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Unilorin is prepared to host WAUG – VC

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WAUG-READY: The VC, Prof. Oloyede, responding to media questions at the Government House

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has assured Nigerians that his University is fully prepared to host the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) slated for the end of this year.

Prof. Oloyede gave this assurance penultimate week while fielding questions from journalists at the Government House, Ilorin, while leading a delegation of the University team on a courtesy visit to the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), the University has its own facilities which it is improving on and has also been granted the use of the newly upgraded Kwara State stadium facilities by the State Government.

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Pre-admission screening begins August 8

The Pre-admission Screening Exercise for the 2011/2012 admission exercise of the University of Ilorin begins on Monday August 8, 2011 at test centres at Ilorin, Lagos and Minna while candidates that made the University of Ilorin their first or second choice University are to commence uploading the required information on the University website as from today.

According to a statement signed by the University Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, published in *The Punch*, *Daily Trust* and *National Pilot* newspapers of today, “the University of Ilorin invites all candidates who have applied for admission into the University to visit the University of Ilorin website www.unilorin.edu.ng/advertisement/pume.pdf for details of the procedure for the Pre- Admission Screening Exercise.

“The deadline for the uploading of required information is 6th August 2011. However, candidates awaiting any result but who have registered before 6th August 2011 have the opportunity to upload their results on/or before 15th August, 2011 when the **Portal** will close.” *(Contd. on page 4)*



UNILORIN: Scaling the Heights

Unilorin will host an excellent tournament - WAUG

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“There is no reason to fear or panic. The Kwara State Government has opened its door to us to use the facilities at the Kwara State stadium. What we will therefore have is a world-class event. The University of Ilorin is prepared to host a tournament that Nigerians will be proud of,” he said.

Prof. Oloyede also said that the University is making progress as a result of planning and the same level of planning is being devoted to the hosting of WAUG. He stressed that stakeholders would shortly be seeing the outcome of the planning made by the University.

Earlier speaking before the Governor, the Vice-Chancellor had reiterated that “the University of Ilorin is billed to host the next WAUG later this year. The immediate past Governor, Dr. Bukola Saraki, magnanimously promised us the use of the Kwara State Stadium facilities for the Games. While we are greatly appreciative of the gesture, we also pray the Government to assist us with the provision of some of the necessary infrastructure on our campus.”



UNILORIN 2011: Mr.Orhewere, Mr. Oladipo, Prof. Emiola, Prof. Olayemi and Prof. Adesoye at the meeting with WAUG LOC

Meanwhile, the University management has received the Executive Committee of WAUG who paid the University a visit last Tuesday (July 12, 2011) as part of the concerted efforts towards organising a successful tournament.

Receiving the WAUG delegation on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), who is also the Chairman of the WAUG Local Organising Committee (LOC), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, reiterated that the University is fully committed to making the Games a success saying that no effort is being spared in that direction. He disclosed further that the Ministry of Education, Kwara State Government and the University Governing Council fully support the University to host the games.

The University, thereafter, requested for a little shift in the date of the Games to give room for more preparation and to ensure that all stakeholders are fully carried along.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the WAUG President and Director General of WAUG 2011 at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasun Emiola, who led the delegation, thanked the Administration for receiving the team, which consisted of WAUG officials from different parts of the country. The delegation included Mr. Nick Igbokwe, Auditor II; Mr. Wale Oladipo, Zonal Coordinator; Mr. Rowland Orhewere, Zonal Coordinator and Prof. A. A. Adesoye, the Unilorin Director of Sports and Zonal Coordinator of WAUG.

At a meeting of the WAUG officials with the members of the Local Organising Committee, the WAUG leadership noted that it was convinced that with the calibre of experienced sports technocrats and administrators paraded by the University of Ilorin, like Prof. E. A. Ogunsakin, Prof. A. A. Adesoye, Dr. A. E. Talabi and Mr. S. S. Sinkaye, apart from the WAUG President himself, Prof. M. L. Emiola, who is also of the University, the University of Ilorin would host an excellent tournament any day.

While largely expressing their satisfaction with the reports of the Chairmen of various sub-committees of the LOC regarding the levels of work done so far, the WAUG leaders noted that extending the date of WAUG is normal as it was done in the last edition held at the University of Ghana while the dates of the championships held in two Nigerian universities were also shifted, the policy of WAUG is to shift the date just once.

About 60 Nigerian universities will participate in the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG). Over 5,000 athletes from 88 universities from the West African sub-region are expected to compete for laurels in at least 15 events during the tournament.

Wole Soyinka and our American experience - Dons

When a delegation of 17 lecturers and administrators from the University left for the United States of America last month, there was no doubt that the University was on course to ensure the diffusion of ideas between the two great countries. The trip turned out to be an unforgettable experience for some members of the delegation who continue to relish their experiences and the superlative hospitality extended to them as the delegates of the *better by far* University.

The destination was Virginia, which has a significant place in the history of slave trade. Virginia State University (VSU) itself that hosted the delegation is a historically black and land-grant university located north of the Appomattox River in Chesterfield, in the Richmond area. Founded on March 6, 1882, Virginia State was the United States's first fully state-supported four-year institution of higher learning for black Americans. It was therefore understandable that delegates of the most populous black nation in the world had no problem mixing with the historic black University.

It turned out to be a worthwhile experience for the acting University Librarian, Mrs. Joyce Fadayomi, who was happy to participate in the American Library Association conference. Attending the conference, Mrs. Fadayomi remarked, is a professional accomplishment as every librarian wishes to attend it.

For the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. John Olorunmaiye, the trip accorded him the opportunity to assess the level of technology at VSU and he is happy that technology transfer is possible through which VSU could provide personnel to train the technical staff of the University of Ilorin.

What was particularly touching to Dr. (Mrs) O. V. Mejabi was the way they were received by the Americans. "They treated us as their relatives they knew existed but now they have met", she reminisced. Though not a first timer to the States, Dr. Mejabi considered the Virginia State University experience as unique as she is impressed about how every profession is accorded respect and recognition.



Mr. Lucius

Prof. Soyinka

On his part, Dr. O. A. Mokuolu noted that hope, inspiration, and renewed determination are the key words that summarise his recent experience. "Hope, a renewed sense of saying, "yes we can"; inspiration; a new bar was set for the pursuit of excellence and clarity of vision; and determination, to commit oneself and work with the Administration in our journey towards being a world class University indeed", he said.

The trip has the most profound impact on Mr. Marcel E. Ogbonna. While the delegates were in the USA, and their daily activities were being observed on the University's LED Display Unit, Mr. Ogbonna was also observing several things in the USA among which the most striking to him was the lecturer-student relationship. He said the relationship "was cordial, without fear and full of respect". He also noted that "we are over-working our Chief Executives in Nigeria because they have to be physically present (in most cases) before things could be effectively done. This is not the case in America, particularly Virginia State University. The President, (our equivalence of Vice-Chancellor) does not have to see to the day to day running as the staff perform their duties optimally". As such, the Head of SERVICOM Unit would like Nigerians, particularly the staff of the University of Ilorin, to imbibe such an attitude to work.

While the delegates were gathering their individual experiences, they all stumbled on someone they mistook for Prof. Wole Soyinka. The name Lucius Edward on the surface seems not to have any connection with the acclaimed Nigerian Nobel laureate but the VSU archivist has the same physical appearance with our "Kongi". So, when the delegates pointed to him that he looks like a Nigerian, Prof. Wole Soyinka by name, Mr. Lucius, who walked the delegates through the history of the University since 1882, insisted that it is Wole Soyinka that looks like him, not the other way round. *Chikena*.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ If you stare at the numbers 63407113 long enough on a calculator, you will see the word *reactive*.
- ❖ The skin of your armpit can harbour up to 516,000 bacteria per square inch.

2011/2012 pre-admission screening exercise begins

According to the statement, only those candidates who have scored a minimum of 200 marks in the 2011 UTME for all courses except those for which higher cut-off marks have been specified on the University website and have obtained five credits in relevant O'level subjects are eligible for the exercise.

Eligible candidates are advised to visit the University of Ilorin website, www.unilorin.edu.ng, for details of the procedure for the pre-admission screening exercise, part of which include:

2011/2012 PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING EXERCISE

The University of Ilorin invites Candidates who have applied for admission into the Undergraduate degree programmes of the University for the 2011/2012 academic session to upload the required information for the Screening Exercise between Monday 18th July, 2011 and Saturday, 6th August 2011. Any awaiting results must be uploaded on or before Monday 15th August, 2011 when the Portal shall be closed. The Preadmission Screening Exercise will commence on the 18th August, 2011 at Ilorin, Lagos and Minna centres.

The following categories of candidates are eligible:

- A. **UTME** candidates who made the University of Ilorin their first and/or second choice and scored:
- (i) **a minimum of 200 marks** in the **UTME** for courses other than those listed in (ii) and (iii) below, and **five (5) 'O' level Credits** in relevant subjects at not more than two sittings.
 - (ii) a score of 220 marks in **UTME** for Accounting, Biochemistry, Business Administration, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Common Law, Economics, English, Electrical Engineering, Finance, Geology, Industrial Chemistry, Mass Communication, Mechanical Engineering, Microbiology, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine and **five (5) 'O' level Credits in relevant subjects at not more than two sittings.**
 - iii) **MB;BS** candidates who obtained:
 - (a) **a score of 240 marks** in the **UTME** and
 - (b) **Credit Passes at one sitting** only in the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination or its equivalence in each of the following subjects: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.
- B. **DIRECT ENTRY** candidates who made the University of Ilorin their first and/or second choice and have obtained a minimum of:
- (i) Upper Credit at OND/HND/Diploma (except for Statistics, Agriculture, Performing Arts and History, where Lower Credit may be considered). Also, note that the Department of Business Administration will not accept National Diploma in Business Administration or Diploma in Marketing.
 - (ii) **Merit in NCE;** and
 - (iii) A minimum of two (2) Advanced level passes in two relevant subjects.
 - (iv) **MB;BS** candidates must have obtained a minimum of:
 - (a) **13 points in IJMB or GCE Advanced Level Examination** in the relevant subjects of Physics, Chemistry and Biology or
 - (b) **Second Class (Upper Division) Honours Degree** in Zoology, Microbiology, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry or any other relevant courses in the Basic Sciences.

All candidates must strictly disclose the choice of courses they applied for originally with **JAMB** as well as any proposed change of course. Candidates seeking change of course will be required to pay change of course fee after admission. Withholding of information or wrong information will lead to instant disqualification.

- C. **Foreign candidates** who have not taken part in the UTME or filled the Direct Entry form can reach the University Admissions Officer at admissionsofficer@unilorin.edu.ng for information on admission into the University. Foreign candidates will not be required to make any payment at this stage.

D. Specific Instructions for Screening:

The University of Ilorin charges **N1,000.00** only for the Screening Exercise. Procure the virtual card (**i.e. Confirmation order number and Receipt number**) for the payment from any of the banks listed (see the list at www.unilorin.edu.ng/advertisement/pume/pdf):

In addition to the above, all branches of First Bank Plc have been requested to assist candidates who may have challenges with their payment.

Candidates are to obtain an e-Tranzact reloadable card which contains the Confirmation order number and Receipt number to be used for the online registration.

E. SCREENING REGISTRATION AND PROCEDURES

i) EVERY CANDIDATE SHOULD COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ON-LINE THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR SCREENING ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2011.

ii) ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD FILL THE BEST FIVE (5) 'O' LEVEL SUBJECT COMBINATION (AT NOT MORE THAN TWO SITTINGS EXCEPT AS STATED IN A iii b) RELEVANT TO THE COURSE OF STUDY.

For example:

Medicine: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Common Law: English Language, Literature-in-English and any other 3 subjects from Arts and/or Social Sciences. (Note that a pass in Mathematics is a requirement for admission but should not be listed).

Business and Social Sciences: Courses in Business and Social Sciences require 3 Social Science subjects except Sociology and Political Science where at least 2 Social Science subjects are required.

For further details on admission requirements click www.unilorin.edu.ng/index.php/admissions

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO preadmission2011@unilorin.edu.ng

Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi
REGISTRAR

Complain to us if food service is not satisfactory

As part of the measure to ensure that the University community is served better, the Campus Eatery Board has set up a Health Sanitary Task Force charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the eateries on campus meet the set minimum standard of operations.

The Task Force, which will be conducting periodic visits to, and checks on, the restaurants on campus, urges members of the University community to reach its Customers Complaint Hotlines whenever they are not satisfied with the quality of service received from the eateries.

The numbers and e-mail addresses to complain to are:

(1) 08055812673 olushola@unilorin.edu.ng

(2) 08036159882 karim.or@unilorin.edu.ng

(3) 08033772539 bibitoye@unilorin.edu.ng

Announcements

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Unilorin Resources Managers Multipurpose Cooperative Society limited hold on Thursday July 19 by 11:00 a.m. at Lecture Theatre 1, University of Ilorin.

The Graduation and Prize-giving ceremony of the University School comes up on Thursday July 21, 2011 by 3:00 p.m. at the premises of the School.

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE FIRST JOINT
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN,
ILORIN, NIGERIA AND CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA HELD ON 27TH -30TH
JUNE, 2011, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN**

Theme: Technology, Innovation & Sustainable Development

The conference was declared open by a former Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. M. K. Abubakar, while Dr. Henk Miedema of the Westus Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Water Technology, Leeuwarden, Netherlands, gave the Keynote Address. Other notable speakers at the plenary sessions are Prof. O.S. Fatoki from Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa, and Prof. F.O. Shode from the University of Kwazulu Natal, Durban, South Africa.

Innovation has been defined as turning of ideas into wealth; thus it is a major source of economic growth, while Technology induces real wealth creation when it is combined with new ways of doing business. Sustainability on its own is the practice of protecting the environment while improving living standards for all. Research is about answering unanswered questions or creating that which does not currently exist and this forms the bedrock of innovation.

Challenges of Research and Innovation include:

- Shortage of appropriate human resource
- Low and skewed research productivity
- Inadequate funding

The technical sessions were classified into three major sub-groups which include Environment and Energy, Innovative Technology and Sustainable Development, and Health and Development.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

- Majority of the papers presented show that there is definite pollution of the environment with heavy metals resulting from either man's activities or geological processes. However, no paper proffered solution on how to control the pollutants.
- Hitherto developmental plans do not take enough consideration of the end users. Yet for effectiveness, such plans should be indigenous.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Some of the innovative technologies we have had are not sustainable because they are not fully transferred or there is no enabling environment to sustain it.
- Values of innovation were identified but, care should be taken to preserve the elements of culture that may be valuable to the society.
- The need to design computer keyboard that allows integration of local languages (e.g. Yoruba or Swahili) was discussed.
- Papers from the Biomedical Engineering research group were aimed at making medical equipment more accessible and affordable. Mass production is encouraged.
- Innovative Technology aimed at employing less manpower needs should be encouraged in such a way that individuals displaced out of their work are adequately catered for in other employments. Research should be translated into reality and benefit for community.

HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

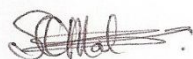
- Toxicological studies of some of the natural plants used for medicinal purposes were presented. They contribute to the body of knowledge on this subject area and propose sound foundation for further characterization of the therapeutic potentials of these items.
- Two presentations were made on antimalarial therapeutic activity of extracts and chemical complexes. The one on extracts did not work while the other on existing drug did have some beneficial effect.
- It was observed that the papers on health and religion were reviews in type; and experimental observations on this subject were encouraged to back the submissions.
- One of the presentations showed that the academic is exposed to multiple tasks in and out of the work place, which necessitates a study of individual stress factors and the implications on overall health. Adequate counselling and personal focus will be beneficial.
- The health benefits of combining garlic, ginger and pepper in food was presented as having greater antioxidants effect than each of these. There is however a need to quantify the antioxidant ingredient(s) in each of these spices, and prove that there is a definite synergistic antioxidant effect.
- African Academy of Environmental Health was presented as a beneficial organization with a multinational outlook. West Africa is yet to buy into it.
- The anti-tumour activity of hydrophobia SC3, a fungal protein, was demonstrated for the first time as presented in one paper. This work was done in Netherlands. Also, a paper outlined genotype specific response to drug treatment of rectal cancer. The study was done in Germany. It is important to develop capacity to do similar work in Africa.

General Recommendations

- There is a need for government to inject more funds to aid Research, Innovation and Sustainable Development.
- Building a competent and equitable resource base by ensuring quality education is key.
- Introduction of programmes to increase research output/productivity in the tertiary institutions.
- There should be effective dissemination and awareness raising mechanisms.
- Internationalization should be encouraged in our public institutions to promote cultural diversity and cross-fertilization of ideas.

It was also resolved that:

- (i) an African Centre for Herbal Research (ACHER) based at the University of Ilorin be established and
- (ii) Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa will host the next conference/workshop next year, 2012.



Professor Sylvia O. Malomo
University of Ilorin



Professor O. S. Fatoki
Cape Peninsula University of Technology

Item writers to meet this Wednesday

As the University of Ilorin prepares for the screening exercise for the 2011/2012 admission applicants, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has invited all lecturers that served, or are willing to serve, as multiple choice item writers to a meeting.

The meeting holds this Wednesday (July 20, 2011) at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00 a.m. It is expected that the meeting will focus on the strategy of increasing the bank of the multiple choice items administered by the University as part of the screening exercise.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Balogun, Idowu O.	Economics	18th July
2.	Okolu, Emmanuel	Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf	19th July
3.	Olorunsanya, Eniola O.	Agric Economics and Farm Management	19th July
4.	Ahmed, Limota	Sports Unit	20th July
5.	Ajala, Samuel A.	Chemistry	20th July
6.	Ameh, Michael O.	Security	20th July
7.	Braimoh, Kolawole T.	Radiology	20th July
8.	Suberu, Haruna I.	Security	20th July
9.	Ande, Adeolu T.	Zoology	21 st July
10.	Joseph, Adeosun B.	Security	21 st July
11.	Kehinde, Samuel B.	Library	21 st July
12.	Olorundare, Olufunke E.	Pharm. & Therapeutics	21 st July
13.	Yusuf, Badmas O.	Religions	21 st July
14.	Ibiyomi, Florence M.	Epidemiology & Community Health	23rd July
15.	Obaitor-Zaku, Theresa O.	Health Services	23rd July
16.	Salami, Kamal A.	Works Electrical/Telecoms	23rd July
17.	Umoh, Sunday H.	Counsellor Education	24th July

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

WORDS AND MEANINGS

Committee: Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

Compromise: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

Diplomacy: The art of doing and saying the nastiest things in the nicest way.

Father: A banker provided by nature who gives without interest and expects no returns.

Life Insurance: A contract that keeps you poor all your life with the assurance that you will die rich.

Marriage: An agreement between two persons whereby a man loses his Bachelor's degree and a woman obtains her Master's.

Nurse: A person who wakes you up to give you sleeping pills.

Politician: One who shakes your hand before elections and shakes your confidence afterwards.

School: A place where Papa pays and Son plays.

Smile: A curve which can set a relax after your strenuous home life.

Women: A hairy bank (for men) where multiple deposit and credit is allowed with no withdrawal slip on sight (i.e. depositor has neither a right of withdrawal nor that of claim)

Tears: The hydraulic force by which masculine willpower is defeated by feminine waterpower.

Lecturer wins commonwealth scholarship

A Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mrs. Modupe Jimoh, has won a Commonwealth Scholarship to undertake her PhD programme at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

The scholarship, which covers a period of 36 months, begins in October 2011, when she will leave Nigeria for the United Kingdom, to September 2014, when she is expected to complete the programme.

Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ The University of Ilorin is to host an International Centre on Herbal Research as part of the outcome of its collaboration with Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa. ('Unilorin to establish herbal research centre', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.16)
- ❖ A lecturer at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has faulted the ministerial screening process of the former World Bank top director, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, by the Nigerian Senate. ('Senate screening of Okonjo-Iweala', *The Guardian*, Wednesday, July 13, 2011, p.51)
- ❖ Prof. Samuel Ibiyemi of the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Ilorin, has cautioned the Federal Government that the dream to be one of the 20 top economies in the world may be a mirage if it disregards mass failures in public examinations, empty laboratories and libraries in the country. ('Poor education system, threat to Nigeria's vision 2020 – Don', *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, July 14, 2011, p.25)
- ❖ The Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Mr. Peter Kishira, has urged cooperative societies to emulate Healthcare Cooperative Society of the University of Ilorin while commissioning the hostel built by the cooperative society. ('Emulate Unilorin society', "From the University of Ilorin" *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, July 14, 2011, p.32)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin through the University Library has donated instructional materials to the University School from the donation it received from "Books for Africa", United States of America. ('Library presents instructional materials to School', *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- ❖ A United States-based organisation, "Books for Africa", has donated books to the University of Ilorin which has also presented the materials to its University School. ('Library donates teaching aids', "UNILORIN File", *The Nation*, Thursday, July 14, 2011, p.28)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin is set to organise a training session for the supervisors of doctoral students of the University while it has also circulated materials to those lecturers as part of advancing doctoral research at the University. ('Training for supervisors', *the Nation*, same as above)
- ❖ In order to avoid clashing, the management of the University of Ilorin has urged members of the University community to seek clearance for the use of the University Auditorium before advertising the venue in their invitation cards and posters. ('Use of Auditorium', *The Nation*, same as above)
- ❖ A retired don of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sheu Jimoh, has been described as someone who devoted his energy, time and intellect to meeting the challenges of the time during a programme held in Ilorin. ('GHS, Ilorin sends off students in grand style', *National Pilot*, Thursday July 14 – Sunday July 17, 2011, p.32)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has expressed the commitment of his University to hosting a successful West Africa University Games (WAUG) saying that the University is putting appropriate structures on ground to ensure its success. (*Channels TV news*. Lagos at 3:00p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011)
- ❖ The acting Head of Biochemistry Department, Dr. Muhammad Nasir, has addressed the Boko Haram problem in the North while tasking the government to provide education for the *almajiri* in order to avert a periodic descent into chaos. ('Boko Haram and Muslims in Nigeria', *The Herald*, Friday, July 15, 2011, p.19)
- ❖ Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin has faulted the process of screening Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala saying that it remains to be seen how she will bail the Nigerian economy out of the doldrums. ('Questions Senators didn't ask Okonjo-Iweala', *The Nation*, Friday, July 15, 2011, p.20)

Unilorin in the News

- ❖ A lecturer in the Department of Arts and Social science education, University of Ilorin, Dr. Abdulkareem Yusuf, has canvassed lateral thinking as a way of enabling pupils and students to think and reason beyond what they are taught in class while speaking as a guest lecturer at the graduation ceremony of a school in Ilorin.
(‘Teach creative thinking in schools, don charges’, *The Herald on Sunday*, July 10, 2011,p.6)
- ❖ A 400 level Law student of the University of Ilorin, Alalise Tafeeq Nasir, has noted that Nigerians did not vote for President Jonathan because they love him but they voted for him because they believed in his ability to provide the basic amenities needed by the people.
(‘Task before President Jonathan’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, July 11, 2011,p.16)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has invited Real Estate Developers for a collaborative project on the construction of student hotels on the campus on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis as a way of addressing the accommodation challenges of the University students.
(‘University of Ilorin: Invitation for Pre-qualification of Real Estate Developers for the University of Ilorin Student Hostels on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Arrangement’, *Federal Tenders Journal*, Monday July 11 – Sunday, July 24, 2011; *The Nation*, Monday July 11, 2011, p.55; *The Guardian*, same date, p.7; *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.14; *Daily Trust*, same date,p.67; *The Herald*, same date, p.12).
- ❖ The Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, has called for a partnership between the State Government and the University of Ilorin in order to boost skills acquisition that the youth need to be self-sufficient during a courtesy visit of the University management to his office.
(‘...calls for partnership between govt, Unilorin on skill acquisition’, *National Pilot*, Monday July 11 – Wednesday July 13, 2011, p.2)
- ❖ A former acting Dean of Law, University of Ilorin, Dr. Muhammad Akanbi, has described how Law runs through the blood of his family and the influence of his father in shaping his life.
(‘Ours is a family of lawyers’, *National Pilot*, same date,p.8)
- ❖ Students of higher institutions of learning in Kwara State, including those of the University of Ilorin, have participated in the “Emirate Day” organised by the Ilorin Emirate Students Association of Al-Hikmah University.
(‘Al-Hikma students celebrate *Emirate Day* in style’, *National Pilot*, same date, “Pilot Rendezvous”, p.2)
- ❖ An actor, Femi Adebayo, and his wife, Khadijah, are both former students of the University of Ilorin where they first met and started dating.
(‘How Funke Akindele (Jenifa) ruined Femi Adebayo’s marriage’, *National Pilot*, same as above,p.5)
- ❖ The President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engineer Mustapha Bulama, has identified the reasons behind the high incidence of failed engineering infrastructure in Nigeria while speaking at the 3rd Civil Engineering conference at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Why engineering is failing in Nigeria – COREN boss’, *National Pilot*, same date,p.18)
- ❖ While speaking at the recent conference of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of AVCNU, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has charged universities to make a judicious use of the resources at their disposal to achieve academic excellence.
(‘VCs rise for varsity education’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, July 13, 2011, pp.14 – 18)

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Quotes of the Week

There are no hopeless situations, but only hopeless people. I believe that our world, from creation, is yet to witness and will never witness a hopeless situation, but has witnessed in torrential manner, hopeless people, who have authored ‘world’s darkest hours’ by initiating selfish agendas, standing aloof, passive and unconcerned, or discharging half-hearted solution.

– Claire Boothe

Others can stop you temporarily; but you are the only one who can do it permanently.

– John C. Maxwell