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Our vision
To be a Centre of Excellence;
producing graduates with a balanced
education.

Mission
To be an International Institution of
higher learning with enviable
standards of teaching and research

Welcome, Rain Semester 2017/2018

Rains and rumours of rain have settled on our part of Ogun State but the coming of the Rain Semester is no rumor. The Rain (Second) Semester formally begins on the morning of February 26th. From Sunday 25th onward, students have begun trooping in to take the new semester by storm. According to the Academic Calendar the new semester starting today will come to an end by 29th of July. Two weeks of examination beginning by May 28th to end the Rain Semester and usher in the long Mid –Sessional-Holiday.

Crawford Highlight interviewed some of the returning students on, how they have enjoyed the short break.



A student resuming after the short break

According to a respondent, Miss. Abayomi-Zannu Oluwajuwonlo, a 200-level student of Geology and Mineral Science, she said that though the break is quite short, it was still appropriate since the action-packed Rain (Second) Semester is kicking off immediately. “I’m looking forward to my Geology classes and the practical field exercises. What about the very many departmental social events? Those are the things that make 2nd semester exciting.”

We at **Crawford Highlight** cannot agree any less as we wish all students happy resumption and a hitch-free semester.

Pioneers’ Send-Forth Unearths Old Memories

The occasion of the Send-Forth Ceremony for the former University Librarian and some pioneer staff of Crawford University brings to fore some choicy memories surrounding the birthing of Crawford University.

The University administration in gratitude for long years of unstinting service to the institution, organized a Send-Forth Ceremony for the former University Librarian, Dr. Thomas Akinbayo Adigun, the former Head of Environmental Health Unit, Mrs. Titi Olukoya, the former Female Hostel Mistress, Mrs. Adedoyin Okulaja and the former Deputy Head of Catering Services, Mrs. Kemi Bamiduro. With the exception of Dr. Adigun, all of these retirees are pioneer staffers who held fort in the University at the inception of the work. And their stories of the planting of the University are stories of wonderful adventure worth the telling and retelling. They are tales of the battling against great odds, of perseverance and great darings, of faith and loyalty to a cause, when the towering dreams of those intrepid “builders” drove them to work

from sun-up to sun-down without looking at their wrist-watches. For everyone in the audience that were not part of the stories, it was a riveting recount.

In his speech at the Send-Forth



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Ajayi, the management team and some members of staff posing with retirees after the send-forth ceremony

programme, the Vice Chancellor thanked all the former staff for their contributions to the growth of the University. He explained that their retirement was not to spite them or an indication of their not being wanted or appreciated, but necessary regulatory administrative directive from NUC that recommended 65 years of age as retirement for all categories of staff and 70 years only for professors. He thanked them all for their contributions to the growth of the University while assuring them that their input would never be forgotten in the

annals of the institution. “We can never adequately repay your labour of love but we know that the Almighty God, the Ultimate Proprietor of Crawford University would repay your efforts on the University,” he said. The University Librarian was eulogized for his efforts on the Library Department of the University that has not failed to deliver very high marks for the University during the various programme accreditation the University has undergone.

Responding, the former University Librarian thanked the Vice Chancellor for the cooperation given him for the running of the Library. He noted that he would not have made such success of his duties without the backing of the Vice Chancellor. He was especially full of praise for the maturity shown by the Vice Chancellor in arriving at the decision to retain him at the end of his 5-year tenurial appointment, which step helped him in maintaining a “clean” career track-record which greatly helped him in his present University, the Bowen University in Iwo, Osun State.

Ecobank ATM Gallery Nears Completion

The Ecobank Automated Teller Machine, ATM Gallery under construction at the perimeter fence of the University is nearing completion. **Crawford Highlight's** team investigation revealed that the gallery would open one outlet into the campus and three outlets outside the campus. This would bring the number of outlets from Ecobank to six while the total outlets would go up from four to eight in all. These outlets are between Ecobank and Access Bank, as the Zenith Branch Gallery is non-operational as work has stopped on its development since last year.



ATM Outlets at the perimeter fence of the University

With this new addition, Crawford University is gradually becoming a major hub of retail financial services in the Igbesa/Ado-Odo area. It would be recalled that the Heritage

Bank financial services agency opened in the 2nd Quarter of 2017 opposite of Ecobank and in front of the new hotel under construction.

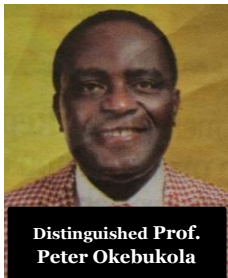
The manager of the bank, Mr. Taiwo believes that the ATM would be operational before the middle of March

Pro-Chancellor's View on Nuclear Nigeria (Culled from Punch Vox Pop Page)

Question: Is Nigeria Ready for Nuclear Power Plant?

The straightforward answer is a qualified yes. For a country that will be the third most populous nation on earth by 2050, the energy needs of close to 300 million people will require harnessing nuclear power to support other energy sources.

We were ripe for this energy source several decades ago; so, the question of whether we are ripe in 2018 is belated. When our population doubles, how are we going to get the requisite energy to power our industries, drive our electricity-dependent transportation systems, as well as our domestic use and meet other energy needs?



Distinguished Prof. Peter Okebukola

Is it from Egbin where gas shortfalls caused by saboteurs hinder full electricity production? Is it from Kainji where water level rises one day and falls

the next day? We are late already and over-ripe so we need to rush to harness nuclear power.

However, there is the need to be clearheaded about the security implications of the location and the running of a nuclear power plant.

The menacing threat of Boko Haram is an issue with regard to location. The Niger Delta militants can pose a threat and without adequate security, rogue cows from some herdsmen can stray into the nuclear power plant and cause mayhem.

I take consolation in the fact that the endorsement of the International Atomic Energy Agency for Nigeria to proceed on the nuclear route will factor in all these security implications.

Last point to note, since 2004, we have been nursing the idea for the deployment of nuclear power for generation of electricity.

This has been on course since 2015 and we are to partner Russia in the construction and operation of four nuclear power plants by 2035. We should march on stoutly along this track.

New Staff Series

Miss. Folasewa Olatunde Joins the Crawford Academic Staff

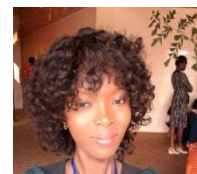
Crawford University welcomes Miss. Folasewa O. Olatunde a newly-employed lecturer in the Mass Communication Department, who joined the family November 2017.

Miss Folasewa, a young, intelligent and smart lady originates from Ogun State Nigeria. As a young girl, she attended Holy Blessing Nursery and Primary School, Lagos. She had her secondary school education at Home Science Secondary School, Lagos and furthered

her studies in the Redeemer's University, Osun State graduating with a B.Sc. Degree in Mass Communication. She proceeded for her Master's Degree in Lagos State University. She is presently on the verge of acquiring her Doctoral Degree. It is indeed a great achievement for Miss Folasewa as she has achieved a lot within the short period of time.

While having a brief discussion with her, she shared her experience so far

in Crawford University as a good one. "Having to explain that I am not a student of the institution has been my greatest challenge," said the petite lady. She looks



Miss. Folasewa O. Olatunde

forward to the Department of Mass Communication growing to a world class standard that would produce competitive graduates. Miss Folasewa is single and hopes to be married someday.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Staff Bible Study holds 2pm every Wednesday.
Staff prayer meeting holds every Thursdays by 8am. God bless you as you attend these meetings.

Management

The Risk-Taker will always be Lord and Master over the Care-Taker

Anonymous