

# Undergraduate drowns in River Benue

**From Hope Abah, Makurdi**

A 24-year-old undergraduate of the Benue State University (BSU) has drowned in the Angwan Jukun water front of River Benue in Makurdi, the state capital.

Witnesses said that the 200-level chemistry student went to bathe in the river following the current heat wave in Makurdi about 9pm when he drowned.

A resident of the area, who gave her name as Madam Stella, said the

victim, a male, whose parents are said to be in Lagos did not know how to swim and was overwhelmed by the water when he stepped into the deeper side of the river.

“The victim lives not very far from the river (off campus). He drowned because he was a stranger and did not know how to swim. Small boys in this community can swim across the river but the victim as I learnt went into a deeper side of the water and he drowned.

“I think these young students

living off campus in suburbs around the riverside should be careful how they manoeuvre the water space here. Just recently, two undergraduate ladies would have drowned if not for an experienced young man who quickly jumped into the river and rescued them after he noticed that they were in danger.

“The ladies are also students resident in the community but went to have fun in the river when they could not swim. These strangers

should be warned to stay away from the deep and only have contact with the water close to the river bank,” Madam Stella advised.

Another resident, Jack Tella, said his corpse was recovered on Thursday and deposited at the hospital awaiting his parents.

The school authority could not be reached at the time of filing this report and the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Catherine Anene, said she was not aware of the incident.