

Students locked out of matriculation for arriving late

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THE Rector of the Ghana Institute of Public Administration (GIMPA), Professor Philip Ebow Bondzi-Simpson on Friday locked out some students of the institution for being late for their matriculation ceremony.

The programme, scheduled to start at 4pm at the Tema Campus located at the Trinity Lutheran School in Tema Community Two, delayed for over 30 minutes because most of the prospective matriculants had not arrived.

According to the Rector, it was wrong for the school authorities and guests to come and wait for the students, some of whom even arrived after the ceremony had taken place.

Prof. Bondzi-Simpson said the nation was struggling because people had developed the penchant for giving excuses, instead of being responsible and taking responsibility for their actions.

"The country needs people who are dedicated and not those who give excuses. Coming to

GIMPA to be admitted is a serious business and those who are not available will not be considered as students," he said.

The Professor explained that matriculation was a formal ceremony which admits students to take an oath to abide by the rules of the school, therefore those who missed it would not be considered students until they do so.

He gave them another option to join the Green Hill main campus and register by noon on Monday or risk disqualification as students.

Prof. Bondzi-Simpson said the reason for locking out the students was to send a strong caution to the student body that the institution was not a place for indisciplined people.

He cautioned that students who would play with their studies, disrespect authorities or engage in any act contrary to the rules of GIMPA would be dealt with.

As if they were sharing the humiliation of their mates, several of the students who were in the auditorium wore sad faces, as their colleagues stood helpless in the corridors and watched the ceremony through the windows.

The Deputy Rector, Professor Philip Duku Osei assured them of a training that would improve their critical thinking and make them career-ready and competitive for the job market.

He said there would be no room for examination

malpractices and disclosed that those who would be caught cheating would be exposed to serve as a deterrent to others.

The matriculants taking the oath administered by the secretary to the institution, Julius Atikpui, promised to abide by the

rules of the school.

A representative of the students, Carlos Walker appealed for adequate furniture, well-stocked library, a standby generator set and Internet connection to enhance their studies.



• Some of the matriculants and school authorities in a pose