

Osagie leaves helping legacy

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For the past few years, one man in southwestern Pennsylvania challenged others to connect with the world around them.

Emmanuel I. Osagie may have served as chancellor of Penn State Fayette for only three years before his sudden passing on Tuesday afternoon, but "he really made a mark," colleague Susan Brimo-Cox said.

From working with a nursing school in India to sponsoring an international food sampling event last fall, Osagie shared his broad vision with his students and the community.

"He brought a lot of energy, enthusiasm and wonderful initiatives to this campus," said Brimo-Cox, public affairs coordinator for Penn State Fayette. "He challenged everyone on campus to not only do their best but to excel. It was invigorating."

Osagie, a 58-year-old Nigerian native, died on Tuesday after complications from an illness. Francis Achampong, chief academic officer at Penn State Mont Alto, will become interim chancellor at Penn State Fayette on March 22.

Osagie is survived by his wife and two children.

"He will be sadly missed," said John Romano, vice president for the Commonwealth Campuses, who helped with the decision to hire Osagie in 2007.

"Dr. Osagie was a man of great vision and passion, rooted in making Penn State Fayette. The



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Penn State Fayette Chancellor Emmanuel I. Osagie died on Tuesday afternoon. He worked at Fayette for the past three years.

Eberly Campus, a campus committed to excellence in all areas, including building connections with the greater community of southwestern Pennsylvania."

Osagie received his bachelor of science degree from Southern University from and completed his Ph.D. and master of science degrees in agricultural economics at Louisiana State University. Before joining the Penn State community, Osagie worked as a professor, dean of The College of New Jersey's School of Business and presenter of regional grant-writing workshops for NASA.

Roger Williams, executive director of the Penn State Alumni Association, remembers Osagie's enthusiastic and energetic personality, saying Osagie struck the Alumni Association members as the kind of person "who just fills a room with his presence."

Williams said the group members left their visit to the campus thinking, "Wow, this guy really has the vision and the energy to move the Penn State Fayette campus forward."

Some examples of Osagie's initiatives include the Coal and Coke Heritage Music Festival, the CEO Conversations Speakers Series and the annual Blues and White Gala — an event that raises money for student scholarships. In addition, he pioneered Science Forensics, which helps under-achieving students in 8th and 9th grades with science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Brimo-Cox said Penn State Fayette is looking forward to continuing the signature events Osagie helped create to make the campus a "premier student-centered institution."

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Case against photographer dropped by DA

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Penn State student and Daily Collegian photographer Michael Felletter finally got the news he has been waiting a year and a half to hear — charges filed against him stemming from the 2008 riot were dismissed.

In a March 11 press release, Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller announced she filed a motion to drop an appeal for the case, ending a protracted legal battle against Felletter.

"For almost two years now, I've been put through this judicial system, and now it is finally done," Felletter (senior-visual journalism) wrote in an e-mail. "I feel closure."

Felletter's sense of closure comes after he was charged with five counts of misdemeanor failure to disperse and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct after taking pictures of a riot that overtook downtown State College after Penn State's football victory against Ohio State University on Oct. 25, 2008.

Felletter's case was dropped in January 2009 and re-filed in March with one count of failure to disperse bound over for trial. Centre County Judge David E. Grine dismissed the remaining charge in July 2009, citing unclear evidence. Former Centre County District Attorney Michael Madeira then filed an appeal to the State Superior Court following the dismissal, where the case has remained — until now.

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Felletter's attorney Andrew Shubin said he appreciates Parks Miller's "careful and considerate review" of the case's record and the constitutional principles involved.

Parks Miller stated in the press release that after reviewing the facts of the case and the issues surrounding it, she found reason to discontinue the appeal. In January, Parks Miller submitted a letter to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania stating that she did not intend to file a reply brief in Felletter's case.

The letter was filed as a response to Shubin's contesting the appeal of the case filed by the district attorney, though it did not necessarily mean she was dropping the charges. During her campaign last year, however, Parks Miller called the case a "waste of resources." Felletter believed it was only a matter of time before the charges were dismissed.

"I kind of knew it was bound to happen, but it was just always there, hanging over my head," he wrote.

"Now it's finally over and I feel relieved."

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Police investigate cases of indecent exposure

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A masked man indecently exposed himself in an East Halls women's bathroom just days before spring break, and Penn State Police aren't ruling out that he may be responsible for four other similar incidents last fall.

A female resident told police a masked man with a skinny build and dark eyes exposed himself to her at about 10:45 p.m. on March 2 in a women's communal bathroom at Brumbaugh Hall.

The man was reportedly shirtless at the time of the incident but

was wearing jeans and a neoprene mask with mouth and eyeholes cut out, police said. Authorities say he is about 6-foot-1-inch. Penn State Police Deputy Director Tyrone Parham said despite this being the seventh indecent exposure reported this academic year, he doesn't think it's a trend on campus.

"We have no reason to believe this is a growing issue," Parham said Friday. "We will continue interviewing students who may have seen or heard something for last week."

Parham said police are unsure if this incident is related to four indecent exposures

reported last semester:

■ **Aug. 10 - 21, 2009:** Three indecent exposures in Brumbaugh and Holmes Halls were reported to police. The actor was a masked, college-age male with a skinny build and dark hair.

■ **Sept. 6, 2009:** A masked man exposed himself to a woman doing laundry at about 1:15 a.m. in the basement of Holmes Hall. The man was wearing a mask, had a skinny build and light skin, and was naked from the waist down.

State College Police Department Capt. Dana Leonard said it is not unusual for exposures to be connected, as those who commit this

type of crime may be a "serial offender."

"We've been able to link one perpetrator to other incidents," Leonard said. "They would do it over and over. It's some sort of sexual compulsion."

Parham said police do not have any further information on the case since it took place right before students left for spring break. Police are asking residents to lock their doors, refrain from piggybacking into dorms and report any suspicious activity to authorities at (814) 863-1111.

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