



Let education accommodate talents - Don



L-R: Prof. Ologe, Prof. Abdulkareem, Prof. Malomo, Prof. Umoh and Dr. Yakubu at the occasion

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A Professor of Otorhinolaryngology at the University of Ilorin, Foluwasayo E. Ologe, has observed that the type of education offered at the tertiary and other levels of the Nigerian education system needs to be reviewed as it lacks the flexibility required to bring out the best out of individuals.

Prof. Ologe made this submission while delivering a Prominent Personality Lecture themed “Qualitative Standard of Learning and Research in Nigeria: The Origin, Advancement and Future Scope”. The lecture, which was the second in the series, was organised by the National Association of Science Students (NASS), University of Ilorin Chapter, in recognition of the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University and former Dean of Student Affairs of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulaiman A. Abdulkareem, last Wednesday (April 6, 2011) at the University Auditorium. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Unilorin to sponsor 65 staff to joint conference

As part of their commitment to the promotion of scholarship and encouragement of staff, the authorities of the University of Ilorin are set to sponsor at least 65 staff of the University of Ilorin who have submitted their abstracts to participate in the second international joint conference of the University of Ilorin and University of Cape Coast themed “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”. The conference is scheduled to hold between May 1 and 5 at the University of Ilorin.



DVC (Academic), Prof. Ayorinde

The Chairman of the International Organising Committee of the Conference, who is also the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University, Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, gave this hint during a recent meeting of the Committee, which is leaving no stone unturned to ensure the success of the conference.

Prof. Ayorinde noted that the University management has accepted the proposal and that staff members of the University will not pay for registration as the University will pay on their behalf to the organisers. *(Contd. on page 4)*

Ologe calls for skills-based functional education

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According to the lecturer, the most influential people in life are often not the brightest in the classroom but they are rather people who have been availed the opportunity of making use of both their talents and interests. He also noted that though there are now many awards and prizes given to individuals in recognition of their contributions to the human society, the Nobel prize remains the best recognized prize awarded in recognition of excellence and Nigerians have been missing out on the list of its winners since Prof. Wole Soyinka won the award for his contributions to literature in 1986.

Prof. Ologe remarked that Prof. Soyinka was eventually recognised all around the world though he had graduated with a Third Class at the University of Ibadan before he made a First Class at the University of Leeds and he is a renowned Professor despite the fact that he is not known to have obtained a PhD.

While stressing the importance of functional education, Prof. Ologe further noted that the three Ransome-Kuti brothers and children of the first President of the Nigerian Union of Teachers, Reverend Israel Oludotun Ransome-Kuti – Olikoye, Beko and Fela – were all supposed to study medicine abroad. He said while the three of them were successful in life, it is Fela, who chose to be different by studying music, that has continued to be celebrated in death till date all because he chose to pursue a training which was in harmony with his talents.

Speaking further, the Guest Speaker noted that the type of education provided in Nigeria needs to imbue students with multiple skills so that they can remain relevant at all seasons. He noted that people do outgrow football skills but the captain of Brazil to 1982 World Cup, Sócrates Brasileiro Sampaio de Souza Vieira de Oliveira, is still relevant to the society today because he was in the medical school while still pursuing his football career. He also opined that the Nigerian education system as it is now does not have enough room for polymaths who he said are multi-talented people with multiple skills and such people will always remain relevant as time changes.

He illustrated his point with the personality of former President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria whose career has revealed him as a man of many parts as he was/is at various times a Military Engineer, Military Combatant, Military Politician, Civilian Politician, International Diplomat/Elder Statesman, Traditional Chief and a writer. He said as a writer, Chief Obasanjo's 22 titles address a variety of issues including *A New Dawn*, *Africa Embattled*, *Call to Duty*, *Guides to Effective Prayer*, *Hope for Africa*, *Not My Will*, *Nzeogwu*, *Women of Virtue*, among other books.

Speaking earlier at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, lauded the thoughtfulness of the organisers saying that the programme showed that students do appreciate the efforts of lecturers towards their development. He noted further that the programme indicated that students can identify those who are distinguished among the lecturers and the lecture was meant to attract students' attention to the honoree as a role model that they could look up to and emulate.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by the Dean of Science, Prof. S.O. Malomo, also observed that the title of the lecture was quite apt as quality and standard are the watchwords of the University and that is what has ensured that the University of Ilorin is the first Nigerian university to be ranked among the best 20 African universities.

In his response, the honoree, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, noted that though it is unAfrican for people to assemble and say nice things about an individual in his presence, he would thank the organisers and the University of Ilorin community for the honour done to him. He charged the students to maintain a good mind which would make them the bosses of people with good brains. He explained that a person with a First Class has a superior brain but someone who graduates with a Third Class can employ the one who has a First Class if the former's own mind is superior.

The President of the National Association of Science Students, Mr. Abdul Wasiu Olanrewaju, earlier in his speech, noted that the Prominent Personality lecture would help the students to become better individuals. The high points of the event included the launch of NASS website and magazine, *Cynosure*.

The Thrills of Four Nights of Theatrical Revolution

Though the nights spanning March 30 and April 2, 2011 had come and gone, members of the University of Ilorin community who witnessed the events still continue to relish the superlative dramatic performances of the students of the Department of English that characterised those memorable nights. It was during the period that the Department, courtesy of Dr. Abdullahi S. Abubakar and his drama students, staged its Theatre Fiesta as well as the examinations of its Dramatic Theatre practicals at the Performing Arts Theatre of the University.

What was especially striking to the discerning members of the audience was the fluidity of the thematic concerns that percolate the four plays performed this year. The plays, in varying degrees of intensity, from mild romance and graceful dance-steps to wild, frenetic, almost psychedelic and hyper-active theatricalities, address the youth with the unmistakable theme of revolution.



DANCE TIME: Students performing on stage

While exploiting the current revolutions rocking many parts of the Middle East against tyranny and dictatorship, the dimensions of which continue to confound and scintillate some analysts, the plays seem to set the stage for revolution in Nigeria either through *transformation* or *change*. Through this process, against the backdrop of the electoral season in the country, the selection can be seen as a reinforcement of Wole Soyinka's (2009) conception of literature as an "act of symbolic affirmation" the truism of which he says is realised through such creative works that "provide a symbolic key to one's map of existence."

In *The Market of Betrayals* by Niyi Adebajo staged on March 30, 2011, which set the mood for the subsequent nights, the heroine of the play, Salewa, puts her life on the line against the antics of the market leaders who consented to the demolition and rebuilding of the market against the interest of the majority. Apart from decrying the pre-eminence of corruption in the polity, the play suggests that like Salewa, no price is too high to achieve freedom from oppression, thereby providing the key to Nigerians' "map of existence". Death is not even the end of the struggle as Salewa still invokes the spirits to torment her Ajegunle traducers who betray their own people.

The following night of March 31, 2011, it was Olu Obafemi's *Naira has no Gender* that took the centre stage. The play explores the changing cultural identity of the conflicting forces of economic development and social justice between the upper and the lower classes in a typical Nigerian environment. Despite the morbid materialism and crass corruption of Chief Awedanu, Otunla and Aina eventually get married, thank God, without any recourse to the corrupt capitalist Chief, thereby putting vent to the maxim that where there is a will there is a way - as it eventually happens for the young lovers. The play ultimately moralises a commitment to the demystification of money through which the strong oppress the weak.

In AbdulRasheed Adeoye's *The Smart Game* that was performed on April 1, 2011, the tomfoolery of the corrupt leaders was brought to the front burner through the shenanigans of Chief Olowolayemo. By repudiating corruption, through which the vile and crooked leaders who bestride the Nigerian political landscape think they are "smart", the play tacitly suggests the rejection of the corrupt ways and makes a clamour for an alternative paradigm of socio-political order.

The drama peaked on the fourth night with the performance of Abdullahi Abubakar's *Corper'tion* where a society caught in the grip of a cholera epidemic is set against itself as local and foreign stakeholders exploit the situation to further advance their selfish interests. The commitment to providing a cure and rescuing Fadaka village from itself comes in the youthful corps member, Corper, a *deu ex machina* of sorts or perhaps the real McCoy, to the community, who against all odds and personal sacrifice attains victory, lending the whole production a happy ending.

In his assessment at the end of the theatre fiesta, the acting Head of English Department, Dr. Sola T. Babatunde, lauded the students especially the fresh ones who he said had demonstrated excellence through their performance just as he urged them to extend the seriousness that saw to the success of the production to their other courses. Dr. Abubakar on his own part appreciated the lecturers of the Performing Arts Department who participated in examining the students, adding that theatre teaches discipline, punctuality and hardwork. He said he felt fulfilled that the message of the teachings is being imbibed by the students. He also expressed his joy for the thrills that the nights had recorded and the enthusiasm with which the production was embraced by the University community.

Again, Unilorin sponsors more staff to conference

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He expressed satisfaction that unlike the first conference where only staff of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast participated, the second edition is an improvement because participants from various Nigerian and Ghanaian universities, other than the two, and other countries have shown considerable interest in the conference with the range of abstracts received. He also disclosed that appropriate logistics have been put in place such that the proceedings of the conference will be published shortly after the conference.

Observers have noted that the encouragement of staff have yielded positive results in the productivity of the lecturers. At the first joint conference of the two universities in September 2009, the University fully sponsored 43 staff who were airlifted to Ghana for the conference.

A year after, the University also sponsored a large University delegation of 48 lecturers who registered to participate in the international conference on the “Future of University Education in Nigeria”, which was initiated by the University of Ilorin to mark the 50th independence anniversary of Nigeria. The conference was held between September 27 and 30 in Abuja.

We're concluding our STEP-B research projects– Dons

The two Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP B) researchers of the University of Ilorin, Prof. T. S. Ibiyemi of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Prof. J. A. Obaleye of the Department of Science, have said that finally, their research works are nearing completion.

The two top researchers, who won the multimillion dollar World Bank research award, gave this assurance while meeting the University STEP B Project Team last Thursday (April 7, 2011).

While Prof. Ibiyemi is concluding his project on “Biometric Signal Processing for Personal Identification and Forensic Applications”, Prof. Obaleye is completing his work on “Novel Metal Complexes of some Anti-Malarial Drugs: Synthesis, Structural Elucidation and their Biological Potency.”

While inspecting the laboratories of the researchers, the STEP-B Project Manager and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, who led other team members to the locations reiterated the commitment of the Management to the success of the projects and urged the researchers to submit their requirements for the last phase of the projects, so that the procurement of essential facilities could be done with despatch.

Unilorin, Cape Peninsula varsity hold joint conference

As the University of Ilorin prepares to host its second joint conference with the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, next month, its first joint conference with the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa, is scheduled for June, 2011.

The conference, themed “Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development”, holds between June 27 and 30 at the University of Ilorin.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always fall over on the right side when intoxicated (*The last part is weird, intoxicated from drinking little bottles of ...?*)
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain (*Thank you, I know some people like that*)
- Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise (*No wonder the way of the world is anti-clockwise!*)
- It's impossible for you to lick your elbow (*I'm sure some creepy fellow will try this out*)
- If you fart consistently for 6 six years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb (*I pray someone reading this give it a go so that we can also be a nuclear power, it's worth it!*)

THINK OUT OF THE BOX

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the One-Day Workshop on the Internationalisation of Campus at the University Auditorium on Thursday, February 24, 2011

I feel enamoured to welcome you all to this special occasion. I consider it special because it is an uncommon programme that is intended to showcase an irresistible trend that many people, especially in our part of the world, are still yet to reckon with. The idea of internationalisation is no doubt a reality in a world that has shrunk considerably such that geographical barriers are already inconsequential in human communication and interaction.

I want to commend the Centre for International Education for living up to its billing by sensitising the University community through this workshop on the concept of internationalisation. I congratulate the Centre as I fervently believe that all participants will benefit one way or the other at the end of it. The array of speakers lined up to address this workshop assures me that participants will gain from it and we shall all appreciate the essence of thinking internationally, not just locally.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is so much violence in the world today, Nigeria inclusive, as a result of the prevalent dichotomy between “self” and the “other”. The pages of history are red with the atrocities that this unhealthy dualism, *self* versus the *other*, has caused human race through such petrifying anachronisms as racism, apartheid, Nazism, Fascism and such other intellectual rubbish that have tended to make *self* alienate and subjugate the *other*. Whereas, the truth of the matter is that all humanity is one as we all derive from one source. In other words, we are all from Adam, our collective progenitor.

One important institution that promotes the universality of mankind is the university. The university conceptually is supposed to be a centre in which the universe, as diverse and varied it is, resides within its city, something like a *universal city* where everybody is represented. This, I believe, is why a university is a melting point of ideas, a confluence of people, the centre point of disciplines and other resources that ignite value. A typical university in the true sense of the word is the University of Ilorin, the international centre of excellence.

However, as the case is in many sub-Saharan, Latin American and Asian universities, academic communities that are supposed to be universal are now local in content and shape. There are some universities where the staff and students speak the same language and are made up of the same type of people. This is a travesty of what a university stands for: pluralism.

As the University of Ilorin pursues the internationalisation of its staff and students such that many non-Nigerians constitute members of its academic community as students and staff, it is crucial to emphasise that internationalisation is not limited to the physical. There are mental, psychological or attitudinal dimensions of internationalisation that are critical to the success of individuals and societies.

In other words, we need to think, feel and act internationally and avoid situations that do not get one out of the box of one’s locality. For instance, whoever thinks that the violence and disasters in some parts of the world do not concern him is living in the past. It is for this reason that the unfolding scenarios in many parts of the Arab world and other places are subjects of international discourse and global dimension.

As a matter of fact, if we *think out of the box* and reach out to others, we will further be enriched. But if we lock our hearts against the world, brand fellow human beings “others” and shut our eyes against fellow human beings, we succeed in achieving self-abnegation. The *other* is part of the *self* and no *self* can be divorced from the *other*. The challenge before us is to *think out of the box*, reach out to others, learn and develop. To *think out of the box* in this context is to get out of the cage of *self*.

Nothing best illustrates the point I am making on the significance of reaching out than the story of the three Hindu brothers. The three brothers inherited 17 cows with the instruction that the sharing formula is that the first of them should have half of the 17, the second should have a third while the last should have one ninth (that is, $1/2$, $1/3$ and $1/9$ respectively). This posed a great challenge since no one could get his

rightful portion exactly without fractions and the killing of a cow is forbidden in their culture. Since $1/2$ of 17 is $8\frac{1}{2}$ and $1/3$ of 17 is slightly more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ though less than 6 while $1/9$ is not up to 2, the dilemma was how to distribute the cows according to the sharing formula. How would this dilemma be solved? They only needed to think.

The three brothers reached out to a man who made them realise that they had no problem and all they needed was to borrow a cow which they would return immediately. Now, when they got the extra cow which made the cows 18, everyone had his share fully and they then returned the extra cow to the owner. That is how they did it: $1/2$ of 18, which is 9 belonged to the first person; $1/3$ of 18, which is 6 was given to the second person; and $1/9$ of 18 which is 2 got to the third person. As $9 + 6 + 2 = 17$, the remaining one cow was returned to the owner and nothing was lost.

Essentially, ladies and gentlemen, the solution to most of our problems lies in externalising them and benefitting from the person next door. That is the gain of internationalisation and it is high time we started thinking and acting internationally. The internationalisation of the campus is ultimately aimed at making the University rightfully universal and its members global citizens. All of us regardless of where we were accidentally born in (since no one had a choice in determining his/her ethnicity or nationality) are one humanity. We are all one and we are one world.

I wish you fruitful workshop sessions and I thank you for your attention.

2010/2011 Staff Development - Renewal

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mrs. H.I. Sa'adu	Ph.D.	Business Law
Mrs. F.O. Etudaiye-Mukhtar	Ph.D.	Accounting & Finance
Mr. R.O. Yusuf	Ph.D.	Chemical Engineering
Mr. A.Y. Abdulrahman	Ph.D.	Electrical Engineering
Mr. L.O. Ibrahim	Ph.D.	Arabic
Mrs. O.C. Abikoye	Ph.D.	Computer Science
Mrs. H.I. Adegoke	Ph.D.	Chemistry
Mr. A.O. Babatunde	Ph.D.	Computer Science
Mr. S.O. Owalude	Ph.D.	Chemistry
Mr. O. Job	Ph.D.	Statistics
Mr. A.O. Abidoeye	Ph.D.	Statistics
Mrs. T.O. Oladele	Ph.D.	Computer Science

New Appointments

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of the following academic staff:

Name	Department	Appointment	Effective Date
Dr. I.K. Adegun	Mechanical Engineering	Coordinator, Department of Biomedical Engineering	1 st March, 2011
Dr. Y.A. Adeniran	Electrical Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Electrical Engineering	23 rd March 2011
Prof. O.A. Adekunle	Agric Extension & Rural Development	Coordinator, University of Ilorin Archives and Documentation Centre	Immediate effect
Prof. Clifford Tagoe	Anatomy	Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences	1 st April, 2011

LAUGH LINES

A man who makes caskets was on his way to deliver one of the coffins when his car broke down. Trying not to be late, he carried the coffin on his head and headed to his destination.

Some Nigerian policemen saw him and wanted to make some money out of him, so they challenged him. "Hey *wetin* you carry? Where you *dey* carry that thing go?!"

"I no like the place where *dem* bury me, so I *dey* try to relocate," the man replied.

The policemen all took to their heels. Who *born* monkey? The man said to himself as he laughed away.

ACU Titular Fellowships for Unilorin staff

Fellowship opportunities now abound for the staff of the University of Ilorin through the ACU Titular Fellowships. The Fellowships provide opportunities for staff from member universities and employees working in industry, commerce or public service in a Commonwealth country to spend periods of time in other member universities or relevant institutions outside their own country.

Preference will be given to workers in the following priority subject areas: **agriculture, forestry and food sciences, biotechnology, development strategies, earth and marine sciences, engineering, health and related social sciences, information technology, management for change, professional education and training, social and cultural development and university development and management.**

A summary of the awards is as follows:

University of Wales Swansea Fulton fellowship

This is tenable at the University of Wales, Swansea, awarded for any of the priority subjects listed above.

Country of Tenure: United Kingdom

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales Fellowship

At least one Fellowship open either to professionally qualified accountants or to established members of university faculties or related fields. Tenable at a Commonwealth University which either provides courses approved by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, or provides courses in, or closely allied to, business education, Section A of the nomination form may be completed either by the head of the candidate's firm/company, or by the Executive Head of the proposed host university.

Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country.

Wighton Titular Fellowship in Engineering

This is open to full-time staff, academic or technical, of engineering departments in any of the developing country universities in membership of the ACU. Intended especially for the enhancement of laboratory teaching capacity.

Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country

The University of Manitoba Fellowship: Tenable at the University of Manitoba. Awarded for any of the priority subject areas listed above.

Country of Tenure: Canada

The George Weston Limited, Canada, Fellowship: in agriculture, forestry and food science/food technology.

Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country

The University of Oxford Fellowship

This is tenable at the University of Oxford. Awarded in any of the priority subject areas listed above.

Country of Tenure: United Kingdom.

The Jacky McAleer Memorial Fellowship

In memory of Jacky McAleer, a former member of staff of the ACU, and in recognition of her long and outstanding service to the ACU. Awarded in the field of information technology, with priority to the computerisation of record systems or computer-assisted learning.

Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country.

The Gordon and Jean Southam Fellowship

This is open to nominees of any of the Canadian universities in membership of the ACU. Awarded for any of the priority subject areas listed above.

Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country.

Applications will be considered ONLY if the applicant is approved by the Executive Head (Vice-Chancellor, President or Rector) of a university in ACU membership. The ACU will also consider applications approved by the Chief Executive Officer of a Commonwealth inter-university organisation. Fellowships will be tenable for up to a maximum of six months.

The **closing date** for application is **1st July 2011.**

For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the webpage at <http://www.acu.ac.uk/member-services/fellowships/mobility/acutitularfellowships> or email acuawards@acu.ac.uk.

LEARNED CONFERENCE

The University of Ilorin has sponsored/ supported the following staff to academic conferences:

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Professor Oseni, Z. I.	Dean's Office	Conference for Historical Documentation and Research	Kaduna	19 th - 20 th July, 2010
Professor Eyinla, Bolade Michael	History	4 th National Diasporal Conference	Minna	24 th - 29 th July, 2010
Dr.(Mrs.) Kadir, Risikat E.	Anatomy	Training the Trainers Workshop	Lagos	22 nd - 25 th August, 2010
Dr. Olaniyan, Adesoji Mathew	Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering	3 rd International Conference on Engineering Research & Development (ICERD 2010)	University of Benin	7 th - 9 th September, 2010
Dr. Alamu, Akiti Glory	Religions	National Association for the Study of Religions (NASR)	Baptist College of Theology, Oyo	28 th - 30 th September, 2010
Miss Kadiri, Kehinde Kadijat	Mass Communication	African Council for Communication Education Nigerian Chapter	American University of Nigerian, Yola	11 th - 13 th October, 2010
Mr. Anibijuwon, Ibikunle Ibitayo	Microbiology	34 th Annual National Conference of Nigerian Society for Microbiology	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	18 th - 22 nd October
Dr. Olaoye, Joshua O.	Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering	NIAE, 2010 Annual General Meeting & International Conference	Zodiac Hotels, Enugu, Nigeria	19 th - 23 rd October, 2010
Mr. Yaru, Mohammed Aminu	Economics	51 st Annual Conference of the Nigerian Economic Society	Abuja	25 th - 27 th October, 2010
Professor Ogunniyi, David Sunday	Chemical Engineering	21st Annual Technical Conference/AGM of Polymer Institute of Nigeria	Auchi, Edo State	27th - 30th October, 2010
Dr. Tijani, Oladejo Yunus	French	13th Annual Conference of University French Teachers' Association	University of Port-Harcourt	31st October - 4th November, 2010
Mr. Ajimotokan, Habeeb A.	Mechanical Engineering	2010 National Solar Energy Forum	Owerri	3rd - 6th November, 2010
Dr. Alabi, AbdulGaniyu Funsho	Mechanical Engineering	International Engineering Conference & Annual General Meeting	Abuja	5th - 10th December, 2010
Dr. (Mrs.) Eletta, O.A.A.	Chemical Engineering	International Engineering Conference and Annual General Meeting	Abuja	6th - 10th December, 2010
Dr. Lasode, Olumuyiwa A.	Mechanical Engineering	Local Conference Nigerian Society of Engineers and AGM	International Conference Centre, Abuja	6th - 10th December, 2010
Dr. Ajao, Kajogbola Rasaq	Mechanical Engineering	Nigerian Society of Engineers: International Engineering Conference	International Conference Centre, Abuja	6th - 10th December, 2010
Dr.(Mrs) Odetoeye, T.E.	Chemical Engineering	International Engineering Conference and Annual General Meeting Abuja	Abuja	6th - 10th December, 2010
Dr. Aweda, Jacob Olayiwola	Mechanical Engineering	NSE National Conference and AGM	Abuja	6th - 10th December, 2010

Chemical Engineering holds departmental Lecture

The Department of Chemical Engineering has announced its second Departmental Lecture coming up at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 at the Geology Auditorium.

According to a statement signed by the Acting Head of the Department, Dr. Mrs. O.A.A. Eletta, the topic of the lecture is “Sustainable Development with Chemical Engineering: Challenges and Opportunities.”

The lecture will be delivered by the Director of Chemical Engineering Programmes of Aston University, United Kingdom, Dr. James Omotayo Titiloye.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1	Alawolodu, Ilesanmi	Works (Parks and Garden)	10 th April
2	Nzeh, Chioma G.	Zoology	10 th April
3	Oniye, Abdulrazaq O.	Counsellor Education	10 th April
4	Ahmed, Aminat T.	Mechanical Engineering	10 th April
5	Adedayo, Hauwa O.	COMSIT	11 th April
6	Tijani, Oladejo Y.	French	13 th April
7	Yusuf, Wahab O.	Library	13 th April
8	Adesiji, Gbolagade	Agric Extension & Rural Development	14 th April
9	Oyeniya, Tajudeen A.	Economics	15 th April

Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ The University of Ilorin has recently received the delegation of Virginia State University, United States, as part of its commitment to deepening collaboration with other world universities. ('U.S.A. varsity team visits UNILORIN', *Nigerian Compass*, same as above)
- ❖ Some of the Visitation Panels to federal universities, including the University of Ilorin, have submitted their reports to the federal government while the reports of some are yet to be ready. ('FG receives varsities visitation panels report', *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday, April 7, 2011, p.50)
- ❖ Winners have emerged at the end of a cooking competition organised by the Committee of Hall Mistresses and Hall Executives of the University of Ilorin. ('Students showcase cooking skills', "UNILORIN FILE", *The Nation*, Thursday, April 7, 2011, p.26)
- ❖ A new executive council under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Bello has been elected by the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter. ('NASU elects new leaders', *The Nation*, same as above)
- ❖ The University Health Services, University of Ilorin, has organised a send-off programme in honour of its retiring staff. ('Send off for health workers', *The Nation*, same as above)
- ❖ The Federal Government has received the reports of the visitation panels to some universities while the reports of others are yet to be submitted. ('FG receives reports of varsities', *Daily Trust*, Thursday, April 7, 2011, p.7)
- ❖ Miss Bilkiss Ibrahim has emerged the Cook of the Year at the end of a cooking competition organised in collaboration with the residents of Trunil Hostel, University of Ilorin. ('Winners emerge at cooking competition', "Events at the University of Ilorin", *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, April 7, 2011, p.32)
- ❖ Members of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities and Associated Institutions (NASU) of the University of Ilorin have elected a new set of officers with Mr. J. J. Bello emerging as Branch Chairman. ('NASU elects new leaders', *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- ❖ Hundreds of Kwara State students would benefit from the disbursement of bursary to bonafide students of the state. ('Over 8000 Kwara students to receive bursary in Unilorin', *National Pilot*, Thursday 7th - Sunday 10th April, 2011, p.2)
- ❖ A University of Ilorin lecturer, Dr. Pius Abioje, has ventilated his thoughts on what he felt INEC should do to achieve credible elections. ('A critical decision for INEC before Saturday', *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday April 8, 2011, p.16 also in *The Guardian*, same date, p.14)

Unilorin in the News

❖ The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, has described cases of pre-election violence as a bad omen while urging Nigerians to re-engineer their thinking during a recent Jumat service.

(‘Let’s re-engineer our mentality, Nigerians charged’, *National Pilot*, Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 April, 2011, p.13)

❖ The University of Ilorin has come second, after Obafemi Awolowo University, in a national competition anchored by the Nigerian Mathematical Centre recently.

(‘AAUA, OAU, UI, UNILORIN shine at national maths contest’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, April 4, 2011, p.16)

- ❖ The Education Trust Fund has advertised procurement notice for the supply of some advanced science and engineering equipment to six Nigerian universities including the University of Ilorin. (‘Education Trust Fund’, *This Day*, Monday, April 4, 2011, p.58)
- ❖ The Education Trust Fund has advertised its invitation for bids for the construction of academic publishing centres in six Nigerian universities including the University of Ilorin. (‘Education Trust Fund’, *This Day*, Monday, April 4, 2011, p.59)
- ❖ The Education Trust Fund has advertised its invitation for pre-qualification and bid for the construction of central teaching and research laboratories for six Nigerian universities including the University of Ilorin. (‘Education Trust Fund’, *This Day*, same date, p.60)
- ❖ An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, who previously attended Ahmadu Bello University, has described the circumstances under which he eventually became a marketing manager of a company. (‘With my masters degree I couldn’t get a job’, *Daily Trust*, Monday, April 4, 2011, p.24)
- ❖ A scholar and justice of the Court of Appeal, Justice Massoud A. Oredola, has said that Islamic law does not disallow women from occupying political positions as long as such would not affect her home front while delivering a lecture organised by the National Association of Muslim Law Students (NAMLAS) at the University of Ilorin. (‘Islam not against women holding political posts, says Appeal Court justice’, *Nigerian Compass*, Tuesday, April 5, 2011, p.3)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has emerged second at a national competition organised by the National Mathematical Centre while the Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, has emerged sixth. (‘AAU shines at Maths competition for varsity students’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, April 5, 2011, p.40)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities and Associated Institutions (NASU) to work hard and make more sacrifice in order to meet the challenges of the digital age. (‘VC seeks Union’s support’, *This Day*, Wednesday, April 6, 2011, p.47)
- ❖ A lecturer in the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr. Ibrahim AbdulGaniy Jawondo, has viewed the current uprising in the Middle East as a precursor to the “much predicted third world war between the West and the Islamic world”, citing scriptural references. (‘Nacomyo’s grouse with Arab leaders’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, April 6, 2011, p.16)
- ❖ In a communiqué signed by the principal officers of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC), including the body’s Executive Secretary and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, government has been urged to include religious leaders in state security councils. (‘NIREC makes case for inclusion of religious leaders in Security Councils’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, April 6, 2011, p.16)

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Quotes of the Week

The only limits to the possibilities in your life tomorrow are the butts you use today.
– Les Brown

Look and you will find it – what is unsought will go undetected. – Sophocles

Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men – the other 999 follow women.
– Groucho Marx

Leadership is the art of getting someone else do something you want done because he wants to do it. . – Dwight Eisenhower