

**ADDRESS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. J.S.K. AYIM AT THE 2001/2002 MATRICULATION CEREMONY HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2001**

Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Registrar  
Deans of Faculties  
Heads of Departments  
Members of Convocation  
Members of the SRC  
Cheerful freshmen and women

I am most privileged to supervise this august ceremony this morning A day which means so much to so many who represent a selected few is special.

On 25th of September 2001, there was a nice rain during the first half of the morning. It was gentle and special, it was showers of blessings, blessings to the University which had invited young and old to come and be transformed through teaching and learning in this fountain of knowledge.

My dear freshmen, as I see the glitter in your eyes, and your smart outfit, I can only praise and thank the Almighty God for you, myself and the entire University for hopes fulfilled and life-time opportunities granted all of you to develop your potentials in diverse fields of learning in this University

We are here this morning to initiate you formally into this University through the Matriculation ceremony This ceremony will confirm your acceptance as students of this special University You will be described as being "*in statu pupillari*" (students); we Lecturers, and Administrators are described as being "*in loco parentis*" (parents) The relationship of students learning at the feet of parent figures is what is expected to exist during the period you will spend in the University, studying.

**Oath of Matriculation**

By the matriculation oath you have sworn to abide by the University's Rules and Regulations to be obedient to the authorities of this University, to be of good behaviour and most importantly to study diligently.

Your stay in this University should not be seen as only passing through the University but allowing the University to pass through you

**Admission**

<b>Undergraduate</b>			
Year Group	Applicants	Admission offers	Enrolment
1999	8131	3429	2739
2000	7987	1202	1100
Total	16118	4631	3839
<b>Postgraduate</b>			307
			4146

<b>Foreign students</b>		154	
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This year's admission had been very competitive. This was as a result of admitting from two-year groups. The lesson to the public - parents and their children is that aggregate 24 is no more a guarantee to anyone a place in any University in Ghana. A straight C or better may be required in future.

The quality of our education is attracting international recognition. Over hundred foreign students have been enrolled in the first year of various programmes; these include 16 Americans, 18 Angolans, Gambians, Nigerians and others.

**Accommodation**

The Student population now stands at over 11,600 with female participation of under 25%. Space in the lecture theatres/rooms are no more adequate. Large classes are being split to bring comfort to students but discomfort to lecturers. I would plead with you students to bear with us for our intentions are noble.

Our biggest problem arises out of residential facilities. 8,000 students are officially non-resident. Plans are advanced to add 500 - 1000 bed spaces per year during the next five years. The resources for such development will come from three main sources - internally generated funds, the private sector and government.

Fifty years ago this academic year, the Kumasi College of Technology came into being; we have drawn up a programme to celebrate our Golden Jubilee in grand style. You are the jubilee freshmen; you should count yourself lucky for stemming the stiff competition. Your timely admission has offered you the opportunity to be part of this memorable celebration.

**Discipline**

The University, like any civil society, is governed by rules and regulations. There are regulations for staff and regulations for students. The student regulations, including the conduct of academic matters as well as disciplinary matters, have been embodied in the Freshman's Guide, part of your survival kit, copies of which were distributed to you during your orientation long ago. Once you have sworn to abide by the regulations, I expect that you have done so with the fullest understanding of the consequences of your actions on this campus.

The University has placed at your disposal several facilities including the library for your study and you should take full advantage of that. But since most students in this University are of full voting age, you all are considered to have attained the age of maturity. The University therefore places no restrictions on how you manage your time. I can only therefore advise you to manage your time wisely and not to allow yourself to be distracted by some of the frivolous activities that tend to divert you from your studies, the purpose for which your parents, your relatives and the nation have sacrificed to have you here.

Don't attempt to cheat at examinations because that will not save you. Finally, focus on your books, put your trust fully in God, partly in your lecturers and the university system and all other successes shall be added unto you.

I wish you a happy stay on this campus, and success in your venture. God Bless you

**(J.S.K. Ayim)**  
*Vice-Chancellor.*

**STAFF CHANGES****VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Mr. Joshua Nkrumah	Principal Technician	Maintenance	3/1/02

**VACATION OF POST**

Mr. Samuel Donkor	Messenger	Molecular Medicine	1/1/01
Mr. Robert O. Karikari	Messenger	Faculty of Science	24/1/01
Mr. Peter Akuruku	Labourer	College of Art	20/6/01
Mr. Robert Quansah	Driver Grade II	Library	1/10/01

**RESIGNATION**

Mr. Monto Ibrahim	Messenger	Registrar's	1/11/01
Mr. Francis T. Boateng	Porter	Unity Hall	1/11/01
Mr. Edward Aning	Printing Asst. Gd. II	Printing Press	16/11/01
Joycelyn Boafor	Typist Grade I	Planning	1/12/01
Mr. Samuel B. Sintim	Messenger	Book Industry	1/12/01
Mr. Amos Adu	Messenger	V-C's Office	1/12/01
Mr. Thomas Blackson	Cleaner	Indece Hall	1/12/01
Mr. Kwasi Kankam	Artisan	Animal Science	1/12/01
Nana Kwaku Siaw	Foreman	Transport	17/12/01

**RETIREMENT**

Mr. Thomas Agyemang	Traffic Supervisor	Library	1/10/01
Mr. Emmanuel K. Owusu	Campus Guard Gd. 1	Security Services	1/11/01
Mr. Haruna Busanga	Snr. Watchman	Security Services	1/12/01

Mr. K. A. Sarpong	Lecturer	Industrial Art	1/10/02
Mr. E. Acquah Turkson	Lecturer	Planning	1/10/02
Dr. Osei Kufour	Lecturer	Econs & Ind. Mgt.	1/10/02
Dr. F.O. Ofosu Barko	Snr. Lecturer	SMS	1/10/02
Mr. John M. Halm	Snr. Lecturer	Industrial Art	1/10/02
Dr. V. K. A. Kpodo	Lecturer	Mechanical Eng.	1/10/02
Mr. Isaac John Arthur	Lecturer	Computer Science	1/10/02
Dr. Dennis M. Obeng	Snr. Lecturer	Mechanical Eng.	1/10/02
Dr. Frederick B. Attobrah	Lecturer	Dept. of Surgery	1/10/02
Mr. Paul Opoku	Technician	Maintenance Dept	1/12/02
Mr. Alfred Owusu	Principal Teacher	Univ. Primary Sch.	1/10/02
Mr. Reuben Ajoa	Snr. Teacher	Univ. Primary Sch.	1/10/02
Mr. William K. Ossom	Principal Technician	IRNR	1/10/02
Mrs. Gloria Simmons	Snr. Enrolled Nurse	University Hospital	1/10/02
Mr. Francis Arhin	Principal Account. Asst.	Fac. of Social Sciences	1/10/02
Mr. E. Amon- Tawiah	Chief Technician	Dept. of Architecture	1/10/02
Mr. Peter Serbeh	Senior Technician	Crop Science	1/10/02
Mr. Anthony O. Antwi	Works Superintendent	Maintenance Dept.	1/10/02
Mr. Henry I. Boateng	Chief Nurse Anaesthetist	Univ. Hospital	1/10/02
Mrs. Lucy O. Bonsu	Chief. Admin Asst.	Registrar's Dept.	1/10/02
Miss Dora Sabbi	Tel. Superintendent	Post Room	1/10/02

Mr. Taylor Quarshie	Workshop Superintendent	Agric. Engineering	1/10/02
Mrs. Georgina Osei	Principal Nursing Officer	University Hospital	1/10/02
Mercy I. Ampong	Head Teacher	Univ. Nursery Sch.	1/10/02
Mr. John B. Davies	Snr. Admin. Asst.	IMME	1/10/02
Mr. Samuel O. Allah	Chief Technician	T.C.C.	1/10/02
Mr. Isaac Mensah	Snr. Store Keeper	Dept. of Housing & Planning Research	1/10/02
Mr. Bob K. Boafo	Traffic Supervisor	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Gabura Grunshre	Snr. Conservancy Lab.	Sanitation Section	1/10/02
Mr. K. B. Nyamekye	Traffic Supervisor	Physics	1/10/02
Mr. Braimah Moshie	Snr. Campus Guard	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Benjamin Allah	Campus Guard Gd I	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. K. N. Mensah	Snr. Campus Guard	Security Services	1/10/02
Mad Theresa A Ohenewa	Snr. Nursery Woman	Crop Science	1/10/02
Mr. Joseph A Mansoh	Campus Guard Grade I	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Kusi Boateng	Technical Asst Grade I	Mechanical Eng.	1/10/02
Mr. Daniel Adjei	Snr. Campus Guard	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Thomas Bonsu	Snr. Campus Guard	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Seidu Issaka	Snr. Labourer	Clinical Student Hostel	1/10/02
Mr. Mohammed Wahadi	Snr. Health Labourer	Sanitary Section	1/10/02
Mr. Azure Ablazure	Snr. Watchman	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Nicholas Fordjour	Snr. Labourer	Crop Science	1/10/02
Mr. Kwame Tonto	Foreman	Maintenance Dept	1/10/02
Mr. Atinga Frafra	Chief Cook	Snr. Staff Canteen	1/10/02
Mr. Frank Boachie	Campus Guard Grade I	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Awuni Frafra I	Snr Labourer	Grounds & Gardens	1/10/02
Mr. Ankrah Kusi	Traffic Supervisor	Animal Science	1/10/02
Mr. Abraham Asante	Assistant Technician	Animal Science	1/10/02
Mr. Kwaku Joseph	Guard Grade I	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Seidu Busanga II	Head Cleaner	Agric Engineering	1/10/02
Mr. Joseph Acquah	Snr Campus Guard	Security Services	1/10/02
Mr. Kofi Asamoah	Head Nurseryman	Horticulture	1/10/02
Mr. Busanga Mamudu	Headman	Maintenance	1/10/02
Mr. Philip K Agyemang	Foreman	Transport	1/10/02
Mr. Edward Asokwa	Messenger	Agric Engineering	1/10/02
Mr. Lennis Dagarti	Watchman	Experimental Farm	1/10/02

### CHANGE OF NAMES

Mrs. Margaret Agyei-Sika, Dispensing Technician, University Hospital has changed her name to **Miss Margaret Manu**, following a change in her marital status

Miss Joyce Berko, Senior Administrative Assistant, School of Postgraduate Studies has changed her name to **Mrs. Joyce Orhin Agyin**, following a change in her marital status