



## Stop the carnage, NIREC tells youth



NIREC Executive Secretary, Prof. Oloyede

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**W**orried by the needless outbreak of post-election violence and wanton destruction of lives and property in some Northern states of the country, the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC) has sued for calm and ordered the rampaging youth to immediately stop the carnage.

Addressing a press conference last Tuesday (April 19, 2011) in Ilorin on behalf of the Council, the National Coordinator and Executive Secretary of the body, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, noted that the apex inter-faith body in the country received the news of violence last Monday “with shock and a deep sense of disappointment.”

“We wish to state unequivocally as religious leaders that our two great religions, Islam and Christianity, abhor violence and consider the killing of innocent souls as a monstrous sin. It is for this reason that we strongly urge the perpetrators of this violence that they immediately stop the carnage.”(Contd. on page 2)

## ‘One-hour sunlight can power the earth for a year’

**T**he Director of Postgraduate Programmes in Chemical Engineering at Aston University, United Kingdom, Dr. James Omotayo Titiloye, has noted that most of the developed world has realised that the future of energy supply is renewable energy.

He also added that Nigeria cannot afford to be left behind thinking that she can continue to rely on her oil resources when an hour of solar energy can power the earth for a year even though two billion people still have no access to electricity despite the abundant solar and other energy sources.

Dr. Titiloye gave this disclosure last Monday (April 18, 2011) while delivering the second Chemical Engineering Departmental lecture, “Sustainable Development with Chemical Engineering: Challenges and Opportunities”, in government to initiate policies which will ensure that sustainable development in the country. (Contd. on page 4)



Dr. Titiloye delivering his lecture last Monday

## NIREC sues for calm, tasks Nigerians on peace

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Speaking further on behalf of the Council, which is co-chaired by the Sultan of Sokoto and President General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic affairs (NSCIA), Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, and the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria, Pastor Ayodele Oritsejafor, Prof. Oloyede urged Nigerians to always explore the constitutional means of seeking redress whenever they are aggrieved rather than take the law into their own hands.

"It is our opinion that at this stage of our socio-political history, we should be able to address our differences when they arise in a civilized manner without bloodletting. This is because at the end of the day, we will always return to the round-table but those who might have been killed cannot be brought back to life. It is in this respect that we urge us all to always give peace a chance and take legal means of pursuing our goals or redressing whatever we perceive as wrong. For how long do we want to kill and destroy ourselves? How far have such violence and killings in the past taken us as a nation?" he queried.

NIREC regretted that a sad commentary was being scripted in the open glare of the whole world which had commended the country on a general improvement in the conduct of the elections this year. The body reasoned that divine wisdom is behind the linguistic and cultural diversity of Nigerians saying that such diversity constitutes part of Nigeria's strength as the largest nation of black people on earth.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, appealed for calm and urged Nigerians to learn from the mistakes of others. "Dear Nigerians, there are lessons around us to learn from because a wise people learn from the mistakes of others. Violence only begets violence and at the end of the day, everyone loses. There are examples in Africa and there is a recent example in one of our neighbouring countries. Let us play democracy according to the rules so that we do not bring the building down upon ourselves", he said.

Making clarion calls on different segments of the Nigerian society, NIREC said: "We call upon our political leaders to exercise restraint in their actions and utterances. We call on the Governments at all levels to be alive to their responsibilities. We call on our security agencies to be more vigilant and firm in the discharge of their constitutional responsibilities. We call on all Nigerians to fear God and know that we shall be accountable to Him for whatever we do. We urge the media to be conscious of national security, security of life and property in the discharge of their sacred assignment. We call on the perpetrators of the current disturbances to stop the carnage now!"

## **Climate change brings world scholars to Unilorin**

**C**ome next week, scholars from all over the world, mostly from Nigeria and Ghana, will converge on the University of Ilorin for the second joint international conference of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria, and the University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana.

The five-day conference (May 1- 5, 2011), themed "Climate Change and Sustainable Development", promises to be an unforgettable experience for the University community and all participants given the galaxy of scholars and renowned academics lined up to address the participants and present papers.

At least 500 participants altogether are expected at the conference, which will be co-hosted by the immediate past President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, and the President of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, Prof. Naana Opoku-Agyemang.

The opening ceremony of the conference holds next Monday (May 2, 2011) at the University Auditorium under the chairmanship of the well-known Professor of professors, Prof. Akin Mabogunje. The keynote speaker at the occasion is the former Deputy Director-General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana and Professor of Botany at the University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana, Alfred Oteng-Yeboah.

Plenary speakers that will address the various conference sub-themes are Prof. Anthony M. Imevbore, former Director, Institute of Ecology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife; Prof. E. A. Obeng, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana; Prof. J.O. Ayoade, former Dean of Social Sciences, University of Ibadan and Prof. Paa Kobina-Turkson, former Dean, School of Agriculture, University of Cape-Coast.

## Theatre practitioners convene in Unilorin

Last week, the University of Ilorin played host to a vast array of theatre scholars and professionals who converged on the University for a five-day workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing. The workshop was jointly organised by the Department of the Performing Arts and the International Federation of Theatre Researchers (IFTR).

Speaking at the opening of the workshop last Monday (April 18, 2011), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, expressed the happiness of the University to host for the umpteenth time a galaxy of scholars from all over the world.

Prof. Ayorinde noted that research occupies a crucial position in the mandate of the University and therefore deserves due attention. He also expressed optimism that the workshop would be of benefit to the members of the University community who would take advantage of the programme to hone their research skills.



**SCHOLARS: Prof. Fiebach, Prof. Ebewo, Prof. Oseni, Prof. Ayorinde, Dr. Kene Igweonu, Dr. Okagbue, Dr. Asiedu**

Also speaking at the occasion, the Dean of Arts, Prof. Zakariyau I. Oseni, observed that a reasonable person cannot but be on his feet running throughout his life because he has to pursue his dreams running as a child. He added further that he also runs as an adult so that the younger ones do not overtake him.

The Professor of Arabic added that the workshop on research is important because there is a difference between how research was conducted when he started as a young lecturer in the 70's and how research is conducted now because of the new innovations in different aspects of research.

The Head of the Department of the Performing Arts, Prof. Ayo Akinwale, in his welcome address disclosed that the programme was a test workshop which was intended to herald hosting the conference of the International Federation of Theatre Researchers by the University. He added that the workshop would also appraise young academics on why their books and articles are rejected by some foreign publishers.

In his own remarks, the acting Director of the Centre for International Education, Dr. AbdurRafii Omotosho, introduced the University to the foreign delegates explaining that since the establishment of the Centre within the last two years, the Centre has been in charge of international collaboration with other universities and has been facilitating the exchange of scholars and students with other universities.

The workshop, which was convened by Dr. Jeleel Ojuade of the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin and Dr. Kene Igweonu of Swanswa Metropolitan University, United Kingdom, attracted delegates from Nigeria, including the Centre for Black African Arts and Civilisation (CBAAC), Africa and Europe. Some of the international participants included Prof. Joachim Fiebach (Berlin, Germany), Prof. Patrick Ebewo (Pretoria, South Africa), Dr. Osita Okagbue (Goldsmiths University, London), Dr. Awo Asiedu (University of Ghana, Legon) and Prof. Gray Morris (University of Cape Town) among others.

### Fast Facts File

#### Did you know?

- ❖ The shortest war ever was between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
- ❖ It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- ❖ The most common name in the world is Muhammed.
- ❖ The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses. No Greek is known to have memorised all the 158 lines.
- ❖ There are only four words in the English language that end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
- ❖  $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$  and few people can say the given answer in words.

# Oloyede lauds engineers for working wonders

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The don noted that apart from solar energy, biomass is also one of the alternative energy sources which is gaining patronage in industrialised countries as fossil fuel is now less attractive because of its hazardous implication for the environment.

“As concern about our dependency on fossil fuels is gaining ground worldwide, our continued existence on this planet cannot be sustained indefinitely unless there is a change of attitude and behaviour to our current lifestyle. It is therefore crucial to our development programmes and policies that we think of available opportunities on how to engineer a sustainable future with Chemical Engineering and with less dependence on crude oil. Therefore, sustainable production of fuel using non-fuel biomass is an important alternative that must be considered seriously if we are to meet challenges for future generations,” he said.

According to the don, human beings are constantly pushing the boundaries of earth’s resources and replacing the resources with wastes and harmful emissions. He noted further that there is a strong link between technology and sustainability while he emphasised that Chemical Engineers contributed to the discovery of fertilizers and mass production of penicillin in the past century.

Dr. Titiloye disclosed that George Huber and his co-workers at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, USA, have shown that waste feedstock from biomass can be turned into jet and Diesel Fuels. This can be done “in an integrated and economic process using a four-step process that includes acid hydrolysis and xylose dehydrogenation, aldol condensation, low temperature dehydrogenation and high temperature hydrodeoxygenation. That is one of the most exciting research reports in recent years.”

He also said that the average annual energy consumption worldwide is 16 Terawatts and the United States accounts for 25% of global energy consumption while over 50% of the two billion people who lack electricity are in sub-Saharan Africa.

Earlier in his address, entitled “Wonders Shall Never End”, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, acknowledged engineers for making things work. “As a matter of fact, many of the greatest achievements of humanity are recorded through the bold and robust intellectual imagination of engineers over the years. When we look at the world, beginning from the imagination of the ancient Greek mathematician and Engineer, Archimedes, who claimed he could move the Earth with a large lever if only he could locate a fulcrum and a place to stand, to what the world has been able to achieve with such “impossible” dreams, including that of Gustav Lindenthal, (who having built an impressive bridge in Pittsburgh in the early 1880s said it was possible to bridge the Atlantic Ocean if the money could be provided) we come to realize that the state of the development in the world today is largely on account of engineering expertise”, he said.

Speaking further, Prof. Oloyede noted that “what appears very clearly is that with engineers, *wonders shall never end* because they dream. Willy Ley, as I understand, wrote a book he called *Engineers’ Dreams* in 1954 in which he discussed the dreams of engineers over the decades two of which included draining the Mediterranean Sea to reclaim land for Europe and building a tunnel between England and France. The Channel Tunnel was opened in 1994 and a dream of about 200 years earlier, which was considered impossible, became a reality. The Tunnel is considered one of the seven wonders of engineering that I alluded to earlier. The question we should ask ourselves is: what are our Engineers’ dreams for Nigeria?”

The Vice-Chancellor noted that since engineers make things work, an engineering graduate should have no business with unemployment and engineers should jettison the thinking that since they are not technicians they should be excused from fixing electrical faults. He also commended the leadership of the Department of Chemical Engineering saying that other Departments have something to learn from the Department.

In her welcome address presented earlier at the lecture, the acting Head of Chemical Engineering, Dr. (Mrs.) E. A. Eletta, noted that the choice of the guest lecturer is part of the quest of the Department to attain a world class status. She said since the establishment of the Department in 2008, the Department has been committed to providing academic and professional training to the students while the lecture, the second in its series, was part of the activities of her Department in the direction of attaining excellence.

## NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

*Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at the Opening of the Workshop on the Prevention of Electoral Violence in 2011 Elections in Kwara State Organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, at the University Auditorium on Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

I feel elated to welcome you all to this programme. On behalf of the Council and the entire members of the University of Ilorin community, I welcome our distinguished resource persons who have, despite their tight schedules and other competing responsibilities, opted to avail us the opportunity of learning from their wealth of experience through their participation in this workshop. I thank you all for coming and I wish you all a successful programme. I also want to congratulate our Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies on the thoughtfulness that engendered the organization of this workshop, which is strategic, timely and apt.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, we all know that *inshaAllah*, next month, Nigeria will be going to the polls to elect new leaders at various levels of governance. It is an auspicious moment for us all to reflect and take advantage of the opportunity that elections offer us to make Nigeria a country we shall all be proud of. It is our civic responsibility that we do not only vote but also ensure that we vote right. This involves electing God-fearing people because the current situation of things in many parts of Nigeria indicates that many of our leaders are not God-fearing. A person who does not fear God can do anything and terrible things are happening in our country.

As a matter of fact, I find lack of God consciousness as the bane of our polity. Few weeks before elections, there is violence at some parts of the country and campaign rallies which were where people would hear inspiring messages and manifestoes in the past are now turned to the centres of death and destruction. It is unfortunate that Nigeria has degenerated to the extent that we now turn campaign centres to war zones. The German Baron Von Clausewitz said that war is the continuation of politics by other means but we have curiously assailed his memory by turning our politics to the continuation of war by other means.

What I am saying is that our politics has been so militarized that there had been bombings at campaign rallies in Nigeria with the most recent being that of Suleja last week in which about ten people died. The orgy of violence that characterizes much of our politics is condemnable and it is unfortunate that nothing serious is being done about it rather than more politicking.

As there is *no smoke without fire*, a relative truth perhaps like all 'truths', the root cause of the state of the nation which is characterized by violence is that the fear of God is lacking in us. We profess religion but we do not practise it. If we love God, we would love our fellow men regardless of our political differences. As pointed out by my esteemed teacher, Professor Ismail A. B. Balogun, in a paper he presented at a seminar organized by the Religions Department of this University in August 1978, we must eschew bitterness, be it religious or political, in favour of understanding and cooperation because "we belong to the same nation – Nigeria. It is our common heritage which it behoves us to cherish and protect. We have no other choice, since it is this nation that gives us our identity elsewhere in this world." It is this identity that we now disparage through our actions and behaviour which contradict our noble beliefs.

This workshop is a clarion call to Nigeria, with Kwara State just being a microcosm, her politicians and people alike, to shun violence and return to God. As I have often said, if we are true to our faiths as Muslims and Christians, the crises and violence in the nation would not have arisen but we are not. As a student of religion and a firm believer in its efficacy in solving our contemporary problems if well utilized, I find the submission of Prof. Abdul as documented in an article, "From petrol attendant to professor" by one Tunde Onilogo on page 12 of *Sunday Sketch*, March 20, 1981, very relevant. The eminent Professor of blessed memory said:

We have tried in this country the parliamentary system of government which has been living with the British people for over a century and we have failed. We have also tried the presidential system of government which remained in practice with the American people for over a century, we have failed. This was as a result of the irreligious attitude in the people. We have produced men and women who have qualified in the various fields of knowledge but yet failed to serve well the society because they have refused to take along the tenets of their religion and put them into practice.

Let us know that all power is transient and all power ultimately belongs to God, to whom we shall all return. Let us all remember, as Rev. F. O. B. Obayan told us in his Keynote Address to the 1978 seminar I referred to earlier, that our religions teach us that we are strangers in the world and we shall all account for our activities, good and bad, on earth. "This, therefore, means that in all religions practised in Nigeria, we are expected to do good as the wicked will eventually face damnation in the world to come," he said.

As there is *no smoke without fire* and there is no violence without perpetrators or sponsors, Government should do everything within its powers to bring the perpetrators of recent violence to book, no matter how highly placed they are. The culture of impunity that is prevalent in the society should be reversed so that sanity will prevail. If those who kill and maim others are not punished, there is every possibility that such violence will aggravate when the actual elections begin. A stitch in time saves nine but no stitch at all saves time. Much can still be done if our security agencies, thankfully represented in this workshop, do what they are supposed to do.

Let us all give peace a chance in the polity; let us all remember God in all our actions. All violence should be shunned and let the will of God, called *mashīatullah*, prevail in our lives.

Thank you and God bless.

## Unilorin Students Union adopts electronic voting system

**A**s part of the measures towards ensuring free and fair elections in its 2011 general election, the Students Union of the University of Ilorin has unfolded its plan to adopt direct electronic voting system.

According to a statement signed by the Chairman of the Independent Student Electoral Commission (ISEC), Abayomi Quadri Kolapo, a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, the Commission arrived at the decision to use direct electronic voting in its meeting held on Friday April 15, 2011. The e-voting system, the Political Science student added, will eradicate rigging, reduce the time of voting, ease the entire voting process and ensure accuracy and reliability.

ISEC further noted that "the newly adopted system of election will eradicate any form of electoral malpractices and also boost the image of the Unilorin Students Union as well as the University of Ilorin as the University introducing direct electronic voting system which will serve as a lesson for the Nigerian government in its preparation for the next general election."

The Commission calls on students, aspirants to political offices and other stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the new system of voting in order to avoid unnecessary voiding of votes. The body also warns all aspirants to be law-abiding in their electioneering campaigns as it will not hesitate to let its hammer descend on erring voters and contestants.

Other principal officers of ISEC include Ayodele Olufela of the Department of the Performing Arts (Secretary), Akande Ayoyinka of Statistics Department (PRO) and Olayiwola AbdulGafar of Civil Engineering Department (Chairman, Logistics Committee).

# CONFERENCE OF VICE-CHANCELLORS, PROVOSTS, DEANS OF SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (COVIDSET 2011)

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- Submission of abstracts 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011
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## Conference Venue

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For conference information, online registration and submission of papers please visit the conference website <http://ansticonference.unon.org>

## Second Semester exams begin next week

The Rain/Second Semester Examinations of the 2010/2011 academic session will commence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2011 and will come to an end on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. The date applies to the returning students in 300, 400 and 500 levels only.

According to a statement signed by the Examination Officer, Mr. A. A. Yusuf, students at this period are advised to be acquainted with what constitutes examination malpractices in the University. “Extracted below are examination offences as contained on pages 58 and 59 in the **University Academic Programmes (Undergraduate and Sub-degree) Rules and Regulations and Students Handbook on 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 or 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 mobile sets, I-pods, etc are prohibited and any handset 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.

## Faculty holds lecture

The seventh Mosobalaje Oyawoye endowed Faculty of Science Lecture holds this Thursday (April 28, 2011) at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

The lecture, themed “Narcotics as Chemical Weapons of Mass Destruction”, will be delivered by the Director General of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Mr. Femi Ajayi beginning from 4.00.p.m. All members of the University community are invited.

## You are invited to my wedding, by Oniye

Senior Lecturer in the Department of Counsellor Education, Dr. Abdulrazaq O. Oniye, has invited all members of the University community to the wedding ceremony between him and his sweetheart, Hajia Sherifat Tinuke Yusuf, this week.

According to the programme of activities, the *walimat* eve holds this Thursday (April 28, 2011) at Ile Kuranga, Ilorin, with *waka* music to be provided by Alhaja Afusat Onisese. The following day (Friday, April 29, 2011), the *walimat/ nikah* and afternoon party holds at the same venue beginning from 9:00 a.m.

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, there will be a reception to be officiated by the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, in honour of the couple at Excellence Hall, Pipeline Road Ilorin. The programme begins at 9:00a.m. also.

### LAUGH LINES

A Nigerian girl got married to a Chinese man and had for him a baby boy who eventually died. At the burial, her aunt came crying, saying “I KNEW IT, I KNEW IT!!”  
Curious relatives took the aunt to a corner and asked her what she knew.  
She said loudly, “I KNEW IT, CHINESE PRODUCTS DON’T LAST !!!”

## Happy Birthday To You!

S/N.	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Adegboyega, Kolawole L.	Establishments	24th April
2.	Bodunde, Charles A.	English	24th April
3.	Kadiri, Saliu	Security	24th April
4.	Ayinla, Ganiyu A.	Health Services	26th April
5.	Oyeyiola, Ganiyu P.	Microbiology	26th April
6.	Cook, Taibat	Security	27th April
7.	Oladiji, Temidayo A.	Biochemistry	27th April
8.	Yusuf, Muibat O.	Health Services	27th April
9.	Ayinmode, Tims S.	Engineering (workshop)	28th April
10.	Ibiyeye, Esther A.	Civil Engineering	28th April
11.	Oyeniya, Michael O.	Bursary	29th April
12.	Komolafe, Semiu K.	Works/Power	30th April
13.	Ogunsanwo, Olufemi	Geology and Mineral Sciences	30th April
14.	Akinwale, Ayobami O.	Performing Arts	30th April

## Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ The Area Director of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Kwara State Zone, Mr. T. J. Gambari, has enjoined the University of Ilorin students who are on Students' Industrial Work Experience and Service (SIWES) scheme to make a good use of their time during their Industrial Training while speaking at a pre-placement orientation programme for the students at the University recently.  
(‘IT is more valuable than money’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, April 21, 2011, p.33)
- ❖ At least 65 academic staff of the University of Ilorin will be sponsored by the University to the second joint conference the University is organising with the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.  
(‘65 for conference’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, April 21, 2011, p.20)
- ❖ The STEP-B researchers of the University of Ilorin, Prof. T. S. Ibiyemi of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Prof. J. A. Obaleye of the Department of Chemistry, have revealed that their multi-million naira projects are now almost completed. (‘STEP-B projects near completion’, *The Nation*, same as above.)
- ❖ The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has condemned the post-election violence in some parts of the country while addressing a press conference on behalf of the Council, co-chaired by the Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Abubakar Muhammad Sa’ad and the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Pastor Ayodele Oritsejafar, in Ilorin. (‘NIREC calls for end to post-election violence’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 21 – Sunday 24, May, 2011, pp.3 and 4)
- ❖ The authorities of the University of Ilorin have sensitised their students on what constitutes examination malpractices as all is set for the commencement of the 2010/2011 Rain Semester examinations on Monday May 2, 2011. (‘Unilorin commences new semester’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.9)
- ❖ The Area Director of Kwara State Zone of the Industrial training Fund, Mr. T. J. Gambari, has disclosed that the excellence of at least five students of the University of Ilorin had made them secure jobs while on their Industrial Training just as he urged the current students on Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) to be motivated while speaking at the University of Ilorin recently.  
(‘5 Unilorin students secure jobs through SIWES’, *National Pilot*, same as above)
- ❖ While speaking at the inauguration of a new set of leaders for the postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Isaac Abimbola, has tasked the student leaders to imbibe the spirit leadership by service.  
(‘Don charges students’ leaders on service’, *National Pilot*, same as above)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin is set to host at least 57 lecturers from the University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana, who will participate in the second joint conference of the two universities at the University of Ilorin.  
(‘57 Cape Coast varsity dons storm Unilorin for conference’, *National Pilot*, same as above.)

## Unilorin in the News

- ❖ The University of Ilorin is set to sponsor at least 65 members of its academic staff at the second international joint conference with the University of Cape Coast to be hosted by the University of Ilorin next week.  
(‘Unilorin sponsors 65 staff members to conference’, *The Herald*, Monday April 18, 2011, p.18)
- ❖ While delivering a lecture at the University of Ilorin recently, Prof. Foluwasayo Ologe has advocated a skills-based approach to education in Nigeria.  
(‘Don decries Nigerian educational system’, *The Herald*, same as above).
- ❖ A known agent in the University has again begun a campaign of calumny against the University of Ilorin through a claimant of “zonal coordinator, ASUU Ilorin zone”.  
(‘Brutalisation of Unilorin ASUU’, *The Nation*, Monday, April 18, 2011, p.20).
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has advertised its invitation for the pre-qualification of contractors and tendering for sports equipment for the year 2010 ETF intervention in the hosting of WAUG 2011.  
(‘University of Ilorin, *Federal Tenders Journal*, Monday April 18 – Sunday May 1, 2011)
- ❖ While addressing a press conference in Ilorin on behalf of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC), the National Coordinator/Executive Secretary of the body, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has condemned the post-election violence in the North, asking the aggrieved parties to seek redress through constitutional means.  
(‘NIREC tackles rioters, asks parties to seek redress in court’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, April 20, 2011, p.9; also see, ‘NIREC cautions Nigerians on ethno-religious crisis’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.48, ‘Buhari disowns rioters, Sultan, Oritsejafor, Adegbite call for peace’, *The Nation*, same date, pp. 1 and 4; ‘Buhari: violence unfortunate, but CPC not behind killings. Govs, religious council, urge peace’, *This Day*, same date, pp. 1 and 6; ‘Sultan, Oritsejafor condemn carnage in northern states’, *The Guardian*, same date, pp. 1 and 2; ‘Poll: Buhari disowns rioters’, *The Punch*, same date, pp. 1 and 2; etc).
- ❖ The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Branch, has condemned “the divisive actions by the National President, Professor Ukachukwu Awuzie and in particular, Dr. Taiwo Oloruntoba-Oju” while alerting the public to be wary of renewed media attacks against the University and its officers.  
(‘Beware of propaganda, ASUU tells varsity community”, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.16).
- ❖ Theatre scholars have converged on the University of Ilorin for an academic writing workshop convened by Dr. Jeleel Ojuade of the University of Ilorin and Dr. Kene Igweonu of Swansea Metropolitan University. (‘Theatre scholars in Ilorin for academic writing workshop’, *The Punch*, Wednesday, April 20, 2011, p.53).
- ❖ Students of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, have thrilled the University community with a four-day theatre fiesta of dramatic performance where Niyi Adebajo’s *The Market of Betrayals*, Olu Obafemi’s *Naira has no Gender*, AbdulRasheed Adeoye’s *The Smart Game* and Abdullahi Abubakar’s *Corper’tion* were staged.  
(‘The thrills of four nights of theatrical revolution’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, April 21, 2011, p.26)
- ❖ The Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Isaac Abimbola, has urged the newly inaugurated executive council of the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) of the University to let the interest of their followers dominate their activities while addressing the members of the Council recently at the University.  
(‘Serve your people, not your pockets’, “From the University of Ilorin”, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.33)

## Quotes of the Week

It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it. – Albert Einstein

Always when judging who people are, remember to footnote the words “so far”.  
– Robert Brault

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn’t have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven. – G. C. Lichtenberg

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