Letters

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The Diminishing OBJ The people of the South-West region of Nigeria are known to be progressive - minded when it comes to politics; they have produced some of Nigeria’s best political leaders in the past. But what we’ve seen in recent times, during the days of Obasanjo, were a case of people who may have been mistaken for political thugs, ascending to high political offices in the region, hence, the confusion in the various states. A stolen mandate can be likened to a house built on sand; we know that before long, it would collapse. This is exactly what is happening in the South-West. The chickens have come to roost; a new sage is gradually emerging. By 2011, the true leaders would be sieved from pretenders and opportunists. Ndubuisi Onyenandu, Al

shouldn’t wait to be told that his time is up. Ifeanyi Iheme, Onitsha, Anambra State.

piece titled: “Clash of Egos” and I couldn’t help thinking, why wouldn’t one keep reading when you keep writing this way? It is high time those in positions of trust began to take a second look at what drives the ego or common sense. Keep it coming! Joe Onwuka, Aba, Abia State. The

realise the fact that good standard of education brings about socio-economic development, whereas abnormality in academic calendar cripples the school system and consequently poses serious threat to the future of students. Adequate fund should be allocated to ameliorate the pathetic state of the state-owned universities in the region.

Abu, Zaria, Kaduna State. I thank God that the universities in the South-East have finally called off their strike, but you know where two elephants are fighting, the grass suffers the pain. What I am trying to say is this; the state government in the South-East should make the university education affordable to the brilliant and intelligent but poor students of the zone by moderating their school fees. Udeh Chidiebere, Anambra State. The Abuse and Craze for Title

indiscriminate issuance, abuse and misuse of titles, honourary and national awards by Nigerians and relevant government and corporate authorities and even institutions of learning is a serious source of concern as it gives vent to the view that Nigerians are very good at setting crazy standards. The thirst for titles, honours and awards, even when the individual does not necessarily qualify or have the attributes to be given such societal recognition, have become the craziest standards we have adopted as a culture, as a norm that has made many well-respected institutions, corporate bodies and the government to sell their birth right and dignity for ephemeral benefits. What ordinarily should have been a sign of societal recognition for one’s selfless service and worthy accomplishments have been turned into a product that can be bought with money or given in the name of favouritism. D