

Department mourns student

IT was all gloomy at the Department of Mass Communication of the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi (AUCHI POLY) in Edo State last Friday. Students gathered to say prayers for one of them, Princess Kereotubo, who died in an accident on Auchi road penultimate week.

The department was quiet as members of Broadcasting Students Fellowship, who were clad in black shirts, held a requiem to mourn the late Princess.

The deceased, CAMPUSLIFE gathered, had just completed a four-month industrial training and was returning to school when she had an accident at Ewu Hill on Auchi road.

Our correspondents gathered that the driver of the bus in which the deceased was travelling survived with three other passengers, who are receiving treatment in a hospital in Benin City.

A senior lecturer in the department, Mr Momoh Usman, said he got a distress call from the Head of the Department (HOD), Mrs Clara Ogbiti, notifying him of an accident involving a student of the department.

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He said it took days for the deceased's parents to retrieve her body from the mortuary of Saint Lazarus Hospital where the victims were taken to.

On how he felt when he heard the news, Momoh said: "I became sad. It was a feeling that touched me to the heart, because it involved one of our students. It was a terrible experience for me and I wish it did not happen."

When CAMPUSLIFE contacted the deceased family on telephone, her brother, Realis, said the late Princess had been buried in Bayelsa on Wednesday.

President of the Mass Communication department, Odior Uwaize, described the death of Princess as tragic. He said: "I was in Lagos, when I got the call, and had to rush down to school and make sure things were put in order. On Tuesday, her body was moved to Bayelsa State but I could not mobilise students to attend the funeral. In line with our tradition, we urged students to put on black

•The late Princess

and walk round the school with the deceased's picture but I wish we could do something different."

Odior advised his colleagues to be careful whenever they want to travel home, urging them to assess vehicles before they get on board.

The late Princess, 20, was a National Diploma II student and sixth in a family of seven. She hailed from Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

