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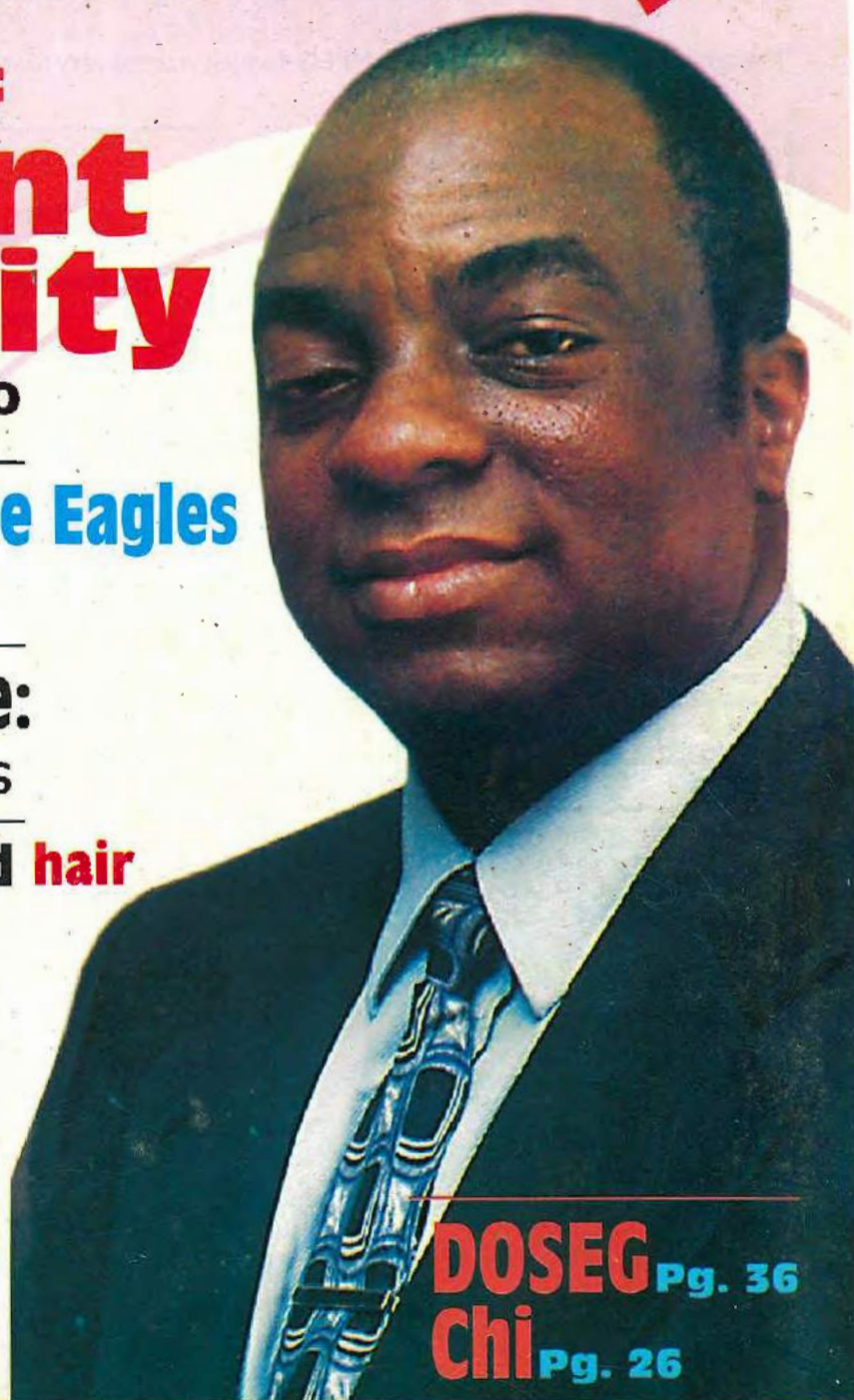
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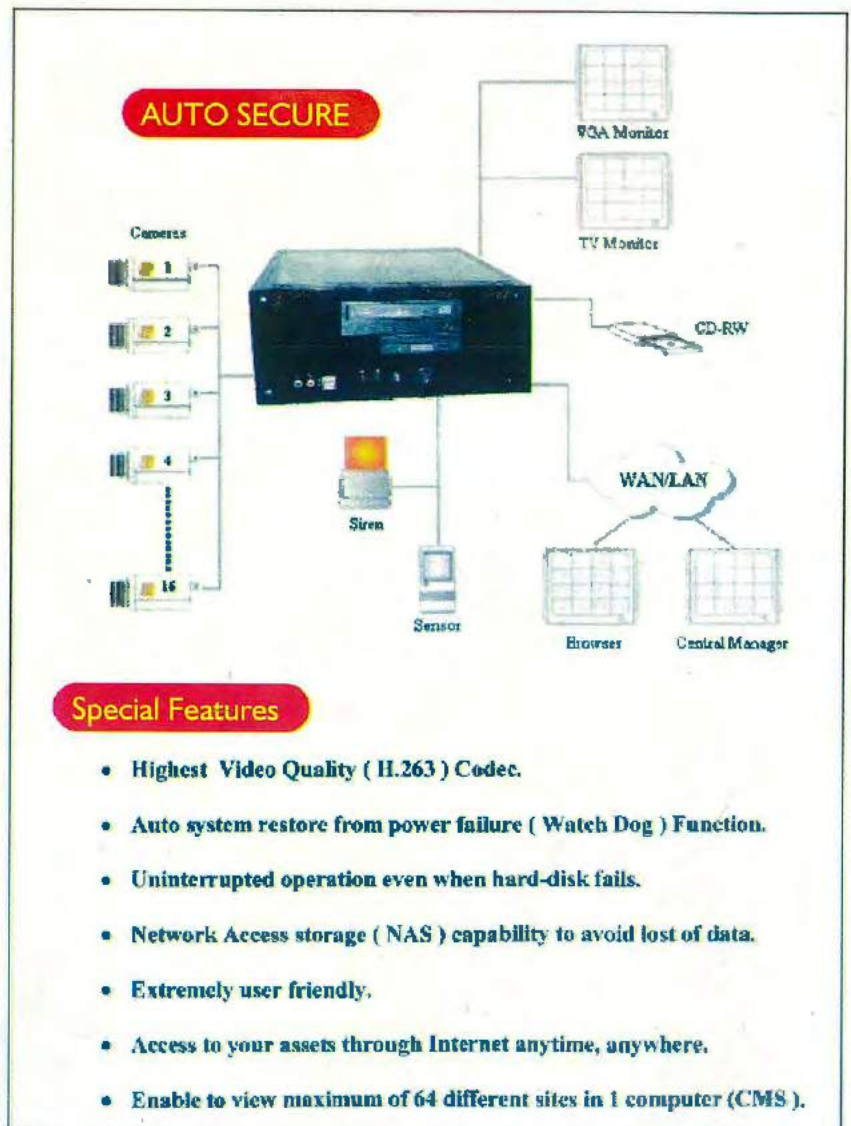
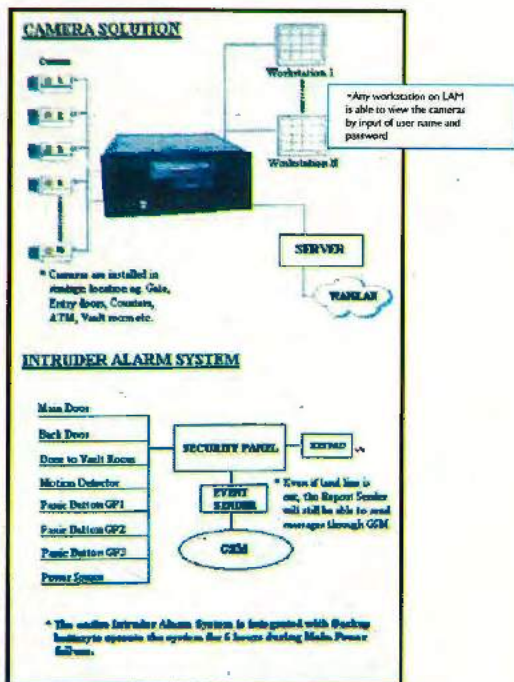
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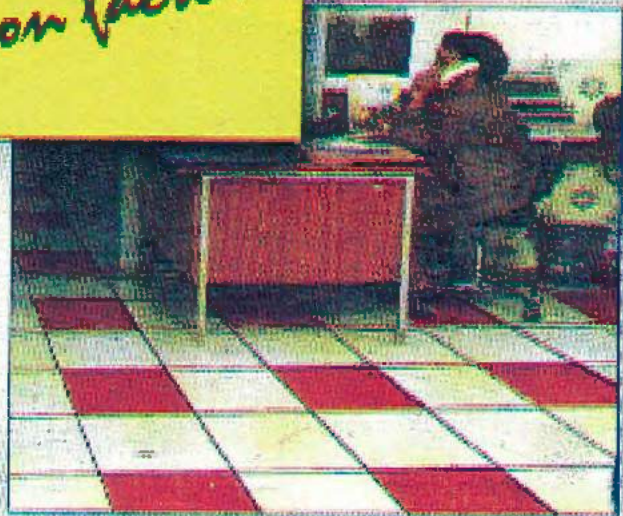


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For a great vision to translate into reality, several other connected, minor visions must occur and translate to reality as well. This magazine, which is the third outing on the *Stream* publication stable, is a vision of the Mass Communication Department and an aspect of the overall vision of Covenant University which came through our Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo.

Proofs of this successful outing are not only manifest in the convocation and other nice stories you will be reading, but also in the number of paid advertisements, many of which came from among the nation's most respected corporate citizens. With no fewer than 80 full colour insertions, *Stream* magazine has become probably the most patronized student magazine in the world in terms of advert placement.

Our thanks go to the VISIONER, Dr. David Oyedepo. By his obedience to God, Covenant University was established. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aize Obayan and the Registrar Deacon Yemi Nathaniel have been wonderful for their exceptionally high sense of responsibility which we tapped into for the production of this 112 page star publication. When you add the support of our Dean, Prof. Charles Ogbulogo and Head, Mass Communication Department Prof. Segun Odukumaiya which we enjoy, this magazine could not have been less successful.

The growing encouragement from the management is a big element in our drive for achievement. Did I hear you say *rhyimization*? Well, you haven't seen anything yet. Just turn to page 94, you will have a full dose of it. This is apart from news, tit-bits, interviews, book reviews, fashion, health and style.

We won't forget our instructor and the visioner of *Stream* publication magazine and newspaper Mr. Dokun Omojola. He has impacted us greatly, especially in those courses that require technical expertise. His exploits in the Nigeria's media and advertising industry have brought us smiles.

Our editorial board members and the entire students of MAC 326 (Magazine Production and Management) Class. Hey guys, you are just too much!

All glory to our lord Jesus Christ, the founder, funder and builder of Covenant University.

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## General Gowon visits C.U.



General Gowon expressing a point during the visit

Former Head of State, General Yakubu Gowon paid a visit to Covenant University in May, 2006. On hand to receive him was the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo. The former commander-in-chief expressed delight at developments in the university both spiritually, academically as well as in terms of physical structures. General Gowon,

who had paid a visit once, said that with Covenant University, Nigeria now had a bright future as the products of the institution would go and impact the society at large upon graduation with discipline, dedication, spirituality, sacrifice and other virtues and values which were their lot while they were students.

At a staff parley, the General expressed optimism that the crop of

faculty and staff was capable of putting the university at the forefront of academic excellence and the future of the Nigerian youth was being gradually secured. The afternoon meeting also had in attendance the vice chancellor, registrar, senior academics as well as faculty members each of who had the opportunity of having a handshake with the amiable former leader and the founder of Nigeria Prays, a spiritual support organization for Nigeria. During the convocation week, Dr. Gowon delivered a lecture titled "Issues of governance for nation's state of Africa: Pathways for leadership development."



## CU moves forward technologically

Covenant University has moved a step further technologically by providing a computerized way of searching for books that are or are not available in its library. With this method you can check for a particular type of book you want just by typing the title of the book and the computer will automatically inform you if that particular book is either available, in use or has been borrowed so that you won't waste your time checking the shelves or tables for a book that is not there.

## World class companies partner with Covenant University on Endowment

In which circle do you find such companies as Chevron, Shell and Total? It must be a circle of excellence, integrity and discipline. These world class companies can only flow with those who are disciplined and have integrity. These same companies have identified with Covenant University's Endowment Program. This custom-built program is two-pronged. These multinationals are getting involved for students' industrial training and possible subsequent engagement. Secondly, their involvement will help ensure a solid financial base for the endowment. Already, many of these companies are already sending in their contributions. Moreover, their representatives are also present at this convocation. Before now, Shell



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had sought partnership with the university on personnel resource development and things were looking up.

## Covenant University, on the heels of Harvard, plans 5 massive projects

Age difference notwithstanding, the management of Covenant University is driving home the point that the institution is on the heel of the world's famous citadel, Harvard University. Five major projects, which observers say, will put it on the world radar of excellence are in the pipeline. These include the construction of Information and Communication Technology Center (ITC) which is going to be a place for research and built at a whopping N900 million; Centre for Leadership Development (CLD) costing N240 million and Centre for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) to be put up at a cost of N205 million. Others are Centre for Technological Advancement (CTA) to cost N350 million and the International Centre for Biotechnology (ICT) coming up at N270 million. Investigations have shown that no university in Nigeria has ever taken such a comprehensive initiative to move to the next level. The chancellor of the four-year old university was reported as saying in a meeting with the faculty and staff recently that there was no going back on the restoration of the dignity of the black race and that Covenant University was the instrument in achieving this. Observers are taking

keen interest in all these projects, especially CTA which will be a solution provision centre for the technological challenges and needs of the people. Already some companies have indicated interest in funding some of these projects.

## International Conference on Mathematics

The vision of Covenant University which incorporates the statement; 'Departing from mathematics to lifematics, from knowledge to empowerment...' is finding fulfillment within the first four years of the institution as the university hosted the first ever international conference on *New Trends In The Mathematical And Computer Sciences With Application To Real World Problems*. This trail blazing event, held at the centre for learning resources, had in attendance scientists from both within and outside the country. They include; Professor Wayne Patterson from Howard University, Washington DC, USA; Professor Witold Zkarwowski, from university of Opole Opole, Poland; Professor Stig Larson, from Chalmers university of technology Goteborg, Sweden; Professor Jan Van Berg from Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Professor Arun Sood from Geoge Mason university, Fairfax, USA; Professor Franz Kappel from Graz, Australia; Femi Taiwo from Obefemi Awolowo university and Profesor H. O. Tejumola from university of Ibadan.

One of the speakers, Mr Wayne, a professor of computer science, in one of his lectures on data Mining And Warehousing, Theory And Application, stresses that though data mining is quite a new subject in computer science, it has to do with being able to extract from very large data bases, information that may be hard to analyze by just looking at the data. And this requires series of techniques and tactics to be able identify the relationships between data. Adding that, the program will also help in the area of health data, geography and census among others.

Dr. Sikiru Adigun Sani, a participant from the University of Uyo says some of the teachings are abstract for now but with time they will be applied to real world problems. He however adds that the presentations are very inspiring and innovative, and therefore urge the Nigerian government to come close to mathematicians so they can apply some of these principles to tackling the numerous problems that the country is facing, especially corruption.

Dr. C.K. Ayo, a member of the organizing committee remarks that the proposed electronic voting system (but which was rejected at the senate) is not appropriate, as no country in the world has ever conducted e-voting with foreign technology. Therefore Nigerians have to look inwards and come up with indigenous technology with which to solve indigenous problems, hence the need for the very first international conference on New

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Trends in the Mathematical and Computer Science with Application to Real World Problems, he adds.

## 10 chemicals that can change Nigeria's destiny

Dr. Josiah Olatunde Bello, a professor of chemical engineering in the College of Science and Technology enlightened Nigerians on how they have been cheating on their destiny by importing some industrial chemicals that can easily be produced in Nigeria. Six of them: Furfural, Hydrated Lime, Castor Oil derivatives, Tantalum/Niobium, papain and sawdust. Even sawdust!

The June 28, 2006 lecture drew a crowd who was told that furfural could be used as a solvent in petrol chemical refining and in mixture with other chemicals was useful in making fiberglass, some aircraft components and automotive brakes. Lime is used in steel manufacturing, mining and glass production and in fact it is used directly or indirectly in the manufacture of virtually every consumer or industrial product.

Castor oil is used for drug preparation and aircraft engine lubrication. Papain, which is extracted by a bioengineering technique from pawpaw, is widely used in food industry, cosmetic, medical and forage industries. Niobium is used in the manufacture of sophisticated electronic components, likewise tantalum.

And now sawdust! This material, which is actually a chemical is available in large quantities in Nigeria. Unfortunately, Nigerians are not doing much to maximize the benefits from this money spinner. This wood waste can be burned, fermented to make methane, methanol or ethanol as well as used in bioreactors to produce industrial chemicals.

The professor made some recommendations which include establishment of small and medium scale industries to produce them where they are available in several states of the federation, who must implement applicable research designs. More importantly, the professor stressed, these chemicals can be produced in Covenant



PROF WAYNE

University.

## Young inventors showcase work

The Nigerian Association of Inventors (NAI), an arm of the Federation of Inventors Associations, organized a three-day inventors' workshop at Covenant University at the end of June, 2006. The workshop featured works by youngsters with ages ranging between nine and 16 years, exhibition contests, corporate inventions exhibitions and seminars.

The Six seminar topics are: The Role of Government in the Promotion of Inventions and Innovations in Nigeria, Young Persons and Inventions the Asian Experience,

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Documentation and Management of Intellectual Property, Financing of Inventions and Innovations in Nigeria and Entrepreneurial Development in Nigeria: The Missing Link. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Obayan, had during a public lecture, acknowledged the efforts of NAI's president Prince Momodu for the association's efforts towards Nigeria's technological development.

The exhibition, which was organized in association with the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology Abuja, featured many electrical/electronic and mechanical inventions and innovations.

## One of world's largest cafeterias opens

The emergence of competition to the existing food supply structure in Covenant University has resulted in culinary delight for the student body and staff. The new cafeteria, reputed to be one of the largest in the world, is manned by courteous, service



oriented and customer pleasing staff, unlike the less courteous ones at the old café.

The New Café's décor is also a delight. It is very quiet and peaceful and almost free of insects who, annoyingly, want to, by force, share your food without paying for it at the old café. Its spatial arrangement makes obtaining tickets easy, The conveniences are also well located, an arrangement that makes them easily accessible without causing them to be nuisance to customers. They function in such a way that offensive odour do not

wash back to the eating area and offer the needed privacy and comfort and ease of use, which is very valuable to staff and students alike. The new development has greatly helped faculty, staff and students of CU to maximize their time. Based on the ensuing competition, food supply and quality have gone up in the old Café. The monopoly they enjoyed before having been broken, their services have improved to retain some of their old customers.

## Microsoft Corporation recognizes Covenant University's Ph.D

A doctorate degree thesis proposal, titled "A formal Framework for usable operations support in E-Health Based Systems" presented by My Nicholas Omoregbe, is one of the six of such selected by Microsoft corporation in this year's edition of its Research-inspired programme.

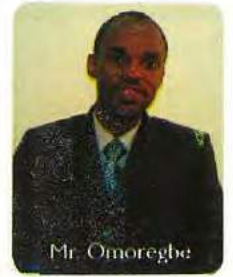
Mr Omoregbe of College of Science and Technology in Covenant University is the only winner from Nigeria

Though Mr Omoregbe did not disclose the details of the award, he however thanked God for making the management of Covenant University his source of academic excellence, stressing that without the opportunity created by the university, getting the award would have been more difficult, if not impossible.

Other awards went to University of Yaounde (Cameroon) for the Project titled *Introperatibility and semantic in Component based Software Engineering*; Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnic de yaounde (also in Cameroon) for the project titled *Extension of the theory of the Galois Lattices for an approach of component based development*; and University of Cape town (South Africa) for the one titled *investigating Adoption and use of ICT for Teaching and Learning of Higher institutions in south Africa*.

Others are University of Antananarivo with the project titled

*Environmental and Socio-economic impact assessment of the spatio-temporal dynamism of the land use in the Mahavavy-kinkony wetland Complex using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and Remote sensing tools*; and Steklov Institute of Mathematics (Russian Federation) with the one titled *the Complexity of semi-algebraic proof Systems*.



Mr. Omoregbe

## CU dons off to South Africa

The Head of Sociology, Dr Godwin Edewor recently led three other faculty members of Covenant University to attend two important conferences in South Africa.

The first of the conferences is that of International Sociological Association (ISA) congress holding in Durban from July 17 to 20 while the second, by the International Society of Quality of Life Studies (of Rhodes University, Grahamstown) held from July 19 to 26, 2006.

Dr. Edewor's paper, to be presented at the Quality of Life Conference is titled "Homelessness and Youth in Lagos" while that of Mr. Remi Abimbola, meant for the 16<sup>th</sup> ISA congress is titled "Women Self-Empowerment in Nigeria: State, Trend and Implications for Quality of Life".

The two other lecturers are Mr. Mathew Evgharevba also of Sociology Department and Mrs. Fayomi of Policy and Strategic Studies.



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# The Making of Covenant University

-Dr. Oyedepo

*The visionary and Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo addressed journalists recently to brief them on the developments in Covenant University.*

*The press conference was part of the week-long activities leading to the first Convocation ceremony tagged "Release of Eagles" which took place on July 28, 2006.*

The journalists present were amazed at the speed at which the university was being built as proofs were on ground to attest to the claims of the chancellor.

According to Dr. Oyedepo, Covenant University was established as a reaction to the prevalent decadence in the educational sector of the Nigeria and as a platform for change to make the country and the indeed the black race free from mental slavery which they have been subjected to over the years. Wrapped up in the vision is the divine mandate to raise a new generation of leaders through qualitative life-applicable education, value-based leadership and skill development, embedded in sound biblical principles to bring about reformation and restore the dignity of the black race.

He stressed that Covenant University was a leadership factory where a new generation of reformers, kings and queens were being born to "build the old waste", "repair the waste cities", and "raise the former desolations." The philosophical basis for this is contained in this motto: "Promoting Mental Productivity".

Besides the regular academic programmes, one of the novel ways of knowledge impartation at the university is the Total Man Concept or TMC, which is a core course that aims at making man complete intellectually, physically and



spiritually. The essence of the programme as a source of integrity and discipline is to prepare and equip students of Covenant University with the relevant life skills and mindset which will provide support as they confront the challenges of life. Entrepreneurial Development Studies is another novel way of learning at the university.

In the Chancellor's words: "we have an inbuilt Entrepreneurial Development studies (EDS), which makes learning not only pedagogical but practical and life-applicable as well as, practitioner-based. The focus is to inculcate in the students the spirit and discipline of enterprise and entrepreneurship." Similar programmes are now being taught in other universities, following the adoption of the Covenant University model by the National Universities Commission.

Towards a Total Graduate (TTG) is a final year programme students must pass to be eligible for graduation. The course is taught to prepare the intending graduand as a change agent not only for the nation but the

entire black race. Subjects taught include The World of Work, Dynamics of Economic Dignity, Success Concepts, Life Long Learning, Principles of Integrity, Marriage and Family, and Total Quality Management.

In addition to physical structures on the campus which have gulped a whopping N11 billion, Covenant University has achieved the following landmark accomplishments in four years of establishment:

- A world class campus
- Accreditation of all 16 programmes presented to NUC.
- Emergence as NUC's Best University
- The first University to resume on its permanent site.
- The First Private University in Nigeria to run full courses in Engineering.
- CU rated Most Preferred University among the Private Universities in the country by candidates seeking university admission through Joint

-Dr. Oyedepo



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- Nigerian Academy of Education Award for the Chancellor and Grand Patron
- Appointment of the Nigeria Institute for Strategic Management (ISMN)
- Best Vice Chancellor Award in Nigeria 2005 (Prof. Aize Obayan)
- Fulbright Fellowship Award (Dr. Ayam)
- International Scholarship Award and many more.

During the pioneer graduation ceremony, the following four persons were conferred with the award of honorary doctorate: Engr. Iyke Chukwunke, Rear Admiral Peter Ebhaleme, Dr (Mrs.) C.



*Dr. Oyedepo explaining a point*

G. Okpareke- The President, Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria and Jimoh Ibrahim, the CEO, NICON Group of Companies.

Many prominent Nigerians including Gen. Yakubu Gowon, Professor Joy Ogwu, Prof. Peter Okebukola and Pastor Mathew Ashimolowo were guest

speakers at the ceremonies.

The chancellor strongly appreciated the dedication and commitment of the faculty and staff of the university headed by the vice chancellor, Prof. Obayan and gave all glory to the lord, Jesus Christ.

## What the future holds

Covenant University in ten years time, by Nigeria's best University Vice Chancellor

“My vision for CU in 10 years time from now is a university that would have emerged with a clear mission. I see 10 years from now persons living the vision and mission of the university. It will not just be the Chancellor or the Vice chancellor or some selected persons that are connected with it. But as a life style, people just living and doing it and in doing that, there would be standards in place even right from the persons at the gate. So visitors coming in would know that yes, everybody is working in line. It's about persons aligning. I see what is happening now in the commission translated in Covenant University. In 10 years time, I see a university that is really living its creed in the lives of people, in the standards



*Prof. Obayan*

that would have been put in place, in the quality of the teaching, the quality of the degree, and the external impact that this university would make, the influence the graduates would have, the kind of jobs they are called to take up, and then the reports that we would be getting. Covenant University would be a university that would be a force to reckon with. Right now, it is just four years and people are taking notice without our knowing, and we have been getting phone calls and letters. You heard what the Chancellor said about the Commonwealth. Just a phone call coming across from the UK “can I

so?” Then I asked, “how did you know about us?” “don't worry that is our assignment.”

We should just keep doing what we are doing. There are times when it can be very, very hard, and the things you

want to see in place are not in place, but we have to keep at it. We don't have

**“I see what is happening now in the commission translated in Covenant University”**

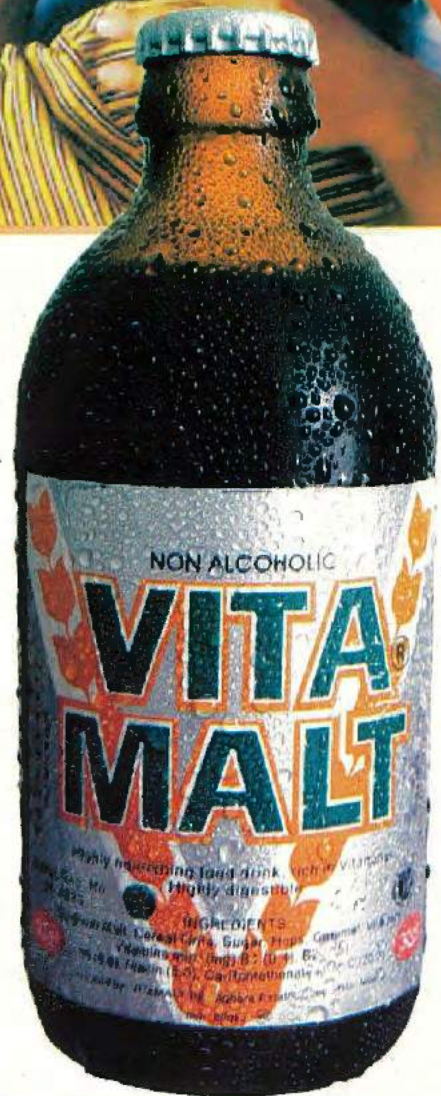
a second chance to make the first impression; we need to understand that everything is important. I see CU in ten years time, by the grace of God, as a corporate university. The mark of a great university is not just in the certification, but in the quality of life, the environment, the context, the culture people have imbibed, the need to give other persons an empowering context, the quality in the classrooms, the cleanliness, the hygiene, all of those things because it is about man and his environment, and how he is able to maintain quality, and pass on the values of quality to the next person. So in all ramifications, [we] see that if we keep doing what we are doing, and have the right leadership not just in the management team of CU but leadership in every area, then we would have a great university in the making in ten years time.”





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## *How the eagles were released*

By Titi Ojekunle and Titi Smith

More than 700 students received their degrees at the first ever graduation ceremonies of Covenant University titled ***"The Release of Eagles"*** and held from July 24-28, 2006. This number represents those who successfully scaled through, not only in academics but also in other areas such as discipline, sacrifice, diligence and other core values of the university. Over 1,600 students started the journey four years ago. Those who started four years ago but are not graduating now include Environmental Sciences and Engineering students whose program tenure is five or six years and some other students who were sent away due to disciplinary measures.

The process of graduation in Covenant University has been universally acclaimed by students themselves, parents, faculties and

academic observers. The process is a departure from the usual practice of other universities where students are weighed mainly on academic scales, almost completely neglecting other areas.

Besides, the regular academic programmes, it is compulsory for students to pass Total Man Concept (TMC) and Entrepreneurship Development Studies (EDS) courses which are all geared towards making the student a total graduate. Covenant University is the only place in Nigeria where TMC courses are taught and some universities that now teach EDS courses took their bearing from Covenant University. Students are taught these courses from the first year to the last and they embrace the three aspects of man: spirit, soul and body. Beside class work, the outgoing

students were given the opportunity to practice what they have learnt and sometimes to do business in these skills they have acquired. Part of this initiative was to send the students to various organizations for their industrial attachment. The various reports sent in by these organizations have attested to the fact that graduating students of Covenant University are indeed the world changers Nigeria and the world have been waiting for.

A crucial aspect is the spiritual. Part of what makes Covenant University different is that apart from being a private university, it's also a Christian university, where every thing is done in a Godlike manner. The university believes that it is improper to be intellectually good and spiritually lazy and that being strong in one's spirit man is a visa to



being sound academically or intellectually. This is the reason why students were given sound spiritual education which is basically that being close to God is the basis of achievement of destiny.

Covenant University is sending forth its first fruit to the labour market and like our saying in this environment "to be world changers\kings and queens who are going out to change their world from its dire status."

It all started in year 2002 with the buying of form to writing the University's aptitude test commonly known as CUSAT. After this came the conducting of interviews to choose the best and finally admission of the chosen students into the institution which we today call HEBRON; the birthplace of kings and queens. Though it's a joyful thing today that the seeds that were sown four year ago have rapidly germinated and are setting off to begin the journey before them. The glory that is being celebrated today did not come without many ups and downs, preparations, hardwork and

today the graduands are saying "thank God." Some of them have something to share about their journey so far in Covenant University.

**Oke Oluwamayowa Adetoro (Bsc International Relations)**

In the beginning it was very cool, okay and we were treated like butter. But things later changed when the school authorities started to fish out the bad eggs from the good ones. I have learnt in CU how to be patient and focused in life.

**Olugbemi Olutayo Abiodun. (Bsc. Computer Science)**

It was very stressful and it looked like it was never going to end. Later the rules became more and more stringent, we got used to it and started adjusting. Leaving C.U is like waiting for something to happen, it finally happens and you still don't believe it has happened. CU has taught me integrity and also helped me increase my self-esteem. I will miss the rules, rhymes and papa's preachings.

**Kehinde Olawale Manasseh (Bsc**



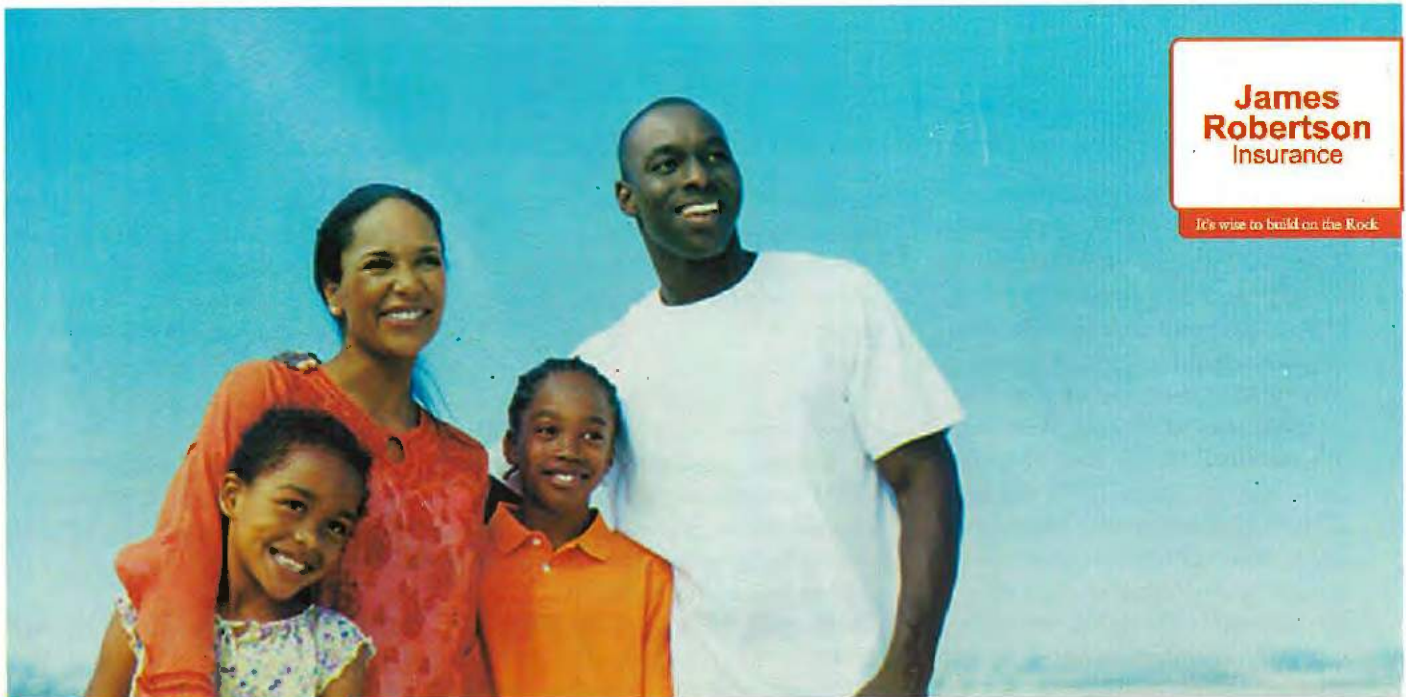
Final year students participating in community service

**Accounting)**

Our 100 level days were very tedious considering the number of courses and credit units we offered and having to work to the youth chapel three or four times a day to attend both lectures, meetings and services. So far it's been wonderful and I have learnt so much on the positive side and as I am leaving I will take with me the spirit of been committed and dedicated to work. I will miss the serene environment for academics.

**Adebayo King-Alfred (Bsc Sociology)**

Though it was stressful in the beginning as we had to offer a lot of courses, but I can tell you it was fun too. Also, restriction of freedom



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which one is not used to from where he/she is coming from; at first everything seemed rosy but all of a sudden it changed because the rules were applied. Now you can see that the number of those who are graduating is drastically smaller than those who matriculated. Cu has changed my thinking about life, that all I have to do is to make impact in my generation, not necessarily money.

**Folake Kolawole (Bsc. Mass communication)**

At the beginning, it was a bit stressful; we had to go to Canaanland for general lecture.

But now I have realized the importance of discipline. I see a great future ahead of me; thanks to impartation from Covenant University.

Four years have come and gone and just like yesterday they were admitted and now they are graduating and like many of them have been saying since they wrote their last papers- 'I just Cant Wait to Leave.'

They will not just be missing Covenant University; the university will also miss them, as they are the pioneering students of the institution. Two prominent men who were there at the beginning and watched them grow from naïve jambites to matured graduates have this to say:

**Pastor Seyi Macaulay**

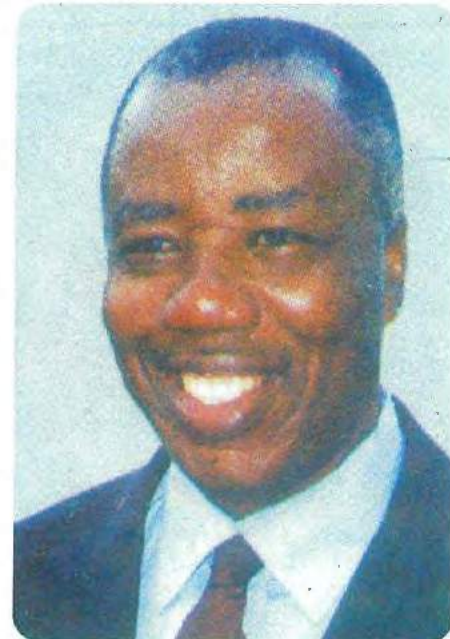
Well, I thank God. At the beginning it wasn't so easy for them because it

was a new environment so some of them had the problem of adjusting and besides there were no rules the first week they resumed, phones were allowed and even they were wearing what they wanted. But by the second week, rules came in, there was induction service for them and handbooks were given to them. The wise ones chose to adjust and today they graduating, while others were plucked out just like any production process, not all the raw materials make it to be part of the product. I watched them grow and as the first hall officer in this institution, it was my responsibility to make sure that everyone was okay and I failed to compromise standard. Infact, I was hated in the beginning, especially from the girls hostel but with time they came to appreciate the fact that I was just doing my job.

I have a mixed feeling about their leaving. I am glad they are going and am not happy because I will miss them but I can't stop them. I love them so much and have no doubt in their ability to go and succeed.

**Professor Prince Famous Izedomi**

In the beginning we took them like our own children, considering the fact that they came in very raw from different backgrounds; they willingly gave themselves to us to teach them, they were willing to learn. For instance, God made me to write the code of conduct for the institution and this they followed diligently. I thank God that within the short period that they were with us, we



**Prof. Izedonmi**

have helped expand their vision and taught them what they require to succeed in life. I will really miss them now that they are leaving, I sincerely wish them well and I pray they would be successful in life. I also pray that they present Covenant University in a good light and not forget what has been impacted into their lives.

Just as it is very natural in a race, not everyone gets to finish line together, also not all that had the opportunity to start with them are graduating with them, but we thank God for these who first set their feet in covenant university, who were the 'sacrificial lamb' as they are fondly called, who took the suffering so that the other students in lower levels may enjoy, who trekked to youth chapel for general lectures so that we could have ours on campus, who took more credit unit courses so that we could take less, they snuffed themselves in one college building for lectures so that we could have two, the list we must say is very very long. But we thank God who saw them through it all.

With the just concluded Towards a Total Graduate (TTG) programme for the graduating students which is seen as a combination of a spiritual and mental package for them, we are sure that they are going out there to make armful impacts in their generation ■

## TTG (Towards Total Graduate)

### The final challenge on the road to graduation

The Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David.O.Oyedepo, initiated the TTG programme and it was borne out of his passion to restore the dignity of the black race. It was the last hurdle the intending graduate must scale before he or she could be eligible to graduate. The Chancellor designed the programme to further equip the students mentally and spiritually. The program commenced on May 29,2006 with two sessions between 8 and 10am and 8 and 10pm

respectively and ended in July. The students were lectured by the chancellor, vice chancellor Professor Obayan, the Dean of Students Dr. Rotimi Daniel and the Chaplain Pastor Yakubu Kazi among many others

Dr. Oyedepo took the students on dynamics of economy. The V.C lectured often times on morality while the Chaplain covered the faith arena. The graduating students said that they learnt a lot from the program.





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# How we achieved graduation success - Convocation Committee Chairman, Prof. C. A. Ajayi

By Oluwole Aragbaye and Shade Monehin

**Can you briefly introduce yourself Sir?**

My name is Prof Cyril Ajayi, I am a Professor of Estate management. I am presently on sabbatical from Obafemi Awolowo University. Well I started in November last year. But I still have accumulated leave of almost three years, which I hope to spend here.

**Sir what are the things you put in place to ensure a hitch free Convocation ceremony?**

Well, what we did essentially when the committee was inaugurated was to set up a budget and the budget ran up to over 30 million Naira. In most other public universities it's like they go cap in hand begging for funds, but at Covenant University it's a different story. To avoid lapses here and there, what we did was to set up ten subcommittees to handle different aspects of the Convocation ceremony. These subcommittees report directly to me and I report directly to the Vice Chancellor. We wrote letters to well meaning Nigerians and I am happy to say that we are getting feedbacks from them by way of goodwill messages, which are very, very inspiring. The University approved NTA live coverage. We are going to have launching of developmental projects on campus, world press conference, we will be setting up alumni associations, Convocation parley, cultural night and so on. We are going to have convocation dinner and that will involve all the graduating students and their parents. We are also going to have Public Lectures, I think General Yakubu Gowon will be coming, we are also expecting Governor Donald Duke (sic) and also a prominent woman that has demonstrated visionary leadership, I have forgotten her name now. So all those are in place and during the actual ceremony itself, you see, there are some conventions that when you look at Convocation ceremonies in places like U.K Universities that they do, that Universities here don't do. So its like setting up a culture of convocation as



**Prof. C. A. Ajayi**

it is done elsewhere in the world and I can assure you that its going to be a glorious ceremony, that much I know, that people will come and say "ah, this is a convocation".

**You talked about launching some programmes. Is this an avenue to generate money for the University?**

Covenant University is not known for begging. By development project, I am talking about those that are going to be commissioned, like the restaurant, like the University guesthouses, which they are just building now. Hopefully they are going to complete them before the end of July .So such projects like that are going to be commissioned. It is just to show to the outside world the development that has taken place in the past four years.

**Considering the large number of guests we are expecting that day, what accommodation arrangements did you put in place?**

Well as you know there are few hotels in Ota but we do have an inventory of good accommodation. We have our

hospitality subcommittees that have gone round good hotels like Temperance hotel and Ogun State Gateway Hotel. We are not just going to put people just anywhere.

**Is there any support coming from the corporate companies that do business with the University, I mean companies like Oceanic Bank e.t.c?**

Well, let me just give you an example. Like four of us were out yesterday and we had designed some letters for some corporate organizations to be part of the event, in terms of maybe showcasing their products, in terms of making their products free to people, I mean Nestle for instance or Cadbury or Coca-Cola or Sona Breweries, they will come, they are definitely coming, we saw all of them yesterday, MTN, Globacom, IGI, they are all coming. They will probably come and display their products and those that involve consumption like Sona Breweries will probably open their tent for people to just come in and have free drinks. So we are hoping that they will come and add colour to the event.

*This interview was conducted three weeks before convocation*



# CLR in the next ten years

By Adebola Ayoade and Ibukun Akanle

Mr. Ukoha O. Igwe is the Acting Director of Centre for Learning Resources (University Library) of Covenant University. He graduated from Ahmadu Bello University (A.B.U), Zaria, Nigeria where he had a First Class Honors degree in Library & Information Science and Masters in Instructional Technology. His unusual passion for academics made him go back to A.B.U. Zaria in 1990 where he taught Information Technology and Information Organisation. He concentrated on the application of information and communications technology to information dissemination where he has distinguished himself.

He left Ahmadu Bello University for Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology as the Institute Librarian in 1999, where he stayed till 2002 when he joined the team at Covenant University. He is also a doctoral student in Library & Information Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

He said one major achievement is the fact that there was no library when he came to the school but by God's grace, there

is now a library, adding that he was one of the people who came up with the idea of the library with the chancellor, Bishop David Oyedepo.

Mr. Igwe said the university was working towards achieving the 100,000 volume of books target, adding that all courses that are being taught at the university would be taken care of library-wise. He remarked that the students are making good use of the library including the virtual one.

He further said that the current

projects are the purchase of more books, equipping the binding sections and a drive towards a fully computerized library.

In the next five to ten years, Dr. Igwe sees Covenant University library as the best in Africa, where people can always source information about their books worldwide, he sees the library to have implemented its full e-learning program like in Harvard library as well as a robust staff training.



Mr. Igwe

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# I grew up in a very strict family

*An intimate chat with Nigeria's number one Vice-Chancellor*

*Impressive career, happy family and visionary leadership are just a few words to describe the life of Professor Aize Obayan, the Vice Chancellor of Covenant University. In 2005, she was voted the best university vice chancellor by the National Universities Commission (NUC). Under her leadership, the university that had 16 courses accredited at only one presentation, has moved to a level of global recognition, which has created a fresh hope for the future. In this exclusive interview with Prof. Obayan and her husband, you will learn how to be a success both at work and the home front.*

## **Who is Professor Aize Obayan?**

Professor Aize Obayan is just a lady who is seeking God's will; God's open door and working to be a contribution indeed to her world, as well as bringing meaning to the lives of other persons.

## **When did you realize that you wanted to be a 'contribution'?**

I believe I grew up finding that really, and the more I tried to find out the purpose of my being, it became obvious. I remember my secondary school days. I was drawn to helping people and seeing how I could put them on the right path. I wanted to make them happy. That was how it just started.

## **Tell us a bit about your background.**

Well, I grew up in a very strict family. We were very close and still close. I also grew up as a first child, taking care of my younger ones at a very early age. Of course my parents were very busy people. There was a time when my dad was abroad and my mum had to be away from home, taking care of my younger brother in the hospital for a long time. I suddenly found



**Prof. Aize Obayan**

out that I was in charge of the household.

The decisions about what we would eat and so on fell on me even though we had a house help. So even right now, I find that I just want to take care of people. Like I said, my parents were very strict, and we grew up as children feeling that my growing was just too tough. But I believe looking back now; it helped us have a kind of focus and a structure. We were not allowed to have anybody come to visit us in the house; you don't take phone calls unless they knew who it was. You could be with the phone downstairs, and dad would be listening upstairs. We had a very protective, disciplined background. You couldn't even go for birthday parties. It was what we called "shelled life". And my friends would even ask me then, "is your

father gonna marry you?" In the University, he'd visit me at odd hours to make sure you are there, and everybody knew "Mr. Frank"

on campus. He even wanted to take me to NYSC camp but I said no! No father goes with his daughter to camp. I'll be the laughing stock". So he said "Oh! Are you rejecting your father?" I said "No". But I had my way, and I went to camp on my own. Thank God!(laughs)

For my Masters programme, he took me to school, and my Head of Department never stopped teasing me even until today; that I came to school with a feeding bottle in my mouth. That was because my father brought me to school, and handed me over to him. This was odd because, for your Masters, you'd expect that you go on your



own, and not with your father. But he was just doing his assignment, and playing the role of a father, and wanted to be part of every stage of my development.

I appreciate that because they (parents) gave us all we wanted, and supported our dreams and they were good models. They were successful in their careers, they carved out a niche for themselves, [and] they gave us a good message in the sense that "you must be the best that you can be and make sure that you leave a mark." I grew up knowing that. This is a legacy in the family you don't have an option but to improve on that. That sent warning signals that I couldn't afford to fail in whatever I do. That was the message we grew hearing. My father would ask for my assignments late in the night after he came from work and God bless you if you've not done your Math assignment, and God bless you if you miss one! So that was the kind of background we had.

**What did your father engage in?**

My father was a Career Administrator. He retired as a permanent secretary. [Now] He's president of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Benin where he stays.

**Have you always known you wanted to be in academics?**

Well, I didn't know that until my first year in the university.

**With all the restrictions your father placed on you, and with your focus, how did you finally meet your husband?**

I met him long before we met in a relationship. You know, his father was a lecturer at University of Ilorin where I was working. His father was also the Chaplain of the university and he had always been around. Coincidentally when we didn't know it, our parents had been in the university together and somehow, I knew I had heard the name before. With his father being a chaplain and his own spiritual background, once in a while he would come and give a message during the church service. Then his younger brother and my

younger sister were classmates, they both read medicine. So, he had always being around, it wasn't like we just met. We were always around the same circles because of my younger sister. Then of course later in the same fellowship and this was long after I left home, so really it wasn't in the same context of the restrictions anymore.

**So who would you say your husband is?**

My husband is cheerful, and always smiling. He's very cheerful, no baggage. He takes life very simple, no complications. He is not as fastidious about many things as I am. Everything is fine, everything is okay: that's his kind of person. He is also someone that loves God and takes the things of God very seriously.

**How is it like being the VC coupled with your family responsibilities?**

I see it as God's ordained assignment. I don't see it as many persons expect me to see it. And I just believe that life is a process and along that process, one is on a pathway and along that pathway, God would call you to different assignments because it is in progression and one particular stop gives you lessons and skills for the next stage. I always say one thing; it is not about the office. I don't have any hang ups about the office. It is more about the service and contributions I would be able to make and at this stage especially for the life of covenant University. It is about the foundation I am able to put in place. There's something about a pathway really, and this is about constructing it. You build up a pathway for others to follow. I've been privileged by the grace of God to set some things in place; things that would put the responsibilities on the right path for the future, for persons who would come five or ten years time; things that would make CU the leading university.



**And the family?**

It is having to really juggle. Because I am a person who would like to ensure that I am able to handle the two sides. It is very demanding in the sense that you are making sure that every thing is going well at home as much as possible and at work. Struggling between giving the children attention they need, and my husband. We are very free with one another, we are friends...

we don't have any of those restrictions that I had growing up. I felt it's not really the best in terms of psychological empowerment, even though I came out the best for it. As a young child I wasn't really able to discuss with my father, although I am free to do so now. I don't want this for my children. There is need for a psychological connection between the children and me. They are responsible and I give them the freedom to be in touch with themselves and bring out the best in them. My son Joshua helps in selecting the clothes I wear, right from the blouse, jacket, scarf and shoes. He is able to coordinate the colours well and I'm touched by his actions. I don't think he is doing it for the sake of doing it, I feel he had asked himself "I want to make mummy's life easy, what can I do?" I believe in future he would have something to do with women's clothing, may be have a boutique because he is so good at the way he puts them (clothes) together. When there are challenges at school, especially with my daughter Toluwani, I am very frank with her. I tell her what it is and how I coped with such things and why she must be focused. I give her reasons to be focused and do not just say don't get involved with someone.

My husband is very supportive, virtually giving me the space to be the woman that I have to be, no demands of 'you must cook my food' because I can't always cook the food, but over Christmas and holidays, I try to at least get into the kitchen, but I am not a kitchen person at all. The kitchen should be neat and I like to entertain when I have the time. I can't do anything that I am not passionate about. I am very fussy about things being done right, especially with the house being neat. And my husband may not like that side of me





because he is someone who may like things just kept anywhere. Those are the things we've had to juggle. We've been married since 1989 and I believed we have coped well.

**Your home is really beautiful and I can see you're a really good home-keeper. Who is in charge. Or is it Joshua?**

(Laughs) well, you can ask my husband. Although I have always liked things to be done properly and colour coordination made right.

**I'm sure you're a mentor to women right now. So what does it take to be a good woman, and what should young ladies be doing at this time in their lives? What should they be thinking of?**

Well, 'good' as a word is very relative. I believe it depends on what they want to see themselves excelling in. I think that would be a personal thing. I think it's about finding your path and finding your ground, and then just being the best there. What I desire for women in Nigeria is that [they] should be in touch with themselves, and break out from obscurity and take centre-stage. Many women have a lot to offer, but they have not been socialized in that direction. I see basically a woman as an advantage in the sense that women have been created by God to play a biological role, and also be contributors, but many women get stuck at just the biological function and they do not look at other aspects of their being. You see the life of Esther being wife to the king, but being also the person that God used to save her people. There [are] the Deborahs of this world, and there are other women, but the Esther story always challenges me; and then you look at the woman in Proverbs 31. Many people that get stuck in the traditional role of womanhood have not seriously connected with the Proverbs 31 woman, who in this context would be a superwoman indeed! As an industrialist she's there, as a home-keeper she's there, in terms of really pushing her husband, in terms of giving him a presence she's there and that is not a traditional female role; so, persons need to be connected with that.

**Finally, what's your advice for the CU youth, who doesn't understand the privilege he or she has being here?**

I believe when people know their purpose in life then everything falls in place. When you're not sure of what you've been called to do, that creates problem. If you know that God has called [you] to take over as King or Queen, then it is only royal things you would think about. So when persons know the reasons for their creation, they understand the purpose, they have a vision. Thank God for TMC! Many youth who don't know that before now have the privilege of hearing that for the first time, and can define their paths. It's about self-

discovery really; once that is clear I believe everything else falls in place.

**Thank you so much**

You're welcome.

**Chatting with Engineer Obayan**

**We like to know you sir**

Well, I'm Adetokunbo Uche Chimaya [Obayan]. But most people call me 'Toks' for short.

**Where did you get the Igbo name from?**

My mother is Igbo. She comes from Abia State

**How did you meet your wife?**

A number of things happened. One, we left the university about the same year (but different universities), and then she came to Ilorin, which is where my family had lived since 1969 (but honestly I don't think I've been there for quite some time myself). She came there for her Masters, and then for her doctorate. Her younger sister and my junior brother were classmates. Initially we didn't know, but our parents were classmates too. When I came into town, I remember my first time of seeing her; I observed her, and I said, "she looks like a very intelligent lady" for intelligence has always been more important than looks for me. If I am to stay with somebody for a long period of time, then we must have interesting conversations. When she became a Christian, we became pretty good friends, and then one thing led to another. She was lecturing at the university then; I was running an engineering consultancy firm with two of my friends also in Ilorin. She started coming to the Full Gospel Business Men's meetings, and I was secretary of the Ilorin chapter and one thing led to another, and we decided to get married! She always says I didn't propose to her! I think I did...I just didn't say it in the normal direct way. We got married in 1989.

One thing that always impressed me about her is that we could always talk; we could always discuss issues. She had a depth that you don't find [among other women]. Not because they don't have the capacity, but because many of them have not been socialized. Many girls don't discuss some things. I am not being gender stereotypical; I'm just observing things! Probably, society has not encouraged them to exercise and express their intellect. She doesn't have that hang-up. When you also come from a home like mine, you don't expect women



to have those hang-ups. I mean, my mother was the first student in Yale University to get two Masters in one year! So it never crossed my mind that women are less intelligent than men. And I don't see why men should feel intimidated by that.

**So you were really ecstatic when she became VC?**

Yes, I was! but not because of the position. Position has never really mattered to me much. I was in the vehicle with somebody a few days ago, and we were talking on the presidency of Nigeria, and he said to me, "how many people would want to be president of Nigeria?" I said, "I would!"

He looked at me...I said it's not about the perks of office or the strings... I said how many people in Nigeria have the opportunity to impact this nation the way the president has. Every speech of the president affects many peoples' lives. For such an opportunity, I would be ready to take it and if I lost my life in the process, that would be a privilege. So for me, my attitude, especially when she became VC, was that this was the opportunity for her to do the things she's always dreamt of doing; to be what she's always wanted to be, and to be part of what is happening in Covenant University. I tell people I'm an advocate of the Covenant University dream. Before CU started, I was already talking to people about my dream for education in Nigeria. I even had that advantage of pulling off things...because my dad had a doctorate in education management, and was Permanent Secretary (education) and as a university student I sat on one of the major education committees then in 1977. So education is an issue I always think about.

**So who is in charge of this decoration? she said I should ask you.**

Ah! She was (laughs)! She didn't want to say it herself so that's why she said you should ask me. Although I still have a relatively small eye for beauty, we didn't get anyone to help decorate. We went to town, and she got everything she wanted. Maybe one or two suggestions from me and some questions but by and large, it



was really her idea.

**How about the kids?**

Well, we have two children. The first is a girl 'Toluwani' and she was born on the 19th of August 1990. We gave her the name because she is an indication of God's mercy. The second is 'Joshua' born in 1992, January 25th. They are presently in Faith Academy, but have been to two other secondary schools.

**We can see you are happy. What's your take on what makes a happy home?**

A happy home is just like an interaction, where people try to add value to one another. It also involves the attitude one puts into the home. For instance, any marriage that goes into an "I" mentality is always going to have problems. My wife's an academic. She's a counselor and these are her areas. I encourage her to become who she can through intellectual discussions. I was talking about my dad and my mum. They have been married now for so many years and when you see them, they still laugh. My father wrote a book recently about my mother. He called it "A woman of Honour." So their lives became a life of giving, I build you, you build me. They accomplished a lot together especially in climbing academic ladders.

**What's your advice for the youth?**

For young people, my own fundamental idea is that many young people in this new



Prof. Obayan's in-law, Dr. Obayan (left) with the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo and Dean, CBS, Prof. Ojo.

generation are without the consciousness that life is not so much about you but the legacies you leave. They should know that time is something that could never be reversed; and so young people should grow, setting themselves targets for eternity. They need to challenge themselves. There is a whole world out there to learn, to discover, and to know for the sake of humanity.

**What are your hobbies, sir?**

I play the guitar. I sing, write songs, tell the story of the songs, and write articles.

**Your dislikes?**

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# In five years, Covenant University will be a model

Dr. Rotimi is not just the dean of students. He is the anchorman of students' law enforcement. Read from the man whose strategy is succeeding.

## *Can you briefly introduce yourself Sir*

I am Dr. Daniel Rotimi, the Dean of Student Affairs, Covenant University. I [also] pastor with the Living Faith church.

## *What has the experience been like since you assumed the position of Dean of Student Affairs:*

Well, very challenging and thank God for grace. Quite a number of rough times: decisions that you have to take, which you must take of necessity because it is better to offend man rather than to offend God and it is my own disposition that I will rather offend man rather than offend God. With that in mind, I ensure that as much as possible, transparency is usually the watch word

## *Would you say there has been an improvement in student discipline since you assumed office?*

Yes I would say that. While I came I saw quite a number of them flouting the most common [rule], which is the dress code. You [could] see some students still "sagging" both their trousers and their ties and you see some female students too dressing lackadaisically, almost exposing their bodies. So these are the issues that we looked into and I believed that God helped us to at least be able to correct these.

## *By next session, there will be another set of matriculating students, how will the Students Affairs department handle the large number of students that are being expected next session?*

Well, for every new intake that we have in every session, there is a match-up in terms of manpower demand. So the students that are coming in, I believe that they will be taken care of.

## *What is the strategic plan of the Student Affairs department for the next five years?*

Well in the next five years, one sees Covenant University as being indeed a model, a model for all to see, a model University and indeed the students of Covenant University, we see them as being Queens and Kings indeed. Naturally we expect that in five years time Covenant University students will indeed be leaders, leaders in their own right, leaders in their own respect. Now we are turning out the first set of graduates from Covenant University. In the next five years we expect them to have at least risen to an appreciable level where you will be able to at least vouch that Covenant University is making an inroad into changing the society, so our aim is to indeed birth a change in the system, so if we are birthing a change, you can't give what you don't have, therefore if you must be a world changer, you yourself must of necessity be changed. You must carry that catalytic force within you that is able to enter and permeate into the society, changing the society without the society changing it. So the vision of the Student Affairs is to be able to ingest into the student the core values of Covenant

University that you don't have to be in Covenant University or remain within the four walls of Covenant University before you exhibit the core values of spirituality, of integrity, of positive mentality, of capacity building and for you to live a responsible life and not only that, for you to be diligent in your work and for you to exhume the life of sacrifice so we expect that every student that is passing through Covenant University, Covenant University is passing through the individual and finding residency in such an individual so our vision is to drive with tenacity everything that will be able to make Covenant University students to indeed exhibit and portray what Covenant University stands for. So in the next five years the strategies put in place is such that the monitoring aspect is reinforced. Now Covenant University graduates are going out, they also constitute themselves as ambassadors of Covenant University.

You can't graduate from Covenant University now and see a Covenant University student doing evil outside and not report if truly the virtues of Covenant University are resident in you. So it means that the searchlight is more now on Covenant University products that are within the system and so we have a vanguard outside that are now constituted like a devoted or more devoted core of vigilante as the alumni or alumna that are graduating from here so with that we expect that by the time we are turning more and more out, the winners family world wide is a very large family, so the cream of Covenant University graduates joining them and having that passion for their University not to be messed up and to leave to the standard that they left it with, then definitely we will be able to achieve what God is going to help us to achieve and another major area that we have noticed is that is that an idle mind is the devil's workshop so also an idle hand is the devil's tool. The youth at the age that we have most of our students in Covenant University is an age that is very probing, very inquisitive, its an age that would want to pry into many things and for this reason if the time that the youth has with him is not judiciously used, he is likely to divert it to other areas. So the strategy we are adopting within the next five years is to ensure that as far as their minds are concerned, they are engaged, they are left to thinking positively, thinking innovatively, strategizing in such a way that they will not only be world changers just by word of mouth even the inventions that will be birthed from them will be such that will make the world to acknowledge their existence and for this reason, our idea is that, not only would students be disciplined, we will also ensure that programmes are put in place that will make them use their seemingly idle time judiciously. Seminars, workshops, creative approach brought into being. More clubs and societies would be registered wherein they would be able to go ahead and inject the time they have in abundance now into more constructive activities. It is when you are channeling your

time to something more constructive that you will not go into destructive areas of life and apart from that, a stitch in time saves several not only nine, so when a student is seen to be erring even though this is not a reformative home but there are certain students that just by mere giving them some words of counsel, they are likely to also have a change of heart, a change of approach to issues. For this reason therefore, we believe that we will also strengthen in collaboration with the Chaplaincy and the faculty especially the counseling department to ensure that students are counseled as appropriate. Students that we see that are erring we refer them. So referral cases will be coming up from time to time. So with these, we are able to ensure that the vision of having a total graduate is pursued with every thing at our disposal.

## *The Chancellor made a statement at the University chapel some few months ago, he said, "In ten years time, Covenant University will be competing with world class universities like Harvard". Do you sincerely believe that this statement is feasible considering what is on ground presently?*

It is very possible. I believe the statement to the letter. What it took a century for Harvard to obtain or achieve God is already giving us and with the doggedness of pursuit of this vision even as exhibited by the Chancellor himself and then coming down the line, I believe that this is not a task that is



unachievable. One, God has given us a Commonwealth status within four years. This, quite a number of Universities that have been existing in Nigeria and even in Africa and even outside Africa have not been able to attain or achieve. So there are quite a number of groundbreaking events that are pointers to what the future holds in stock for this University so I don't have a doubt in it. It depends on the persons driving it, running with the vision. We have a cream of men now that are passionate about the vision and if we continue the way we are continuing now, I see us getting to even that mark in less than ten years time. So it is not a task that is not achievable.



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# A VISION FOR CHANGE

By Gbenga Ademo

***"The problems that exist in the world today cannot be solved by the level of thinking that created them." - Albert Einstein***

The above quotation lends credence to the philosophy on which Covenant University was founded. Covenant university, a citadel of higher learning of international repute. An institution set on a quest to churn out future leaders, world changers and create expert and strategic thinkers. One institution built on a vision and set on a mission to liberate the African race and mankind in general.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2002, a foundation stone was laid which led to a star being born in Hebron...the birthplace of kings and queens on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2002 at Canaan land.

The star was called Covenant University with a philosophy of impacting and creating a total man who will be able to develop himself and his world. It is also on a charge to give a new definition to tertiary education in Nigeria, Africa and not just creating local champions but world leaders. It is not just an institution set to release graduates with paper qualifications but also with intellectual, leadership, spiritual and moral qualifications to equip them for any sector they may find themselves.

Time has come and gone when our tertiary institutions were viewed as the answers to the various economic and social problems plaguing our country. Then, graduates of our tertiary institutions were treated and regarded with utmost respect because it was believed that they were the ones to move the country out of the doldrums of decay which had already set in.

But alas, we were to be proved wrong when even our graduates started

dashing our hopes, when some of them started showing a proclivity for the statusquo and seemed to prefer things the way they were going; from bad to worse or simply exhibited sheer powerlessness to remedy the situation.

Still, our government owned universities continued the release of graduates, some of whom were ready to let the statusquo prevail. The seeming bastardisation of the Nigerian economy prevailed in our educational system where bribery and corruption seemed to be the order of the day. A perfect mimesis of the Nigerian society!

Covenant university students are set to reverse this order of things in the Nigerian society. They are set to catch the world by storm; being products of an institution not plagued by any of the anomalies earlier mentioned, where decay has not set in; an institution which has been at the fore-front of creating revolutionaries with the first batch being released presently, the sky is not the limit but the galaxy.

It was Dr. Denis Waitley who said *"there are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."* This view lends credence to the divine mandate which gave birth to Covenant University, which in the words of the chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo is *"a royal academy birthed on the platform of a compelling vision to raise a new generation of leaders for the continent of Africa."*

People are used to blaming circumstances for what they are. This is a

wrong perception to life because the people who get along in life are those who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them for themselves. This view by George Bernard Shaw illustrates the mission of Covenant University students as people ready to cause a change in society by creating the conducive atmosphere for themselves to work in.

With all these, it is evident that Africa and the world need a re-awakening and only a serious disposition to our educational responsibilities can rectify this. However, it is important to remember these words by Robert Fulgham which says *"the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence. Fences have nothing to do with it. The grass is greenest where it is watered. When crossing over fences, carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you may be."* We always have to tend our youths and be ready to give them the best at all times because they will give us either the best or the worst tomorrow.

I leave you with these words by Kalidasa *"yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."* Live today to make a difference in your world and your errors of yesterday will no more count and you will also have invested in the life of someone in your tomorrow.

Watch out for Covenant University students because they are set to change your world!



# College of Science and Technology in the next five years

## - Prof. Adeyemi

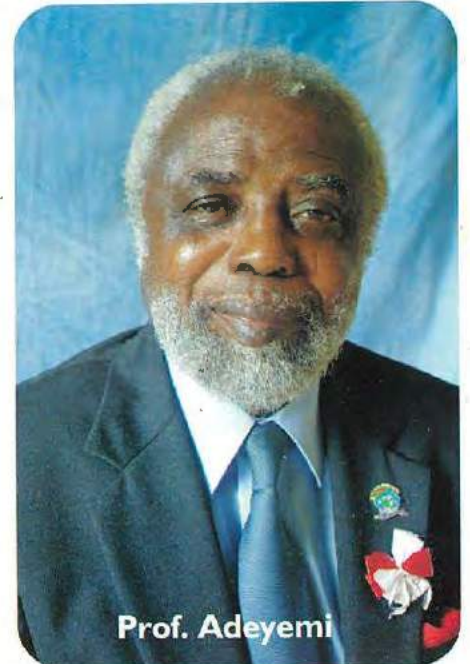
The college of science and technology (CST), Covenant University is one that is rated high among others and as such, an important question has come up: where will CST be in the next five years?

In an interview with the Dean of CST, Professor Ekundayo Adeyinka Adeyemi, a picture was painted of CST's future.

Professor Adeyemi stated that

the main challenge is to make CST achieve its full human resource capacity. He foresees a staff build-up in the future, and not just any staff but qualified ones of the right caliber. He stated that the university is presently undergoing a PhD. Programme for all staff that do not possess a doctorate degree to further equip them. He said that apart from this, their salary must be competitive and the conditions of service must be weighed before this can be put in place.

Prof. Adeyemi, who is one of the most revered professors of architecture in the world, also stated that the College of Science and Technology was fortifying itself in getting more programs accredited, even though they presently have the most programs compared to other colleges in the University, and that until all this was properly consolidated, development would be futile. He also stated that the college was moving with time and current global

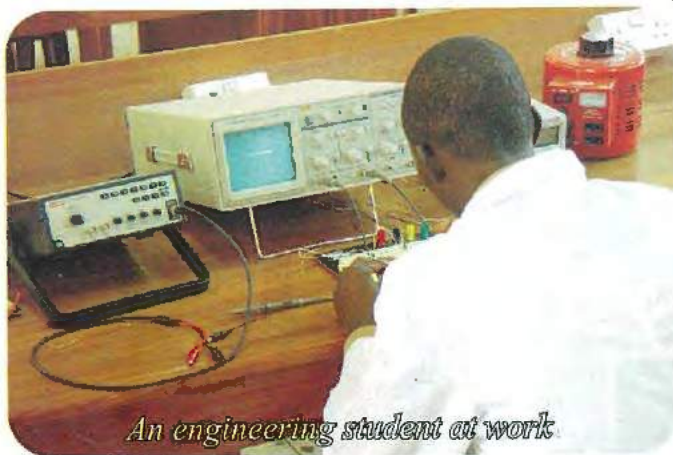


Prof. Adeyemi

trends.

With events like the Tech week, the SIWES program, various International conferences, different researches being carried out and the international exhibitions which Architecture students have participated in the sky is just the beginning for CST in the next five years, according to the professor.

On a final note, the dean stated that industrialization in the country and improvement in the college in the next five years would start from human resources and that students must first go through the rudiments before the superstructure can be put in place. "If all this has happened in four years, then I think we have done very well", he said.



An engineering student at work



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the college of business. Also included are Messrs Abimbola and Tunde Iruonagbe of the college of human development. Moreover, Covenant University PhD proposals are world class. Recently, Microsoft Corporation of the United States appreciated

and gave an award to Nicholas Mr Omoregbe of the college of science for his doctoral proposal titled: "A formal Framework for usable operations support in E Health Based Systems" The award is part of the company's research-inspired programme for 2006.

## Meet the Dean of the largest College

He is the renown world bank consultant and an authority in development economics. He Prof. J.A.T Ojo



Prof. J. A. T. Ojo



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## Ekeanyanwu wins Green Week award

By Taiwo Oladoyin and Funke Adeyemi

Mr Nnamdi Ekeanyawu has been awarded the best lecturer 2006 for mass communication department. The award was given during the Green Week, organized by the students of College of Human Development recently.

In that light, he had this to say, "You see, the driving force there is passion. I think I love this job and you can see it is showing and that is why I do not like missing classes. I will always make sure I pass my message across to people. I was a bit skeptical about the award because these are the same students you have to beg or force to do an assignment or come to class. I thank God they know I meant no harm". According to him he has always been misunderstood and that is why he was surprised when he got the award. In the next 5 years or more to come, he said mass communication department would have made a considerable impact to the college as a whole.

Talking about philosophy towards life, he said: "What actually runs my life is realistic progressivism and idealistic realism." Mr. Ekeanyanwu advised students to try to understand him better "to help improve on my relationship that had already been established with them; in other to make the environment more conducive for learning."



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## From the College of Human Development

# Transform your mind

## Prof. Ogbulogo

By Aragbaiye Oluwole and Ajakaiye Olanrewaju

Professor Charles Ogbulogo, the Dean of Covenant University's College of Human Development is an academic who never fails to bare his mind at any given opportunity or forum. It would be recalled that during his English Public Lecture which was held in 2005, Professor Ogbulogo, while churning out some mistakes normally made by some English language speakers, brought out some grammatical errors in the past speeches of the Chancellor, Bishop David Oyedepo and other principal officers of the institution while they were all present at the lecture.

In an exclusive chat with *Stream Magazine* recently, Professor Ogbulogo said that one of the things that make the College of Human Development unique is that its courses are tailored towards making its graduate employers of labour rather than job seekers or employees.

When asked about the reason for the limited number of first class students in the College of Human Development, he said it was not as easy as it is elsewhere to make a first class in humanities because the College offers more of expressive courses. According to him, "We go beyond the logic to talk about the aesthetic domain of that logic, in other courses it is easy when you do some calculations to have straightforward answers and straight A's but in the humanities we drill out the best in man and because of the nature of man, we are able to grind, it becomes very difficult to parade first class degrees in humanity." He quickly added that this is not saying that excellence is not rewarded, saying if one truly deserves a first class, he or she is not denied it.

It is not uncommon to see students of the College of Human Development especially the Mass Communication students complain of heavy course workload and assignments. *STREAM* Newspaper asked the Dean why this was so but the Dean immediately dismissed this perception saying: "The highest graduation credit



**Prof. Ogbulogo**

unit requirement in the College of Human Development is that of the Mass Communication Programme which is about 171 units, in Sociology its about 158 but compare that with Architecture in the College of Science and Technology which is almost 200. In the basic sciences it is about 200 plus and in the College of Business Studies, its close to 200 so I do not think it's a very gentle expression that we carry more workload".

On the notion that some courses offered in the College are not professional, Professor Ogbulogo says that perception is unfortunate. According to him, "Parents and students don't understand the place of the humanities in National development. The situation appears to be that people are more likely to go for the so-called professional courses and the reason behind the interest is just to guarantee immediate cash and employment. What we do in the humanities is to re engineer the human mind and African development is only possible when we have a well defined human mind. The National Policy on Education says the ratio of science based courses Vis a Vis the humanities should be 60:40 and we are not likely to upturn

it".

To illustrate the role of the humanities in national development the Dean used the Independent nation of Singapore as a case study. The tiny former British colony got her independence in 1965. According to the Professor, "Singapore was virtually part of Malaysia especially after independence from Britain. Singapore is landlocked; the only thing going for Singapore then was a small port, which was like a transitional port for British citizens but all that has changed. From 1965 till now, its just 41 years, Singapore is now a first world country because of the ingenuity of their first Prime Minister, Lee Kwan Yoo who discovered the essence of humanities and education and he didn't waste time. That is what we call transformation of the mind".

On the capability of the College to handle student intake during the coming 2006/2007 session, the Dean assured that staff capability would not be a problem. He says, "This year we are expecting a rise in student intake but that's not a problem. The College services all other programmes so our staff are on the ground in fact we have a Professor joining us in Public Relations, we also have two lecturers joining in Mass Communication, one of them has a PhD while the other one has a first class degree from the University of Nigeria. We also have another lecturer joining us in Sociology who also has a PhD. It will also be good for you to know that we would be having a Professor from London joining us very soon. He is from the School of African Oriental Studies in London and he will be coming to handle Literature. In the area of Counseling people have applied and we are still processing them, you know its not just easy to join ranks here, what we do here is beyond the call of duty, the average staff here has to understand our core values".

On why the intake for English Language programme is usually low each session, Professor Ogbulogo says, "The quota for English Language programme has not always been met but we understand that it takes time. I had all my degrees in English Language and I thank God I went through that process. I had the opportunity of specializing in Political Science and my parents and friends believed that would have been more profitable but I knew what I wanted".



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students equally visited the cartoon room where they met with the popular cartoonists like *Omoba, Bark and Bite, Mama Lasisi etc.* The students also visited the Punch ultra-modern research and editorial library where they were received by Mrs Kemi Fajemirokun, the organisation's acting Librarian.

The visit was crowned by a *fete* organized by the corporate affairs staff of the organization where they fielded brilliant questions from the students at the organization conference room with *item 7* to match.

From students' testimonies, the visit was for most one of the best things that happened to the queens and Kings in their two years academic sojourn in the university.



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# Graduands Speak Up

*“What we want to do upon graduation”*

**By Anu Ogunwo**

**Money Ogor Grace, B.Sc**  
management information systems  
When I leave CU, I to first go for my youth service, afterwards go for a masters degree program, then start working. I intend to impact my world through music and also providing for the less privileged in the society

**Ajiboye Olamide Precious, B.sc**  
mass communication  
I want to be a total graduate and be accepted into my world which education and music. I want to impact by changing the face of



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the Nigerian movie industry. I also intend to contribute my quota to education and development of qualified manpower in the country.

**Ogbumuo Nnenna Irene, B.sc**  
Public relations and advertising  
I intend to use my one year NYSC period to write certain professional examinations and gain knowledge in specific computer packages relevant for the practice of public relations. After NYSC, I intend to work in the banking industry for about 5 years while obtaining my M.sc on a part-time basis. From here, I intend to go into PR consultancy with emphasis on community relations I intend to do this in the area of communication with special emphasis on community relations by helping to promote the culture of corporate social responsibility.

**Akeju Ololade Ikeoluwa, B.sc**  
management information systems  
I intend to establish Ladies House Inc- a beauty and cosmetic industry where the headquarters would be in Nigeria; offering a wide range of beauty products well over 1000 products, having branches all over the world. I want to impact my world by redefining the world of

beauty and helping to mitigate the various misconceptions that people have had over time as it concerns what true beauty is all about, helping them to appreciate themselves for who they are. Also, in becoming a motivational speaker; speaking life into the



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*“What we want to do upon graduation”*

hearts of people around the world and expressing God's love towards them.

**Umejei Chidi, B.sc Economics**

I want to get my masters in international relations and work in the oil sector. I will impact by reaching out to the motherless babies and orphanage homes

**Olaogun Olamide Toyin, B.sc computer science**

My expectations are to fulfill my objectives as a graduate and to make CU graduates marketable. I will impact the world through my vision

**Aloba Afolabi Olalekan, B.sc**



Chidi



Ololade



Francis

**Economics**

I want to start working on my business plan. I will affect the world by providing quality, service and value based business.

**Coker Francis Olajide, B.sc computer science**

I want to proceed for NYSC and thereafter, get my masters degree. I would also go for six months Nigerian defense academy course. This is where my work comes in. I will make sure that the border

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# What Covenant University will be in 10 years

*The inspiring, precise, passionate, supportive and optimistic views of a chief administrator*

*Yemi Nathaniel the Registrar of Covenant University graduated from University of Ife in 1980 with a second class upper degree in Economics. He later obtained an M.Sc degree of Economics from the same university in 1988. He joined the University of Sokoto (now Uthman Dan Fodio University) in 1980 as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Economics. He later joined the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in the Kwara State Civil Service where he rose to Senior Planning Officer (Production and Consultancy) in 1987. He joined the University of Ilorin Academic Planning Office after then becoming a Principal Planning Officer and Secretary of the World Banks Project Implementation Unit for the University in 1991.*

His desire for robust exposure took him to private sector where he was involved in various capacities. He held a wide range of management positions including Manager, Project Finance, Kwara Industrial Trust Fund, Manager, and Operations Financial Opportunity Centre among others. By December 1995, he joined the David Oyedepo Ministries International as Admin. Executive where he later served as Treasurer, Financial Controller, Special Assistant, Director of Administration, Director of Personnel to various arms of the Ministry both in Kaduna and Lagos and Ota, Canaan Land. He was appointed to the position of Registrar at Covenant University in April 2002. As



*Deacon Nathaniel*

the Registrar, he is the Chief Administrative Officer. Deacon Yemi Nathaniel is a member of Nigerian Economic Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Administrative Management of Nigeria.

*Stream Magazine Reporters, Christie Festus and Rosemary Abe found the Registrar very precise, supportive, inspiring, passionate and optimistic.*

*Good day sir. As the Chief Administrative Officer of Covenant University, How do you see Covenant University in 10 years time?*

Thank you. We are looking at the fulfillment of vision. To a very large extent we are looking at 10 years time when we would have had tangible proofs where the products of Covenant University will be speaking all over the

world. We are looking at 10 years where the university as a teaching institution would have perfected its teaching functions in such that the quality of the graduates will be very solid. We are looking at perfecting our teaching duties in such a manner even in information and communication technology where our students will be highly resourceful. In 10 years time we are looking at a future where a research culture properly in form in Covenant University. As you've heard, we are talking about a modern day Harvard, so we are talking of a university which is in deed wearing a gown so destinies can't be down. We are looking at a university that will stand among others, in 10 years time we are looking at the vision of the commission, it is the vision of the moment, it is a vision of restoration of dignity, it is a vision where contribution to knowledge will be so evident that it will be very clear of what has been said by God in the scriptures.



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## What Covenant University will be in 10 years

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*Thank you sir. A very important issue that is much talked about in the University now is that of the Endowment Program. What is Endowment program all about?*

(laugh) Yeah, as you can see, with every individual on the surface of the earth, with organization that is doing well, and for every nation that is forging ahead, something has been endowed. So we are talking about building a capacity for this continent. What are universities meant to be? A university is suppose to be a factory of knowledge. If you are planting maize, you can look for a corn that will incur high demand. If you want to harvest yam, you are looking for an investment of a year. If your intention is to plant seeds, then you must be well ready to invest heavily on it. Because of the gestation period of knowledge, and because of the dynamic circumstances that surround education, we can't but create a path for human development. You are not talking about cash and carry, and if you are going to do research, cash and carry nobody will buy. If you are going to talk about a knowledge that will change the people, eh.. it is not available just by the way. So every new university that has a vision cannot survive by just the fees that are paid no matter how fat, Harvard is a private university, so you see you have to invest in knowledge and the investment in knowledge does not come immediately. A university is a capital intensive project and you discover that nations that have made it, they got a rich harvest in research methodology. But that is the concept that is not clear, that is the environment that is not planned, that is the portion we have not seen in this part of the world, talking



The Registrar explaining a point



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about Africa. And now God brought Covenant University, and He has shown us the way to go about it and now we have a very solid foundation. All of the infrastructures here were built without borrowing from anywhere, God built it. All we have discovered for us here is that God has built us a launching pad and we are set to fly, so we are asking anybody that cares, we are saying those of us, both individuals and organizations who have seen what God has done and who have

eyes for the future to invest and partner with God. We are not looking for money to construct anything that is needed for the university to function; every thing is already in place, the endowment is that you are partnering with God who is the doer.

*As the Registrar, what is the essence of packaging TTG (Towards a Total Graduate) program for the graduating*

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## What Covenant University will be in 10 years

class?

You know quite a lot have been invested these four years to make sure that this vision is fulfilled. It's truly true in respect of the vision that God gave God's servant, why? He said "build me a university," he said "these set of people; I want you to get them fully stuffed in what it takes to become leaders; to go and effect a change. And because every fruit bears after its kind, every seed produces after its specie, and you know a life without Christ they say is in crisis. So if you want to be a leader you must be an incorruptible seed because the environment you are going into is corrupt. Therefore you must be furnished and solid enough to withstand environmental condition. This is why the formative stage has condition, and what we have done is to teach them the principle of scriptures that allows character to last, our goal is for every one of them to be equipped for the future.

*With all of these in view, who is a total graduate of Covenant University?*

Thank you. You see the essence of TTG is to further realize the vision of the institution in our products, individuals who will live the core values of Covenant University and is able to survive in any environment, and impacting that environment positively. You know that if



College building interior quadrangle

you are going to be a world changer, you must first be change and these are the products we are graduating.

*There is fear that the school fees from the next semester will be increased. How true is this assumption?*

I---I -- \_ I don't determine the school fees, that is the decision of the Board of Regents of Covenant University, but you will also agree with me that Covenant University fees is highly subsidized rate compared to the quality of education she offers.

*There is an assumption that the present 300 level students will be graduating by*

*March, how true is that?*

(Laughs) well am just hearing for the first time from you, is it confirmed in the papers? Well I don't know about it, like I said am just hearing from you for the first time. But looking at the calendar and the time we are in, I don't know if that will be possible.

*Thank you very much sir for granting Stream Magazine this interview*

Thank you.

## Covenant University Image Builder Speaks

By Funke Idowu, Rosemary Abeh and Mercy Arooye

"The Corporate and Public Affairs department of Covenant University is a window of information; protecting, polishing and projecting the image and brand of the university to the world." This statement was made by the Corporate and Public Affairs officer of the Covenant University, Deacon Segun Olanipekun, during a chat with Stream, in his office.

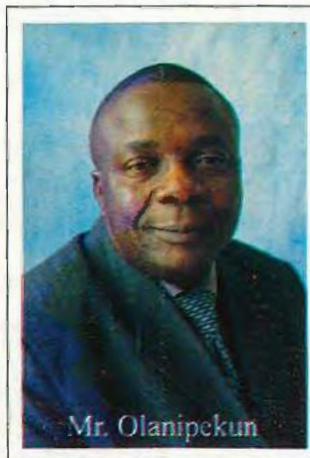
"The Corporate and Public Affairs department is all about image building, and it has been able to achieve this by establishing a cordial relationship between the university and all other stake holders that influence its existence, like the Ota community, the Board of Regents, National Universities Commission, the National Youth Service Corps, and the parents."

Speaking on the relationship between the university and the Nigerian press, he said it had been cordial and some national newspapers had published impressive articles about the university, adding that they, in the corporate and public affairs department were aware of the presence of junk publications in the country, and so were very selective in the kinds of media they relate with. He noted that in cases where these junk newspapers published defamatory news about the university, the best way his department handled such was to

ignore them because rejoinders would not make much impact, as the initial negative report and such newspapers made out to get cheap publicity based on false information.

He, however, said some of them, after paying a visit to the university community, have ended up writing unsolicited reports, commending the chancellor and the entire community for the good job they are doing here. Particularly for bringing hope to the seemingly hopeless state of education in Nigeria and Africa at large.

When asked about what the outcome of the students will be after their graduation, knowing fully well that they have being brought up in Christian way and the world consists of people of diverse religion, his response was that the principles of Jesus were applicable to all facets of life, while the person of Jesus Christ involved bringing the person to accept the faith.



Mr. Olanipekun

"Therefore, it is expected of the students to apply the principles of Jesus to challenges of life," he stressed.

He was also asked to what extent he can vouch that the pioneering set would make the school proud. His response was that they all have their choice to make, but to large extent he believes that quite a number of the students will flag the image of the school in good light, noting that, the school is trying all it can to lead them aright, but it is left to them to imbibe the principles they have been taught and be able to implement those principles after

they must have left, toeing the dictum that says; "you can only force a horse to the river, but you can not force the horse to drink water"

He added that Covenant University is an institution that is vision-driven and the only vehicle used to foster this vision is God.



# CU moves from cutting edge to "bleeding edge"

## Wireless environment is imminent- Pastor Mike Ogbolu-Chi

By Tomi Oladepo and Dupe Ikujuni

*May we meet you sir.*

I am Pastor Mike, a missionary and the acting director of the Centre for Systems and Information Services (CSIS), Covenant University.

*What exactly is the relevance of the CSIS to our CU community?*

Basically, the CSIS is the arm responsible for ensuring that the entire university is right on the cutting edge of technology. We administer all the IT requirements of the school from computer-enabled laboratories to cyber cafés for staff and students. There is also the Data Centre which is in itself a mini unit on its own as it manages all the university data such as students' result, registration data and so on.

*And to what extent can one say that the CU community has been placed right on that cutting edge?*

We have actually moved from the cutting edge to the bleeding edge. And right now I can tell you we are on the leading edge of technology. We have taken definite steps towards this feat.

*What are these steps to show as proof that CU is really on the bleeding edge of technology?*

Okay! Imagine now that Covenant University is one of the few universities that can boast of a 250-computer laboratory all for students use and they are state-of-the-art computers with full configuration. There are also about a 100 computer units with the laboratories in the Social Sciences. So if you look at the total carriage capacity in terms of computers right here in CU, it is well over 600. And where you have these 600 computers fully networked, it is quite a large network.

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Pastor Mike

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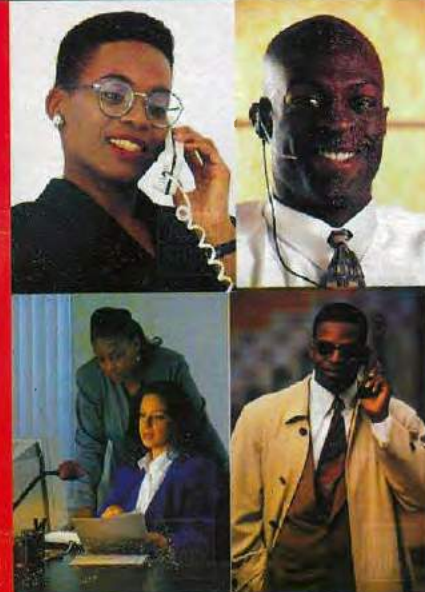


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In terms of infrastructure, we are connected to the Internet via V-SAT so we don't go through any Internet service provider. Also the colleges are connected by fibre-optic means and that is about the best connection means. In the telecommunications department, we have well over 700 telephone extensions interconnected and in current use on the campus.

## *That means we can boldly claim that Covenant University is a viable partaker of the new communication age.*

Yes, we are. Virtually all the devices I use

here are current and IT-enabled and we expand daily.

## *Coming back to you as a person, what challenges have you faced in the course of this job?*

What you see as challenges are not challenges to me, rather I view them as opportunities. This is because when something stands in my way, I see it as an opportunity to overcome; so you simply take hold of them and make the best out of it. There is always a way out of every constraint, that's the way we operate here. No matter what the budget is, how streamlined it is, if you can think enough, you will always keep moving.

## *A pastor, missionary, computer expert, choir praise leader... How do you manage to juggle all these tasks together and keep healthy?*

It is very simple you know. There is a saying that those who fail to plan, plan to fail. It requires planning, so I engage a lot planning. And then I give little extra time to my assignments so I don't lose out on normal time. We have a good example in the chancellor, Bishop David Oyedepo, he works longer than everyone on this campus, so we are simply following the footsteps of a leader.

## *We have situations in which some students' results require certain rectification [in their scores]; it is always a sort of difficult long process due to some form bureaucracy, what is being done to address this red tape?*

Ok. I will tell you that it is not really that there is a long process in addressing the issue of result rectification; rather it becomes long when you don't follow the due process. I usually say to people that hard work is the

easy work we did not do at the right time. So when you see the process as long, that means you haven't followed the due process. When your results are ready, we publish them and ask you to react. Once you have a complaint, you simply go through your Head of Department who attests to the fact that there should be a change and appends his signature, same way the Dean of your College. However, we discover that if you circumvent that process and simply write a letter to the CSIS, there is no way we are going to resolve that because the problem originates from the department, so we send it back. The CSIS is very strict in administering policies, and there are men ready on hand to attend to you once you have gone through the appropriate channels. There are no bottlenecks in the CSIS.

## *Pastor, most times students complain about the server being slow. What is being done to rectify this?*

Talking about the speed, what has happened is that we are in the process of upgrading the bandwidth for our operations. The bandwidth we started out with when we had more than 50 computers is still what we have now for more than 600 computers. So if everyone is on the Internet at the same time, it is bound to be slow. So we have in process, plans to upgrade drastically so that before you even click, there is a jump on your systems. However, while that is in process, we are time slicing in the sense that we allocate time to different blocks and segments on campus so you can have enough bandwidths to operate with. So sometimes, you find that the cyber café closes at a particular time so we can allocate bandwidth to other units and you can enjoy it.

## *Speaking about the Internet, there have been speculations going on that we*



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# Private University education is expensive anywhere

By Ayinla Oluwaseyi, Ademo Gbenga and Coker Oluwaseun.

*Sir, may we meet you?*

I'm J.M. Taiwo and that's all there is to it.

*We'd like to know the role that the financial services department plays in this university?*

Well, you see, the financial services department is synonymous to what you find in the conventional universities as the bursary department. As it is, we have it here as the financial service and I'm the Director of the Financial Services. The Financial service essentially takes charge of the finances of the institution; for instance when you want to pay your school fees, you either come over to us directly or you go to the designated bank accounts, which are maintained by the financial services. So essentially, the department maintains the account of the university and also is in charge of the banking activities of the university, which is the main function. And then of course, like the Accounts department, we are in charge of recording the financial transactions of the university in forms of incomes, payments of accrued expenses; that's the nature of the job we do here.

And one major thing that many universities don't have is the idea of you students having a unit with



Elder Taiwo

us here; we call it the Students Accounts department, where every detail of each student's financial duration is recorded, so at the end of this duration, you normally come down to take a statement, which you'd take to your parents so that they would know how much they have paid for school fees or any dues whatsoever and then of course, of there are any charges to you; either medical sometimes, you



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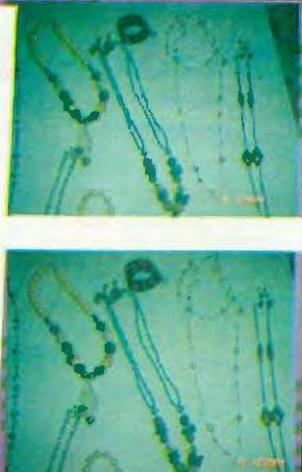


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all the details of the money that you pay into the university and your expenses are recorded; not too many universities have that, so that it makes it so clear without any ambiguity your financial history.

One other thing that the department does is it liaises with other external bodies that have

to the Covenant University Consultancy Services like the bakery, cafeteria, shopping mall, e.t.c. What I mean by that is that we are in charge of their account system; incomes and expenditures are done by us.

*We were told increase in school fees was imminent. Can you tell*



Elder Taiwo (first) from left sitted at a function

anything to do with the university by way of tax; you know payment of university levies, lecturer's taxes (pay as you earn); so, we deduct from these university worker's salaries and pay to the appropriate authorities on monthly basis. Then of course, we render accounts on annual basis; at the end of the financial year, we review the accounts of the university; the incomes and expenditures so as to know the status of the accounts. Even though this is not a profit-making institution but then even within the family situation, you have a budget of how much comes in and goes out. So, the review is just for the university to know the financial situation for the university at the end of the financial year. One other thing that this department does is it oversees or it has an oversight responsibility

*us the reasons for these continuous increase?*

Private university education is expensive anywhere. The amount of investment that has gone into the university; there are payments for services, maintenance of hall residences, libraries, etc. The school fee isn't the commercial equivalent of what students utilize. But what I can tell you is that there hasn't been any pronouncement on the actual increase but there will certainly be an increase.

*Judging from statistics, which we believe you are acquainted with, is the increase in school fees affecting the number of entries to the university?*

Actually, more people are willing to come into the university due to its high standards. Apart from the academic work, the discipline and





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# Meet Isaac and Love Oyedepo

**“If we don't have anything to offer our generation, then we are a waste”**

*By Dupe Ikujuni and Tomi Oladepo*

Those who know them attest to their humility and good morals, he is friendly and she is loving. They left most students curious (what are papa's children doing in school) and that was why we made them consent to an interview so we could get you answers to some frequently asked questions. Isaac and Love Oyedepo are children of the Chancellor of covenant University, Dr David Oyedepo.

**Can we meet you?**

**Love-** My name is Love Oyedepo

**Isaac-** Isaac Oyedepo

**Who is Love?**

Love Oyedepo first of all is the daughter of God. Definitely the daughter of my parents whom most of you know, bishop David Oyedepo and Pst (Mrs.) Oyedepo. I have two brothers and a little sister and now am here in C.U for a little while, just training myself. Right now, I know who I am but am trying to get into the process of who I want to be, so right now am in a training process basically trying to develop myself.

**Who is Isaac?**

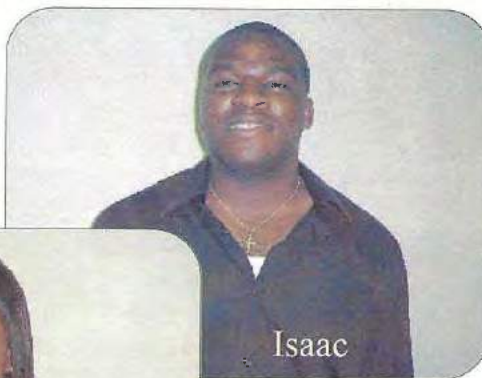
A Business Management graduate (laughter)

**Can we have your educational background?**

**Isaac-** I just finished this year in ORU,



Love



Isaac

graduated with a Business Management B. sc degree.

**Love-** I graduated with

Business Administration major and Sociology minor.

**Why are you in C.U right now?**

**Isaac-** we thought it was internship at first but I think its getting the

training I need before going on to do my Masters but I think I am done at the moment.

**Love-** Well at first, we thought it was internship, but it is internship with some work experience. Its not like a permanent job, it is a kind of learning before I go on to do my Masters.

**What has been your experience like and what have you learnt so far?**

**Love-** I have to put to work what I've learnt in class, it's been fun doing the practical aspects of what I've learnt. One thing I've gotten here is that I've been inspired. I read about people, their goals and what they do to themselves, the plans they have for the future and its so

inspiring and I think everybody should take advantage of being here now because if you connect to the right people, definitely, you can always be and do something great. I have seen a lot of aspirations in people and it has inspired me to think bigger, it has inspired me so much.

**Isaac-** it's been good and challenging. I've been able to learn a lot from C.U, I've been able to relate with people, so many kinds.

**What was growing up like with the Bishop?**

**Isaac-** it was okay. He was a very nice person may be people might not really know. He is a loving father, he has been very normal to me, I have been out of the house for a long time, but it's been okay. I have always seen myself as a normal person so I haven't had to pattern my

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life in a special way and most of the time I shut my ears to what the environment has to say because I don't let people rule me. I think am normal just as you people are.



**Love-** I would say with both my parents, it was a very good privilege to grow up with them. Before I left, one thing they enforced into us was the fact that they are successful but you are not [yet] successful and I have worked with that mentality in the sense that the blessings they get definitely rub off on me but I am not yet there. Even in secondary, people would say you have so much money but what they don't know is that we have to budget what we spend, our parents don't throw things at us, I got things I wanted but wasn't spoilt as a child. If you're a child of a successful parent, I think you have a responsibility to do greater things than your parents did, because I think it's weird to drive my dad's car and think its mine, its not mine, I haven't had my own success yet, people can look at me and think she's the daughter of Bishop Oyedepo but what has Love done for people around. People would not care about what your father has done but what do you have to offer your generation. If I don't have anything to offer my generation, then it's a waste. As a disciplinarian, my dad has never beaten me before. My mum will call and talk to you, she talks and makes you reason what you did was wrong.

*How have you been able to live up to people's expectation as the Bishop's child?*

**Love-** it has been a privilege to school out of the country because I left when I was 16 and at that age I've learnt on knowing who you are and developing your self identity, so for me being outside people were not judging and even those who know my parents were not so judgmental about everything I did, so for me it was very good to grow up in an environment where people did not really judge me and like other human beings, I make mistakes. Since I know who I am, if its pleasing to God, my parents are happy and the people I care about are happy and am happy with myself, I really don't care about what people say. So I think people really need to understand that Pastors children are also human beings, they make mistakes, they are not perfect and for me I have gotten to a point I know who I am, and am not going to change or conform to what you think I should be. People should give them a breathing space cos they are like every other person.

**Isaac-** the simple key I use is that you are supposed to please God and when I please God, I really don't care what people have to say, yet people have expectations that really don't conform with the word of God so I really don't try to please anybody, I'm just who I am and whether you like me or not as long as I please God. I am not anybody special so why should I have expectations that others don't have. My parents have taught me to please God.

*What challenge has his life given you in terms of setting your goals and fulfilling your vision?*

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**Isaac-** The challenge of diligence. It could be hard at times if you consider that your parents are being successful, I've always decided since I was young that I won't do anything because my parents are doing it, like what my father is doing, if I'm not called to it I wouldn't do it and nobody would make me do it because I just try to put away my position and focus on what I want to do. In fact, I have made my own plans and I am working toward it.

**Can you share it with us?**

**Isaac-** Private.

**Love-** well, its achieving what I

know I can achieve. growing up, every parent want the children to succeed more than they have, for me its to sit down, study and do what I have to do to get to that place I have to be. for me trying to make sure what he has done is evident in my life and making sure that I achieve in my calling and to make sure am the best, I'll use all the talents God has deposited in me to achieve what God wants me to do here.

**What was studying like in Oral Robert University?**

**Isaac-** ORU was very good, it was okay cos I already went to high school for one year, it wasn't challenging in terms of academics or

anything, but we had rules and it was challenging at the beginning but I had to learn to live with it then towards the end, I enjoyed it because I felt they were preparing us for the future. It was really good in ORU, great teachers, great people, great environment, it was interesting.

**Love-** well, at first it wasn't my first choice, but I had wonderful teachers great professors and made a lot of beautiful friends. we had rules as Isaac has said, for American standard, it was really tough but I believe the rules are to make you. Being in that environment keeps you grounded, I moved closer to God because you have to go to chapel and all those stuff.



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**Comparing ORU to CU what do you think in terms of rules?**

**Isaac-** I think they are the same; the only difference is the culture because in America, you can't ask people not to use cell phones. But there, you must shave, I see people here with goaties you wouldn't do that in ORU, you wear suit almost all the time, for presentations, so it's the same.

In terms of infrastructure, CU is better than ORU.

**How?**

know we don't have a special seat in church, we don't have special things done for us, except people walk up to me and ask are you Bishops daughter, but I wont walk up to you and say my name is Love Oyedepo. For me, I've been trying to please God I don't consider myself to be a star yet.

**In those days when mummy was down, how were you able to cope with her health challenge?**

**Love-** (laughter) it was very challenging, I, ll lie if I say it wasn't, but I think everything in life happens for a purpose and reason. Sometimes you don't know how much you have in you until a

**able to cope with stardom?**

**Love-** (laughter) I am not [yet] a star. It wasn't like that before we came to CU, as you

learning experience. I learnt to deal with stress.

**Isaac-** just like we learn everyday, it wasn't easy at all, it's my mum. Sometimes you really don't know what people go through until it actually happens to you. I learnt to deal with people, life and those lessons are still with me today and they will be with me till I die.

**Did you get scared at any point?**

**Isaac-** yes I did (laughter) very scared.

**Do you intent to make Nigeria your base?**

**Love-** yes, when I finish with all learning am definitely going to come back. I think except you're called to America that's fine. The ground in Nigeria is so fertile so anything you put in it will grow. It's not all about making money, but making a difference. Everybody wants change, if you can make a change why go to where you'll be lost in the crowd, they don't need you there ,they have what they

need. For me, it's not an issue to go and live there.

**Isaac-** I'm coming back as soon as possible. By choice, I really love Nigeria and I believe I'll really be instrumental in changing this nation. I have no time to waste, as soon as I finish, I'll be back.

**Do you have plans to run for the Presidency?**

No (laughter)

**And your age?**

**Love-** am very, very young, I'm 20

**Isaac-** my age, I was born in the early 80, s. (Laughter).



Isaac, David (Jnr) and friends

ORU has three main buildings or so, we don't have half the land of CU, we don't have half the library of CU, we don't have half the chapel and hostels of CU, and so CU is a lot bigger.

**You caused quite a stir when you came into CU, how have you been**

difficult time arises, it was very shocking to see the amount of faith and trust I had in God, and I knew I trusted God. God used that opportunity to make me grow in him. God gave us grace for it not to show when we got back to school, it taught me so many things about people and life, and it was a





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# There is no reigning without training

## Exclusive Interview with the student council chairman

By Augustine Emakpor

### Can we know you?

My name is Ezenwoke Azubuiké; I am the privileged chairman of the student council, 2005/2006 session.

### How has it been since you were appointed as the Chairman?

It has been interesting and stretching. It is a period and great platform for learning, so far even though there have been mistakes here and there but still I see it has a learning process. There is no reigning without adequate training. After the office, I and my team members can never be the same.

### What are the things you have learnt?

I have learnt endurance. Many times one is placed in very inconveniencing positions, having unbelievable deadline to meet. Secondly I'll say I have learnt the essence of communication. I realize why many organizations spend so much money on communication. An effective leader must be able to communicate well and often. Thirdly, I have learnt how to relate patiently with people, management and students alike. My predecessor told me once that If I am not moved by the applauds of men their criticism will not move me. I think I am tougher now compared to when I assumed office.

### What are your contributions since you assumed office?

We have been able to create a bridge btw the mgt of certain aspects of the university that hitherto hasn't being

available to student. E.g the Cafeteria mgt, Hebron water mgt, clinic mgt, physical planning department etc.

Also we have been able to inspire academic excellence in students by putting in place an academic forum called "the A student" which helps the students who wants an improvement in their academic work and there has been various testimonies from persons who have been attending this summit.

Also the health services have been improved by a great deal, though there is still a lot to do in this area.

We have being able to instill social significance amongst the student community. The social activities on campus has also taken a new turn with

some special programs e.g. the Easter cantata, twilight tales, the first public viewing of a live match etc.

For the first time were able to hold a marathon race under the college weeks organized through the college representatives on the student council. We have been able to improve on the transport arrangement for the student with more comfort and convenient. The banking services has also been looked into for instance the queue in Oceanic bank has been looked into, we now have the ATM for easy withdrawals and the cost for the operational cards for the ATM was negotiated considering the student.

In the area of sport there has been a lot of games, the inter college games etc



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Presently we working on how best to initiate new in coming into the covenant university culture so that we will have less casualties.

### *What are your preparations towards the first graduation?*

The student council is part of a sub-committee of the Convocation planning committee i.e. the Student sensitization committee which has the responsibility of getting the student prepared with activities for that period that is creating awareness among the student body and also seek involvement of students towards the convocation week, such as the relaxations etc.

Also we are also thinking about a Dinner for them being hosted by the present 300level students. The whole essence is to give a wakeup call to the rest of the student community most especially to the 300levels who would be the next graduating set.

### *What are your dreams as council chairman?*

Coming on board we had to get a direction, we recognized that we are appointed for a reason considering the vision of the institution, we therefore embarked on a 3day program and discovered that we are the Joshua generation of leaders appointed to help students appreciate and live in their inheritance which include academic excellence because they have mind of Christ, sound health because someone paid the price, good self esteem, spiritual intimacy and social relevance. We also agreed among ourselves that since God is the founder and runner of this great institution, He should also be the most prominent and-the most important name on the lips of Cu students making CU one of the Godliest centers of the earth.

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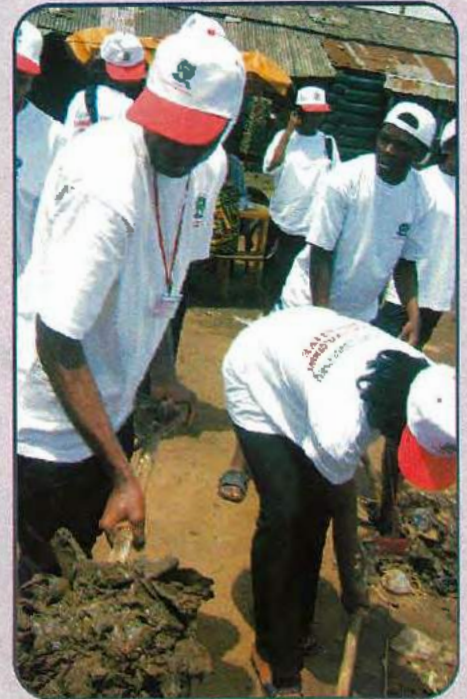
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# Project One Million clocks one

*Caring for the needy ones is serious business*

**By Doyin Taiwo**

The Covenant University community experienced a defining moment on the 23rd of April 2006 as it student's initiative team; Project One Million Souls clocked one.

The Project One Million Soul is a student project set up to help certain people in the community today; Orphanage, Home of the Aged, Destitute, Leper colony, Remand home etc,

The day started with a thanksgiving service in the University Chapel as all the members turned out in pink and blue for females and males respectively and a thanksgiving testimony shared to the glory of God.

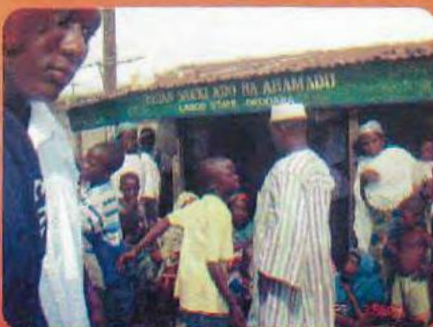
The day was not yet over as the team let all guards down when they went to the students' cafeteria to do what they know how to do best; service to people and the community, which in this case happens to be the Covenant University Community.

Project One Million Souls members all turned out in white T-shirts and the customized Team shirt on black trousers and the whole service started with an opening prayer and then the doors were open to the students. Students were treated as the Kings and Queens they are as they were welcomed right from the door and escorted to numbered tables where

their orders were taken, they were served and catered for through out their stay in the Cafeteria.

Speaking to some of their members, it was made clear that one of the reasons for the community service was to raise funds to help the needy and this was a major reason why they had baskets for people to sow seeds to this effect, students were thanked and prayed for even as they exited the Cafeteria.

The 23rd day of April,2006 will remain memorable in Covenant University , for the students as well as Project One Million Souls Team.





# Covenant University Community Bank: The journey so far

By Atinuke Babalola

Covenant university community bank (c.u.c.b.) was birthed on the 15th of march, 2004 as a financial support institution in the mental productivity initiative of the covenant university vision. Located in the heart of Canaan land, with a cash point on the university campus, the bank is established to play specific roles in empowering men and women to take their place in the wealth creation wave of this information age, it also seeks to serve as a catalyst in enabling accelerated economic growth and development of the members of her community.

The bank which has now become a financial institution that must be reckoned with in Canaan land

environment has continued to take giant strides in achieving it's mission which is to transform ordinary individuals into creators of wealth.

In a chat with *Stream*, Mr. Williams Eke, the manager of the Bank said that the bank offers so many products and services to its active customers, some of these products include; current account, savings account, call account and fixed deposit. They also offer some traditional products like; overdraft account, local purchase order, project financing, advances facility, commercial papers and others.

In the area of community relations the bank has not failed

in meeting the needs of its customer, as it gives opportunity for loans especially to staff, they give overdrafts to contractors, they sponsor and co-sponsor contractors.

In respect to what the bank hopes to achieve in the next 10 15 years, Mr. Eke said, he sees the bank being very big and strong and also a surprise to the people. He further stressed that "we started two years ago with nothing and today we have bigger banks running after us because of what we carry. We are models to young banks who have just started their journey in the banking industry."

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## Essay

# International communication in the 21st century

By Nnamdi Ekeanyawu

Man, since the age of reasoning, has continued to seek for better ways of doing things. This is clearly manifested in the 20th century which will go down in history of mankind as the century of great technological advancement. However, with technological research works still going on especially in the developed West, this century (21<sup>st</sup> century) will be remembered for greater exploits in all fields of human endeavor.

Communication, which is the hub of human interaction, will not be left out in this century. The growth of IT all over the world has to our present society being referred to as the era of "information society" because of Marshall McLuhan's dream of a "global society" has actually become a reality. Hence, Ekeanyawu (2005) refers to the present situation as the "villagisation of the globe". This has both negative and positive implications for international communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We shall look at these implications but before then, we need to appreciate what international communication is and the need for it.

International communication is simply the communication between two or more nations or communication among international boundaries. This level of communication arose because of the need to maintain international friendship and relations as well as to understand and keep abreast of happening around the world.

International communication is a sure tool for healthy diplomatic relationships and it also stands out as a major means through which a cordial social, economic and political cooperation amongst nations could be achieved.

The overall implication of international communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century cannot be far-fetched. First, the remaining socio cultural, economic, political, ideological, geographical

differences that hitherto separated the different members of the global community is gradually disappearing in this century. What do I mean? The global community is gradually being modernized along western lines and values; capitalism has completely defeated any other form of economic orientation including socialism/communism; democracy is now a standard and US and UN (if there is a difference) are busy exporting it to even Islamic nations by force or by coercion; an globalization is currently a thriving ideological debate. All these are enmeshed in the context of international communication in this century.

Secondly, nations or societies who still want to maintain some of their local attributes while retaining their membership of the global community that is highly globalized, and now opting for globalization, which is a form of middle ground between globalization and glocalization. The content of international communication is also meant to reflect this.

More importantly, the global mass media as international gatekeepers and agenda setters have enormous responsibility towards the eradication of global images. Global images are conditions the world as an entity finds

itself. This is the prevalent situation that is tearing the world apart. They include global hunger and poverty, war and disarmament, underdevelopment and unemployment, extreme depravity/moral degeneration, the north-south conflicts, violations of human rights, gender discrimination and abuse and terrorism. Therefore international communication in this era should be preoccupied with finding solutions to the above problems by thriving towards a more enlightened, educated and a better informed global media are expected to play towards aiding shift in all these.

International communication today is also helping to eliminate culture shock and integrating persons further as members of the global community.

Furthermore, there is a greater sensitization in the international media towards homogenization, synchronization, or mainstreaming. All these make use of communication at the global level to achieve set objectives

In conclusion, every nation on the surface of the earth, especially the third

world or developing nations, should take particular interest in what goes on in the international community circles. Refusal to do this could lead to disastrous consequences in the long run. The interdependency of members of the global community can no longer be doubted. Therefore, every nation must take interest and above all, participate.



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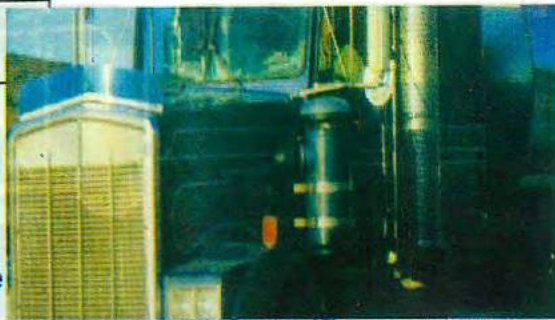
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# Covenant University Week of Spiritual Emphasis

By Emily Agu

Covenant University held its week of Spiritual Emphasis early April this year. It was a week set aside for both faculty staff and students to draw closer to God through prayer, messages, revelations and pronouncements from the word of God. The conference with the theme "Spirituality for Utmost Fulfillment of Destiny" was the second of its kind since the first in February 2004.

The first day of the event was hosted by the astute and charismatic Chaplain of Covenant University, Pastor Yakubu Kezi, and guest speaker for the day- the popular Youth pastor, Sam Adeyemi of the Daystar ministry, who is the author of "Sex Straight Talk". Pastor Adeyemi gave a lively homily on "The Benefits of Redemption"-much to the delight of the students and staff alike. The message obviously hit home as hundreds of the students thronged to the front of the imposing CU Chapel, amidst awe-inspiring music from the University choir, in response to the lanky speaker's altar call.

The evening session was just as powerful with Pastor Robert Akande's sermon on "Making Generation Impact for a Life of Contributions." Pastor Akande who is the associate pastor of Living Faith Church World-wide, pointed out what it means to make generational impact using vivid illustrations from his past, and the situations that conditioned us today.

The second phase started at precisely 8am the next day. After sessions of prayer thanking God for the success of the previous day amongst others, Pastor Daniel Rotimi, the Dean of Student Affairs delivered a message on "Cultivating Godly Character". He stated that the character a man possesses today is that which would determine his future. He pointed out ways to cultivate godly character and admonished the congregation to be upright in character in order to safeguard their destinies.

Prominent guest minister and ever lovely regal wife of the Chancellor of Covenant University, Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo shed more light on

how to attain a fulfilled destiny with the message, "Building a Glorious Future". She said that one way to build a glorious destiny is to have your thoughts patterned in the direction of God's word as well as taking care to be cautious of the things we hear, see, read, say and do.

Pastor Kezi conducted the afternoon session with the message "Conquering Controlling Powers."

Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo shared another message for the evening session titled "Keeping godly Relationships", much to the joy of the students in the house, as it was a

Foreign Missions Living Faith Church World-wide, shortly followed with the word tagged "Walking in Dominion". He gave a startling analogy between the developmental stages of an eagle's growth and the Christian race in general. While his message may not have elicited the "waahs" and the traditional hootings as did Pastor Adeyemi's message, it did produce a lot of "hmmms!" probably indicating that the academic minds of staff as well as the curiosities of the students were thoroughly satisfied.

The evening session, which was the Impartation Service and grand finale, was hosted by the Chancellor and



Students Chapel

highly anticipated message. Pastor (Mrs) Oyedepo did justice to the topic as it caused holy uproars through the entire sermon.

Day 3, the final day in the week of spiritual emphasis saw the arrival of the Chancellor of the University. However, preceding his arrival, the honourable chaplain gave his final submission on the message of the day before tagged, "Conquering Controlling Powers II". He revealed that fleeing from every appearance of evil, youthful lust and the mortification of the flesh are sure ways of defeating the enemy and getting rid of the spirit of sin.

Pastor John Adenikan, the Head of

President of Living Faith Ministries, Bishop David Oyedepo. His traditionally sublime and oratorical skills shown like a million torches, as inhabitants of Hebron were literally "set on fire"-especially when this revered man of God made an alter call.

Hours later, flickers of the "new flame" swayed steadily as students refused to leave the chapel, even after the "grace". They danced to an excited choir's ministration of praise. Bayo Akomolafe, ex-College Representative of the College of Human Development commented: "Students didn't leave for their hostel that night. Indeed, bonfires did."



# The changing life of PAUL ADEGBOYEGA

By Ibukun Tunbi & Bukky Ihimadu

After one of the service sessions at Covenant University, Stream had a little time with one of the students recently. He was once a chronic cultist before God took over his life. Besides being an Hebronite, he also plays the saxophone for Jesus.

**Stream:** Good day. We are from Stream Magazine here to interview you on your life especially the aspect of music. So what is your name?

**Paul:** I'm Obayomi Paul Adegboyega

**Stream:** What course are you studying?

**Paul:** Information and Communication Technology, 200 level.

**Stream:** Could you just tell us anything about yourself?

**Paul:** I'm the last born in a family of six. I have lost my mum and my home church is actually ECWA church but when I'm in Lagos, I attend Redeemed Christian Church of God and then obviously on campus I'm a winner. I always had a passion for music, as it were talking about music and my academics and that is what has driven me into Information and Communication technology. I work a lot with computers and networking. When I talk about networking, I'm talking about the computer aspect of networking, working with multiple computers. Networking could be local area networking, wide area networking, wireless and even the internet is a network. That's what I mean by network not a business network. Even though I have a business network.

**Stream:** We'll come to that later. So where exactly are you from?

**Paul:** I'm from Kwara state. I'm from Oke-Daba in Ifelodun Local Government area in Kwara state.

**Stream:** What are your hobbies?

**Paul:** I like swimming, driving and I listen to instrumentals, jazz actually a lot and then I like working with computers. I also read the bible and love playing sax.

**Stream:** What really got you interested in the saxophone among all other instruments?

**Paul:** Since I was like ten eleven, I've been playing the trumpet and so I remember all those days when we go for Children's day celebrations at the stadium back in Kwara, all the policemen and officers used to look at us as if we are small boys because we were really doing good then. My drive for the saxophone came out of being able produce sound easily but harder to manipulate the keys. I have been playing the trumpet for years and I have been listening to the saxophone and I discovered that there is a cue that you can get on the saxophone that it is going to be very hard to get on the trumpet. Then again I have been listening to a lot of instrumentalists like Kenny G, Ken Baylor, but by the time I got to Covenant University, second semester 100, the school bought a saxophone and that was it.

**Stream:** So did you just start with the Saxophone?

**Paul:** Yes, somehow. I started playing the trumpet when I came into Covenant University. By second semester when the saxophone was bought, I started playing it myself. I did not have any teacher, I started training myself diligently and rehearsed everyday of the week, during choir rehearsals, CBS chapel service, CST chapel service and all other services. I just wanted to play the sax always and thank God it's been good.

**Stream:** Is that zeal still there now?

**Paul:** Now it's on a different level because the drive for the sax is still there now even though I don't play everyday. What I mean is that it has become a



worship instrument for me rather than for the form of play. It fulfills me when I play. I look forward to laying my hands on the saxophone and using it to worship. That is the level I am getting to on the saxophone.

**Stream:** Being the main sax player which requires you to play almost every time, doesn't it bore you

sometimes?


**Paul:** I kind of discover that I really don't get tired of the saxophone except when there are sound challenges or I am playing with a set of instrumentalists that don't have the same passion for playing that I have. I can play the saxophone for hours as long as everything is in good condition. At times it is a burden for me when there are the same prayers over and over again. At times sessions of prayers would be going on and I would be expected to play. At times people are dancing and praising and I'm expected to be playing. That's why I am training people so that I could relax, dance, praise, while someone else plays the saxophone.

**Stream:** So how do you manipulate school with the saxophone?

**Paul:** The bible says that wisdom is profitable to direct. There's time for everything. I'm fully into many things: business, music, the saxophone, choir itself and then my academics. There is just a way God has been able to help me to strike a balance: so when I'm in every section, I give it my best. I make sure I am where I am, where my mind and my body is.

**Stream:** What business are you into?

**Paul:** I am basically a computer network manager. What do I mean? I supply people systems, I repair computer systems, printers, scanners, monitors and even laptops both within and outside Covenant University but now basically within Covenant University because we don't have access to the outside world. I have actually repaired a large number of systems and laptops



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# The changing life of PAUL ADEGBOYEGA

Stream: Let's divert a little. Who really is Paul behind the scene?

Paul: Behind the scene Paul is a jovial, lively, naughty and nice person. The bible says don't blow your own trumpet but at least with the people I have moved with, I know. I'm also approachable even though at times my looks might look as if I am far from it but I'm approachable. I like being around fun filled people. I have a lot of ladies as friends.

Stream: The very first time I noticed you was when you gave your testimony that won you the award of the best testimony of the year. Do you mind sharing a little of the testimony or the experience?

Paul: My testimony is so bulky but summarily, being the last born of a family of six. I was pampered. I had money and a car at my disposal and so by the time I was still in secondary school, I had been going to parties, clubbing was a lifestyle; people were calling me to attend their parties. So by the time I went to Kwara Polytechnic to do my IGMB, I had lost my mum then so I did not have anybody to control or check me. Then I really went into a life of immorality and unserious ness. Drinking and smoking was a lifestyle and so I found myself in a cult group. By the time I got into the University of Ilorin, I was well grounded in it so much that my dream and passion for cultism was so high and by 200 level I had become the number one of the Buccaneers Association of Nigeria and to become the number one you must have done a lot of things, so I had done all those things. By first semester 300 level, God came to arrest me so now I am born again, hallelujah!



Stream: I gathered that you are a very passionate person in whatever you do.

Paul: Yes, in whatever I do. When it comes to music, I'm passionate, relationships, I'm passionate (all laugh), business, I'm passionate.

Stream: Since you gave your testimony what has been your relationship with people? Has there been a strain or closeness?

Paul: People that don't know me before by reason of the testimony want to talk to me. I can't really remember any experience of any one keeping a distance because of the testimony. So I just find myself walking and someone says, "hey Paulo", I might not even know them and I just greet them in reply. Now I don't see myself as a "star" because everyone has a story to tell, I was just opportuned to stand up on stage to say it. There are even people that can walk up and talk to me by reason of my past life because they know I could relate with what they are going through. People related issues, immorality, fornication issues. I thank God he has been able to help me through it. It has become like a ministry that I am passionate about.

Stream: Talking about relationships with people, do you have someone that you are hooked up to at the moment?

Paul: Eh, technically, I'm in a relationship, but practically distance has been a big problem. I'm in a relationship but it is not the way it should

be. But nevertheless I am trying to stay faithful; I'm training myself so that it could be true to myself.

Stream: What is your philosophy about life?

Paul: When it comes to philosophy, I won't say I have a particular philosophy but I could have different philosophies for different things. When it comes to self esteem or confidence, I would say value yourself. To yourself be true. I don't really care what anyone says about me to a larger extent, as long as I can examine myself and see that I am in tune. People don't influence what I do; I decide what I do per time. Believe in yourself, know who you are. You can't get respect from others if you don't respect yourself. I don't believe in failure.

Stream: Thank you very much for your time.

Paul: It's been a pleasure.



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**Be on your guard, CU chaplain declares**

Intervening on behalf of students who have a challenge with the law at Covenant University is no longer automatic. The chaplain, Pastor Yakubu Kesi, who used to be students last resort when they fell into the terrible hands of the Students Disciplinary Council, has now made it clear that his office would no longer indulge in the students' plea of innocence.

Pastor Kesi announced at one of the students' Variety Night gathering that all students should be on their guard because even though the chaplaincy was still available to listen to students and give them appropriate counsel, there would be no more cutting in on disciplinary matters.

As a result of this, the students have been admonished to ensure that when they come to the chaplaincy, they should have ideal reasons for their default and not mere excuses.

**Chapel defaulters warned**

A drastic measure has been adopted by the chaplaincy to pin down chapel defaulters.

To this end, a new method for attendance of chapel services has been floated to ensure full compliance governing rules and regulations. This method has to do with the swiping of students' identity card on or before the the main message of the service is delivered and any ID card that is not collected by the ushers before the end of praise and worship will not be swiped and this will expose the owner of the Identity Card who was absent from service.

It has also been found out that students don't come to chapel services with their Bibles. Such students have also been warned to comply with the rules and regulations of the school because coming to the chapel without the holy book and sermon jotter will make them qualify as absent from service.

Chapel defaulters can therefore earn themselves penalties ranging from suspension to expulsion, depending on the gravity of the offence.

A defaulters list was released

recently to establish the fact that it is not difficult to identify church service absentees.

**Students commend chaplaincy**

"No matter what, one of the best things to have happened in Covenant University is the establishment of the chaplaincy," says Seun Abanikanda, a 300 Level students of Mass Communication. Such comments are not uncommon with many students who have identified with the efforts of the students' welfare outfit to make like better spiritually.

According to these students, praying and counseling services offered by it have helped immensely in charting and recharging the paths of students back into their hitherto lost destinies. "Even though many students are unaware that the chaplaincy pastors are praying for them, there are evidences to prove that students' spiritual lives are getting better by the day," Abanikanda adds.

The unit was established by the management to promote spirituality and other core values of the university.



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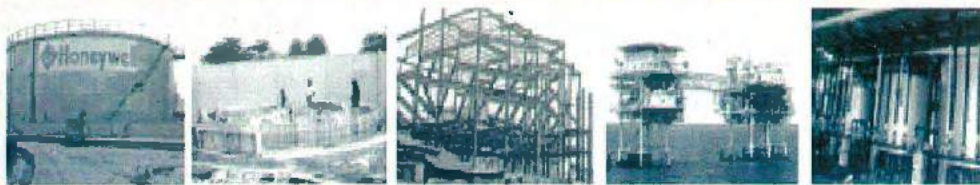
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# A couple's encounter with Bishop David Oyedepo

By Wole Aragbaiye

**Mr. and Mrs. Osaemeke Oruosah**, both members of the Living Faith Church were sent packing from their apartment by their landlord in an outskirts of Lagos, for their inability to pay an outstanding house rent of N16, 500 and for about two weeks they had been squatting in the main church auditorium of the Living Faith Church with their newly born baby. According to Mrs. Oruosah, the child had been crying for days. She said they had been sleeping on the bench while contemplating traveling to Port Harcourt to stay with her parents but lack of funds had made that impossible.

This was the condition of the couple when they approached this reporter for help at the church premises. While I was discussing with the couple about their plight in front of the Faith Academy (the nursery school owned by the church), Bishop David Oyedepo drove in and was discussing with some senior pastors of the ministry. The woman interrupted the discussion in an uncivilized manner and Bishop had to rebuke her: "Excuse me, can't you see am talking". She left the scene dejected and came back to meet me, crying.

After the discussion, Bishop Oyedepo had compassion on the woman and sent for her. He asked her what the problem was and she

seized the given opportunity to explain the plight of her family. Bishop, in his usual compassionate attitude, handed them over to an aide who was told to give them everything they needed, including the cash amount they requested for. While doing this, the Bishop also encouraged the couple and even cheered them up and he asked for their names and later bid them goodbye.

*"Is this how God works?"* the woman asked with face lightened up with excitement. "Is not even the money he gave us that made me happy. It is the way he encouraged us and cheered us up. Now, my spirit is telling me we cannot be poor anymore" she added.

The couple came back to meet me and they could not hide their joy. "We will never forget today in our lives" they said.

Apart from this couple, many individuals within and outside the church community have benefited from the Bishop's generosity. It is even said that the school fees of some Covenant University students are being paid personally by the Chancellor. The Chancellor once said during one of his messages at the University Chapel that his wife usually comes to him most of the time to discuss the plight of some students who

are unable to pay their school fees.

The Bishop also gives to orphanage homes, charities and even Non Governmental Organizations. A student run charity

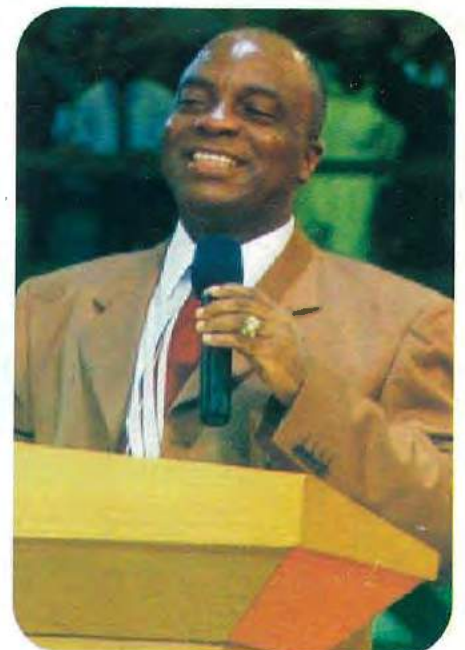
organization in Covenant University by the name Project One Million Souls sometimes ago was given a sum of about five million Naira by the Bishop to purchase books for children in the charity homes and the prisoners.

But where did Bishop Oyedepo pick up this trait of generosity? From what could be deduced from some of his numerous teachings, it seems his mother had a considerable influence on him in this area. According to the Bishop, when he was small, his mother would call all the children of the tenants in their house and feed them. He said his mother took it upon herself to feed these children at least once in a day even when they did not ask for it and she would compel her own children to wash whatever plates they used in eating. The Bishop said he got so puzzled about this one day and he asked his mother why she was doing all that and according to him, the mother replied, saying: "In future, your children too will be somewhere and other people will feed them".

The Bishop said he was so proud to come out from such a family heritage and that it is this trait of giving that has made him what he is today.



*The couple talking to Bishop Oyedepo*





# Students' welfare is our business

## - Ass. Chaplain Macaulay

BY Titi Ojekunle and Tayo Bankole

The Chaplaincy is an arm of Covenant University whose major role is to see to the spiritual upliftment and development of the students even as they go through their day-to-day activities especially in respect to their academics.

For a Christian university, where our major role model is God almighty, this is not surprising as everything that is done in this environment focuses on pleasing the founder and maker. In the last few years, the Chaplaincy has proved to know what its job on the university environment is and have not stopped putting relentless efforts to build the spiritual life of the students. Associate Chaplain, Pastor Seyi McCauley, sheds more light on the roles and activities of the Chaplaincy and what it would like in the years to come. Enjoy your reading.

### May we know you sir?

Well, I am pastor Oluwaseyi Macaulay and I am an associate chaplain in Covenant University.

### What sort of services does the

### Chaplaincy offer?

At the Chaplaincy, we offer spiritual services like welfare, counseling, prayers and spiritual upliftment.

### Did you start off in this university as a chaplain?

No, not at all, I came into Covenant University as an assistant lecturer. Later, the university saw a need for a force to drive discipline into the students so I was drafted to Student Affairs then moved to Chaplaincy when there was a restructuring.

### What has been your experience moving from lecturer to Student Affairs and now to Chaplaincy?

Well, I have learnt to be flexible and I understand my assignment. While at the Student Affairs, I was to ensure discipline in all ramifications and make sure that all rules were properly adhered to but now at the Chaplaincy, I am to help to maintain the spiritual development of students i.e. to make sure that the students are progressing

spiritually and helping in anyway I can to ensure that this growth is maintained.

### Apart from the office of the chaplain, there seem to be two other associate chaplains. Do you people do the same jobs?

Yes, we all do the same job of planning programmes, spiritual welfare, prayer for students and even the Towards A Total Graduate (TTG) e.t.c. There are many students in this institution, so it



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makes the job easier when they are enough hands at the Chaplaincy to attend to their spiritual needs because their spiritual life is very important.

### *What has it been like so far?*

We thank God. We have come a long way. Before, we used to supervise and be personally involved in all chapel units. Infact, they were directly responsible to us, but now, though they are still under us in the Chaplaincy, we have been able to give these units opportunities to do something meaningful and glorious by themselves and they have not failed in anyway.

*We have noticed that there seems to be a sort of friendship between you and most of the students. How is this possible owing to the fact that most times students tend to shy away from things that have to do with "pastors"?*

My job like I said earlier on is that of an

associate chaplain and in my ministry as a Youth Pastor, all the students are my subjects and this has given me a plus because I can relate with young people very well. I have been able to understand their skills, language, music and that is why I flow with them and at the same time, this does not take away the respect they have for me.

### *What other plans does the Chaplaincy have in store for the student body?*

We plan to have a spiritual library for students here at the Resource Center. We also want to create a forum where students will be able to discover who they are and how they can give expression to it.

### *Any challenges so far?*

We thank God, he ha always been faithful. The only challenge I see for now is the erroneous decision or thinking of students that pastors are not good people. Here in the Chaplaincy, there is a place of secrecy and we are discreet about whatever information given to us by students. So we just want to tell

students to feel free to share their challenges with us. Whether spiritual or not and by God's grace and with prayers, we will surely find a way out.

### *How is the Chaplaincy doing now?*

We are growing stronger and stronger day by day because we keep getting new revelations everyday to make impacts in the lives of these students and by God's grace we will keep moving forward and making tremendous progress especially when it comes to the spiritual growth of our students.

### *Thank you for spending time to have this chat with us?*

You are very welcome. God Bless.



**Pastor Macaulay**

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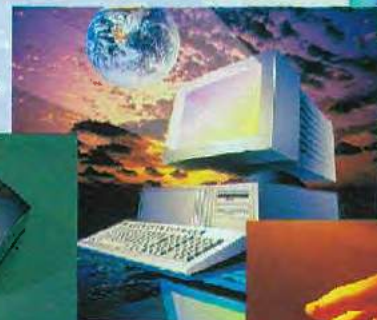
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# Getting to know Shassy

Seyi Ayinla & Austin Akpan

*Shassy (Feyi Shassanya) is a shirt designer under the label 'Magic Hands' and during the last Redefinition awards; he walked away with the Creative Style award. If you still want to know more, well Shassy says it all in this interview with Stream's Seyi Ayinla and Austin Akpan.*

**Who is the person behind Shassy wears?**  
He is Feyi Shassanya, a 300 level Architecture student from the College of Science and Technology (CST). I am more or less just someone that loves being creative. I've had this creativity thing in me ever since I was little.

**How did you get the name Shassy?**  
Shassy is actually my nickname; it's what people know me as, more like my corporate identity.

**How long have you been in this business?**  
For three years now. I started before I came into CU.

**So, who are your target consumers?**  
My customers have been mainly guys but the ladies were like 'we've seen some of the stuff you've done and if you can be this creative with male shirts, you can also do it for females.' So that motivated me to go into the female line. And my shirts aren't just regular corporate shirts you can wear to class and stuff, and nowadays, I have noticed that people want to wear something different, something unique and customized. So, the female line is just coming up.

**Can you give an estimate of your current market?**  
I have sold over 400 shirts as at now and that's because I deal only with shirts; I'm a shirt maker.



**You participated in the last Redefinition awards and came out with the Creative Style Award. What is the concept behind your shirts that brings out that creativity?**  
As a designer, you must be unique and also very creative. I've done a lot of shirts and one major thing I avoid is repeating a particular concept too often and I have my own style, I think that is basically all about that.

**How far has that award taken you?**  
That was actually my first award ever. And as for the response, it has definitely increased my sales. It has given me and my products more awareness because I've been in this business for so long but I haven't been able to partake in any fashion show. I've been invited for some shows but I haven't been able to make it due to restrictions in school and other stuff. So Redefinition was my first.

**Looking at the Redefinition fashion show. You've been in the industry for a while now, how would you rate the organization of the whole show?**  
It was alright. It wasn't the best but they can still do better.

**You got the Creativity award but Apapa turned out the best. Is his market better than yours and has he interfered with your market?**

I don't think so. Apapa stole the show that day. But I'm not sure about his market interfering with mine. I deal strictly with corporate shirts and he's more of a casual person so I don't see the link or the interference.

**You are studying Architecture and at the same time delving into the fashion industry. I agree that they are kind of similar in the artistic aspect but they are still very different. Have you gotten any training in fashion designing, formal or informal?**  
Not yet, but I hope to get some training after my first degree.

**How have you been coping with your course and your business?**  
That's the hardest thing I've had to face. Architecture is something, which you have to give 100% attention to, so it's been very tasking. I've had to sacrifice other things like playing soccer, hanging out with friends but somehow I've been able to cope.

**Fashion requires quite an amount of capital, how supportive have your parents been in this regard?**  
They have been quite supportive, they helped me a lot during the Redefinition fashion show but normally, they always want me to put my education first and then other things could follow after that.

**What about your friends?**  
My friends have been very helpful. Infact, they are like my real marketers. They've really done a lot for me.

**You've been quite popular even before the Redefinition thing came through. How did you get so popular?**  
In my family, we are all business-oriented so I know a lot about marketing and business even though I'm not in CBS. I know how to advertise and what it takes to stand out from the crowd.

**The market in CU is quite small. How challenging has it been letting people know what you do?**  
In this school, there are a lot of things





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### The Spirit and the Dime

Several years ago, a pastor moved to Houston, Texas (USA). Some weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him ten cents too much change.

As he considered what to do, there alternately appeared to him little angelic figures sitting on his shoulders and whispering instructions into his ears. One said, "You better give the dime back. It would be wrong to keep it." On the other shoulder a voice said, "Oh forget it. It is just ten cents. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company already gets too much fare. With their millions everyday they will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God and keep quiet."

When his stop came he paused shortly at the front door, and handing the driver the dime he said, "Here. You handed me too much change." The driver replied, "Aren't you the new pastor in town? I have been thinking lately about going to church somewhere. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you ten cents too much change."

When the pastor stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "O God, I almost sold your Son for ten cents."

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit." (Romans 8:5)

#### **\*Lessons learnt:\***

That little thing that you do today might just be all that is needed to conclude on who you really are. There might never be a second chance to change things.



# JUST GISTING

**By Oluwaseun Abanikanda**

### When is Redefinition coming?

It had been expected, but it came rather too late and this had raised the hopes of the young and talented models and designers in the forthcoming redefinition before it was cancelled, sorry postponed. But realistically, will REDEF hold and when? The participants have been discouraged, it could only take God's grace to convince them back after rigorous training and audition process

### When will we get exeats without begging?

Most students have to lie before getting exeats. The school claim to be training world leaders and the students say they are effecting mental productivity (school motto. Ah!). How? Exeats bottleneck with hall officers should be broken to encourage student against lying to bring out the Kingship and Queenship attitude in them. One more thing, I think the hall officers enjoy to be begged? It has suddenly become their hobby.

### Security on Uniform: Oh la la!

The uniform worn by the security men of the school has added aesthetics and beauty to them and to the school environment. It is good as it makes them remember at all times when on uniform that they are on duty. It has also helped the students in one way... Guess? When a student sees one of them approaching and knows he or she is violating, he flees. Thank God we can identify them now.

### Quest for Authorship Between Lecturers & Students

From the stable of Covenant University, we present to you great authors on academic, inspirational and spiritual books! This is the story of CU. Most lecturers of CU are on the verge to be awarded a doctorate degree and so most of them are planning to publish their books soon while some others have published theirs. You can bet that most of the books authored by CU lecturers are really an encyclopedia of information. Students are not left out. Most books authored by them are basically inspirational or spiritual and I commend the likes of Muyiwa Fadugba, Howard Briggs, Adebayo King-Alfred among others.

### Scarcity for one day

In the earlier hours of Wednesday, June 13, 2006, students were seen going around in search of water to bathe. It was recorded by a reliable source that the cause of the outage was as a result of blockage in the water drainage system. Students from Lydia and Mary were the major victims, as they were seen trooping from their hostels to Dorcas to fetch water mainly from the ground floor. The plumbers were efficient at fixing it back but we don't want to experience anything like that, whether for few hours or for a day.

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people take for granted that are very free. For instance, marketing is very free; I have a lot of people that believe in me and they market my products for me. I have customers that are always there, encouraging me and like I said before I know how to convince people to purchase my products.

**Apart from the Redefinition exposure, your little marketing and this interview for the past three years, what other way(s) have you publicized your art?**

I've placed a few adverts in school newspapers and I've also done a major advert in a newspaper outside school that is in a national newspaper.

## Getting to know Shassy

**We have this basic problem in Nigeria; everyone wants to wear 'Adidas', 'Nike', 'Levi's', etc., do you see this as a challenge considering the fact that your label is not yet a household name?**

I don't see that as a problem because nowadays people want to wear customized things and not just any designer stuff

**What are your long-term goals?**

To be a successful entrepreneur.

**And has CU contributed to that dream?**

Yes, in a lot of ways, it has. CU has made me know that you can do whatever you want to do in this world. It's all a matter of choice. There are a lot of things I could have gone into other than fashion and still have come out successful but I chose fashion and it's now my choice to make it in that field.

**What else do you do apart from designing?**

I play soccer, I love hanging around with my friends and I like relaxing a lot.



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This book is a combined effort of some lecturers in their fields of study. This is a scholarly work. It discusses issues in the print, broadcast and as well as Public Relations writings. It also provides foundation for the aspiring scholar who needs to know what academic writing is all

about.

This book has four parts and twelve chapters. The first part focuses on the basics of communication. It expatiates more on the basic rules guiding writing, how to write an error free piece, writing and rewriting of your piece and the *meta-discourse* in academic communication. Meta-discourse here means some spoken words, which do not add anything to the prepositional content but intend to help the listener organize, interpret and evaluate the information supplied.

The second part of this book discusses how to write for the print media. Here, we are told that skill and professional handling of lead construction could make the arrangement of the facts in the body of the news story easier. Some contemporary issues on the functions and qualities of a critical writing as well as reviews are also discussed. Theories of communication are given some space while the way to writing a

good feature story is outlined.

Part three focuses on broadcast media writing. It explores the fundamental broadcast media, how to write a documentary and a radio and television drama. The last part of this book anchors its discussion on writing for Public Relations.

In the book there is a display of a clear language of expression. Examples are given to drive home points. The arrangement of the book is splendid and the contents appropriate, relevant and illuminating

However, there are few typographical errors. But you can overlook them. The graphics used for the cover page are appropriate, likewise the colour, which makes the personality of the book attractive. Students of communication and lecturers alike will find this book beneficial and worthwhile in their various fields of studies.

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Copywriting is a crucial aspect of advertising and books that treat it are hard to come by. *I have an idea* is therefore a pioneer. The book, which has an attractive personality, is actually a reflection of the author, who has a track record as an advertising practitioner in Nigeria. This is a book which has an intellectual base which might not be easily recognized by any reader who easily gets captivated by aesthetics which it is loaded with.

*I have an Idea* has eleven chapters. Basically the author, in these chapters, take the reader on a tour of advertising and marketing definitions, what copywriting is and is not, copywriting basics and the concomitant steps that need to be taken.

Secondly, she delves into

consumers' need and insight as strong points of reference if you want to make any impact as a good copywriter. These two factors are triggers that must be pulled if you must hit the target as a good writer.

She stresses the need to get aware of the media types as well as media environment. By having this knowledge of the media, you are empowered to communicate your thoughts in a way that can easily be deciphered by your audience. She buttresses her point with some successful advert copies.

This book is very useful. First, it is filling the gap caused by the dearth of literature on copywriting. Second, it has set the stage for aspiring authors who might want to write on the same area. Thirdly, it has also set the standard for such aspiring authors.

The book will be successful in market. This may sound like a blanket statement but it has been proved from experience that initially such books may be a little slow but as time goes by, the road will be clear for a good sell.



But there is a caveat! Madam, when you are coming with the next edition, please let the title carry the word "copywriting" because as it is now, there is nothing to suggest that the book is about this important area of advertising. The title is too general.

BOOK: **Sex: Straight Talk.**  
 AUTHOR: **Pastor Sam Adeyemi.**  
 PLACE OF PUBLICATION: **PNEUMA Publishing Ltd.**  
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 REVIEWER: **Funmilayo. Sonaike**

The issue of sex has been a controversial one for a long time. Some see sex as a matter that should not be discussed in public while some hold certain inexplicable views about it. *Sex: Straight Talk* has therefore been packaged in such a way that all these controversial issues are addressed.

This book analyses sex as it relates to both the married and unmarried. Singles, most especially, have a particular perception about sex which is quite wrong. Some believe that sex before marriage i. e. pre-marital sex is an expression of love while others see it as the foundation of a relationship. This is not true because whatever you do that leaves a scar behind is not an expression of love but an expression of pain at the end. For those who concur with this school of thought, *Sex: Straight talk* is just the book for you, because it talks a lot about this particular issue of pre-marital sex.

Furthermore, this book addresses the issue of sexual abuse. There are people out there who have

been involved in one form of sexual abuse or the other either with their father, brother, cousin, friend etc. The aftermath of this dastardly act, to some of them, has been either psychological or emotional. As a result of this form of happenings around us, the author of this book does justice to this subject of sexual abuse and also states the way by which those who are victims of this kind of thing should move on in life and also do away with such a past. Also, *Sex: straight Talk* talked on the subject of sex education which has a lot of meanings in our world today and as a result of that, this book goes on to correct such notions.

In page 115, the author states that "today there is a tendency for parents to leave the major part of the responsibility of education to the school. However from time, it ahs always been the basic responsibility of parents to teach their

children at home". In relations to this statement, sex education is a form of education that should start at home. This book makes us understand that sex education should be the duty of parents so that the children would not find out from outside what their parents ought to have taught them and by the time the parents realize this, it might have been too late. This book spreads its wings on sex education and states the various dangers involved in ignorance.

In addition, when talking about wisdom on sex-related matters, *Sex: Straight Talk* is just the book to be read because it makes mention of how people should handle the issue of sex and the various solutions to sexual sins being that sexual sin is one sin that is paramount in our society today.



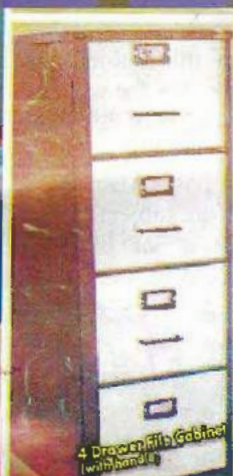
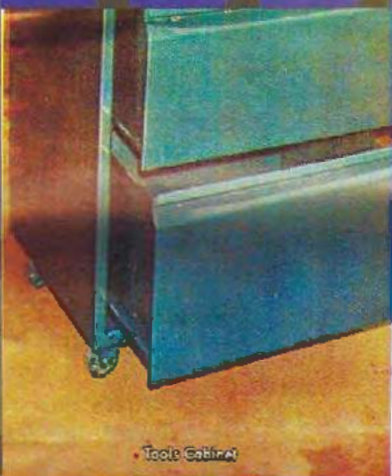




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# Getting our acts right for 2007

It is imperative at this juncture of our national history, that we look inwards, check ourselves and expunge those faults inherent in our beliefs, attitudes, ideals and way of life which have negatively impacted on our socio-political landscape as a national entity.

Last month, May 2006, our nation made a landmark achievement in the stoppage of the obnoxious third term issue. The beginning and end of the whole saga turned out an eye-opener in the Nigerian order. For a populace that have been harassed, used and abused by the despotic bigotry of successive national leaderships, it was hard if not impracticable to imagine, that we by ourselves could stop the wish of an incumbent government. In 1998 when the late tyrant General Abacha decided to perpetuate himself in power as a life president, with the politics of the day built around him and all the existing five political parties returning him as their sole candidate, all was set for him to force his wish as usual, down the throat of the hapless Nigerian citizenry. We abhorred it, we hated and disapproved of it, but we could do nothing to stop it, had God himself not intervened with the timely taking away of the dictator, Nigeria would have slipped into the darkest years of her history under the rulership of an evil life president. Funds meant for the Lagos State government were withheld by the Presidency, even against the ruling of the Judiciary which naturally was predicated on the provisions of the nation's constitution. The consistent increase in the pump price of petroleum products in this country, against the wish and advice of the entire nation further corroborates the kingly stature of a President in this country, the Nigerian Presidency, Military or Civilian wore the posture of "whatever I want, I get". Coming from such background, the death of the third term debacle marks the beginning of the realization of the people's sovereignty in this nation.

We should seize this opportunity, to determine what will become our fate and that of our children. The Nigerian elite class, Christian and Muslim family and the masses must come together to put in place a leader and structure which will no longer pay a few and put the rest in misery. We must change our attitudes towards contesting and voting in our elections. The average Nigerian elite or Christian wouldn't participate in voting or contesting for an elected post. His excuse being that his vote does not count, the votes would be rigged and the winner had been selected by a ruling cabal. The Christian school of thought would say "Well, my citizenship is not of this world, let them do whatever pleases them, after all they are all sons of Belial". I want to say a big NO to this attitude; it is time to give everything it takes to ensure the voting and candidature in our immediate environment is fairly and

thoroughly done. In the words of Plato, the legendary Greek Philosopher, he said "The price wise men pay for their negligence towards public affairs is to allow fools rule over them". The Bible further corroborates this by saying "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" Now I ask your opinion, how can the righteous be in authority if the righteous does not contest for the post and his fellow righteous vote him to the seat? It is unfair and unbiblical for us to ostracize ourselves from Public affairs and call on God to install a God-fearing leader and intervene in the affairs of our nation. 3.5 Million Christians would gather at a Christ Embassy Crusade, another 3 Million Christians would gather at the Redemption camp on Crusade, but a Child of God in the person of Pastor Kris Okotie would contest for an electoral seat and win less than 1000 votes. What an irony! How many of us attend such crusades simply for the purpose of the love of God, do not most of us go to cry out our hearts and carry our numerous problems to God and ask for his deliverance, not remembering that most of these problems are inflicted on us because of the decadence of the Nigerian polity which we claim we have no business with. If truly we have no business with the affairs of our country, how come we are affected by the pervading negativism of the environment. Oh! I thought then we wouldn't have to buy power generators for our church buildings, God would naturally supply electricity for us to use; is the usage of power generators in Nigeria today not a direct consequence of the depraved nation? I thought then, our men of God would not have to move around guarded with heavy security and escorts; Is that not a direct consequence of the breakdown of civil security in our nation? Traffic hold-ups then shouldn't affect the real Christian, we should all become like Philip in Acts 8:39 and disappear whenever we got held up in traffic jams; is the ubiquitous presence of hold-ups on our roads not a direct consequence of bad roads and disrespect for simple traffic laws? It is time we stopped thinking in a way that would make our God laugh at us and get together to play our own little part to turn the ship of this nation back in the right direction.

The leadership of this nation needs a change and we will be the ones to influence it. The old crew of Militicians and corrupt politicians are definitely not the team to lead us to our promised land; we need to inject fresh blood into the nation's political class. Much of the



The President, Chief Obasanjo to Mr Bush: I will hand over to a successor in 2007. Third Term is not in my agenda

successes of the present Obasanjo administration are anchored on the inclusion of younger people into the system in the likes of Nasir El-rufai, Nuhu Ribadu, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chukwuemeka Chikelu and Charles Soludo. One of us, Pastor Kris Okotie has indicated interest in changing the dwindling fortunes of this country, let us hear him out, let us pray for him, let us support him, a vote wouldn't take anything out of us. If not him, then someone who appeals to our individual consciences, Christian or Muslim, but at least the sit-back-home-non-participatory mentality must stop starting with this dispensation. Let us not leave our elections, our future, in the hands of individuals who will collect N200 and vote away their consciences, N200! N200!! for a whole four-year term, four years of my destiny and multiple times four that of my unborn child, God forbid, never again, not anymore.

Time has come therefore for us to rise together as a nation, to speak for ourselves, to follow our minds, in allegiance to our consciences to set Nigeria on course from a battered to a better destiny. No more should we sit back, watch and merely complain about the way things are being run in this country, it is time for us to participate in the running of our country. A new sense of nationalism should be born in our minds, running through all ramifications such as age, sex, tribe or religion, as one people we must realize that our input, no matter how minute counts in what happens to our country. Despair and despondency, have been the lot of Nigerians who have seen their wishes subverted with irritating impunity on too many occasions, about time we eschewed all such mentalities, each person must chip in his quota and we will be surprised at what level of change we can instill in our political horizon.

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# Nigerian Senate and the money spraying syndrome

*By Olusola Oyero*

The recent experience of the CBN bill to stop the abuse of naira note is both an eye-opener to misconception of the essence of culture and an evidence of one of those factors responsible for development malaise as a nation. The senate stalled this bill that intended to stop the practice of money spraying at parties, on the pretext that it does not respect our cultural values as Nigerian people.

The question to be asked is what are cultural values and what is the essence of culture? Culture is commonly defined as the beliefs, behaviour, language, and entire way of life of a particular group of people at a particular time. Culture includes customs, ceremonies, work of art, inventions, technology and traditions. Cultural values on the other hand are collective conceptions of what is considered good, desirable and proper or bad, undesirable and improper. So cultural values are those elements of culture considered good/bad, desirable/desirable and proper/improper. In other words, they show what people in a given culture prefer as well as what people find important and morally right (or wrong). The essence of cultural values then is maintenance of order in society, that is why some things are regarded as good and others as bad.

Now think about it; what benefit does the habit of spraying money at parties offer us as a nation? What contribution does it make to our national development? Obviously, it is nothing but shameful display of opulence and prodigal way of life that is antithetical to modesty and good reasoning. The currency of a nation is her symbol of economic

strength, and thus deserves honour and care. But when it is degraded, battered, and marched upon, then it is an evidence of irresponsibility- a fundamental weakness in our quest for a strong and virile action.

Has the lawmaker thought of the criminal implications of this absurd practice? There is no doubt that it fuels criminal activities in our society. The bandwagon tendency of acting big will of course seduce some to do anything possible, I mean anything to acquire the wealth to show off and act big at occasions. This practice actually makes people to pretend to be what they are not, just for personal ego and self-aggrandizements.

The health and financial implication of this practice can also not be ruled out. When these notes are sprayed on people, they got contaminated with sweat, thus liable to spread germs and diseases all around. And because they are marched and trampled upon while dancing, these notes are squeezed, roughened and dirty, making them unusable; a wastage of huge amount used for minting them.

It is then unheard that the culture we promote is such that is inimical to our national progress and development. Any cultural practice that does make positive contribution to our living should of course be dispensed with. It is not a strange thing to abandon detrimental culture in the light of new knowledge that makes such culture barbaric; the killing of twins in Calabar is a good example of such.

On serious note, it is time we began

to rethink our sense of culture if we are going get out of the doldrums of understatement in which our nation is currently embroiled. The idea of culture perpetuated overtime is that of dance, work of arts, traditional ceremonies and festivals, masquerade shows and the like; but where do we put our culture of inventions and technology which are the keys to development? The beauty of a culture lies in its meeting the challenges of living-tapping material resources in our environment to satisfy our needs and desires.

It will then be marvelous to see the ministry of culture organizing a cultural festival that is not limited to dance, music and artifacts but also a display of local inventions and technologies. We therefore need the right understanding of culture so that we can promote what is right and contribution to our national progress.





# The need 4 commitment

By Michael Irene

Commitment is indeed a necessity that a community or a group of people needs to grow. According to one of my greatest mentors, Dr. David Oyedepo, he said, "commitment means a diligent pursuit of set goals". "Diligent Pursuit", in this sense means dangerously applying yourself to attaining a positive mission. It must be noted here that this piece of writing is not a motivational one, it is a charge for the Nigerian youths!

It is quite appalling when one sees a majority of Nigerian youths dedicating their strength to inane activities. Some of these pursuits are for temporary needs. An average Nigerian youths lack commitment to purpose some have chosen to make money by fraudulent means some have also chosen to become naked beggars via internet chat rooms, and e-mail attachments. While in Europe,

America and Asia their youths gear their commitment towards the development of their country. The Nigerian youth wants fast cash and a rosy life style. No one wants to work hard; even our so called leaders. Then there lies a cauldron of amputated hopes; expunged commitments and negative success.

Yes! There is poverty! Yet Henry Ford said, "Don't find fault, find a remedy". Until we, Nigerian youths, commit ourselves to our various goals and expand our success towards the development of our country, she will never develop fast. However, I believe that Nigeria will grow. I believe that Nigeria will be free from the menace of irresponsible and egoistic leaders. I believe as a Nigerian youth that; Success = Commitment+ Hard work+ Hope (S= C + H +H). I believe Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, when he

said, "But there has been struggle here as well as beauty. Indeed, how can there be any real beauty without struggle". Every successful society depended on the commitment of the youths in their country. Indeed, all the leaders of the world were at one point or the other youths. Their successes and failures were based on their beliefs. While some placed their commitments on developing their country others placed their commitments on having their (national) cake and eating it greedily. We must not draw our examples from the latter; let us draw our examples from people like Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, and a host of committed men. They have shown that the power of commitment yields indelible success.

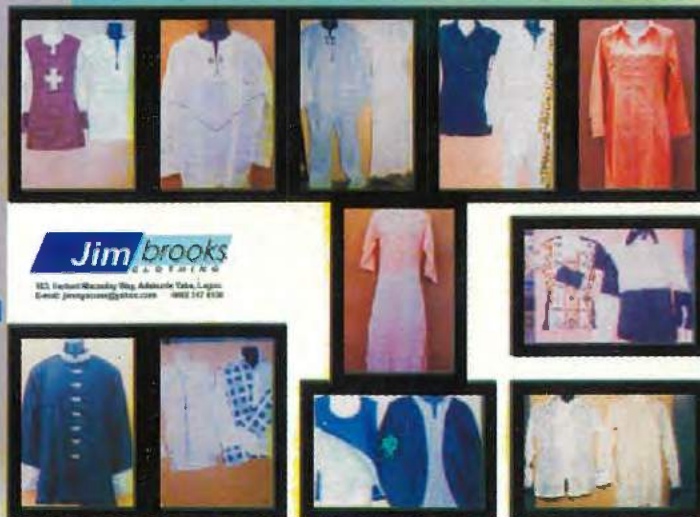
I must say, emphatically, that the positive power of commitment yields permanent results. I urge every Nigerian youth to stay focused, hopeful and remain committed. These are the tenets of changing our generation. We are the chosen generation! We shall not fail! God bless Nigeria. Amen!

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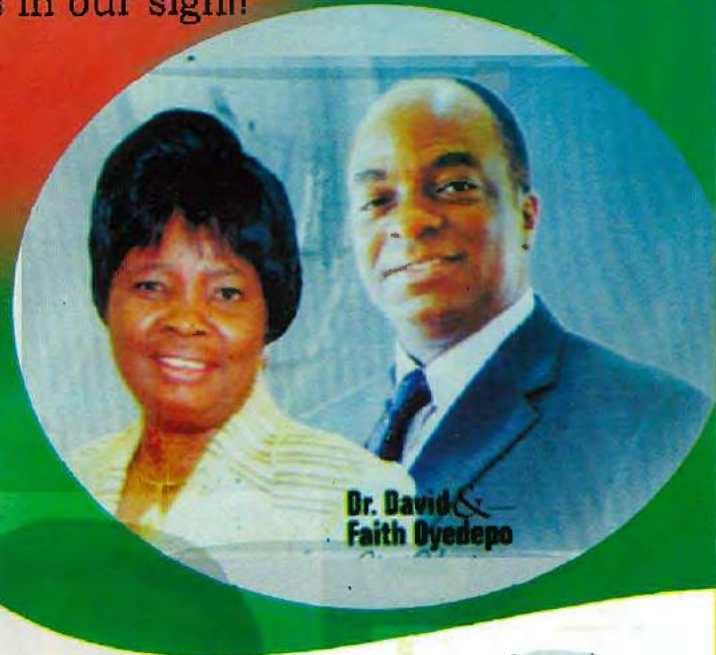


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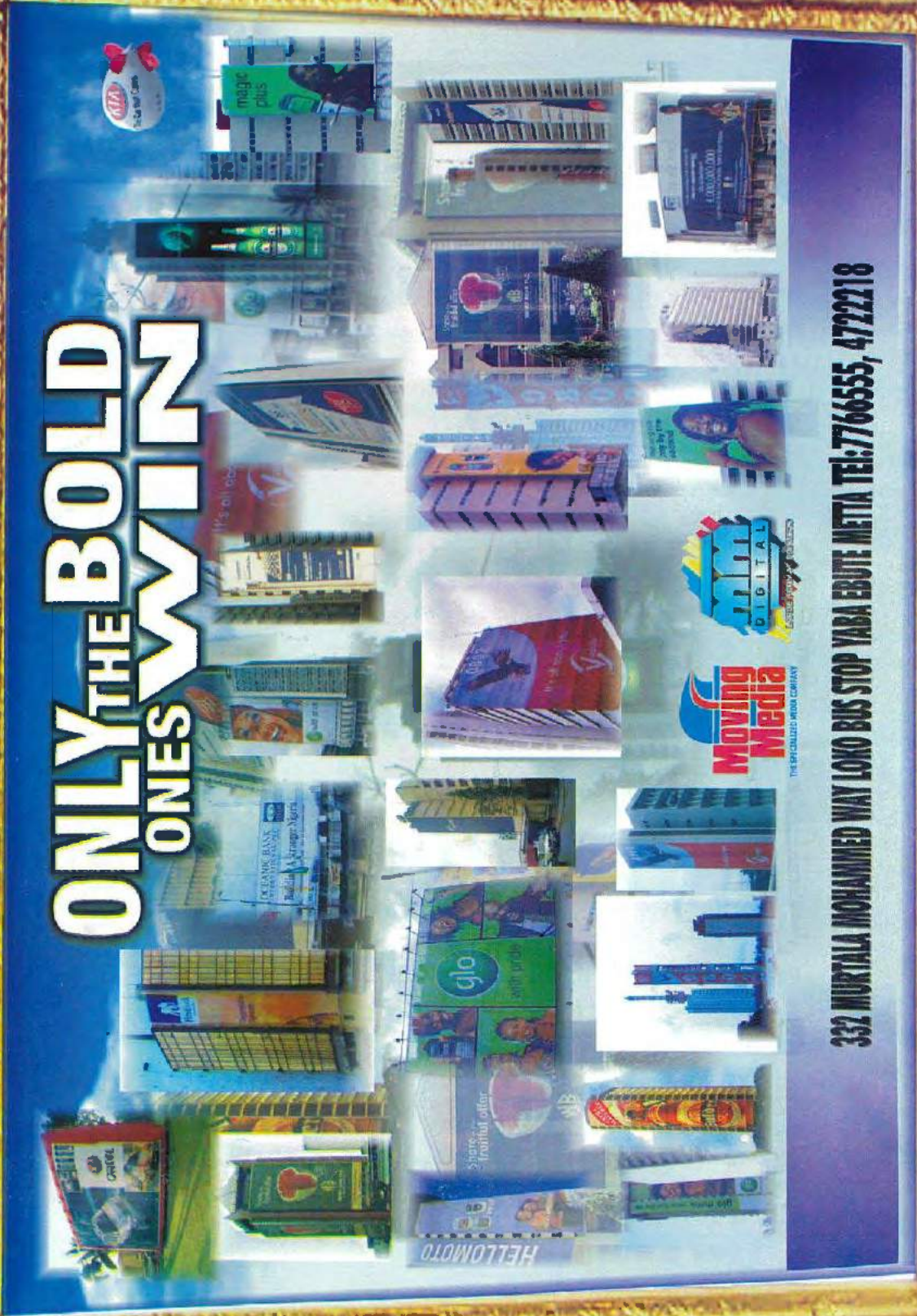


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# Dental hygiene

By: Ibukun Akanle

Dental Hygiene refers to maintaining a clean and healthy mouth, teeth and gums to prevent oral diseases by doing regular hygienic practices like brushing, flossing and visit to the dentist at a regular interval for check up. It can also be referred as oral hygiene. Cavities, gingivitis etc are the destroyers of exceptional oral assets.

Having bacteria in the mouth is normal; this is because these bacteria's strive in a moist environment just like the mouth. Bacteria which are tiny colonies of living organisms are constantly on the move in the teeth, gums, lips and tongue.

Certain types of bacteria, however, can attach themselves to hard surfaces like the enamel that covers the teeth. If they are not removed, they multiply and grow in number until a colony forms and more bacteria of different types attach to the colony already growing on the tooth enamel. Proteins that are present in the saliva (spit) also mix in and the bacteria colony becomes a whitish film on the tooth. This film is called plaque, and it's what causes cavities.

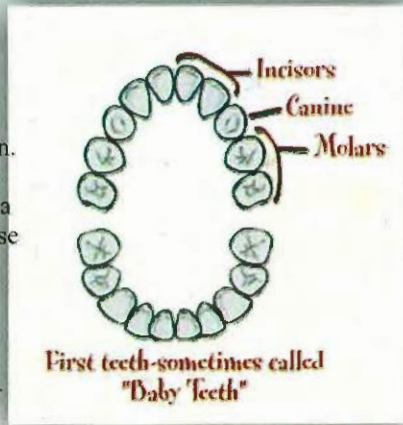
To prevent these enemies from attacking teeth and gums, proper dental or oral hygienic needs must be considered. The

dental hygiene prevents bad breath, dental disorder and plaque deposition.

Also, foods that are eaten during a meal, usually pose fewer threats to teeth because of the additional saliva produced during mealtime. Saliva helps to wash food particles from the mouth and lessen the damage from acid.

Since the mouth is a busy place, preventive measures for stopping dental disorders should include personal examination and cleaning of

the teeth. Tooth brushing for instance is important, and it is recommended that brushing is done after every meal or at least twice a day, in the morning and the last thing at night before going to bed. It is very vital that toothbrushes are changed at the end of every three months, graded toothbrushes medium, soft etc should be most preferred to any



other types. Hard toothbrushes and over enthusiastic brushing of the teeth also causes tears in the ligaments and it weakens the gum. Healthy gums characteristics are being pink and firm. The teeth should be carefully swept and not scrubbed, except for the grinding surfaces that demands concentrated cleaning.

Dairy Products are also of significant importance, they include yogurt, cheese, milk and milk products etc. Everything that's made from milk is a good source of calcium which is an essential nutrient for the development of bones and teeth. Also, some scientific studies have shown that eating cheese might help to protect the teeth from cavities by preventing demineralization (the loss of important calcium in the teeth).

## Tips for slimmingdown

- Set yourself feasible goals - don't set out for a weight loss of more than 2lbs per week.
- Reduce fiber intake.
- Reduce fat intake
- Start taking 5 to 6 meals (very short ones) per day and spacing them about 1 every three hours) so that you are eating quiet often but not more.
- Increase the consumption of protein in your

- diet.
- Increase your water intake.
- Eat smaller portions of food and eat more slowly, enjoying the flavor.
- When you feel full, stop eating and leave food on the plate.
- Have a morning walk daily.
- Be as lively as possible in your day to day life.
- Have time specific exercise sessions three times per week.
- Keep provoked. Always remind yourself that

you want to lose weight and figure out yourself how you want to appear.

- Here are tips that will help you look slimmer.
- Try wearing dark colored clothes such as black, dark blue dark purple etc.
- Avoid wearing clothes that are too tight for you.
- Use accessories such as necklaces, earrings so that you gain attention to your face.
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# Auxin Making CU life more entertaining

By Oluwaseun Abanikanda and Oluwafemi Osobajo

Once upon a time CU was school, where students routinely went home for weekends as a result of the non-social life in the school and then to return on Sunday for the weekly social night, sorry-variety night. Not anymore! The current 300 Level students, determined to enhance social started programs to ensure this.

In 2004, 4D records, a gospel music entertainment group led by Aiwa and Ibukun of the same Level made waves. They made, mixed and recorded sounds and songs for students rather than going to record company. In late 2005, Gaad entertainment was established and managed by Gabriel. He took the scene and sponsored CU students to a sophisticated studio in Lagos in preparation for a recording. Artistes in his jurisdiction include Simi, Silly, King James, Dre and Bimbo among many others.

Now in 2006, a group called AUXIN has grabbed the scene and is not in a hurry to leave. Presently with seven executive members namely, Bimbo, Seyi, Sola, Ayo, Dayo and Yomi, they also have 15 other members who share the same interest with them. This group is a Bureau of Intelligence and also the one behind the organization of CBS Blue Song (2005), Easter Cantata (2006) and CBS Jamboree (2006). AUXIN is presently in collaboration with CU Campus Life Committee and their joint efforts were the result of the Easter Cantata.

AUXIN intends to publicize itself through their proposed programs like the AUXIN concerts, AUXIN

radio, AUXIN TV and AUXIN Magazine. Their proposal has been forwarded to the university management and their programs are 'covenant compliant'.

The CBS Blue Song organized by AUXIN was the first of its kind in the history of Covenant University and no college's theme song has been able to match the effect of the CBS video as it was really popularized. Though, the CHD song still remains the best video with an effectual musical stunt and a show of students in different programme (course) interplay in its video.

To prove their high level of occurrence, AUXIN controls the entertainment page of Hebron Times,

a CU based newspaper. Indeed, AUXIN has almost met the ever increasing 'spirit-social' needs of students and at the same time constantly winning the hearts of the university authority.

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# Tesbali Clefs, Covenant University classical choir clocks One

By Uche Onwudinjo

If music be the food of love, then play on..... These words from the play, Twelfth Night, by Williams Shakespeare buttress the essence of music to the soul. Music seems to be the soul's best delicacy, as it could bring solace to a troubled mind and even make one feel overfed with edible food or even intoxicated with too much wine; good music to be precise that searches the soul and lifts the spirit to higher realms. The people that lived during the Shakespearean era experienced a kind of music that brought about an emotional and spiritual rebirth. The music at that time was the classical music like those amazing masterpieces in Handel's *Messiah*. Going down memory lane, one would recall that

when Handel presented *Messiah*, the king got so carried away by the inspiring songs that he rose to his feet, as others followed in awe at the soul searching and mind blowing hymns.

At Covenant University, such fascinating melodies still fill the air in all its glitz and glory courtesy of the *Tesbali Clefs*, also known as the Covenant University Classic Choir. The *Tesbali Clefs* is a service group and a ministry that aims at edifying the soul of the minstrels as well as its audiences through the praise of the almighty God.

The vision to initiate a classic choir was given to Mayowa Oluwagbenga

Agboola in November 2006 and the whole concept materialized fully on May 23, 2005. Ever since its inception, the Tesbali Clefs has put up a series of impressive performances and has been growing from strength to strength. Starting with about 30 members (instrumentalists and choristers), today the Choir has over 60 committed members who possess great talents and are passion driven for the work of the Master.

The first ministration of Tesbali Clefs was done at the Covenant University Chapel in the same year the group was established and the song presented was one of the great works of G.F. Handel titled "And The Glory Of The Lord (Isaiah 40:5). The Choir was also privileged to participate with the Life Art Choral Group, a full-time classic band headed by Mr. Beecroft when the coral group performed in a concert at the Covenant University Chapel in July 2005. Another enthralling performance was displayed by Tesbali Clefs at the 2005 Christmas Carol Night in Covenant University Chapel. Their ministration got a large number of people in the auditorium feeling the awesome presence of God. The night was a fulfilling one for the Covenant University Classic Choir. After that ministration, the Chancellor of the institution, Dr. David Oyedepo, who was also in attendance at the carol service felt really elated, as he commented saying, "these precious ones are classic indeed".

The success of Tesbali Clefs is a reflection of God's working power in the ministry, and the dedication of the members and leaders. The current leadership of Tesbali Clefs consists of men and women who are mincing will and passion with the mandate of the visionary, and have the interest of other members at heart.

The future seems bright for classical music in Covenant University and from the look of things, it's so obvious that the best is yet to come.





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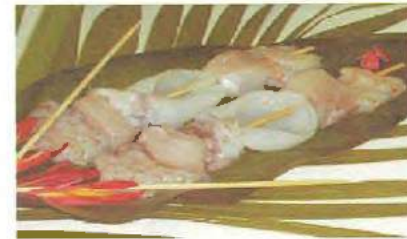
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# The rhymes of "RHYMISATION"

BY Titi Ojekunle and Titi Smith.

The ability to speak in rhymes has become one major way of identifying an hebronite (king or queen) whenever and wherever you see them. Anyway, please read our story, you just might find it interesting.

Have you ever wondered why when you take God for GRANTED; you become GROUNDED, knowing fully well that when you stop APPRECIATING, you start DEPRECIATING? I once heard a man of God say- 'let us thank God we are in the SANCTUARY and not in the MORTUARY' and I said to myself; so it is really true that EXPECTATION is the mother of MANIFESTATION. I saw Dean of Student Affairs (DSA) telling a 400 level student in front of the library; if you are not FOCUSED, your destiny will be eaten up by LOCUSTS and as I continued to walk towards the chapel, I heard Yeye (MIS 400 lvl) shout; I need to ORGANIZE so that I will not AGONIZE and then someone responded saying- do you know that what you don't DESIRE you don't ACQUIRE? Afterall, it is your POSITION that determines your PORTION.

As I stood in front of the chapel, Muiyiwa Fadugba was telling Azuh (council Chairman), - 'as my successor, I want you to know that your HABITS determines your HABITAT because when your HABIT is in place, you have an HABITATION.' I was still trying to listen to their conversation when Howard Derex- Briggs walked by with Leke and they were discussing how LIBERTY without RESPONSIBILITY is what made the black race a LIABILITY.

I then decided that I had heard enough, so I entered the chapel to listen to the sermon when I heard the chancellor say-'if you are not GRATEFUL you cant be JOYFUL and when you are not JOYFUL you will not be PRAISEFUL and if you are not PRAISEFUL you cant be GODFUL and of course, when you are not GODFUL you can never be WONDERFUL. Immediately, Ada

Sonia whispered to Seun Apanishile (ACCT 400), 'you see what I mean, when you are THANKFUL, you will be PRAISEFUL.

Enough is enough I screamed, but no one answered. I walked away hoping to get a shuttle bus to the CST building but there was a disagreement in the bus. Taiwo (Eco. 400) was standing in the shuttle and the pilot said- young man, sit DOWN or get DOWN. Taiwo told him -Sir, but I am standing right, then Isaiah Fosu smiled and said- 'STANDING RIGHT is not the same as SHINING BRIGHT'. On getting to CST building, as I walked straight in, I heard the security man praying and he said-' lord God, help me to understand that it is the VALUE that I add that determines my VALAUBILITY. Then I knew it was time to leave for the hostel, as I was tired of hearing rhymes but not without hearing Sammie (Att unit) telling Tunrayo (mass comm. 400) "please send the information to me

because until you KNOW, you don't KNOW and until you KNOW that you don't KNOW, you don't become KNOWN and Jimi (Comp. Science 400) screamed-' its true oh!, INFORMATION leads to REFORMATION, if you are not INFORMED, you cant be TRANSFORMED.

I ran non stop to my room and as I jumped on my bed and drifted to sleep, I had a dream and I saw the Chaplain telling 100 level students,- living without a GOAL is living like a GOAT. I woke up very frightened and my roommate, came to my bedside and said,- what happened, you scared me, don't you know that until you ENDURE, you are not qualified to SUBDUE. It was at that point i understood that to live in Covenant University, you must be ready to flow with the RHYMES because here, it is ABINIBI (in-born) not ABILITY.

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# DEVELOPING A MAINTENANCE CULTURE

By Oluwaseun Abanikanda

Today, maintenance culture in most corporate organization is taken very seriously to ensure better working conditions and a healthy environment. Some organizations don't tolerate waste and misuse of its facilities.

Taking a cursory look at the present State and Federal higher institutions, the condition of some of their infra structural facilities is an eye-sore. The government and the institutions' administration don't take it upon themselves as a duty to ensure that the institutions facilities are well used, maintained and refurbished as at when due. But now, levies and taxes from students are used to perform the tax.

Moreover, private universities are now tapping to this irregular anointing of the public universities. Covenant University as an instance has brought about radical changes among higher institutions and the most prominent of all is the corporate dress sense imbibed in its students and now it's on the verge to teach other universities maintenance culture

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Though just 4years, the university has not relented in its effort to keep maintenance in high tension, even the increasing population of the student body is not a barrier.

Maintenance of equipment brings longevity of the life of the equipment by storage, keeping in safe atmospheric conditions and repairs and services as at when due. In most university environment, equipments and facilities that really need attention (maintenance), like the chairs, table, fans, board, windows and doors among other are most times destroyed by students who carry lackadaisical attitude. This act could be tiring for the institution to keep repairing a particular facility, which could then be abandoned and students should henceforth desist from such attitude so as to ensure serenity in the class halls.

Generally speaking, students and users of an organization's facility shouldn't take all the blame for misuse, the cleaners and repairers have a role to play here. They are easily fagged out and discouraged to carry out their duties through the way the facilities are been used. But is that not what they paid for? To work. Maybe their salary is no encouraging, whichever way, they should be encouraged to do their job effectively, which leads to an all-round healthy and serene environment for work...because, HEALTH IS WEALTH.

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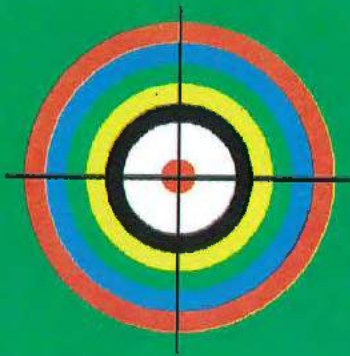
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# Stream publication's pioneer editor speaks

By Sulaimanu Huseini

It is always said that "Experience is the best teacher", although we might not know how it works or how true it is until we have to learn from the experiences we encounter in life. Being on the Stream Newspaper pioneer Editorial Board had indeed been an avenue to experience what an ideal average newspaper organization looks like. There is no doubt that it was an addition to the Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), which we undertook in our 200level.

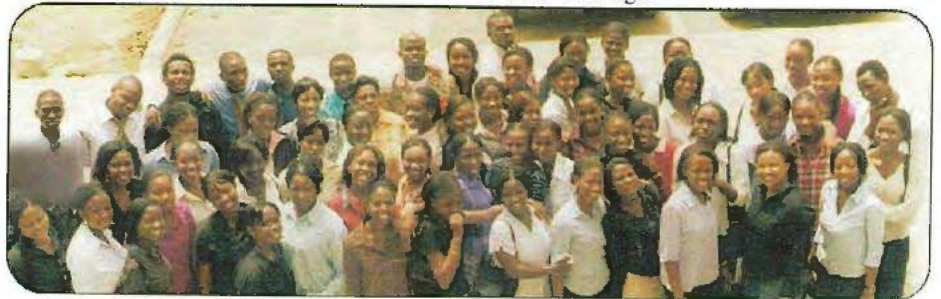
The Stream Newspaper began with a dream just like Martin Luther King Jr. who once said "I have a dream that one day on the hill of Georgia, the sons of former slaves owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood". The question is, what was our dream? Our dream was to float a \*departmental newspaper which will not only serve as an instrument for training future journalists, but also a veritable instrument in the hand of youngsters who have the power to communicate change in their environment. At first, the dream seemed bleak, but we held on to \*it until the maiden edition of the Newspaper was published \*in February 2005.

The preparatory process for the maiden edition was stressful but interesting. We were stretched to go an extra mile in order to get the best. The members of the editorial board were all engaged in the gathering of news articles and the Page planning. The staff advisers had to peruse and edit the planned pages so as to meet the set standard before going to Press. When the Newspaper was published, we were all glad that a Newspaper planned and prepared by students of the Department of Mass Communication was out to communicate and meet the information needs of our audience. The Newspaper was commended by the Management and staff of Covenant University, the University Community and other Universities across the country that came in contact with the newspaper. Even when the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation team visited the department for the accreditation exercise, led by \*Professor Ralph Akinfeleye, the team appreciated the effort the students put into publishing the maiden edition of the Stream Newspaper.

Although, some of the \*outgoing final year students who were members of the editorial board could not participate in the publishing of the second edition of Stream Newspaper because they had to allow the 300 level students take over the responsibility while they concentrated on rounding off their academic programme in the University. They (final year students) could not but express satisfaction in the level of input by the 300 level students to ensure the success of the second edition and also endeavor that the dream for establishing the newspaper and legacy of the pioneering editorial board members was not allowed to end in the doldrums. The names of the pioneering editors are:

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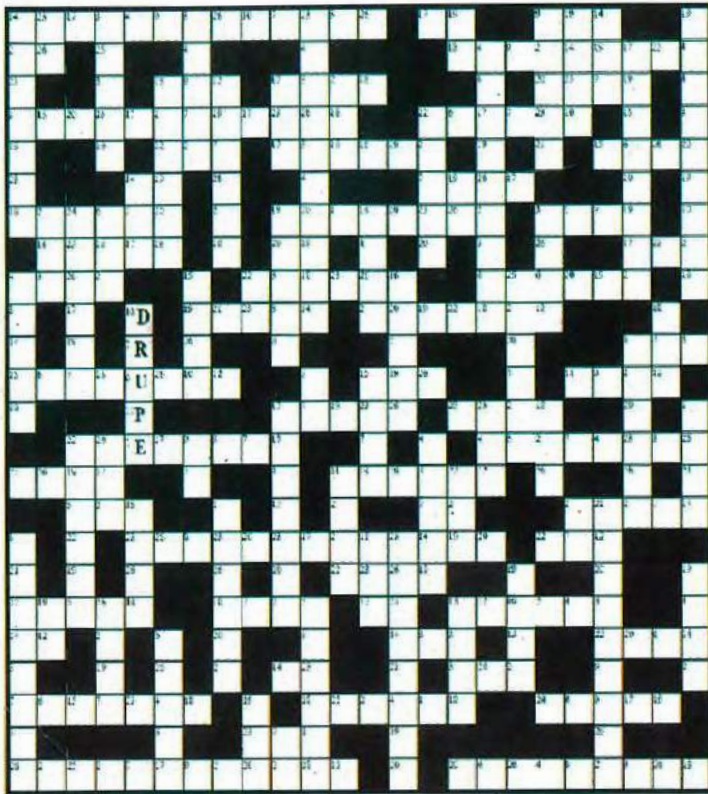
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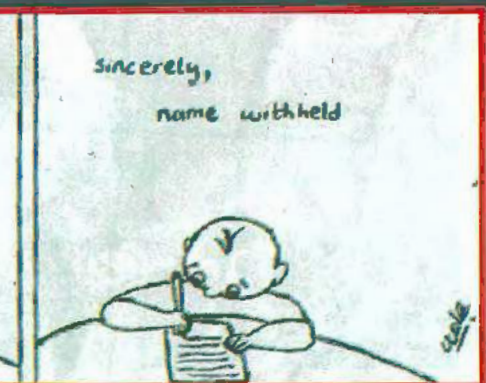
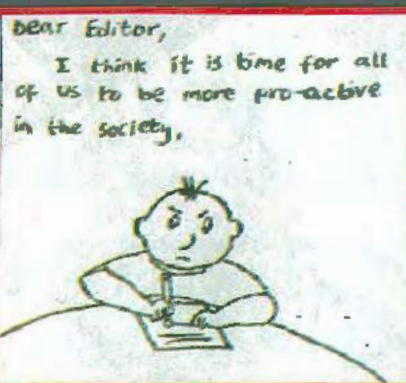
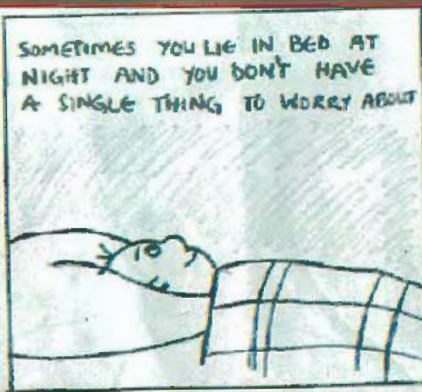
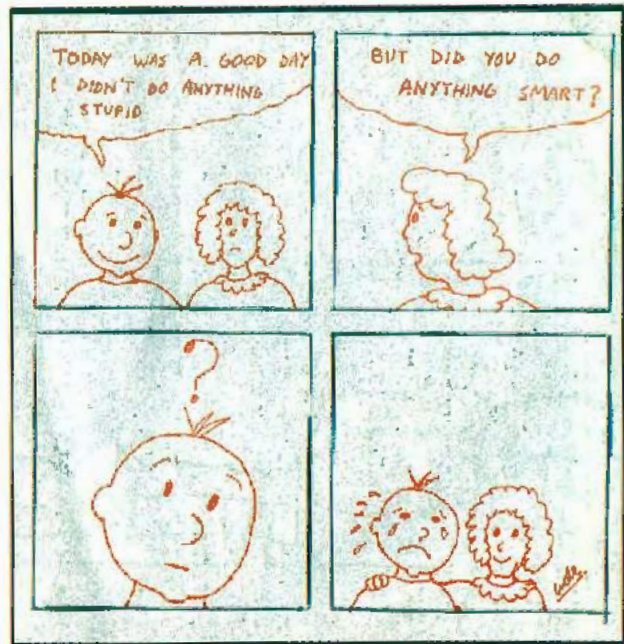
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# EASY STEPS TO HEALTHY HAIR

By Blessing Onoriobe

Women and their hair. There are very few things in life we are more obsessed with. Styling, perming, straightening, highlighting. We spend an incredible amount of time and money on what lies atop our head. This is probably why we suffer distress when something goes wrong with our pride and glory. Such things

simply shouldn't happen... but they always do. There are several steps that we women should follow to be able to achieve that flowing mane that we deserve.

**The first step** is to care for your hair no matter the cost. Women, I know it's difficult, but it's important to



know that your hair is your crowning glory and without care, it can suffer a great loss. So remember to always care for your hair.

## Step 2

Wash your hair regularly: bear with me now, I know it takes time to dry especially when you're going for an occasion, but try visiting a salon where your hair can be taken good care of. Remember, when shampooing do not use harsh shampoos for your hair 'cos its one of the most delicate part of your features. After shampooing, try using a leave-in conditioner to keep your hair from drying out and also use on with a little bit of sunscreen so that the sun does not affect that shiny, lustrous hair.

## Step 3

Hot oil treatments are one of my favorites, it's not hard, just look at it as an investment in the hair department and believe me, it's no loss. Try using hot oil treatments once a month making your hair easier to comb and also imparts great shine. Women look at it this way; it saves those with strong hair from buying new combs anytime it gets broken. Some of the best oils are carrot oil, tea tree oil etc.

## Step 4

This one is kinda easy. I call it steaming your hair. I know a lot of we women know about this 'cos it helps stop breakage of the hair and also puts a stop to split ends. Try it if you haven't, it's fantabulous.

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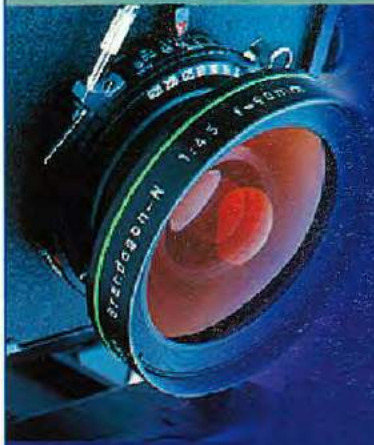
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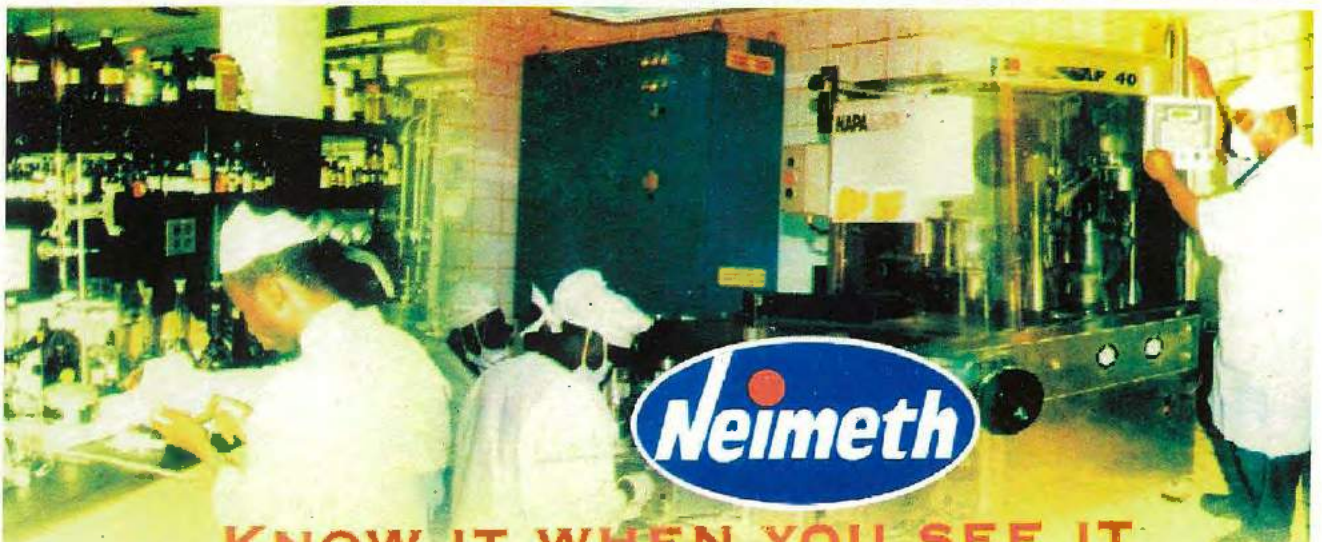
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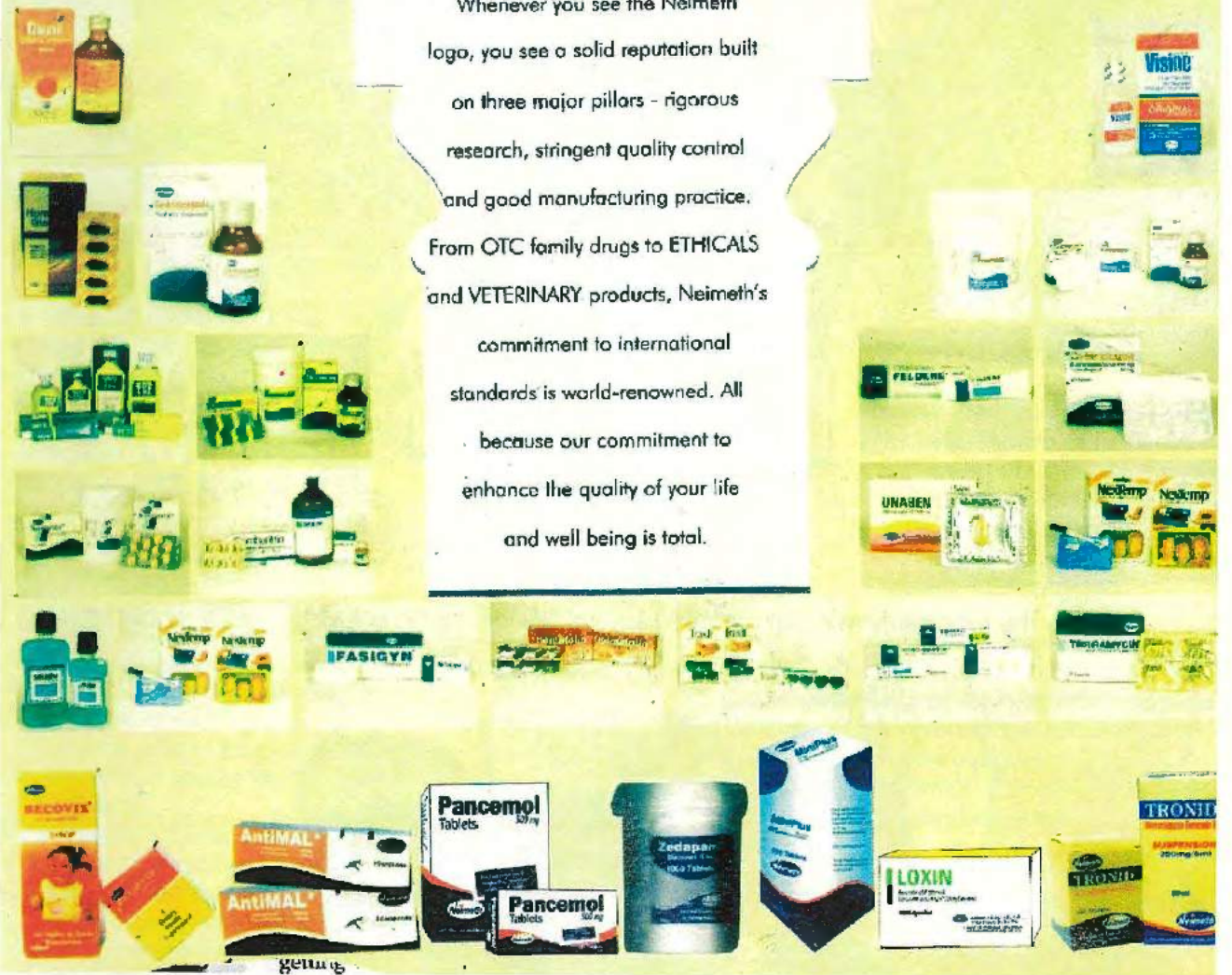
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# Meet Funmilola, an upcoming star

By Folashade Monehin

Whenever we think of football what readily comes to mind is masculinity. But, in our world today, football is no longer a sport for the male gender alone as women now dominate the football pitch just like their male counter part. In Covenant University, this turn is also evident in female football team who has over time shown that, what a man do a woman can do it better and this is where Fumilayo Uju a 200 level student of counseling in covenant university is known as a star. Here, she bares her mind on the football, an hobby that brought her fame in the university community.

**Stream: what is your name, program, and level?**

Uju: I am Funmilayo Uju, a 200 level counseling student of Covenant University.

**Stream: what are your hobbies?**

Uju: reading, playing b-ball and traveling.

**Stream: why football?**

Uju: I really don't know why, its just my passion for the game and the spirit of beauty in the game is all that draws my attention to it.

**Stream: how do you feel when addressed as the best female footballer in C.U.?**

Uju: well, great I guess! I just feel my heart throbbing (like I am going to faint). It brings joy to my heart.

**Stream:: what about your siblings, do they also play football?**

Uju: yes my brother.

**Stream:: how do you feel after every game you play either in victory or loss?**

Uju: whether I loose or win a match doesn't really matter, its all about the joy of being in the game. But I know its fun to win, and I love winning too.

**Stream: what are your plans as far as football is concerned ?**

Do you intend going international ?

Uju: I just love playing it for fun. The truth is that, the game scares me. I am into b-ball.

**Stream: what is your best team, as far as football is concerned?**

Uju: Manchester United.





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COMMENT

# NFA and Sports Development

By Austin Akpan

The crises rocking the Nigerian Football Association can be likened to a little child who is not willing to learn how to crawl but wants to start running. The Nigerian Football Association is not willing to join other nations of the world that are striving to take the game of football to the next level. It is either they are not organizing friendly matches for the super eagles today, or they are not willing to pay for flight tickets for the players and supporters club members to go matches. All these setbacks have been the root cause for the problems living with Nigerian football administration.

Too sad as it may seem, but it is a pitiful to mention that the sports ministry does not wish to learn from their mistakes. The super eagle's failure to qualify for the 2006 world cup in Germany has been credited to poor administration on the part of Nigerian football association. The NFA chairman, Ibrahim Galadima did not help matters when he took a

decisive match for the world cup qualification to Kano, which happens to be his state of origin. The match which was against Angola, a serious contender for the world cup ticket in the same group as Nigeria were expecting to play the match under a highly filled soccer environment such as Lagos or Port Harcourt. But they were fortunate to play a 1-1 draw with the eagles at Kano due to poor weather conditions which affected most of the super eagles players who were foreign based.

It is an obvious fact that the Nigerian football Association is having it bad due to Nigeria's non qualification for the world cup but they are still not doing anything to improve or treat other segments that needs treatment. The Ibrahim Galadima's administration that allegedly did no good to football in the country was re-elected into office again to continue the same style that couldn't produce results.

Not too long, the sports minister, Dr. Muhammed Saidu Sambawa resigned from office stating the problems in the sports ministry were too tough for him to handle. Now he knows there are a lot of problems and the only way he could help is to run out of them. What sort of leadership did he display when he was the sports minister? What sort of development programme was initiated to counter the ills? All these are questions that cannot be answered now.

For a proper development to take place in Nigeria's football, the government should provide funds that will aid training programmes, well educated coaches who know the game should be appointed to handle the team and most importantly when all these have been achieved, the country shouldn't go to sleep but continually strive to maintain and sustain the system.

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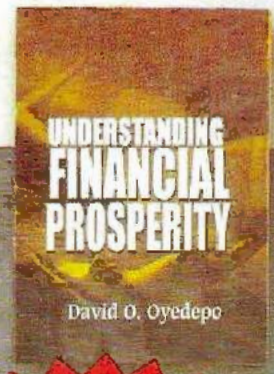
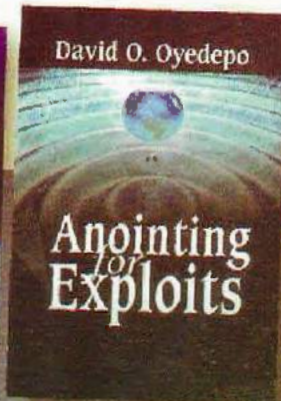
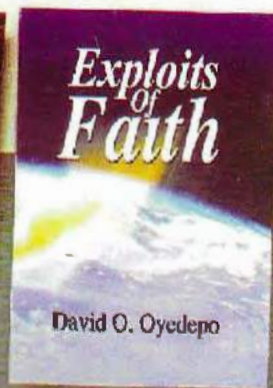
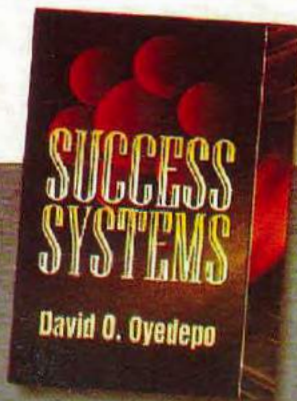
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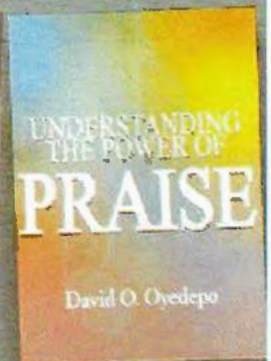
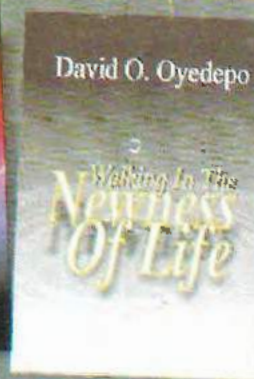
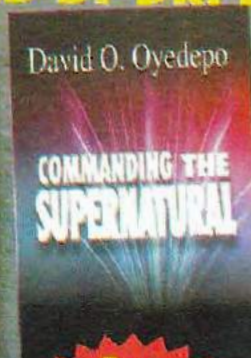
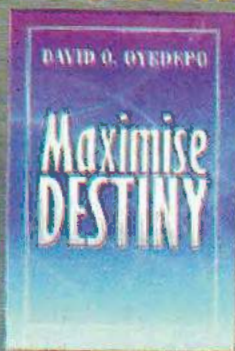
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# CHD makes female football Impressive in CU

By Janet Ufot and Ify Ifeanyinchukwu

The 2005/2006 session's inter-college games in Covenant University took place during this Omega mid semester, recently. The games featured such sports as Basketball, Football, table-tennis, and Lawn tennis etc.

At the preliminary stage, the college of science and technology and the college of business studies were dominating the table, leaving the college of Human development behind, but at the end of the quarter final it was noticed that the college of development Human was moving ahead strongly.

Apart from the fact that the CHD is housing the University student Female coach, the team had an hedge over other teams, and this was because they applied team spirit, which was lacking in other teams. The CHD female football team baffled spectators as they thrashed their opponents, the CBS female team, with 6 goals to 1 on the 17th of June 2006. This astonishing match marked the end of the 2nd inter-college sports competition which lasted for 6 weeks. The CHD team had earlier defeated the CST female team with 2 goals to 1 and they emerged in the finals.

The first and last goals were scored by the captain of the CHD team, Bukola Adesodun, who was admired for her slick dribbling skills. Titi Smith of mass communication 300 level scored the dramatic 2nd goal and Funmi Uju the top striker scored 2 goals more, while Christy Festus, vice chairman of the student council scored the 5th goal. The only goal scored by the CBS team was Wunmi through a penalty shot.

At the end of the match some members of the defeated team lamented while others bowed heads in regret. Oluyeye Bimbo captain of the CBS team complained that the frequent postponement of the match made the team loose its zeal and also that they were not informed on time

about the match.

You will recall during the same competition last year, the CHD team lost out of the games as they were knocked out by both the CBS and CST teams.

In an interview with the university sports coach Mr. Bayo Olatoki, He stated that "the inter-college sports competition was organised in order to discover new talents for the Covenant University female football team."

The CHD team coach Austine Akpan who painstakingly groomed the team from the cradle expressed his happiness by singing praises and returning the glory back to God for the victory. Sports fans voted captain Bukola fondly called bucky as the star of the games



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# Our stadium complex will be a centre of action and attraction

*Coach speaks on the future of sports in Covenant University*

By Marcus Agu and Bukola Oshadare

**Bukola-** Good Afternoon sir

**Coachy-** Good Afternoon, you're welcome

**Bukola-** May we know you sir?

**Coachy-** Hmm... where do I start form? Well, my name is Bayo Oluwatokin. I hail from Oyo state and I attended OAU as well as Ahmadu Bello University and the National Institute for sports, that's the school of the coaches. Apart from the 1st and 2nd degrees, I have also had the privilege of attending several coaching colleges like the FIFA/NFA youth coaching course, CAF/NFA advanced coaching course, then the highest of it all, the FIFA High Level coaching course and by the grace of god, that is so far we've been able to go as regards the profession. But, I've been involved in the job for many years now, close to um... 20years. I was once a footballer, played for several clubs, played for Oyo State Academical, played for NIPOST football club, Ibadan, Water Corporation football club, also Ibadan, and also played for Leventis United. Incidentally, all these clubs have gone into the oblivion now. I also played for my school anyway and I switched over to coaching. I started with the Oyo State Sports Council from where I moved to work with another professional outfit, to work as a technical consultant. That's um... The Sports Consultant and from there, I moved up North where I worked with the Federal College of Education for close to 12 years before coming over to Covenant University and of course, while I was there too, I still had other things doing as serving as a technical consultant to many of the Nigerian professional and premier league teams, designing programmes for coaching clinics and seminars for states, sports councils and local government.

**Marcus-** Your family sir?

**Coachy-** Well, I'm married and have three kids... 2 boys and a girl. The name of my wife is Joke, children, we have Deola, Tola and we have Eniola. Deola and Tola are boys, Eniola is a girl.

**Marcus-** when did you join Covenant University?

**Coachy-** I came in late 2004

**Bukola-** How has your stay in Covenant University been?

**Coachy-** its been a very pleasant experience, I must confess to you though challenging but I think because of my background and exposure, it was like I was being prepared ahead of this assignment to come over here but one good thing is compared to every other places I've worked or I've been involved. One, you are recognized as the man in your field here. It is not the issue of somebody is poking into your issue of: what are you doing there or This is how to do your job and that's one thing, the tools to work with are also made available on time, if not in excess, but we've been enjoying maximum support from the management concerning the assignment.

**Marcus-** when you came, how was the sport scenario like?

**Coachy-** well, you know when you're getting into a

new place, you have to find out what is happening there and that will inform how you'll go about whatever you have in mind. I think, as then, the only majorly known competition that was going on was what was called the *Chancellor's Cup*, then, where they have their inter-club league competition and I think that was the same year the Chancellor donated the trophy for the championship. There wasn't much compared to now. I think it was only limited to football and basketball probably but if we look at that period till now, a lot of things have taken place and we can say that we have expanded the scope of the sporting activities even though we have not reached where we are going, but far far better, at least the level of awareness is more than what we had then.

**Marcus-** How do you picture sporting



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activities in Covenant University in the next five/ten years from now, or is there an already planned outline?

**Coachy-** well, thank you very much. It is one thing to have your own programme and your focus on whatever you want to do, and its another thing to run in line with the vision of the institution. And of course, what we've been trying to do is to tailor what we're doing along the line of the Covenant University vision because anything outside that will make us look like we're not achieving the objectives but all the same, we have programmes that we have put together as projections, the short terms, the long terms, and part of it still has to do with our being engaged with other institutions outside, especially, a participation with other schools.

**Bukola-** Talking about the participation with other schools, why hasn't CU team been granted the opportunity to participate in the Nigerian Private University Games Association (NPUGA) Games.

**Coachy-** Normally when you're laying the foundation, there are a lot of prizes to pay and I believe that's what is happening now with NPUGA games. The way the students will see our going to participate in any competition, the management may not see that way because they see more and because they understand they understand the vision more than the student. That is not saying that the management is not allowing us to go out, but I believe with time, we'll get over that. We are a strong financial member of the Nigerian Private University Games Association, and by the grace of God, the extent to which the association has developed today has been by the major contribution of Covenant University to the extent that if we do not come for any meeting, they want to find out what exactly is happening to us. So we have as part of our plans to fully get involved in taking part in the NPUGA Games. Like this out going session, we had an international invitation that was sent to us from Sweden and I got that through the registrar and later, they even sent to us the brochure for the championship. But as the institution normally does at the beginning of the session, you have to make your budget proposal so it is not something that you just wake up and say: okay, we're going for this, so I think that was one of the major reasons why we could not go for... (searches through his files for the invitation) ...World Inter-University games, Dublin. Covenant University was invited, not that we wrote them, they got the details of our university from the net and they wrote but we couldn't make it. So these are the type of things we look forward to in the nearest future that we'll be able to get involved and project the image of the university

**Bukola-** how do you see co-operation from the students?

**Coachy-** Well, the awareness is still not very high in terms of the participation, I think its because we have several conflicting problems or interests. Take for example, somebody that is supposed to be at the training, will tell you I have dance rehearsals (laughs) so his or her mind is divided into wanting to be at the dance rehearsal and at the same time want to come and train. I think the ability to set priorities right, we're still trying to sort it out but we want to get much more involved in displaying the

inter-varsity friendly especially back at home when we play and other students see, they will get more interested in taking part. I believe that by the time our stadium complex is fully ready, where we more space to do several other things, we'll be able to do that.

**Marcus-** we have noticed that emphasis have not been made on other sporting activities like javelin, throw, and the likes. What do you have to say about that sir?

**Coachy-** yes, its not that there's no emphasis on it, we have it as part of our blue print for track and field athletics but you know the major of track and field double player sport that cannot be done anyhow unlike football that you can colonize a corridor and you're playing. Volleyball, you can colonize it too as well. You cannot start running on concrete, this and some other reasons are why the track and field has been suspended temporarily until our stadium is fully ready and I can tell you that with the priviledged information and involvement, we are having one of the best around in terms of having the tartan track, what is obtainable in any international stadium, either within or outside Nigeria. So when the stadium is fully on ground then we can conveniently accommodate track and filed events. So, we've been having the athletics team training but the rushness were becoming more on the quota there, we had to ask them to suspend because even for them, its not of their interest.

**Bukola-** talking about the stadium, what exactly should we expect of it?

**Coachy-** yes, let me first of all say that the stadium complex is, by the design, a place with facilities that will attract the interest from every part of the society particularly, maybe, our national teams and I can conveniently tell you that like some of the things that we have in there, the sitting capacity is 20,000 to start with and that is also going to be surround with several shopping complex displaying different types of wears and commodities. We're also having the indoor sports, multipurpose, which will also have the fitness rooms, human bathrooms, laboratories for sports, sports library, sports shop, the gym where the students can come and exercise on different types of machine and get more fitter. That's about the indoor and we also have the swimming pool complex. We have the outdoor court for volley ball, basketball, handball, tennis and also in projection is a hall for squash racket game and we have the hockey pitch too and of course you're already



aware of the new cafeteria that is supposed to serve as a resting point after training or a match.

**Bukola-** when should we expect all these?

**Coachy-** Yes, concerning when we expect all these to be on ground, if you've noticed one thing about this commission, there projects are always in phases and once they grab a phase, they make sure the phase is completed within the time set and the same thing has been done t the sports complex. According to the project supervisor for now, it has been divided into two phases. What you're seeing out there is the 1st phase which comprises the construction of the swimming pool complex, the outdoor court, the hockey pitch, the soccer pitch round the long sides while the next place will comprise the 2 bends of the stadium then the indoor sport. So by what is on ground now, we're told to expect the 1st phase to be handed over before December this year, because for the field, what is left is for them to put the sand and then start the planting of the grass.

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# Why Italy won the world cup

By Akpan Austin Okon

The 18th edition of the Football World Cup fiesta had a pulsating end in Berlin, Germany with a 5-3 defeat of France by Italy, via a penalty shoot-out. The final game between the two countries marked the grand finale of a battle of wits which 32 nations started on Saturday, June 9.

Interestingly, this is the first time Italy is lifting the trophy in 24 years. At regulation time scores stood 1-1, causing the match to go into extra time, which ended barren. In the resultant penalty shoot-out, David Trezeguet rammed a shot at the crossbar, while all Italian players ensured they didn't miss any of the penalty kick.

Unfortunately, the real villain of the night was French hero, Zinedine Zidane who put France in the lead through a penalty kick after Florent Malouda was brought down by Marco Materazzi in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute. Zidane was unceremoniously sent off the pitch after he gave Materazzi an ugly head-butt in the extra time. Despite the shameful end Zidane had in the final game, this football maestro was still voted the Most Valuable Player of the tournament and with that award he gave a humble bow to put an end to international football.




The Italians got the equalizer through Pirlo's dead-ball delivery. The AC Milan midfield maestro whipped over a corner from the right and Materazzi thumped a header past Fabian Barthez.

It was actually a French night as they showed promise all through the second




half with Thiery Henry, Florent Malouda and Ribery who did all they could to crack the rock solid defence of the Italians.

This victory capped an incredible period for Italian football, with the domestic game embroiled in a corruption scandal similar to 1982 when they last won the World Cup. They have now won the competition four times, one fewer than Brazil, and it is the first time they managed to win a World Cup match on penalties after three failed attempts.



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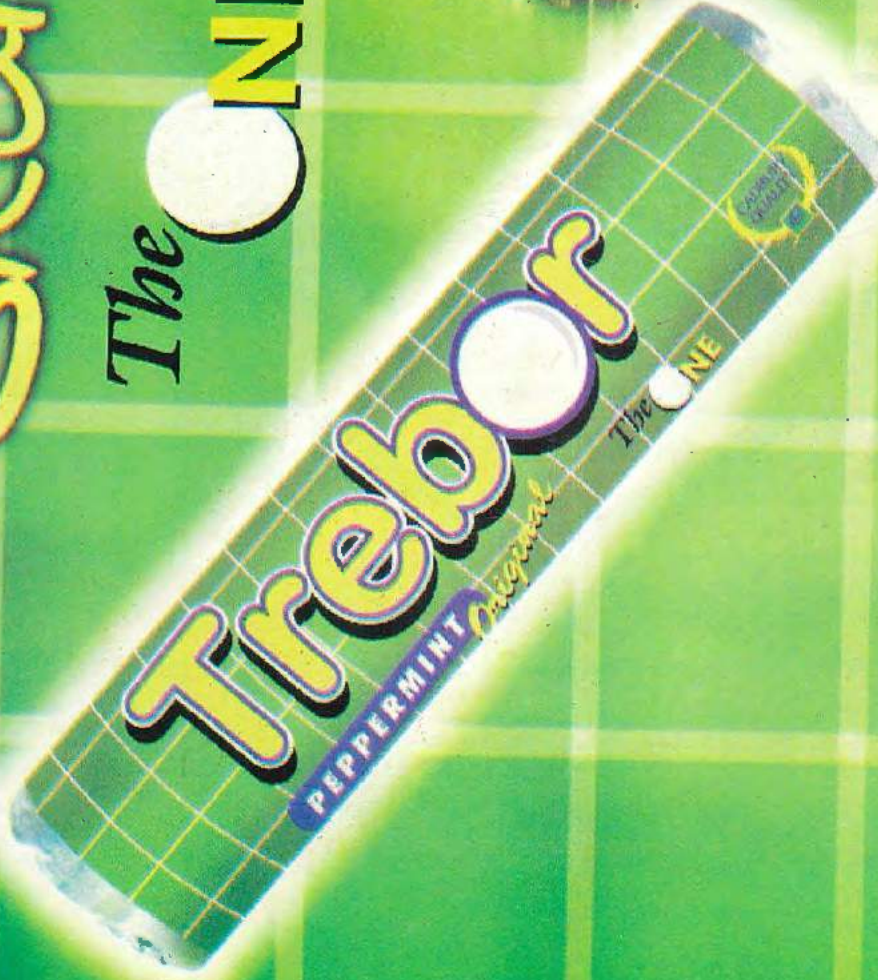
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