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To every sane mind, Unilorin is excellent – Kwara NASU chief



EXCELLENT: The Vice-Chancellor listening to NASU State Chairman, Comrade Bukoye as Comrade Petirin listen last Wednesday

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Barely 24 hours after President Goodluck Jonathan commended the giant strides taken by the University of Ilorin and acknowledged its many successes in carrying out its mandate while speaking at Kwara State University, Malete, last Tuesday, the Chairman of the Kwara State branch of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), Comrade Bukoye, has hailed the University as excellent and lauded the management of the University, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede.

The Kwara State NASU Chairman gave this commendation when the Union paid a courtesy visit to the Administration of the University to formally introduce the new leaders of the University chapter of the Union last Wednesday, (May 18, 2011) at the Vice-Chancellor’s Office. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Avoid blood money, Oloyede urges Nigerians

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has described monetary gains attained after strike actions and sit-ins that result in the death of innocent people as “blood money” and urged all Nigerians, particularly unions, against such saying that the masses are the ultimate losers.

Prof. Oloyede made this appeal last Wednesday while receiving members of the newly elected Executive Council of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, who paid him a courtesy visit.

Making special reference to the strike actions by the medical professionals and the resultant deaths, sorrows and anguish for ordinary Nigerians, Prof. Oloyede urged staff unions to deploy non-disruptive methods to agitating for their rights saying that those who suffer from such strike actions are not the elite or the leaders but ordinary Nigerians who are already victims of oppression. *(Cont. on page 4)*



UNILORIN VC: Prof. Oloyede

Oyeyemi tasks staff to be productive, not destructive

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The Chairman observed that in the past, NASU used to have issues with the University Administration. He said now, however, the open door policy and general administrative style of the current University management have ensured a climate of cordial relationship, despite many shades of opinion in NASU.

According to Comrade Bukoye, “if one is not a mad person, one won’t see something good and fail to recognise it. I have said it before and I’ll say it again that not all universities is like the University of Ilorin and not all Vice-Chancellors are like Oloyede. We want to thank you for your support over the years because we have not had any problem with you.”



PROGRESS PARTNERS: Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Oloyede, Mr. Bello and Mr. Idowu during the courtesy visit

The State Chairman, who was accompanied to the University by the State Secretary, Comrade Ola Petirin, recalled that since the first time he listened to a lecture delivered by Prof. Oloyede at Yebumot Hotel, Ilorin, several years ago and his knowledge of his personality, he had resolved to make him (Prof. Oloyede) his mentor. He added that NASU is a unique Union and that anyone who successfully leads the body at any level can successfully lead Nigeria.

“NASU is unique. We speak different tongues. Doctors, lawyers, engineers in their various associations understand their own languages but in

NASU, it is different. We speak different languages because apart from our large size, you have highly literate, semi-literate and illiterate people among us and you have to carry everybody along which makes it more difficult and challenging. If you can lead NASU, you will successfully lead Nigeria because all categories of Nigerians are represented in our Union,” he said.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the newly elected NASU Chairman, University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr. J. J. Bello, noted that it was his pleasure to let the University know that NASU would continue to be partners in progress with the management. He noted that out of the six unions on campus, including the Students Union, NASU can be described as the true landlords of the campus because if a University is established, members of the union are the first to be on ground and if a University is closed down, NASU members will still be the last group standing.

Mr. Bello said that the Oloyede administration has achieved a lot in promoting staff welfare and advancing the interest of workers over the years. He said out of the eight weapons that unions have at their disposal, his union would always resort to the most powerful one, which is dialogue, to resolve issues. He added that his Administration while championing the interest of its members would not condone lateness, laziness, pilfering and irresponsibility on the part of members and he had set up committees to ensure and monitor staff punctuality and diligence in discharging NASU members’ duties. He also sought the intervention of the University leadership in the cases some staff who have been stagnated over a period of years due to one reason or the other charging the University to do more in addressing the knotty areas.

In her response, the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, congratulated the new leaders on their election. She noted that it was reassuring that the Union acknowledged that the University management have been good to the staff and stressed that what the University also needs from the staff is cooperation. She stressed that punctuality is the soul of business and that staff would continue to enjoy the partnership of the University administration just as she further tasked NASU members not to do what does not conform to the regulation and urged them to avoid such vices identified as truancy, pilfering, lateness, gossip and laziness.

“There is nothing that will make us deny you your rights. You know that if there is any benefit that the Federal Government has approved, the University is always among the first to implement. I want to advise you that NASU should not be seen as rebellious. You must be seen as productive, not destructive,” she said.

Endowment is an answer to poverty – Oseni

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, who is also the Chief Imam and Waziri of Auchu Kingdom, Prof. Zakariyau I. Oseni, has described endowment (*waqf*) as an instrument which could be employed to reduce the burden of poverty in Nigeria. The don made gave this revelation while delivering a Friday sermon recently, the text of which was obtained by *Unilorin Bulletin*.

According to the scholar, endowment is a practice of righteousness and kindness that is also the best practice of recurrent charity which outlives the endower. The Professor of Arabic quoted several verses of the Qur'an and extracts from the record of prophetic *sunnah* to justify his assertions on the importance of endowments in Islam.

Prof. Oseni noted that proceeds from housing estates rented out, commercial farms or businesses may be set aside for the purpose of endowment and charity. He also explained that endowment could be established for two purposes in Islam.

“There are two types of *waqf* in Islam: the family endowment (for the benefit of one's descendants) and the charity endowment (for the benefit of the whole society including non-Muslims). The donor of the *waqf* should appoint an executor (*wali*) or board of trustees to oversee the property and give them the freedom to act aptly. The executors should be remunerated modestly. Such a donor must be a mature, sane, free Muslim and must state clearly the way he wants the estate/fund to be managed, and the specific goals he would want the proceeds to be used for. It should be stressed also that the money for *waqf* should be from a legitimate source and not from illegal or immoral earnings,” he said.

Prof. Oseni added that donations could be made from endowments weekly, monthly or yearly “unlike *zakat* which should be paid annually on the condition that one's saved money reaches the *nisab* (which is now N50,000.00)”. He also said that endowments are spent on projects such as education, mosques, charity, provision of water for people and domestic animals through wells and boreholes, full scholarship for the poor, electricity, medical fees for the poor, provision of fertilizers and irrigation feeding and training the poor, establishment of cottage industries and construction of roads and bridges.

Unilorin student tops national essay contest

A 500 level student of Electrical Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Mr. Hafiz Akinde, has emerged the overall best essayist at a national writing competition organised by a Lagos-based Non-Governmental Organisation at the 1004 Estate Victoria Island, Lagos State.

Mr. Akinde won the star prize which is an international travel ticket to a choice destination for his essay on “Leadership and Good Governance.”

In a development that made the University of Ilorin the toast of the occasion, the runner up at the competition, Mr. Abdul Hafeez Dawud, is an alumnus of the University who graduated from the Department of Arabic in 2007.

Some other winners at the competition also smiled home with laptops, power generators, refrigerators, digital Qur'an and many more.



Mr. Akinde

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ Your sense of smell is around 10,000 times more sensitive than your sense of taste.
- ❖ It takes the body around 12 hours to completely digest eaten food.
- ❖ The left side of your body is controlled by the right side of your brain while the right side of your body is controlled by the left side of your brain.
- ❖ The brain uses a quarter of the oxygen used by the human body.
- ❖ The colour of a human skin is determined by the level of pigment melanin that the body produces. Those with small amounts of melanin have light skin while those with large amounts have dark skin.

Universities may collapse, VC warns

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, congratulated the newly elected officers of NASU in the University noting that some people have an erroneous impression about unionism as nothing other than a platform for fanning the embers of disagreement and fighting the authorities.

The immediate past President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) urged all Nigerians to do things reasonably while stressing that when people think deeply, they would realise that they pay for the disruption of the system. He therefore emphasised the need for management and staff to be working for the same goals and not be at cross-purposes as it is an environment of peace that fosters development.

The Vice-Chancellor also added that that if there is a union that is close to his heart, that union is NASU because his background is from that type of union. He also said that by his training, he would not deny any worker his right because he knows that apart from the Prophetic exhortation that workers should be paid before their sweat dry, he also knows that among those whose prayers or curses are instantly granted by God are the helpless people being cheated. Another category of people, he added, is those maliciously lied against, saying that God easily comes to the rescue of those people. He reiterated the policy of the University management concerning not waiting until there is any agitation before whatever is needful and rightful is done as far as staff welfare is concerned.

Speaking further, the Professor of Islamic jurisprudence said that it was thoughtful of the Unilorin NASU Chairman to suggest that universities can close down because it is the reality of life and such closures have happened in some countries. He noted that there are some good things that staff of the federal universities enjoy now that may not continue forever and it is good for institutions to build their vision for survival saying that as federal universities are now a minority (36 in number, including the newly created ones, from the 117 universities in Nigeria), it is evident that the University system will exist without them. He illustrated his point on a possible challenge that may face universities in future with the case of a state University that would have collapsed if not as a result of the vision of its founding fathers when the Government changed and the erstwhile funding pattern of the University was stopped as a result of its inconsistency with the provision of the constitution.

Prof. Oloyede, who is currently the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC), added that the University is trying its best to ensure that people do not get to *zero level* or lose their jobs and that no effort will be spared to ensure that staff are duly remunerated and promoted in line with the regulation. He urged staff to make themselves indispensable to the system through hard work and dedication. "Be rest assured that we will do what will be of your interest. Do not be unduly militarized so that we can together sustain the system that supports our livelihood. We are partners. Our goal is that we do not disrupt things while we try to make the best of every situation the University passes through. We cannot sacrifice the goal for the process," he said.

Members of the newly elected Executive Committee of NASU at the University of Ilorin include Comrade J. J. Bello, Chairman; Comrade J. F. Idowu, Secretary; and Comrade M. A. Oyedepo, Treasurer. Others are Comrade Sunday Deola, Comrade Titilayo Olayemi, Comrade Femi Andrew, Comrade K.A. Yusuf and Comrade Rufus Oladebo.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the Union are the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi; the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi; the acting University Librarian, Mrs. Joyce A. Fadayomi and the Deputy Director, Directorate of Information and Protocol, Dr. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji.

Oni delivers 94th inaugural lecture

The University of Ilorin is inviting the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the 94th Inaugural Lecture of the University which will be delivered by Prof. Kayode Carroll Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.

The title of the lecture, which holds this Thursday (May 26, 2011) at the New Science Lecture Theatre of the University, is "Man Machine and Food Insecurity".

TWO GOOD HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the Second Joint International Conference of the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, at the Main Auditorium, University of Ilorin, on Monday, May 2, 2011.

It is my pleasure to welcome you distinguished guests to this important conference. As charity begins from home, let me begin by acknowledging the honour done to us by the esteemed presence of Prof. Akin Mabogunje, who had to shelve other pressing engagements to chair our opening ceremony. If you consider the fact that Prof. Mabogunje had his first degree a year before I was born, obtained his PhD the year I started my primary education and was appointed a Professor about five decades ago, you will join me in appreciating the honour of his presence at almost 'no notice'. Sir, may God continue to honour you and all yours.

I specially welcome our Ghanaian delegation to this conference and to the University that is *better by far*. I cannot but feel excited by the presence of my brother, Prof. E. A. Obeng, the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast. I welcome you all heartily and the two organizing universities sincerely appreciate your coming.

Permit to begin by saying that one of the most respected Nigerian leaders and nationalists, Sir Ahmadu Bello, advisedly suggested, in a reaction to the saying, "Don't blow your trumpet", that you actually have to blow your trumpet because nobody will blow it for you as others are busy blowing theirs. It is in this respect that I believe our two Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast deserve commendation for organizing this conference. Though either of the two universities could have organized the conference on its own, a joint conference of this nature commends itself to relevance because *two good heads are better than one*.

I fervently believe that the more we come together, the better we get. The University of Ilorin is a case in point in illustrating the point being made and I am sure that the same experience applies one way or the other to the University of Cape Coast. I feel gratified that the partnership of the *Better by far University* with the *University of Choice* has been fruitful and rewarding. I think it is auspicious that I mention it because it is the first University that the University of Ilorin would collaborate with under my humble Administration. Let me give a brief testimony.

Before July 3, 2008 that our two universities signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on establishing academic linkage and educational collaboration, the University of Ilorin was not in the radar of the global ranking agencies. In fact, as I said in an address I called "Success is a Choice" delivered recently, only two Nigerian universities were acknowledged to be among the best 100 in Africa in the July 2008 webometrics ranking. The first was number 68 in Africa and the second was number 85 – both far behind in world rankings (7,703rd and 8,619th respectively).

On August 13, 2008, our two universities deepened our partnership by signing another document detailing joint areas of academic collaboration covering Sabbatical leave/short term stay, student exchange programme, joint supervision of graduate students, joint research projects at the institutional level, joint membership of editorial boards, establishment of journals as well as joint workshops, seminars and conferences. There was a demonstrable commitment on the two sides to walk the talk of the memorandum while conscious of the limitations and normal challenges.

By the time we met about a year after our MoU for the first edition of this joint conference, themed "Culture, Science and Sustainable Development in Africa" in September 2009, the University of Ilorin had managed to emerge from its relative obscurity to be the second best University in Nigeria, occupying the 77th position in Africa and was 7,902nd in the world. This is borne out of the belief that when best practices are adopted and adapted from partners, expected results would come.

Between the first joint conference and the second one we are now starting, our collaboration, chiefly though not only, with our sister University, and other activities have paid off such that today, according to the latest rankings of the same Webometrics, the University of Ilorin is number 1 in Nigeria with a large

margin, number 20 university in Africa and number 2,668 in the world. This means that the University is among the best 3,000 in a world of several thousands of universities where a single country like the USA even has more than 3,000. With 117 universities in Nigeria today, being globally assessed as Number One in the country is humbling enough, not to talk of the dramatic improvement in the African and global league tables in recent years.

At the institutional level as well, our two universities since our collaboration began have been waxing stronger, getting better and remaining choice. Between when our collaboration began and now, it is refreshing to note that the two universities have produced the Presidents of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) and the two universities deem it a great honour.

If there is anything I want to emphasize through this brief historical excursion and testimony on our partnership with the University of Cape Coast, it is that *two good heads are better than one* and that two good universities can only be better when they associate and collaborate, a lesson that some of us may want to learn by instituting partnerships both at bilateral and multilateral levels. The submission is also a confirmation that the academic marriage that the Chief of Assin Kusia of Cape Coast solemnized formally between our two universities in 2009 is bearing good fruits.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, one of the greatest challenges of our time is that of climate change. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change defines it as “a change in climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods.” Climate change is a serious global concern and this is why for some time now, it has occupied a focal point of discourse at local, national and international levels.

Though I am aware that Myrol Ebell, who directs the Centre for Energy and Environment at the Competitive Enterprise Institute in the United States, said that the claims that global warming/ climate change would worsen malaria and hurricanes would become more frequent remain unproven with other experts expressing similar reservations, it is appropriate that we get ready by giving it all necessary attention because it is better we do so. For some time now, the University of Ilorin has been hosting fora through which the issue of climate change with its associated global warming is perspectivized by scholars.

The pattern of getting ready in climate change discourse is mainly either through mitigation and adaption. While mitigation efforts help to reduce future increases in climate change, adaptation efforts frontally confront the unavoidable impacts of the change. One does not lose anything by getting ready if the expected outcome does not materialize but one loses everything if consequences arise without prior preparation. When we strive to mitigate the effects or adapt to the reality that climate change poses, the overarching message posed to us is that we must all be ready for change.

Therefore, as we deliberate on the change in climate in the next few days, we should also be guided by Mahatma Gandhi who said that “As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world – that is the myth of the atomic age – as in being able to remake ourselves” ultimately charging that “You must be the change you want to see in the world.” In other words, when we change our attitude to the environment, how we use and consume energy, how we dispose waste, how we take care of our surrounding, our development will be sustainable and we won’t be enjoying today to destroy our tomorrow.

In conclusion, I want to appreciate our keynote speaker, the former Deputy Director-General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana, Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, for accepting our invitation. I also acknowledge our resource persons, especially my good friend with whom the seedling of this fruit of partnership was co-planted, Prof. E. A. Obeng. We are grateful to Prof. Anthony M. Imevbore, Prof. J. O. Ayoade and Prof. Paa Kobina-Turkson whose intellectual experience will further guide our discussions at plenary sessions. I also thank the International Organizing Committee for working hard to make this event possible as I appreciate you eminent academics for coming to the University of Ilorin for this international conference because without you, there is no conference.

Thank you very much for your attention and I wish you all a fulfilling experience at our University and country.

Unilorin, UCC Alumni forge partnership

The Alumni associations of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria and the University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further consolidate on the friendship and collaboration between the two universities.

According to the document, dated 4th May, 2011 and signed by the National Secretary of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Dr. L. A. Yahaya, and the National Secretary of the University of Cape Coast Alumni Association, Mr. Eric Nyarko-Sampson, the two Associations agreed to:

- Hold annual alumni public lectures that would be delivered by prominent Alumni from the two universities.
- Exchange ideas and research studies on how best the Universities can diversify their programmes to meet the changing needs of the time.
- Work on modalities of enhancing the welfare of alumni in both universities.
- Map out strategies to raise funds to help Alumni activities.
- Jointly conduct research in areas of common interest to uplift the standard of education in both universities.
- Adopt strategies of facilitating online registration of alumni of the two universities.
- Form Alumni Association chapters in each of the university.
- Facilitate smooth movement and welfare of alumni travelling to each of the university.

Power supply will improve soon, by Sanni

The Director of Works of the University of Ilorin, Engr. Mobolaji Sanni, has explained that the irregular power supply on campus these days is as a result of a fault and all efforts are being made to quickly bring the problem to an end.

According to a statement signed by the Director, “the current disruption to power supply on the campus is as a result of fault with the power transformers at the central power station. While concerted efforts are being made to repair the transformers, power is being supplied through the University generators. Other options are also being considered with a view to ensuring that power is restored to the campus...”

Engr. Sanni urged members of the University community to use electricity responsibly and avoid leaving electrical appliances switched on when not in use. “In view of the limited load carrying capacity of the generators we appeal to every member of the community to always switch off all electrical appliances when they are not in use. Please bear with us while assuring you of the best services at all times,” he wrote.

Unilorin students to showcase talent on NTA Network

Creative projects by students of the University of Ilorin such as inventions, fabrications and other breakthroughs in the fields of Arts, Designs and Engineering with Science and Technology inputs are to be broadcast soon on the network service of the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA).

The works will be featured on the NTA programme series entitled *The Young Inventors* which is currently transmitted on the NTA network service on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Sandwich application forms still available

Prospective applicants to the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, can still obtain their forms till the end of this month for the 2011 contact session.

According to the Director of the Institute, Prof. (Mrs) N. Y. S. Ijaiya, qualified candidates can obtain application forms from the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Ilorin. Each application form sells for ₦6,000.00 (for Post-graduate) or ₦5,000.00 (for Undergraduate and Diploma), to be paid by **bank draft** in favour of the University of Ilorin. The **bank draft** should be taken to the University Bursary Department, Mini-Campus, for the Official University receipt.

ENROLMENT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED FOR RETIREMENT BETWEEN JANUARY AND DECEMBER, 2012 UNDER THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME

The officials of the National Pension Commission (PenCom) Abuja will be coming to Ilorin for Biometric Verification and Enrolment of staff due to retire between January 2012 and December, 2012 by virtue of attaining the age 60/65 years or 35 years in service whichever is earlier.

In readiness for the exercise coming-up between 6th and 8th July 2011, you are required to get the following documents ready as part of the enrolment requirements:

- (1) Original and photocopy of letter of appointment;
- (2) Original and photocopy of birth certificate or declaration of age;
- (3) Original and photocopy of promotion letter;
- (4) Pay slips indicating grade level and set as at 30th June, 2004;
- (5) Letter from the Ministry, Department and Agency signifying requirement and first appointment dates, grade level and step as at 30th June, 2004 as well as the current grade level and step;
- (6) Authenticated past records of service;
- (7) Current pay slip indicating grade level and step;
- (8) Evidence of registration with a Pension Fund Administrator indicating Personal Identification Number (PIN);
- (9) Letter of indemnity (in case of voluntary retirement) signifying non-payment of gratuity and/or pension; and
- (10) One passport photograph.

Items 5, 6 and 9 will be provided by the Pensions and Gratuity Unit.

The enrolment exercise will take place at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

You may wish to see the Pension Desk Officer for further clarification where in doubt of any issue in respect of the above.

Sgd.

E. D. Obafemi,

For: Registrar

Report transaction delays, Bursar tells staff

Worried by the reports that commercial banks operating on campus delay payment to staff after mandate for such payments had been given by the University, the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola, has urged all staff to report promptly when the payment of their approved funds is delayed.

According to Mr. Sijuwola, when a payment is made into a staff member's account, the individual is usually called by the staff of the Bursary and the money should be ready for collection that very day or latest a day after from the bank.

The Bursar urges staff to report to his office when they are not paid their money a day after such staff are notified. He said such reports would assist his office in taking further action on banks that engage in such needless delay tactics.

LAUGH LINES

Words and Meanings:

Argument: A discussion that occurs when a woman is right and continues for so long until her man realises it.

Conferece: The confusion of one man multiplied by the number of those present.

Doctor: A person who kills your ills with pills and then kills you with bills.

Etc.: An abbreviation that makes others think you know more than you actually do.

Abubakre, Jolayemi appreciate varsity community

Both Prof. R. D. Abubakre of the Department Arabic and Prof. E. T. Jolayemi of the Department of Statistics have written to express their appreciation to members of the University of Ilorin community for their contributions to the success of their daughters' wedding ceremonies.

While Prof. Jolayemi's daughter, Abimbola, got married to her husband, Olushola Akintolu, on Saturday May 7, 2011 at Gaa Akanbi, Ilorin, Prof. Abubakre's daughter, Khashau, exchanged marital vows with her spouse, Ismail Eleburuike, on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Tanke, Ilorin.

"We thank you all for all your support, presence and prayers. We are very grateful and we say a very big "thank you". God bless you," the dons wrote.



MARITAL BLISS: Sola and Bimbo Akintolu



HAPPY MARRIED LIFE: Ismail and Khashau Eleburuike

Musa celebrates marriage

Mr. Amuda Musa of the Directorate of Information and Protocol, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, invites the University community to his wedding/Walimat Nikkah ceremony with his heartthrob, Hajia Zainab Taye Yakub.

The event comes up on this Saturday (May 28, 2011) at No. 94 Edun Street, Ilorin at 10.00 a.m. All are all cordially invited.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department /Unit/ Office	Date of Birth
1	Mejabi, Omenogo V.	Information and Communication Sciences	23rd May
2	Yousouph, Ridwan O.	Sociology	24th May
3	Eruotor, Ovie E.	Civil Engineering	25th May
4	Fadayomi, Joyce A.	Ag. University Librarian	25th May
5	Issa, Nimota	Health Services	25th May
6	Olaleye, Ajarat A.	Private and Property Law	25th May
7	Olawuyi, Bolanle O.	Arts and Social Science Education	26th May
8	Hussain, Abdulateef D.	Student Affairs	26 th May
9	Alabi, Modupe E.	Accounting and Finance	26 th May

Unilorin in the News

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➤ A former Amir of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), University of Ilorin Branch, Ustaz Sulayman Dhunurain Olodan, has urged Muslim parents to use modern technology positively in order to bring up socially responsible children while warning parents against abandoning their children on the pretext of being busy in making ends meet.

(‘Exploit technology in positive ways, parents charged,’ *The Herald*, Friday, May 13, 2011,p.18)

Unilorin in the News

- An alumnus of the College of Health of Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr. Michael Olugbile, has distinguished himself based on the quality of training he received earlier at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), Harvard University, where he is a candidate in Master's in Public Health programme, emerging the President of the HSPH class of 2011 barely a year after his arrival in Harvard.
(‘UNILORIN alumnus shines in Harvard medical school’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, May 15, 2011, p.32)
- The students of the University of Ilorin have elected a new set of officers to guide their activities for the next academic session under the arrow headship of Mr. Surajudeen Musa, according to the results released by the Chairman of the Independent Students Electoral Commission (ISEC), Mr. Abayomi Quadri Kolapo, while the photograph of some University of Ilorin students during their matriculation has been published.
(‘UNILORIN elects new Students Union exco’, *The Guardian*, same date, p.33)
- The preparations for the hosting of the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games at the University of Ilorin have reached a significant stage with the various sub-committees submitting their various reports. (‘WAUG committee receives reports’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, p.21)
- The Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast have charted the way forward for Africa on the issue of climate change through a joint conference themed “Climate Change and Sustainable Development” that they both organized at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Climate change: pushing for a regional response’, *This Day*, Thursday, May 19, 2011, p.44)
- A United Kingdom institution, Swansea University, has explored further collaborative ties with the University of Ilorin when its representatives, Prof. Melanie Jasper, Dr. Paul Rees and Dr. Pauline Griffiths, visited the University of Ilorin to deepen the relationship between the two universities.
(‘UK varsity explores relations with UNILORIN’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, May 19, 2011, p.34)
- The University of Ilorin and Swansea University, United Kingdom, have taken their collaboration to the next level when a delegation of three led by a foremost Professor of Nursing in the United Kingdom, Melanie Jasper, came to the University of Ilorin to deepen the extant collaborative ties.
(‘Unilorin forges ties with UK varsity, receives delegation’, *National Pilot*, Thursday, May 19 – Sunday May 22, 2011, p.9)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has picked holes in the promise by the federal government that the price of cement would fall saying even if the government does not reduce the price, the price of cement normally reduces in the raining season.
(‘Cement price: the great deception’, *The Nation*, Thursday, May 19, 2011)
- The University of Ilorin has received the delegation of Swansea University, United Kingdom, who came for a two-day interactive session with the University of Ilorin as part of implementing the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities.
(‘UK varsity explores pact with UNILORIN’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, same date, p.26)
- With the preparations for the hosting of WAUG gaining momentum each day at the University of Ilorin, the official website for the Games is being created now.
(‘WAUG website underway’, *The Nation*, same date.)
- A 500 level student of the University of Ilorin, Mr. AbdulAfiz Akinde, has emerged first in a national essay competition organised by a Lagos-based organisation to promote reading and writing skills among Nigerians. (‘CMO wakes writing skills in youths’, *National Mirror*, Friday, May 20, 2011, p.29)

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Quotes of the Week

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.

– Ronald Reagan

Giving up is the ultimate tragedy.

- Robert Donovan

A good marriage is when you are married not to someone you can live with, but to someone you really cannot live without.

– Howard Hendricks

Conscience is what hurts when everything else feels so good. - Anon