



Professors laud 70 years retirement age



WAY FORWARD: The VC, Prof. Oloyede, addressing CDPGS on March 11, 2009. On the left is Prof. Labode Popoola of UI, then Chairman, CDPGS

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News Flash: Just as it did last year to an international conference in Ghana, the University of Ilorin will be sponsoring over 100 staff to a conference in Abuja this month. Details next week.

Two weeks after the Federal Government extended the retirement age of professors to 70 years from the previous 65, and one and half years after the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, called for such extension, professors of the University of Ilorin have aired their opinions, which are mostly in support of the decision.

According to a former Dean of Agriculture and Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. J. O. Atteh, the new age of retirement is a welcome development against the backdrop of the fact that hardly does one see a Professor who actually retires at 65 without taking up appointment somewhere else, mainly at the private university.

Prof. Atteh opined that the University system is short of about 15,000 lecturers now and retaining the services of professors is crucial to the survival of the system. Among other things, the leading professor of animal production noted, professors have a responsibility of bringing up the younger academics.

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Keep the spirit of Ramadan alive - Oladosu

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, has challenged all Muslims to sustain the lessons of Ramadan beyond the holy month of fasting in order to attain the essence of piety, which is the ultimate goal of Ramadan.

Prof. Oladosu, who is also the University Director of Academic Planning, made this call while delivering his lecture, "Upholding the Lessons of Ramadan", during the *Laylatul Qadri* (Night of Majesty) programme organised by the University of Ilorin Muslim Community penultimate Sunday (September 5, 2010) at the University of Ilorin Mini Campus.

Taking his audience through Qur'an Chapter 2 verses 185 and 186, which address the subject of fasting, Prof. Oladosu urged Muslims to consolidate the gains of Ramadan by re-dedicating themselves to faith, voluntary fasting and God-consciousness. *(Contd. on pg. 4)*



DIGNITARIES, L-R: Alh Elelu, Alh. Oniye, Prof. Oladosu, Prof. Johnson, Prof. Sule and Prof. Raji at the occasion

Unilorin professors welcome new retirement age

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Since the university system does not have enough lecturers, Prof. Atteh, who noted that he was able to produce four Ph.Ds during the recently concluded academic session, argued that “the longer the professors are retained, the better because experience counts a lot”.

Speaking in the same direction, a former Dean of Engineering and Technology and Director of National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin, Prof. Bolaji F. Sule, said it is a good development. He said in academics, one gets wiser with age and 65 years in the system may not ultimately be sufficient in grooming younger academics and developing the system.

Prof. Sule anchored his argument on what obtains in foreign universities especially in developed countries where one would see even 80 years-old professors working in their offices. While saying that one does not have to stay till that time if one is not able or willing, he emphasised that the idea of keeping professors in the system is a good one especially for the Federal Universities. He said the reality on ground is that while professors retire formally from public universities, they transfer their services to the private ones where they are still needed, despite the fact that federal universities also need them.

Also sharing the same view, a former Dean of Arts, Prof. R.A. Akanmidu, said that in most of the world universities he had visited, he observed that the overarching governmental decision is to make maximum use of professors saying that “when professors are experienced, they are bound to bring to bear great ideas, inventions and innovations to further the development of the nation”. He viewed the extension of retirement age as a right step in the right direction and submitted it is for the betterment of the system.

However, the Dean of Arts and Chief Imam of Auchi, Prof. Z. I. Oseni, said that he is indifferent to the retirement age. He said the ultimate thing is for people to do their work with dedication, saying that only God knows those who will live till the age of 70. He said that whether people retire at 65 or 70 is immaterial, to him, the mettle of a true academic is in working hard and impacting the lives of others positively.

To Prof. E. O. Odeunmi of the Department of Chemistry, the 70 years retirement age is neither all good nor all bad. He opined that the extension may be good for federal universities whose professors will serve the universities for a longer period but it will however impart negatively on the private universities which have been taking advantage of retired professors. He added it makes no difference for the nation in the long run since the two categories of universities serve the same system. He added that as long as the retirement age of 70 is an option, it is good given that the wane of strength which comes with age is different among individuals.

It would be recalled that the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, is among the first Nigerians to call on the Federal Government to raise the retirement age of professors to 70 years one and half years ago. Addressing the Committee of Deans of Postgraduate Schools in Nigerian Universities (CDPGS) when the University hosted their 37th meeting on March 11, 2009, Prof. Oloyede made a strident call for extending the retirement age of professors. In his address tagged “The Way Forward”, he reasoned that “the more the University system retains the services and experiences of the professors, the more their contributions will be to the teaching and supervision of the younger students and academics in our various postgraduate schools.”

Prof. Oloyede submitted that “academics is one of the few areas, unlike sports, farming, etc., where old age is a blessing, rather than a curse. More often than not, like wine, the older true academics get, the richer they become in wisdom, which is transferred to the growing minds. That professors in developed countries are only retired by death is instructive and the need is more urgent to keep our best brains within the system so that the younger generation will be able to drink longer from the fountain of their hard-earned academic experience and expertise. This is *the way forward* and I believe it is pertinent we toe the line to move the nation forward.”

The Vice-Chancellor’s call, which was well reported by the media (e.g. “Let professors retire at 70 – Oloyede”, in *Unilorin Bulletin*, March 16, 2009, headline; “VC seeks 70 years retirement age” in *The Nation*, March 18, 2009, p. 6; “Unilorin VC wants Professors to retire at 70” in *This Day* March 18, 2009, p.11; “Unilorin VC wants professors to retire at 70” in *The Herald*, March 18, 2009, p.8; “VC backs retirement of professors at 70 years”, *The Guardian*, March 19, 2009, p. 5; “VC advocates 70 years retirement age for professors,” *National Pilot* March 19-22, 2009, p.2; “VC backs 70 yrs retirement age for varsity teachers”, *Nigerian Compass*, March 25, 2009, p. 23; etc.) was ultimately followed and taken up by Unions during their strike afterwards.

Unilorin's 28 hectares of palm paradise

After investing in a major plantation project through which they planted a total of 70,383 seedlings of Teak (*tectona grandis*) on 57 hectares of land in 2008, and embarking on other plantation projects like *Jatropha*, *citrus* and others, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have begun another far-reaching agricultural venture, which is the planting of date palms.

Palm trees are unique plants whose trunks have no secondary growth into branches. There are some 120 varieties of palm in Africa, some 130 species in Madagascar, some 950 species in the tropical part of the Americas while 1,400 species are found in tropical Asia. Date palms are extensively grown in hot dry regions and they are the economic mainstay of many countries in North Africa, Iran and in Arabia.

Before the current venture in which several thousands of palms are being planted in newly cleared areas on campus, the University of Ilorin had in 2008, as part of its landscaping project, planted some varieties of palms. Then, the University planted among others, 659 Royal Palms, 600 Golden Palms and 600 Queen Palms. The University also planted several hundreds of Masquerade Tree, Umbrella Tree, Thuja and Whistling Pine as part of its response to environmental conservation and efforts towards combating the effects of climate change.

While appraising the current exercise with *Unilorin Bulletin* recently, the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. O.A. Omotesho, disclosed that the size of the palm plantation is 28 hectares and the plantation may grow to be industrially processed in future. The Dean clarified that the date palm plantation is not grown mainly for economic reasons. The project, among others, as Oloyede, Ayorinde and Oladele (2009) in their "Greening the Campus Environment: The University of Ilorin Experience" say, is for the "conservation of biodiversity and ecological integrity" of the University as a world class citadel of learning and to sustain what they authors call "environmental friendliness".

According to the former Chairman of ASUU and Professor of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, the date palm, *Jatropha*, teak, citrus plantations and other plantations agricultural efforts embarked on by the current University management are long term projects the full import of which will only be determined in future. He added that apart from other purposes, the palm plantation will add to the beauty and general aesthetics of the University campus and make the campus a typical paradise.

Prof. Omotesho commended the University management for their genuine patriotism by investing in long term projects which will start yielding benefits after their tenure. As far as Prof. Omotesho is concerned, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, is an agriculturist at heart and that is why he gives attention to nature, environment and agricultural projects. He also remarked that the leaders of the University are laying a good example for all leaders given that the current propensity in Nigeria is for people to invest in ventures that will attract accolades to the investors while they are still in office.

Prof. Omotesho also disclosed that students benefit immensely from the projects saying that many students of the Faculty of Agriculture and other faculties are now employed on the plantations under the Work/Study Programme of the University. He added that as the University will soon begin its forestry programme, having applied to the National Universities Commission (NUC) to that effect, the plantations will serve a further purpose of being a platform for field experience and practical workshop for students.



PLANTING SEASON: the VC, Prof. Oloyede, planting a tree in one of the plantation sites

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Between 1991 and 2008, the population of Nigeria increased from 88 million to 150 million, an increase of 70%. By 2050, Nigerians are projected to be 213 million.
- In a recent edition of the American magazine, *Newsweek*, the result of a survey of 100 "best countries in the world" ranks Nigeria number 99, behind Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zambia and Cameroon.

Laylat Qadri is Allah's special gift to mankind - Oloyede

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He added that as Ramadan is *ayaaman ma'aduudaat* (a limited number of days), a major lesson people are supposed to learn from it is that all life phenomena are temporary and that no condition is permanent. As such, those who are comfortable should not be over-joyous because the moments of joy do not last forever while conversely, those who are distressed should not be despondent because every condition is for an appointed time.

The Azhar-trained cleric further admonished Muslims to worship Allah sincerely and noted that people should remember that though Ramadan was about to end, the Almighty Allah is always alive and the end of Ramadan should therefore not mean a return to bad deeds and sins abandoned during the holy month.

In his remarks at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, described *Laylatul Qadri* as one of the manifestations of Allah's love for mankind. He said the night, which the Qu'ran describes as better than a thousand months, was so made to help people free themselves from the encumbrances of sins and have an opportunity of making a new beginning.

According to the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence, it would be a sheer waste of time to be talking about *I'tikaaf* (religious seclusion) at a time the audience the message was meant for was already in seclusion. He added that the night should be devoted to prayers, not discussing its importance, and urged the audience to advantage of the night to pray for themselves, their loved ones, their people and their country.

Earlier in his opening remarks at the occasion, the Chairman of the University Muslim Community, Prof. Bolaji F. Sule, appreciated Allah for making the participants witness the special night. He highlighted the favours of God on the members of the University community with members achieving successes and people achieving professional fulfilment. He also acknowledged the commitment of the members of the Community to progress noting that part of the fruit of their cooperation is the current upgrading and renovation of the Central Mosque of the University.

In his own speech, the Chairman of the occasion and Dean of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. W. B. R. Johnson, noted that if Muslims could discipline themselves by eschewing lawful pleasures during Ramadan, they should be disciplined enough to refrain from unlawful things after the holy month of fasting. Prof. Johnson highlighted the medical benefits of fasting and urged Muslim students to face their studies squarely emphasising that religious commitment should not amount to academic latitude.

The spiritually-charged occasion provided for town and gown interaction as the Emir of Ilorin, HRH Alhaji Ibrahim Zulu Gambari, who was represented by the Makama of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Oniye, prayed for the University. He also acknowledged the previous and current Vice-Chancellors of the University and called for support for and cooperation with those that God has vested with authority.

The occasion was attended by personalities including the former Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Raji; the Rector of Kwara State Polytechnic, Alh. Mas'ud Elelu; a former Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Jimoh; the immediate past acting Head of Arabic Department and Deputy Chief Imam of the University, Dr. N. I. Raji, who led the audience in supplications, among others.

LAUGH LINES

These are twelve funny truths that one can live by: 1) A person that learns from his mistake is smart; the person that learns from other people's mistakes is smarter. 2) It takes less time to do something right than to explain why you did it wrong. 3) He who lives without discipline dies without honour. 4) The more you say, the less people remember; so always KISS: keep it short and simple. 5) The measure of success is not how much money you have in the bank but how much money the bank will lend you. 6) Don't count your fish until they are on dry land. 7) The road to success is marked by many tempting parking places. 8) The definition of sarcasm is: an intelligent way of making intelligent people feel stupid. 9) If it were not for humour, we might never get at the truth. 10) To understand politics, we must read between the lies. 11) Anyone who starts a sentence with "With all due respect..." is about to insult you, so be ready. 12) It is discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few are shocked by deceit.

Day Abubakre, Abdulkareem were honoured by Al-Hikmah varsity

That every man should try to leave a place better than he met it is a well-known dictum. But for the members of Al-Hikmah University community, they insist that the saying can only be better appreciated by paying a visit to their University after two years that their immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. 'Deremi Abubakre, presided over the affairs of the fast growing private university. This is why, as a mark of acknowledgment, the University authority organised get-together last week to give honour to whom it is due and at the same time welcome the current Vice-Chancellor of the University and former Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulaiman A. Abdulkareem.

In his address at the occasion, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Muhammad Abdur-Rahman Muhammad Salih, noted that "whenever the history of Al-Hikmah University is being related to the oncoming generations, Prof. R.D. Abubakre's name will be written in gold" for the unprecedented heights he took the University during his tenure.

According to him, while time would not allow him to mention all the impacts that the Professor of Arabic had brought on the University, four of them are important. He identified "1) Tremendous growth in the number of students' enrolment to the University 2) Visible infrastructural development of the University exemplified by the construction of a befitting Auditorium, an ultra-modern science laboratory complex, a state-of-the-art lecturers' office complex and a palatial students' hostel. 3) Full accreditation of all nine academic programmes paraded by the University during the National Universities Commission's (NUC) 2008 accreditation exercise" as some of what the Abubakre's Administration would be remembered for. On behalf of the University, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor remarked that "Sir, we appreciate your efforts and contributions to this university and wish you well in your present and future endeavours."

While formally welcoming Prof. Abdulkareem at the same occasion, Dr. Salih noted that the University of Ilorin values the award-winning Professor of Chemical Engineering so much that he only had to be released because it was important to do so. Reeling out Prof. Abdulkareem's academic pedigree, which he said includes being "a winner of outstanding National and international awards such as 1st Nigerian University Research Exhibition, 3M Research Laboratory Circle of Excellence Award and Graduate School Dean's Award and credit of patents in chemical engineering," Dr. Salih prayed that the Vice-Chancellor be guided aright by God to exhibit his talents in Al-Hikmah University and consolidate on the achievements of his predecessor.

To serve as a token of appreciation, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the University presented a big deep freezer to Prof. Abubakre. The gift, observers noted, would further complement the presentation of a Land Cruiser Jeep by friends of some academic staff of the University to the former Vice-Chancellor at a previous occasion outside the University earlier in the year.

In his reaction to the honour, the former Dean of Arts, University of Ilorin, expressed his gratitude to Al-Hikmah community for the cooperation they gave him during the period he was the Vice-Chancellor. He lauded the appointment of Prof. Abdulkareem, saying that as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor could attest to, he had wished that a bundle of talents and energy like the former Dean of Student Affairs would be his successor. He also used the occasion to advise the University to promote and empower its qualified staff, saying that another private university established at the same time as Al-Hikmah University has a significant percentage of its professors from within the University. He said he would look forward to a Professor of Al-Hikmah University succeeding the current Vice-Chancellor.

In his own comments, the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University said his predecessor is a man that he respects a lot because of his sterling qualities. Prof. Abdulkareem noted that he would be glad to achieve as much as his predecessor did at the end of his tenure and solicited more cooperation, dedication and hardwork from the staff saying that the task of taking the University to the peak is a collective responsibility in which everyone has a significant role to play.

The programme was attended by the principal officers of the University, senate members, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and units, staff and students.

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The University of Ilorin hereby seeks to engage the services of a reputable firm of Chartered Accountants to perform the statutory duty of auditing the University of Ilorin Accounts.

The appointment shall be renewable annually for a minimum of three years and maximum of five years, subject to satisfactory performance.

The firm shall be responsible for auditing of the accounts of the University and its subsidiaries, among others. Fees charged will primarily be based on the approved scale of fees. The charges, which will be subject to negotiation, shall be a determining factor in the final selection process.

Requirements for Qualification

Interested firms are required to provide:

1. Evidence of the Firm's registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
2. Evidence of registration with the office of the Auditor-General of the Federation in 2010;
3. The firm's profile, such as professional qualification of the key staff, past experience on similar jobs successfully handled, etc;
4. Evidence of financial capability (Bank guarantee or reference);
5. Audited accounts for the last three years;
6. Evidence of VAT registration and valid tax clearance certificates for the last three years; and
7. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act of 2004.

Three (3) bound copies of the application, sealed in an envelope marked "Expression of Interest as External Auditors" and accompanied with a bank draft in the sum of twenty-five thousand naira (₦25,000.00) in favour of the University of Ilorin should be forwarded within 6 weeks of this publication to:

**The Registrar,
University of Ilorin,
Ilorin.**

Shortlisted firms will be contacted by the University.

Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi,
Registrar and Secretary to Council

ACADEMIC STAFF VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacant positions in the University:

Position	Department
Professor	Pathology Ophthalmology Medical Microbiology and Parasitology Zoology
Reader	Anaesthesia Behavioural Science Ophthalmology
Senior Lecturer	Pathology

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR THE POSITIONS

1. **Professor (CONUASS 07)** : Applicants must be authorities in the relevant field with Ph.D degree or Post-graduate Fellowship specialist in the relevant field (for the College of Health Sciences) from any reputable University/ Institution with substantial scholarly publications. Applicants must have had at least TEN years of post-doctoral University full-time teaching and research experience, with ability to initiate and supervise research projects. Administrative experience will be an advantage. Successful applicants must be able to give academic and professional leadership in the field.
2. **Reader (CONUASS 06)**: Same as for 1 above, except that 8 years of post-doctoral University full-time teaching and research experience is required.
3. **Senior Lecturer (CONUASS 05)** : Same as 1 and 2, except that 6 years of experience is required.

Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi
Registrar and Secretary to Council

Happy Birthdays to You!

S/N.	Name	Department/Office	Date of Birth
1.	Asonibare, John Bisi	Counsellor Education	September 12 th
2.	Eyinla, Bolade O.	History	September 12 th
3.	Adeniran, Tinuoye M.	Mathematics	September 13 th
4.	Adetiba, Ayantoye	Security	September 13 th
5.	Abdulkadir, Issa	Security	September 14 th
6.	Adeniran, James O.	Surgery	September 16 th
7.	Ayorinde, Kolade L.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)	September 17 th
8.	Davies, Arthur E.	Political Science	September 17 th
9.	Agbabiaka, Yusuf	Sports Unit	September 17 th
10.	Momodu, Bolanle A. (Mrs.)	Library	September 17 th
11.	Ibitoye, Biola	Central Administration	September 18 th

Unilorin in the News

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- Mr. N.A.O. Ijaiya of the Department of Public Law, University of Ilorin, has debunked a claim in the media that majority of Offa citizens are rooting for the return of the former Nigerian military president to power. ('Re: Nothing wrong in woman becoming Kwara Governor', *The Herald*, Wednesday, September 8, 2010, p.9).
- In a paid advertorial, the University of Ilorin has advertised the position of external auditors. ('University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria', *The Punch*, Wednesday, September 3, 2010, p.36; *Leadership*, same date, p.33; *National Pilot*, Thursday, September 9 – Sunday September 12, 2010, p.6).
- A former Director of UNESCO, Prof. Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, will be presenting the 26th convocation lecture of the University of Ilorin come October 21, 2010. ('Former UNESCO Director delivers Unilorin convocation lecture', *National Pilot*, Thursday September 9 – Sunday September 12, 2010, p.4)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have distributed hundreds of personal public address system device, known as waistband amplifiers, to their academic staff in order to enhance their teaching delivery. ('Unilorin lecturers get personal public address system', same as above, p.9)
- In an interview with the media, the Chairman of the LOC, West Africa University Games (WAUG 2011) to be hosted by the University of Ilorin, Prof. Albert Olayemi, has noted that the Games will redeem the dwarfed image of Nigeria in sports while he also solicited the support of all Nigerians towards the success of the international event. ('WAUG hosting will boost Nigeria's image – Unilorin', same as above, p.24/back page)
- The University of Ilorin Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, has called on all Nigerians to support the University as it hosts the 13th edition of WAUG next year. ('WAUG: varsity canvasses support', "UNILORIN File", Thursday, September 9, 2010, p.22)
- Dr. Olusegun Ige of the Department of Geology and Mineral Science, University of Ilorin, has won the PTDF scholarship to Newcastle University for a six-month programme. ('Lecturer wins fellowship', same as above.)
- Prof. Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, a former UNESCO Director, is billed to deliver the 26th convocation lecture of the University of Ilorin next month. ('Ex-UNESCO boss for lecture', same above.)
- The Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.B.O. Omotoso, has been elected into the prestigious American College of Physicians (ACP). ('Don elected fellow', same as above)
- A fresh law graduate of the University of Ilorin, Olawale Ridwan, has highlighted an issue of public concern in a newspaper article. ('A trafficker and two teenage victims', same as above, p.39)
- At the *laylatul qadri* programme organised by the Muslim Community of the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has stated that the night of majesty is a testimony of Allah's love for humanity. ('*Laylatul Qadri* testifies to Allah's love for mankind – Don', *New Nigerian*, Friday, September 10, 2010)

Unilorin in the News

- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has told journalists that his University is making giant strides on account of the solid foundation laid by his predecessors. ('We stopped awarding doctorate degree to avoid abuse', *People's Daily*, Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 September, 2010, p.40).
- The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie, has identified the University of Ilorin as one of the few universities championing peace and conflict resolution studies in Nigeria. ('NUC urges universities on peace and conflict studies', *The Guardian*, Sunday, September 5, 2010, p.36)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has reiterated the commitment of his University to branding Ilorin and Nigeria through academic excellence while fielding questions from a group of journalists recently. ('UNILORIN...championing academic excellence', *The Guardian*, same as above, p.45)
- A 16-year old Senior Secondary School 2 student of the University of Ilorin Secondary School, Miss Najah Mustapha, has emerged the best among ten contestants in a spelling competition. ('Improving students through spelling competition', *The Herald*, Monday September 6, 2010, p.12).
- The University of Ilorin is set to make a public presentation of a book which commemorates Nigeria's 50th independence anniversary on September 27, 2010. ('Nigeria at 50: Unilorin presents book', same as above, p.24).
- A lecturer in the Department of Geology and Mineral Science, University of Ilorin, Dr. Olusegun Ige, has won the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (P.T.D.F.) programme tagged University Lecturers Skills Enhancement Training Programme (ULSETP) at the Newcastle University, United Kingdom. ('Unilorin lecturer wins fellowship to UK', same as above).
- Prof. K. F. Seddoh, a former Director of Higher Education at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), will deliver the 2010 convocation lecture of the University of Ilorin in October. ('Former UNESCO Director delivers Unilorin Convocation lecture', same as above).
- The Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered) has elevated the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, to the rank of Fellow of the Institute in recognition of his managerial genius. ('NIM honours Unilorin VC', *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday September 6, 2010, p.44).
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has satirised former President Olusegun Obasanjo, for being an active politician. ('Obj meant what he said', *The Nation*, Tuesday September 7, 2010, p.20).
- The Chairman of WAUG Local Organising Committee (LOC) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Albert Olayemi, has solicited the support of all Nigerians towards the hosting of the next edition of the Games by the University of Ilorin. ('Don canvasses support for WAUG 2011', *People's Daily*, Tuesday, September 7, 2010, p.41)
- The University of Ilorin has won the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (IMMYT) Institute of Tropical Agriculture award. ('Ilorin varsity wins award', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, September 8, 2010, p.10).
- The University of Ilorin has disclosed plans to promote scholarship by developing an anti-plagiarism software. ('Unilorin set to develop anti-plagiarism software', same as above, p. 66).
- The University of Ilorin has released its post-UTME screening in which 58 per cent of candidates scored a minimum of 50 percent. ('Unilorin out with post-UTME breakdown', same as above, p.17).

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Quotes of the Week

It is error alone which needs the support of government, truth can stand alone.

– Thomas Jefferson

The greatest test of courage is to bear defeat without losing heart. – Robert Ingersoll

If you surrender to the wind, you can ride it. – Toni Morrison.

Faith is like radar that sees through the fog. – Corrie Ten Boon