



President's update

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September 2011, Opening Convocation at TU

Tubman University held its opening convocation on September 5, 2011, at the City Hall of Harper, Maryland County. The event commenced with an academic procession of students, faculty, and staff. Dr. Anthony Dioh, in a welcome statement, congratulated new students, faculty, and staff to the Tubman University family. As part of the program, special greetings were conveyed by the following; Mr. James Bartie, Maryland County Education Officer; Mr. Alexander Scere, an alumnus of Tubman College of Technology; Mr. Daniel Swen, TU student government representative; Mr. John Barkemini, a member of the TU Board of Trustees; and Hon. Gleh-Bo Brown, Superintendent of Maryland County. Mr. Henry Woart, a faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, delivered an inspirational message to the students. In his message, Mr. Woart told the new students that their acceptance by TU is a milestone in their earnest pursuit of higher education. He challenged the students to study to acquire knowledge and skills that will equip them to achieve their dreams.

Following the inspirational message by Mr. Woart, Dr. Anthony Dioh, VP for student affairs, led the students in reciting the student code of conduct in which they pledged to "abide by all the rules and regulations of Tubman University". At the end of the program, old and new students, faculty, and staff, interacted as they were served refreshments.

Right-above: The VPSCA welcomes new students to Tubman University.

Right: A cross-section of new faculty at TU

Special Points of Interest:

- ♦ Opening Convocation
- ♦ TU selected as National Competence Center
- ♦ TU-ALEUSA partnership
- ♦ TU Student Government installed



Faculty Orientation

Faculty orientation for academic year 2011/2012 was held on September 17, 2011, at the academic complex. Dr. Coker George, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, facilitated an interactive session during which faculty were asked to identify what their expectations were as they prepare students for worthy service, and interact with other divisions of the University. Mr. William Harris, Chair of Department of Secondary Education, made a brief presentation on the socio-economic, geographic, and historic background of Maryland County and the rest of the southeast region. Also presented by Mr. Harris (Emcee for the event), were TU's, organizational structure, Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Principles of Operation. Thematic presentations, reflective of TU's Core Values and Principles of Operation were facilitated by the following; Dr. Lucky Ehigiator, Dean of the College of Health Science, on the roles and responsibilities of faculty; Ms. Iona Thomas-Connor, Chair of the Department of Nursing, on teaching effectiveness; Rev. Amb. Gerald B. Coleman, Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, on technical competence (with regards to the use of modern information technol-

ogy) by faculty; Mr. Stephen Jallah, a faculty in the College of Management and Public Administration, on team communication; Ms. Marie Simmons, faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, on advisement and consultation hours with student; Mr. Isaac George, Acting Dean of the College of Management and Public Administration, on community involvement; and Dr. Jerome Griffin, Dean of the College of Education, on the meaning and importance of research to faculty. Newly hired faculty who attended the orientation include, Mark Wilson (engineering); Dr. Anthony Nevin (history); Annalyn Macalalad (English); Myth Carbajosa (biology and chemistry); Stephen Jallah, previously an adjunct at TU, (management); Mulbah Tokpah (nursing); William Harris, previously the Human Resources Director at TU, (education).

Mr. Lino Sciarra of UNMIL, who served as an adjunct at TU, said that he was leaving UNMIL for a new assignment at UN Headquarters in New York. Dr. Enanoria-Carbajosa, on behalf of the TU family, thanked Mr. Sciarra for all his support to TU, and wished him success in his new assignment.



Right-above: Dr. Enanoria-carbajosa, on behalf of the TU family, bids farewell to Mr. Lino Sciarra, Unmil Head of Field Office for Maryland County.

Right-middle: Ms. Eremma Mba, TU Comptroller, making a presentation on finance procedures at TU.

Right: TU faculty at the September 17, 2011, faculty retreat.

Tubman University has been selected to be one of Liberia's three National Competence Centers, under the framework for Supporting Energy Efficiency for Access in West Africa (SEEA-WA). TU was recommended at the August 27, 2011, Forum of National Focal Points for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), held in Kumasi, Ghana, after it was decided at the conference that there be three National Competence Centers in each ECOWAS member state. The University of Liberia and the Stella Maris Polytechnic are the other two National Competence centers identified for Liberia. The selection of TU as one of

Liberia's National Competence Centers under the frame work of supporting energy efficiency complements the University's effort to transition to, and promote education in, clean, efficient and renewable energy. Towards that goal the University is pursuing a number of initiatives; one of our budget priorities for the 2011/2012 fiscal year is to procure and install a number of solar lamps on campus; the University has an environmental committee with the primary goals of securing, maintaining, and enhancing a green and safe environment at TU; and participating in positive actions that promote clean,

efficient and renewable energy. With regards to the third initiative, TU has held, participated and supported events/projects on renewable energy and green environment; the latest of such is the University's participation in the Africa Energy Watch-sponsored Environmental Conference in Washington, DC, USA, on September 21-22, 2011. Vice President Rita Townsend represented Tubman University at that conference. Two items that were significant to TU's participation and contribution at the

Conference were the development of an environmental science curriculum, and the establishment of an environmental research center. With respect to the former, VP Townsend (proxy for Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Russell at the Conference) signed a joint articulation between the University of the District of Colombia and William V.S. Tubman University with a "desire to promote sustainable cooperation in the field of environmental education, academic research, science and technological innovation, and renewable and alternative sources of energy".

Association of Liberian Engineers in the United States (ALEUSA) to partner with TU

Mr. Richard Bantu, an executive of the Association of Liberian Engineers in the USA, paid a three-day visit to Tubman University, from Thursday, September 29 to Saturday, October 1, 2011. The itinerary for Mr. Bantu's visit to TU included the following; reception and welcome by faculty and staff of the College of Engineering and Technology; a tour of TU facilities; a tour of Harper City; and a dinner reception with members of the President's Council, TU faculty and staff, and student representatives of the College of Technology. At the dinner reception, Rev. Gerald Coleman introduced Mr. Bantu as a representative of ALEUSA that was visiting TU to identify, assess, and review potential areas of cooperation between TU and ALEUSA. Rev. Coleman highlighted in a PowerPoint presentation, the expectations of Tubman University in a partnership with ALEUSA. They include the following; support in faculty recruitment, support in curriculum development, providing service as volunteer faculty on a semester basis, providing mentoring/

job opportunities for our students, assist in establishing a national standard for professional engineering practice in Liberia, and assist with engineering textbooks and lab equipment. These expectations were earlier conveyed to the executives of ALEUSA in a letter from Rev. Gerald Coleman, in pursuit of an effort to cultivate a potential relationship/partnership between TU and ALEUSA. Mr. Bantu, on behalf of ALEUSA, welcomed TU's expression of interest to partner with ALEUSA, and indicated that ALEUSA would be delighted to assist TU in the areas identified by Rev. Coleman. He said that he will return to the US with report of the potential for a great partnership between TU and ALEUSA. Mr. Bantu, on behalf of ALEUSA, donated a projector screen board to TU. He said that he will visit TU again in November, 2011, by which time he expects that an MOU between TU and ALEUSA would have been signed.



Above: Mr. Richard Bantu of ALEUSA making a presentation during his visit to TU.

Below: Mr. Bantu dinning with TU administrators



Tubman University installs Student Government Association for 2011/2012 academic year.

Students elected to the Tubman University Student Government Association were formally installed in office on Friday, September 1, 2011, at the Harper City Hall. Those inducted include; Mr. Aaron Collins, as President; Mr. J. Daniel Swen, II, as Vice President; Mr. Prince J.C. Morris, as Student Representative to the University Council; Mr. Jonathan L. Sackie, as General Secretary; and Mr. Darryl F. Thomas, as Financial Secretary. The following students were also installed as members of the Student Senate; Mr. Augustine D. Doglah, representing the College of Education; Mr. Levi S. Gbofuiah, representing the College of Health Sciences; Mr. Steven Karley, Jr., representing the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences; and Mr. Kemah Akoi, representing the College of Engineering and Technology.

The VPA at TU/Acting President, Dr. Joseph Isaac, formally inducted the elected students in office. He congratulated the new student government, and implore them to learn how to manage their time. He indicated to them that time management is key for students to succeed in university. In his inaugural speech,

Mr. Aaron Collins called on the government of Liberia to support TU's effort in training and developing Liberian faculty. The President of the Student Government Association also called on his fellow students to take their university experience seriously, and study hard to achieve their goals. He assured them that the Student Government Association will be very consistent in their role of advocacy for all students, and that they will work with the TU administration to promote student interests. Other events held to celebrate the TU Student Government Association installation included, soccer and basketball games between TU and the Harper City teams, and an installation ball in honor of the inductees.



Above: Mr. Aaron Collins, President of the TU student Government Association

Below: TU basketball team plays against Harper basketball team



Donor's Corner

Tubman University recognizes the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Liberia for the scholarships it provides to students of the College of Education at TU.

The Government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Education, provides full scholarship for all students of the College of Education, covering tuition, fees, room and board, and a monthly stipend, effective September, 2010. The awarding of this scholarship by the government of Liberia, through the Ministry of Education, is intended to promote and develop a pool of professionals in the field of education, who will eventually serve in schools across Liberia. The Ministry of Education offers the same scholarship to education students at the University of Liberia. The number of education students at TU is 104 (Sept 2011).



Above-left: Students in a rural sociology class
Above right: Students in a computer class

