



Unilorin to introduce palliative medicine

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PALLIATIVE PARLEY: Prof. Merriman, Mr. Fakoya, the Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi and the VC, Prof. Oloyede during the visit

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has expressed the readiness of the University to introduce a postgraduate diploma programme in palliative medicine to be delivered online as a way of contributing further to healthcare delivery in Nigeria.

Prof. Oloyede gave this disclosure last Tuesday (October 12, 2011) while receiving in his office members of the Committee on Pain and Palliative Care, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), who were accompanied by Prof. Anne Merriman of Hospice Africa, Uganda.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, healthcare delivery in Nigeria has mainly consisted of curative medicine and it was not long ago that preventive medicine was becoming emphasised. He added that palliative medicine is relatively new to many people and it is essential that the philosophy and practice of the medicine be taken seriously because of the benefits it has for those with serious health conditions.

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27th Convocation Ceremonies begin today

The much-awaited 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin begin today (Monday, October 17, 2011) with the Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing starting from 9:00a.m. at the University Auditorium.

After the briefing, the University team will move to Ajase-Ipo road opposite ARMTI where the turning of the sods of the new sites of Unilorin Sugar Research Institute (USRI) and National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED) will be performed by the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, and the Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Ita Okon Bassej Ewa, respectively.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2011, the Convocation Play, "Yungba Yungba and the Dance Contest" will take the centre stage at the Performing Arts Theatre starting from 7:00p.m. A Convocation Lecture, "A Community to Serve", will be delivered on Friday by Prof. John Hamilton of the University of New Castle, Australia, at 9:00a.m. after which a cocktail in honour of the Lecturer will be held same Friday at the Chancellor's Lodge by 6:00p.m. *(Contd. on page 4)*



■ **UNILORIN: Scaling the Heights...
Better By Far**

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Prof. Oloyede regretted that rather than focus attention on things that matter and pursue certainties, many Nigerians run after uncertainties and misplace priorities. He stressed that the society has a responsibility to care for those with terminal health conditions because such conditions can befall anyone anytime. The Vice-Chancellor added that he is fascinated by palliative care and expressed hope that it would receive more serious attention.



The Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi, presenting University souvenirs to Prof. Merriman while Dr. Kolawole applauds

Stressing his point on priorities further, Prof. Oloyede said politicians need to improve on the prison system because they may end up there and they will find it more conducive for themselves later if they improve on the facilities there now. He also said that as everyone would have reasons to be in the hospital at one stage or the other in life, healthcare delivery system should be improved upon as a way of adding value to human life.

The Vice-Chancellor therefore directed the Committee, led by Dr. I. K. Kolawole of the Department of Anaesthesia, University of Ilorin, to work with the relevant organs of the University such as the Postgraduate School, Open and Distance Learning Institute and the Academic Planning Unit with a view to developing a palliative medicine programme with the support of Auspice Africa, Uganda.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Kolawole, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for creating time to receive his Committee. He said the Committee invited Prof. Merriman, who has been in the forefront of palliative care in Africa, as a guest speaker for the World Hospice and Palliative Care week and fund-raising programme aimed at helping patients to cope with serious health challenges.

Dr. Kolawole explained that hospice offers a veritable platform for the control of pain and its symptoms during critical illnesses and at the end of life. This is combined with a holistic approach to the patient and family where the patient is the focus. "This form of care is now a specialty called "Palliative Medicine". It allows the patients to die with dignity, in the place most suitable to them and their families. This is usually in their own home, so most modern Hospices have a large home care service," he noted.

Also speaking at the occasion, Prof. Merriman who had spent many years in Nigeria before and during the Civil War in the 1960's said that hospices, apart from being physical places of care and support is also a philosophy that can be embraced by all. "Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU) is the model hospice for Hospice Africa. Hospice Africa was founded in 1992 and registered in UK in 1993. The founding mission is to promote the relief of suffering in Africa. This was to be done through an affordable and culturally acceptable model. Uganda was chosen as the model for Africa and thus became the fourth country to commence palliative care in Sub-Saharan Africa. However, it was the first to commence with a vision for the whole of Africa", she said.

She also said that Hospice Africa Uganda is currently working in Nigeria and would be ready to help the University commence a postgraduate programme in palliative medicine. Prof. Merriman who is the author of the inspirational book, *Audacity to Love*, recently spoke at the National Cancer Institutes Directors' meeting in Lyon about the challenges being faced in bringing cancer care to Uganda.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the Committee were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Training and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle; the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi; the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola; the Registrar's Office.

Unilorin at 36: A Convocation Like No Other

Ensconced within a 46-kilometre perimeter expanse of land in Ilorin, the geographical and cultural confluence of the Northern and Southern parts of Nigeria, the University of Ilorin was established as one of the strategies of implementing the educational imperatives of the Nigerian Third National Development Plan. These imperatives mainly consisted of providing more opportunities for Nigerians aspiring to acquire university education and generating high level manpower considered vital for the rapidly expanding national economy.

The University started as an affiliated college to the University of Ibadan and attained its autonomous status in October 1977, a year after it started, its 200 foundation students having resumed on Saturday October 23, 1976 into the three pioneer Faculties of Arts, Education and Science. The first Principal of the College emerged in Prof. T. N. Tamuno of the University of Ibadan in September 1975 but hardly had he settled to his task than he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan. He thus left in November, three months after. The first Vice-Chancellor is Prof. O. O. Akinkugbe (1977-1978) and he was succeeded by such other eminent Nigerians as Prof. O. A. Adesola (1978-1981), Prof. S. A. Teye (1981-1985), Prof. A. Adeniyi (1985-1992), Prof. J. O. Oyinloye (1992 – 1997), Prof. S. O. Abdulraheem (1997 – 2002), Prof. S. O. Amali (2002-2007) and Prof. I. O. Oloyede (2007 to date).

Some 36 years only after it was established, the University has carved a niche for itself not only by doing different things but by also doing its things differently. This is why in the Nigerian university garden, the University is the proverbial *odu* vegetable that is well known to the farmer. Outstanding in all its activities without grand standing, the University continues to orientate and re-orientate Nigerians on discipline, punctuality, excellence, integrity, learning and character.

Meanwhile, Nigerians still wait with bated breaths to still find new things to learn from the University as its 27th convocation ceremonies, which coincide with its 36th year of existence, begin today with the Vice-Chancellor's press briefing at the University Auditorium. The activities will end next Tuesday with the Convocation Luncheon and Merit Awards, which take place after the actual convocation.

During the ten-day activities, there will be a Convocation Play, a Convocation Lecture and commissioning of projects, among others. Graduands of the University will for the first time have convocation T-shirts on which the names of their graduating colleagues are inscribed. The University has also developed an innovative "Park and Ride" facility that would transport guests and graduands free of charge from the Unilorin Resort area or Dam Site to the main convocation arena. It will be one convocation that has not been witnessed before, loaded with series of events that will be etched indelibly on the psyche of all graduands, guests and other stakeholders.

While the University seeks the cooperation of staff and students in making the ceremonies a success, one expectation it has is that having declared next week Monday and Tuesday (October 24 and 25) work-free and lecture-free, staff and students who are not part of the activities would enjoy their break at home and reduce the traffic snarls anticipated on the two days.

As the practice is in other parts of the world, graduands, according to the Ceremonials Committee that is organising the events, are also expected to come along with their disposable bags so that they will be able to take care of the refuse they will generate on the University environment while entertaining their guests at the designated areas.

The University continues to make a difference with its repudiation of the perverted logic of "African time". It is in this respect that as it has always done, all activities will begin as scheduled. On the actual convocation days of October 24 and 25, all graduands and guests are expected to be seated by 8:15a.m. in the University Auditorium shortly after which the academic procession of the faculty will start. Without an iota of doubt, the University is poised for a most memorable birthday this month with all hands busy at the deck to ensure that this 27th edition of the convocation ceremonies is as usual a grand success.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Shakespeare invented the word "assassination" and "bump."
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- If you keep a Goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually turn white.

Unilorin graduates are world leaders - GCEO

The Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer of African Broadband Limited, Engr. Gbenga Adebayo, has described the University of Ilorin as an institution which has produced world leaders in all walks of life while leading his team on a courtesy call to the University last Thursday (October 13, 2011) saying, “your products are leaders in the places we have been world over”.



L-R: Engr. Adebayo, Prof. Oloyede, Mrs. Oyejemi and Prof. Olayemi during the visit

The Chairman of African Broadband Limited, publishers of *Royal Times* newspapers and owners of *Royal FM* and other establishments, said his company has decided to bring business to Kwara State because the state has the highest potential in the North Central zone of the country and he had decided to make the University of Ilorin the first point of call because of the strategic importance of the University as a major stakeholder in the state.

Speaking further on some niche businesses his company is engaged in, the entrepreneur disclosed that his company operates a call centre which provides customer care services to some major telecommunications companies and connect costumers making local and international calls.

Engr. Adebayo noted that his company is the first of its kind in Nigeria and the biggest, adding that Singapore and Bangladesh are the world leaders in the business. He also introduced the internet radio of his company to the University suggesting that his company is set up to promote African culture through radio and television programmes. He further disclosed that his company has a ‘Faculty’ and expressed hope that the ‘Faculty’ which consists of 40 trainers will be of benefit to the students of the University in the acquisition of skills. He also added that his company will be willing to engage the services of students and graduates of Arabic, English, French, Linguistics and Yoruba of the University.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, noted that what was demonstrated by the African Broadband Limited was that Africans do not just say “hi” to their neighbours, they pay courtesy calls on them and the process of good neighbourliness had been started by the visit. According to the Vice-Chancellor, opportunities abound and many resources are waiting to be tapped to remove people from the class of the poor if only people are thoughtful.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the University has many quality human resources in the Departments of English and Mass Communication as well as in the Faculty of Engineering that the African Broadband group can tap into. He noted that the average Northerner is more current than the average Southerner and this is because the Northerner is always glued to his radio, which makes newspaper business in the North challenging but Southerners mainly rely on newspapers which explains the concentration of thriving newspapers in the zone.

He also disclosed that the University Radio station, *UNILORIN F.M.* is among the projects to be commissioned by the Visitor to the University and the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on October 22, 2011. According to him, “some years ago, we decided to have a Mass Communication Department that is different and we decided to train students who will be demanded after graduation and not graduates who will be looking for jobs. Therefore, we do not have more than 30 students in each class and each of them has a laptop.”

Prof. Oloyede also noted that in a University that is worth its name, there should be at least one mad man whose business would be to clog the wheel of progress adding that anywhere that there is a large group of human beings and everybody thinks exactly the same way, things are not right. He said that the University of Ilorin is therefore looking to a future where disagreements might be caused by students but which will be resolved amicably as a result of the rapport already established by the University and its neighbour, the company.

Unilorin agog as 27th convocation ceremonies begin

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The Visitor to the University will commission various projects on Saturday (October 22, 2011) while the convocation for the award of prizes, first and higher degrees and diplomas will hold next Monday and Tuesday (October 24 and 25) at the University Auditorium at 9:00a.m. prompt daily. The Convocation Luncheon and Merit Award will conclude the ceremonies at the Vice-Chancellor’s Lodge next Tuesday at 1:00p.m.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR UNDERGRADUATES 2011/2012 SESSION**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CALENDAR**

1. 2 weeks of Registration - For both Fresh & Returning Students
2. 2 Weeks of Late Registration - For both Fresh & Returning Students
3. 14 Weeks of Instructions for the Harmattan Semester
4. 3 Weeks of Harmattan Examination
5. 2 Weeks of Inter-Semester Break
6. 2 Weeks of Marking and Computation of Results for Harmattan Semester
7. 15 Weeks of Instructions for the Rain Semester
8. 3 Weeks of Rain Semester Examinations
9. 2 Weeks of Marking & Computation of Results

Returning Students Come into Residence	-	Monday, 3 rd October 2011
Freshers Come into Residence	-	Wednesday, 5 th October 2011
Commencement of on-line Registration for Returning Students	-	Tuesday, 4 th October 2011
Commencement of on-line Registration for Freshers	-	Thursday, 6 th October 2011
Commencement of Lectures for the Harmattan Semester	-	Monday, 10 th October 2011
Senate	-	Tuesday, 11 th October 2011
Press Conference	-	Monday, 17 th October 2011
End of Normal Registration for Returning Students	-	Tuesday, 18 th October 2011
Convocation Lecture and Chancellor's Cocktail	-	Friday, 21 st October 2011
End of Normal Registration for Freshers	-	Saturday, 22 nd October 2011
Commencement of Late Registration for Both Freshers and Returning Students	-	Monday, 24 th October 2011
Award of Degrees to Graduands and Commissioning of Projects	-	Monday, 24 th October 2011
Award of Degrees to Graduands, Luncheon And Merit Award	-	Tuesday, 25 th October 2011
End of Late Registration	-	Saturday, 5 th November 2011
Business Committee of Senate to Consider List of Registered Students	-	Wednesday, 9 th November 2011
Special Senate to consider the List of all Registered Students	-	Wednesday, 16 th November 2011
Matriculation	-	Thursday, 24 th November 2011
Senate	-	Tuesday, 13 th December 2011
End of Harmattan Semester Lectures	-	Friday, 6 th January, 2012
WAUG Break	-	Saturday, 7 th – 18 th January 2012
Commencement of Harmattan Semester Examinations	-	Monday, 23 rd January 2012
End of Harmattan Semester Examination	-	Saturday, 11 th February 2012
Commencement of Rain Semester Lectures	-	Monday, 13 th February 2012
Senate	-	Tuesday, 14 th February 2012
Faculty Board of Examiners to consider Final Year Results at the end of 1st Semester	-	Tuesday 28 th Friday 2 nd March, 2012
Business Committee of Senate to consider Results at the end of 1 st Semester	-	Wednesday 7 th – 9 th March 2011
Senate	-	Tuesday, 10 th April 2012

Commencement of SIWES, Teaching Practice SWEF, etc.	-	Monday, 11 th June 2012
End of Rain Semester Examinations	-	Saturday, 9 th June 2012
Senate	-	Tuesday, 12 th June 2012
Commencement and End of Marking of Examination Scripts & Computation of Results- Faculty Boards of Examiners (to consider Final Year Results)	-	Monday, 23 rd June, 2012
Business Committee of Senate to Consider Final Year Results	-	Monday 25 th – Friday, 29 th June 2012
Special Senate to Consider Graduating Students' Results and End of Session	-	Monday, 2 nd –Thursday 6 th July 2012
Faculty Boards of Examiners to Consider Goodstanding Results	-	Tuesday, 19 th July 2012
Business Committee of Senate to Consider Goodstanding Results	-	Monday, 23 rd -Friday, 27 th July 2012
Senate	-	Monday, 6 th -Friday, 10 th August, 2012
Special Senate to Consider Goodstanding Results	-	Tuesday, 14 th August 2012
Commencement of 2012/2013 Session	-	Wednesday, 24 th August 2012
	-	Saturday, 22 nd September 2012

Unilorin awards WAUG contracts

Rising from its 128th Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2011, in which it considered the Report of the Local Organising Committee of the West Africa Universities Games, the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin has given a boost to the Games with the award of various contracts for the commencement of work on sports facilities.

At the moment, the rehabilitation of the old Pavilion is going on in earnest while work has also commenced on the construction of a new Pavilion. The Indoor Sports Hall of the University Mini Stadium will also be wearing a new look very soon as refurbishment of the hall is also ongoing.

Similarly, three Tartan Tracks and four Synthetic Tracks are also being constructed by workers. As the construction works are going on without interruption, the University of Ilorin has also awarded contracts for the purchase of Sports Equipment and facilities, including a Marcopolo Bus which will transport athletes and officials during the events.

The 13th West Africa University Games begins with the arrival of athletes and officials on Wednesday January 11, 2012 while the Opening Ceremony will be held on Saturday January 14, 2012. The activities will continue until Saturday January 21, 2012 when a colourful closing ceremony will end the Games while the departure day is Sunday, January 22, 2011.

Alaro guides pilgrims on hajj

Dr. Abdur-Razzaq Abdul Majeed Alaro of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, has been appointed one of the 11 Nigerian scholars participating in the *Taw'iyah* programme as part of the 2011 hajj activities in Saudi Arabia.

According to a letter written to intimate the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, of the development, Dr. Alaro explained that the selected scholars are to guide pilgrims during the 1432/2011 hajj exercise in Saudi Arabia.

“Precisely, I am being nominated to serve alongside many other scholars from around the world in this year’s *Taw'iyah* programme. Our mandate is to provide legal guidance and *iftaa* to pilgrims throughout the exercise,” the letter partly reads.

MONEY MATTERS

Summary of receipts and payments for the period 7th - 13th October, 2011-10-14

RECEIPTS

Staff I.D. Card		7,800.00
Boarded Properties		754,000.00
I.D. Card Lanyard (staff)		200.00
Contractors Registration Form		400.00
Income from Institute of Education		498,600.00
Capital Grant Received		180,000,000.00
Total Receipts for the Period		181,261,000.00

EXPENDITURE

Payment to Contractors:		
Arnal International Ltd– Servicing of Generator	68,775.00	
Grandmark Ltd – Cleaning of Environment	396,385.00	
Jol Mark Company – Survey of Access Road to Holiday Resort	<u>220,000.00</u>	685,160.00
Payment to Suppliers:		
Rosaket Global Ventures – Supply of imported furniture: Bursar’s Office	230,000.00	
Leomat Integrated MC Nig Ltd – Supply of Lab stools	300,000.00	
Geomek Nig supply/repair of centrifugal pump	177,505.15	
Oloruntobi Nig Ltd – supply of burglar proof/door repairs	166,404.00	
Rosaket Global Ventures – Supply of imported furniture: GRA Qtrs	2,377,000.00	
Timdalat Motors Nig Ltd – Supply of 2 Sienna Space Buses	4,800,000.00	
O.T Ola Egbon Nig Ltd – supply of furniture (beds): GRA Qrts	735,000.00	
Galimat Nig Ltd – Supply of mattresses and pillows: GRA Qtrs	483,000.00	
Favour Electronics – Supply of Electronics: GRA Qtrs	<u>2,334,500.00</u>	11,603,409.15
Touring Advances	51,200.00	
Purchase Advances	2,327,992.50	
COBES: Faculty of Engineering and Technology	1,597,750.00	
Donations	750,000.00	
General Expenses	641,250.00	
Electricity expenses (Staff Quarters)	600,000.00	
Learned Conference Overseas (Academic)	323,356.00	
Learned Conference Local (Academic)	362,685.00	
Various (e.g. Refund, Imprest, etc.)	1,771,674.00	
Purchase of Drugs (NHIS)	98,204.24	
Uniform for Security Personnel (Legion)	1,554,000.00	
Total Expenditures for the Period	21,681,520.00	

Signed
Ayo Sijuwola
Bursar

NOTIFICATION

Members of the University of Ilorin Community who are interested in engaging students of the University as “lesson teachers” should indicate interest by sending applications to:
uigcc@unilorin.edu.ng or counsellingyil@yahoo.com

NB: Kindly include your phone number and residential address in the application.

Signed
Dr. L. A. Yahaya
Ag. Director, Unilorin Counselling and Human Development Centre

Unilorin to rehabilitate bridge

The management of the University of Ilorin has decided to rehabilitate the Oyun bridge which links the University Staff Quarters on the Main Campus and the town to the academic area, offices and student hostels of the University.

This decision was reached by the University Governing Council at the end of its 128th Meeting on Monday, 19th September, 2011, to restore the bridge to a better shape that will match the ever growing stature of the University as an international institution of higher learning.

Given the importance of the bridge to academic activities on campus, the Governing Council of the University approved the award of the sum of ₦7,115,376.50 (seven million, one hundred and fifteen thousand, three hundred and seventy-six naira, fifty kobo) for the repair of the Oyun River Bridge on the Main Campus Road.

Messrs MAKIN Engineers Nigeria Limited will carry out the project under the supervision of CIWAT Nigeria Limited.

Agricultural Engineers begin meeting

The opening ceremony of the 11th International and 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers, a Division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, now holds at Kwara State Banquet Hall, Government House, Ilorin on Tuesday, September 18, 2011 beginning from 9:00a.m.

The Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, is the Special Guest of Honour at the occasion while the Chief Host is the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr. Akinwumi Adeshina.

Members of the University Community are cordially invited.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No	Name	Office/Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Adesiyun, Ademola A.	Director, Physical Planning Unit	16th October
2.	Ejieji, Chukwuemeka J.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	16th October
3.	Adegboye, Abdulrasheed	Paediatrics and Child Health	16 th October
4.	Oshungade, Isaac O.	Statistics	16th October
5.	Dawodu, Florence M.	Postgraduate School	17th October
6.	Olaoye, Joshua O.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	17th October
7.	Usman, Abdullatef	Economics	17th October
8.	Aina, Olawunmi L.	Agricultural Extension and Rural Development	18 th October
9.	Ogunlola, Omolayo D.	Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	18 th October
10.	Ajape, Abdulwaha A.	Surgery	19th October
11.	Badmus, Ademola L.	Business Administration	19th October

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

LAUGH LINES

A man goes to see a wizard and says, "Can you lift a curse that was put on me years ago?" "Maybe," says the wizard, "If you can remember the exact words of the curse?"

The man replies without hesitation, "I pronounce you man and wife ..."

Unilorin in the News

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- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has posited that the Yoruba lost out in the politics of Nigeria especially at the national level because there is no unity among them.
(‘PDP caucus, not Yoruba nation, met in Ikenne’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, October 12, 2011, p.20)
- The Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sunday Umoh, has urged investors and philanthropists to build hostels for students in the University in order to ease the burden of student accommodation on the University.
(‘Unilorin DSA tasks investors, developers’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th, October, 2011, p.4)
- The organisers of the forthcoming 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin have averred that plans are already on ground towards making the 2011 edition the best in the annals of the ceremonies.
(‘Unilorin rolls out 27th convocation plans’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th October, 2011, p.20)
- The Dean of Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. C.O. Bewaji, has posited that staying too long on postgraduate programmes would soon become a thing of the past at the University.
(‘Ilorin varsity boosts postgraduate programmes’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p.25)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has put it on record that the illiteracy rate in Nigeria, which has reached up to 56.9 per cent, is alarming while speaking through the Dean of Arts of the University, Prof. C. A. Bodunde, at a recent event.
(‘Illiteracy rate in Nigeria is 56.9 percent, Unilorin VC’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p.31)
- The Executive Secretary of the Muslim Ummah of South-West of Nigeria, Prof. Dawud O.S. Noibi, would deliver the first quarterly lecture of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community entitled “Prophet Muhammad(PBUH): A Role Model for all Mankind” on October 16, 2011.
(‘Noibi delivers community lecture’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- The Dean of the Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sunday Umoh, has appealed to investors to build hostels in the University in order to overcome the shortage of student hostels in the University.
(‘Invest in hostels, Umoh urges developers’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p.32)
- Dr. Pius O. Abioje of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has opined that a day will come in which the Nigerian masses will overcome all the obstacles before them and they will unite against those he called their oppressive leaders.
(‘Nigeria is ripe for a revolution’, *The Nation*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p.20)
- In a published article, Habeeb Whyte, a 400 level Law student of the University of Ilorin, has urged Nigerian youths to rise and stand on their feet to face the nation’s various challenges.
(‘Big destructive daddies’, *The Nation*, same date, p.35)
- While speaking at the event marking this year’s World Hospice and Palliative Care week, the Chief Medical Director University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Prof. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo, has noted that there is a need for Hospices and Palliative care in the Nigerian healthcare sector.
(‘Varsity don decries dearth of hospices in the nation’, *The Guardian*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p.43)
- The University of Ilorin has been listed among one of the Federal Universities that admit students within the range of their capacities as required by the National Universities Commission (NUC).
(‘Universities under-admit students’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p.43)
- Prof. Abiodun Adeloye of the Animal Production Department has identified lack of livestock identification and tracking system as the cause of animal disease outbreak in Nigeria.
(‘Health authorities responsible for animal disease outbreak’, *The Nation*, Friday, October 14, 2011).
- Dr. Israel Kolawole of the University of Ilorin has advocated practical training for health workers as a proper approach to the treatment of life-threatening diseases while speaking at World Hospice and Palliative Care programme at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.
(‘Experts identify lapses in health care delivery in Nigeria’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday October 14, 2011, p.14).

Unilorin in the News

- The University of Ilorin has been listed among the 33 Universities in the country that qualify for this year's National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation.
(‘33 Varsities qualify for Institutional Accreditation’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, October 9, 2011, p.24)
- The wife of the Kwara State Governor, Mrs. Omolewa Ahmed, has called for support and care for people living with life-threatening diseases, while attending to journalists during the road walk organised by the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.
(‘Gov’s wife seeks support for under-privileged’, *The Herald*, Monday, October 10, 2011, p.2)
- Arrangements have been put in place to mark the 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin scheduled to hold between Monday, October 17, 2011 and Tuesday, October 25, 2011.
(‘Unilorin holds 27th convocation’, *The Herald*, Monday, October 10, 2011, p.18)
- The University of Ilorin has canvassed the support of all stakeholders towards raising 1.2 billion naira it needs for the successful hosting of the forthcoming 13th edition of West Africa University Games coming up in the University in January 2012.
(‘...Seeks ₦1.2 billion to host WAUG’, *The Herald*, same as above.)
- The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, in a radio chat on UNILORIN FM, has said that no less than 500,000 candidates would be admitted into various higher institutions in Nigeria.
(‘500,000 to get admission this year’, *The Herald*, same as above.)
- The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr. Sa’ad Omoiya, has explained why his branch did not join the strike declared by the national headquarters of the union.
(‘Why we did not join ASUU strike’, *National Pilot*, Monday, October 10, 2011, front page.)
- Dr. (Mrs.) Yemisi Fawole, a lecturer at the University of Ilorin, has described Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti, as a centre of excellence.
(‘Parent calls for rehabilitation of varsity road’, *Nigerian Compass*, Monday, October 10, 2011, p.28)
- Prof. Ayoade Adesokan of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences of the University of Ilorin, has been appointed Professor of Medical Biochemistry at Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso.
(‘LAUTECH appoints first Professor of Medical Biochemistry’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, October 11, 2011, p.9).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the University of Ilorin Sugar Research Institute will offer its products and services to the country and the people.
(‘Unilorin VC says research institute will serve the nation’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 12, p.17)
- An undergraduate student of the University of Ilorin, Oyebukola Adeoye, has been elected Vice-President External Affairs of the Federation of Oyo State Students Union.
(‘Fanfare as Oyo State Students elect new officers’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above.)
- Two lecturers in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, Dr. Jimoh A. Aderamo and Mr. John Olaniyi Adekeye, have identified some of the devastating effects of climate change.
(‘Support government against climate change’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, October 12, 2011, p.8)

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Quotes of the Week

Of all the follies the greatest is to love the world.
-Ali bn Abi Talib

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character give him power.
- Abraham Lincoln

If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.
- George Bernard Shaw

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.
- Joseph Chilton Pearce

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