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Unilorin rolls out 27th convocation plans



COLOURFUL: Prof. I. Oloyede, Mrs. O. Oyeyemi, Prof. A. Olayemi, Mrs. J. Fadayomi and Mr. A. Sijuwola at the 26 convocation ceremonies last year

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As the University of Ilorin prepares to host the cream of the Nigerian intellectual and political class during its 27th convocation ceremonies which begin next Monday (October 17, 2011) with the Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing, the organisers of the ceremonies have rolled out their plans for making this year's event the best in the annals of the ceremonies.

In a statement entitled "Information to Graduands" published in three Nigerian newspapers last Tuesday and Wednesday (October 4 and 5, 2011), the Registrar, Mrs Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, announced that the ceremonies will hold between October 17 and 25, 2011 at the University of Ilorin and that the Convocation Lecturer is Professor John Hamilton of the School of Medicine and Public Health, University of New Castle, New Castle, Australia. *(Contd. on page 4)*

Unilorin Walk, a huge success – DVC, Registrar

Both the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), who is also the Chairman of the WAUG Local Organising Committee, Prof. Albert Olayemi, and the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, have described the "Unilorin Walk" that held last Wednesday (October 5, 2011) as a great success, adding that the feedback they received was the clamour for continuity.

Speaking at the end of the six-kilometre walk, which began around 7:30a.m. at the University gate and ended at the University stadium, Prof. Olayemi expressed satisfaction with the turn out of staff and others who had to join the train. He also lauded the Registrar, for the drive she put into the exercise which contributed significantly to its success.



SPORTY: The DVC (MS), Prof. Olayemi; the Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi, and the Director of Sports, Prof. A. Adesoye at the commencement of the Walk

On her own part, Mrs. Oyeyemi noted that participating in the walk from the beginning to the end was not a big deal as she used be an award winning athlete in her younger days apart from coming from of a family of sports lovers. She also said that one way of keeping fit and healthy is by engaging in regular exercises and the walk was organised to sensitise members of the University community on the need to maintain a healthy lifestyle which consists of exercises. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Dons stress the need for exercises

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Hundreds of staff and students participated in the walk, including those who did not know that it would hold, as the University gate was shut against vehicular traffic into the campus to allow for the safety of the participants during the exercise.

The walk ended on the football pitch of the University where staff of the University Fitness Centre took participants through some aerobics until rains descended to bless the event and disperse them.

Meanwhile, as part of preparing the University community for the exercise, a lecture aimed at making staff and students understand the need for physical fitness was organised on Friday September 30, 2011 at the University Auditorium.

While welcoming the University community to the lecture, the Head of the Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education, Prof. A. E. Ogunsakin, said the programme was organised as a way of helping staff members to live a more active and healthy life.



WE WALK: The DVC (Academic), Prof. K. Ayorinde, Prof. Ogunsakin and other staff walking last Wednesday

Prof. Ogunsakin regretted that most people do not know the significance of exercise and its relevance to efficiency at work. He said it is important to exercise and have a professional to guide the process. He also stressed that those who exercise regularly help themselves to live better and longer adding that staff would also appreciate the University environment as they partook in the proposed walk.

In his lecture, entitled “Initiating a Wellness Lifestyle among University of Ilorin Staff” , Dr. O. Oyerinde said human beings do not only need to get enough energy and nutrients from food, but they still need to balance the food intake with activity if their bodies are to maintain muscle health. He compared the human body to a car that is serviced and driven regularly.

Dr. Oyerinde defined exercise as a physical activity carried out and sustained for an extended period of time without building an oxygen debt in the muscles of the body. He also added that exercise is a form of activity that loads the heart and the lungs and causes them to work harder than they do when a person is at rest.

On the gains of exercising, Dr. Oyerinde said, “Exercising individuals have lower blood pressure, higher stroke volume, slower transmission of pulse wave and less peripheral resistance. Regardless of age, regular physical activity improves the functions of the body. Exercise and weight control programmes reduce most of the risk factors in heart attack.”

He submitted further that exercise has been identified as a solution to some emotional problems in that they serve to direct the mind into fresh channels and give an emotional outlet for the worries of daily life.

In his own lecture, entitled “Superlative Health/Fitness: A Way Of Life”, Dr. A. Talabi also likened man to a car and a driver saying that while the body is the car, the man himself (spirit) is the driver. “Only a well-serviced car can give good service to the driver. All body parts must work together before the ‘driver’ (spirit -real man) can work effectively in peace and harmony”, he asserted.

Dr. Talabi identified three categories of workers as Mental Workers, Physico-mental Workers and Physical Workers stating that the fittest of these three workers are the Physico-mental workers. According to him, these workers have their physical and mental capabilities exercised and it is this type of workers that the University staff should be.

Unilorin and the Virtue of Integrity

The *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* defines integrity as “the quality of being honest and having high moral principles”. The same source adds that it is also “the state of being united as one complete thing”. These two conceptualisations evidently find relevance within the University of Ilorin.

While it may be gratuitous to claim that all members of any community have integrity, one sterling quality that seeps through a vast majority of the University community is purposeful honesty and unimpeachable integrity. As state of the head determines the direction of the rest of the body, it is evident that the quality of leadership is inspirational to the rank and file. In other words, it is well known that the University is blessed with men and women of integrity at the helms of its affairs who serve as role models. For instance, when the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, whose birthday is today, told the world about a year ago he had never received a bribe or stolen even a kobo in his life, nobody could challenge him because it is a simple and incontrovertible statement of fact.

Two developments in the penultimate week brought the virtue of integrity as a characteristic of the University to the front burner. On page 38 of its September 25, 2011 edition, the well respected *The Guardian* newspaper in its “Special Report on Nigerians of Integrity” acknowledged a senior member of the community, a former Dean of Arts of the University and former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. R. D. Abubakre, as a man of integrity.

As far Prof. Abubakre is concerned, as quoted by the newspaper, consciousness of God is his abiding principle and that principle shapes his worldview and dealings. In his assessment of what integrity is all about, the foremost Professor of Arabic in West Africa waxes philosophical and it is difficult to disagree with him: “Integrity is related to identity. Identity is also related to branding. How do I want to be known? Do I want to be known as somebody or nobody? There is this saying in Yoruba that a person that is looking for easy things is looking for nought. The road that is long, weary, slippery, with snakes and scorpions on the way, follow it. It is better than a short cut that will lead you to destruction”.

While the import of Prof. Abubakre’s thesis was still being digested by many, the well read *The Nation* newspaper of September 29, 2011 (p.34) carried a retraction of a baseless allegation it made a year earlier leaving the integrity of the indicted lecturer and the University intact.

“Run on this page in our December 2, 2010 edition”, the Editor wrote, a lecturer in the “College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, was linked with allegations of sex-for-marks business with some female students and the subsequent victimization of 37 students who were expelled from the school on the ground that there were the ones who reported the incident of sex-for-mark to the Vice-Chancellor. We do not have proof that {the lecturer} was in anyway involved in any act of these allegations and we hereby retract the said publication and apologise to{the lecturer}, the University of Ilorin authority/community and the general public for the embarrassment caused by the publication.”

What made the retraction especially welcome to this columnist was that two days earlier, he had vouched for the integrity of the University community in the well acclaimed *The Punch* (September 27, 2011, p.27) saying to the effect that people should perish the thought of rape ever occurring in the University of Ilorin. “To imagine the case of rape at UNILORIN is to imagine the unimaginable... It has never happened and it will not happen”, he had fumed against the background of a rape that allegedly took place in a state University and went viral on the blogosphere, drawing contempt, consternation and condemnation from all and sundry, a situation that warranted beaming media light on universities.

It is expected that all members of the University community would continue to make integrity their watchword because as it is said, hard work can only take you to the top, it is integrity that will keep you there. Everyone in the University of Ilorin is already on top, the proof being that several thousands, if not millions, of people out there wish to join them as staff and students!

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Mid-men, the male counterparts of mid-wives, are called accouchers.
- The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
- The tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant.

Unilorin announces 27th convocation activities

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The full statement is as follows:

This is to inform the 2010/2011 Graduands of the University that the 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the University for the award of First and Higher Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates, and Presentation of Prizes, will take place from Monday, 17th to 25th October, 2011 on the Main Campus of the University.

1. Monday, 17th October, 2011

- a. Event: **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S PRESS BRIEFING**
 Venue: University Auditorium
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
- b i. Event: Turning of the Sod for the New Site of the:
 Unilorin Sugar Research Institute (USRI)
 by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kwara State,
 Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed
- b ii National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED)
 by the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology,
 Prof. Ita Okon Bassey Ewa

Venue and Time for **b i** and **b ii**: Along Ajase-Ipo Road, Opposite ARMTI, Ilorin.
 12:00 noon

2. Wednesday, 19th October, 2011

- Event: **CONVOCAATION PLAY**
 Title: *Yungba Yungba and the Dance Contest* by Femi Osofisan
 Venue: Performing Arts Theatre
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

3. Friday, 21st October, 2011

a. **CONVOCAATION LECTURE**

- Title: **A Community To Serve**
 Speaker: **Professor John Hamilton**
 School of Medicine and Public Health, University of New Castle,
 New Castle, Australia
- Venue: University Auditorium
 Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

b. Friday, 21st October, 2011

- Event: **COCKTAIL IN HONOUR OF THE CONVOCAATION LECTURER**
 Venue: Chancellor's Lodge
 Time: 6:00 p.m.

4. Monday 24th October, 2011

- (a) **CONVOCAATION FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES, FIRST DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES FOR THE FACULTIES OF ARTS, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCES, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE**

Venue: University Auditorium
 Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

(b) Monday 24th October, 2011

COMMISSIONING OF PROJECTS (VARIOUS)

Time: 5:00 p.m.

5. Tuesday 25th October, 2011

- (a) **CONVOCAATION FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES, FIRST DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES FOR THE FACULTIES OF AGRICULTURE, COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES (BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES AND CLINICAL SCIENCES), ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, LAW, POSTGRADUATE DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS**

Venue: University Auditorium

Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

- (b) **CONVOCAATION LUNCHEON AND MERIT AWARDS**

Venue: Vice-Chancellor's Lodge

Time: 1:00 p.m.

BRIEF FOR GRADUANDS

Graduands are please requested to note the following information:

- i) The 2010/2011 academic session statutorily commenced on 1st August, 2010 and ended on 31st July, 2011. All convoking graduands are advised to check their names on the list of graduands displayed on the University Website, www.unilorin.edu.ng. Every graduand is expected to be in procession at 7:30 a.m. as the Convocation Arena will be locked shortly before the commencement of the Faculty procession.
- ii) Each graduand shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) guests. Invitation cards to such guests will be issued to graduands when they arrive to collect their academic outfits. Children will not be allowed into the University Auditorium.
- iii) It is mandatory for all graduands to pay for the following items, irrespective of whether or not they attend the convocation ceremony:
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| a) Purchase of Academic Outfits (First or Master's Degree) | - ₦7,500.00 |
| OR | |
| b) Hire of Academic Outfits (First or Master's Degree) | - ₦2,000.00 |
| c) Purchase of Ph.D. Academic Gown (Mandatory for Ph.D. graduands) | - ₦11,000.00 |
| d) Order of Proceedings | - ₦ 1,500.00 |
| e) Certificate Scrolls (Handled by Alumni Association) | - ₦ 750.00 |
| f) T-Shirt Containing the List of Members of each Graduating Class | - ₦1,200.00 |
- iv) Order of Proceedings, Certificate Scrolls and Certificates are available for collection immediately after the Convocation Lecture on Friday 21st October, 2011 in the University Auditorium on presentation of evidence of payment of appropriate charges.
- v) Graduands are expected to attend a rehearsal of the Academic Procession holding at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 18th October, 2011 in the premises of the University Auditorium.
- vi) It is compulsory for all graduands to participate in the Academic Procession and wear the approved academic outfits.
- vii) All graduands are expected to dress in full English wear (i.e. suit, shirt and tie for men and skirt suit/skirt and blouse or gown for ladies) or full national dress.
- viii) Graduands hiring academic gowns are expected to pay a refundable deposit of two thousand, five hundred Naira (₦2,500.00) in cash to their Faculty Officers **OR** submit to their respective Faculty Officers a Guarantor Form duly completed by a staff member of the University.
- ix) **All hired gowns should be returned by the graduands to their respective Faculty Officers not later than Thursday 27th October, 2011. Gowns returned after that date will attract a fine of Fifty Naira (₦50.00) per day.**

MODE OF PAYMENT

- i) Graduands should go to 'any' of the banks registered with e-transact and obtain a pin vending (receipt number and confirmation order number) which will be used for online payment on the University website (www.unilorin.edu.ng) and subsequent generation of receipt.
 - a) Banks registered with e-transact are: First Bank Plc, Access Bank Plc, Afribank Plc, Bank PHB Plc, Ecobank Plc, Fidelity Bank Plc, First City Monument Bank Plc, FinBank Plc, Guaranty Trust Bank Plc, Intercontinental Bank Plc, Oceanic Bank Plc, Skye Bank Plc, Spring Bank Plc, Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc, Sterling Bank Plc, Union Bank Plc, United Bank for Africa Plc, Wema Bank Plc, and Zenith Bank Plc.
 - b) Based on (iii) (a – f) above, first degree graduands should pay a total sum of Five thousand, four hundred and fifty Naira (₦5,450.00) Higher Degree graduands (excluding Ph.D.) four thousand, two hundred and fifty Naira (₦4,250.00) and Ph.D. graduands, three thousand four hundred and fifty Naira (₦3,450.00). Candidates would be expected to pay bank charges of two hundred and fifty Naira (₦250.00) in addition to these charges.

Payment for the Convocation materials in iii (a – f) above should commence from Monday 17th October, 2011. Graduands are advised to pay early to avoid the last minute rush.

PROCUREMENT OF ACADEMIC GOWNS

Interested graduands are to note that purchase of the University's academic gown is mandatory only for Ph.D. at a negotiated price of eleven thousand Naira (₦11,000.00), and seven thousand, five hundred Naira (₦7,500.00) ONLY for First and Master's Degree (optional).

Although purchase of academic gowns by First and Master's Degree graduands is optional, acquisition of the gowns for personal use is encouraged as a mark of permanent identification with the University of Ilorin. Gowns for First and Master's degree graduands can be obtained at a negotiated price of ₦7,500.00.

Graduands are advised to pay this sum directly to Messrs Ola Dandy Tailors & Co., 33, Oke-Bola Road, Ibadan (Wema Bank Account No.0311031612317). To facilitate the procurement of individual gowns, each graduand is required to contact Messrs Ola Dandy Tailors & Co., on **08028990229** and **08059202500**.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. On arrival on the campus, all graduands are required to register as members with the University of Ilorin Alumni Association at the National Alumni Secretariat, University of Ilorin.
2. Graduands and guests are requested to note that there is free parking at the Lake Resort Parking Lot of the University where a PARK AND RIDE facility will convey graduands and invited guests free of charge to the Convocation Arena. Limited parking space, however, is available near the Convocation Arena for a fee of two thousand naira (₦2,000.00) per vehicle.
3. On the 24th and 25th of October, 2011, graduands and guests are expected to be seated by 8:15a.m. prompt in the University Auditorium before the commencement of the Academic Procession.

Noibi delivers Community lecture

The Executive Secretary of the Muslim Ummah of the South-West of Nigeria (MUSWEN), Prof. Daud O. S. Noibi, will deliver the first quarterly lecture of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community. The topic of the lecture is "Prophet Muhammad (PBUH): A Role Model for Mankind".

According to a statement issued by the organisers, the lecture holds next Sunday, (September 16, 2011) at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00a.m prompt.

Members of the University community and the general public are invited.

Invest in hostels, Umoh urges developers ...as students resume for 2011/2012 session

AS both the fresh and returning students of the University of Ilorin resume for the 2011/2012 academic session, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. A. Umoh, has urged investors and philanthropists to build hostels in the University in order to address some of the challenges being faced by the students.

Prof. Umoh made this appeal last Thursday (October 6, 2011) while welcoming students to the campus, saying that at the beginning of every session, the Student Affairs office is a beehive of activities as students converge on the office to solve one problem or the other with a belief in their hearts that the Unit “a cure-all office”.

The Professor of Counselling also invited students of the University of Ilorin to always feel free to utilise the resources at the Unilorin Counselling and Human Development Centre as a way of addressing their academic and related challenges saying that the Centre is established to help them overcome challenges before them in the University.

While highlighting the challenges of accommodation that his Unit faces at the beginning of every session and the limited number of bed spaces available in the University, Prof. Umoh noted that private investors and philanthropists would ease the burden on students, parents and the University Administration by partnering the University in building more hostel facilities.

He also advised students on how to comport themselves well in order to succeed in the University. “We expect students to be well behaved, our academic and non-academic staff are all competent and they are all willing to help. Read the University handbook, be alive to the information therein, students should remember that their stay here is temporary,” he counselled.

The Dean stated further that his Unit encourages students to live a life of success and choose that over a life that ends in police net and expulsion saying that success is achieved by abiding by the rules and regulations in the University handbook.

Meanwhile, students of the University have expressed their thoughts on their resumption. Ajibola Taiwo David, a 200 level student of Agriculture who spent his break going to farm three times a week, said he would use the new session to work on his GP and learn more about vocations adding that he would at the same time want to be more social this session unlike the previous one.

For Titilope Hawau Olamide, a 200 level student of Linguistics, she was happy to be back on campus because as far as she is concerned, the holiday was too long. According to her, “I have been longing to resume because I have missed my lectures and studies. I have also missed my friends.” She added that she would want to improve herself academically and religiously this session by reading more vigorously and praying congregationally everyday.

Gbadamosi Kehinde, a 300 level Arts and Social Science Education student, also said she was delighted to be back on campus. “It’s another season to move on academically. It’s another time to get your head in the game and know what you are doing,” she said while expressing gratitude to God because she spent part of her holidays in the hospital where she was not only treated but also learnt how to use some musical instruments.

Also, one of the University graduands this month, Olorukooba Abdul-Majid of the Department of Religions, has expressed his happiness with the declaration of the day of his convocation as lecture-free and work free saying that it is a very good decision the University took in their interest. He also said that he observed that the ease with which the e-tranzact pin is generated is heart-gladdening to him because the stress associated with it in the past had reduced significantly, an indication that the University is improving every time in smoothening its electronic-related operations.

Workshop boosts postgraduate programmes

In the bid to ensure postgraduate programmes are done according to best global standards, the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has organised a three-day workshop for both postgraduate students and their lecturers/ supervisors. The workshop, which held between last Tuesday and Thursday (October 4 -6, 2011) at the University Auditorium, focused on the fundamentals of postgraduate research and supervision.

While speaking at the opening of the workshop, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, who also represented the Vice-Chancellor at the occasion, Prof. C. Bewaji, noted that the prelude to the workshop was the academic camp recently undertaken by the University to address the issue of postgraduate supervision. He also stressed that the academic camp was a reflection of the commitment of the Vice-Chancellor to the success of the postgraduate studies as the Vice-Chancellor participated fully and motivated others to do so it though it coincided with the month of Ramadan.



Prof. Bewaji making his remarks

In his own remarks on the occasion, one of the resource persons, Prof. R. A. Lawal, disclosed that the programme was aimed at re-inventing and changing the pattern of postgraduate programme in the University so as to conform to the best practices in the world.

He disclosed that that the workshop would consider issues such as template assessment, research protocol, quality assurance frame work and formative evaluation. He also said that students would be initiated into the new postgraduate initiatives of the University, which include the supervisee having the opportunity of choosing their own supervisors.

Prof. Lawal also commended the Vice-Chancellor for his commitment to standards and the books he recently purchased from South Africa to raise the level postgraduate research in the University while he enjoined the participants to take a good advantage of the materials and the opportunity offered by the workshop to make the postgraduate programmes in the University more successful.

Other resource persons at the workshop included Prof. O. A. Mokuolu and Prof. (Mrs.) F. A. O. Olasehinde-Williams.

Prof. Bewaji said that a situation in which a programme that should last for four years would not end in several years is worrisome and the workshop was organised so that participants would be able to identify and proffer solutions to whatever problems account for the practice emphasising that keeping too long on postgraduate studies would soon become a thing of the past in the University. He therefore called on the participants to use the opportunity to understand how their programmes could be completed successfully within the stipulated time.



L-R: Prof. Mokuolu, Prof. Lawal and Prof. (Mrs.) Olasehinde-Williams

Sa'adu is Council's rep on Unilorin Resort Board

A member of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin and former Minister of State for Education, Alhaji Saka Sa'adu, has been appointed as the representative of the University Governing Council on the Governing Board of Unilorin Resort .

The Governing Council noted during its 128th meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2011, that the Board of the Resort consists of members who are drawn from the Senate and the Council of the University.

Money Matters

Summary of receipts and payments for the period September 30th – October 6th, 2011

RECEIPTS	₦
Donation towards WAUG (Adebayo Kadiri Jimoh)	250,000.00
Personnel Grant for September 2011	351,130,749.39
Overhead Cost Grant for September, 2011	18,318,611.02
Capital Grant for 2 nd Quarter, 2011	148,954,887.00
ETF Grant Received	21,800,000.00
Total Receipts for the Period	540,454,247.41
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and Emoluments for September 2011	376,067,896.18
Touring Advances	101,250.00
Purchase Advances	3,602,075.00
Convocation Expenses	13,459,465.20
Donation	250,000.00
Purchase of Vehicle	5,990,000.00
Electricity Bill	1,951,897.00
Payment to Contractors	4,987,961.00
Postgraduate Supervision Honorarium	1,141,410.00
Various	3,162,202.16
Production of the Order of Proceedings	5,700,000.00
Purchase of Drugs (NHIS)	1,354,664.00
Total Expenditures for the Period	417,768,820.92

Signed
Ayo Sijuwola
Bursar

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Office/Department	Date of Birth
1.	Durowande, Surutat B.	Bursary	9th October
2.	Abel, Tunde S.	Bursary	10th October
3.	Kolawole, Olatunji M.	Microbiology	10th October
4.	Oloyede, Is-haq O.	Vice-Chancellor	10th October
5.	Okesina, Adekunle B.	Chemical Pathology and Immunology	11th October
6.	Ologe, Foluwasayo E.	Orthorhinolaryngology	13th October
7.	Ajibade, Tajudeen L.	Geography and Environmental Management	14th October
8.	Moses, Serah O.	Endowment and Alumni	15th October

Are you a staff member of the University? Do you also want Unilorin Bulletin to wish you a happy birthday? If yes, please send your details as shown above (surname, first name and initial of middle name with your Department/ Office and date of birth) to us a week before the expected date of publication. All requests are subject to space availability and are treated on a first-come first-served basis. You are entitled to a hard copy of the edition in which your name is published. Happy birthday to you!

LAUGH LINES

A woman buys a new SIM card, puts it in her cell phone and decides to surprise her husband, who she believes to be the most responsible man in world.

She goes to the kitchen, makes her voice sexy and calls her husband who is seated on the couch in the living room with the new SIM. "Hi darling", she greets. The husband responds in a low tone, "Let me call you back later honey, that pig is in the kitchen."

What happened thereafter is left to your imagination.

Thank you for contributing to the success of my daughter's wedding – by Ambali

The Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. A. G. Ambali, has appreciated members of the University Community for their contributions towards the success of his daughter's wedding recently.

Prof. Ambali said he was particularly enamoured by the level of support given him by the University community just as he was impressed and honoured by the attendance at the events, which held between September 29 and October 1, 2011.

"I pray that God will continue to support and bless you all. I am indeed very grateful," he said.

Faculty goes on courseware retreat

In order to fulfil the pledge of uploading a minimum of 70% of its courseware, the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) has recently organised a two-day retreat for its academic staff at Michael Imodu National Institute for Labour Studies, Ilorin.

At the opening ceremony of the event, anchored by the acting Head of Mass Communication Department, Dr. Lukman Azeez, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lenrie Aina, appreciated the academic staff for honouring the invitation to attend the retreat and commended the Director of the Institute on the quality of the facilities available in the Institute. The Dean intimated the Director General on the purpose of the retreat and thanked him immensely for accommodating the Faculty.

In his own address, the Director General of the Institute, Dr. J. N. Olanrewaju, welcomed the lecturers and wished them a comfortable and memorable stay. He urged them to always come back to the Institute for their future programmes and wished them success in the assignment before them.

The Head of Department of Information and Communication Sciences, Prof. Ehikamenor, in his remarks assured the Director General that the Faculty would always come back again. While reiterating the importance of the retreat, he appreciated the commitment of the Faculty members and wished them a fruitful retreat session.



A group photograph of the CIS Faculty members at the retreat

Various brainstorming sessions and presentations on courseware development were subsequently made by the various Departments in the Faculty at the retreat.

On the last day of the retreat, Dr. A. Tella of Library and Information Science reviewed the achievements of the retreat and saluted staff of the Faculty for the success recorded. He pointed out the areas of achievement and some areas which needed improvements. He envisaged the Faculty being ahead of other Faculties not just in terms of courseware development, but also in other aspects.

While appreciating the Director General of the Institute, Dr. A. O. Isa of Library and Information Science commended his sterling qualities and urged him to keep up the good work.

In his response, the Director General appreciated the commendation and encouraged the Faculty members to keep up with the team spirit showcased at the retreat. He said he admired the dedication to duty displayed by the faculty members and hoped the retreat would be the beginning of a new partnership not just with the Faculty, but also with the University in general.

Subsequently, the Dean, Prof. Aina and Prof. J. S. Sadiku of Department of Computer Science, thanked the faculty members for their cooperation and commitment. A standing ovation was thereafter given to the Director General in appreciation of the warm reception accorded the academic staff of the Faculty during their retreat at the Institute.

Unilorin in the News

(Contd. from back page)

- The management of the University of Ilorin has announced pertinent information concerning the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University to the 2010/2011 graduands of the University. ('Information to Graduands', *The Herald*, Wednesday, October 5, 2011, p.18)
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has expressed gratitude to the Chartered Institute of Personal Management for choosing the University of Ilorin as the venue of the Institute's meeting and lecture just as she has emphasised the role of effective communication in organisations.
(‘Honesty ingredient of communication, says C.I.P.M. Chief’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 5, 2011, p.20)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has averred that the creation of the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Technology and Innovation, will position the University strongly towards delivering on its crucial mandate of research.
(‘Unilorin VC restates varsity commitment to quality research’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 5, 2011, p.22)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have congratulated the newly elevated 66 academic staff while they have also resolved to position the University appropriately for a successful institutional accreditation exercise of the Federal Government.
- (‘NTA Network News @ 4: 00p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2011)
- The Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, University of Ilorin, Prof. J. O. Atteh, has assured graduates, parents and invited guests of adequate security at the forth-coming 27th convocation ceremonies scheduled for 17th – 25th October, 2011.
(‘Varsity promises security at 27th convocation’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, October 6, 2011, p.26)
- The former Head of Service of the Federation, Prof. Afolabi Oladapo, has noted while delivering his keynote address entitled “Chemistry and the Millennium Development Goals” at the opening ceremony of the conference of the Chemical Society of Nigeria at the University of Ilorin auditorium recently, that the chemistry curricula that are being used in the country should be expanded to attain the target of the MDGs. (‘Why Nigeria cannot meet MDGs target’, same as above).
- Mr. Rilwan Olajide, a 400 level student of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, has described an ideal mother as someone who teaches chastity and not one who favours the forbidden in a published article. (‘The indispensable mother’, *The Nation*, Thursday, October 6, 2011, p.35)
- The Chairman Ceremonials Committee of the University of Ilorin, Prof. J.O. Atteh, has assured all graduates and invited guests of security and free flow of traffic during the 27th convocation ceremonies of the institution, scheduled to hold between 17th and 25th, October, 2011.
(University of Ilorin holds convocation’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, October 6, 2011, p.33)
- The Federal Government of Nigeria has advertised the invitation for bids on the “procurement and installation of laboratory equipment” for the Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP-B) Project at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Invitation for Bids’, *This Day*, Thursday, October 6, 2011, p.52A, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.18)
- In a letter signed by the Secretary of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Dr. Abdurashheed Adeoye, the Union has commended the management of the University over the recent elevation of 66 dons to the professorial and associate professorial cadres and further advised members of the Union to shun dangerous politics.
(‘ASUU advises members against dangerous politics’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 6th-Sunday 9th October, 2011, p.2)
- Scholars, including Dr. Yusuf Lanre Badmus of the University of Ilorin, have submitted that Islamic banking has come to stay in Nigeria though it has some challenges.
(Challenges of Islamic banking, by experts’, *National Pilot*, same as above,p.3)

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- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has announced the elevation of 66 academics of the University of Ilorin to the professorial and associate professorial positions while addressing a press conference at the end of the 128th Council Meeting of the University of Ilorin that was held at the University of Lagos.
(‘Unilorin appoints 35 professors, 31 readers’, *The Herald*, Monday, October 03, 2011, p.18)
- The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies of the University of Ilorin, Prof. (Mrs) Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams, has urged parents, school management and staff to fight examination malpractices for the success of their children while speaking at the 30th Anniversary Ceremony of Lower Niger River Basin Staff School.
(‘Educationist advocates academic integrity in schools’, same as above.)
- The Acting Chief Judge of Kwara State, Justice S.A. Kawu, has emphasised the relevance of the electronic library in promoting reading culture while speaking at the 36th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Law Librarians that was hosted recently by the University of Ilorin.
(‘Ag. Chief Judge scores e-library high’, same as above)
- The acting Librarian of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Joyce Fadayomi, has advised the Government to embark on scholarship for and disbursement of bursaries to students as part of the measures of promoting reading culture in the country.
(‘Between ICT and reading culture’, same as above, p.19)
- The Chairman, Ceremonials Committee of the University of Ilorin, Prof. J. O. Atteh, has assured all expected guests at the University convocation ceremonies of adequate security adding that the management of the University has approved that the 24th and 25th of October, 2011, as work-free and lecture-free days in order to further guarantee ease of movement to and from the University especially on the two important days.
(‘Unilorin prioritises security’, *National Pilot*, Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th October, 2011, pp.1-2)
- In an interview granted the *Nigerian Compass* newspapers, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that Nigeria will be great if only Nigerians can fight corruption and increase their productivity.
(‘How Nigeria can attain greatness’, *Nigerian Compass*, Monday, October 3, 2011, p.30).
- The 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin has been scheduled to take place from 17th to 25th October, 2011 at the University Main Campus and graduands have been informed of the some important points concerning their convocation.
(‘Information to Graduands’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, p.46; *Daily Trust*, same date, p.36;)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has sought the support of Governments and philanthropists towards raising N1.2b needed to host the West African University Games scheduled to take place in his University while addressing stakeholders at a forum in Lagos.
(‘UNILORIN seeks N1.2b to host WAUG’, *The Moment*, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, p.36)
- The University of Ilorin has been listed among the 33 Universities that have qualified for the National Universities Commission institutional accreditation that is scheduled for November 26th to December 10, 2011.
(‘33 varsities qualify for institutional accreditation’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, p.7)

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Quotes of the Week

It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends.

- J. K. Rowling

Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps its brain.

- J. K. Rowling

What we know is much, what we don't know is enormous.

- Pierre Simon de Laplace