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Lectures disrupted at Unijos

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prompt attention by the University Health Services Department.

Investigations conducted by THE STANDARD revealed that the student who was until his death accommodated at the Abuja Hostel, died on Saturday at the University clinic in the evening.

Some students who spoke to our reporters attributed his death to poor amenities existing in the hostel, alleging that five students were accommodated in a room meant for two persons.

Other problems encountered by students in the

hostel include poor toilet facilities, lack of water, poor network leading to the hostel; what the students termed as "neglect" from the school authorities which they alleged was a "divide and rule" tactics in the provision of amenities to students in the institution.

When our correspondents arrived at the institution, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ochapa Onazi, was seen addressing the students on the incidence and promised to investigate the cause of Adebayo's death who was until his death a first year student of the Language and Linguistics Department of the University.

Meanwhile, in a release signed by the Dean of stu-

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Students affairs, Professor Olowo J. Ojoade, the University has expressed deep sorrow and sympathy on the death of late Adebayo. The release also disclosed that the University authority was yet to establish

the cause of his death, but that preliminary investigations have indicated that it was not typhoid fever as alleged by the students.

While appealing to the students to remain calm and attend classes as

usual, the Dean assured that the administration was investigating the cause of death which would be disclosed to the University community, and promised that the authorities would continue to attend promptly to genuine problems brought to the attention of the Directorate of Students Affairs.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the University, Mr. Steve Otowo, refused to accept that the hostels are congested as, according to him, an inspection team was sent to ascertain the conducive nature of hostels before being allocated to a certain number of students.

Mr. Otowo who agreed that the school was faced

with accommodation problems, contended that the students further marginalise themselves by allowing

Unijos gets nomadic research centre

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A NOMADIC Research Centre is to be established in the University of Jos in appreciation of efforts made by the university and Plateau State Government in the promotion of Nomadic Education in the country.

The Minister of Education, Professor Jibril Aminu, who disclosed this during a courtesy call on the Plateau State Governor, Lt.-Colonel Aliyu Kama yesterday, commended the state government for its pioneering efforts in promoting nomadic education.

Professor Aminu told the governor that he was in the State capital to attend the 35th ministerial meeting of the National Council on Education, the supreme educational policy making body in the country.

The minister said the council was composed of

state Commissioners of Education and the Minister, adding that it meets twice every year to make policies as well as assess implementation of policies.

He also disclosed that the council would, in its present meeting, discuss the implementation of the primary education commission as stipulated by the decree establishing it, the implementation of the 6-3-3-4 policy with emphasis on vocational aspects as well as students finances.

The Governor, Colonel Aliyu Kama, in his response, commended the leadership of the minister which he said, had revolutionised the educational sector, adding that it had gone a lot to make education relevant to the needs of the country.

He assured the minister and the council that policies made by the body would be implemented to the best of its ability by the state government, and hoped the meeting would at the end inject a lot into the

sector. At the University of Jos, where he commissioned the Natural Sciences building housing four laboratories, the minister was informed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ochapa Onazi, that the building, costing N4.5 million was executed with the rehabilitation fund of the Federal Government.

He said two of the laboratories would be used for botany, while the other two would be used for zoology, adding that N1 million was used to furnish them.

Responding, the minister commended the efforts of the university in developing the school to its present standard, describing

the efforts as a "sensible major development within available resources."

He sympathised with the institution over the problems facing it, especially

that of land and assured the authority of its support. He urged that the laboratories be used to bridge the existing gap between the developed and developing countries.

Unijos ATAS prepares to host NUTAF '89

By Toni Omeoga

THE Association of Theatre Arts Students, Unijos chapter, will in April, host about five hundred student artistes, drawn from nine universities in the country to a 10-day Nigerian Universities Theatre

Arts Festival (NUTAF) which will feature drama presentations, carnivals, picnics, excursion and a lot more activities and funfare.

In preparation for a smooth hosting of the festival, the association last Friday, elected officials to run its affairs this academic year.

Kiziro Ijeh was elected

president, Hilda Okorgba, vice-president; Yakubu Datti, secretary-general; Godwin Ejiga was elected assistant secretary-general, while Blessing Ezugha, Lateef Rasheed, Tajudeen Adekpe and Daniel Mallum, were elected treasurer, financial secretary, Public Relations Officer and business manager in that order.

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