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Unilorin begins Agricultural Extension and Community Development programme



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Consequent upon the collaboration between the University of Ilorin and Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE), the University of Ilorin begins a new B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development degree with effect from the current 2011/2012 Academic Session.

The programme is aimed at addressing food security in Nigeria through the training of mid-career extension and rural development professionals, improving the effectiveness of grassroots extension and community development professionals as well as equipping extension workers with up-to-date theoretical and practical knowledge applicable in the field. *(Contd. on page 2)*

First semester exams begin January 30

The Harmattan (First) Semester examinations of the 2011/2012 academic session of the University of Ilorin begin on Monday, January 30, 2012. The examinations will end on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

According to a statement issued by the University, "Amended 2011/2012 Academic Calendar Session", signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services), Mrs. F. M. Olowoleni, the new date supersedes the earlier one circulated.

Moreover, students have been sensitised on the rules and regulations guiding the conduct of examinations.

A notice issued to all students signed by the examinations officer, Mr. A. A. Yusuf, reads thus: "Students are hereby advised as to what constitutes examination malpractices. Extracted below are examination offences as contained on pages 58 and 59 in the *University Academic Programmes (Undergraduate and Sub-Degree), 2003-2006 Rules and Regulations and Students Handbook of Information and Regulations*, pages 19-23:" *(Contd. on page 4)*



UNILORIN: Scaling the heights

Unilorin/SAFE MoU yields new B.Sc. programme

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According to a statement issued by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, "Request for Application for the new B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development degree in the 2011/2012 Academic Session", applicants to the programme are expected to respond within the next two weeks. The full statement/advertisement reads:

The University of Ilorin welcomes application from candidates seeking admission into the new **B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development** degree in the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin for the 2011/2012 Academic session.

Requirements for admission:

1. At least 5 O-level WAEC, SSCE, GCE, Credits in not more than two sittings in the following subjects: English Language, Mathematics, and any other three from Biology or Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Economics, Food & Nutrition and Home Management.
2. A Higher National Diploma (HND or equivalent) in Agriculture or related field of study with a minimum of lower credit from a recognized institution. The related fields include HND Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Food Science, Home Economics, Fishery, Forestry and Wildlife, etc;
3. **Candidates must have worked for at least three years** and have been distinguished as a field extension professional as assessed by his/her employer(s).
4. In addition, JAMB Direct Entry form would have to be paid for by the Candidates. The process is being worked out with JAMB.

Objectives

The main objectives of the programme are to:

1. train mid-career extension and rural development professionals in specialized technical areas along the entire agricultural value chain;
2. improve the effectiveness of grassroots extension and community development professionals involved in the development programmes in Nigeria; and
3. upgrade the academic and professional qualifications of extension and community development professionals by equipping them with up-to-date theoretical and practical knowledge applicable in the field.

Nature of the Degree Programme

The mid-career Extension and Community Development professionals are to be exposed to the issues involved in value addition to agricultural products. These candidates are expected to possess Higher National Diploma (HND), in addition to the O' level requirements. The Programme is a six Semester Programme. The students will be expected to specialize in any of the value addition options in their 500 level. This final year activity is the Supervised Enterprises Projects (SEPs), which covers both the long holiday and Rain Semester.

The programme is approved by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Application forms can be obtained online at the University of Ilorin website (www.unilorin.edu.ng) after the payment of a non-refundable fee of Ten thousand Naira (₦10,000.00) only and as instructed in the website. The application closes in two weeks from the date of this advert.

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Deconstructing the 70-year retirement age

With the Senate passing the bill for the retirement of Professors at 70 years last Wednesday (January 18, 2012), a major achievement has been recorded for the Nigerian university system. But before anyone would beat his chest for the achievement to the exclusion of others, as some people are wont to do, the role of the University of Ilorin in the attainment of that end may be correctly perspectivised.

Contrary to what many people know, the “struggle” for this new retirement age is only apparent but not real. This is one demand that had been granted before one of the staff Unions started to make it part of the re-negotiated 2006 Agreement in towards the end of 2009. At that point, clamouring for a 70-year retirement age amounted only to preaching to the converted or a *fait accompli*.

The first person to advocate the 70 year retirement age for university teachers is Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan as the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The credit therefore first goes to Mr. President. If any other person or entity can lay claim to the victory, it is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin or his University. This is not a gratuitous assertion and the internet has made research easy for anyone in doubt.

While the suggestion of the then Vice-President in Abuja got buried in the reports of other national issues gushing out in torrents, the idea resonated well in the national consciousness when the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while addressing the 37th meeting of the Committee of Deans of Postgraduate Schools in Nigerian Universities (CDPGS) at the University of Ilorin on March 11, 2009, made a call for what has now become law, exactly as he proposed it, in an address he called “The Way Forward”.

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

Even though the media were not invited to the meeting, the freshness and originality of the suggestion accorded the report a life of its own with many respected newspapers echoing the report till it gained national awareness. For instance, after it was reported as a lead story by *Unilorin Bulletin* (“Let Professors retire at 70 – Oloyede” in the March 18, 2009 edition), many newspapers lapped it up and echoed it to the highest heavens. (E.g. “VC seeks 70 years retirement age” in *The Nation*, March 18, 2009, p.6; “Unilorin VC wants Professors to retire at 70” in *This Day* March 18, 2009, p.11; “Unilorin VC wants professors to retire at 70” in *The Herald*, March 18, 2009, p.8. To save space, the same story was in *The Guardian*, 19/3/2009,p.5; *Nigerian Compass*, 25/03/2009,p.2, among many others).

Prior to this time, the issue of raising the retirement age was not part of any Union’s serious demands. That was why at a point, Mr. Promise Adewusi, then President of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), said during one of the joint union sessions that “a 70-year old retirement age was smuggled into the bill” (www.nigerianeliteforum.com/ng/youth) alleging that one union betrayed others.

Even when ASUU made the demand to increase the retirement age of all lecturers to 70 years, it was the suggestion coming from the University of Ilorin that was considered reasonable. In an August 20, 2009 report, the Technical Adviser to the then Minister of Education, Dr. Sam Egwu, said: “the retirement age for professors had been increased from 65 to 70 years as is the case with Supreme Court justices. Only professors can retire at this age to encourage other academics to work hard to reach their professional zenith” (www.nigerianbestforum.com/index.php?topic.41673.0)

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- If your DNA was stretched out, it would reach the moon 6,000 times.
- The human brain has the capacity to store everything you experience

Avoid examination malpractices, students told

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The full statement reads:

The 2011/2012 Harmattan (1st) Semester Examinations will commence on Monday, 30th January, 2012 and will come to an end on Saturday, 18th February, 2012.

To this end, students are hereby advised as to what constitute examination malpractices. Extracted below are examination offences as contained on pages 58 and 59 in the University Academic Programmes (Undergraduate and Sub-Degree), 2003-2006 Rules and Regulations and Students Handbook of Information and Regulations, pages 19-23:

- i. use or consult, during an examination only such books, papers, instruments or other materials or aid as are specifically permitted or provided by the Department in which the examination is being held;
- ii. not introduce or attempt to introduce into the examination venues, handbags, books instruments or other materials or aids that are not permitted;
- iii. not enter any examination venue with any inscription on any part of the body e.g. palm, arm, thigh, etc.
- iv. candidates shall not use other people to sit for any University examination on their behalf (impersonation);
- v. use of mobile sets, Ipods, etc. are prohibited and any hand set discovered in and around the examination hall would be impounded, irrespective of it being switched off.

Students are also required to present the following vital documents at the entrance of the examination hall before he/she would be allowed into the hall:

- i. duly signed original e- registration forms and no registration form with any form of alteration without proper endorsement by the Level Adviser would be accepted
- ii. University Identity-Card
- iii. evidence of payment of approved charges/levies

Please note that for all Computer Based Examinations, the following would be required:

- i. Your Matriculation Number will be your User name.
- ii. Your e-mail password will be the login ID. This will be the same password used during your registration.
- iii. Students are therefore enjoined to remember, in particular, their passwords, as request for password recovery would attract a penalty of N1,000.00 (one thousand naira) only.

The procedure for password recovery can be accessed on the University of Ilorin website, www.unilorin.edu.ng. Students are therefore advised to recover their passwords well before the commencement of Examinations.

Abubakre honoured with UK Laureate Award

Prof. R. D. Abubakre of the Department of Arabic, University of Ilorin, has been honoured with the laureate of "The International Socrates Prize" in the field of Education. The award was given to him "based on a strict policy of selection and reasonable evaluation" by the International Socrates Committee of Europe Business Assembly. (EBA, Oxford, United Kingdom).

The international Socrates Prize symbolizes the highest degree of the International recognition of high achievement in the professional sphere. The main criteria used for the nomination of Prof. R. D. Abubakre, the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, for the award were his irreproachable public reputation, introduction of economic and social programmes, absence of negative references, great services for homeland through his contributions in the field of education, most of which are in the University of Ilorin.

PAY YOUR RENT, SERVE THE REST

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the Convocation Lecture as part of the 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin on Friday, October 21, 2011 at the University Auditorium

The Lecture

I welcome you all sincerely to this occasion, which constitutes one of the most significant moments of our convocation ceremonies. A University exists primarily for the generation and transmission of knowledge and a Convocation Lecture further deepens this tradition. I want to welcome you all and on your behalf, I specially welcome our Convocation Lecturer, Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the University of New Castle, Australia, John Hamilton, and his wife, Alison, for honouring us with their distinguished presence. I am certain that we will find Professor Hamilton's lecture incisive. He was here at the beginning among those who built the foundation of this University. It is a pleasure to have him with us again.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, let me repeat here because it is pertinent that universities exist to teach, research and serve the community. That Professor Hamilton chose to address us on "A Community To Serve", should focus our attention on the peak of our calling as academics and academic community. We are to serve. I am often inspired by a quote of Muhammad Ali, the legendary boxer, in a particular edition of *Time* magazine of 1978: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth". This is even more relevant to the University as it remains the climax of our calling. Therefore, distinguished audience, *pay your rent and serve the rest*.

It is in the spirit of serving with ideas of immense values that our convocation lectures have always attracted the best minds around the world to enrich us. Lest we forget, at our 24th Convocation Lecture on October 21, 2008, we had Prof. Peter Okebukola, former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), who addressed us on "World-wide University Ranking: For Whom, By Who?". A second Convocation Lecture delivered by Prof. Earnest Uwazie of California State University, Sacramento, USA, delivered a day after, focused on "The Role of Higher Education in Peace and Conflict Resolution: Challenges and Prospects for Nigerian Universities." The two lectures served us well by inspiring us to rank high in world university rankings and positioning our Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, established same year, as a reference point that it is now in Africa and beyond.

Our 25th Convocation Lecture on October 22, 2009 was "Magna Charta Universitatum: The Spine of World Universities". It was delivered from the horse's mouth by no less a personality than the Secretary General of Magna Charta Observatory, Bologna, Italy, Bastian Baumann. Both Baumann's lecture and the 26th Convocation Lecture on "Current Global Initiatives and Networks in Higher Education" by UNESCO's Prof. Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, on October 21, 2010, it would be observed, served as the theoretical basis for our partnership with world universities and global bodies. Today, apart from hundreds of universities and institutes across the world that the University of Ilorin has Memoranda of Understanding with, the University is an active player in CVC, AVCNU, AAU, ACU, GUNI, IAU, among other bodies that constitute the spine of our internationalisation policy.

In the light of the foregoing, you will agree with me that our Convocation Lecturer could not have chosen a more appropriate theme to address us since what remains after ensuring effective teaching, making progress in research, having a good ranking, fostering the much-needed peace education and scholarship and gaining tremendously from our network of partners is to serve our community more vigorously. We are surely *a community to serve*; it is a rent we should pay at all times by serving others.

The Lecturer

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, Emeritus Professor John Hamilton qualified as a medical doctor in the University of London, Middlesex Hospital, in 1960. Shortly afterwards, he undertook gastroenterology research in the mechanisms of absorption and gut microbiology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School. That was how what has turned out to be a most excellent and rewarding career as a medical scholar and educator started.

His love for saving lives and bringing succour to the weak made him leave the metropolitan London and its comforts to undertake a two year work in a rural hospital in Zambia. He returned to London where he was offered a research appointment in gastroenterology in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. In 1969, the young Dr. Hamilton joined the services of the then new Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of McMaster, where he served as the Head of Gastroenterology and Chairman of the Undergraduate Education Committee and Student Admissions Committee at different times.

Impassioned by a desire to serve and be a beacon of hope to others, Dr. Hamilton returned to Africa, specifically Nigeria, particularly Kwara State and actually the University of Ilorin where he was appointed Professor of Medicine in 1978. It is to the credit of this eminent scholar and academic giant that he chaired the Curriculum Committee of our medical programme and developed along with it the innovative Community-Based Medical Experience and Service (COBES) which has now been adopted by the whole University. In essence, Professor Hamilton is chief among those who laid the foundation of our College of Health Sciences.

Professor Hamilton left Ilorin in 1981 to join the Population Health Nutrition Division of the World Bank. But as true academics find no fulfilment elsewhere other than their classrooms, libraries and laboratories, the world-acclaimed scholar assumed the Deanship of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of New Castle, Australia, in 1984.

“During this time he was also the foundation Chairman of the Accreditation Committee of the Australian Medical Council and chaired the Commonwealth Rural Undergraduate Steering Committee and the Commonwealth Study of Quality of Australian Health Care and committees of the Australian Medical Workforce Committee on female participation in the medical workforce and student characteristics. For WHO, he chaired, for five years, the Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme Technical Advisory Group and was a member of the Expert Advisory Panel on Health Manpower and Consultant on a number of initiatives and medical school reviews. He was the Director of the Australian Aid Links Project for South Africa between the University of Transkei and the University of Newcastle. He completed 14 years as Dean at the end of 1997 and has recently completed a Sabbatical reviewing new developments in medical education particularly in the United Kingdom. In September 2000, he took the position of Academic Director of the new pre-clinical program at the University of Durham, UK, in cooperation with the University of Newcastle, UK. This curriculum has a wide community orientation in relation to the economic, social and health inequities within the previously heavily industrialized north east of England.”

An international conference, themed “Medical Education: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally”, was convened between June 23 and 24, 2005 to celebrate the enormous contributions of our Convocation Lecturer of today at the University of Durham, Queen's Campus, Stockton, UK. This is what the Vice-Chancellor of Durham University at the time, Prof. Sir Kenneth Calman, said about this worthy global citizen and educator:

Durham has been privileged to have had in John Hamilton one of the leading figures in the world in medical education creating our new medical programme at Queen's Campus...He has developed an innovative curriculum led by an enthusiastic team and he has established solid links with the local NHS. Medicine and health are now a central part of the educational and research agenda of Durham University and John has been central to that achievement.

In Emeritus Professor Hamilton's case, medicine is a family affair. His loving wife, who is here with him on this occasion, is also a medical practitioner and scholar. Dr. Alison Hamilton has for years been the Coordinator of the curriculum in Human Sexuality in Newcastle. She has also served as an advisor to the Medical School in Papua New Guinea.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, please join me in inviting to the podium with a rousing applause this academic colossus and pioneer in many areas, Emeritus Professor John Hamilton.

Thank you very much.

AMENDED 2011/2012 SESSION ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- * Matriculation - Thursday, 5th January, 2012
- * End of Harmattan Semester Lectures - Friday, 27th January, 2012
- * Commencement of Harmattan Semester Examinations - Monday, 30th January, 2012
- * End of Harmattan Semester Examinations - Saturday, 18th February, 2012
- * Commencement of Rain Semester Lectures (5 weeks) - Monday, 20th February, 2012
- * Senate - Tuesday, 14th February 2012
- * Mid-Semester Break (WAUG) - Saturday, 24th March to Saturday, 7th April 2012
- * Continuation of Rain Semester Lectures (9 weeks) - Monday 9th April to Saturday, 9th June, 2012
- * Senate - Tuesday, 10th April 2012
- * Commencement of Rain Semester Examinations - Monday, 11th June 2012
- * Senate - Tuesday, 12th June 2012
- * End of Rain Semester Examinations - Saturday 23rd June 2012
- * Commencement and End of Marking of Examinations
Scripts and Computation of Final Year Results -Monday, 25th June to Saturday, 7th July 2012
- * Faculty Board of Examiners (to consider Final Year Results) - Monday, 9th to Friday 13th July 2012
- * Business Committee of Senate (to consider Final Year Results) -Monday, 16th to Friday 20th July 2012
- * Special Senate to consider Graduating Students' Results
and End of Session - Friday, 27th July 2012
- * Faculty Board of Examiners to consider Goodstanding Results - Monday, 30th July to 3rd Friday,
August, 2012
- * Business Committee of Senate to consider Goodstanding Results - Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th August, 2012
- * Senate - Tuesday, 14th August, 2012
- * Special Senate to consider Goodstanding Results - Wednesday, 24th August 2012
- * Commencement of 2012/2013 Session - Saturday, 22nd September 2012

Membership of Student Organisations

The University Administration has viewed with concern the recent strange occurrences among the student populace. Hence, it has become imperative to inform the generality of students to, as a matter of urgency, be wary of associating with or belonging to unregistered association/societies within and outside the University. Such unregistered Societies include "the National Association of Airlords".

Students are therefore advised, in their own interest, to check for the list of registered Societies/Associations on the University website/Student Affairs Office as ignorance of associating with or belonging to such associations will not be an excuse for appropriate sanctions.

Please note that, any student caught violating this directive will be dealt with accordingly.

Signed

Olufolake O. Oyeyemi (Mrs)

Registrar

MONEY MATTERS**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 13th – 19th January, 2012

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Registration of Contractors	1,600.00
Staff I.D. Card	2,000.00
Boarded Properties	39,100.00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	1,871,000.00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	441,025.00
Medical registration fee	500.00
Academic outfit	21,750.00
Order of Proceedings	29,400.00
Scroll	18,150.00
Students I.D. Cards	14,600.00
Academic Transcripts	115,000.00
Change of Course Form	5,000.00
<i>Rent on University Properties</i>	245,000.00
Total Receipts for the Period	2,804,125.00
PAYMENTS	
Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:	
Rockfield Petroleum- supply of diesel (33,000 litres)	5,148,000.00
Electronic Test Company-Devt & Admin of CBT	5,700,337.00
Leomat Integrated Ltd-Supply of Laboratory stool	750,000.00
Khaki B Commercial-University Documentary	1,666,666.66
Catbol Umbrella Ventures-coverage of academic retreat	450,000.00
Arowosaiye Nig Enterp- Reh. of Qtrs 66,67 & 68	2,649,342.52
Talim Associates-Consultancy services	321,458.33
Arnal International- Servicing of Generator	186,900.00
Focal point Publishing-Printing of 2010/2011 annual report	2,000,000.00
Fasman (Nig) Enterp- Cleaning of dams/retention fee	42,386.15
Drugfield Pharmaceutical-supply of drugs	109,503.24
Exelture Pharmaceutical- Supply of drugs	225,641.08
Greenlife Pharmaceutical-supply of drugs	97,939.24
<i>NNaday International Ventures-construction work@ GRA Qtrs</i>	271,264.80
Other Payments:	
Purchase Advance	6,285,255.25
Various-refund, etc.	8,403,460.10
Touring Advance	62,500.00
Catering Services	714,556.00
Total Expenditures for the Period	35,085,210.37

Signed
Ayo Sijuwola
Bursar

Unilorin receives donation

A donation of 4 LED lights and associated accessories for the Dam Site Recreation Hall of the University of Ilorin has been received from Prince N. O. Oladimeji, Managing Director, Henry George Company Limited, Ilorin.

While appreciating the gesture of the donor in a letter dated 17th January, 2012 addressed to the donor, the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, noted that the donation was a reflection of his genuine interest in the University.

The Unilorin Dam Site was commissioned as part of the activities of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University on Saturday October 22, 2011 by the President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, represented by the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. (Mrs) Ruqayyatu A. Rufai'i

The resort has a convertible venue for all occasions along the facilities for water games, water view, horse and canoe ride. The Dam Site also open to the public for picnics, marriage ceremonies, meetings birthday celebrations among others. The lakeside resort usage attracts token charges to augment the running cost.

Meanwhile, the University also encourages other organisations and individuals to emulate the gesture by contributing their quota to the greatness of the University of Ilorin especially now that the University is preparing to host the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games.

At a meeting of the Local Organising Committee of the Games last Wednesday (January 18, 2012) with the representatives of the Kwara State Sports Council, the Chairman of the LOC and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, renewed the call for support to the stakeholders. The Chairman expressed satisfaction that everything was going on as planned while he charged all sub-committees on the need to re-double their efforts as the date draws closer each day.

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LAUGH LINES

A Nigerian man living in Sweden decided to marry a Swedish lady in order to be legally certified via resident status, but the lady was not aware of this. She felt he really loved her. Anyway, seeing that Nigerian men had a bad rap in that particular part of Sweden, our chap decided to lie to the lady. He told her he was from Uganda.

Upon marriage, the lady came home one day and informed our man that she had just met another Swedish lady who had married a Ugandan and they must all have dinner together. The Naija man was somewhat perplexed, although not perceptibly, and wondered how he'd get out of this spot. He postponed and postponed until he could do so no more. Finally, the day came when they were to have dinner. The other Swede came in with her Ugandan husband and they all sat at the table. Our Naija chappie was very quiet. "My own don spoil today" was all he could think.

The two Swedish ladies, wanting their husbands to mingle, being from the same homeland, asked them to speak to each other. "Hey! It's not every day you meet people from home!" they admonished. Our Naija man, being a man of great savvy, decided that he would just speak Yoruba, and the guy would probably assume he was from some part of Uganda where they spoke a different language. So looking across the table he said: "Egbon Eko ni mi se? Ni bo lo ti ja wa?" ("I'm a Lagos man. Where do you come from?") The fellow looked up at our friend. His eyes lit up as he said: "Ah, bobo gan! Omo Eko le ni naa ke! Omo Eko gan gan!" ("Hey buddy! I'm a Lagos child. A REAL Lagosian!")

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department/Unit/Office	Date of Birth
1.	Omosho, Ayodele B	Provost, College of Health Sciences	22nd January
2.	Aigbepue, Oshotse G.	Works/Electrical/ Telecoms	23rd January
3.	Owope, Elizabeth O.	Faculty of Law	23rd January
4.	Adi, Azumi H.	Faculty of Clinical Sciences	24th January
5.	Akanbi, Muhammed M.	Business Law	24th January
6.	Adekunle, Oluwasegun A.	Agricultural Extension and Rural Development	26th January
7.	Ghazal, Kamal O.	Anatomy	26th January
8.	Awoyemi, Ademola O.	Epidemiology and Community Health	27th January
9.	Abdulbarki, Oba	Bursary	27th January
10.	Mohammed, Adedosu A.	Library	27th January
11.	Ojulari, Sherrif L.	Physiology	27th January
12.	Otonekwu, Florence O.	Library	27th January
13.	Adesiyun, Adeyinka A	Crop Protection	28th January

Are you a staff member? Do you want Unilorin Bulletin to wish you a happy birthday? Send your details as shown above (Surname, first name and initial, Department and date of birth) to us a week preceding 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.

Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ A columnist and editor with the *The Nation*, Miss Kofoworola Belo-Osagie, has been inspired by the address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, during the matriculation ceremony of the 2011/2012 fresh students, “Look before you leap”, while drawing the attention of students in general to it saying that all should take it to heart. (‘The value of time’, *The Nation*, same date, p.40)
- ❖ The representatives of the students of the University of Ilorin have expressed dissenting views on the National Health Insurance Scheme being proposed to them while the management of the University has asked them to interact more with one another and have a common position. (‘Students differ on health scheme’, *The Nation*, same date, p.40)
- ❖ While conveying his opinion, Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin has expressed concern over the perceived mistrust among people of different faiths in the country while aligning himself with the views of Bishop Emmanuel Alayande and criticising the views of the CAN President, Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, on the state of the nation. (‘The concerns of a Catholic bishop’, *The Nation*, Friday, January 20, 2012 p.20)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) has been listed among one of the federal tertiary health institutions across the country that lost about N1.7 million naira daily during the last industrial action that took place as a result of the decision of the federal government to remove fuel subsidy. (‘Fuel subsidy strike: Health sector records over N68b loss’ *Nigerian Compass*, Friday, January 20, 2012, p.20)
- ❖ Excerpts of a paper written by Dr Jeleel Olasunkanmi Ojuade of the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, on ‘Bata’ performance and its function as an instrument of culture and identity in Yorubaland, which was presented at the “International Conference on Multiculturalism and the Prospects for Africa and African Diaspora Development” in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, has been published. (‘The Yoruba and Bata performance culture’, *The Guardian*, Friday, January 20, 2012, p.38)

Unilorin in the News

(Contd. from back page)

- ❖ A 400 level Law student of the University of Ilorin and President of National Congress of Nigerian Students (NACONS), Comrade Abdulsalam Abdulfatai Liberty, has explained issues surrounding the aims and objectives of his Congress.
(‘When a student suffers, NACONS suffers - President’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, January 19, 2012, p.31)
- ❖ A 200 level student of the Department of Zoology, University of Ilorin, Yemi Olasehinde, has identified the family as a barometer, which reflects the state of the nation.
(‘Our family, our albatross’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, January 19, 2012, p.32)
- ❖ A 400 level student of Law at the University of Ilorin, Whyte Habeeb has canvassed free and compulsory education for children at all levels arguing that education is the root of all attainable achievements and it is the only property a child can be bequeathed.
(‘Education: A must for every child’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- ❖ While speaking at a press conference in Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that his University has invested N442 million on the provision of sporting infrastructure and procurement of facilities towards hosting WAUG which now holds between March 27 and April 7, 2012.
(‘WAUG 2012:UNILORIN spends N442m on facilities. Games to begin March 27’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.34)
- ❖ In his address, “Look before you leap”, delivered during the matriculation of the 2011/2012 fresh students, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the students to work hard so that their status as students would not be compromised while counselling them to use their time judiciously.
(‘Look before you leap, Oloyede tells UNILORIN freshers’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- ❖ Student leaders of the University of Ilorin have expressed their views about the proposed National Health Insurance Scheme for them while the management of the University has urged them to interact further with their colleagues so that they could all speak with one voice.
(‘Our take on NHIS – Students’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while receiving the Chairman, Nigerian Legion of Ex-Servicemen, Kwara state Council, Colonel Ibrahim Idowu, during a courtesy visit, has averred that the armed forces play a critical role in the society by ensuring peace and urged all Nigerians to support and assist their families.
(‘Assist fallen heroes’ families, Nigerians urged’ *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has been appointed one of the few institutional members of the Steering Committee for the Tuning Pilot Project for Africa according to a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor by the Coordinator of the project.
(‘UNILORIN steers EU-Africa Project’, *The Nation*, Thursday, January 19, 2012, p.28)
- ❖ A 200 level student of Computer Science Department, University of Ilorin, Michael Adebayo, has shared the experiences of the University students during the industrial action embarked upon by the Nigerian Labour Congress and its affiliated bodies.
(‘Day UNILORIN went on ‘strike’’ *The Nation*, same date, p.33)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the new students of the University to be focused on their studies and character development while speaking at their recent matriculation ceremony.
(‘Freshers urged to be focused’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, same date, p.37).
- ❖ Some N442 million has been committed to the provision of infrastructure and upgrade of facilities at the University of Ilorin in preparation for WAUG.
(‘N442 m facilities for WAUG’, “UNILORIN File”, same as above)
- ❖ The newly elected Chairman of the Parent-Teacher Association of the University School, University of Ilorin, Dr A.O. Oniye has solicited the cooperation of parents while pledging to run an open door administration, which would ensure participatory development of the school.
(PTA elects officers’, “UNILORIN File”, same as above)

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Unilorin in the News

- ❖ A new book, *Fraud Prevention Guide*, written by Waheed Aremu, an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, has been reviewed in a newspaper. ('Towards preventing accounting fraud and building investor's confidence' *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, January 17, 2012, p.32).
- ❖ As part of their efforts towards preparing for hosting the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), the authorities of the University of Ilorin have disclosed that the institution has expended N442m on sporting infrastructures and facilities at a press conference organised in Ilorin. ('WAUG 2012: Unilorin spends N442m on infrastructure' same as above, p. 40)
- ❖ While addressing his matriculating students for the 2011/2012 academic session, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has charged them to guard their admission to the institution jealously and spend their time judiciously. ('Unilorin urges freshers to tread with caution', *The Moment*, Tuesday, January 17, 2012, p.42)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin is one of the three successful Nigerian universities appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for the Tuning Pilot Project for Africa, which will be a significant contribution towards the goals of the African Strategy for Harmonisation in Higher Education and the realisation of the objectives of the revised ARUSHA Declaration. ('...To steer EU-Africa project', same as above.)
- ❖ While canvassing affordable education, a 500 level Law student of the University of Ilorin and President of the National Congress of Nigerian Students (NACONS), Abdulsalam Abdulfatai, has stated that the formation of the body is not to serve as an opposition to the existing National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), but rather to genuinely defend the welfare of Nigerian students for a better society. ('Government should make education affordable, says student' *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, p.16)
- ❖ In recognition of his efforts towards the development of the Department, the Mass Communication Students Association (MACOSA) of the University of Ilorin has organised a soccer competition in honour of their Head of Department, Dr. A. L. Azeez. ('Part 3 students win Mass Comm soccer competition' *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, p.17)
- ❖ Driven by the need to develop the social life of its members, the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NASS), University of Ilorin Chapter, has organised a picnic for the students of the Faculty which was held at the UNILORIN Botanical Garden.
- ❖ ('NASS holds picnic for students', same as above).
- ❖ Due to the clash of the date with the GUSA Games of Ghana, the authorities of the University of Ilorin and West Africa University Games have agreed on shifting the date of the competition till March 2012 after a joint meeting held at the University of Ilorin.
- ❖ ('UNILORIN gives reasons why WAUG may not hold this month,' *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.18)
- ❖ The leadership of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), Unilorin Chapter, has been commended on the recognition accorded its retired and deceased members and for the contributions of the Union to the progress of the University.
- ❖ ('NASU rewards retired members', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.20)
- ❖ In an article, Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin has expressed his opinion about individuals in government, especially the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Mohammed Bello Adoke, and related issues bordering on government policy.
- ❖ ('What the Attorney-General did not know', *The Punch*, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, p.18)

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Quotes of the Week

It is not entirely safe to allow a misrepresentation to go uncorrected.

-Abraham Lincoln

The very best proof that something can be done is that others have already done it.

- Bertrand Russell

Nature understands no jesting, she is always true, always serious, always severe. She is always right, and the errors and faults are always those of man.

- Johanne Wolfgang von Goethe

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