Ben. Marire, "Health service and environmental sanitation in the university" by ESUT Director of Medical Services, Dr. W.E Ozonsi etal. Others were, "Channel of communication and discipline in the university", by the Dean of Social Sciences, Prof. Regina Eya and "Cultism and social life in the university", delivered by the Director of Academic Planning (DAP) Prof. E.D.N. Umeh. During her lecture, Prof. Umeh pointed out that most freshmen were usually deceived into joining secret cults during matriculation parties organized in their honour by older members. She therefore warned the students to steer away from unholy associations and identify only with registered unions in the system especially christian associations.

The Students' Union President, Comrade Oleka also urged the students not to be deceived by the vain promises of protection and power by the cultists, emphasizing that real power and freedom was in Christ. Commenting on the three day programme, a member of the 2011 orientation and matriculation committee and Director Public Relations, Mr. Osita Ugwuoti described the exercise as a huge success. He commended the efforts of those involved in the planning and execution including the management, committee members, resource persons and the students who were richly exposed to the university norms and practices.



Prof. Richard Okafor, teaching the new students ESUT Anthem at the Auditorium.

### ESUT Establishes Open and Distance Learning Programme (ODL)

The Vice-Chancellor ESUT Prof. Cyprian Onyeji has approved the establishment of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programme to further provide opportunities to the teeming working class public who are eager to acquire higher education.

Speaking during a one-day sensitization of the academic staff on the role of staff, efficacy and operational modus of the ODL programme at the university auditorium recently, the Director of the Programme Prof. Oliver Anowor expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for ensuring that his long standing dream since 1987 for the ODL was a reality.



The DVC Prof. A. Uzoagulu and ESUT Director ODL Prof. Oliver Anowor, at the sensitization lecture.

According to Prof. Anowor, the programme provided flexible and convenient opportunities for learning since one could combine work and study very effectively from any operational location.

He noted with optimism that with the co-operation of the NUC and the Technical Partners (INTROIT) ESUT would be ready to admit its pioneer students of the ODL by next academic session.

Addressing the academic staff of the university at the occasion, the NUC Director of ODL, Dr. Suleiman Ramon Yusuf commended ESUT for its bold move in establishing ODL. He stated that the increasing demand for university education which had continued to outstrip supply due to limited carrying capacity in the regular university programme has made ODL a necessary alternative.

He noted that the critical elements of the programme depended mainly on the quality of course materials and facilitation and urged the university to set up strong ICT infrastructure with separate website where course materials could be assessed. He also advised on the need to set up ODL planning and implementation committee and for staff to be conversant with ICT facilities.

Responding, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Aloysius Uzoagulu who stood in for the Vice-Chancellor thanked the NUC visitor and the technical partner represented by Dr. Julius Momoh for their efforts in educating the staff on the new programme.

The DVC emphasized ESUT management's strong determination towards the success of the programme and urged the lecturers who would form the bulk of facilitators to move from analogue to digital by procuring laptops etc; as the programme was ICT driven.

### Alumnus Awards Scholarship To Five ESUT Students

A 1997 graduate of computer engineering ESUT, Engineer Kingsley Eze hatoawarded scholarship worth N.5M to five best performing students of Computer Engineering in his Alma Mater. Speaking during the award presentation at the Vice-Chancellor's office recently, Engineer Eze, who is the Chief Executive of an Internet service company "TENECE" said the gesture was his contribution (as an alumnus) towards the promotion of academic excellence in ESUT.

He noted that it had been his earnest desire to assist and encourage his Alma Mater to continually move up to achieve excellence.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onyeji receiving the cheques for the scholarship from the Donor, Engr. Kingsley Eze

In his remark at the occasion the chairman, senate committee on scholarship and prizes, Professor C.A.C Okonkwo explained that the benefiting students were drawn from the five levels of the department of

computer engineering i.e (year one to year five) each receiving a cash award of one hundred thousand naira only.

The awardees include: Chijioke Sunday Ugwu, a year one student with the highest admission score of 303, Perpetua Obiageli Ofor with the highest CGPA in year II and Emmanuella Uzoigwe with the highest CGPA of 3.8 in year III. According to Prof Okonkwo, the remaining two beneficiaries from year four and year five would emerge as soon as the results and cumulative grade point averages of the two classes were ready.



Engr. Eze speaking during the award presentation. Seated from (r) Prof. Okonkwo, V-C Prof. Onyeji and DVC, Prof. Uzoagulu.

Responding the Vice Chancellor, Professor C.O. Onyeji thanked the donor, Engineer Eze, for his kind and exemplary gesture stating that it would encourage and spur students to take their studies seriously. He also hoped that other well meaning members of ESUT Alumni would emulate Engineer Eze to support their Alma Mater.

Some of the recipients who spoke to our courier reporter were full of appreciation to Engr. Eze stating that they would use the money to pay their fees.

The award ceremony was witnessed by all the Principal Officers and the Director of Academic Planning who made the presentation to the students. Others present were Prof. C.A.C. Okonkwo, the Chairman, Committee on I.C.T .Engr. Ekemezie, the H.O.D Computer Engineering, Dr. Okoye and the Director, Public Relations, Osita Ugwuoti amongst others.

### Honours/ Awards

The University Librarian Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Mr. George Igwebuike has been invested as a knight of Saint Christopher (K.S.C) by the Anglican Bishop of Udi Diocese Rt. Rev. C.A. Aneke. Speaking during a special service which marked the maiden investiture of knighthood to about 25 personalities at the Cathedral Church of Umuabi, Udi, the Bishop

remarked that the honour was in recognition of their commitment and services to God and humanity and urged them to continue with greater zeal as soldiers in the lord's vineyard.



ESUT Librarian, Sir, George Igwebuike, flanked by the V-C, Prof. C.O. Onyeji (r) and Bursar, Chief (Sir), Aloysius Okafor (l) at the Anglican Cathedral Umuabi, during his knighthood investiture.



ESUT Librarian, Sir, Igwebuike, and wife flanked by the V-C, (r) and Bursar (l) with other members of staff of ESUT and relations.

Two members of ESUT community, Dr. C.I. Ani and Dr. Olive Nebo from the Faculty of Education were equally invested as knight and Lady of Saint Christopher respectively at the occasion.

The ceremony attracted guests and dignitaries from the State including the Vice-Chancellor ESUT, Prof. C.O. Onyeji, Bursar ESUT, Chief (Sir), A.C. Okafor among others.

### CHANGE OF NAME

This is to notify the ESUT community and the general public that the under mentioned staff of the university have changed their names as stated below:

1. **Mrs Lovina Amaka Onuigbo:** Formerly Miss Lovina Amaka Eze of the law library, ESUT now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs. Lovina Amaka Onuigbo.
2. **Mrs. Faustina Nnenna Mgbachi:** Formerly Miss Faustina Nnenna Nwanze of the law library has equally changed to Mrs Faustina Nnenna Mgbachi. All former documents bearing their old names however still remain valid.

## Transition

**E**ngineer Camillus Okey Anih, a Chief Systems Analyst in the department of computer engineering ESUT, passed-on, after a brief illness on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Aged 45, Engineer Anih was buried in his country home Amabo Amoji Nenwe in Aninri LGA on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. He is survived by an aged mother, his wife and three children.

In his condolence letter to the bereaved family, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O Onyeji described Engineer Anih's exit at the peak of his life as regrettable and prayed God to grant his soul a peaceful repose in his bosom.

## ESUT Computerizes All Processes In The University

**T**he Enugu State University of Science and Technology has introduced Academia™ system for the computerization of all processes in the University.

Visit: [www.esut.edu.ng](http://www.esut.edu.ng)

All staff are required to upload their C.V. On the system and activate their personalized e-mail accounts using their staff ID on the payslip before the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

New and continuing students will henceforth use the system to:

- Conduct their session registration starting from March 16, 2011;
- View their results (starting from 2009/2010 academic session);
- Use the virtual library with access to over 20,000 e-books;
- Vote online for elections;
- Conduct research online with counterparts across the globe;
- Get news and information on the university;
- Submit Project topics and research works on-line.

Note that only students who registered using this system would receive their results at the end of the academic session.

The system will only allow registration for students who paid their school fees.

The help centers for this system are located at:

- Agbari Academia™ Study Center at the Faculty of Education;
- Enugu Software Development Laboratory, Academic Complex;
- Medical School, ESUT College of Medicine ICT Center.

Courtesy: ICT Committee

## Words On The Marble

By Prof. G.N Onoh

**P**eople are always blaming their peculiar circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in peculiar circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, they create them.

**Remarks:** *ESUTites are always complaining about their peculiar conditions. They do so because they depend on Government and students for their financial survival. Great universities are autonomous today because they created their circumstances. Let us wake up and plot our destiny. Let us stop waiting for manna that comes with humiliation. Let us put hands together and strategize for ESUT survival. Contribute your quota as no idea will now be ignored. The spirit is willing and the skill is there.*

**Great ESUT... Skill! Great ESUT... SKILL!! Great ESUT... skill!!!**



Prof. Greg .N. Onoh, former Dean Postgraduate Studies ESUT.

**M**any people today don't want honest answers in so far as such answers are contrary to their views. If we are told that we are wrong, we resent the imputation and harden our hearts. We like to continue to believe that we are always the ones that have the right answers;

**Remarks:** *ESUT is where it is today because some of our former captains were Sole administrators. They believed that they knew all. They didn't believe in team work. They played the role of the goalkeeper, defender, midfielder, winger and striker. Any good suggestion from any staff was distorted, derided and jettisoned. Let us join hands and work like a team to move ESUT forward for as the Igbo adage says.....if we urinate together, it foams. Talents abound in ESUT.*

**Great ESUT...Skill! Great ESUT... Skill!! Great ESUT....Skill!!!**

**I**t is much easier to criticize and condemn than it is to understand the other person's viewpoint. It is frequently easier to find fault than to find praise. I am yet to find a person, however great or exalted in position, who did not do better work and put forth greater effort under a spirit of approval and praise than he would ever do under a spirit of criticism and condemnation.

**Remarks:** *One thing about critics is that if you put them in the saddle, they will not perform better. Let us remember that everybody likes a compliment. Let us eschew bitterness and rancour which has bedeviled this place in the past. Let us work towards a common goal. A compliment to our superiors or juniors for good work done will help move ESUT forward. As the Igbo adage goes, if you praise a man for good work done, he will even do more.*

**Great ESUT... Skill! Great ESUT... Skill!! Great ESUT.... Skill!!!**

**T**he best lecturer in my opinion is not necessarily the one who knows most but the one who is most capable of reducing knowledge to that simple compound of the obvious which can slip easily into the comprehension of even a student called dull.

**Remarks:** *I believe that ESUT staff are among the best. Their graduates are making waves in industries across the nation. If ESUT staff are not among the best, how are they able to use the poor facilities in the school to transform these students into industrial pace setters. Surely, the skill is there.*

**Great ESUT .. Skill ! Great ESUT...Skill!! Great ESUT.... Skill!!!**

The principal goal of education is to create men and women who are capable of doing new things; people who are discoverers, inventors and creators; not simply those who are capable of repeating what other generations have done. No person ever yet became great by imitation.

**Remarks:** *ESUTites should avoid using others as their yardstick. In the past, others copy ESUT. Remember the ASUTECH series of computers, the Supreme Court Mace; our MSP initiative, the ESUT Business school, the PGD programme, etc, we were the first to do them. Let us rediscover our talents irrespective of any form of humiliation, intimidation, demoralization, etc. the skill is there*

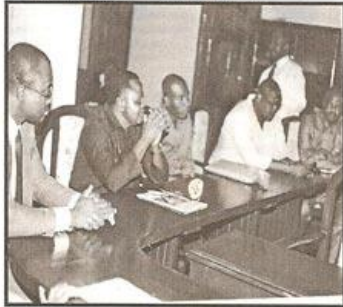


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## Events in Pix



Engr. Kingsley and some key staff of ESUT during his scholarship award to ESUT students at the Vice-Chancellor's office.



The Director, Academic Planning, Prof. E.D.N. Umeh presenting the scholarship award to one of the students.



ESUT Librarian, Sir, George Igwebuike in a pose with Vice Chancellor, Prof. Onyeji after his investiture as knight of St. Christopher (K.S.C.)

## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FRI 1
- SAT 2
- SUN 3
- MON 4 REGISTRATION OF CONTINUING STUDENTS/LECTURES FOR 2010/2011 BEGIN
- TUE 5 IDC BOARD
- WED 6
- THU 7 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
- FRI 8
- SAT 9
- SUN 10
- MON 11 HONORARY AWARD COMMITTEE
- TUE 12 WELFARE COMMITTEE
- WED 13
- THU 14 END OF REGISTRATION FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS
- FRI 15
- SAT 16
- SUN 17
- MON 18 BOARD OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES
- TUE 19 C.A.C ACADEMICS
- WED 20
- THU 21 ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
- FRI 22
- SAT 23
- SUN 24
- MON 25
- TUE 26 FACULTY BOARD OF ENGINEERING, FANS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- WED 27 BUSINESS COMMITTEE
- THU 28
- FRI 29 A&PC (SAPS)
- SAT 30

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