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UNILORIN: Scaling the heights...better by far

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, and Visitor to ALL Federal Universities and Inter-University Centres, has approved the conduct of Visitations to 26 Federal Universities and three Inter-University Centres in Nigeria.

The visitations will take place between February 15 and March 15, 2011.

The visitation, which is a statutory responsibility of the Visitor, is an all stakeholders review of all the activities and operations of the institutions to be visited. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Unilorin, SAFE seek better food security

In their bid to guarantee better food security for Nigerians and advance the prospects of agriculture in the country, the authorities of the University of Ilorin, through the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, are set to mount a new programme on Agricultural Extension and Community Innovations.

The Department, in conjunction with Sasakawa African Fund for Extension Education (SAFE), organised a workshop on the development of the curriculum for the new programme last Wednesday (February 16, 2011) at the University of Ilorin.

FOOD SECURITY: A group photograph of the participants with Prof. Ayorinde (middle, in native attire) after the opening

In his keynote address at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, described the proposed B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Innovations programme as good news to Agriculturists across the nation who are already working on the field but who also desire to have a Bachelor's degree. He then urged the participants to share the good news of the programme with others saying that it is an ample opportunity that would bring several benefits to the students, the hungry man on the street, the agriculture sector and the nation at large. *(Contd. on page 4)*

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Institutions to be visited

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(i) University of Ibadan;
(ii) University of Nigeria, Nsukka;
(iii) Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife;
((iv) Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria;
((v) University of Lagos, Lagos;
(vi) University of Benin, Benin City;
(vii) Bayero University, Kano;
(viii) University of Calaba, Calabar;
(ix) University of Ilorin, Ilorin;
(x) University of Jos, Jos;
(xi) University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri;
(xii) Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto;
(xiii) University of Part-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt;
(xiv) Federal University of Technology. Owerri;
(xv) Federal University of Technology, Akure;
(xvi) Federal University of Technology, Yola;
(xvii) Federal University of Technology, Minna;
(xviii) University of Abuja;
(xix) Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi;
(xx) University of Agriculture, Makurdi;
(xxi) University of Agriculture, Abeokuta;
(xxii) Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka;
(xxiii) University of Uyo, Uyo;
(xxiv) Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike;
(xxv) National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos;
(xxvi) Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun;
(xxvii) National Mathematical Centre, Abuja;
(xxviii)French Language Village, Badagry; and
(xxix) Arabic Language Village, Ngala.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(i) To inquire into the level of implementation of the white paper on the last visitation report;
(ii) To look into the leadership quality of each university in terms of the roles of Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellors and other Principal Officers;
(iii) To look into the financial management of each institution including Statutory Allocations and Internally Generated Revenue over the recommended period and determine whether it was in compliance with appropriate regulations;
(iv) To investigate the application of funds particularly the special grants, loans meant for specific projects in order to determine the status of such projects and their relevance for further funding;
(v) To examine the adequacy of the staff and staff development programmes of each university;
(vi) To determine the relationship between the University and the various statutory bodies it interacts with according to its law for the purposes of supervision planning, finance, discipline, guidance and any other relationship the university may have in dealing with the said bodies including the University Governing Council, the National Universities Commission and the Federal Ministry of Education as well as the Visitor;
(vii) To examine the “Law” establishing the University including the relationship between the various internal organs, units and offices and indicate the ways the law has been observed by the competent authorities and also suggest any modifications to the law considered necessary or desirable to enable the University to better achieve its objectives;

(viii) To trace the historical evolution of the University and take stock of its net achievements and problems as well as its style and sense of direction and advise on what fundamental or expedient corrections are needed to enable the University to better achieve the objectives set for it;

(ix) To examine the general security in the University, how the University has dealt with it and recommend appropriate measures to deal with it;

(x) To examine the processes and structures of the mechanisms for the discipline of students in each University in order to ascertain compliance with due process of the rule of law.

Therefore, in order to achieve the above objectives, the General Public and especially all stakeholders in Education and specifically University sub-sector are invited to have inputs into these visitations by submitting memoranda on any item on the panels' terms of reference above.

The memoranda should be submitted in the following format:

A. Ten (10) hard copies of submission neatly word processed
B. One (1) soft copy of (a) above
C. All submissions should be addressed to Chairman of the Panel in the specific institution the panel is visiting
D. For oral submissions the Chairman of the Panel should be contacted at the various Universities and inter-University Centres.

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Memoranda to the Visitation Panel to the University of Ilorin may be submitted to the Chairman of the Panel through the Council Office, Fourth Floor, Senate Building, University of Ilorin.

WAEC recognises Unilorin

The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has recognised the excellence of the University of Ilorin and has therefore elected it into the Nigeria National Committee of the Council. The Council arrived at this decision at the end of its 48th Annual Meeting in December 2010.

According to a letter addressed to the University of Ilorin by the Director of Administration, Mr. S. B. Taiwo, on behalf of the National Office of WAEC, the University is elected for a two year tenure commencing from March 2011 to the eve of the Annual Council meeting in March 2013.

"The Nigeria National Committee (NNC) is the highest policy making body of the Council in Nigeria and meets once each year usually in December. Membership of the Committee is drawn from various stakeholders in the education sector …", the letter reads in part.

The Registrar of the University, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to represent the University on the Council.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- On the first day of January 2015, all West African countries will commence using a common currency, the Eco.
- For the price of one missile, a school full of hungry children could eat lunch every day for 5 years.
- Throughout the 1990's more than 100 million children died from illness and starvation. Those 100 million deaths could be prevented for the price of ten Stealth bombers, or what the world spends on its military in two days!
- One out of every eight children under the age of twelve in the U.S. goes to bed hungry every night.

Unilorin set to tackle hunger

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Speaking further, the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, said that there is no problem of disconnection between the proposed programme and the needs of the industry in the proposed programme because it is meant to reach the target people, a situation that informed the invitation of stakeholders in agriculture, especially the Directors of Agricultural Development Programmes and Programme Managers, across the States of the Federation for their inputs in the development of the curriculum.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the workshop was part of the fruit of the landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the University of Ilorin and SAFE on November 19, 2011 adding that such pacts between the University and other institutions and agencies are meant to fast-track development in a world that is increasingly becoming inter-connected and that all those who should be part of such a workshop were invited.

In his welcome address earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. O. A. Omotesho, who was represented at the event by Prof. J. O. Atteh, recalled that the University of Ilorin entered into a pact with SAFE on a number of issues including training for post-harvest education, agro-business and agriculture extension for the purpose of achieving the first Millennium Development Goal (MDG) which is poverty eradication through the achievement of food security. He said the Faculty decided to use a bottom up approach of tapping from the stakeholders before presenting a curriculum to the University Senate. He noted that from his experience as a consultant to Kwara, Niger and Kogi States, he has learnt that the farmers know what they need than the policy makers and farmers disagree with up to 50% of policies developed for them and that farmers' ideas are often the best.

In his paper, "The Challenges of Agriculture in Nigeria in the 21st Century: Agricultural Extension Education Response and Curriculum Relevance", the Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Prof. O. A. Adekunle, disclosed that a year period of education for a farmer has been found to increase his added value to agricultural production by 24% and that formal and non-formal education through extension services can off -set low level of education among farmers.

ALL AGAINST HUNGER, R –L: Prof. Ayorinde, Prof. Atteh and Dr. (Mrs) Akeredolu

In her own presentation entitled "The SAFE Initiative in Africa", the SAFE Regional Coordinator for West Africa, Dr. Mercy Akeredolu, traced the history of SAFE to Mr. Ryochi Sasakawa, a Japanese who witnessed first-hand hunger in Ethiopia for the first time and his friend, Dr. Normon Borlaug, the acclaimed father of the Green Revolution and Nobel laureate. She said the duo partnered former American President, Mr. Jimmy Carter, to mobilise African leaders against hunger in 1986. According to her, the fund now involves 14 universities and colleges in eight countries. "In Africa, the delivery of new technologies is still largely the responsibility of publicly funded extension services. However, the public extension organizations in SAFE's target countries lack the capacity to support many of the value chain activities implicit in market led small holder development," she said.

Other speakers at the workshop included SAFE Director for Nigeria, Prof. Sanni Miko, who spoke on "Sasakawa Global 2000 in Nigeria: 18 Years of Field Experience and Impact", Dr. (Mrs). O.R. Karim, the Head of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science and Dr. Festus Annor Freepong, who shared the Ghanaian experience with the participants.

Apart from staff and students of the University of Ilorin, the workshop was attended by SAFE programme coordinator from Abuja; Country Director, SG 2000; Programme Managers and Directors of Extension Services as well as Chief Extension Officers from Nassarawa, Benue, Kogi, Delta, Rivers, Ekiti, Ondo, Osun, Oyo and Kwara States as well as participants are from Kwara State University and Bowen University, Iwo. Also there were the Directors of ARMTI, NSPRI and NCAM as well as Heads of the Department of Agriculture from Ilorin East and Ilorin West Local Government Areas and Farm Managers of Afan, Pavvnios, Seap, Ccepe and Fadama.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Text of the Welcome Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, and President of the Association of African Universities, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the Public Personality Lecture Organised by the University of Ilorin Students Union on Monday, December 6, 2010.

It is a great honour for me to welcome, on behalf of the Council, Senate, Management, staff and students of the University of Ilorin, our distinguished Guest Speaker of today, Right Honourable Oladimeji Sabur Bankole, to our campus. It is my conviction that not only the students, who are thoughtful enough to organise this programme, but also all of us will benefit immensely from the lecture by an intellectual who is on loan to politics.

It is not everyday that the University is privileged to have a personality of our guest lecturer's pedigree as lecturer. On this account, I want to congratulate the leadership of the Students Union for casting their net wide and catching a big fish. The University is also immensely grateful to our Honourable Speaker for graciously accepting the invitation to share his thoughts and experience with our students and us all together. Your Honour, I am certain your presence here is a morale booster to our students and I know many of them will be inspired by your achievements to also work hard to excel.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, what strikes me most and I want this audience to note is that education is the gateway to success. So, the first thing that comes first in life is education and it is always essential that we put *first things first* and prioritize appropriately. With a good education, every other thing will be attached to it and there is no short-cut to success. One remarkable thing about our distinguished guest is that is a man of high intellectual attainment and a leader of great learning. For your education and inspiration, let me quickly without his permission tell his story in two brief paragraphs.

Our guest lecturer of today was born on the 14th of November, 1969 in Lagos. After his primary education at Lara Day Nursery and Primary School, he attended the famous Baptist Boys' High School, where he finished his secondary education in 1985. He had his A levels at Abany College in 1988 and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Reading, United Kingdom, in 1991. He also attended the University of Oxford (1992) and graduated from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2005.

Though he was elected to represent Abeokuta South Federal Constituency in 2003 when he was just 34 years old, his status did not debar him from pursuing further studies, as indicated earlier. As a result of his vast insights, he served in several capacities in the House of Representatives before he was overwhelmingly elected Speaker on November 1, 2007. As you are aware, his leadership has brought about considerable reforms in the tripartite mandate of representation, legislation and oversight in that important arm of Government: the legislature.

One important lesson in the career of our Honourable Guest Lecturer that you need to emulate is passion for learning and self-development. The bane of many youths today is to think of achieving success without good education. It is in your interest that you face your studies, take advantage of the opportunities around you in the University and prepare yourselves adequately so that when the future beckons, you will not be found wanting. You have to put *first things first* and the first thing for you now is making a success out of your university education. The future is for those who have adequately prepared and the best preparation is sound education. If one allows his attainment to attract one to politics now instead of being inspired for the future, one would end being at best, chief organisers/mobilisers of political parties.

In essence, the world today is interested in quality and excellence which are epitomised by our distinguished guest speaker. Therefore, create your own vision, dream your dream, devote your energy

and zeal to your studies, be the best you can in what you do and your future will be secure. I repeat that education is the first thing you need to acquire and in today's world, your first degree is not enough. You must aspire for something greater, something higher.

I do not want to take much of your time. It is the first time in recent years that a personality that we have today, who is the number four citizen of the country, will be enriching our academic community through a public lecture. It is a great opportunity and I think those of you who are here should consider yourself fortunate.

Therefore, listen attentively and do not only pass through the lecture, let the lecture pass through you. If he can get there, it means that you too can. But you cannot get there if you are not adequately prepared. Like the Boys' Scout slogan, "be prepared" and this preparation consists of being committed to your primary assignment in the University and being committed to the pursuit of the University motto: character and learning.

It is my pleasure to invite Your Honour to the podium.

Thank you very much.

No one is an island – by UNILORIN VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has emphasised the need for Muslims and Christians to live harmoniously together saying that in the contemporary world, no one can live without the other.

Prof. Oloyede, who is the Executive Secretary/National Coordinator of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), made this submission while speaking last Tuesday (February 15, 2011) at the *Maolid Nabbiy* celebration at Kwara State Stadium, Ilorin.

BUILDING BRIDGES: Prof. Oloyede exchanging an MoU with the Vice-Chancellor of Swansea Metropolitan University, UK, Prof. David Warner, last month

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his satisfaction with the presence of the Christian Association of Nigeria, led by the State Secretary, Rev. Cornelius Fawenu, at the occasion while he thanked the Kwara Muslim Council led by Justice Oloruntoyin Mohammed on his efforts towards promoting inter-religious cooperation in the State.

According to Prof. Oloyede, Nigeria remains one indivisible nation regardless of people's religious affiliations as people relate with one another in different sectors of the society.

While urging Kwarans and all stakeholders to continue to sustain the peace and harmony that characterize the state, the Prof. of Islamic Jurisprudence prayed for peace as Nigeria inches towards the April elections.

In a chat with journalists after the event, the CAN Secretary noted that the presence of his delegation at the event was to express goodwill and solidarity to the Muslims and a demonstration of how religion can be used to make Nigeria better.

"We should learn to tolerate one another. We should learn to respect one another and we should learn to live in unity because there is strength in diversity. The unity of Nigeria is achievable if we as leaders want it and I thank God for the life of Justice S. O. Mohammed, a man who is committed to the unity of the two religions and it is in honour of his efforts towards uniting the two religions that I have come to honour that effort and I think by the time the leadership is moving together, it would not be difficult for the followers to also follow the same pattern of peace, progress and unity", he said.

Unilorin Bulletin: Three years of weekly tonic

Last Friday, February 18, 2011, it was exactly three years ago that *Unilorin Bulletin*, the newsletter of the University of Ilorin, commenced its uninterrupted weekly outing. And so far, on account of sheer doggedness and determination, the small but dynamic crew of the publication has remained undaunted in treating both the internal and external publics of the University to a riveting digest of weekly news and reports spiced with *edutaining* components.

The Vice-Chancellor, well-known for what Prof. Peter Okebukola referred to last Tuesday as "innovative interventions" must have realised the role of information dissemination in a period of human history aptly referred to as the Information Age to inaugurate a Board for the Bulletin on February 12, 2008 with the mandate of ensuring a weekly publication akin to the NUC *Monday Memo*. Pundits insist that like the former American President, Thomas Jefferson, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," Prof. Oloyede realised that effective administration without efficient information dissemination mechanism is counter-productive.

Under the able leadership of the late pioneer Head of Mass Communication Department and veteran journalist, late Mr. Doyin Mahmoud, the re-branded *Unilorin Bulletin* rolled out of the press a week after the Board was inaugurated. With about a thousand copies circulated internally/externally and several thousands circulated electronically every week to local, national and international audience, *Unilorin Bulletin* has been said to have blazed the trail for others to follow. This is because as members of the University of Ilorin community read the Bulletin every Monday, staff of the University abroad, friends and partners of the University across Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe down to Australia read the electronic versions and follow the University up on such social media as Facebook, Twitter and RSS.

No doubt, the University of Ilorin has continued to develop and progress in leaps and bounds and *Unilorin Bulletin* has been committed to providing the window through which stakeholders can view the happenings in the University and make up their minds through the sizzling reports of university activities on a weekly basis. Surely, the credit for this effort belongs to the late Chairman of the Board whose vast experiences in *Daily Times, The Guardian, The Herald, Daily Independent*, among other media organisations, had helped to erect a solid foundation upon which building a super-structure subsequently became as "difficult" as saying cheese.

While commenting on the editorial quality of *Unilorin Bulletin*, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, said that the newsletter has performed "credibly well" adding that though sustainability in the newspaper industry at every level is a problem in Nigeria. Prof. Olayemi said that he had noticed that *Unilorin Bulletin* has been very regular and richer within the past few years saying that such a standard is a major credit to those who are in charge of the publication.

According to the acclaimed professor of Microbiology, the result of the regular publication is not far-fetched and that is noticeable in the effective communication that has been achieved within and beyond the Campus, where rumour-mongering has reduced with actual information about the University thriving, an opinion shared by many other stakeholders in the University.

Speaking from the student perspective, a 300 level student of Primary Education Studies in the University, Ifedolapo Fasola, said that his weekly source of knowing what is going on in the University is *Unilorin Bulletin* "I personally get to know about what is happening in the school and its environment by the help of school Bulletin," he said.

Mr. Fasola also said that ever since he gained admission into the University of Ilorin in 2008, *Unilorin Bulletin* has availed him a good opportunity of obtaining first-hand information on the University. He said that "the Bulletin especially helps in making me aware of what the newspapers have been saying or had said about the school through "Unilorin in the News"" which he said he reads every week with interest. While speaking on his desire from *Unilorin Bulletin*, he noted that he would like the publication to add a students' complaints section...through which complaints will reach the University authority, an opportunity that has already been provided through "Meet the Vice-Chancellor" programme on UNILORIN 98.3 FM where the Vice-Chancellor, beginning from the last Thursday of this month, will be attending to matters arising, including issues and complaints, on air.

Student emerges overall best Mathematician

A 400 level student of Mathematics in the University of Ilorin, Mr. Biala Toheeb, has emerged the best student mathematician across Nigerian universities at the National Mathematical Competition for University Students (NAMCUS), held from February 6 to 12, 2011, at the National Mathematical Centre, Abuja.

Mr. Biala and three of his classmates who are final year students of the Department of Mathematics of the University also did the University proud by emerging the second best team out of 18 teams which competed for honours at the event.

The University of Ilorin team which also included Afolabi Yusuf, Akinlabi Grace and Abdulsalaam Sakirudeen participated in two sessions of five hours each in which they competed among 72 students and 18 Universities. Some of the Universities that competed at the event are Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; University of Ibadan, Ibadan; Federal University of Technology, Akure; Federal University of Technology, Minna, among others.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1	Awosejo, Stephen S.	Physical Planning	20th February
2	Adewara, Olabisi M.	Academic Planning	20th February
3	Atomode ,Esther M.	University School	20th February
4	Oseni, Olanrewaju	Sports Unit	20th February
5	Morakinyo, Joseph A.	Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre	21st February
6	Ajadi, Abass	Works/MTO	21st February
7	Atoyebi, Olaniyi G.	Economics	21st February
8	Babaita, Alabi R.	Health Services	21st February
9	Matthew, Esther	Counsellor Education	21st February
10	Ogundele, Mary O	Health Services	21st February
11	Baba, Sule	Works/Power	22nd February
12	Ijaiya, Sidiqat N. Y.	Director, Institute of Education	22nd February
13	Quadri, Yasir A.	Religions	22nd February
14	Ajiboye, Tunde M.	French	23rd February
15	Afolabi, Samuel A.	Bursary	27th February
16	Adejumo, Deborah O.	Civil Engineering	28th February
17	Al-Athan, Muhammed S.	Academic Planning	28th February
18	Ogunlade, Cornelius F.	Mathematics	28th February
19	Sallee Kikelomo W.	Faculty of Law	28th February

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 (surname, first name and initial of middle name with 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!

LAUGH LINES

The "Salary Theorem" states that "Engineers and Scientists can never earn as much as much as Business Executives and Sales people do." This theorem can now be supported by a mathematical equation based on the following two postulates: 1. Knowledge is Power 2. Time is Money.
As every Engineer knows, Power = Work/ Time
Since: Knowledge = Power and Time= Money, it follows, therefore, that Knowledge = Work/ Money
Solving for Money, we get: Money = Work/Knowledge.
Thus, as Knowledge approaches zero, Money approaches infinity, regardless of the amount of work done.
Conclusion: The more you know, the less you make.
Proof: Professors are not in the list of the world's richest people.

Unilorin in the News

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- In an address tagged "Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained", the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has charged the fresh students of the University to be hardworking during their matriculation ceremony.
  ('UNILORIN admits 5,384 freshers, challenges students on excellence', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.16).
- The University of Ilorin has graduated a new set of 49 medical doctors who were professionally initiated recently at the University Auditorium.
  ('UNILORIN graduates 49 new medical doctors', *Champion*, Tuesday, February 25, 2011)
- The photograph of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been used to illustrate a news story.
  ('University commends contingent for performance', *National Pilot*, Thursday 17 – Sunday 20 February, 2011, p.3).
- While speaking during the birthday celebration of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called on all Nigerians to promote peace and unity in the country.
  ('The world belongs to all, says Oloyede, NIREC scribe', *National Pilot*, same date, p.4)
- The University of Ilorin has been ranked 1st again in Nigeria but 20th in Africa, according to the famous Webometrics ranking of universities as disclosed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in an address captioned "Success is a Choice".
  (UNILORIN tops 2,815 varsities', *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday February 17, 2011, p.26).
- The University of Ilorin has produced a new set of 49 medical doctors at a ceremony held recently at the University. ('...graduates 49 medical doctors', *Nigerian Tribune* same as above)
- The International Soil Tillage Research Organisation (ISTRO) Nigeria is organising a symposium between this Monday and Thursday (February 21-24, 2011) at the University of Ilorin.
  ('Research group organizes symposium', *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- A joint report by some undergraduates, including a 100 level student of the University of Ilorin, has examined the culture of tattooing describing it as a Westernised concept of African origin.
  ('Tattoos, an evolving trend' *The Nation*, Thursday, February 17, 2011, p.27).
- Some Law students of the University of Ilorin have honoured a Senior Advocate of Nigeria on the assistance he rendered to one of them. ('Day students honoured a SAN', *The Nation*, same date, p.28).
- The University of Ilorin has moved from being No. 55 in Africa to No 20 according to the latest Webometrics ranking of world universities thereby surpassing almost 3,000 world universities in about seven months.
  ('Varsity improves in world ranking', "UNILORIN FILE', *The Nation*, same date, p.41)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has suggested an innovative solution to strike actions of professional unions. ('Way out of strikes', "UNILORIN File", as above).
- A symposium on "Tillage for Agricultural Productivity and Environmental Sustainability" by ISTRO-Nigeria will be taking place between Monday and Thursday. (February 21-24, 2011) at the University of Ilorin. ('Group holds symposium', UNILORIN File", same as above).
- At a lecture delivered at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Gaddi Ngirane-Katashaya of Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, has said that climate change has serious implications for water resources in Africa.

('Climate change will determine resource control – Don', *Daily Trust*, Thursday, February 17, 2011,p.51)

- A 19-member Committee, headed by a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaib Oba Abdulraheem, has been inaugurated for the PDP governorship race in Kwara State.
  ('Saraki charges Kwara PDP to win every seat again', *The Herald*, Friday, February 18, 2011, headline)
- The International Soil Tillage Research Organisation (ISTRO) – Nigeria hold its symposium at the University of Ilorin between this Monday and Thursday.
  ('ISTRO holds symposium', *The Nation*, Saturday, February 19, 2011, p.46)

Unilorin in the News

- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. O. Oloyede, has suggested a way out of the persistent strike actions by professional bodies.
  ('Unilorin VC calls for alternative to strike', *National Pilot*, Monday 14 - Wednesday 16, February, 2011, p.3)
- Ten female medical students of the University of Ilorin have benefited from a scholarship scheme awarded by the Media Trust Ltd., publishers of *Daily Trust* newspapers.
  ('10 Unilorin female medical students win N1m scholarship', *National Pilot*, same as above, p.6)

Quotes of the Week

The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. - Plato

Wise men talk because they have something to say, fools (do) because they have to say something. – Plato

The avaricious man is treasurer to his heirs.
- Ali bin Abu Talib

Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. – Dale Carnegie

- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Badmas Lanre Yusuf, has shed light on the subject of *maolid nabbiy*.
  ('Maolud Nabiyy, avenue for self-assessment, not material aggrandizement – Badmas', *National Pilot* same as above, p.13).
- The continuation of a paper by a lecturer in the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Dr. Emmanuel Ojo, has been published.
  ('Many 'SINS' of the mass media in Nigeria: a critical appraisal of the media in a decade of nascent democracy', *National Pilot*, same date, pp. 14 and 19).
- The National Universities Commission (NUC) has advertised that stakeholders submit their memoranda to the visitation panels to all federal universities, including the University of Ilorin.
  ('NUC: Call for memoranda', *This Day*, Monday, February 14, 2011, p.43 also *The Guardian*, Thursday February 17, 2011, p.56 etc.)
- The University of Ilorin has graduated 49 new medical doctors at a professional and initiation ceremony held recently at the University Auditorium.
  ('Unilorin graduates 49 fresh medical doctors', *The Herald*, Monday, February 14, 2011, p.18)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has suggested that doctors and lecturers' salaries be tied to a percentage of what Senators earn in order to curb strike actions by such professional and similar bodies.
  ('VC proffers solution to strikes', *The Herald*, same date, p.19)
- In an interview, the former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Peter Okebukola, has said that he could "see the University of Ilorin rising meteorically to the top 10 position in Africa in the next few years if Professor Is-haq Oloyede, the Vice-Chancellor, sustains his innovative interventions" while at the same time naming Prof. Oloyede as the first of his models of university managers.
  ('How I escaped death twice during civil war - Okebukola', *The Punch*, Tuesday, February 15, 2011, pp. 45-46).
- A lead report of a newspaper has analysed how the University of Ilorin leads other Nigerian universities in international rankings of world universities with a special reference to the results of the "webometrics ranking of world universities" and "for international colleges and universities" released recently.
  ('Webometric ranking of African varsities: Again, UNILORIN leads others', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, February 15, 2011, pp. 13, 14 and 19).
- The University of Ilorin has introduced five new courses to fast-track the development of Nigeria in the critical areas that the courses engender.
  ('Institution introduces new courses', *Nigerian Compass* same date, p.17)

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