

was gathered at the school has a tradition of paying senior staff N20,000 and their junior coun-

cellor or Administration, Prof Edwin Igboke, said management was sensitive to their plight. He said

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CAMPUSLIFE reporter, mum die in road crash

A STUDENT of the Federal Polytechnic, Offa (OFFAPOLY), *Campuslife* reporter Abiodun Afeez Adeyemo and his mother, Mrs Deborah Oluwatoyin, have died in a road crash.

Their bus had a head-on collision with a trailer on the Ogbomoso-Oyo road. They were on their way to Oko, their hometown, in Oyo State.

The late Afeez had always been accompanying his mother to buy goods.

Residents of Oko in Surulere Local Government Area of Oyo State were all tears last Tuesday when the bodies were brought home for burial. The Adeyemo family members were inconsolable at the funeral.

Students were led to the event by Students' Union Government (SUG) President Imran Yusuf. The late Mrs Adeyemo's church members attended the ceremony, which was conducted in Christian and Islamic ways.

In his tribute, Imran said: "Afeez was a loyal comrade and dynamic students' leader. When he was elected into Students' Representative Council (SRC), his contributions to discussions were always articulate. He died at the time his experience is needed to reform the union. His death is a great loss to the polytechnic."

National Vice President of National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) Ibrahim Seriki, described the late Afeez as a "radical activist", saying the late student used his reportorial skill to fight for students.

He said: "His good deeds would not be forgotten. He used his journalism skills to fight for students. We console his family and pray that almighty Allah give them the fortitudes to bear the irreparable

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From Kazeem Yekeen

OFFA POLY

loss."

A former SUG president, Festus Adedeji, said he was still in shock, saying: "His death is tragic."

Akinola Oluyi, a radio presenter, who introduced the late Afeez to CAMPUSLIFE, fought back tears, saying he was a dependable colleague.

Akinola said: "Afeez was a brilliant student, who was always willing to learn. He was fearless and ready to sacrifice his wellbeing to promote students' cause. He was never afraid to write against the management if he felt the need to do so. I am yet to come to terms over his death. May his soul and that of his mother rest in peace."

His classmate, Soliu Idayat, wrote on his Facebook wall: "This is sad news. Afeez came to my hostel last week Thursday and told me he would be travelling to Ogbomoso with his mother. He said he came to bid me goodbye, but I didn't know he was saying farewell. He said he was hungry. I cooked rice and we ate together. He told me he would return on Sunday, but I got news of his death. It is so painful. May Al-

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• The late Afeez

lah grant you and your mum *Aljanat firdaus* (paradise)."

Kayode Afolabi, a HND 1 Mass Communication student, said: "I have lost a confidant. We were good friends and I respected his styles of writing. He was jovial and well-mannered. I never believe such a cruel fate would befall such a gentle soul. I pray God forgive him."

The late Afeez was the first of his parents' two children. He was born on March 27, 1990. He was a member of the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights (CDHR) and Committee for Preventing AIDS Society (PAS). Before his death, he was aspiring to contest for SUG president.

FUPRE celebrates feat at maths contest

By Gilbert Alasa

MATHEMATICS and Computer Science students of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE) in Delta State have won medals in the just-concluded Nigerian National Mathematics Competition for University Students (NAMCUS). For the feat, the university was ranked 12th of the 74 higher institutions that participated in the contest.

The FUPRE team won two silver and bronze medals. Abel Okonjuru and Oghenenechukwo Iriferi led the team. The award included donation of free Mathematics textbooks to the school.

The Vice-Chancellor (VC), Prof Akii Ibhado, praised the students during a special reception organised for the team. The VC said: "This is cherry news for the university. I was delighted when I was informed of the feat. When I saw the results, it boosted my conviction that the university is on the path to attain a world-class citadel of knowledge. I can confidently say that we have the ability and potential to reach the top."

Prof Ibhado hailed the students for

"outstanding performance" and appreciated staff who contributed to success of the team at the contest.

The Dean, College of Science, Prof John Arubaye, described the award as "brilliant feat", noting that it was the first time FUPRE would participate in the contest. The dean praised Prof Ibhado for supporting the team.

The Head of Department (HOD) of Mathematics, Dr A.M. Okedoye, said he was elated by the achievement. "It gave us joy that the department sent out students to compete with their peers in other institutions and they came back with something inspiring. This shows the quality of teachers we have and it reflects the students' Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)."

Other principal officers, who graced the occasion, included the Registrar, Mr Ejikeme Ichendu, and Bursar, Mr Sam Inengite. The highpoint was the presentation of medals to the Vice-Chancellor, and certificates of participation were given to the team members.

SUV knocks down LASU students

From Pelumi Olugbenga

LASU

TWO 200-Level students of Lagos State University (LASU), Joshua Oluranti and Paul Olajire, have cheated death after they were knocked down by a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) at the school gate on Sunday. The victims were rushed to a private hospital close to the school.

CAMPUSLIFE gathered that the incident happened at 10pm when Joshua and Paul were going to the campus to read for the examination they had on Monday.

An eyewitness, who gave his name as Olaolu, said the students were a few metres from the school gate when the SUV, with number plate LSR 513 DE, came from behind and hit them.

"They were rushed to a nearby private hospital by the driver of the SUV in the company of students who rushed to the scene of the accident," Olaolu said.

Joshua, who sustained a dislocated hand and bruises on the face, surprised his classmates when he showed up for the examination on

Monday. His entrance into the examination hall in company of Students' Union President, Tayo Sekoni, was greeted with cheers by his classmates.

Tayo used the opportunity to announce free ride for students on campus throughout the examination period. He hailed students for not resorting to the violence after the accident, saying it was a show of maturity.

The union president urged students to be calm, advising them to study hard during the examination period.

A security officer at the hospital, who prevented our reporter from speaking to the victims, said Joshua had been discharged on Monday, adding that Paul remained under observation at the press time.

It was also gathered that the driver of the SUV footed the victims' hospital bills.