



Oloyede tasks students on leadership ...as Unilorin inaugurates Students Union top shots



WE: The Student leaders with the Vice-Chancellor and other key officials of the University.

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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has challenged students of the University to imbibe the qualities of commitment, discipline, sacrifice, honesty and accountability, stressing that the essence of leadership is sacrifice through service.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) of Federal Universities in Nigeria, gave this charge while addressing the members of the Students Union Executive Committee and Students Representative Council during their inauguration last Wednesday (June 8, 2011) at the University of Ilorin. *(Contd. on page 2)*

How mineral resources fuel conflicts - Don

A Professor of sedimentology at the Department of Geology and Mineral Science, University of Ilorin, S. O. Akande, has said that more than 40% of intra-state conflicts are linked to the environment because of the mineral resources present in the environment on the one hand and because governments and multinational companies tend to ignore the natives in mineral-rich areas on the other.



DONS:L – R, Prof. Abimbola, Dr. Fayeye, Prof. Akande, Prof. (Mrs) Malomo and Prof. Umoh at the lecture last Tuesday

Prof. Akande made this known last Tuesday (July 7, 2011) while delivering a paper entitled “Environmental Challenges in the Exploration and Production of Mineral Resources with Special Reference to Nigeria”, at a lecture organised by the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) of the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Akande said that many countries, including Nigeria, Ecuador, Peru, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, have a history of degrading the environment through road construction, diversion of rivers, destruction of natural vegetation and oil spillages all of which impact negatively on the native owners of the land where the resources are extracted. *(Contd. on page 4)*

Obey Unilorin rules or *face Tanke*, by Umoh

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In an address captioned “The Sky Is Not The Limit”, the Vice-Chancellor urged the new leaders to cultivate the five habits of effective leadership identified by Hisham Altalib which he said are “Know where your *time* goes; focus on concrete *results*; build on *strengths*, not weaknesses; concentrate on a few major *areas* where consistent hard work will produce outstanding results; and put your complete *trust* in Allah and aim high instead of limiting your goals to only the safe and easy things.”

Prof. Oloyede faulted the saying that the sky is the limit stressing that the sky is not the limit to what people can achieve if they set themselves doggedly to what is desirable. “Some people say the sky is the limit because they cannot see or imagine beyond the sky. But beyond the sky is a vast space that has not even been fully explored. It is therefore essential that you set your priorities right and work towards attaining your lofty goals. *The sky is not the limit*”, he emphasised.

Apart from tasking the student leaders on their primary assignment in the University and stressing that what is of foremost importance to any student that is worth name is the attainment of excellence in his/her academic pursuit, the Vice-Chancellor also counselled them on what not to do. His words:

“Having advised you on what you should do, it is necessary as well that I let you know what you may not do. One thing you should avoid is to allow yourselves to be used to disrupt the peace on campus. It is not unlikely that elements within and around you will want, on some occasions, to use you in a way that is detrimental to your interest. The era of misplaced enthusiasm, combative unionism and destructive antics is gone. We are living in a knowledge-driven global economy and issues are better solved at the intellectual level, at the round table. As a matter of fact, that is the policy we have adopted in this University and it has taken us this far. If we work as partners in progress, there is no doubt that *the sky is not the limit* to what we shall be able to achieve together for ourselves and our University,” he said.

Earlier in his welcome address at the occasion, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Sunday H. Umoh, taking after a former American President, advised the students thus: “Ask not what your University can do for you” rather ask “what you can do for your University.”

The Professor of Counsellor Education told the new leaders that “this University will award you a degree after considering your worthiness in learning and in character. The golden fleece which is your degree is within your grasp if you recognize certain personal, academic and social realities. First, recognize that there is a Students’ Information and Regulation Handbook. Master the rules and regulations very well so that you may be able to impact on the generality of the student body. Any student in this University who has taken an oath to abide by the rules and regulations as contained in the handbook has accepted to abide by the rules and regulations contained therein. Failure to abide by our rules may lead you to “face Tanke”, if you escape our Student Disciplinary Committee.”

In his address, the President of the Students Union, Mr. Surajudeen Musa, outlined his programme for his members, saying he would chart “the way forward” (see page 8). The high points of the inauguration included the administration of oath by the Director of Legal Services, Mr. Dare Akanbi, on the President, who subsequently administered it on his executive team members, election of the Speaker by the Student Representatives Council and group photographs.

Members of the inaugurated Central Executive Council include the President, Surajudeen Musa; Vice-President, Hameed Azeezat Olamide; General Secretary, Hameed Ayuba; Assistant General Secretary, Aliyu Bashir; Treasurer, Olayiwola Adewale; Financial Secretary, Nafiu Toyin A.; P.R.O., Awonuga Rasheed Olatunji; Welfare Secretary, Adepoju Abdul-Lateef; Sports Secretary, Are Kolapo Michael and Social Secretary, Badmus Opeyemi.

Ogunmodede returns to her Maker

After a brief illness, Mrs. Kehinde Comfort Ogunmodede formerly of the Library Department of the University died on Sunday June 5, 2011 at a hospital in Ilorin.

According to a statement signed by the acting University Librarian, Mrs. J. A. Fadayomi, Mrs. Ogunmodede was buried at her residence last Monday (June 6, 2011). May her soul rest in peace.



Ogunmodede

Unilorin in 2011: A Mid-year Appraisal (February)

February 2011 began on a celebratory note at the University of Ilorin as the first day of the month ushered in new students. Some 5,384 undergraduates who had proven themselves qualified to be part of the University business of building brains and shaping minds were matriculated.

Before the first week ended, it would be recalled, news filtered in that in the famous webometrics ranking of world universities of January, the University of Ilorin had improved significantly. Specifically, while remaining No. 1 University in Nigeria, Unilorin became No. 20 in Africa and No. 2,668 in the world. Five months earlier, the University was ranked No. 55 in Africa and No. 5,484 in the world.

While welcoming the development, a further icing on the cake of the previously released league table of the www.4icu.org, the ranking was a good omen for the Nigerian university system that the gloomy picture being portrayed of the university system by some people would be reversed through hard work, commitment and selflessness as epitomised by the University of Ilorin management, staff and students.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, also suggested a way out of strike, a cankerworm in the Nigerian public university system and a point that unions may want to pursue to a logical conclusion now that a new government is in the saddle. Addressing a delegation of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) on February 8, Prof. Oloyede suggested that unions should clamour for their salaries to be a particular percentage of those of the political office holders like Senators and Representatives. The argument is that strike over salary increment would be resolved because as lawmakers adjust their salaries, the adjustment automatically affects the salaries of workers.

While the University, a gold fish without a hiding place, won the recognition of WAEC through an invitation to the University to be on its National Working Committee at its 48th Annual meeting, Unilorin scored another first through one of its students. Biala Toheeb of the Department of Mathematics showcased the excellence of the University by emerging first at the National Mathematics Competition for University Students (NAMCUS) held at the National Mathematical Centre Abuja between February 6 and 12, 2011, accentuating partly the unassailability of the judgements of the ranging agencies.

This same month, the University also produced 49 fresh medical doctors for the Nigerian healthcare system and also held its 93rd inaugural lecture entitled "That Our Women Die Not in Vain" which focused on maternal mortality in Nigeria and was delivered by Prof. Olurotimi O. Fakeye.

Meanwhile, it is important to note that the University received the Visitation Panel of the Federal Government led by a former Vice-Chancellor of Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Prof. M. Salau. The Panel was impressed from the first day when within a short notice, its members were received by the Governor of Kwara State and the Emir of Ilorin both of whom lauded the the University and reinforced the commitment of the University to the marriage of the town and gown.

For instance, while the then Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, represented by his Deputy, Chief Joel Ogundeji, averred to the Panel that "I can tell you that the relationship between the University and the community is cordial. We have a lot of respect for the Vice-Chancellor and the institution", identifying three factors for the which Unilorin is the toast of admission applicants, the Emir of Ilorin stressed to the Panel that "we are proud of the University of Ilorin" adding that "the Vice-Chancellor is a great man; he is doing very well. He is a totally committed man. He is an Ilorin man."

As it happened subsequently, the Visitation Panel would soon laud the University on its sophisticated IT infrastructure just as the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) at the same time would visit the University of Ilorin to announce the endowment of professorial chairs in the Faculties of Law and Business and Social Sciences. The University was also unrelenting in providing platforms for intellectual and collaborative discourse as typified by hosting Prof. Gaddi Nigirane-Katashaya of Uganda who delivered a lecture, the International Soil Tillage Research Organisation (ISTRO) symposium, a collaborative workshop with the Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE) and a workshop on the internationalisation of the University where the Vice-Chancellor charged all to *think out of the box*.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- A car's WINDSHIELD is so large and the rear view mirror is so small because your past is not as important as your future. So look ahead and move on.

Switch off your phones; let your light shine - Experts

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Prof. Akande noted that the natives are themselves aware of their resources and many local people in some Nigerian communities had been mining natural resources since the beginning of the 20th Century by digging pits and using crude methods. He said that these people continue to mine illegally because their communities are ridden with poverty and the government and multi-national companies have not been taking care of their needs before sending in their bulldozers to demolish their lifeline.

Speaking further, the don noted that Nigeria needs to manage the conflict in the resource producing areas with commitment to peace building efforts which should not be by building high fences around government and industrial facilities because this would only strengthen suspicion. Peace building efforts, he said, should be made through confidence building measures which include implementation of the Nigerian context initiative bill that would build the capacity of the natives through education.

In his own presentation, entitled “African Time Syndrome and National Development: the Nigerian Situation”, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Dr. J. O. Fayeye, noted that time management is common in Nigeria at the individual and at the institutional levels and how Nigerians manage time has resulted in the undesirable phenomenon of abandoned projects. Speaking further, he said a child who is a day old is already old and a day dead just as someone that is 40 years old is 40 years dead, stressing that all must have daily objectives and long term goals to make their lives meaningful.

Dr. Fakeye posited that a remarkable way of making life meaningful is through setting deadlines which are realistic and not ignoring those deadlines because when seconds roll by, life is actually rolling by. He advised that Nigerians should plan for emergencies while drawing up strategic plans for the day and also urged people to have a time when they switch off their mobile phones and give attention to their families and other things they regard as very important in their lives because, according to him, most people have no time these days for the most important things in their lives.

According to the expert in criminology, a person who has lived for five 75 years has lived for some 2.5 billion seconds and may waste those seconds without having time for important things. He then counselled against building one’s house around places like motor parks, saw-mills, garages and markets because those neighbourhoods are conducive for incubating criminals and grooming social miscreants.

Speaking earlier at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was subsequently represented at the remaining part of the programme by the Dean of Science, Prof. S.O. Malomo, noted that the University of Ilorin postgraduate students are as good as their counterparts anywhere in the world. In his address entitled “Let Your Light Shine”, the Islamic Jurisprudence expert charged the students to explore sponsorship and fellowship opportunities during their training while he urged them to make excellence their watchword.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, “there is a world of difference between the ordinary and the extraordinary but the little difference that makes the big difference lies in that ‘extra’. If you exert yourselves, discipline yourselves and develop yourselves within the framework of the facilities available at your disposal, both hard and electronic, there is nothing stopping you from ruling your world, as a telecommunication company would say. I urge you to *let your light shine* across the nation and the world by being serious with your studies, being committed to excellence and being diligent in your research. In this regard, the Postgraduate School must drive and you must be ready to be driven. There should be no excuses in this regard: everyone has to use what is available to achieve the desirable as there is nowhere everything desirable is available except Paradise.”

While the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Isaac O. Abimbola, in his remarks appreciated the new leaders of POGSASS for accepting the tenure cut of their administration based on the harmonisation of the postgraduate programmes in such a way that would make leaders emerge at the beginning of the academic session saying that their attitude is different from that of politicians who seek tenure elongation, the President of the POGSASS, Mr. Adeyemi Olusanjo, earlier in his address stressed that his Association would work together with the University administration to further uplift the University.

Government urged to provide incentives to farmers ...As Unilorin pledges to partner Special Royal Farms

An Agriculturist, Vice Admiral Samuel Afolayan (Rtd), has said that the problem of agriculture in Nigeria is lack of government support to farmers in terms of incentives and logistics. Vice Admiral Afolayan, made this submission last Thursday (June 9, 2011) while receiving the delegation of Community Based Experience Scheme (COBES) of the Faculty of Agriculture, led by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Abayomi O. Omotesho.

The former Chief of Naval Staff and the Sole Proprietor of Special Royal Farms, Obbo Ile, Kwara State, urged government at all levels to put in place Agricultural Commodity Board with a view to boosting farmers' income, adding that government must also provide financial assistance to rural farmers to actualise the Operation Back To Farm initiative. Recalling that he started the farm in 1998 after his 36 years of service in public service, he said he decided practise agriculture in order to contribute his quota to the revitalisation of the sector in the country. "I've got to a level where I don't have the strength investing further more. 200 people are currently working on the farm on a daily basis and I'm paying up to 2.8 million naira monthly on their salaries, that is a contribution and at times they don't even generate up to what I am paying them," he said.



LET'S FARM: Vice-Admiral Afolayan with the Faculty of Agric staff and COBES students

Speaking further, the former Chief of Naval Staff said agriculture is both lucrative and difficult. "Agriculturists are the richest in developed countries. If you drop one seed of maize, a crop can carry up to six thousand seeds and a tree or plant of maize can carry up to 3 crops, then do that multiplication, you can see that there is no business where you have such profits."

He also noted that "agriculture is also a very difficult job; you learn and practise perseverance and commitment. When you work with nature, you derive certain things money cannot buy. We appreciate the nature more and realize its benefits."

The former Chief of Naval Staff, pledged to collaborate with the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, by giving the students the required practical knowledge, pointing out that his farm is in partnership with some Israeli experts where they provide him with latest research as far as agriculture is concerned.

Responding, the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Omotesho, said the University is willing to collaborate with the farm, especially in the area of practical and research initiative. Prof. Omotesho noted that the Departments of Agronomy and Crop Protection would carry out some research in the farm while he also invited the retired Vice Admiral to deliver a public lecture at the University to enable students to share from his wealth of experience. He acknowledged the Agriculturist for the practical knowledge imparted in the students and commended him for putting in place and maintaining such a big farm.

At Elerinjare, where the Dean also inspected some students on COBES assignment, he tasked them to ensure that they put all they have been taught into practice and make sure that the knowledge is retained in them to excel. The students Group leader there stated that they had been taught how to make cheese, pointing out that they reciprocated what they had acquired by teaching the farmers how to plant, preserve and store cassava while carrier talks were also organised for the students in Junior and Secondary schools within the community.

While in Erinle, Prof. Omotesho lauded the students for their peaceful conduct and charged them to abstain from anything that could lead to acrimony and rancour, stressing the need for them to impact positively on the local farmers. At Afon, while receiving the team of COBES, the Baale of Afon, Alhaji Ibrahim Adelodun, who had earlier been appreciated by the Faculty Coordinator of COBES, Dr. Benjamin Adesiji, for his warmth and reception, expressed satisfaction and happiness with the conduct of the students on COBES in the community and appreciated the University of Ilorin for the gesture. Alhaji Adelodun noted that the University of Ilorin students are of good character and had imparted so much on the life of the people of the community.

Other members of the delegation from various Departments in the Faculty include Dr. Timothy Fayeye, Dr. Olufemi Bolarin, Dr. Margret Ode, Dr. John Olaniyan, Mr. Tunde Aliu and Mr. Abraham Falola.

Unilorin inaugurates Communication Committee

The University of Ilorin has inaugurated its Communication Committee with a view to supervising and improving on the communication facilities on campus. The inauguration took place last Friday (June 10, 2011) at the University Auditorium.

While inaugurating the Committee, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said that the University has invested heavily on communication facilities but the impacts have not reached a desirable level. He described how communication has changed the world how positive and negative communications have resulted in revolutions both in the past and in the contemporary times. He stressed that communication should be strengthened to fast-track development and tasked members to take the assignment seriously.

In her address at the occasion, the Chairman of the Committee and the former acting Dean of Communication and Information Sciences, Dr. (Mrs.) O. V. Mejabi, assured the Vice-Chancellor of the preparedness of her Committee to discharge the given mandate. She noted that to facilitate communication among key officers of the University, some 50 Starcomms phones had been distributed while a higher number would still be distributed. She stressed that the telephones should be on the Secretaries' desks, rather than those of their principals, and that there should always be people who would receive calls.



L-R: Dr. Adedimeji, Dr. (Mrs) Mejabi and Dr. Ogunade at their inauguration last Friday

The high points of the inauguration included a presentation by the Starcomms team on the use, benefits and services available on the programmes as well as an interactive session with the team.

Some members of the Committee inaugurated at the occasion included the Head, Department of Telecommunication Science, Mr. A. Tiamiyu; the Representative of the Centre for International Education, Dr. O. R. Ogunade and Deputy Director of Information, Dr. M. A. Adedimeji who serves as the Secretary. Also sitting on the Committee are the V-SAT Manager, Engr. Akande Hussein, Mr. I. O. Ogunbiyi of Bursary Department, Mr. B.S. Baba, Estate Manager and the Control Room Supervisor.

Stop rumour mongering, NASU tells members

The Chairman of Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), Universities of Ilorin Chapter, Mr. J. J. Bello, has stressed that rumour mongering is inimical to organisational progress and urged his members to desist from peddling rumour on campus.

Mr. Bello gave this charge while inaugurating four NASU committees last Thursday (June 9, 2011) at the University Auditorium. He disclosed that the purpose of empanelling the committees was to strengthen staff members and provide better services to the University community.

The committees are Labour Force Committee chaired by Mr. Samuel Ehinmidun, Women in NASU Committee headed by Mrs. Bisi Adeshina, Investment/Projects Committee led by Mr. Olakunle Idowu Ojo and Welfare Scheme Committee presided over by Mr. M. Olateju.

The inauguration was attended by some senior and past leaders of the union.



Medical student leaders of the University in a valedictory photograph with the Vice-Chancellor last Friday



L-R: Prof. Moshood Baderin of London University, Dr. W.O.Egbewole and Dr. A. O. Omotosho at the signing of an MoU between Unilorin and SOAS last Friday



Mr. J.J. Bello and Chairmen of NASU Committees at their inauguration last Thursday

Unilorin is first in many areas – Landmark VC

The Vice-Chancellor of Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State, Prof. M. Ola-Rotimi Ajayi, has described the University of Ilorin in glowing terms saying that apart from being a household name in Nigeria, anyone conversant with the University system in Nigeria would appreciate that the University is first in many areas. Prof. Ajayi made this remark last Thursday (June 8, 2011) during a courtesy visit of Landmark University delegation he led to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.



PARTNERS: VC Oloyede and VC Ajayi

Prof. Ajayi described his visit as home-coming disclosing that apart from being an alumnus of the University of Ilorin where he obtained three degrees, he is also a former staff member of the University. He added that the need to identify with success, progress and development that characterise the University made his management team to decide that the first University to visit is the University of Ilorin because they know they would gain one or two things that would benefit their new University.

He commended the management of the University of Ilorin and sought areas of cooperation and partnership between the Unilorin and Landmark University which he described as operating a collegiate system with emphasis on agricultural development.

Responding, the University of Ilorin Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, congratulated Prof. Ajayi saying that Unilorin wishes him success because his success is the success of the University. He said the University owes it a responsibility to establish that his choice of the Vice-Chancellor was not a mistake saying that Prof. Ajayi's appointment is a pride to the University. He noted that at the last count, there are 13 Vice-Chancellors in Nigeria who are either former students or staff of the University of Ilorin.

While assuring Landmark University of the readiness of the University of Ilorin to do everything within its power to support the new University, Prof. Oloyede stressed that though the University is responsible to the whole world, the immediate community is of primary importance. He advised Landmark to join, even if as an associate member now, bodies like the Association of African Universities (AAU), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the International Association of Universities (IAU) so that it will quickly register its presence in the world university system and draw benefits that accruable from such visibility.

In the Landmark University Vice-Chancellor's delegation were Prof. J. S. O. Adeniyi, Prof. E. O. Oyawoye, Dean College of Agricultural Sciences along with Mrs. O. Triumph-Abatan and Miss Funke Idowu of Corporate Affairs Unit of the University while joining the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin to receive the team were the Principal Officers and the Dean of Agriculture.

Unilorin to host NIAE conference

The University of Ilorin will host the 11th international conference and 32nd annual general meeting of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE). The Conference, themed "Agricultural Engineering for Economic Transformation" holds from October 17 to 20, 2011.

The sub-themes of the conference include:

- (1) Farm Machinery Development and Precision Agriculture for Increased Food Production;
- (2) Soil and Water Conservation for Agricultural Development;
- (3) Food Storage, Preservation and Processing for Economic Development;
- (4) Mechanizing Aquaculture for Economic Development;
- (5) Harnessing Renewable Energy for Environmental Sustainability;
- (6) Farm Structures and Environmental Control; and
- (7) Climate Change and Agricultural Productivity.

Four hard copies and an electronic copy on CD are expected to be sent to the Technical Committee Chairman at the Department of Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering, University of Ilorin, P.M.B. 1515, Ilorin. The full length paper should also be sent to olaoyejo@yahoo.com and yemioyelade@yahoo.com. Other details about the conference include Submission of full length paper by July 29, 2011; notification of paper acceptance by August 12, 2011; final acceptance of paper by August 31, 2011; Pre-registration: ₦13,000.00 by September 7, 2011; Payment after September 7, 2011: ₦15,000.00; Undergraduate students: ₦3,500.00; Foreign participants: \$150.

New Students Union President unfolds agenda

The newly elected President of the Students Union University of Ilorin, Mr. Musa Surajudeen, has unfolded a programme of action which would make his administration leave “a path in this very place we find ourselves so that we will not be like the proverbial snake” that crawls over a rock without living a trail.

Mr. Surajudeen outlined the policy thrust of the Students Union under his leadership while delivering his inaugural address captioned “The Way Forward” last Wednesday (June 8, 2011) after he took his oath of office at the Geology Lecture Theatre of the University.

The President said his agenda would consist of creating a Class Representatives Forum, organizing Students Union Tutorial, building Students Union Hostel and facilitating a Student Research Ground.

Explaining the items, Mr. Surajudeen said he would create a forum through which all class representatives across each level would be holding regular meetings the President and share their views, identify their problems and collectively proffer solutions. “This will assist in forming a common umbrella under which all students reside and giving everyone of us a sense of participation. However, this forum has nothing to do with the aims and objectives of the Student Representative Council”, he quickly clarified.

On the Students Union Tutorial, the Engineering student said his administration would deploy all the University Scholars as tutors of their counterparts. Through this arrangement, he said, the difficulties that students have in some courses will be addressed and then “we are moving to the ‘THE WAY FORWARD’ in reducing the number of student that fail especially the New Intakes (Freshers)”.

The President also disclosed that his administration would rise to the task of addressing the accommodation challenges being faced by students through the construction, which he noted would be a continuous project, of a standard hostel. “We leaders in this Administration will do everything in our capacity, with the support of the Student Affairs Unit, to ensure that we design and construct a standard hostel of 1000 bed spaces... For the trust reposed in us, we will return it with quality service and commitment to the common good”, he stressed.

He also would like the University to integrate students within its existing research policy through which the contributions of students to the research endeavours of the University will be streamlined. He claimed that the Faculty of Engineering and Technology students pioneered the use of electronic voting system through the research conducted by some students of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science and that enough room should be given to the “excellent and talented students of this great institution to showcase their ingenuity in solving problems”.

Mr. Surajudeen also said that as the University prepares to host the West Africa University Games (WAUG), he would make one of the Students Union buses available for branding so that it would create additional publicity for the Games. He also canvassed the tarring of the motor park on campus and the provision of solar street lighting between the Gate and the main University.

While commenting on the President’s address, the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, lauded him on the address. He noted it took about ₦1.2 million to erect a single pole of solar street lighting system at the University gate and prioritisation would make the University expend its scarce resources available now on laboratories, library and other key areas. He pointed out that it is a welcome dream that might be a reality in a not-too-distant future while he enjoined the leadership to orientate their colleagues on the maintenance and good use of the facilities on ground in the University.

LAUGH LINES

At a fabric shop, a fair-complexioned beautiful girl spots a nice material for a dress and asks the male clerk: How much does it cost? “Only one kiss per yard”, replied the male clerk with a smirk. “That’s fine,” said the girl, “I’ll take ten yards.” With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk quickly measured out the cloth, wrapped it up, and then teasingly held it out. The girl took the bag and pointed to the old man standing beside her, and smiled, “Grandpa will pay the bill.”

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department /Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Obafemi, Anna D.	University School	12th June
2.	Ijaiya, Munir-deen A.	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	14th June
3.	Belewu, Moshood A.	Animal Production	16th June
4.	Idowu, Ibunkunolu A.	Counsellor Education	16th June
5.	Oyededeji, Noah B.	Education Management	16th June

Unilorin in the News

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- A Senior Lecturer in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Dr. AbdulGaniyu Alabi, has identified the need to address the energy sector while responding to an interviewer's questions. ('Jonathan should address energy challenge frontally', *National Pilot*, same date, p.15).
- A Professor of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Ilorin and former Executive Director of the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation (NCAM), Kayode C. Oni, has urged various states across the country to emulate the Tsonga Agric model put in place by the former Government of Kwara State. ('Emulate Tsonga Agric model, EX-NCAM boss charges states', *National Pilot*, same date, p.20).
- Various moments during which Prof. Kayode C. Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering delivered his inaugural lecture at the University of Ilorin have been frozen in photographs. ('People, places and events', *National Pilot*, same date, p. 22).
- The National President and National Secretary of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association have congratulated Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed on his assumption of office as Governor. ('Unilorin alumni felicitate with Gov. Ahmed', *National Pilot*, same date, p. 26).
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, has charged parents to discharge their responsibilities to their children saying that it smacks of irresponsibility for small children to be left at the mercy of unknown road users while commissioning a bus donated to the University School by the Parent Teacher Association of the school. ('Don't be careless with your children, parents counselled', *The Herald*, Monday, June 6, 2011,p.20)
- Some 18 Nigerians, including a graduate of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Michael Olugbile, have graduated with honours from Harvard University, United States of America. ('18 Nigerians bag various degrees, accolades at Harvard', *Next*, Tuesday, June 7, 2011, p.9)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised Nigerians against receiving *blood money* saying that monetary gains derived from strike actions that result in the death of innocent people is bloody while receiving a delegation of NASU in his office recently. ('Avoid blood money, Oloyede urges Nigerians', *Premier*, Tuesday June 7 – Monday June 13, 2011,p.13)
- Prof. Kayode C. Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, University of Ilorin, has suggested that the way out of food insecurity in Nigeria is to embark on mechanised agriculture. ('UNILORIN don harps on mechanised agriculture', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday June 8, 2011, p.17).
- Students of the University of Ilorin with their colleagues in other universities have travelled to Erin-Ijesha for an excursion. ('Tales of freshers' orientation trip', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.18).
- Prof. Kayode Oni of the University of Ilorin has urged the Federal Government to apply the strategy of agro-industrialisation in order to ensure food security for the citizens while delivering his inaugural address recently at the University of Ilorin. ('Don tasks FG on Food Security', *This Day*, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, p.63)
- At least 60 Nigerian universities and others across the West African sub-region will participate in the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) to be hosted at the University of Ilorin later this year. ('Over 60 varsities to participate in WAUG', "From the University of Ilorin", *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, June 9, 2011,p.330)
- The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Management had announced it would hold its Congress. ('Unilorin NIM holds congress', *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised the newly inaugurated student leaders of the University to imbibe the spirit of sacrifice in order to make impacts as leaders. ('UNILORIN VC admonishes new student leaders', *New Nigerian*, Thursday, June 9, 2011,p.17)

Unilorin in the News

- A Professor of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Kayode C. Oni, has canvassed the adoption of mechanised farming as a way of bailing Nigerians out of hunger and food insecurity while delivering his inaugural lecture at the University.
(‘We need mechanized farming to defeat hunger’, *The Guardian*, Saturday, June 4, 2011, p.8).
- The Chairman of the University of Ilorin School Management Board and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has tasked parents to be responsible to their children while warning against leaving small children at the mercy of unknown road users during the commissioning of a bus donated by the Parents Teachers Association to the school.
(‘Unilorin DVC charges parents on safety of children’, *Sunday Life*, June, 5, 2011, p.22).
- The University of Ilorin Alumni Association has congratulated the new Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed, while urging him to take the state to greater heights in a letter signed by the National President and National General-Secretary of the body.
(‘Unilorin Alumni tasks Ahmed’, *The Herald* on Sunday June 5, 2011, p.40).
- A 500 level student of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Hafiz Akinde, has won the first prize in a national essay competition organized by a Lagos-based organisation.
(‘UNILORIN student tops national essay contest’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, June 5, 2011, p.36).
- The moment shared by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, and his Obafemi Awolowo University counterpart, Prof. Michael Faborode, at a South African airport during a recent AAU conference has been frozen in a published photograph.
(‘Photonews’, *Daily Trust*, Sunday, June 5, 2011, p.58).
- In a statement signed by the National President and National General Secretary of the University of Ilorin Almuni Association, Mr, T.A. Odedele and Dr. L.A. Yahaya respectively, Governor AbdulFatah Ahmed of Kwara State, who is an Almnus of the University, has been urged to use his wealth of experience to take the state to a highest pedestal of development.
(‘Unilorin alumni congratulate Kwara gov’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, June 6, 2011, p.51).
- Mr. Alatise Taofeeq Nasir of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, has tasked President Goodluck Jonathan on the need to govern well.
(‘President Jonathan must deliver good governance’, *The Nation*, Monday, June 6, 2011, p.20).
- The University of Ilorin has advertised admission into its various postgraduate programmes for the 2011/2012 academic session. (‘University of Ilorin: Postgraduate School’, *The Nation*, Monday, June 6, 2011, p.45, also *National Pilot*, Monday June 6 – Wednesday June 8, 2011, p.8).
- Prof. Kayode C. Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, University of Ilorin, has warned that except something drastic is done, the Millennium Development Goal of curbing hunger in Nigeria by 2015 will be a tall dream.
(‘Don raises alarm over MDGs,’ *National Pilot*, same as above. p.5).
- The Dean of Arts, University of Ilorin, who is also the Chief Imam of Auchi, Prof. Zakariyau I. Oseni, has described endowment (waqf) as an institution that can curb poverty and want in Nigeria.
(‘Endowment, answer to poverty’, - Auchi Chief Imam’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.13).
- It has been recalled by a reporter that the former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Dimeji Bankole, stressed the need for the practice of true federalism while delivering a lecture at the University of Ilorin some time ago.
(‘States and the push for new revenue sharing formulas’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.14).

Quotes of the Week

By all means marry; if you get a good wife you’ll be happy. If you get a bad one, you’ll become a philosopher.

- Socrates

I can resist everything except temptation.

- Oscar Wilde

I’m so fast that last night I turned off the light switch in my hotel room and was in bed before the room was dark.

- Muhammad Ali

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