



Why natural disasters are rampant - Ogunlela

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Prof. Ogunlela delivering his inaugural lecture

A Professor Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Ayodele Olanrewaju Ogunlela, has identified why there is an unprecedented increase in the prevalence of natural disasters like earthquakes, tsunamis, flood, among others, all over the world.

Prof. Ogunlela gave this insight while delivering his 98th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled “Towards God’s Own Watershed”, at the Science Lecture Theatre of the University last Thursday (November 17, 2011).

According to the expert in soil and water engineering, greed is a major factor responsible for the various disasters being witnessed by humankind in Nigeria and all over the world. This greed, the Iowa State University M.S. graduand asserted, manifests in the unguarded exploration of water and land resources by people. He attributed the same factor to deforestation, desertification, drought, soil erosion and climate change which are problems currently confronting the world. *(Contd. on page 2)*

African varsities tasked on curricula harmonisation

The need for African universities to harmonise their curricula and qualifications in higher education for effectiveness has been emphasised by scholars at the University of Ilorin during the 2011 African University Day organised last Thursday (November 17, 2011) at the University.



EGG-HEADS: Dr. Olajide, Prof. (Mrs.) Alabi, Mrs. Oyeyemi at the occasion last Thursday

Speaking on the theme, “Harmonisation of Curricula and Qualifications in Higher Education in Africa: Challenges and Prospects”, the resource persons of the Day were unanimous in stressing the urgent need for African universities not only to collaborate but also to network with other world universities so that products of African universities would be locally useful and globally relevant.

In her lead paper presented at the occasion, Prof. (Mrs.) Victoria A. Alabi of the Department of English said that the harmonisation of curricula and qualifications in higher education would facilitate the comparability of qualifications awarded across the continent and help drive quality assurance measures, which would ultimately contribute to a greater quality of education in Africa. *(Contd. on page 4)*

Stop indiscriminate bush burning, don charges all

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Prof. Ogunlela explained that as a result on undue exploitation, the productive capacity of the land is compromised by drought, and this, he said, causes stress in plants just as the stress in plants destroys the ecosystem with its accompanying adverse effects on human beings. He also noted that it has been established in flood erosion studies that absolute mitigation of flood is rarely physically or economically feasible but reduction of the hazard of flood is practicable.

Apart from conceiving Agricultural Engineering as the application of engineering knowledge to solve problems for increased food and fibre production, with the four major sections of Soil and Water Engineering, Farm Power and Machinery, Crop Processing and Storage and Farm Structures and Environment, the alumnus of the University of Ibadan clarified that “a watershed or drainage basin (or catchment) is a topographically defined area such that runoff (water draining from it) is channelled through a single point.” He also cited John Powell who conceptualised watershed as “that area of land, a bounded hydrologic system, within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a community”.

While speaking on irrigation and drainage as part of watershed, the Oklahoma State University Ph.D. graduand said as follows: “Irrigation aims at reduced moisture stress and enhanced crop production. The practice of Irrigation entails the identification / development of the water’s source, the conveyance system and consideration of the soil and crop characteristics, will greatly improve irrigation water management efficiency.”



Prof. Ogunlela and wife with the Principal Officers and Deans

The Inaugural Lecturer asserted that in the watershed system, aquaculture has gained a lot of attention in recent times with people raising aquatic animals in ponds. He established that aquaculture engineering involves planning, design and construction and management of aquaculture technical facilities and noted further that there has been a lot of development in the simulation and creation of a watershed model to understand the workings of the system better. He further noted that solid industrial, domestic and agricultural wastes infiltrate into the watershed system and counselled that such wastes, which he said are often raw materials for new products, should be harnessed to generate wealth.

Prof. Ogunlela expressed his optimism that Watershed Hydrology will improve in Nigeria towards achieving national development and recommended that a holistic approach to watershed management should be adopted by governments at various levels by introducing proper water resources management. He added that to achieve this “more Eco-Hydrological research units should be established, with focus on ecosystem-based Watershed Hydrology research, including climate change impact”.

The don also canvassed increased funding of universities, research institutes and water resources-related agencies especially River Basin Development Authorities – for more research works and prompt dissemination of research findings to aid watershed development as well as an improvement in the data collection process on watersheds.

Other recommendations of Prof. Ogunlela are there should be interdisciplinary programmes in hydrology and related area while Government must also enforce the extant regulations on deforestation, mining, construction and other activities which alter the hydrologic regime of a watershed. He also warned against bush burning and indiscriminate dumping of refuse just as he sought students’ interest in “Synthetic Hydrology”.

Speaking at the end of the lecture, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle, commended the erudition of Prof. Ogunlela stressing that the lecture was a food for thought for all.

Unilorin and the Post-UTME Hubbub

“All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small; all things wise and wonderful, Nigerians kill them all”.

Those were the words of Prof. Takene N. Tamuno on November 17, 1979 in a rousing valedictory speech delivered at the University of Ibadan when he had to quit after his first term as Vice-Chancellor of the premier University. Those words, since this writer came across them in a *This Day* article by Prof. Tam David-West published on June 28, 1998, have always haunted his sub-conscious as Nigerians have always lived to justify and validate the measured analysis of the prodigiously talented Prof. Tamuno, who incidentally is the first Principal of the then University College, Ilorin, a position he occupied briefly before he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Ibadan in late 1975.

It is with such profundity that Prof. TNT's quote above thus ricochets again in my mind, against the background of the histrionics of the post-UTME debate that has recently occupied the centre-stage of national discourse. It is not surprising that the hoopla and hubbub to scrap the aptitude test has reached the highest decibel, even within the hallowed chambers of the National Assembly, due to factors identifiable chiefly as ego trip, undiluted ignorance, misplaced enthusiasm, sheer mischief and selfish interest on the part of the various analysts and critics.

As a result of the limitation of, and the constraints imposed by, this medium, the last point of selfish interest is considered the dominant factor responsible for the coordinated attacks of some people in high places against the pre-registration screening exercise that people refer to as post-UTME. I have a hunch that unlike some central examinations that some “big men” have perfected the way of “fixing” for their over-pampered and unteachable wards and children, the pre-registration screening exercise is proving to be a hard nut to crack as the bloated UTME scores fall flat on the face of general, not subject-specific, screening questions. The solution is therefore to cut the head to solve the headache or to go for the jugular of the disturbingly impenetrable Post-UTME: kill it.

At the University of Ilorin for instance, everybody knows that you cannot manufacture scores and even if you are the son of Obama and you score below 50% in the screening exercise under this dispensation, the combined forces of the US military apparatus and her NATO allies cannot guarantee you admission in the University because it is simply a mission impossible! (The reader can take this admitted hyperbole to the bank and forget about anyone calling in the marines because Obama has no known son!)

However, in the general and selective amnesia that is not foreign to many a Nigerian, vociferous critics of the screening have forgotten that what is called Post-UTME is not a product of whimsical thinking. As the story was told by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at a Senate meeting of the University long before the controversy started, the Post-UTME began in an interesting way. The same account has been subsequently featured in the public domain by analysts with investigative bent.

Briefly, a Nigerian university (not the University of Ilorin) wished to celebrate a candidate who scored the best UME score (the boy wanted to study medicine) in a special way and invited the parents to a special university function in honour of the best candidate. The Vice-Chancellor of the University on the day just to crack a joke and lighten the mood asked “the best candidate in Nigeria”, “What is the chemical formula for water?” Expecting a simple “H₂O” which every dunderhead that ever passed through the secondary school knows, the boy started to fidget and sweat and to cover the embarrassment, the shamefaced mother quietly took her son away, never to be seen on that campus again. As would be expected, the occasion ended abruptly with many people miffed and others stupefied.

That incident in 2005 more than any other thing compelled the need for the screening of the “successful” JAMB candidates. It would be seen from the story that the pre-registration exercise is a child of destiny and a product of dire necessity for all universities, with the University of Ilorin being a case study. (TBC)

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Since 1495 there has been no 25-year period without war.
- There has been more than 210 inter-state wars since 1815.

Dons canvass harmonisation of varsities' curricula

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She also noted that such harmonisation would create a mechanism for benchmarking and comparison of qualifications that would allow for professional mobility for employment and further study, as well as expanded job markets, and develop widely accepted standards for quality which would also facilitate the creation of centres of excellence.

“It is believed that the issues about harmonisation are very crucial to Africa's higher education space today with the current force of globalisation, which is promoting close cooperation between countries in trade, service, and knowledge generation. The Strategy by African Union is also very significant and vital. No matter the odds, if our collective resolve is that Africa will benefit tremendously from the harmonization of higher education, then all hands of African academics must be busy at the deck”, Prof. (Mrs.) Alabi said.

Also speaking on the same theme, the acting Head of the Department of Arts and Social Science Education, Dr. Stephen B. Olajide, noted that even though Africa, like other continents, has continued to address curricular problems in higher education, the curricula have remained defective. His words: “There have been serious concerns over the quality of university graduates. Holders of fine qualifications are Lilliputians in the world of work; scorned by employers of labour and derided by anxious parents and relations. In many cases, the qualifications are questioned: the graduates that are employed perform far lower than expected. The general feeling now is that higher education in much of Africa is in a mess. There is therefore an urgent need to harmonise curricula and qualifications among African universities.”

Dr. Olajide stressed that the harmonisation of curricula and qualifications among African universities must be guided to evolve strategies that would meet the needs of Africans and reflect the realities in the global world. He added that, “it must accept and analyse sub-regional reports with a view to ascertaining the progress made in different parts of Africa; make a case for problem- and skills-based learning that would link research with the industry cyclically and develop conditions that would allow for mutual recognition of the qualifications emanating from universities across the continent.”

While speaking at the occasion, the Provost, College of Pure and Applied Sciences, Kwara State University, Prof. Deboye Kolawole, said employers of labour do complain that Nigerian university graduates were not literate, versatile and numerate enough. He disclosed that the Bench Mark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) of the National Universities Commission (NUC) was part of the plan to harmonise curricula used in the country in an attempt to address some of the complaints of the employers of labour. He added that universities are supposed to be universal, noting that a graduate from Nigeria should be able to fit perfectly into any system elsewhere. He added that it is a sad development that Nigerian graduates who go abroad for further studies are made to re-take programmes for which they already have obtained certification.

Prof. Kolawole asserted that “the universality of education is determined by the curriculum.” He counselled that harmonisation of curriculum should be done at the global level because we are not the most advanced continent of the world. According to him, there is need to strike a balance between continental and intercontinental curriculum harmonisation while he concluded that African universities must harmonise in a way that would bring harmony.

Speaking earlier at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle, said that higher education is the engine that drives the economy of any country in the world. He added that as a nation, Nigeria must be innovative and be lateral in thinking. He thereafter described the 2011 theme as having conformed to the current issue of rapid rise in students' enrolment, reduction in the continued brain drain and reduction in public financial allocation to universities. He remarked that the lecture could not have come at a better time to address these issues, while welcoming participants to the 2011 African Universities Day.

The African University Day was instituted following a decision by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), now African Union (AU) in 1994. The objective of the annual event is to sensitise people on the role of the African university in the economic and social development of Africa.

Unilorin is committed to service - VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede has assured Nigerians that the University has a policy in place that guarantees the rights of students and university staff. He made this assertion on Monday (November 16, 2011) while receiving officials of the SERVICOM who paid him a courtesy call before embarking on an evaluation of the level of service delivery within the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle, promised to make everything available to facilitate the work of the evaluators and enjoined them to bring to the notice of the University any area where there is need for improvement. He then tasked SERVICOM to look into the level of services rendered among the staff of the University.

Speaking in the same vein, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. A. B. Olayemi, said the University embraces the concept of SERVICOM. “When SERVICOM was created, the University implemented the programme immediately and provided infrastructure for it on the campus and its independence has been ensured since inception”, he noted.



The DVC (RTI), Prof. Fakunle and the DVC (MS), Prof. Olayemi listening to Mrs. Aderele and her delegation

Prof. Olayemi disclosed that the University has some inherent checks and balances in line with the objectives of SERVICOM. He stressed further that the University has a system in place where students assess their lecturers and which allows the Academic Planning Unit to measure the level of teaching taking place. He concluded that SERVICOM has only come to improve what the University has in place.

While lending his own voice to the remarks, the Provost College of Health Sciences, Prof. A. B. O. Omotosho, said SERVICOM has been instrumental to the improvement of service delivery at the College and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. He added that the management of the University has an open door policy that gives students free access to make complaints.

In her address earlier, the leader of the SERVICOM evaluation delegation, Mrs. Bola Aderele, remarked that the team, which included Mrs. Falmata Gaji, was in the University to assess the level of customer satisfaction so as to ensure that services are carried out in an efficient and transparent manner. She explained that customer in the case of the University would mean students and parents.

Explaining further, she said, “SERVICOM was created to make public and civil servants accountable and make people aware of the consequence of service failure.” She added that the SERVICOM compliant evaluation team was not about bringing down any organisation but to spot any failure and make recommendation for correction. She enjoined the University to see the team as critical and objective friends.

SERVICOM or Service Compact with Nigerians is a social contract between the Federal government of Nigeria and its people. SERVICOM gives Nigerians the right to demand good service. Details of these rights are contained in SERVICOM charters which are now available in all government agencies where services are provided to the public. The charters tell the public what to expect and what to do if the service rendered fails or falls short of their expectation.

Also joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the SERVICOM evaluation team were the Dean of Postgraduate School, Prof. C. O. Bewaji; the Dean of Arts, Prof. C. O. Bodunde; the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh; and the Head of Unilorin SERVICOM Unit, Mr. M. Ogbonna.

LAUGH LINES

Once upon a time, two crippled men stood to fight each other. They drew their swords and attempted to shoot each other. Just before they fired, a dead policeman heard the shots and crawled to the spot where the two dead men lay breathing. The policeman began his investigation there and the dumb man nearby narrated the cause of the fight. The blind man who saw it all also corroborated his story. Thank you!

Those who can participate in WAUG – Emiola

The President of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), Prof. Lasun Emiola has assured Nigerians that the 13th edition of the game tagged “UNILORIN 2012” would be held as scheduled between January 11 and 22, 2012.

Prof. Emiola made this clear while answering questions from press men last Tuesday (November 15, 2011) after the pre-games meeting held by the WAUG Executives. According to the don, who is also the Director-General of UNILORIN WAUG 2012, the two venues of the games would be inspected by the Executives drawn from the West Africa sub-region. He also said that every country in the sub-region would have representatives at the games. He emphasised that only full-time, current and bonafide students of the various universities could participate in the Games.



Prof. Emiola making his remarks while Prof. Fakunle and Mr. Sijuwola listen

Meanwhile, Prof. Emiola had earlier led a team of the WAUG Executives to pay a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede. He informed the Vice-Chancellor that before every Games, pre-Games meeting is held two months before the opening ceremony to rub minds with the host community and to ascertain the level of preparedness. He added that after the meeting, suggestions would be given and positive criticism made.

Responding on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle, welcomed

members of the WAUG Executive Council to the University of Ilorin. He assured them that they would be convinced that the University is truly *better by far* after an inspection of the facilities the University is putting in place. He said the Vice-Chancellor is working tirelessly to ensure that the competition is the best, adding that it is a pleasure to the University to host WAUG. He thereafter urged WAUG officials to ensure the competition is free and fair to all.

13th WAUG at Unilorin will be a difference - LOC

As preparations for the 13th West Africa Universities Games to be hosted by the University of Ilorin move toward the climax, delegates from across the West African sub-region and other stakeholders in the sporting and the academic world have held a one-day meeting. The meeting considered the level of preparedness of the various committees charged with making the Games an unprecedented success.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the meeting, which was held last Tuesday (November 15, 2011), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle, said in his welcome address that competition is a human and animal instinct, but it is necessary that human beings compete with themselves in a healthy environment.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that all over the world, some participants choose to flout the rules of sports, games and competition and he appealed to the athletes coming for the West African Universities Games to be above board during WAUG and he subsequently declared the meeting open.

In his own speech at the event, the President of WAUG, Prof. Lasun Emiola noted, that at every Games, the key stakeholders hold a pre-Games meeting two months before the main events and that such a meeting is what is being hosted at the University of Ilorin.

The President further averred that all hands are on deck to make the Ilorin edition of WAUG the best in history and he invited the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees of the Local Organising Committee to intimate the world with their preparation so far.

The first person to make a presentation was the Chairman of Facilities Sub-Committee, Prof. E.O. Ogunsakin, who was represented by Dr. Adaramaja Sheu. Dr. Sheu disclosed that the University of Ilorin and the Kwara State Stadium Complex are the two venues that are designated for the Games. He noted that some of the facilities on the Main Campus are already under renovation.

The Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee, Dr. E. A. Talabi, in his own report said that athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, judo, tennis and volleyball are scheduled to take place on campus while cricket, some football events, swimming and table tennis will be held at the Kwara State Stadium.



The WAUG President, Prof. Emiola (middle), and his international Council members at the meeting

In his own presentation, the Chairman of the Ceremonials Sub-Committee, Mr S.S. Sinkaiye, said that athletes, delegates and sports tourists should look forward to a world-class opening and closing ceremonies. He noted that the diverse cultures of the Nigerian people will be showcased at the opening ceremony and further disclosed that his Committee is also in charge of the medals to be presented to the winning athletes.

Prof. S. H. Umoh, who chairs the Accommodation Sub-Committee, reported that accommodation has been prepared for athletes at locations which are of a reasonable distance from the venue of events at the University hostels and hotels in town. According to him, hygienic and comfortable 3,000 bed space accommodation is ready at the hostels.

The Chairperson of Medical Sub-Committee, Dr. (Mrs.) M.A. Ajiboye, similarly said her Sub-Committee is well equipped to provide routine and emergency treatments to athletes, officials and participants. She added that oxygen and respiratory equipments are on standby for the health and safety of all the participants.

The Transport Sub-Committee represented by Dr. Olawafemi Adeleke submitted said that its assignment is to register all vehicles. He added that the Sub-Committee is putting the appropriate measures in place to ensure the success of the assignment, including the accreditation of those that would come by air.

When it was his turn to take the floor, Prof. O. Obiyemi, the Chairman of the Accreditation-Sub-Committee said his Sub-Committee was working in concert with the WAUG Accreditation Committee. He averred that all participating universities are required to submit the list of their teams in a document with the letterhead of their universities adding that the list should be signed by the Registrars of the participating Universities. He posited that the students should have current laminated Identity cards, noting that such students might be invited for interviews as part of the accreditation process.

The Chairman of the WAUG Central Accreditation Committee, Mr. Rowland Orhewere, disclosed that part of the innovation of the 13th WAUG is that accreditation would be done online. He noted that online accreditation for sportsmen is no longer new in Nigeria as it was already perfected after two universities' sports events. He therefore advised the universities to check www.unilorin.edu.ng/waug regularly.

When he took his turn to present his report, the Chairman of the WAUG Forum, Dr. O. Oyerinde, unveiled the plans of his Sub-Committee to organise an international conference with such a theme and sub-themes that accommodate scholars of both the humanities and the sciences. While referring the audience the fourth page of the last Monday edition of *Unilorin Bulletin* that contained the conference details, Dr. Oyerinde urged the delegates to publicise the conference in their universities. He also enjoined them to submit quality papers because only submissions that meet the standard required would be accepted for publication.

While the Kwara State Commissioner for Police, Peter Gana, who heads the Security Sub-Committee said through his representative at the meeting that his Command is ready but there was a need to address the transportation challenges of the committee, Chairperson of Feeding Sub-Committee, Dr. (Mrs) O. R. Karim, said that tentative arrangements are in top gear to provide three square meals to 3,000 athletes, 500 officials, 150 executive guests and 150 LOC members during the event.

For the Chairman of the Publicity Sub-Committee, Dr. M. A. Adedimeji, the publicity activities were already in progress. He identified the three phases of the publicity as pre-event, the event and the post-event publicity. He noted that the pre-event phase was being carried out noting that the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria, Kwara State branch were present at the occasion and were being carried along. He also said awareness was being created for the Games through the University weekly newsletter, posters, stickers and handbills copies of which he distributed to all members of the audience.

MONEY MATTERS**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 11TH -17TH NOVEMBER, 2011**RECEIPTS**

Rent on University Properties	108,000.00
Medical Registration	3,000.00
Boarded Properties	20,500.00
Scroll	69,300.00
Order of Proceeding	90,250.00
IOE Fees	177,450.00
Staff I.D Card	2,400.00
Hiring of Academic outfit	54,950.00
Academic Transcript	452,000.00
Change of Course form	45,000.00
Student I.D Card	33,600.00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	118,374,200.00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	<u>9,488,900.00</u>
Total Receipts for the Period	<u>128,919,550.00</u>

PAYMENTS

Payment to Contractors/ Consultants/ Suppliers:	
Bamed Printers-Printing of answer Scripts	775,000.00
Nigeria Law Publications- Supply of Books & Journals	355,740.00
Sobha & Sons Enterprises- Use of Bulldozer	2,450,000.20
Fasman Nig Enterprises- Cleaning of PFA/Clinic & surrounding area	343,321.00
Grandmark - Consumables for landscaping work	291,275.00
sobha & Sons Enterprises- Cutting of Grass	28,224.00
Arnal International Nig Ltd- Servicing of Generator	67,200.00
Anwo Ventures- Rehab of Conference Centre	1,023,011.35
Tees Ventures Ltd- Renovation of University Clinic	209,996.43
Ijont Costruction Ltd-Hostel Furniture & Equipment	<u>182,400.00</u> <u>5,726,167.98</u>

Donations	65,000.00
Burial Expenses	400,000.00
Honorarium to External Observer	75,000.00
Conversion of Underground Cable to Overhead	650,000.00
Purchase Advance	8,687,849.00
Touring Advance	971,890.00
Water Bills	1,523,600.00
Payment to WAUG LOC	1,000,000.00
Hotel Expenses	1,048,883.54
Faculty Charges 2011: IOE	13,984,100
Medical Expenses	200,000.00
ETF Learned Conference	15,000,000
Installation of Change over switch	262,500.00
Purchase of Lift Spare Parts	506,500.00
Various (e.g. refund, imprest, etc.)	<u>4,446,177.51</u>
Total Expenditure for the Period	<u>54,547,668.03</u>

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola**Bursar**

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Alaro, AbdulRazaq A.	Islamic Law	20th November
2.	Ogbonna, Marcel E.	SERVICOM Unit	21st November
3.	Kolawole, Caroline F.	Health Services	23rd November
4.	Ogunade, Oluwatoyin R.	Religions	24th November
5.	Musa, Amuda	Directorate of Corporate Affairs	25th November

Unilorin in the News

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- The University of Ilorin management in its determination to provide a conducive learning environment for both staff and students of the institution has moved five departments to the new building complex commissioned recently for the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences.
(‘Faculty moves to permanent office’, *The Nation*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p.33).
- While delivering the 97th series of the University of Ilorin Inaugural Lecture, “Mathematics: Faith that Works”, Prof. Timothy O. Opoola has declared that one who is adept at Mathematics readily spots errors and exposes what is wrong especially if such a person chooses to practise what is right and good for the country and his fellow man.
(‘Don recommends credit in Maths for public officers’, *The Nation*, same date p.40).
- The Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Elder Peter Kishira, has commissioned the hostel of the Healthcare Cooperative Society of the University of Ilorin while he also described the off-campus facility as one of the numerous ways the University serves its immediate and larger society.
(‘Kwara Deputy Governor commissions Unilorin Cooperative hostel’, *Daily Trust*, Wednesday, November 16, 2011 p.54).
- A lecturer in the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has called for a total overhaul of the Nigerian economic policy in an open letter to President Goodluck Jonathan.
(‘Jonathan on past govt misdeed’, *The Guardian*, Thursday November 17, 2011, p. 14).
- A former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaib Oba AbdulRaheem has been congratulated on the conferment of the honour of the Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) on him by President Goodluck Jonathan.
(‘Congratulations’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, November 17, 2011,p.22)
- A group photograph of some staff of the University after a special prayer for Prof. R. O. Lasisi on his retirement from the services of the University of Ilorin has been published.
(*The Herald*, same date,pp.16 and 18)
- A comprehensive report on the 27th convocation lecture by Prof. John Hamilton and the interaction that took place after the lecture has been published. (‘Universities and community service: story of Unilorin convocation lecture’, *National Pilot*, Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 November, 2011, pp.10&22)
- The inaugural lecture of Prof. Ayodele Ojuawo of the University of Ilorin has been published in part.
(‘The child’s gut and its gut’, *National Pilot*, same date,p.12)
- Prof. T. O. Popoola has identified the incompetence of mathematics teachers as a drawback to the development of the subject while delivering his inaugural lecture at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Mathematics teachers, incompetent – Varsity don’, *National Pilot*, same date,p.20)
- Various stakeholders have stressed the urgency of harmonising the curricula of African universities during the 2011 African University Day held at the University of Ilorin.
(*NTA Ilorin news @7:00p.m*, Thursday, November 17,, 2011)
- Prof. Ayodele Ogunlela of the University of Ilorin has urged the federal and state governments to increase the funding of universities and water-related agencies while delivering his inaugural lecture.
(*Radio Kwara news @ 3:00p.m, 5p.m. &8:00p.m.*, Friday, November 18, 2011)
- In his inaugural lecture at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Ayodele Ogunlela has urged government to increase the funding of universities and research institutes.
(*NTA Ilorin news @7:00p.m*, Friday, November 18, 2011)
- The need to harmonise the curricula and qualifications of African universities to meet the challenges of Africans has been identified during the African University Day held at the University of Ilorin.
(*Radio Kwara news @ 3:00 p.m.*, Friday, November 18, 2011 and Saturday, November 19, 2011)

Unilorin in the News

- Various reporters of a newspaper have reviewed the Post-UTME issue and identified reasons for which the Vice-Chancellors of various Nigerian universities, led by their Chairman, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, believe that the test should be sustained just as they have reported the opinions of various stakeholders. ('The burden of Post-JAMB', *The Guardian*, Saturday, November 12, 2011, pp.51-54)
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has advised the Federal Government of Nigeria to dialogue with *Boko Haram* in order to find a lasting solution to the crisis. ('Adopt a pacifist approach to *boko haram*', *The Punch*, Tuesday November 15, 2011, p.18)
- A group of friends has congratulated Professors Kuranga, Mahmoud, Katibi and Lawal of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, in a newspaper on their recent Professorial appointment. (*The Punch*, same date, p.61)
- In recognition of the giant strides of the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been proclaimed Pillar of Education in Nigeria by the *Nigerian Education Times*. ('Nigerian Education Times honours Rufai, Oloyede, others', *The Moment*, Tuesday, Nov.15, 2011, p.36)
- A newspaper report has opened a window into how the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, during which the 5,330 graduands were produced by the University, were held. ('5,330 graduating students receive Unilorin scrolls', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, November 16, 2011, p.16)
- The 97th inaugural lecturer of the University of Ilorin, Prof. T.O. Opoola, has asserted that government needs to give the study of mathematics a priority in order to secure a better future for Nigeria. ('Make a credit in maths compulsory for political office seekers', *The Herald*, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, p.5)
- While delivering his inaugural lecture at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Timothy Opoola has canvassed a credit pass in mathematics a core requirement for political office seekers. (*NTA Network news* @ 4:00p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2011)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin has invited the general public to the 98th Inaugural Lecture of the University entitled, "Towards God's Own Watershed" to be delivered by Prof. Ayodele Ogunlela of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. ('University of Ilorin, Ilorin', *The Herald*, same date, p.9; *People's Daily*, same date, p.22; *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p.7, and *The Punch*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p.27)
- The postgraduate students of Public Health, University of Ilorin, have organised a sensitisation programme on diabetes. ('Students create awareness through world diabetes day celebration', *The Herald*, same date, p.19)
- The pillar of sports in Kwara State, Chief Donatus Agu Ejidike, has pledged support for the 13th West Africa University Games, (WAUG) while presenting the University of Ilorin Students' Union Government with trophies at the end of the 1st edition of the Student Union Soccer Championship. ('Pillar of Sports Ejidike boosts Unilorin SUG Tourney', *The Herald*, same date, p.22)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has given assurance that his University will host the best ever West Africa University Games (WAUG). ('Unilorin to host best ever WAUG – Oloyede', *The Herald*, same date, p.24).
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. O. O. Oyeyemi, has charged the newly recruited administrative staff of the University to imbibe the University administrative culture while charging them to dress decently and communicate effectively at an induction programme organised for the new staff. ('Communicate well, dress properly', *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p.32).

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Quotes of the Week

The advice of old men is dearer than the bravery of young men. - Ali bn Abi Talib

Few people can see genius in someone who has offended them. - Robertson Davies

When you lose someone you love, you die too, and you wait around for your body to catch up. - John Scalzi

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office. - Robert Frost