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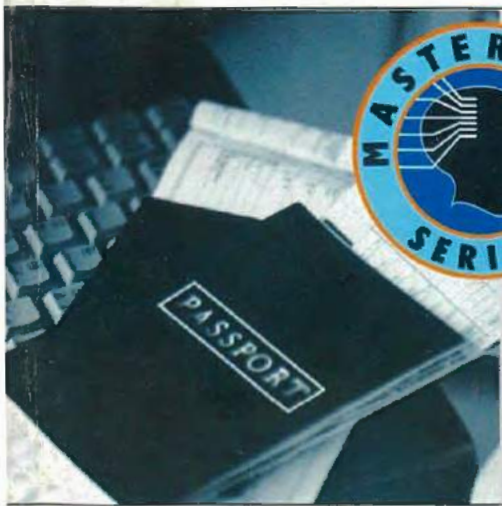
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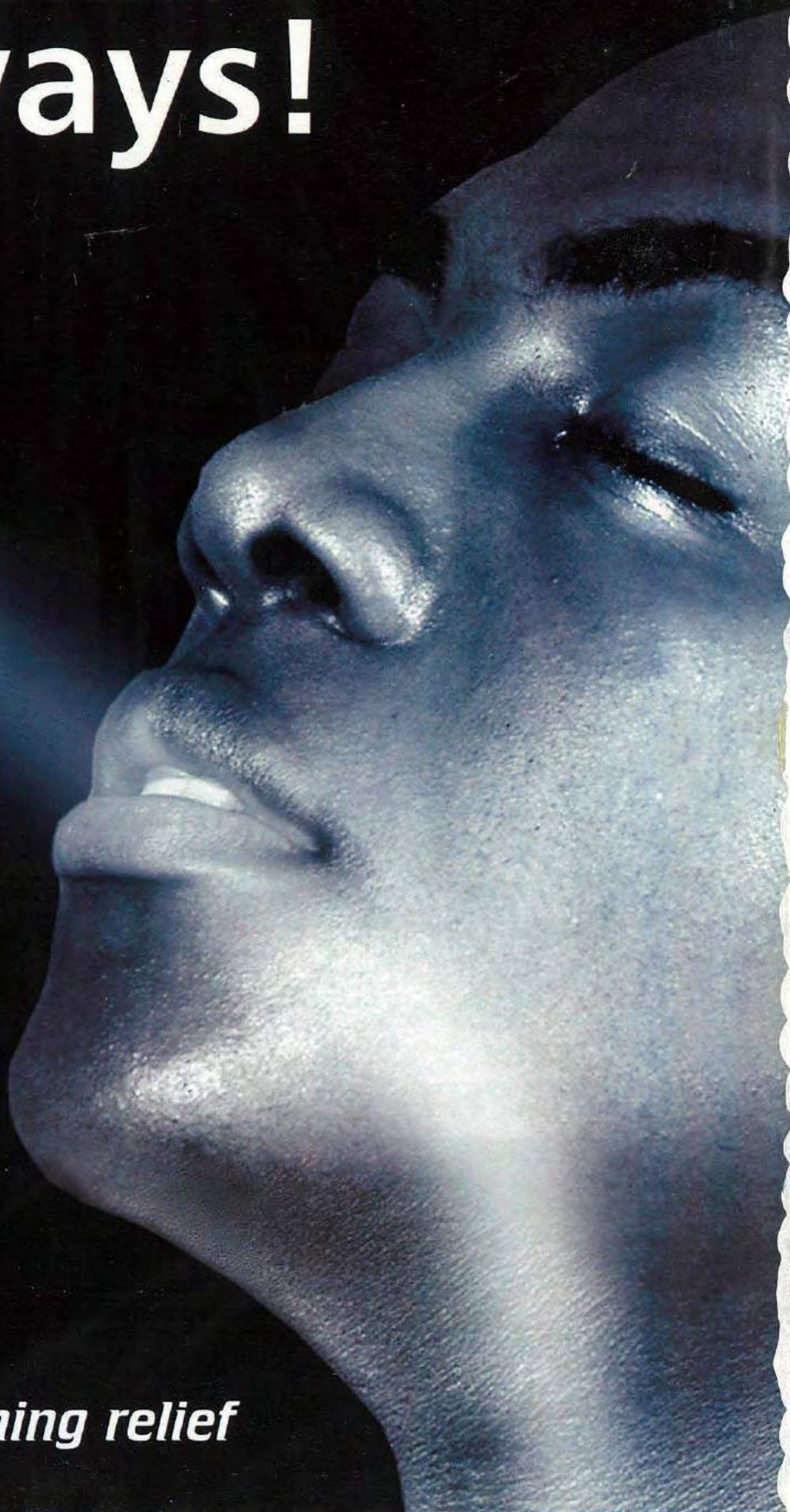
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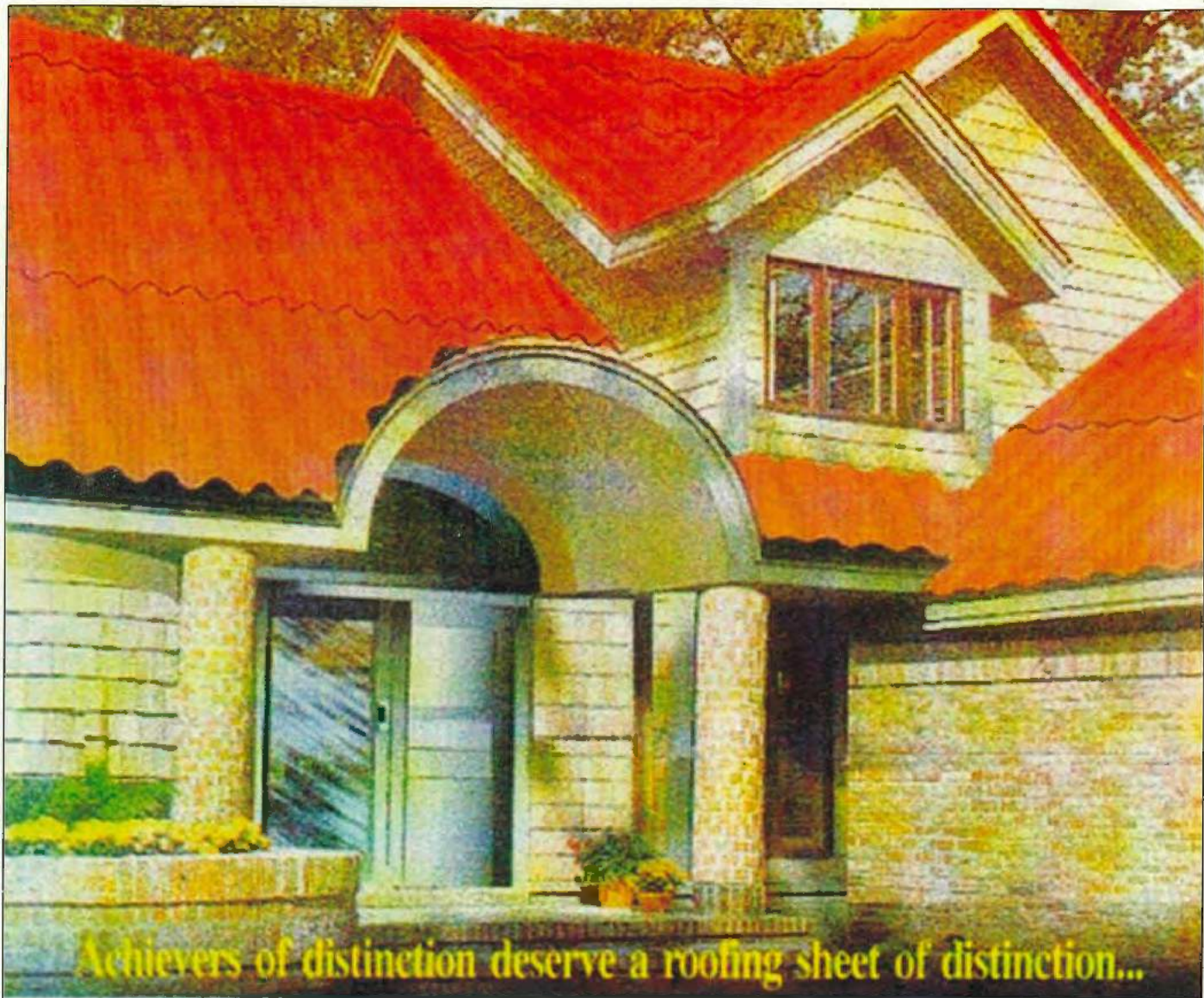
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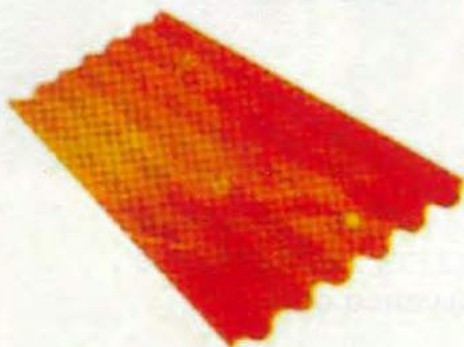
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# Stream Attains Greater Heights

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to our academic father and Head of Department, Professor Segun Odukomaya for his great leadership and words of encouragement. We appreciate his drive for academic excellence. Our instructor, Mr. Dokun Omojola is a rare mentor, who taught us with

This edition is fully loaded. Besides news and tidbits, we bring you a special report on the 2007 Covenant University Convocation event, the world of Jimoh Ibrahim, as well as the testimony of a student who gained victory over pornography. This 120-page presentation also contains rules on entrepreneurship, raising value-based leaders, reviews, humour, and leisure and a write-up on the history of basketball among many others.

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## ICAN accredits Covenant University

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) at a recent ceremony organised by the Institute at Airport



**Dr. Catherine Okpareke**

Hotel, Ikeja, issued Covenant University a certificate of

professional accreditation. The University was represented at the event by the Dean of College of Business and Social Sciences, Professor Matthew Ajayi and former Head, Department of Accounting, Professor Famous Izedonmi.

The accreditation provides accounting students of CU with the opportunity to be exempt from some stages in ICAN professional examination. The certification was sequel to ICAN Accreditation Team's visit to the university in 2006 to assess the professional compliance of its accounting programme.

It will be recalled that on Tuesday February 13, 2007 Covenant University played host to a high powered delegation from the Institute of Character Accountants of

Nigeria (ICAN) led by its former President, Dr. Catherine Okpareke. The visit opened a new vista of opportunities for the University.

## CU emerges as Nigeria's Best ICT-driven University 2007, wins Commonwealth Award

Covenant University is Nigeria's best ICT-Driven University of the year, courtesy of ICT Africa. At the awards night which was held at Lagos Sheraton Hotel and Towers on Friday, April 6, 2007, the institution was acknowledged as the best Nigerian higher institution that has taken full advantages of the enormous opportunities that abound in

## CU Clocks Five Years, Sinks 6 Bore Holes In Ota

Covenant University clocked five years on Sunday 21st of October 2007. The institution opened its doors to the first set of student at a ground breaking ceremony conducted by the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo and the principal officers of the University in 2002. As part of its social responsibility the institution will sink six giant bore holes to boost water supply in Ota community to enhance the socio-economic conditions of the sprawling city. The University, over the years, has enjoyed good working relationship with the host community. The line up of programs for the



## CU Media Centre

anniversary included novelty football match, Students Cantata, Community development, drama presentation and a special

thanksgiving service held at the faith terbanacle on Sunday to wrap up the celebration.



information and communication technologies. According to the organizers of the colourful event which attracted key players in the Nigerian ICT industry, CU emerged winner in the private universities category after a survey conducted by ICT Africa. The purpose of the award is to celebrate men and women, organisation and institutions that by dint of hard work and commitment have distinguished themselves in the application of ICT in the conduct of their businesses.

Covenant University was awarded the Commonwealth and Scholarship Prizes and Awards (CSPA 2007) as the Private University with most improved ICT Programme and facilities. The award board CSPA is an Organisation committed to the recognition of excellence in the nations of the Commonwealth and the exercise is being conducted by a Panel of experts and Postgraduate Commonwealth Scholars in the United States of America, United Kingdom and other parts of Europe.

### ICT Certification Laboratory Opens in CU

After emerging as the best ICT-Driven institution, Covenant University has consolidated this award by launching a state of the - arts ICT Certification Laboratory at the University's College of Science and Technology (CST).

The event had in attendance notable and academic giants in the country including the Chancellor Of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, Executive Secretary of the

National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Okojie, his immediate predecessor, Prof Peter Okebukola, Executive Secretary of Economic Commission for Africa, Prof Adebayo Adedeji, Vice Chairman of new Horizon, Prof. J. M. Amodu, principal officers of the University, among others. The initiative is a product of ICT training partnership between the University and the New Horizon, a world leading ICT company.

The initiative provides Covenant University students



With world-class skills that make them self sufficient at graduation and also make it easier for them to gain employment in the ever-growing ICT global employment market.

The Chancellor, Dr. Oyedepo commended the Covenant University/New Horizon Partnership, saying that it was the best way to go in terms of the future of ICT development in the future of ICT development in Nigerian University. He promised that the University would continue to blaze the trail in the provision of ICT infrastructure

for its staff and students.

### CU, a world class University in the making - Njoku

The pioneer Vice Chancellor of Michael Okpara University, Umudike and a former Director with the National Universities Commission, Professor Placid Njoku has declared Covenant University a World class institution in the making.

Prof.Njoku made this statement while delivering a lecture titled "Quality Imperatives and World Class Standard: Positioning University In Africa for the 21ST Century" at the second convocation week of the University in July.

Prof.Njoku identified globalisation as the principal factor that shapes university education. According to him, the typical phenomena and characteristics associated with globalisation include global networking global transfer and interflow in technological , economic, social, political , cultural, and learning aspects , international alliance and competitions, international collaboration and exchange, global village, multicultural integration, and use of international standards and benchmarks.

He also identified, growing social demand and expansion of higher education system, privatization of higher education, the new public management concept, globalisation and international trade agreement, general agreement and borderless market, information and communications technology as the interrelated factors that



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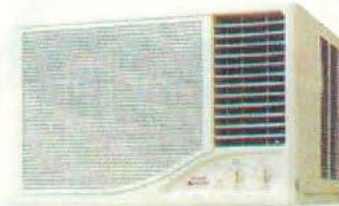
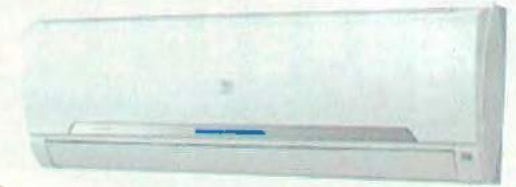
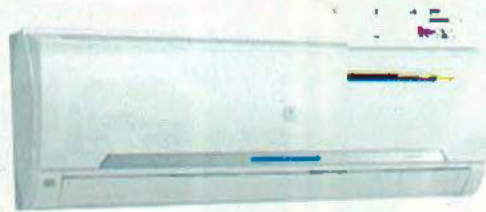
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have driven the greater importance attributed to quality assurance in higher education.

Professor Njoku identified ten attribute of a world class University. These attributes include talented body of students, outstanding staff and staff, excellence research, academic freedom to pursue knowledge, good management, adequate funding and facilities, diversity of programmes, international presence, use of information and communications technology, high quality of teaching and good network with the local community. Professor stressed that these factors were evident in Covenant University but noted that little adjustment still had to be made especially in the areas of networking with the local community and better information and communications technology. The don advised the university management to ensure the whole and not just a segment of the campus is connected to the internet.

He submitted that as a seed, Covenant University has been on a good soil and is yielding bountifully under the leadership of the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo.

### Covenant University And REPRONIG agree On copyright

Covenant University has signed a copyright agreement with the Reproduction Right Society of Nigeria (REPRONIG), a collecting society for Nigerian Copyright Commission; thus becoming the first university to do so.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aize Obayan, led the team that signed the agreement. The

Registrar, Yemi Nathaniel, the Chairman of REPRONIG, Otunba Yinka Lawal Solarin, and the Executive Director, Dr Inyang Ekanem were also present at the event.

The signing of this reproduction agreement is Covenant University's way of respecting Nigeria's copyright laws and showing concern for the rights of intellectual property owners. The agreement is designed to protect such intellectuals and to reward them for their efforts.

By this agreement, the University will be given a license to allow its staff and students make photocopies of copyright-protected materials. However, the license attracts an annual fee, which will be distributed to stakeholders of intellectual property through REPRONIG's Member Associations.

### FCMB Plans Partnership with Covenant University

The management of First City Monument Bank (FCMB) Plc made their presence known at the last convocation of Covenant University, as the bank sponsored the cocktail organised in honour of the guest lecturers that were



Lai Balogun M.D. - FCMB

invited for the 2007 Convocation Week.

Messrs Austin Aschar and Kehinde Otuniga said their bank had a cooperate strategy with a focus on wealth creation and financial intelligence. Otuniga stressed that the bank selected Covenant University for the cocktail because of the institution's integrity and sound undergraduate education.

The bank is expected to resume operations on Campus in 2007/2008 academic session if her proposal is approved by the School's management. It will be recalled that FCMB conducted screening exercise for the last graduates. The successful ones are expected to do their national service at any branch of the bank anywhere they are posted, thus giving them the opportunity to be employed after their service.

### Graduating Students Name Oyedepo Father Of Kings

The Chancellor of Covenant University Dr. David Oyedepo in a carnival like variety night specially organized for the 2007 graduating students, was named the Father of Kings.

According to the spokesperson for the graduating class, Festus Christie, Dr. Oyedepo is not only the Chancellor of Covenant University but a father who has diligently nurtured kings and queens to take positions of authority everywhere they found themselves around the world through his fatherly words of admonition.

The Chancellor was decorated with an ephod and a rod with a crown on it as a symbol of the



new name and office that he is occupying. His wife Pastor (Mrs.) Faith was decorated with a Crown as Mother of Queens. The Vice - Chancellor Professor Aize Obayan was not left out as she was given a wand which symbolizes her position as the arrowhead in the running of the university. Prof. Aize could not hold back her tears in her remarks as she appreciated them greatly for the honour conferred on her by the graduands.

It was a night to remember as the audience was thrilled with a number of highly creative performances from both in-house and external artist. Comedians such as Holy Mallam, Owen G, Lepacious Bose and Bennard gave the audience rib cracking jokes. Mid-night crew a popular gospel group took the night to its peak as it thrilled the audience with a blend of traditional praise singing and gospel fuji.

### **Alele Williams calls for Contributions in cash And kind to improve educational institutions**

The first female Vice Chancellor in Nigeria, Professor Grace Alele Williams has called on the general public to contribute both in cash and kind toward the improvement of the Nigeria's educational institutions.

She made this call in July 2007 during a public lecture titled "Rebuilding our Fallen Walls: University Education and Human Capital Development Challenges The way forward." at a week long

ceremony marking the second convocation of Covenant University at the University Chapel in Ota.

Prof. Alele Williams said "if a Country doesn't invest in its Universities, it denies itself the presence of highly trained, skilled and knowledgeable persons who are creative and who can initiate changes that will improve its standard of living".

She also suggested that the way forward for the Nigerian institution is to emphasize the need to create awareness for all Africans, rich or poor, young or old in rural and urban areas that education is not free and cannot be free.

### **Banks Screen Graduating Students For employment**

Recently, Zenith, Guarantee Trust, Oceanic, Intercontinental and First city monument Banks were at Covenant University recently to conduct a screening exercise for the fresh graduates. Covenant University has a culture of producing an army of highly disciplined and qualitative graduates. This culture in recent years has attracted leading organizations in different sectors of the economy for partnership and most especially to recruit the



**Professor Grace Alele Williams**



new generation of leaders that graduate yearly. The successful candidates are expected to serve in any branch of the banks across the nation.

## Prof. Okojie Visits CU

National Universities Commission Executive Secretary, Professor Julius Okojie paid Covenant University an official visit on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

Professor Okojie praised Covenant University for its achievements, saying that the University had done more than Harvard did during the first century of its existence. The NUC helmsman who said



**Professor Julius Okojie -**  
*Executive Secretary of NUC*

this during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Prof Aize Obayan said the University had got to a level where it should easily attract students from other West African countries.

Prof Okojie, while giving situational report of the state of university education in the country and the efforts of his

regulatory body in driving quality assurance in the system, said education should be driven by demands of the open market, adding that the hope of tertiary education in Nigeria lies in the private universities. He promised that his commission would continue to address the issue of emancipation of education in Nigeria.

## CU holds Public Lecture on "The Soccer Pitch and the Political Arena in Nigeria"

A lecture, titled, "The Soccer Pitch and The Political Arena in Nigeria", was delivered by a renowned political scientist and expert in democratization, Professor Mathew Ola-Rotimi Ajayi on Thursday, February 22, 2007.

The lecture, which was the 10th in the series, was an in-depth and intellectual analysis of the nation's politics from the platforms of the rules of the game, the character of the players, and the configuration of the playing field, as well as some challenges and prescriptions towards democratic consolidation in Nigeria. Professor Ajayi, a fullbright scholar, Dean of Social Sciences Faculty and Head of Department of Strategic Studies, Covenant

University has published widely in reputable outlets across the continents of the world. His research interests span across the fields of comparative politics, political economy, especially labour politics, democratization and civil society. The lecture was chaired by the Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo.

## Zenith Bank Partners CU on ICT

One of the biggest companies in the banking industry, Zenith Bank Plc has shown interest to partner with the Management of Covenant University in the area of ICT

The Managing Director of the Bank, Mr. Jim Ovia, who made this disclosure recently, said the Management of the bank has approved the construction of an ICT Centre to be equipped with full Internet facilities at the University. Mr. Ovia said the decision to build the centre was in recognition and support of the University's laudable initiatives and aspiration towards the enhancement of the quality of tertiary education in Nigeria. It will be recalled that, on March 31, 2007, a 3- man



**Mr. Jim Ovia**  
C.E.O. Zenith Bank



team from the Bank led by Mr.Uche Oga, a senior manager paid a courtesy visit to the university to cement the partnership and also to inspect the site for the centre. According to Mr.Oga, Zenith Bank has observed the high quality of CU graduates and therefore decided to also partner with it in the area of recruitment of best students of the university.

**CU inaugurates alumni**

In a three-day event, which started on Friday, April 6, 2007, Covenant University played host to its graduates who came back to the Campus for the inaugural meeting of the Alumni Association. While welcoming the Eagles back on campus, the

Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, said the summit would, among other things, renew and make the delegates to soar higher than they ever imagined. The Chancellor said the Alumni Association, like every positive association, would advance those who associate with it, adding that like a battery it would also charge and keep them moving in the positive directions. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Obayan who also welcomed the delegates back to campus, said their homecoming was very symbolic as it represented the roosting of the eagle for renewal. She told them that the University was doing everything possible beyond the National Universities Commission (NUC) benchmarks to ensure that it attained the world-class status in the nearest future.

The Alumni Association elected a seven man executive to pilot its affairs. The officers are Olumuyiwa A. Faduga, President; Morenike O.Oso, Vice President Adebayo C. Akomolafe, Executive Secretary; Sonia A. Obanua, Deputy Executive Secretary; Ayobola I. Adebisi, Financial Secretary; Reginald E. Bassey, Publicity Secretary and Stanley U. Okafor, University Relations Secretary.

**CU Hosts Copeland, Dollar**

Covenant University between May 16 and 18,2007 had the privilege of playing host to



Dr. Creflo Dollar

three of the greatest Christian leaders of our time ,Pastors Kenneth and Gloria Copeland of the Charismatic Worldwide Movement and Dr. Creflo Dollar of the World Changers Church International USA. They were in the University for a programme tagged "Open Heaven Conference" hosted by the Chancellor Dr. David Oyedepo at the Faith tabernacle , Canaan Land ,Ota. Covenant University

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community had an awesome experience, especially on the first day when Dr. Dollar addressed the University faculty, staff and student at the University Chapel. In his teaching titled "how to manage life on everyday basis" Dr. Dollar said one needs to balance his or her life physical and intellectual development with the development of his spirit man in order to be a man or woman of impact. He urged people to crave for power, which he gave its acronym P for planning, O for organization, W for work, E for enthusiasm and R for reward. In a farewell dinner organised for the visitors Kenneth Copeland, praised Covenant University for its achievements so far and commended the University for its cooperate packaging.

### Engineering Complex ready for occupation

The management of Covenant University has completed the Engineering building which is located opposite the University Sport complex. The massive structure houses the various engineering department and workshops to cater to the practical needs of students. With this new development, the

engineering students can boast of world class equipment that is being put in place.

### CU opens ultra-modern guest house

The management of Covenant University, has constructed an ultra-modern guest house. The guest house which is built to international standard, is made up of a swimming pool,



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**CU Students Win International Awards**

Two Covenant University students in the College of Science and Technology (CST), Esuong Michael N and Ikeire Tarela John won medals during the third edition of International Exhibition for

Young Investor held in New Delhi, India between 13th and 16th February, 2007. The Award was the outcome of a highly exceptional creative work exhibited by both students in their course of study. Two other students from the College of Business and Social Sciences (CBS) also won separate international awards.

Terhemba, U Aindigh a Policy and Strategic Studies won the 2007 St. Gallen Wings of Excellence Award. Competitors in this year's challenge submitted their thoughts and visions on the theme of the St. Gallen Symposium 2007, "The Power of Natural Resources", out of which Terhemba emerged as one of the best 200 students

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that were invited to Switzerland between May 31 to June 2, 2007.

Afolabi Ogunde an accounting student also won the Goldenmen Sachs Africa Initiative 2007 award. The Goldenmen Sachs Spring Internship Program is for undergraduate students currently in the first year of a three year course or the second year of a four year course studying in Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.

### Spiritual Library Opens at CU

The management of Covenant University last April added to the services that its library offers by opening a spiritual and leadership section (SLD) to cater to the spiritual needs of the university community. Materials in this section are over three thousand volumes both in books and multimedia



### CU Spiritual Library (interior)

marriage, leadership just to mention a few.

The center is divided into two different sections, a section for books and the other for multimedia, adequately equipped with headphones, television, audio and video tape players for the viewing

generation of leaders that are both academically and spiritually fit to take on the challenges that is facing Nigeria and Africa at large by developing a strong capacity through books and tapes of men and women who are already making waves in their various fields.

### CU Signs Agreement with Socketworks

The management of Covenant University on January 29, 2007 signed a memorandum of Understanding with the Socketworks, an Information and Communications Technology firm.

Socketworks is to power the College Portal which will enable the University to be accessible online anywhere in the world. This new development will facilitate on-line registration for courses, access examination results, payment of school fees as well as other activities which would have only been done on Campus.

The initiative has since kicked off operations.



### CU Spiritual Library (outside)

which are in different categories such as faith, prayer, love, healing, power, purity, holiness, destiny,

and listen pleasure of the users of the library. Covenant University has a mandate to raise a new



# Princeton tops best Universities in America

**P**rinceton holds the top spot in the latest U.S. news & World Report college rankings, the year the private, New Jersey school has either tied or held the top slot outright. Just like last year, Princeton was followed by Harvard at No. 2 and Yale at No. 3 in the controversial rankings. As usual, a few schools moved up or down a slot, but there were no major changes. Stanford was No. 4, followed by Cal Tech and the University of Pennsylvania tied for fifth. Williams and Amherst were the highest-ranked liberal arts colleges. The rankings, which hit newsstands Monday in the magazine's annual "America's Best Colleges" guide, are facing particularly vocal complaints this year from a group of colleges and educators working to develop an alternative to the system.

So far, the group led by education activist Lloyd Thacker hasn't formally enlisted any of the top-ranked schools. But the magazine has to one complaint: that the rankings punish schools for enrolling low-income students. For this year, U.S. news is factoring the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants into its school's "graduation rate performance." Also this year: the magazine has included the service academies. The U.S. Naval Academy ranked No. 20 in the liberal arts college category, and the U.S. Military Academy is No. 22. Force Academy leads the list of "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the western region. The formula for the rankings includes variables such as graduation and retention rates, financial resources, and the percentage of alumni donating money to their alma mater. The single variable - and the most controversial - is a reputation assessment by peer



*Front view of Princeton's chemistry library*

institution.

The top 10 national universities were:

- 1) Princeton University
- 2) Harvard University
- 3) Yale University
- 4) Stanford University
- 5) California Institute of Technology
- 6) University of Pennsylvania (tie)
- 7) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 8) Duke University
- 9) Columbia University
- 10) University of Chicago

## Harvard University's Endowment Hits \$34.9 Billion

**R**euters reported in August 2007 that the endowment of Harvard University, already America's richest university grew to a new high of \$34.9 billion, boosted by bets on emerging markets, real estate and private equity. Returns for fiscal 2007, which ended June 30, grew 23 percent, significantly above the 16.7 percent gain posted for 2006 and the 19.2 percent gain reported for 2005. The endowment is not a single fund but roughly 11,000 individual funds, many restricted to specific uses like scientific research or the creation of a professorship, the university said.

Harvard, whose investments are closely watched in the asset management industry, also extended its run of beating its internal benchmark and besting the average university's investment returns. The Ivy League school made headlines last month when it lost \$350 million after Sowood Capital, a hedge fund run by a former Harvard employee with whom the university invested, collapsed.

What started with problems in the subprime mortgage market quickly spread and pushed global stock markets lower, hurting many funds, including Sowood. The school said the Sowood loss would have translated into a decline of about 1 percent on a stand-alone basis. But the portfolio actually gained 0.4 percent in July because of its positioning and strong risk management. John

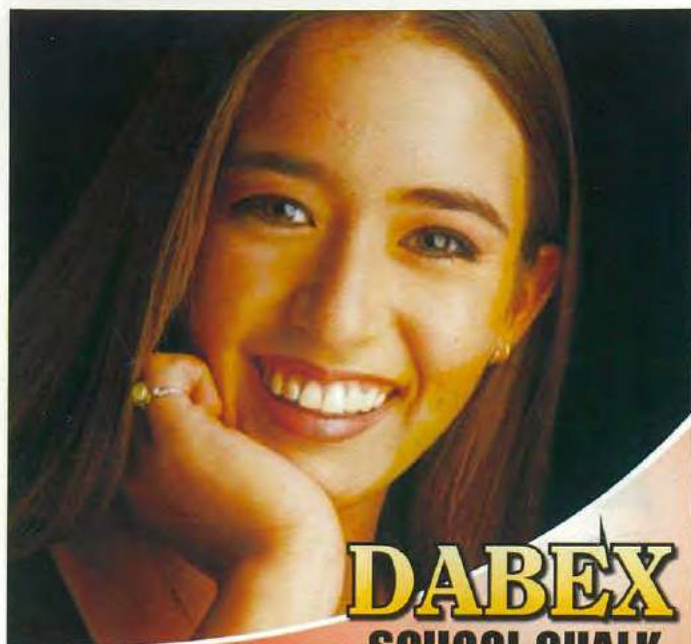
Longbrake, a university spokesman, declined to say how the portfolio was faring in August, as sharp moves in the yen, metals and stocks left some hedge funds with heavy losses and others able to turn July's declines into gains.

Harvard, unlike many universities, still manages a chunk of its endowment in-house at its Harvard Management Company unit. It also relies on outsiders, including HMC alumni, who have launched their own hedge funds, to invest much of the money donated by former students.

Mohamed El-Erian, who replaced Jack Meyer as HMC's president in 2006, is an influential emerging markets bond specialist. And for the second straight year, investments in emerging markets posted the year's highest total return.

Since arriving in Boston, where HMC is located, from California where he worked at Pacific Investment Management Co., El-Erian has rebuilt HMC's depleted staff and implemented other changes. HMC said it restructured the allocations it made to external managers, but gave no details. Looking ahead HMC plans to concentrate on under-exploited market segments to help develop new investment vehicles. El-Erian said Harvard plans to be more transparent about its structure, activities and governance, setting an example in an industry well-known for its secrecy.





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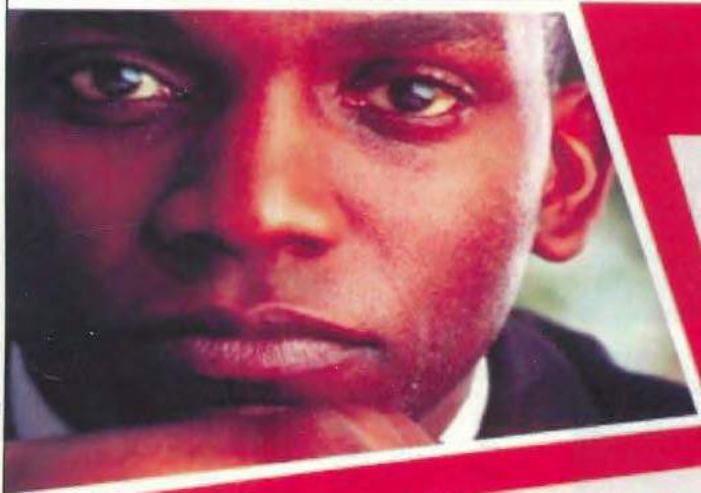


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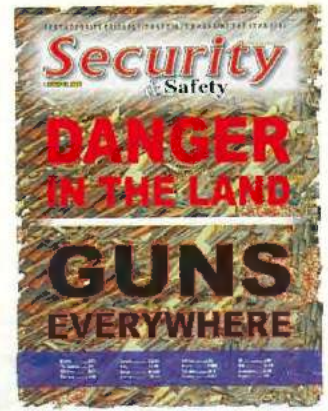
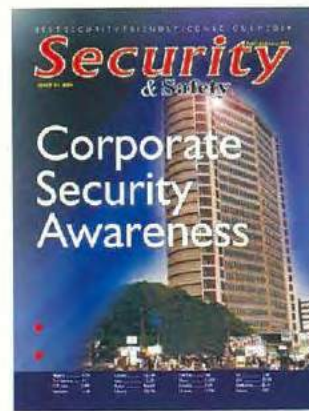
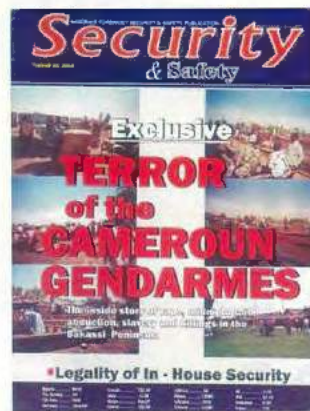
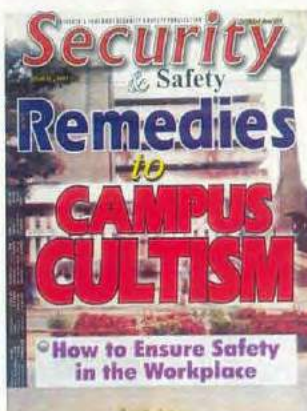
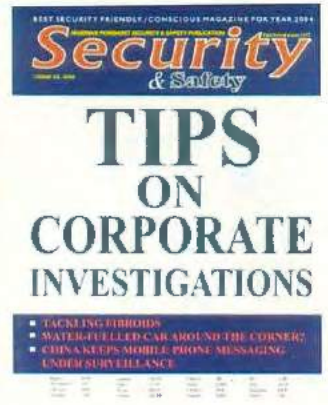
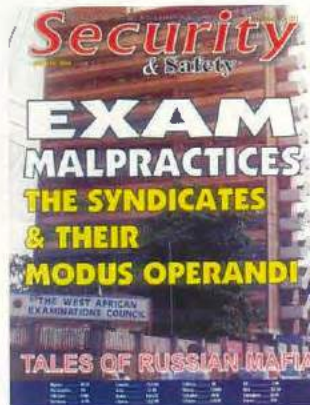
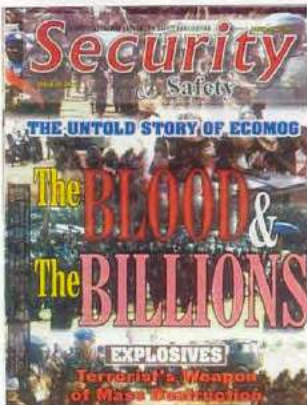
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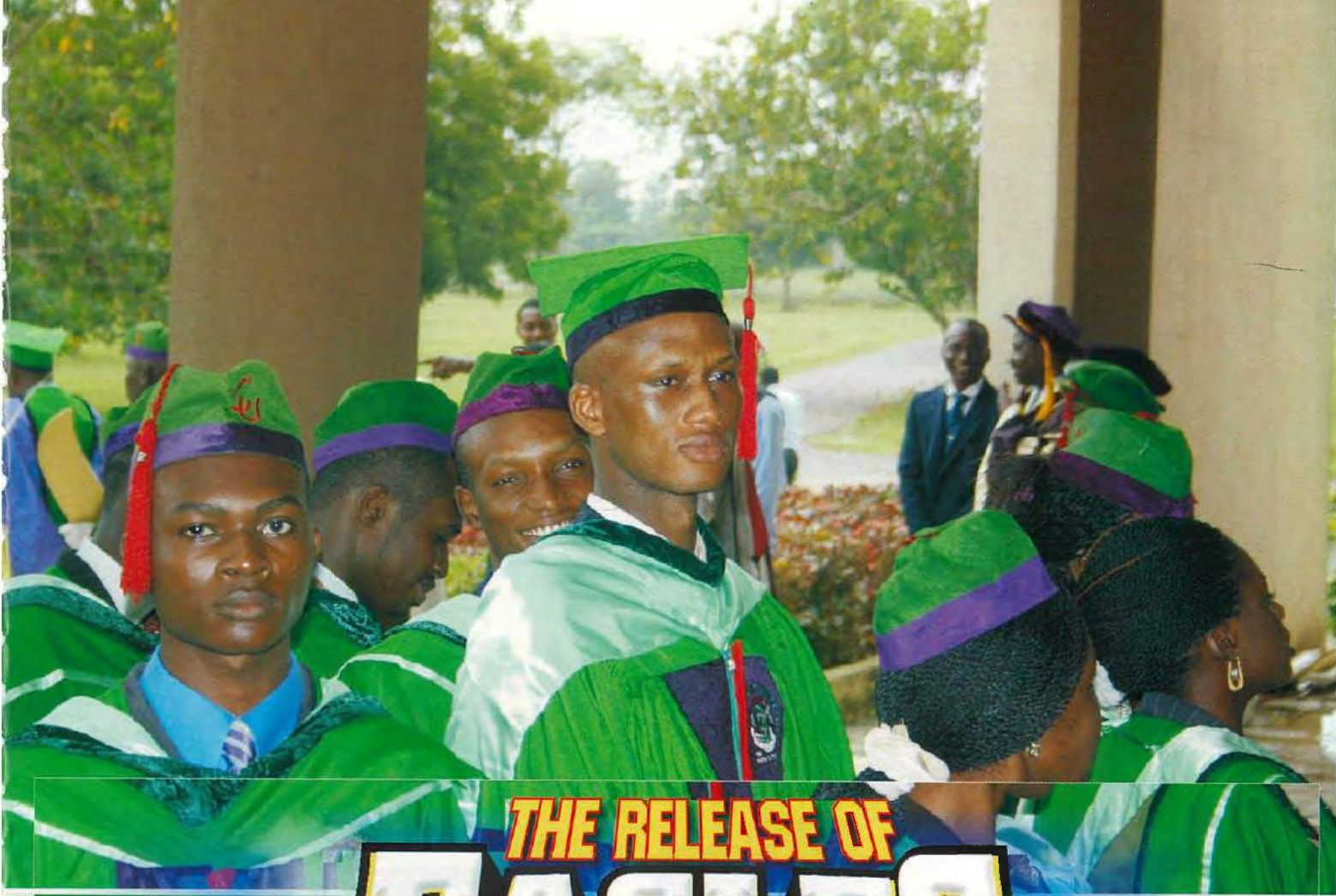


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# THE RELEASE OF EAGLES 2007

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## Covenant University Graduates 1220

By Akinola Alabi, Shalewa Ashimi, Ife Adeniyi and Chima Iwuamadi

**I**t was a time of joy, happiness and praise to God as the second set of Nigeria's new generation of leaders graduated from Covenant University (CU). The event which took place on Friday, July 20, 2007 inside the magnificent Faith Tabernacle in Canaanland Ota, was witnessed by

TABLE 1	
First Degree	1212
Master's Degree	6
Ph.D.	2

thousands of people who traveled far and near, including the Governor of Cross River State Liyel Imoke, Mr Gamaliel Omosode, the Executive

Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Julius Okojie, Prof. Jerry Gana and several other eminent personalities. The Friday convocation was the grand finale of a series of events which began earlier in the week with world press conference addressed by the Chancellor, Dr. David



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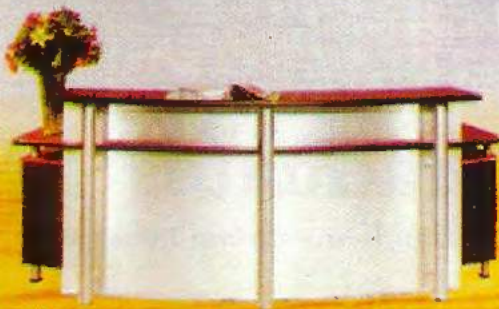
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This year had more graduates than that of 2006 which was about 700, as 1,220 passed out with 1212 first degrees, six master's and two doctorate degrees. Accounting had the biggest harvest of all the programmes with 22 in the first class, 194 in the second class and 8 in the third class categories (see table).

Dr. Oyedepo, in his address, said the prevalent situation of poverty, crisis and conflict on the African continent had necessitated the need to raise a new generation of leaders within the context of such core values as spirituality, mentality, capacity building, integrity, responsibility, diligence and sacrifice.

He stressed that Covenant University is an institution where a self-reliant and solution-driven mentality is instilled with a special focus on human development issues which are tackled on the academic platform.

According to him, the university's efforts at promoting mental productivity is driven by the compelling need to effect the desired change by departing from "form to skill, knowledge to empowerment, figures to future building, legalism to realism, points to facts and mathematics to life-matics."



The Chancellor, **Dr. David Oyedepo**

He also stressed that towards this end, many achievements have been recorded which are evidence to justify the establishment of the university as well as address the mis-education which over the years had been the bane of Africa. These include the organization of world class exhibitions, conferences and workshops where relevant themes were addressed, linkages and collaborations with various academic, professional and multilateral bodies, academic and professional accreditations, and several awards to the faculty, including the Summer Studies Programme which was jointly funded by the government of the United States and the Fullbright

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Foundation.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aize Obayan, in her presentation at the occasion, said that the event was an affirmation of the continuous commitment to the realization of the vision of raising a new generation of leaders.

“We have called our graduates Eagles as a prophetic validation of our mandate to graduate students whose track record will go beyond the narrow bands of scholastic and intellectual achievements, but will indeed attest to the

(TABLE 2)PROGRAMME	1st Class	2nd Class Upper	2nd Class Lower	3rd Class
Accounting	22	117	77	8
Banking & Finance	3	17	19	3
Business Administration	5	39	35	4
Economics	12	80	72	12
Industrial Rel. & Hum. Res. Mgt.	1	10	6	1
Inter. Relations	3	27	31	1
Marketing	1	10	16	2
Policy & Strategic Studies	-	3	9	2
Political Science	-	-	-	1
Public Administration	-	5	3	1
English Language	-	4	5	3
Mass Communication	1	31	45	8
Psychology	-	13	15	-
P.R and Advertising	-	2	4	6
Sociology	2	16	25	1
Architecture	1	10	15	1
Computer Engineering	7	31	48	2
Computer Science	5	30	25	8
Estate Management	-	2	3	-
ICT	2	21	34	10
Management Information System	2	27	40	6



Pastor Faith Oyedepo (from left) Dr. Oyedepo and the Vice Chancellor of Covenant University, Prof. Aize Obayan



delivery of great and insightful world changers and solution providers to a desperate world in need of new paradigms of change," she said.

She acknowledged the commitment of the faculty and staff of the university, the continuous support of the Living Faith Church World-wide, the institution's Board of Regents and the visionary leadership of the chancellor.

Dignitaries present at the event commended the efforts of the university and congratulated it on the graduation. Professor Okojie praised Covenant University for its achievements and reiterated his earlier statement in the year that the University had done more than Harvard University did during the first century of its existence, adding that CU had the potentials of becoming one of the best ten universities in the world.

Parents and guests at the event also acknowledged the efforts of the chancellor for his obedience to the divine command that established the university. Mrs Folake Adebowale, a parent of one of the graduates said she was very grateful to the university for giving her son a sound education that is comparable to the best anywhere in the world.

One of the graduates, Miss



Prof. Ibidapo (left), Prof Okojie and Mr. Gamaliel Onosode

Tomi Oladepo, who made a first class in Mass Communication, said that her four year experience as a student of the university has put her destiny on the right track. She thanked the faculty, especially that of Mass Communication department for its great efforts at making her succeed.

"You have contributed in no small way to the beginning of my success story and with all humility, I am thanking you," she said.

The ceremony reached its climax as the outstanding students of the graduating set received their awards. Twenty one students who were the overall best in their class received a handshake from the Chancellor. Marcus Ayodele Emmanuel emerged

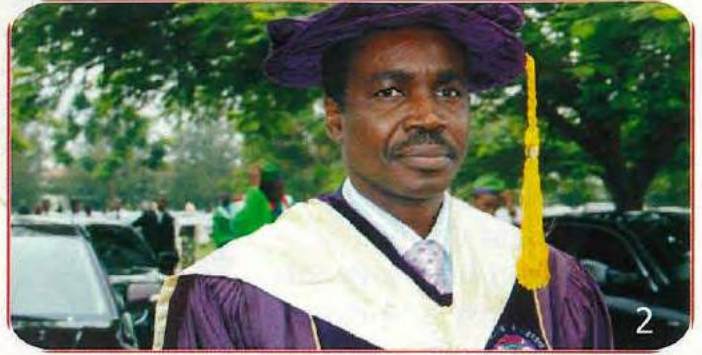
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## The release of Eagles in pix



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- 1- Dignitaries arriving at the event
- 2- Deputy Chairman, CU Board of Regents, Bishop David Abioye
- 3- Prof. Jerry Gano
- 4- Dr. Catherine Okparaeke (former boss of ICAN)
- 5- A cross section of guests at the event
- 6- Gov. Liyel Imoke of Cross River State
- 7- Engr. Ernest Ndukwa, Deputy Chairman, Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC)
- 8- The Olota of Ota, Oba Oyede
- 9- The Chairman of Convocation Planning Committee, Dr. C. K. Ayo and Architect Adeboye



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as the Best Graduating Student with a CGPA of 4.92.

As the graduates stood up to take their oath of induction into Covenant University alumni the ceremony began to draw to a close. The former student Council Chairman and his Assistant- Azubike Nwokwe and Festus Christie, gave their remarks on behalf of the graduands. Nicholas Ikhu-Omoregbe and Chukwuemeka Uhueghe were the two who bagged the doctorate degrees.

Other dignitaries present also include the Olota of Ota, Oba, wife of the chancellor, Pastor Faith



The Registrar, Deacon Yemi Nathaniel welcoming the Chancellor

Oyedepo, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Regents Bishop David Abioye, former vice chancellor of the University of Lagos Prof.

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**May we meet you sir?**

I was born at Lagos Island Hospital. I had my secondary school education at Edo College, Benin City and made a distinction in my School certificate in 1986. I did my first degree programme at the University of Benin in Computer Science and graduated with a second class upper in 1990. I served at the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria and did a master's programme in Computer Sciences at the University of Lagos from 1992-1994. I became a member of the Living Faith Church in 1991 and joined as a full-time staff in February 1996.

**Congratulations on your PhD. award in Computing and Information Science. What was your experience as a PhD. Student like?**

Though, I was teaching, supervising students, and acting as college examination officer during my studies, I maintained absolute focus. At times, I would spend nights and weekend developing computer programs and writing some sections of my thesis. I enjoyed supports from my supervisors, senior colleagues, students, family members, friends and most especially



Nicholas Ikhu-Omoregbe (Ph.D)

inspirations from God. It was a wonderful experience.

**What was your reaction to Microsoft Corporation's attention to and acceptance of your Ph.D. proposal?**

Wonderful! I thank God for it. To me, it was a proof that I was addressing a global issue. I was the only PhD student in Nigeria that received the award.

**Who in the field of Information Sciences is your model or mentor? Role models**

Mentors could change with time. However, Bill Gates has remained constant for his impact in the IT industry

**Where do you see yourself in the next ten years?**

By the grace of God, I would have become a professor with undeniable global impacts and fulfilling God purposes and plans for my life.

**We have heard of the high standard and quality of Covenant University's PhD. What in your opinion makes it so?**

The standard and quality of CU PhD is very high. My main supervisor, for example, had produced other PhD holders at the University of Manitoba, Canada before supervising my work. The examiners were very thorough, and my external examiner is the present Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University of Lagos. What else is quality?

**Any words for Covenant University?**

I thank God for giving the Chancellor the vision of Covenant University. I say a big well done to the Management staff and every member of the CU community for driving the vision.

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**Field of Study:** Accounting

**What was your stay in CU like?**

Very fulfilling and highly impactful.

**Which of the core values to you hold dear to heart?**

Spirituality is my best because it forms the foundation upon which all other values. Without a solid spiritual foundation every other value will be short lived.

**What was the effect of the rules on your personality?**

They were highly instrumental to my making. I was okay with them which made me to adapt to them fast. I would advice the management to be more sensitive to the needs of the student body.

**Advice to fellow graduates:**

There is enough room at the top, I will see everyone one of you there.

**TOMIOLADEPO**

**Field of study:** Mass Communication

**What was experience in CU like?**

It was splendid, challenging and quiet stressful.

**What are your success secrets?**

Grace of God, careful planning and organizing.

**Which of the core values to you hold dear to heart?**

Integrity is my best. We live in a very corrupt world and integrity challenges you to live upright amidst corruption.

**Advice to fellow graduates:**

Hold on to your spirituality, hard work and determine to always be at the top.

**AYODELE MARCUS**

**Course Studied:** Computer Science (MIS)

**View about Covenant University:**

It is a military camp for militant destinies, a place you are exposed to a whole lot of rigor to prepare you for the challenges of the outside world.

**How did you scale through all CU rules with any challenge?**

I try to understand the basis for the rules, identify the end product and then compile. I really enjoyed obeying the rules.

**Which of the Core Values to**



**Tomi Oladepo**



**Ayodele Marcus**

**you hold dear to heart?**

Spirituality followed by sacrifice.

**What advice for people who see you as their role mode?**

I won't advice them to be like me because God has created us unique, I would only advise them to do things I did and do more. It is not expected that my result should be the most outstanding for ever. Next semester we should have a better result that is the way we can challenge the upcoming generation to do better than what is already on ground.

**Would you describe CU as an ideal University?**

Until the dignity of the black man is restored I don't think Covenant University should be called an ideal university although the approaches the management has being taking are very creative, very strategic , progressive too and by God's grace we will get to that ideal point.

**What are some of the Challenges you faced and how did you over come them?**

Challenges of coping with several responsibilities. I was privileged to be the college representative, President of Computer club, tutorial Coordinator for my class and all of these crept into my personal time .I had challenges managing time and the responsibilities that had to be accomplished but by God's grace I was able to overcome them all.



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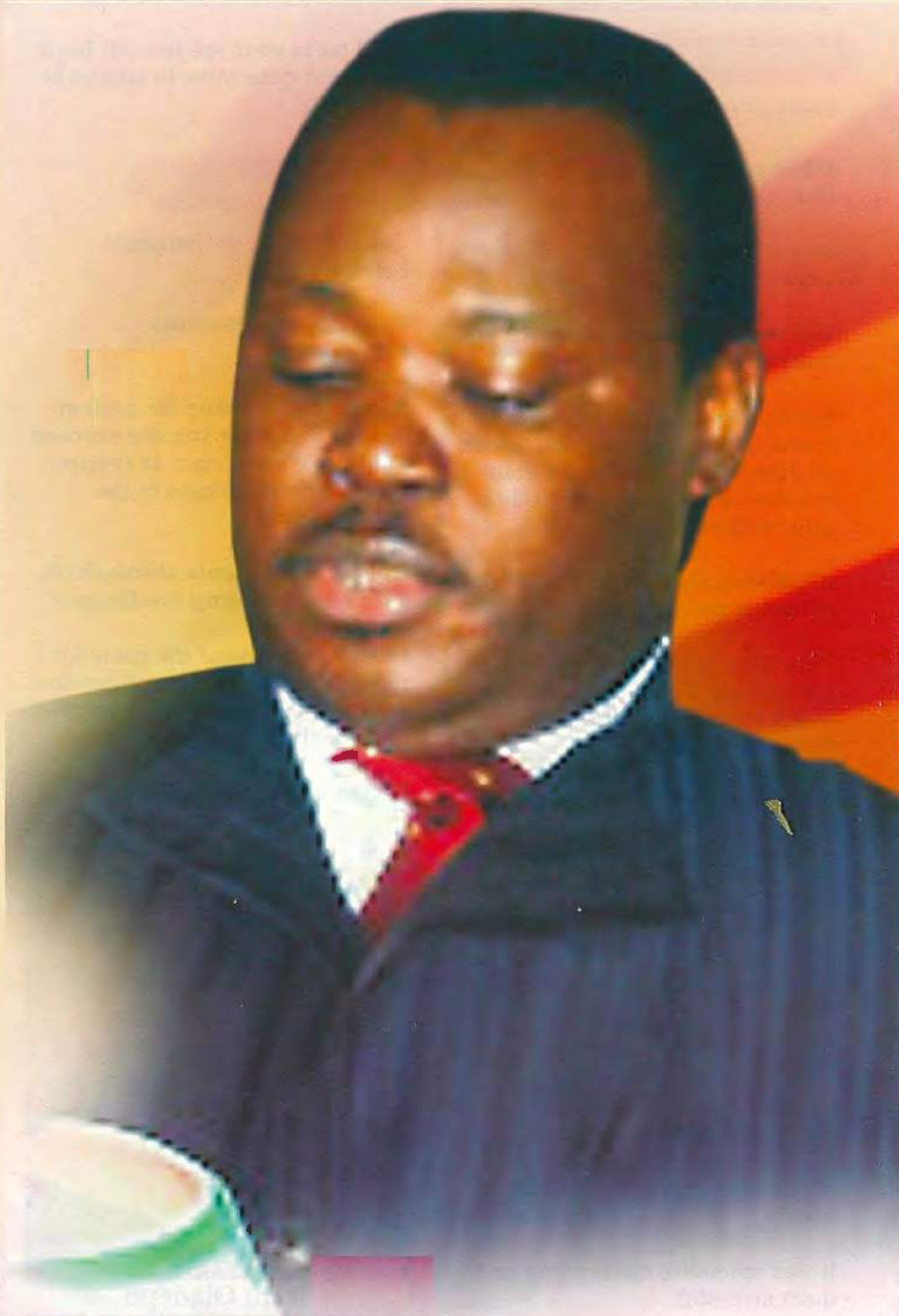
**Jimoh Ibrahim, 40, is the chairman/ CEO of Nikon Plc. Many Nigerians desire, and some are curious, to know and learn from his rising profile in the Nigerian business Environment.**

His rise to prominence became noticeable in the year 2000, when he became the executive secretary of the African Center for Policy and Strategic Studies (ACPS) Lagos. Jimoh has outgrown the business of seminars and workshops, which the center was known for. Now, he is making appreciable inroad into the down stream oil and gas, hotel, property, aviation and insurance sectors.

**Bolu Alex-Taiwo and Yemi Odejayi** explored what exactly makes this mogul. *Excerpts*

### **Can we meet you sir?**

I was born in Ondo State 40 years ago to the family of Alhaji and Mrs. Yakubu Jimoh. My father was a successful bricklayer and my mum an equally successful fish seller. I am from Okitipupa local government of Ondo State. I obtained my Advanced Level I had my elementary (primary education at St. John's Primary school, Igbotako, and proceeded to Community Grammar School, also in Igbotako. From there I went to Federal School of Arts and Science Ondo, for my Advanced Levels. Thereafter, I went to Obafemi Awolowo University (then, University of Ife) to study Law. I returned a few years later to the same university to bag a master's degree in Public Administration and then proceeded to Harvard for a Master's degree in Law, specializing in Tax (ITP Programme). My hobby is to make money and I also like listening to Christian music.





**Apart from being an entrepreneur, what else do you do; any favourite pastime or pet project?**

I have a passion for making money and that takes virtually all my time. I take time off sometimes to dance and attend social engagements. I make up time for my family too but enterprising takes virtually all my time.

**How did you begin your journey as an entrepreneur and what has been your motivation/ driving force since then?**

I started out very early helping my mum and dad in their professions. I helped my mom to sell fish in the market and there is no aspect of bricklaying that I do not know. When I was at Federal School, I engaged in selling handouts to survive. At Ife I engaged in one form of trading or the other and during my NYSC I organized the first national seminar on community bank laws and local government laws shortly after and it was a big success. I made my first million naira and since then I have never looked back. My motivation is God Almighty the Lord Jesus Christ.

**What has been your greatest entrepreneurial challenge?**

There is no particular challenge that I rate above others. Entrepreneurship is full of challenges. But I would say the greatest challenge I faced then was the courage. Most of the things I did, no one gave me a chance to succeed but I knew that I would succeed. I needed money, I needed contacts but with courage I overcame all of that.

**Who are your mentors?**

Jesus Christ. Also, I have a lot of respect for Dr. David Oyedepo. He is the barometer with which I measure my business success. He is gifted and anointed minister of God and also a good business man. Very disciplined.

**Looking back over the years; is there anything you would**

**like to change; any investment you wish you had made or not made?**

Nothing! I think God has been very kind to me. Everything I have touched has turned to gold.

**How would you describe the Nigerian business environment and economy?**

There are opportunities in Nigeria to make money everywhere. It is like water everywhere. But you have to have perception in order to tap these opportunities. A lot of people...by the time they overcome their doubts and take action, the opportunity has become a liability. You must take calculated risks if you want to succeed. No environment is permanent; you have to continue to interpret and adapt.

**How easy was it for you to buy up NICON and why did you choose to buy it?**

Well, people brought the idea of buying NICON to me and I looked at it and went for it. I have the integrity to borrow money from the banks and that provided the financial muscle. I bought NICON because insurance is the next level of development of the Nigerian economy. I also wanted to use my talents to help the government privatization scheme.

**How do you combine being a busy entrepreneur with other responsibilities like being a member of the Board of Regents of Covenant University?**

I manage my time very well. I have people who work with me although I supervise them closely. The task at Covenant University is very different. I like to impart knowledge and that makes that assignment very special.

**What is your personal vision and how is your business contributing to Nigeria's economic development?**

To be very successful and to become one of the most successful businessmen in the world, not just Nigeria and Africa

**What management style do you adopt in your organisations?**

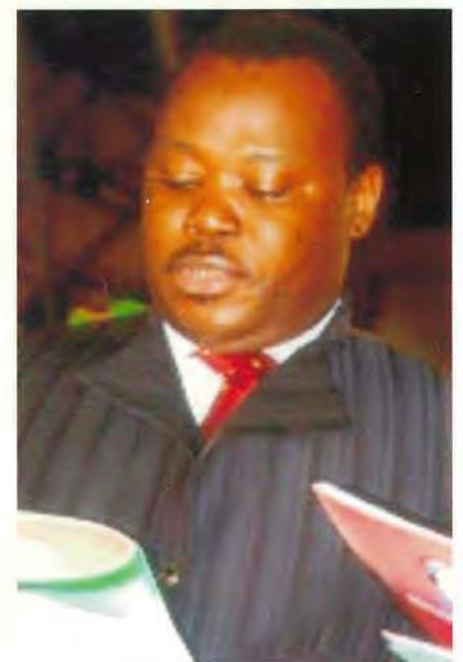
I don't have a particular management style. But I supervise very closely. I read a lot of books and journals and I try to digest and then impart my own ideas

**If you were to give an advice to young entrepreneurs aspiring to be as successful as you are, what would it be?**

Hard work, love for what they do and the courage to see their visions through, no matter the difficulties they face.

**What do you consider as your greatest asset? Also what would you say is an entrepreneur's greatest asset (especially in an economy like Nigeria's own)?**

My greatest asset is my ability to sniff opportunities before others see it. Some people say it's a God-given talent but I believe anyone can practice and master it. I also value the education that I have acquired over the years. You cannot take away the value of education, but it is just the foundation. First class or 2-1 is okay but they take you to no where if you don't make the knowledge proactive and practical. And then there is no end to education. I read everyday and I read voraciously.





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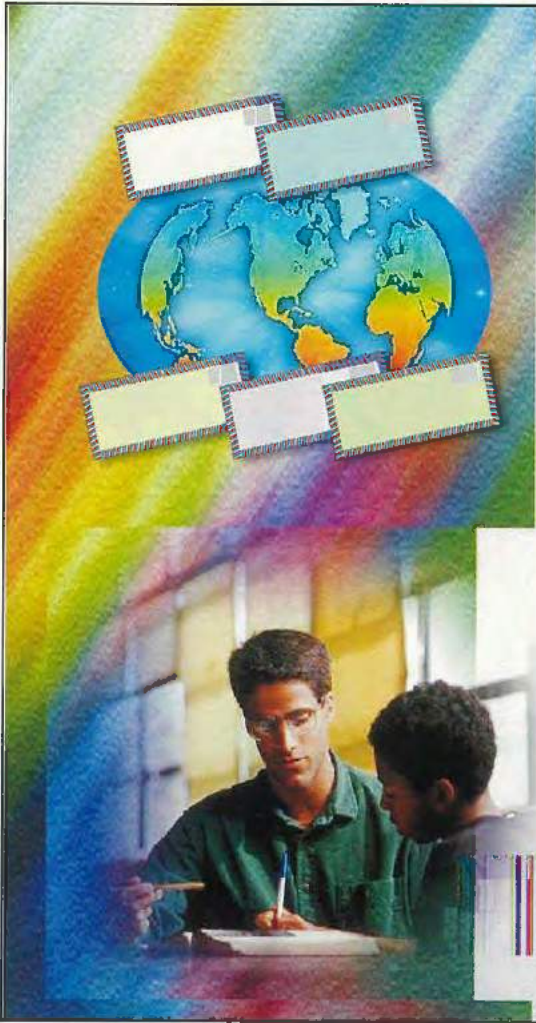
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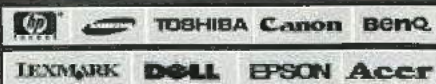


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# How to Raise Value-based Leaders

By Pastor Seyi Macaulay (Chaplain, C.U)



## Preamble

**The biggest challenge of our nation is the breakdown of societal values. With our eyes wide open, we see family values been shattered; there is high rate of divorce, and the number of single parenthood is on the increase. It is no more news to see public office holders looting the treasury of State. Moral value is constantly under threat and our media houses are the principal culprits, through all kinds of ungodly musical video presentations.**

**T**he breakdown of family values is the reason for the woes of our society. One major area that has suffered as a result of this breakdown is our socio-political life. Education a vehicle for social change is plagued with the evil of examination malpractices,

sexual pervasion and cultism. The political system is equally plagued with corrupt electoral process that cannot produce credible elections. The resultant effect is the emergence of leaders with weak character. The increasing number of rogues in the corridor of power is

unprecedented in the history of our political history.

For a new generation of leaders to emerge, there must be a restoration of our value system. The restoration of our value system is then reason for the birth of Covenant University Core Values.



Covenant University is set up to raise a new generation of leaders, men and women who will live under Godly oath to deliver value to their generation. By the time we have more products of Covenant University living by these core values, in no time, we shall have a restoration of our lost values.

**The Core Value of Covenant University**

There are seven Core Values designed by God to guide the process of raising new generation of leaders in Covenant University.

These values:

1. **Spirituality**
2. **Possibility Mentality**
3. **Capacity Building**
4. **Integrity**
5. **Diligence**
6. **Responsibility**
7. **Sacrifice**

**Spirituality**

Spirituality is the number one core values. The reason for this is that it has been proved in history that spirituality is the mirth behind world great inventions. It was after the spiritual awakening in America and Great Britain that we begin to witness the emergence of great inventors. There is no doubt that these inventors were mostly products of this spiritual awakening. Spirituality should not be mistaken for religion. Spirituality is our only connection with God. It takes spirituality to manifest our full potential and live our life to its fullness. With spirituality, purpose is easily pursued to fulfillment. When we seek God first we become the first in all things. It is lack of spirituality that will make a leader to live without the fear



Pastor Seyi macaulay

and consciousness of God. With spirituality as a core value, Covenant University products will indeed become the desirable leaders our dear nation has been longing to have.

**Possibility Mentality**

It is possibility mentality that enables a man to believe that with God all things are possible. We can live a debt free life with possibility mentality; It is lack possibility mentality in leadership that keeps Nigeria in perpetual darkness despite the volume of money spent on our energy sector. It is possibility mentality of our Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo that makes the building of Faith Tabernacle and Covenant University a reality. Products of Covenant University are expected to manifest

possibility mentally, wherever they are confronted with challenges, they must approach the challenge with possibility mentality.

**Capacity Building**

Today, we have in our country, some leaders who are neither readers nor searcher of knowledge. They lack the required capacity to hold public office. You hardly hear them make reference to any great leader or author in their speeches. What core value of capacity building is aimed at doing is to build in our products the consciousness of life long learning, like the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo will always say, "When you stop learning you start dying". Leaders are trained to take the lead, that is why they must be equipped with relevant

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**Diligence**

Many of today's leaders are not ready to work, talk less of working hard. They want to have it so easy. Traveling around our country today, you see a lot of abandoned projects, because somebody somewhere lack the required handwork needed to get things done. A diligent product will work to enhance quality of life. Many Nigerians work to survive. It takes diligence to attain into distinction.

**Responsibility**

A good leader must be all round responsible. A responsible person must be dependable and reliable. CU products are dependable and must be reliable. When they are put in charge of any business, they must give good account of their stewardship. It is irresponsibility in leadership that makes the nation to still remain at poverty level despite the huge amount of money made from crude oil. With responsible leaders in

position of power, our nation will experience a true national transformation. This we believe Covenant University products will produce for our Nation.

**Sacrifice**

Leadership is all about sacrifice. Until you are ready to sacrifice yourself for other, you are not fit to become a leader. A leader must be ready to pay the price. Jesus Christ, the greatest leader of all time

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**Afere Alaba, LOC President**

## **Can we meet you formally?**

I am Afere-Alaba Lawrence, studying Business Administration at Covenant University and e-Social Entrepreneurship at the International Institute for Global Leadership, USA.

## **What is the initiative “Lifting our Community”? What exactly is it about?**

The name *lifting our Community* LOC for short, was gotten from Nehemiah 2:17, when travelling for a week's assignment in Ondo State. The Lord told me about this scripture which talked about the reproach in Jerusalem as studied by Nehemiah at that time. Coincidentally, I was thinking about the same thing. For some years, I've been thinking about Ondo State passionately and how we can lift it. Nehemiah called his people then and said “Let us come together and build the broken walls of Jerusalem.” We have a little less than 30 members right now though it is still going to extend beyond that with time.

## **What are the aims and objectives of LOC?**

Every organization must have a plan, goals, aims and objectives so as to get a clear direction of its destination. Presently for instance, LOC has a 5-year plan. Recently, I was interviewed by the Ondo State Ministry of Education about our operations and how we do certain things. Our aims and objective are continuous and serves the purpose in developing Ondo State.

## **What other attention and support have you been able to attract from other NGOs and governments at any level?**

Our parents have been very instrumental to the establishment and operations of LOC. We had a book launch recently. The title of the

book is *Life Imparting Virtues*. We decided to put a book together that would put the youths on the right path and direction. It contains issues on purpose, goals and God. The book seeks to help youths discover their destiny and they turned out in great numbers. We have not and are not looking forward to getting financial assistance from the government. With the little we have, there is a divine multiplicity effect with God on our side. We opened our account with N10, 000 and we could not withdraw from it then - being the minimum balance. Right now, we have over N250, 000 in our account.

## **As a body, what has the experience been like so far?**

This is the biggest question so far. Leadership is about going somewhere and without a vision, you will crash. Every change in life begins with a vision and a decision to take action. I have sacrificed a lot for LOC. Even the members sometimes give problems...a lot of things that I can not begin to recount here.

## **Where do you see LOC in the nearest future?**

LOC has come to stay. It is not a man-made initiative but a God-ordained one. LOC is being built presently. We see a time when all young indigenes and residents of Ondo State in all schools will be a part of this initiative. We see beyond going to the homes of the aged, the motherless babies' homes and all that. We see ourselves creating over 5000 jobs. We see ourselves going into waste management because there are prospects in that aspect of Ondo State. We see ourselves making tangible impact in Ondo State.

## **Thank you very much for your time.**

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By Ashimi Shalewa & Alabi Akinola



*These are some fundamental business tips - simple, straight forward and easy to implement, that would help your business, to grow and flourish beyond your wildest dreams.*

## **1. Find a need ahead of your time.**

Find a niche where the Giants won't bother to go. There is always a need to meet. People always want something new, a little bit modified and more flexible. So, you look for that need and meet it.

## **2. Identify your market and learn all about it.**

You have to know everything about your business at the start. You must research about your market. First of all, discover who your target market is. Then you find out what they like and how they like it. You need to know about your market in order to meet their needs met.

## **3. Prepare a business plan...yes you have to.**

No bank will take you seriously without a plan for profits. You must have a business plan. If you don't have a plan, you plan to fail. So you must have a clear, straight forward and specific plan. Your plan must be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, reachable and timely).

## **4. Have adequate financing to start and to stay.**

Success does not happen overnight, so be sure you're financially fit. You must have sufficient funds to start any business. Capital is necessary in any and every business. The ability to start a business lies in your capital.

## **5. Pay for the best professional advice.**

Lawyers, accountants, insurers do work on and as needed, fee basis. To have the best result you must get the best advice from the professionals. Invest in development through buying of books and journals; attend seminars and seeking expert advice.

## **6. Keep your overhead low and your standards high.**

Work from home or at a low cost, convenient location. You must learn to minimize the cost of production by learning to manage your internal and external resources. In as much as you want to manage cost, you must make sure that your products are



# Rules of Entrepreneurship

quality. Quality guarantees good market share.

## 7. Establish a clearly defined distribution network.

The packaging and sales of a product or service is an issue of importance. Also, the distribution tactics determine the sales rate of a product. To maximize profit you must be able to have a clearly defined distribution network and a good distribution plan. Know your market and learn how to get to them.

## 8. Be creative your new idea does count.

Depend on marketing strategies rather than costly advertising to grow. Advertising no doubt increases your patronage but also you must also have good selling strategy. Think of other things that can attract customers to your product other than advertising. After sales services, coupons and trail version are also very much helpful.

## 9. Seek and hire the most qualified people.

From the first employee, look for someone who knows more than you. It is always helpful to get enlightened people in the area you are going into. Ignorance is costly and Knowledge is power.

## 10. Know your competition and work to win.

Be persistent, focused and flexible...anything can happen. Your focus is on the market leader. The knowledge of your competitors is needed to achieve your goals. You must be alert, knowing the strategies of your competitors so you could out smart them.

## 11. Learn from the success and failure of others.

Read, watch trends, and observe what is 'hot' and what's not in your industry. A cheap way to get to where you are going is to climb on the shoulders of those that have been there. You must study other companies; those making it, find out why and how they are making it and vice versa.

## 12. Use technology as a tool for building your business.

From computers, to telecommunications, to the Web - use them all. This is the age of New Communication Technologies. You must utilize the benefits of these new technologies to the full to make your business outstanding and successful. Technology reduces cost of production and timing. It also encourages division of labour.

## 13. Don't be temperamental and don't take it personally.

Be prepared for rejection, but never give up your dream. Be prepared to get kicked out and insulted for your dream. Take every challenge as a stepping stone towards greatness. Never forget that the customer is the King and he is always right. So if he gets a little angry at you, take it in good stride.



Shalewa Ashimi

## 14. Never underestimate the power of passion.

You will need to take risks and believe when no one else does. You must have passion to drive you on, against all odds. Your passion is what will make you stand out among others. Starting a business requires discipline and discipline requires rules. You may even want to create your own set of entrepreneurship rules that are customized for your business venture. But you must clearly identify your goals and live by them. Use them as a road map to your success. Good luck!





# How to make money, the easy and right way

By Segun Dada

**CONGRATULATIONS!!** You have put an effort into improving your life by stopping to read this. Truly, all things are not centered on money but money would not be the root of all things (evil) if only it is utilized properly.

'Money spinning' is term that describes the constant flow of material wealth. This is almost impossible to accept as true but believe it or not, it is very easy to keep money flowing once you have mastered the techniques of making more money. Once you have learnt this, the next technique to learn is handling

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#### Lesson One

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# How to make money, the easy and right way

You might have before now underestimated the capacities of your mind and it is for this reason that you have to take time out to make some discoveries about yourself. Money is not a living entity. It has no feelings or mind of its own. You, on the other hand, are a living being with feelings and a mind of your own. This first discovery has not stopped a great number of persons from worshipping money. Money is to be used. It should be your servant, not your master. This implies that a proper utilization of money is imperative and of great benefit. When money is used, it becomes a product. Your being wealthy is not a function of your account balance.

## Lesson Two

Build a good relationship with people around you. Logically, you can be said to have made money when you receive it from people. It is important to know that before you sell anything to a prospective customer, you must first 'sell' yourself. Once people do not buy your personality, they will eventually not buy your product.

There are three categories of skills that can make you 'sellable' enough to successfully sell snow to an Eskimo. These skills include **Operational Skills, Communication Skills and Money Skills.**

**The Operational Skills** are manifested in your job. You must be excellent in your chosen profession. You must have the zeal to develop yourself constantly to meet up with new requirements in the labour market. Your excellence at your job is anchored on the saying



Segun Dada

'anything worth doing is worth doing well'.

**Communication Skills** is a key feature of highly successful persons. It is made manifest in their interpersonal communication. There is nothing like effective communication. I have had the opportunity of speaking to bank managers and company owners and I have discovered that they are people like us who enjoy nothing more than the benefits of effective communication. It is therefore very important that you possess effective communication skills which are especially important when dealing with prospective clients.

**Money Skills** involves the integrity, efficiency and dexterity an individual possesses in handling money affairs like auditing, account balancing and

*“When money is used, it becomes a product. Your being wealthy is not a function of your account balance”*

the like. These features should compliment your other good characteristics for total appraisal.

Having read this article from top to bottom, I have these five words for you. Welcome to the Millionaires' Club!

**Dada is Computer Engineering Student of Covenant University**





# Never-Say-Die

## The Story of Billionaire

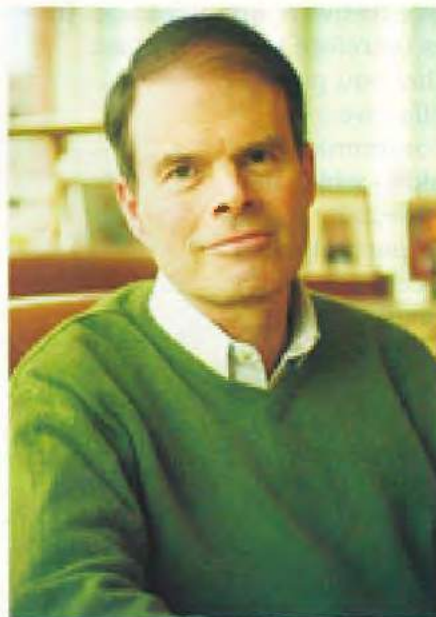
### Craig McCaw

By Jason Dafeta

As is known to investors, McCaw sold the cellular business to AT&T for a whopping \$11.5 billion, only to embark on a more ambitious investment of a global Information and Communication Technology venture.

THIS story of the American billionaire Craig McCaw explains the 'never-say-die' attitude of a typical investor who is confronted by failing economic situations. When good investors' income yields become adequate, they don't just look down, but seek how to improve upon their earnings.

Craig McCaw was born on the 11th of August 1949 in the United States. A renowned communication entrepreneur and savvy investor, Craig was saddled with responsibility at a very young age. While his father was still in control of the company, the senior McCaw was known, throughout



Craig McCaw

the period of his career, to have bought and sold dozens of radio and television stations; and incurring huge debts in the process. All his four children were involved in the company as employees but Craig overtook the other three; becoming a leader in managing the company.

When their father died, Craig's mother was forced to liquidate the family businesses one after another to pay debts and taxes owed by her late husband; leaving a small cable system company. Craig took over the management of the business as a college student. He subsequently expanded the cable company and steadily switched to the then new and untested field of cellular phone service.

As an investor, he had to borrow huge amounts of money and take a huge risk by investing in the portable phone that later became a success. By the end of the 1980s, McCaw's 'Cellular One' had become the best known brand in the telecommunications business; building a national network that successfully put its competitors behind.

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# MY VICTORY OVER Pornography

-Adeleke Aladekoba

*A willing student obtains freedom from a deadly habit with the help of the Holy Spirit*

**T**HE day was Thursday, May 10, 2007. I keyed in the password to unlock my laptop computer at exactly 5.42pm. My heart was heavy as I punched in the seven letters that made up the password - Freedom. How badly I needed it at that point in my life! I had just read a book that centered on dealing with the very issue that had been making my heart heavy.

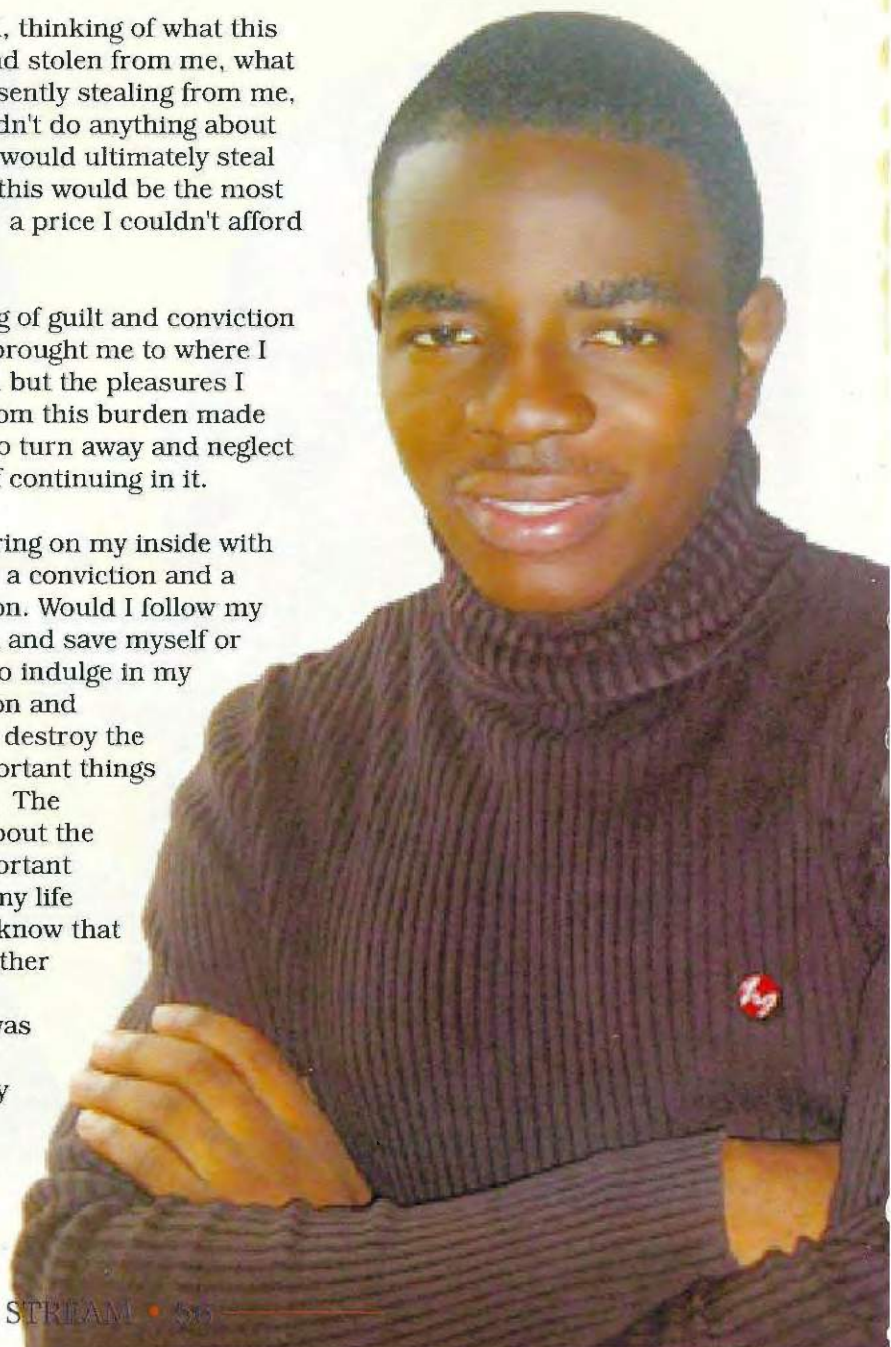
I would have loved to read more for that day but my heart couldn't take in any more words of that book. I had had enough of piercing of my heart for one day! I took my leave from the Spiritual Development section of the University Library knowing what I had to do. I left the library that day knowing what I wanted; I left knowing what I was searching for; I left knowing I needed the very words that made up my password I knew I needed FREEDOM.

As I gained access into my laptop, my heart beat rate doubled at the thought of what I was about to do. It became a burden to breathe but I knew that if I was serious about being free, then there was no turning back not this time, not again. Just before I did what I was about to do, my mind went back to how I had walked across the road from the library to where I

now stood, thinking of what this burden had stolen from me, what it was presently stealing from me, and if I didn't do anything about it, what it would ultimately steal from me (this would be the most expensive a price I couldn't afford to pay).

The feeling of guilt and conviction of wrong brought me to where I now stood but the pleasures I derived from this burden made me want to turn away and neglect the cost of continuing in it.

I was warring on my inside with these two: a conviction and a gratification. Would I follow my conviction and save myself or continue to indulge in my gratification and ultimately destroy the more important things in my life. The thought about the more important things in my life made me know that I had no other option if freedom was what I sought. My choice was obvious my





# My Victory over Pornography

gratification had to go.

I maximized the window of the software I was running. In it were two movies I had queued for download. I decided that these two movies could no longer be downloaded and hit the delete button on my keyboard so hard that my finger hurt! I didn't stop there. I went on to delete these movies from my recycle bin. I didn't want to leave any trace. I wanted freedom total freedom.

These two movies, Coffy and Foxy Brown had to leave and soon to follow were their relatives especially those locked up deep in my soul. I was not watching these movies for the sake of watching any other movie. No. I was going to watch these movies in order to gratify the dark part of my being that was fast eating away my sanity and sanctity. I was going to watch these movies because I wanted to feed my eyes and mind with the nakedness of women and sexually explicit scenes that characterized the movies.

As I sank into the chair next to me, the percentage of the downloaded parts of those movies was locked in my mind. The downloads would take two days be completed. All I could hear after that was a voice questioning me: "What if you had just two days left before you were totally lost in your indulgence in pornography?" In actual fact, I had been hearing this same voice telling me to stop and I had been having a feeling that the days of my sanity while indulging in this detestable act were numbered.

Still heavy from the war that was being waged on my inside, I closed my eyes and I saw before me a cup that was fast being filled with a murky substance with persons standing nearby. Then, I heard a voice told me that the people I saw were supposed to be filling the cup instead of the murky

substance. It went on to tell me that the substance that was fast filling the cup represented the sexually explicit movies and materials I was indulging myself in and that the cup represented my life.

It all made sense at that point. My actions were costing me the things that were supposed to fill up my life my family, my soul, my ministry, and in eventuality, my existence. I gave all my attention to the murky at the expense of these persons and things.

Tears welled up on my inside and I wanted to curse the day I was introduced to the dark world of pornography.

I remember the day I introduced to it. How I long for the days or even the moment before I ever got entangled in this mess. Those days will never come again. As I look back at how deeply polluted my mind had become, I struggled with one question I believe others in my unfortunate shoes may be asking too:

Is there any hope for me? The answer is no if you believe that your best days are behind you and there will be no more sunlight in your life. But if you believe that in spite of all that is locked up in your mind, your best days are ahead of you, then, the answer is Yes! And do you know why it is

yes? Because of Jesus!

I told Jesus I have tried to stop this habit with my power but it was not possible. Now come into my life and save me. I listen to the teachings of God's servant, Bishop David Oyedepo especially on those ones that present the Holy Spirit as my dependable ally and covenant purifier. It was a case of a baby lifting up his hands to be carried by his mother. The holy spirit saw my determination to do away with the habit and then breathed on it for me to become a free man.

There is hope for you and I believe you are reading this story because you have hope, no matter how minute. I believe there is a deliverance coming your way. It is my prayer that by the time you finish reading this story, you will once again see the pure light that flooded your life a long time ago and like Job whose life was better at his end, I pray that the light of deliverance that you will get will surpass that which you had before.

This is your fight! This is your war against pornography and there is only one winner allowed YOU!

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# My CLOTHES! My PERSONALITY

By Opeyemi Ojerinde



**It is important to show God's beauty, glory appearance riches through your appearance. It is advised that you wear clothes that would make people around you to bless the name of God for your creation.**

A Christian's mode of dressing is one of the controversial issues in the religious sphere today. A school of thought believes that to show your high level of spirituality and fellowship with God, you have to be "very humble" in your dressing. Another school of thought believes God does not look at the outward appearance, but the heart, so it doesn't matter how you dress.

In my point of view, I see it as a function of personal conviction. God relates with everyone personally. His "Do's & Don'ts" for one person could be quite different from those of another. However, do have in your mind that the word of God says:

"And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell".  
Matt. 18:9 (NIV)

If your dressing and appearance would make another person fall

into sin, then check yourself. Why do you have to leave the first three buttons of your shirt undone thereby allowing the young man beside to die in silence?

**Remember, the word of God says:**

**"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he".** Prov. 23:7(AMP)  
It is whatever you conceive in your heart, that is portrayed on your outside in this instance, your dressing.

This is not suffice to say that a Christian should not look good. It is important to show God's beauty, glory and riches through your appearance. It is advised that you wear clothes that would make people around you to bless the name of God for your creation. Your appearance should market the God you serve and attract people to Him.

Remember that the way you are dressed is the way you will be addressed.





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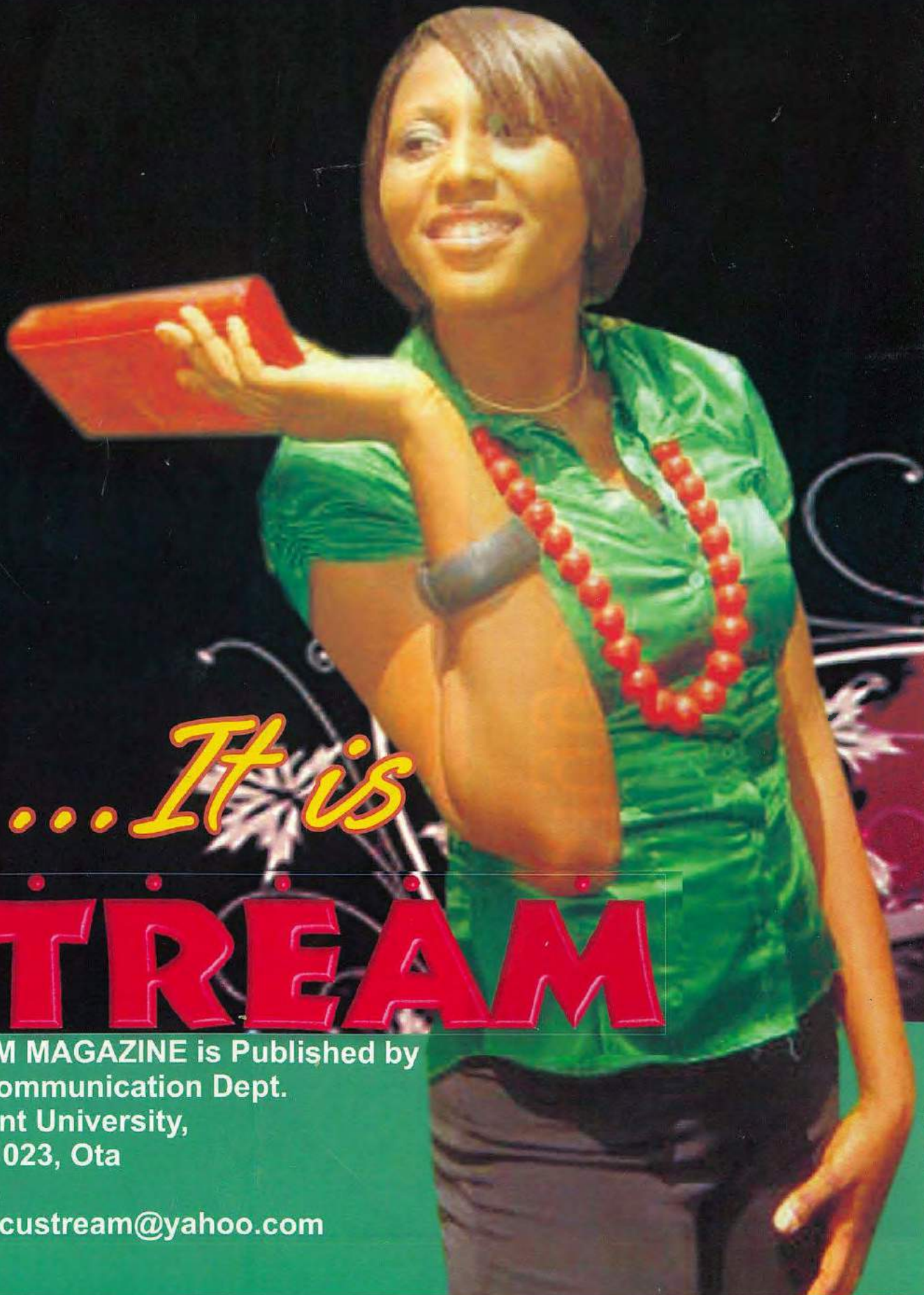


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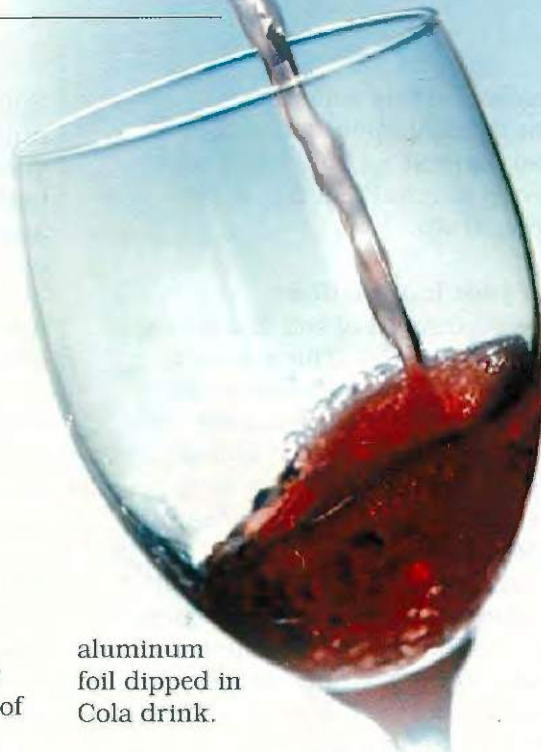
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# Cola Drinks: Helpful BUT Deadly

By Gbadero Alabi



“**Surprised? Many of us would be because these are benefits so many cola drinkers are ignorant of. We drink this stuff! Off course to clean our systems too. After all we are paying for it.**”

**T**HIS write-up is not to scare anyone but it is for the awareness and good of mankind. Many of us take cola drinks but are not aware of the deadly implications. Yes, cola drinks could be good in various ways but honestly the deadly aspects are better avoided. In fact, this write-up is going to be analyzing both the good and bad implications of cola drinks. At the end, it will leave you to decide on what best to do.

The good implications would come first. Apart from taking cola into the body system, there are so many other unusual advantages it offers that most people are not aware of. Cola drinks could be helpful in the following ways:

**To clean a toilet:**

Pour a can of Cola drink into the toilet bowl. Sit for one hour, and then flush clean. The citric acid in cola removes stains from vitreous china.

**To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers:**

Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap

aluminum foil dipped in Cola drink.

**To clean corrosion from car battery terminals:**

Pour a can of Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.

**To loosen a rusted bolt:**

Apply a cloth soaked in Cola to the rusted bolt for sometime.

**To remove grease from clothes and cars:**

Pour a can of cola drink into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The Cola will help loosen grease stains. It will also clean road haze from car windshield.

Surprised? Many of us would be because these are benefits so many cola drinkers are ignorant of. We drink this stuff! Off course to clean our systems too. After all we are paying for it. So many might be thinking in this direction but wait until you read the second



# Cola Drinks: Helpful But Deadly

segment of this write-up. The deadly implications might also surprise us but as you read, have it in mind that this is the whole truth.

### For your information:

The average pH of soft drinks, e.g. cola drink is 3.4. This acidity is strong enough to dissolve teeth and bones! Our human body stops building bones at around the age of 30. After that it shall be dissolving the bones every year through the urine depending on the acidity of the food intake. All the dissolved calcium compounds get accumulated in the arteries, veins, skin, tissue and organs, which affect the functioning of the kidney assisting in formation of kidney stones.



Soft drinks do not have any nutritional value (in terms of vitamins and minerals). They have higher sugar content, higher acidity, and more additives such as preservatives and colorings. Some people like to take cold soft drinks after each meal, guess what's the impact?

### The Impact:

Our body has an optimum temperature of 37°C for the functioning of digestive enzymes. The temperature of cold soft drinks is much less than 37°C, sometimes quite close to 0. This lowers the effectiveness of the enzymes and puts stress on our digestive system, digesting less food. In fact the food gets fermented. The fermented food produces bad smelling, gases, decays and forms toxins, which are absorbed in the intestines, get circulated in the blood and is delivered to the whole body. This spread of toxins can lead to the development of various diseases.

### Few Examples

There was a competition in Delhi University some months ago about "Who can drink the most Cola?" The winner drank eight bottles and died on the spot because of too much carbon dioxide in the blood and not enough oxygen. From then on, the principal banned all soft drinks from the university canteen. Someone put a broken tooth in a bottle of cola and in 10 days it got dissolved! Teeth and bones are the only human organ that stays intact for years after death.

Imagine what the drink must be doing to your soft intestines and stomach lining! As I said at the beginning of my writing, this is



Gbadero Alabi

not to scare anyone but I believe it is to help you in making a decision about cola drinks for the good and awareness of mankind.

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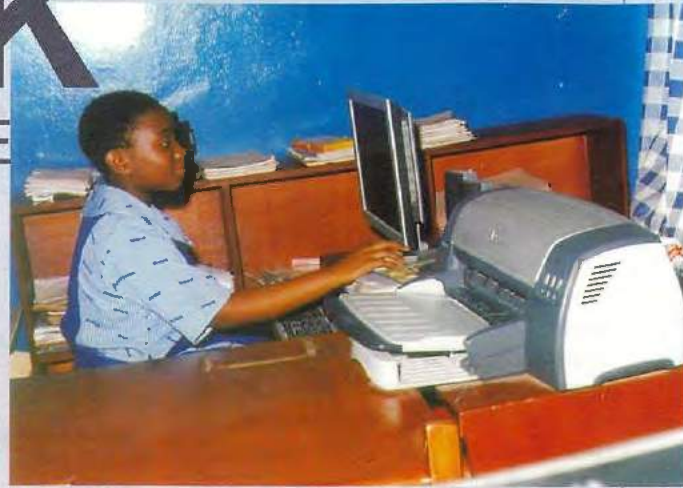






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The school has adequate number of classrooms to accommodate the six classes in the school. The staff strength of the school has grown gradually over the years from three at its inception to ninety-two at present. Out of this number, forty five (45) are teaching while forty seven (47) are non-teaching.



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# The Best Immunity Soldiers

It's time you started **eating fruits** *regularly*

By Nsa Edna

Our Immune systems are the first in line of defense against bacteria, diseases and virus that threaten our health. The result of a weak immune system is in the form of illness and infection. Every health conscious individual must take time to keep the immune system healthy and this is possible through proper nutrition, exercise and daily vitamin and supplements intake. According to medical research, Fruits and Vegetables have been discovered to have comprehensive whole food supplements to food and they contain nature's most potent, health promoting phytonutrients. This include



carotenoid from fruits and vegetables like carrots, orange and tomatoes; flavonoids from such food as berries, grapes and citrus fruits; and cuciferous from vegetables like Broccoli, liquorices root and Soya beans.

Medical research also discovered that phytonutrients are nutrients you get from plants; most of them mentioned above give the body vitamins, calcium, minerals amongst others. All these nutrients play a vital role in boosting the immune system when taken

adequately. They help defend against disease as an associated with ageing, like cancer and heart diseases.

Immune system is our innate support against disease. It is like the soldier fighting a battle within every human, against disease. Fruits and vegetables play important role to combat disease.

We are in a country richly blessed with fruits and vegetables, but care and personal hygiene must be taken into consideration when choosing them. Let's take advantage of this and boost our immune system.

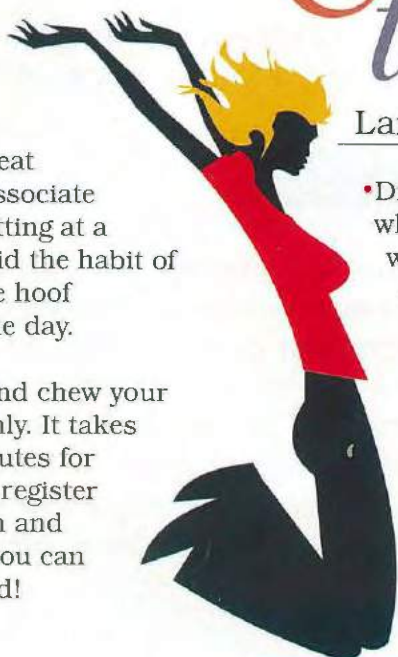


**The following are tips to help you keep fit and trimmed**

- Stick to regular meal times, don't skip breakfast and try not to snack in between meals.

- Sit down to eat so you only associate eating with sitting at a table and avoid the habit of grazing on the hoof throughout the day.

- Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly. It takes about 20 minutes for your brain to register a full stomach and by that time you can be over stuffed!



## Keep *fit* & trimmed

Laitan Jokodola

- Drink lots of water. A glass, when you're feeling hungry, will help to curb your appetite and make you feel full.

- Stick to low-fat cooking methods, such as boiling, steaming, grilling, stir-frying and microwaving.

- Eat a wide variety of foods so you don't get

bored with your diet.

- Keep the fruit bowl full for weak moments. If you can't resist biscuits, crisps, chocolates and sweets, it's best not to buy them, thus keeping temptation out of sight.

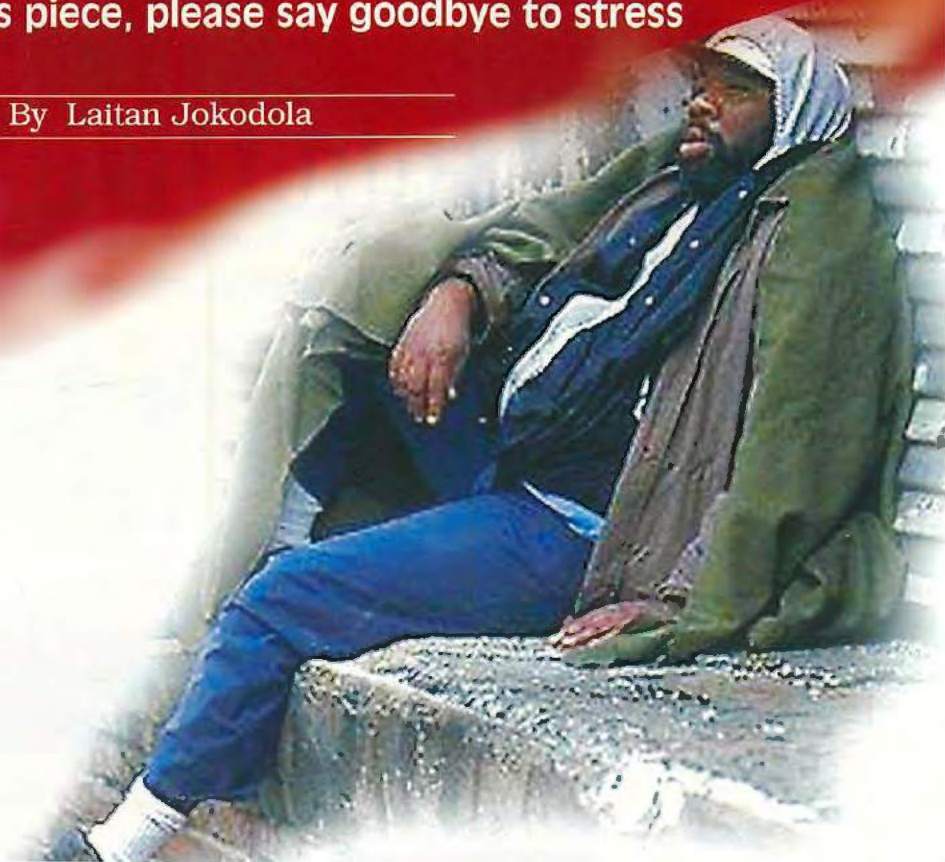
- Plan meals ahead so you don't resort to less healthy or high-calorie convenience meals or take-away.



# STRESS MANAGEMENT TIPS

After reading this piece, please say goodbye to stress

By Laitan Jokodola



**STRESS** is the "wear and tear" our bodies experience as we adjust to our continually changing environment; it has physical and emotional effects on us and can create positive or negative feelings. As a positive influence, stress can help compel us to action; it can result in a new awareness and an exciting new perspective.

As a negative influence, it can result in feelings of distrust, rejection, anger, and depression, which in turn can lead to health problems such as headaches, upset stomach, rashes, insomnia, ulcers, high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. With the death of a loved one, the birth of a child, a job promotion, or a new relationship, we experience stress as we readjust our lives. In so adjusting to different circumstances, stress will help or hinder us depending on how we react to it.

All stress isn't bad. Stress can initiate change, help us focus on the task at hand, and in some cases even save our lives. Yet, when stress builds up, it can result in the opposites and cause us to spin our wheels, keep us from concentrating, and cause bodily injury and even loss of life. The first tip in managing stress is to recognize your stressors. The next step is to put each of them in their place. The following stress

management tips, based on some old and some new adages, can help you do just that!

### Take a Deep Breath and Count to Ten

Taking one or two deep breaths of oxygen into your system instantly helps you relax. In addition, taking a moment to step back can help you maintain your composure, which in the long run, is what you need to work rationally through a stressful situation.

### Start with "take a deep breath" and...

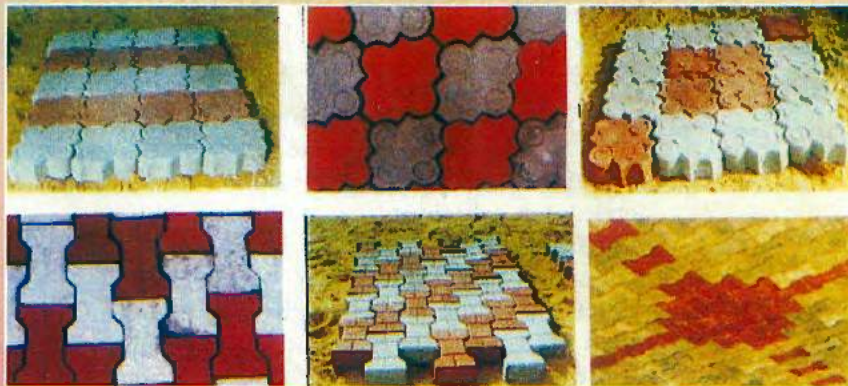
1. Count to ten (or more or less as the situation warrants!)
2. Stand up and stretch. Remember relaxation is the opposite of stress.
3. Stand up and smile. Try it! You'll feel better!
4. Take a short walk. If you're at work, take a bathroom break or get a glass of water. Do something that changes your focus. When you come back to the problem, chances are it





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# Stress Management Tips

won't seem nearly as insurmountable.

5. Author, Scarlett O'Hara in her book *Gone with the Wind* said, "I can't think about that right now. If I do, I'll go crazy. I'll think about that tomorrow." Good advice!

### Stop and Smell the Roses

**"Things happen"** and sometimes **"bad things happen to good people"**.

If we let them, stressful events can build up. The following steps will go a long way to reduce the effect of stress.

**1. Take the time:** Too often we put the pleasantries of life on the back burner, telling ourselves we don't "have time" or can't "make time" for them. However, actually, time is the only thing we do completely own. While we can't "make" a day that's longer than 24 hours, each of us starts the day with exactly that amount of time. Take a part of your time to recognize the good things in your life.

**2. Sleep on it:** Every coin has two sides and every issue has both pros and cons. List them both then put the list away and take a second look tomorrow. Sometimes "sleeping on" a situation changes the minuses to pluses.

**3. Every cloud has a silver lining:** After all, rain makes things grow! Ben Franklin found good in a bolt of lightning. Find the good in your stressful situation by listing the negative surges and determining what it will take to make them into positive charges!

### Know Your Limitations

Knowing yourself and your limits may be the most important way to manage stress effectively.



**'Laitan Jokodola**

**1. Dare to say no:**

One more little thing may be the "straw that breaks the camel's back". It's okay to say "No", "I can't", or "Later".

**2. Acquit yourself:**

Sometimes events really are out of control and you really are "Not Guilty". Quit blaming yourself.

**3. Be pro-active in finding peace:**

Those who unsuccessfully use the crutches of drugs and/or alcohol to alleviate stress often find themselves in a twelve-step program like A.A., where one of the mainstays is the Serenity Prayer

**"God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change; The Courage to change the things I can; and the Wisdom to know the difference."**

**4. When you need help, get help:**

Even Atlas couldn't bear the weight of the world on his shoulders forever. Whether you need help from kids or spouse in hauling groceries into the house, help from a colleague to solve a work-related problem, or professional help to find the

causes of and effectively manage your stress, getting the help you need is in itself a major stress management tip!

### Other Tips

- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat healthily.
- Listen to your favorite music.
- Exercise, participate in a sport or engage in fun activity.
- Plan out your time and prioritize.
- Talk to a friend about your problems, don't hold it in.
- Get a massage.
- Take a nap.
- Take a warm bath.
- Read a book or watch TV.





# Ulcer

## *and its treatment*

By Tosin Alausa

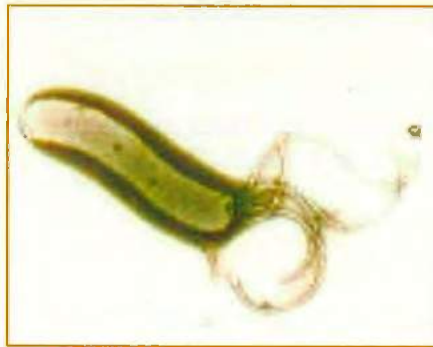
ULCER

Recent research has shown that there is a similarity between ulcer and breaks that occur in the upper part of the digestive system. It is an open sore in the lining of the stomach that causes pain which affects the normal activities of the victims needed for proper digestion.

Ulcer is caused by helicobacter pylori - a bacterium that lives on the mucous membrane of the digestive system. According to medical research helicobacter pylori causes a good percentage of all the ulcer cases. Ulcer is also caused by the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (a group of drugs used to treat pain and fever). These drugs include Ibuprofen, Aspirin and Acetaminophen.

Extremely long intervals between meal times and stress can also a cause ulcer. Smokers are potential ulcer patients too.

It is well known that ulcer patients have specific diets e.g. meals with enough vitamins A and C content. They are not to take meals with excessive pepper




**Helicobacter Pylori**

content. They are also advised to take milk on regular basis to ease the pains.

The following are the symptoms of ulcer; feelings of indigestion, heart burn, unusual weight loss or gain, stomach pain, repeated cases of bleeding in the stomach and passing of black blood and excreta. When these signs are noticed it is advisable to seek urgent medical attention.

Treatment of ulcer can be through the use of prescribed drugs but in severe cases, such as perforation of the intestines, surgeries can be performed to ease pain. Ulcer can be avoided by regular feeding and not smoking.

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# Timeless Fragrances

By Seun Adesigbin

*FRAGRANCES* come and go out of season but these ones have stood the test of time. If you are want to smell and feel like a complete gentleman, here are a variety of quality fragrances to help you.

## HALSTON

This legendary fragrance from the American designer, Halston is still something of a secret outside the United States. It is probably



**Geo Trumper**

because Halston has never been as well known in Europe in the contemporary history of clothing, as in his homeland. Halston 2-14 is a modern fragrance but not modish in consequence. It goes well with a wardrobe that places emphasis on the modern without forcing tried



**Eau Sauvage**

and trusted classics into the background

## GEO TRUMPER

Someone who is suspicious of the



**Acqua Parma**

large perfume shops may be likely to develop a taste for Trumper's extracts of limes, a typical English eau de toilette. It is not found on sales in perfumeries but in old established gentlemen's outfitters, where the refreshing lime scent is



**Polo**

displayed alongside English shirts, ties and shoes.

## EAU SAUVAGE

Eau Sauvage by Christian Dior is one of the greatest fragrances of all times. If it were a piece of clothing, its quality would be equal to that of a Hermes neck tie. Never controversial or out of place, it is accepted around the world. But as

so often, some thing that has proved its worth over the years strikes many as dull. Someone who is looking for a scent that would be more expressive of his individuality is hardly going to pick it.



**Paco Rabanne**

## ACQUA DI PARMA

Acqua Di Parma would have probably remained an exclusive niche product for ever if top label designer, Diego Della Valle had not adopted the fragrance. It is made from roses. Established customers are distressed to find their favourite secret scent dragged into the light of publicity.



**Knize Ten**



# Timeless Fragrances

## POLO

As a fragrance, it is always sold by means of the design of its bottle and the name of its creator, Polo by Ralph Lauren. It is particularly popular amongst those enthusiastic for this brand. Some one who is not aware of Ralph Lauren will only choose the green bottle with the golden top by chance but people who value this American designer's style will also appreciate his eau de toilette.

## GIORGIO

Giorgio of Beverly hill sounds like a mixture of La Dolce Vita and Hollywood. Someone who likes neither one nor the other will take a liking to this perfume. It is really



Gray Flannel



Giorgio

glamorous. At the same time, with a top note of orange and bergamot, it is very spicy, well refreshing, yet well suited to an actor or a film star.

## PACO RABANNE

Though of Mediterranean origin, Paco Rabanne fragrances are well known. With its fresh, spicy, top note of bergamot and lavender, Paco Rabanne pour homme is really better suited to Promenade Des Anglais in Nice than to London's Bond street, though it is on a fast-growing demand in England.

## KNIZE TEN

Very few people are aware that

Knize is in fact an illustrious Viennese gentleman's outfitters, a name renowned throughout the world wars. Some one who uses knize ten breathes the fragrance of an institution of classic men's clothing.

## GREY FLANNEL

The name 'Grey Flannel' would immediately conjure up a specific image in the mind of someone scanning the shelves of perfumery. Grey Flannel sounds classic, serious and refined. A product with the name like this, one might say is going to be the complete opposite of a fragrance called Denim. Fortunately, this classic shows no sign of the fact that it came onto the market in 1976, in the middle of the December.

## Culled from the Net



Halston

## Discover Yourself

**L**IFE can never make much sense to you until you find out who you really are and you can not know who you are until you connect to your source. God is the source every human. Humans are created to be the extension of God; we are created in his image and likeness. This is not an accident or error, God ordained your birth; He created you for his purpose and glory. Appreciate yourself because you do not have an exact duplicate; you are unique.

Knowing who you are goes a long way in determining what you become tomorrow. And when you are aware of whom you are in God, your perspective to life changes drastically. This automatically builds your self-esteem.

We form opinion about ourselves

early in life based on three factors. Positive or Negative Experiences. Positive reactions generally make us happy, fulfilled and proud of ourselves. Passing an exam or making a persons smile are good instances. Negative experiences are however those experiences that bring about sorrows and pain in an individual. Examples are failure and rejection.

**People's Opinion:** People would always talk about you. Their comments could be good or bad. As an individual, it is left to you to either believe or doubt whatever has been said. The most important thing is to know who God says you are. The negative comments you hear about yourself are instruments in the hands

of the devil to lower your self-esteem and ultimately your great destiny. **Self Perception:** No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. Do not allow the negative words of people affect you. It is important to know who you are in God. Knowing who you are would take you through a successful journey in life.

Finally, it is necessary you know who you are. Discovering who you really are requires that you need to connect to your source God, and meditating on His word. Knowing who you are boosts your self worth and self confidence. Do not try to be like the Joneses. *Imitation is limitation.* Be yourself and be REAL.

By Bolutife Alex-Taiwo



# PEEP TOES

Piriye Ben-Kalio

A change of footwear is the best way to freshen your look when you do not want to change your entire wardrobe but still want to be fashion-conscious. The newest type of footwear, peep toes, seems to favour only ladies endowed with pretty toes. This new range of footwear is making a comeback (like almost everything else in fashion today!) into the fashion world after its appearance in the 1940s.



Hollywood screen goddesses adorned these beautiful pairs on their feet as they paraded our screens in their chic padded-shoulder suits. Their subtle audience appeal was illustrated by their fiery looks, accentuated with make-up and high court open shoes. This is 2007 and these shoes are once again a major hit with the fashion conscious.



Whichever class you fall into, there is a shoe for you as peep toes come in high court shoes, wicked sling backs, playful wedges and even ballet flats. They also have their specific occasions. Ballet and sisal wedges are definitely for playtime casuals, while killer courts such as this black pair are for formal events. The leather wedges can be worn for formal occasions.

If you must wear peep toes, please have a pedicure, chipped nail polish, ragged-edge toe nails and unruly cuticles are not stylish and will ruin the up-to-date look you are trying hard to create.



## Casual footwear shines through

By Okoghene Ogor

**METALLIC** fashion items are in high demand these days. Anything that glows, glitters and glimmers is in vogue; from gold gowns to silver bags and jewelry. If you feel that gold or silver



clothing is not for you, don't give up on the trend.

Try metallic footwear court shoes or slippers and sandals with a hint of gold or silver or with

some diamante glued on to give it an added glow.

These slippers or mules can be worn with denim, Ankara or pedal pushers or shorts.

Whatever you choose to wear let your feet shine.



The graduating students stepped out in style during the Mass Communication Department's Send Forth Party organised in their honour recently





# My American EXPERIENCE

## The Diary of a Fulbright SUSI Scholar

- Sheriff Folarin



**How the Dream Came True**  
My American experience was a unique one. I discovered the United States—one of the five largest countries in the world—in just about two months. The special Fulbright scholarship award called the Study of the United States Institute on Foreign Policy, a highly competitive and prestigious of Fulbright categories which I won, afforded me to spend summer along with 17 other successful awardees, in the country. The journey to dreamland actually began with a notification by the US embassy on Monday March 26, of my selection. I was the only recipient from Nigeria in the Foreign Policy category; the only West African; one of only four Africans; and Covenant University is the only University to win two awards in two different categories in the history of Fulbright SUSI.

### The South Carolina Affair

South Carolina is historically significant to the US for two basic reasons, namely, it was a major entreport through Charleston, where slaves from West Africa were taken during the era of the slave trade. The economy had thrived on slave wealth; hence it was the first state in the south that resisted the Abraham Lincoln-led abolition of the slavery in the US. Thus, the secession of South Carolina-led South from the Union sparked off the civil war in 1861. That is the second reason. The people of South Carolina are warm, religious but conservative. They know how to preserve the history and culture of that part of the USA. Columbia, the capital, where the University of South Carolina is located, is a very welcoming and peaceful city with very friendly people with minimum consciousness of racial differences.



### At the State House

That is the right place to start a study of the United States, and indeed, a place to learn the history, culture and people of America.

18 of us arrived the University of South Carolina with much preparedness and expectations. The South Carolina Affair was to take the substantial part of our time in the US. We were to engage in intensive seminars, roundtable brainstorming, research and presentation of papers. The USC affair was intense indeed. We had academic contacts with fifteen Professors from the best universities in the country. We barely had time to rest. In the evenings when we were supposed to be resting, we organized seminars for presentation of papers by each of the 18 scholars.

I was the first to make any presentation. I started in a unique way- I sang the national anthem of Nigeria and everyone stood up in honor of my country. I discussed the history, people and culture and religion of Nigeria and how these factors affect Nigeria's foreign

policy; and discussed the leadership role of Nigeria in Africa and US-Nigeria relations in the 21st century.

My patriotism, active participation in class, "use of words and excellent speeches" (as Professor Rosati, Associate Fulbright Director noted) earned me the name "Mr.

President."

My colleagues and students of USC called me that name and still do in correspondences since my return. I am also imitated in my favorite words and phrases, including "however" and "it is pertinent to note", which, plus "put differently" are my acronyms at CU.

While Professor Rosati was fond of reminding me that I am the "future Presidente" of Nigeria; Professor Puchala, the Fulbright Director said I had convinced him that "Nigeria is the future power in the world" and that "very intelligent, thoughtful and gentle people live in Nigeria." Well....

We spent a weekend in Charleston, the historic town earlier mentioned, another weekend in Atlanta, Georgia, where we visited the Cable News Network (CNN), discovering all that makes CNN tick; and were at the Martin Luther King Jr. home, memorial and museum, and visited President Jimmy Carter Center both in



Atlanta. On our way to Atlanta, we went to Fort Jackson, US' busiest military base and symbol of its military power. At Fort Jackson, we were shown the periphery but told of the substance of US power, and were tested in articulatory, military intelligence and sharp-shooting. I won the US Army Commanding General's Award for Excellence. I must mention that I wore the CU polo shirt, like I did at many other places of importance, which elicited inquiries about the university. Among the packages from the Vice Chancellor to a number of university officials at South Carolina, are our CU shirts and caps, which Professor Smith, the Director of the host-institute, the Walker Institute, wore several times. Professor Rosati wore the red CU cap twice.

Among other places visited were the Columbiana Cinemas downtown Columbia, where I saw the latest Bruce Willis' movie Live Free or Die Hard and Eva and Almighty. We were also at Wal-Mart, America's biggest all-purpose shopping mart several times where I did most of my shopping. I visited an African-American Church in central Columbia, a Nigerian in countryside Columbia, a Christian family where I had Nigerian food, pounded yam and edi ka ikang for the first time. American food is something else! That was what I ate for about a month- I wasn't able to determine whether it was tasteful or tasteless. However, it felt nice eating American food, which everyone desires to experience!

### Washington, Baltimore, New Jersey and New York

After the one-month academic experience at USC, the next stage was study tours to reinforce the academic content of our USC program. We left USC with a heavy heart having become used to that sedate environment. We flew into Washington DC on Saturday July 7, breathing the air of the "world's political capital". That evening, we were at the White House, World War 11 Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King Jr. had given his famous "I Have A Dream" Speech, among other places.



At HOLLYWOOD

We had another very busy schedule in Washington DC. We had extensive intellectual encounters at The Pentagon (US Dept. of Defense), National Intelligence Council, National Security Council, US Vice President's office, USAID, Center for a New American Security, George Washington University, the Capitol Hill where we met Congressman Joe Wilson, and the Senate Committee on

Foreign Relations Chairman, and a few other persons. To ease off, I took the subway to China Town to have a change of menu at a Chinese restaurant. Before leaving DC, we were at the Brookings Institute and the Carnegie Institute, two research centers and Think-Tanks. Two former CU students, Jide Durosomo and Chidinma Ukonne, now schooling in Maryland, drove from Baltimore to see me in my Five Star Jury's Hotel at DuPont in DC.



Giving a lecture at Georgetown, Georgetown University

Washington was a mix of hospitality and hostility. Massachusetts Avenue and DuPont were warm because of the concentration of many different races. However, there is a complete discrimination between the rich and the poor- DC has the largest number of homeless people and destitutes I saw in the US-Whites, Blacks, Indians, Latinos, etc. And, they are all over the streets, even close to the White House. Just in front of the White House, there is a destitute, "Concepcion W. Thomas" he calls himself; he has been there since



1981. He is White House's Chief Critic and right under the nose of the White House Police, he spreads his camp tent to sleep and displays the pics of Bush looking like Osama bin Laden, whom he calls "the Real Terrorist."

We left DC after a most memorable experience, and left for New York enroute Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Jersey. New York is the busiest and probably most beautiful city in America. It is incontrovertibly the busiest city in the world. We were at the famous Broadway Theater, inside the Oprah Winfrey Hall on Broadway where we saw a historically significant dance-drama. We were at Staten Island to see the legendary Statue of Liberty donated by France to the USA at independence, and saw Ground Zero (site of the Twin Tower of the World Trade Center), New Jersey by sea, and other places. I was also at our church at Jamaica Queens, New York where Pastor Mike and his wife are in charge. All my private trips in New York were by metro (subway or underground fast-moving train). I also met the mother of one of my International Relations students, the brother of Dr. Atayero working at the UN. In one of my research outings, I met Nigeria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Joy Ogwu at the Nigeria Consulate-General in NY, and visited the UN where I was privileged to enter the office of the Secretary-General.

Our group official outings led us to have roundtable discussions and briefings with/from Ambassador Khalilzad, US Ambassador to the UN, Ambassador McNee, Canadian Ambassador to the UN and John Washburn of the UNA-USA. Our meetings were very rewarding indeed.

### Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica

The meetings in DC and NY opened our eyes to the actual planning, making and execution of foreign policy. It was practice as it manifests theories. However, we left for Los Angeles, our last port of call, where we were to finalize our studies on the note of encountering American culture and hospitality. This is in the state of California, which has the sixth largest economy in the world. Among

many other places, we were at the LA Harbor, the busiest port in the world; Los Angeles Times, one of US' oldest political newspapers; Warner Bros Studios, world's biggest movie industry; Hollywood and Beverly Hills, the home of the world's famous actors and music artistes-retired and active. Beverly Hills is a rare beauty, but the inhabitants try to create a sort of "class" that insulates them from the rest of the society. Huge fine is imposed on unauthorized visitors, and somewhere downtown, the world headquarters of designer outfits, like Michael Korrs, St. Johns, Dolce and Gabbana, De Beers, Boulche (part of the place where the film *Pretty Woman* was shot), etc are located. You must have booked online for shopping appointment if you are to come and do shopping at these high-profile places.

Santa Monica is opposite of Beverly Hills in the state of California. It is a balancer of classes, which provides life and fun for both the rich and the poor. We were at the five star Huntley Santa Monica Beach, where David Beckham who had come to debut for LA Galaxy FC had come for an all-night party with fans. We were treated to free chocolates that night, but barred from coming too close to the soccer star by uncourteous bouncers. The Los Angeles trip ended with a farewell banquet for Fulbrights. The exquisite Italian restaurant we had the banquet witnessed outpouring of emotions by scholars who would be departing for home the next day. The US Summer study had come to an end. The stress, like the party, was now over.

### Lessons from the Trip

The experience has opened my eyes so much to discover the current trends in my area of scholarship, tools to use for research and teaching efficiency, and increased my knowledge enormously.

By my interactions with the best brains in the US, I have learnt many new things about professionalism in our career.

I made a lot of contacts and collaborations with international scholars. I also established professional relations and established concrete linkages and exchange programs on behalf of my



Sheriff and another Fulbright

University.

The things I saw show that Covenant University is right on course as it has most of what the universities in the US has. What CU needs is sustenance of this enviable culture being developed.

I had the opportunity to acquire books and journals in my field and related areas of scholarship, some of which would be donated to the University; and some to my colleagues.

Studying in the US has afforded me to know that only an infinitesimal and insignificant number of Americans support the Bush policy in Iraq. They describe Bush as the most hated President of the States because of how the "messy occupation"

of Iraq has made Americans unpopular in the world. The US considers Europe and Russia to be geo-strategically irrelevant in the 21st century, but reckons with China and India as potential "friend-rival."

There are many destitutes in the US and thus, those seeking greener pastures in a place where there are indigenes that are homeless, should have a rethink.

In conclusion, my US experience has really helped me discover new perspectives to development in all facets of life and equipped me with new skills that are "pent up" for my discharge at intellectual forums and classrooms. Put differently, my University, my students and my research work will be the greatest beneficiaries of my new status as a Fulbright scholar.

-Mr. Sheriff Folarin of the Department of Policy and Strategic Studies/International Relations, Covenant University returned at the



# My American EXPERIENCE

## U.S. AND US, AMERICA AND I: MY NARRATIVE

By **Ofure Aito** (American Summer Fulbright, 2007)



The United States of America and I. Going to or coming to America is every one's notion of ceiling a successful effort in life. The country connotes several meanings and reactions to different people at different times and places. To some, it is a land flowing with milk and honey; to some it is God's own country; the land of freedom; a nation everything works and many more impression. To the politicians it is an asylum but then that depends on your tent political ideology; to the economist it is a late capitalist society; the democrats see it as development to civilisation; business man it is a techno-scientific progression; to the intellectual it is the groove of intellectual excellence where scholarships lay in abundance; and to the critic it is a nation of neo-enslavery. Neo-enslavery ranges from the media manipulation of CNN and FOX TV to political supra-strength to economic intervention and to intellectual inquiries, and even addiction to SODA! Everyone has an image of US in him ... may be the ultimate for when US speaks the whole world comes to a stand still or maybe confusion and intimidation.

One fact about USA is that you can never be wrong for she has something of everything. It is a society of great pluralism whose diversity is the strength,



Aito (in headgear) with fellow scholars

harnessed towards greater development that is irresistible to the world. It is US of polarization where everyone races against time, burning with passion of commitment towards the set goal of self-actualisation and national identity. Within the belly of this great diversity are core values that guide all and in fact the envy of other nations of the world. These core values are what in my impression earned it the reference as God's own country. There are engrained respect for democracy, freedom, right to pursuit of happiness, civility, care for the young and elderly. In fact the care and love given to the

elderly and the high sense of appreciation of and commitment to their jobs 'bombed me out' lingering misconceptions. These are the impressions of US in most and all, and in me without being an exception.

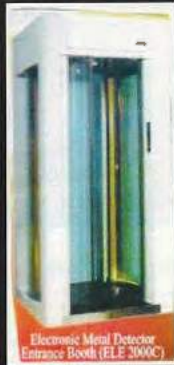
My sojourn to US started as a miracle, something I did not imagine but which is a vision of God. To God be the glory! But my understanding of such a gift of actualization is God's acknowledgement of commitment to hard work. And this commitment to hard work was the armour I took to USA and which helped me and keep me with the orbit of God's



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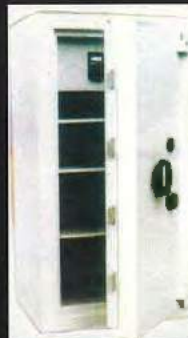
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watchful eyes as my eyes are also watching God for wisdom.

Being in the US is beautiful and the people, culture and society challenged my preconceived notions and demystified my myths about 'herself'. There, my worldview broadened, and I developed a new awareness and sense of appreciation about myself and self-worth especially in my profession. As I mentioned earlier, America gives you choices be or not to be, and your choice can change your life for ever, and better. I see my self a better person based on the people I related with, the seminars I attended, the tours I took, the books I read and the vast knowledge my Summer Fulbright experience exposed me to. Like I stated in my application I desire an exposure in the right places in order to excel in my



Aito during a chat

Summer Fulbright accorded me by taking me to the height of academics opportunities where I learn, learnt and learned; learn, unlearn and relearn several things that VAT

up my life. I intend to extend this connection to several areas; nation, home institution, students, colleagues and communities because they are

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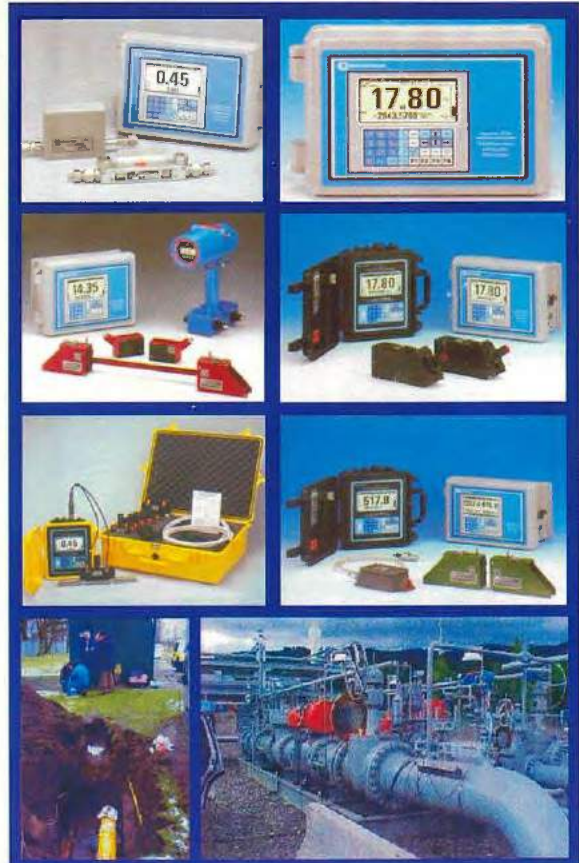
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worth importing home and imitating in our personal and national life.

Other things I learnt in my connection with US include contentment: in Nigeria, everyone complains about everything without making a personal commitment to change things. In US no one grumbles or complains, rather they offer to help make it better. There is also a high sense of order: waiting for your turn in an orderly manner by being patient. Nigerians lost the sense of civility since the 80's. Disorder, impatience and rudeness are the fabrics that define our identity. It is almost an abomination to complain, be rude or be impatient in my US experience! And wow! ... the culture of appreciation! You purchase something you get a thank you and appreciation chatters and proper guide from the teller machinist; Nigerians will want to cheat you, abuse you and expect you to thank them for patronising them.

But in spite of these differences in socio-culture, there are some similarities which we share with US. The diversity of their society and culture is similar to Nigeria. However, educationally and intellectually, I believe we are better because we work extra hard due to the unavailability of the supra-structures that they have. And we work extra because of the consciousness of being regarded as 'Third world' or the 'other'. What this connotes is that discrimination or racism 'otherization' is still a part of the US fabric.

Interestingly, their summer is a blend of our rainy season, with it August break and the haziness of harmattan. ■



Aito at a historical site

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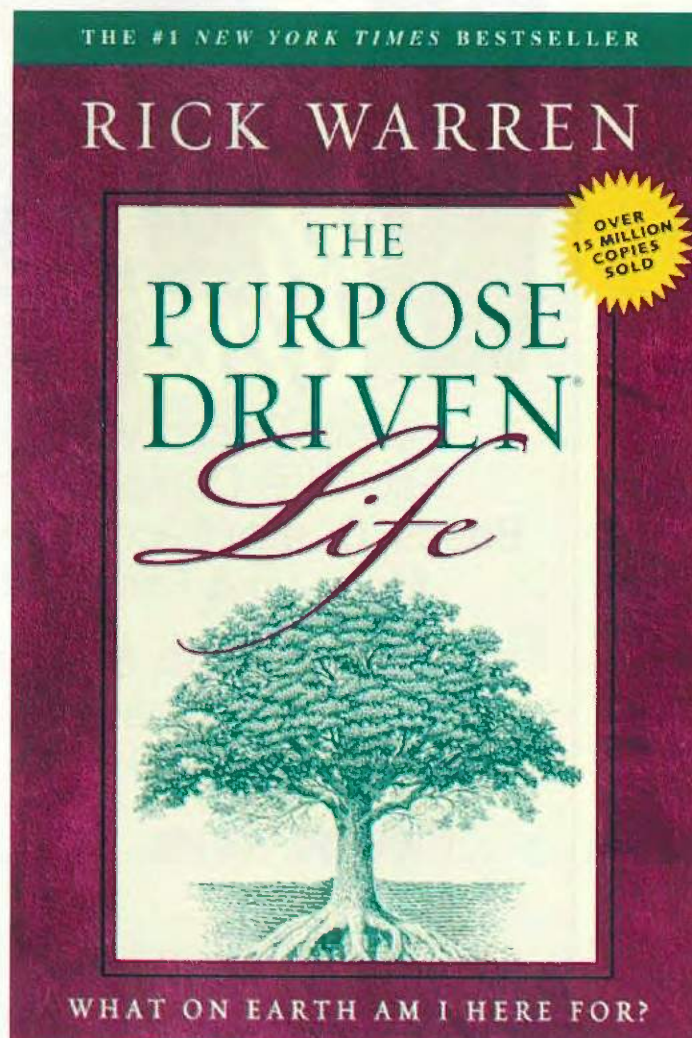


# THE BENEFITS OF A PURPOSE DRIVEN *Life*

Title Of Book: **The Purpose Driven Life**  
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 Reviewer: **Ashimi Omoshalewa**

Life is a journey and we all desire to have a purposeful one. Unlike most self help books that suggest that discovery of one's life purpose can be made through introspection, this bestseller examines destiny from another angle. Rick Warren is of the view that introspection is the wrong perspective to start from in the quest of purpose discovery.

This '40-day journey' book opens you up to a new dimension of life. Warren allows you to understand that your destiny or purpose exists with the intention of pleasing God first and foremost, that it is about God's will for you and has nothing to do with your likes and dislikes. The book allows you to exercise



your mind by giving it thoughts to ponder on and find out about your 'blind self'.

Warren countered a lot of misconceptions. The book challenges the conventional definition of worship, surrender, discipleship, fellowship, ministry and evangelism. This has definitely added knowledge to the existing knowledge base and countered the 'not-so-right' body of knowledge we have gained overtime.

Rick Warren has written for you a masterpiece of wise counsel for day-to-day glorious living. Whether you are seeker, a new believer, or a seasoned saint, let God use these pages to place your feet firmly on the right path.



# The Pains of a

# WIDOW



TITLE OF FILM:

**Widow**

PRODUCER:

**Agatha Amata & Kinsley Okoro**

CAST:

**Stella-Damascus Abodurin, Yemi Sholade, Bunor Peter, Obiangeli Mobube, Mwakalor Anthony, Esiegbe Tricia.**

YEAR OF PRODUCTION:

**2007**

LENGTH OF FILM:

**1HR 30MINS**

REVIEWER:

**Alokolaro Adebisi**

THE movie, *Widow* redefines the Igbo tradition with the words pain, agony, sorrow and torture. The *Widow* is a true-life story about a suicidal tradition which attains fulfilment in the pain that widows go through. The movie tells the tale of Nnenna (Damasus-Aboderin) who lost her husband (Solade) to the wickedness of brother-in-law (Bunor). Upon becoming a widow, members of her late husband's family take her through hell in fulfilment of their tradition. There is even no provision to protect her from this wickedness in the law. She is however saved from her helpless and hopeless situation by a good

friend and a stranger.

The movie is an exact imitation of the backward traditions that still exist today. It brings to fore a question like 'Can widowhood be helped?' It is a highly emotional movie and it would therefore not be a surprise if watchers can not hold back tears whilst watching it. The movie touches the soul and gears watchers to take a stand against the injustice meted out to widows. *Widow* is an unusually beautiful story which does not just represent another movie in the market but an eye-opener to issues common in some of our societies today. The performance of the widow in the movie (Damasus-

Abodurin) is nothing short of spectacular. She merged perfectly so well with her role that it is very hard to believe that the movie is not her own true life story. Her performance is sure to hold any watcher spellbound. The settings of the movie e.g. costumes, props and make-up are all factors that add up to the overall quality of this movie.

This movie is a must-watch for all regardless of their status, age, sex or tribe. It is a must-watch for every one!! The movie however promises a certain dose of tears and emotions.



# The Menace of Bribery and Corruption in our nation

By **Bisi Alokolaro**

NIGERIA is known to be the one of the most corrupt nations of the world. The insatiable desire for wealth in our leaders is the major cause of this.

If the common man is asked the cause of underdevelopment in our nation, he would mention bribery and corruption and point accusing fingers at the government without a second thought. There is more to bribery and corruption than we see at our police checkpoints everyday.

The true definition of bribery is the illegal extortion and acceptance of money or other material gifts and favours in return for a favour. Corruption is the debased, polluted and decayed state in which we find our nation today. One cannot exist without the other. While a corrupt society is characterized by vices such as bribery; bribery must exist in a corrupt society for it to be called one.

Bribery and corruption is a menace that has become part of our everyday life. It is manifested in many different ways and even in the most unsuspecting ways. From our homes to our society at large, there is a trace of this menace.

In our homes for example, a junior one is given candy or sweets by his elder sibling to keep him from exposing the dubious acts he wants to carry out.

This grows and extends its tentacles to schools and other points of socialization. In schools, students or their parents bribe their teachers to give them good grades in their academics. In higher institutions of learning, this is most rampant. Students - especially young ladies, use their bodies to get satisfactory grades. Otherwise, sons of wealthy persons bribe their lecturers with gifts as exorbitant as cars and freezers. The unserious sons of the not-too-wealthy resort to cultism a medium they use to intimidate their lecturers and colleagues.

Also, in our organizations, there is



an element of bribery and corruption. An incompetent female staff could have an affair with her boss to get a position she does not merit while another competent staff is forgotten in a position she has been for years because she would not play the game.

The most common scenes of this menace are played by traffic wardens and policemen. The most surprising part of this is that they no longer perform this act in the dark but in the public glare of the citizens.

The elections and the electoral process is one of the most corrupt entities associated with our nation. Candidates for elections bribe voters to vote for them at different polling centers at many different times. Little wonder why the most corrupt set of people rule us term in term out. Those who eventually become residents on the corridors of power will not leave until they have successfully carted away a huge chunk of the so-called national cake. This has caused the masses to wallow in poverty and hunger while superfluous wealth and constipation play a major role in the lives of our leaders. Their greed has reduced the overall growth and development of our nation to a few inches from stagnation.

I sincerely believe that this menace can be totally eradicated if sincere and determined measures are

taken. Charity it is said begins at home. Parents should ensure that they instill discipline into their children at a very tender age. They are the leaders of today, why wait for tomorrow? By so doing, they would not be involved in any forms of truancy in their parents' absence.

In schools and higher institutions of learning, erring students, teachers and lecturers should be properly dealt with so that they can serve as examples to persons contemplating on engaging in corrupt activities.

The masses also have a part to play in the purging of our nation. They should be determined not to be cajoled or deceived into casting their votes for candidates who do not deserve them. If these candidates really deserve and need their votes, they would be ready to work for these votes and not want to buy them. The government should also organize awareness media like advertisements and workshops to educate the masses on true and legal voting. This will bring to effect a great reduction in the level of bribery and corruption in our nation. No longer should unnecessary committees be inaugurated to check corruption. The members themselves are corrupt! If there be compulsive need for a committee to be inaugurated, appointed members should be sincere, competent and committed. Membership should not be given as a favour but on merit to deserving citizens.

The police force should try to its best to rid itself of its bad eggs so as not to paint itself black in the eyes of the public. It should appropriately deal with its erring men and not just overlook their offences.

In little ways like these, this cankerworm that has eaten our nation's fabric to shreds would be effectively eliminated. Starting from our homes to the nation at large, bribery and corruption can and would be duly curbed. If we can be determined, our nation would look forward to a better tomorrow.





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# MY RICH POOR CHILD



By Shalewa Ashimi

## **WHY should our nation be caught up in the cycle of poverty, degradation, failure and underdevelopment?**

**W**hy should a child blessed with affluent parents end up in dearth? Why should a 45 year old country have nothing to show forth? Why we are delivered but yet to be free to dream and achieve?

Freedom is a function of the mind. A man's circumstance can change but the person's behaviour may not. In other words, the cause of the behaviour may be extinct but the behaviour may still continue.

The impact of colonialism on this part of the world has been underestimated. Slavery and colonization dealt a devastating blow on the minds of most Africans. It has destroyed their self esteem, gave birth to victim mentality and bred an attitude of insecurity. The victim like the circus elephant cannot move beyond a certain point. They need to know that they are free. Free to dream, freedom to fly. They need to understand that they are whole and smart enough. Like a lady who feels ugly, they need to be told that they are beautiful.

We Nigerians have been delivered for years but we have not set our minds free, we have not learned to dream, to believe. We still see Pharaoh who has stayed back in Egypt. We still feel Pharaoh watching, following us. We still believe that we cannot make it. I

look at Nigeria and I shed tears, hope is lost and mothers feed their children with tears. "It's so hard to live" some say. Nigerians have lost hope in the government, who are termed as 'promise and fails'. The labour market is overpopulated and the number of job seekers increases almost by the minute. 'Hope never fails' but ours has been dashed again and again that we see no essence in that phrase anymore.

The picture of Nigeria is far from that of its titles - the giant of Africa and the sixth largest oil nation.

'Untie Nigeria; for she will LIVE again'. My tears are not of sadness or lost hope but for the lack of understanding that exists between us. All we need is belief, devotion, and choice. Choose to make your world a better place, believe that we can make it and be devoted to achieving it. You don't need to be escorted with 50 vehicles and sirens and be called 'Mr President Sir'. You don't even need a university degree! All you need is a heart, a right mind and GOD.

Remember Edison didn't succeed at creating the light bulb the first 99 tries; he made it at the 100th. If he said I will no longer try then he will have no place in history. The crux of the matter is that we just have to start with our homes; because the home breeds the men

in the society and government. If we don't want dirty streets, then we start with our homes. If you want better roads, come together in you area and start something. Don't be lazy. Work! Work! Work! We can no longer wait for the government. We have to take the responsibility of this country in our hand. Fight for what you believe in. Violence is not an option but dialogue and unity in our efforts. We should stand together and say no to leaders that have a slavery mentality. Corruption is a product of slavery mentality. How can a slave lead the people to freedom?

Africa needs a second revolution. This time around unlike the Mao Mao in Kenya, who fought bush wars, we need not fight with physical weapons. We need a new set of leaders; a new set of visionaries. Their own fight is not physical it is a mental fight of knowledge, wisdom and revelation. We must enter an era of creative thinking; of mental sophistication. 'Africa needs a mental revolution,' (Sam Adeyemi).

Prosperity does not start with money; it starts with your thinking. So get into the new revolution and think; I can, I can, I can. This is the first step towards development.





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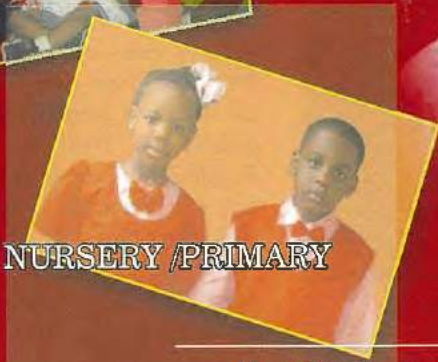
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#### Boleros or Borrows

One of the latest fashion trends around today is the bolero. Boleros are short cute jackets that barely cover half of the back. Lately, I've

## Backyard Gist



Simi Ogunleye

been spotting some so-called boleros that are actually just jackets that have become several sizes smaller than the owner. Some ladies even go as far as borrowing

their younger siblings' jackets. The gist thus becomes "My bolero was sent from England last week." Sisters with a flair for this should stop because *àbí asiri yin tí n tu.*

#### Daddy, why?

It is a wonder that despite our rich cultural heritage, Nigerian parents have suddenly run out of names for their children. The word 'strange' is an understatement for names like Convention, Halleluyah, Thank You Lord, Testimony, God Bless and to gratefully mention a few. I am a born-again Christian, spirit-filled and all but what should I say about names like Great Gain, Breakthrough and Shiloh!? The 'best' I have had the 'pleasure' of hearing is Triumph of Faith Fruitfulness All-Well Brown. Those are supposed to be the names of a new born baby. Out of concern, I would like to know what JAMB form she is going to fill. Parents concerned, please be more creative and thoughtful when naming your children so their first words will not be 'Daddy, why?'

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# Beware! Success Can be a Risk

By Tolulope Adekoya

*When you have dreams you make moves; when you make moves you have proves; when you have proves you make waves and when you make waves, you make more news*

It is said that success has many fathers but do you as a student and individual risk enough to succeed? A common cliché goes thus: *"when the going gets tough the tough gets going"*. As a student, what is your view about life? Do you see life as a bird of roses or probably, a risk? In life, most people tend to play safe rather than take the risk when the chips are down and consequently, success is not in their favour. The result of this is discouragement because we tend to focus on how to reduce our losses instead of bracing up to our God-giving potentials.

Those we refer to today as gurus



in their various fields climb to the utmost height; confronting things they consider as barriers and frighteningly risk taking. Someone once said "Heroes and cowards feel exactly the same fear. Heroes just react to fear differently".

Avoiding risks hinders the adventurous spirit concealed in man's inside. Often times, when faced with difficult challenges, we tend to dwell more on failure - devoting time to hoping for the worst.

More often than not, we cross paths with individuals who have seen it all, who have been there and instead of these individuals sowing the seeds of encouragement, they end up discouraging pointing out to you that all you have planned to execute will not work.

As a matter of fact, "run!" from such people for their diabolic intentions may kill your dreams. Believe in your ability, having it in mind that the sky is not the limit, for those who dare to dream and thrive towards actualizing such dream. The sky if anything at all is their starting point. As the Chancellor Dr. David Oyedepo would say, "When you have dreams you make moves; when you make moves you have proves; when you have proves you make waves and when you make waves,



you make more news" success is worth the risk.

What you fill your mind with is what you reproduce. A secret shared by creative people is that innovations do not require a genius rather, willingness to question the way things have always been done. Venture into the world of risks, make mistakes but learn from past experiences, detect what went wrong and take necessary steps in correcting the wrong.

There are diverse opportunities in life. You can gain access to these opportunities if only you are resolute and willing to take the risk which will transport you to your success. Be adventurous!





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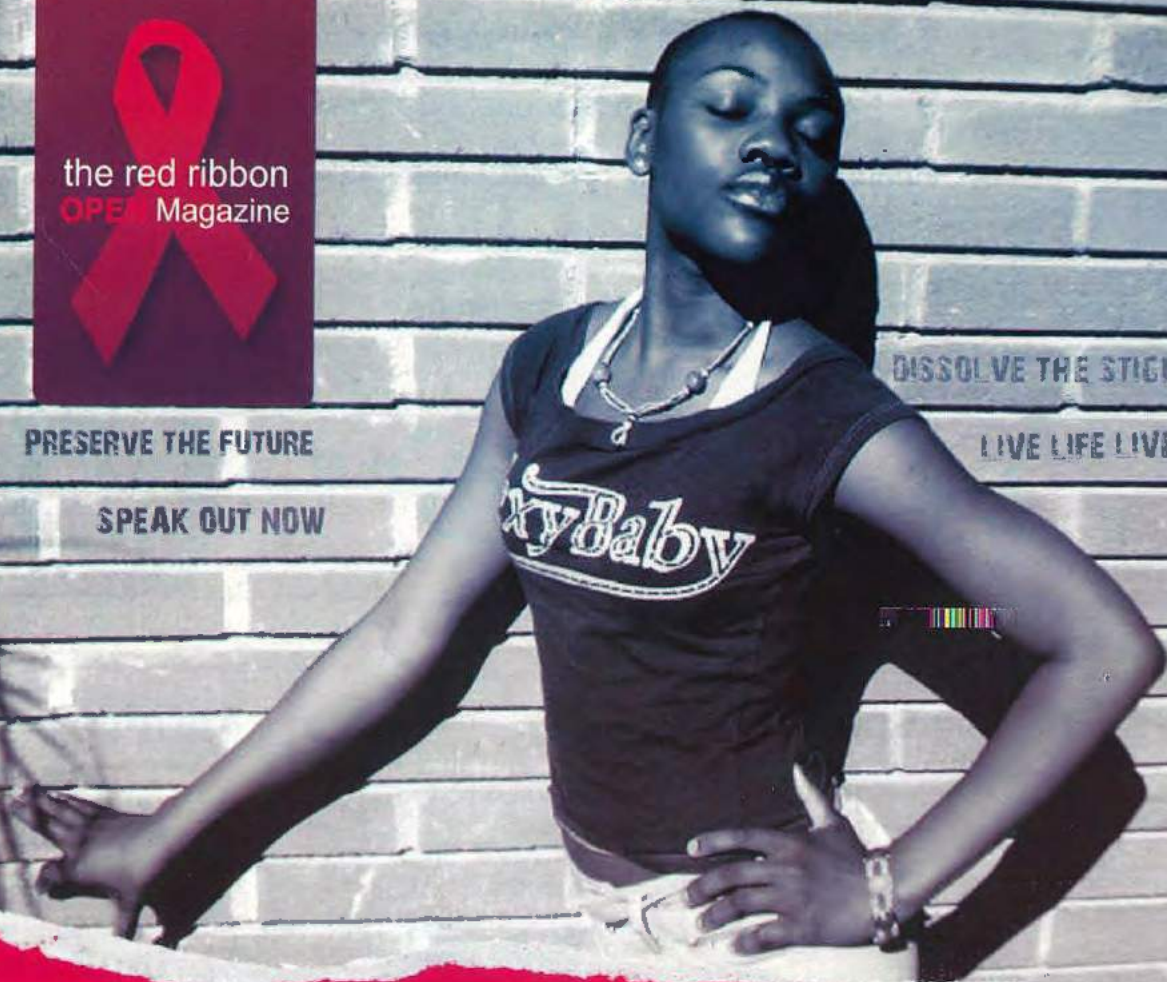


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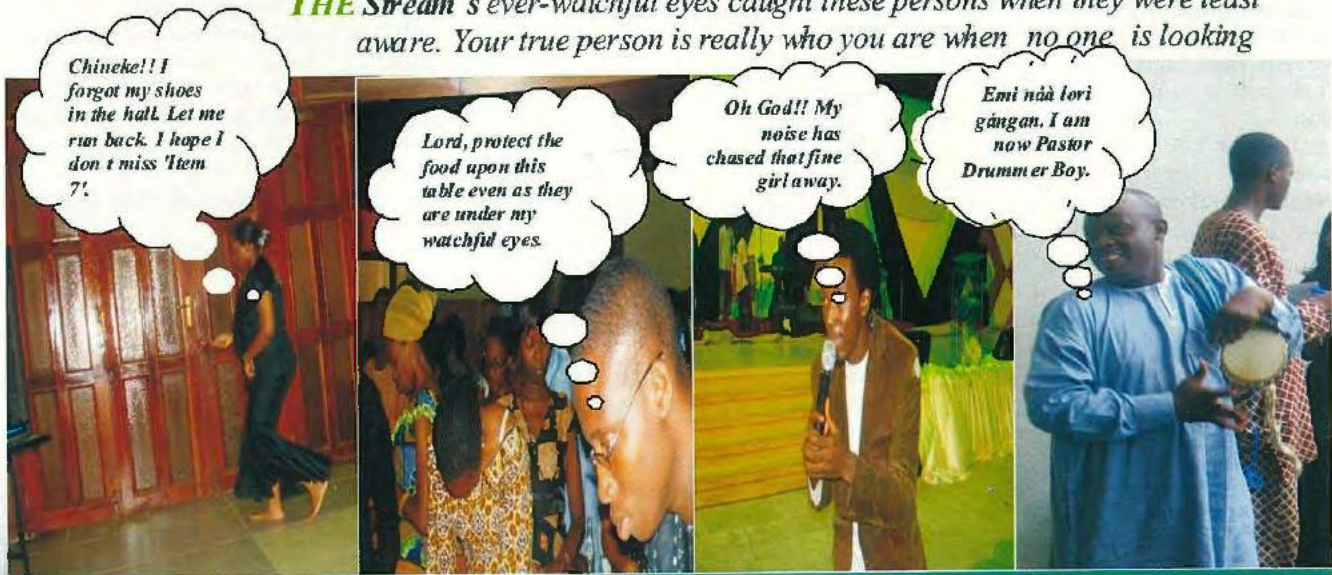
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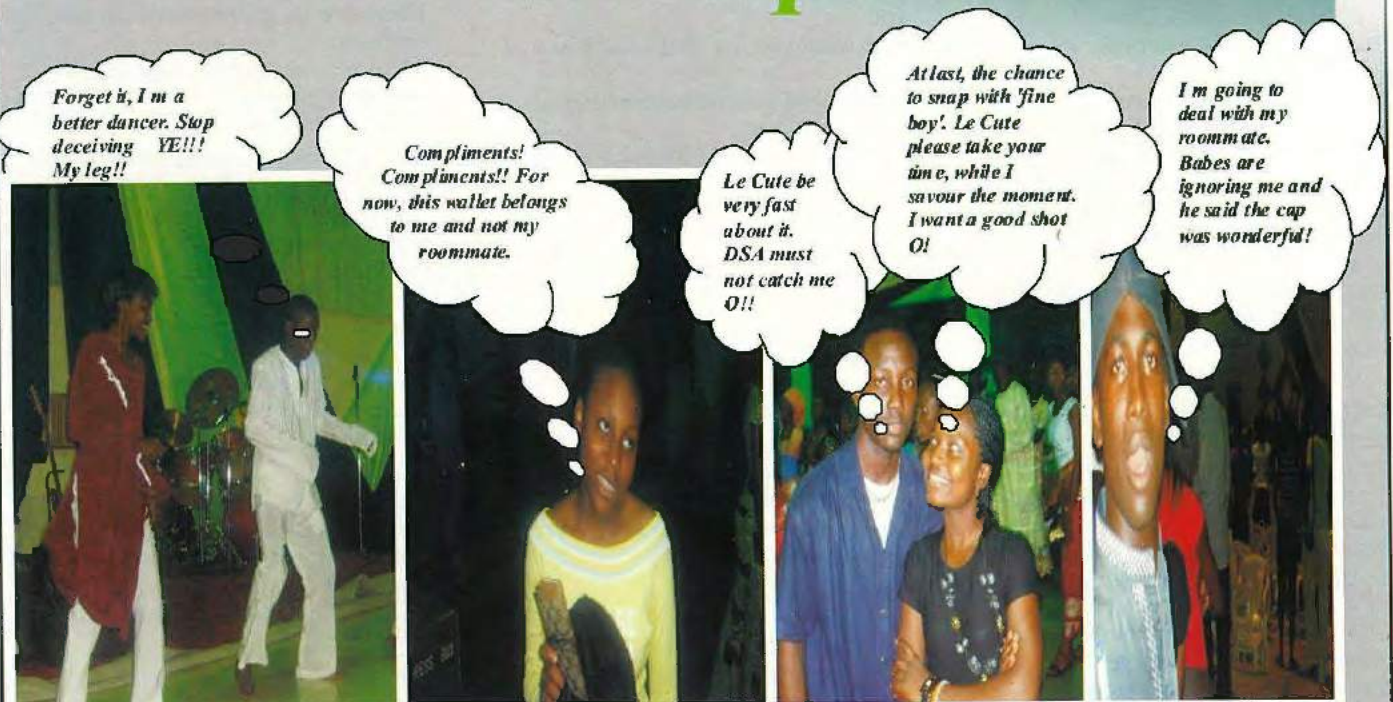


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# POEMS

## Playing Safe huh?

By Efua Okonofua

**LIFE** is incomplete without challenges to keep you on your toes. It is inevitable to have a few foes. But then what is the whole essence? Everyone desires a perfect comfort zone? The perfect escape from the harsh realities of life. A wise man once said: 'Don't surround yourself with people like you Rather have people who are nothing like you'. That is what makes the world go round.

Be willing to give it all up. Stop playing safe but instead, challenge yourself to change. Live in the present, in the moment- regardless of the gray clouds above. Live in the spirit; in an attitude of gratitude. Have the willingness to let the things and people you love go Especially if they want to. The greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. Exposing your feelings is to risk exposing your inner self. Sharing your dreams and ideas with the crowd is to risk their scorn. But keep dreaming anyway.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.  
To hope is to risk despair.  
To live is to risk dying.  
To laugh is to risk being the fool.  
To cry is to risk being the sentimental one.  
To be humble is to risk being despised.  
But not to risk is choosing not to live.  
When you no longer fear dying, what else can life threaten you with?

It takes courage to love again after you've been hurt.  
To try again after you've been defeated  
To boldly stand in the face of constant adversity  
To dare the impossible  
To give everything and expect nothing in return  
To hide your fears to yourself but show a façade of courage  
To take that one step into the unknown  
To live each day as it comes  
Only a risk taker is truly free!

## Memories

By Bisi Alokolaro

I reminisce on the years we spent

together as  
The time to move ahead and away approaches.  
I wonder.  
Will I ever see you again?  
Will we still have 'gists' to share?  
Will we ever again have fun and laughter together?  
When we grow older,  
Will our 'young' jokes still be funny?  
Sadly, I am left with nothing but memories.  
The idea of freedom at long last!  
Does not seem as appealing anymore.

When we finally go our separate ways  
To achieve our big dreams  
Forget me not.  
Have fond memories of our lectures we had.  
Of the lecturers we worshipped and those we took for granted,  
Of the stabbing of and sleeping during lectures,  
Of the 'collectivism' in our assignments,  
Of the cliques we belonged to,  
Of the 'stress' we went through,  
Funny enough,  
The 'stress' has become  
Our stepping stones to success - Out there.

Above all, I hope you do not forget your foundation  
He who is the very core of your existence.  
If you look into the sky, way beyond the stars,  
Remember the potter who moulded you  
Into what you are and what you will be.  
Remember that no matter how far in life you may go,  
He is closer to you than a heartbeat, now and always.

## Love

LOVE... a word synonymous with God;  
The description of which is the true nature of the Lord.  
Man's existence as a creature is a representation of this love  
Love, that one emotion that covers all indeed from above.

Love is  
To unconditionally give,  
Your time, your joy and your peace  
To that one person.  
To never again want to live.  
To give your heart, your soul and your all  
Purely and truly.

To catch and be caught lest there be a fall.  
To begin as friends.

And perhaps in the end,  
Become one.  
To honour an unbreakable eternal commitment  
Sealed for better or for worse,  
By a ring and sincere words  
To sacrifice, to understand and to never hurt willingly  
Is love.

## All that Glitters

ALL that glitters isn't gold  
All that's long lived isn't necessarily old  
All that's pink isn't dainty  
All that's flashy now won't forever stay pretty

People aren't always as their stories are told  
Clay isn't valuable without a good mould  
Diamonds are impossible without a good dig  
Life is impossible without God

Things aren't always the way they seem  
The inside stained, yet the outside seems so clean  
The old saying 'Judge not a book by its cover'  
Stands to tell more of a meaning than was originally recovered.

On days that are seemingly tough,  
Remember diamonds and gold were formerly rough.  
There are no part answers to tragedy and pain.  
Yet in committing all to Jesus, the victory is gained.

Would I know deep joy if I never felt pain?  
God knows in his wisdom that to suffer is to gain.  
Behind the clouds the storm is always shining  
After your storms, the skies will still be blue  
God has prepared a rosy silver lining  
Behind these clouds; waiting to shine through.

Sometimes life seems so perfect to everyone but us  
But we know not what dwells in the insides of another  
So at a glance we should never judge.

For anyone at all,  
Especially, for you.  
Be grateful no matter the situation  
Because something worse could always happen to you  
Even if it seems like all hope is lost,  
Don't ever give up because  
In no time, you'll be on the other side of Life's journey course.



# Finalists Final Match

By Alabi Akinola

As part of events making the second convocation ceremony of Covenant University, a novelty football match was organized by the sport department on July 19, 2007 in honor of the graduating students. The match was between the graduating class and the non graduating class.

The match was played at the temporary sport arena started by 5:35pm. The graduating class team were dressed in red jersey while the non graduating class was dressed in blue jersey. The first half ended goalless with the graduating class having the upper hand.

The first goal of the match was scored at the 51st minute by Yinka Oreoluwa for the non graduating class while Paul

Ayangbemi scored an equalizing goal for the graduating class at the 75th minute.

The match ended at 1:1 a piece, this is a clear indication that the

next set of the school official football team are up to the task of retaining the standard that has been set by the graduating students. ■



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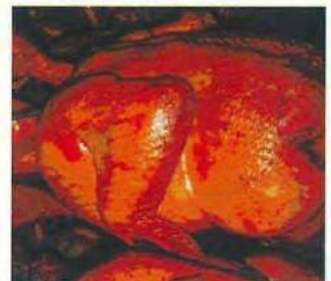
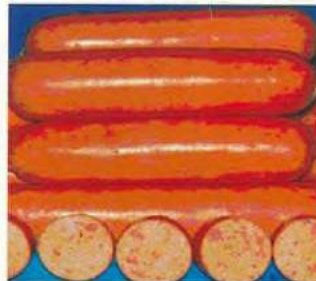




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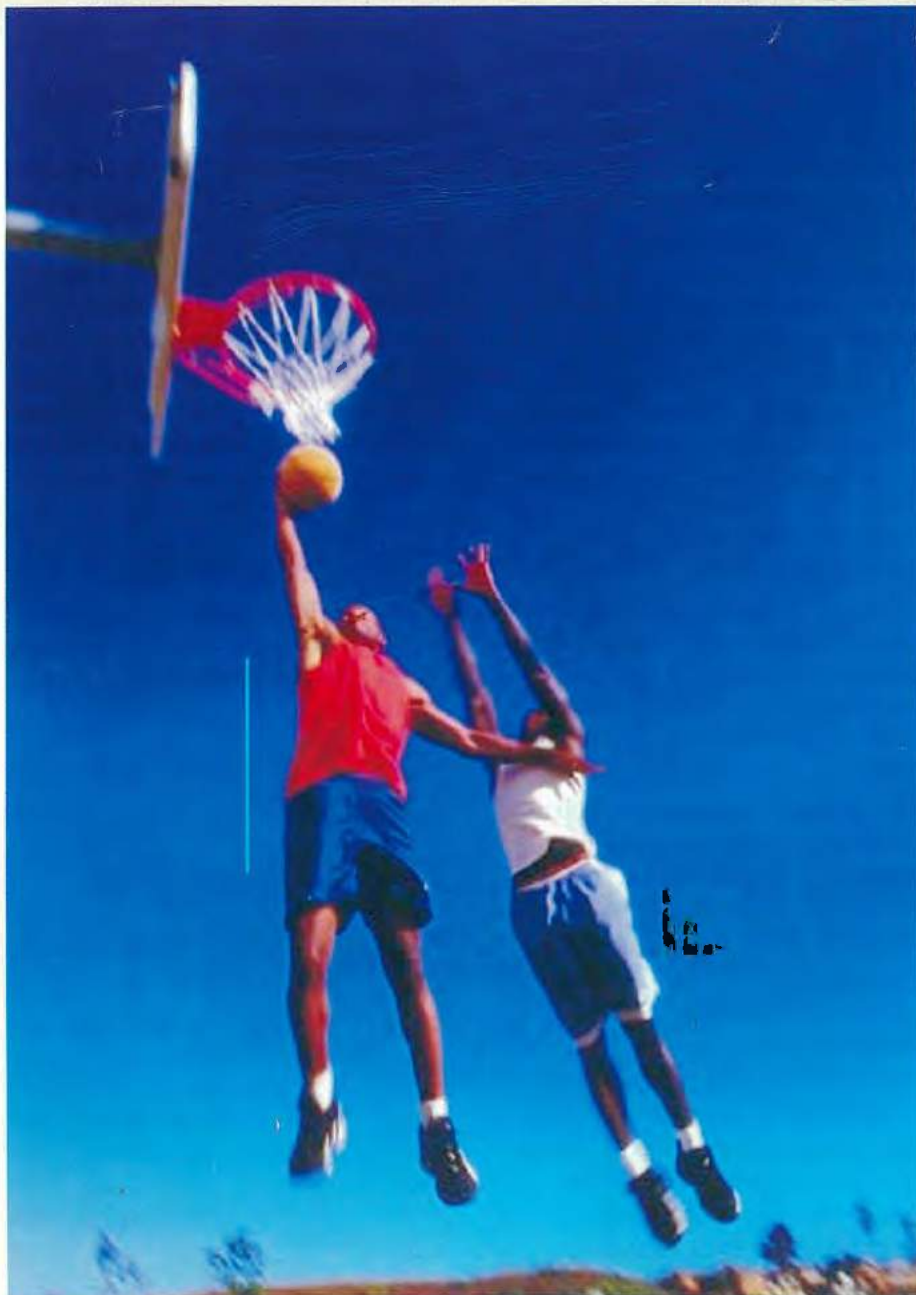
# THE HISTORY OF BASKETBALL

Extracted from wikipedia.org

**B**asketball is considered by many to be the most popular and money spinning indoor game in human history. It was invented by the Canadian clergyman, educator, and physician James Naismith in December 1891. He sought a vigorous indoor game to keep his students occupied and at proper levels of fitness during the long New England winters. After rejecting other ideas as either too rough or poorly suited to walled-in gymnasiums, he wrote the basic rules and nailed a peach basket onto a 10-foot (3.05m) elevated track. He first introduced the game at the Young Men's Christian Association Training School now Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA.

The game involved elements of American football, soccer, and hockey, and the first ball used was a soccer ball. Teams had nine players, and the goals were wooden peach baskets affixed to the walls. Between 1897-1898, teams of five became a standard. The game rapidly spread from the United States of America to Canada and other parts of the world. During World War II (1939-1945) the U.S service men popularized the sport as an informal outdoor game.

In contrast with modern basketball nets, this peach basket retained its bottom, so balls scored into the basket had to be poked out with a long dowel each time. A soccer ball was used to shoot goals. Whenever a person got the ball in the basket, they would give



their team a point. Whichever team got the most points won the game.

Naismith's handwritten diaries, discovered by his granddaughter in Spring 2006, indicate that he was nervous about the new game he had invented, which

incorporated rules from a Canadian children's game called "Duck on a Rock", as many had failed before it. Naismith called the new game 'Basket Ball'. The first official basketball game was played in the YMCA

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gymnasium on January 20, 1892 with nine players, on a court just half the size of a present-day National Basketball Association (NBA) court.

"Basket ball", the name suggested by one of Naismith's students, was popular from the beginning.

Women's basketball began in 1892 at Smith College when Senda Berenson, a physical education teacher, modified Naismith's rules for women. Basketball was originally played with an association football ball. The first balls made specifically for basketball were brown, and it was only in the late 1950s that Tony Hinkle, searching for a ball that would be more visible to players and spectators alike, introduced the orange ball that is now in common use.

The dribble and the bouncing of the ball up and down while moving, was not initially part of the original game except for the "bounce pass" to teammates. Passing the ball was the primary means of ball movement.

Dribbling was eventually introduced but limited by the asymmetric shape of early balls. Dribbling only became a major part of the game around the 1950s as manufacturing improved the ball shape.

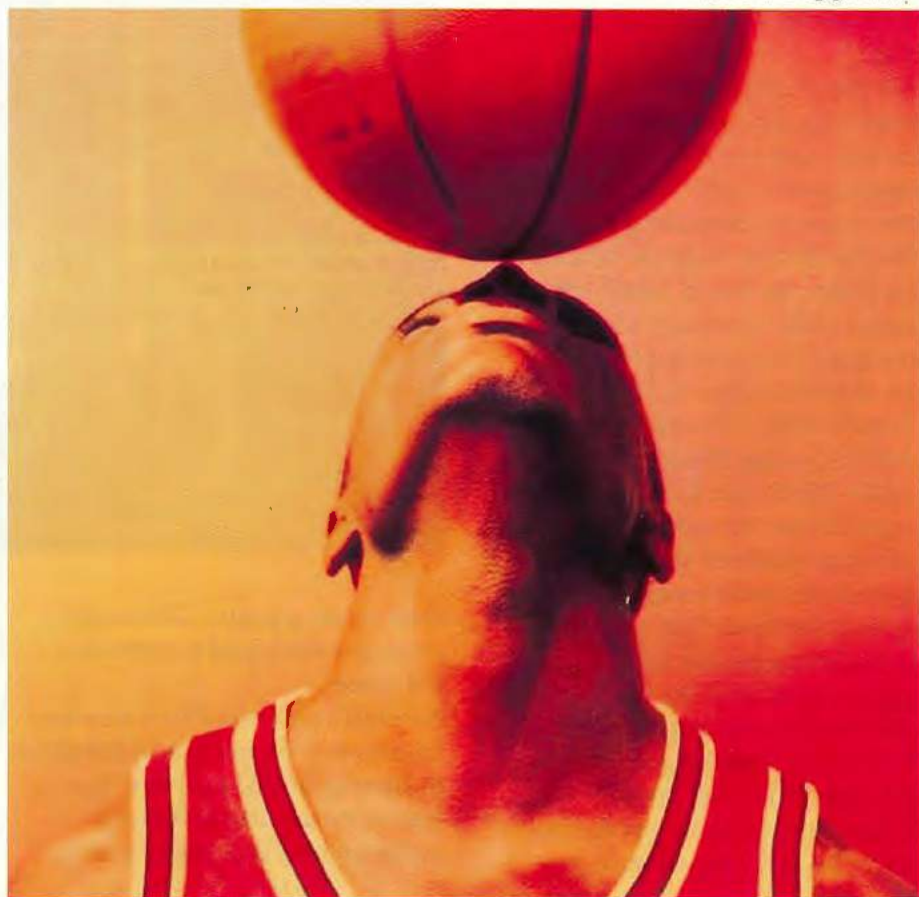
Naismith was instrumental in establishing college basketball. Naismith coached at University of Kansas for six years before handing the reins to renowned coach Phog Allen. In 1892, University of California and Miss Head's School played the first women's inter-institutional game. By 1895, the game had spread to colleges across the

country, including Wellesley, Vassar and Bryn Mawr. The first intercollegiate women's game was on April 4, 1896. Stanford women played Berkeley, 9-on-9, ending in a 2-1 Stanford victory. In 1901, colleges, including the University of Chicago, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, University of Minnesota, the U.S. Naval Academy, the University of Utah and Yale University began sponsoring men's games. By 1910, frequent injuries on the men's courts prompted President Roosevelt to suggest that college basketball form a governing body. And the Intercollegiate Athletic Association (IAA) was created.

In the 1920s there was a rapid

increase in the number of male professional teams. There were hundreds of men's professional basketball teams in towns and cities all over the United States and little organization of the professional game. In 1905, the National Women's Basketball Committee's Executive Committee on Basket Ball Rules was created by the American Physical Education Association. These rules called for six to nine players per team and 11 officials. The International Women's Sports Federation in 1924 included a women's basketball competition. 37 women's high school varsity basketball or state tournaments were held by 1925. And in 1926,

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the Amateur Athletic Union backed the first national women's basketball championship, complete with men's rules. The first women's All-America team was chosen in 1929. By 1938, the women's national championship changed

from a three-court game to two-court game with six players per team. The first men's national championship tournament, the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament, which still exists as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament, was organized in 1937. The first national championship for NCAA teams, the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in New York, was organized in 1938; the NCAA national tournament would begin one year later. During the first decades of the 20th century, basketball quickly became the ideal interscholastic sport due to its modest equipment and personnel requirements. In the 200304 seasons, 1,002,797 boys and girls represented their schools in interscholastic basketball

competition, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations. The states of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky are particularly well known for their residents' devotion to high school basketball, commonly called Hoosier Hysteria in Indiana; the critically acclaimed film Hoosiers shows high school basketball's depth of meaning to these rural communities. In 1946, the Basketball Association of America (BAA) was formed, organizing the top professional teams and leading to greater popularity of the professional game. The first game was played in Toronto, Canada between the Toronto Huskies and New York Knickerbockers on November 1, 1946. Three seasons later, in 1949, the BAA became the National Basketball Association (NBA). An upstart organization, the American Basketball Association, emerged in 1967

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and briefly threatened the NBA's dominance until the rival leagues merged in 1976. Today the NBA is the top professional basketball league in the world in terms of popularity, salaries, talent, and level of competition. The NBA-backed Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) began 1997.

The International Basketball Federation was formed in 1932 by eight founding nations: Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Romania and Switzerland. At this time, the organization only oversaw amateur players. Its acronym, in French, was thus FIBA; the "A" standing for amateur.

Basketball was first included in the Olympic Games in 1936,

Although a demonstration tournament was held in 1904. This competition has usually been dominated by the United States, whose team has won all but three titles, the first loss in a controversial final game in Munich in 1972 against the Soviet Union. In 1950 the first FIBA World Championship for men was held in Argentina. Three years later, the first FIBA World Championship for Women was held in Chile. Women's basketball was added to the Olympics in 1976, with teams such as Brazil and Australia rivaling the American squads. The global popularity of the sport is reflected in the nationalities represented in the NBA. Players from all over the globe can be found in NBA teams. Steve Nash, who won the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP award, is Canadian; Kobe Bryant is an American who

spent much of his childhood in Italy; Dallas Mavericks superstar and 2007 NBA MVP Dirk Nowitzki is German; All-Star Pau Gasol of the Memphis Grizzlies is from Spain; 2005 NBA Draft top overall pick Andrew Bogut of the Milwaukee Bucks is Australian; 2006 NBA Draft top overall pick Andrea Bargnani of the Toronto Raptors is from Italy; Houston Rockets Center Yao Ming is from China; Cleveland Cavaliers big man Zydrunas Ilgauskas is Lithuanian; and the San Antonio Spurs feature Tim Duncan of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Manu Ginobili of Argentina and Tony Parker of France. (irth.) The all-tournament teams at the two most recent FIBA World Championships, held in 2002 in Indianapolis and 2006 in Japan, demonstrate the globalization of the game equally dramatically. Only one member of either team was American, namely Carmelo Anthony in 2006. ■

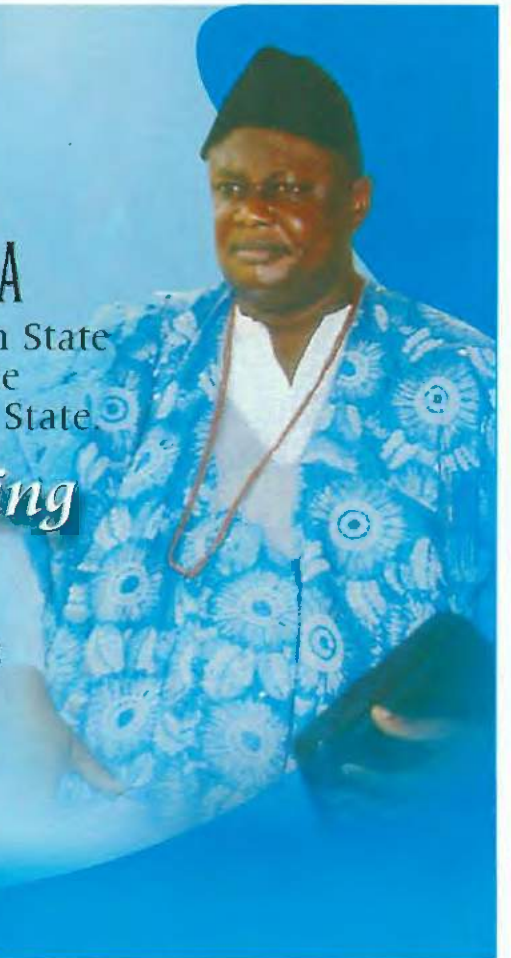


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Following the last general elections of Federation

International of Football Association (FIFA) held on Thursday 31 May, 2007, Joseph Blatter emerged as the President of FIFA for the third time. A curious mind would wonder that what about Blatter that has made him retain this exalted position for so long. Come with us as we explore the life of the man of the moment in the round table game.

Joseph was born in Switzerland, Swiss town of Visp on the 10th of March 1936. He graduated from the Sion and St. Maurice colleges in Switzerland with a school-leaving certificate and then gained a degree as Bachelor of Business Administration and Economics from the Faculty of Law at Lausanne University. Joseph S. Blatter is one of the most versatile and experienced exponents of international sports diplomacy and is totally committed to serving football, FIFA and the youth of the world. The International Olympic Committee acknowledged Mr Blatter's achievements by electing him as a new committee member. He is also a language guru; speaking four international languages-French, English, Spanish, Italian.

For nine years now he has retained the executive position as FIFA'S President. Blatter began his professional career as Head of Public Relations of the Valaisan Tourist Board in his native Switzerland and then became General Secretary of the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation (1964). He then pursued journalistic and public relations activities in

# WHAT MAKES JOSEPH BLATTER TICK

Compiled by Akinola Alabi

the fields of sport and private industry. As Director of Sports Timing and Public Relations of Longines S.A., he was involved in the organisation of the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games, acquiring his first taste of the international sports scene.



FIFA President, **Joseph Blatter**

As part of his achievements in the summer of 1975, as Director of Technical Development Programmes at FIFA, Mr. Blatter began to set President João Havelange's projects into motion. It was the time when ideas for competition and educational programmes were germinating and the foundations being laid for competitions in the under-20 and under-17 categories as well as women's and indoor football, all of which are pillars of FIFA's worldwide activity. In 1981 the Executive Committee of the world governing body designated the multilingual Blatter as the new General Secretary and in 1990 promoted him to Chief

Executive Officer (CEO). A total of five World Cups were staged under his auspices (Spain in 1982, Mexico in 1986, Italy in 1990, USA in 1994 and France in 1998). Since he was elected FIFA President in June 1998, Joseph S. Blatter has formed an alliance with the United Nations children's organisation, UNICEF, and he co-launched the campaign "Pure Hope, Pure Football", before embarking on the most recent campaign in collaboration with UNICEF on 20 November last year. "Say Yes for Children", a campaign launched in the run-up to the World Cup, is a worldwide campaign which aims to increase awareness of



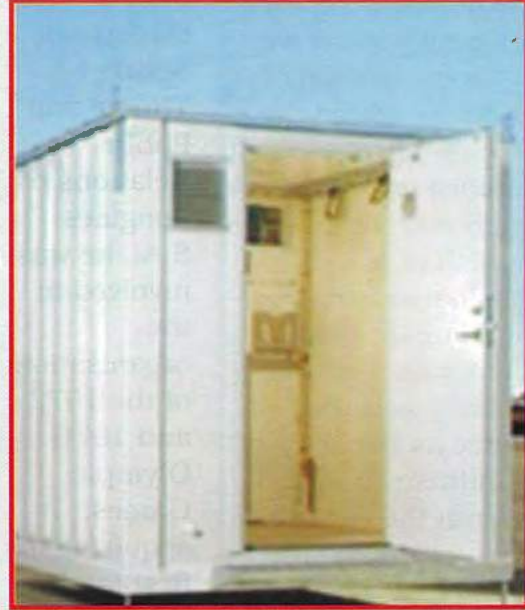


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children's rights. For the first time ever, the World Cup was dedicated to a humanitarian cause under the slogan of "Say Yes for Children".

Furthermore, he supported a joint project for Africa with the UN's health organisation, the WHO, called "Kick polio out of Africa". Blatter also lends aid to refugee camps by providing them with football equipment, and he and FIFA are very much committed to fighting child labour. For that reason FIFA has, under his chairmanship, signed a code of conduct with the ILO, the United Nations International Labour Organisation.

The FIFA President's many years of service in various domains of world football have given him the know-how and vision which are the prerequisites for steering football into the new millennium and for mastering the array of challenges in modern-day football. By setting up a permanent communications network based on state-of-the-art technology, Blatter aims to integrate not only the principal male protagonists into world football's decision-making process but increasingly also their female counterparts - women players, coaches and referees. He also aims at closer cooperation with the confederations, national associations, leagues and clubs and a more open dialogue with FIFA's economic, political, social and cultural partners.

Football is the quintessential team sport which, for the FIFA President, spells "basic education, character

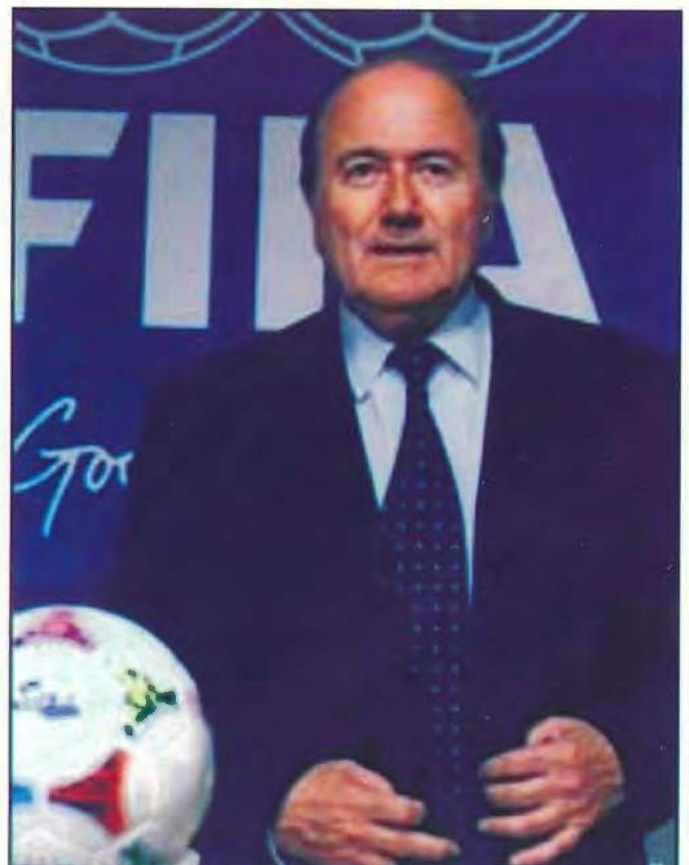
formation and fighting spirit, allied with respect and discipline". That is why his motto is "FOOTBALL FOR ALL, ALL FOR FOOTBALL". In the world's less privileged areas football is able to inspire hope and the promise of social advancement. Joseph S. Blatter intends to ensure that football makes a valuable contribution towards improving public health standards by means of relevant technical and scientific research thus proving that it plays an extremely important role in society in a variety of ways.

The immense success of football has made it a magnet for a host of economic interest groups. The FIFA President is nevertheless determined to safeguard the game's human face. Maintaining a sound balance between the manifold facets of football is what he describes as "a constant challenge and at the same time my main objective". For many years, Joseph S. Blatter has also been committed to a wide range of humanitarian projects, since he believes that football bears a responsibility to society.

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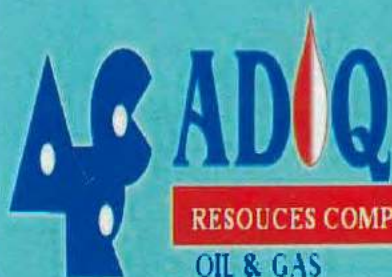
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Blatter was the driving force behind a partnership with SOS (Safe Our Soul) Children's Villages that started in 1994. This organisation maintains more than 130 villages for children all over the world and it benefits from FIFA's financial and material support. ■





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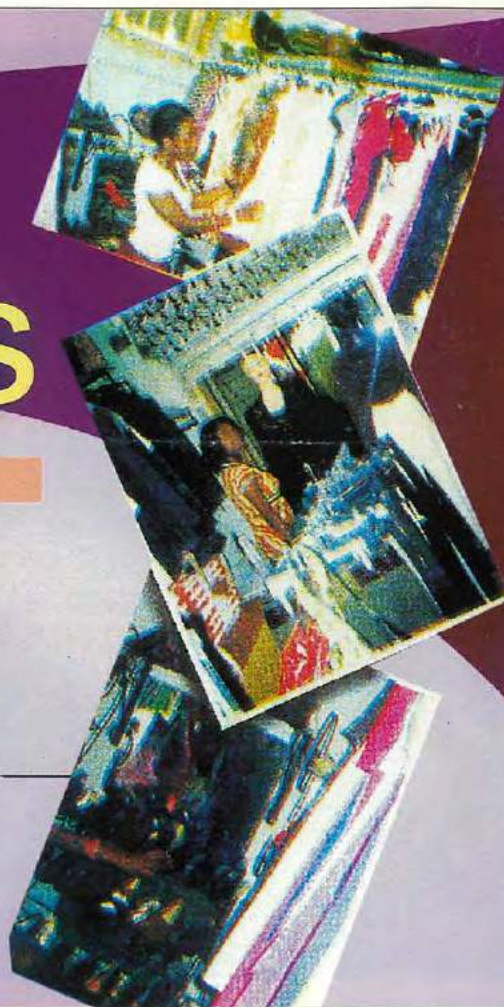


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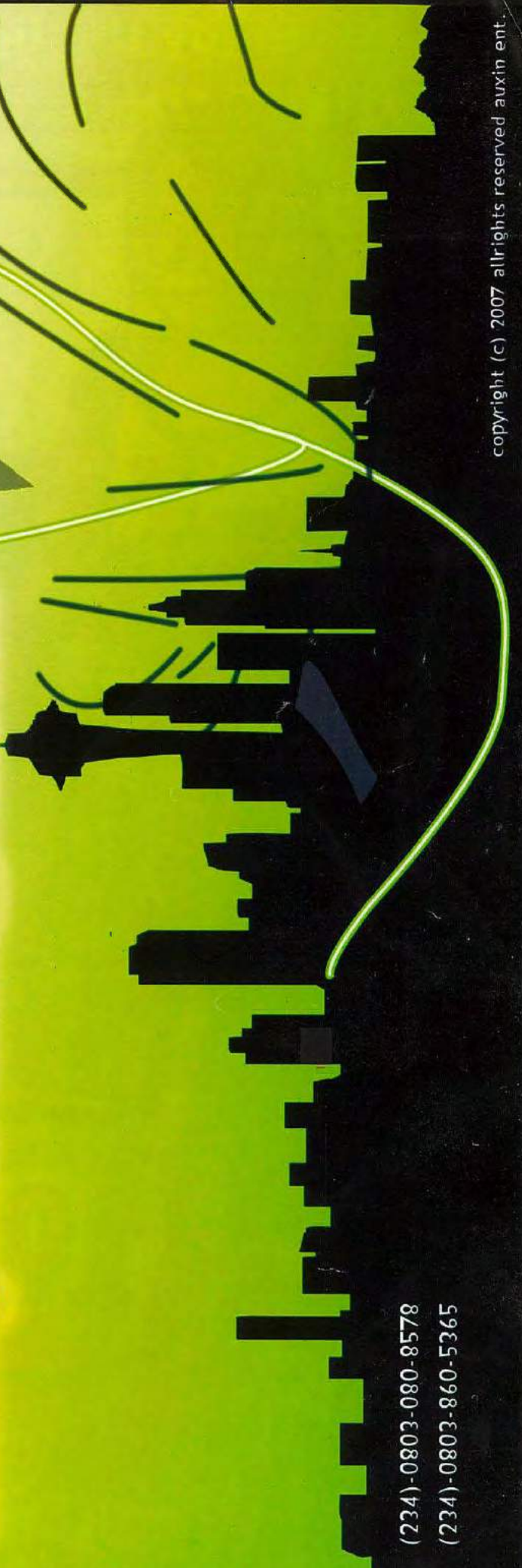
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