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Why WAUG may not hold next month



UNILORIN: The DR (ASS) Mrs. Olowoleni, the VC, Prof. Oloyede and the DVC (MS) Chairman WAUG LOC, Prof. Olayemi at the meeting last Monday

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Despite the readiness of the University of Ilorin to host the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) as scheduled in January 2012, two factors have been identified as threats to holding the games next month.

These factors were identified by the stakeholders at a joint meeting of the management, staff and student unions and the WAUG Local Organising Committee at the University of Ilorin last Monday (December 19, 2011). The two factors are the 22nd Ghana Universities Sports Association (GUSA) Games, which also comes up in January 2012 in Kumasi, thereby clashing with WAUG and the ongoing strike of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in Nigeria.

While reviewing the level of readiness of the University at the meeting, the authorities of the University observed that all the necessary infrastructural and logistic facilities already had either been fully put in place or were being concluded. They were also assured that the Committee would give it all it takes to make the 13th WAUG at the University of Ilorin a great success. *(Contd. on page 2)*

NASU presents merit awards to retired members

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has presented NASU welfare awards to 24 retired staff and the families of four deceased members of the Union.

The presentation came up during the end of the year party / annual awards for the recent retirees of the Union held last Wednesday (December 21, 2011) at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre, University of Ilorin.

In his welcome address at the occasion, the NASU Chairman, Mr. J. J. Bello, acknowledge that in many organisations and countries, power changes from one person to the other every four years but it is the Almighty God Who chooses whoever He wishes to become a leader.

The NASU helmsman thanked God for giving him the opportunity to showcase the attributes of good leadership which his members had been yearning for.

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TETE-A-TETE: Mr. Bello with the DVC (RTI), Prof. Fakunle and DVC (MS), Prof. Olayemi at the occasion

WAUG 2012 at Unilorin will be *better by far* – LOC

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In the assessment of the credibility of the threats, it was agreed that the two threats manifesting at the same are credible and that if the two remain unresolved, WAUG is advisedly shifted. It was emphasised that new date of the Games would not be later than March, 2012 as the University of Ghana actually hosted the 12th WAUG in March, 2008.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, buttressed the need for the participation of Ghana saying that WAUG was started by Nigeria and Ghana, through the Universities of Ibadan and Ghana, with other West African universities joining later. He opined that as most other West African universities have one or two universities each, the non-participation of Ghana, which also has several universities, would be like an expanded Nigeria University Games (NUGA).

While briefing the stakeholders at the meeting, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, who is also the Chairman, WAUG LOC noted that another modern pavilion had been constructed while the previous one had been upgraded at the University stadium. He also added that the eight-lane tartan track was being completed with the last stage of work also being carried out on some other indoor and outdoor sporting facilities.

The Chairman reported that many sub-committees were working towards ensuring the success of the various components of the Games. The sub-committees, according to him, include Ceremonials and Protocol, Medical, Accommodation, Accreditation, Documentation, Publicity, Environmental Health, WAUG Forum, Feeding, Technical, Transport, Facilities, Security and Immigration.

Others include WAUG Forum, Team Unilorin, Volunteer Corps, WAUG Centre and WAUG Director General's Office all of which were saddled with various responsibilities aimed at not only ensuring a successful outing but also positioning the University to win several medals at the games.



TOUR TIME: The management and LOC members assessing the new pavilion during the inspection

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, applauded the members of the WAUG LOC for the efforts they had been making since the Committee was inaugurated. He stressed that more than any other thing, he considered hosting WAUG as a golden opportunity to physically develop the University further and improve on its sporting infrastructure which to a large extent had been achieved, meaning that WAUG had been hosted in a sense even before the commencement of games.

Prof. Oloyede said that with the experience at the 12th WAUG at the University of Ghana in 2008, the University was ready right from the first day to host the Games as the Kwara State Government had graciously granted the University the use of the state facilities at the Kwara State Stadium Complex but the keenness of the University in developing itself further made it to work assiduously towards developing and upgrading its own sporting facilities.

While expanding the Strategic Marketing Sub-Committee, the Vice-Chancellor charged the LOC to work harder at the level of revenue generation saying that while the University continues to spend on infrastructure, recurrent expenditure should be driven by the committee such that all logistic needs would be taken care of. He then appealed to the friends, staff and benefactors of the University to take advantage of the opportunity offered by WAUG to show solidarity with the University of Ilorin through the donation of cash and materials.

The high points of the meeting included an assessment tour of the structures and facilities already on ground at the University Stadium.

2011: What a Glorious Year for Unilorin!

The year 2011 may be a year of cataclysmic changes for many people all over the world, with Arab revolutions, murderous interventions in the affairs of other countries by the global power hegemony, violent implosions in African nations and large scale discontent sweeping across the globe, the latter of which made the *Time* magazine declare “The Protester” as the man of the year, at the University of Ilorin, it is one year that will forever be remembered with relish.

The year 2011, which ends this weekend, began on a glorious note for the University as it started with the news of our Vice-Chancellor’s resignation as the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU). As discomfiting as the news was initially for many members of the University community, who used to justifiably boost their egos with their Vice-Chancellor being the number one VC in Africa, especially when outside the country, the development ultimately became a glorious adulation for the University especially in a country where many people find it difficult to relinquish position or quit power.

The excitement generated was still being savoured when the University was ranked not only the best in the country for the umpteenth time but also one of the best 20 in Africa by the webometrics ranking of world universities, a position confirmed by other international ranking bodies during the year.

Apart from virtual assessors, those who visited the University had nothing but commendation for the giant strides they admitted the University is making. From the Visitation Panel of the Federal Government that came earlier in the year to the National Universities Commission (NUC) Institutional Accreditation Panel that came recently, the score card of the University is a testimony of the *numero uno* status it enjoys among the 117 Nigerian universities, despite its relative young age.

While the University staff continued to break new grounds in research and publications, the University further deepened its internationalisation by sponsoring some 20 staff to the United States of America. At the same time, it was played host to large delegations of scholars from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana and Cape Peninsular University of Technology, South Africa, for serious academic business in the University. The University, which produced its first State Governor in the year, also received many dons who came to share their experience with the University community at various times during the year.

An institution driven by innovation, perhaps it was not by accident that a new office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) was created during the year while the University further rebranded itself through the re-naming of key segments within its system. For instance, the Directorate of Corporate Affairs replaced the former Directorate of Information and Protocol while Directorates of Academic Support Services and Human Resources replaced what used to be known respectively as Academic Office and Establishment Division.

The innovativeness of the University also came to the fore, to the admiration and appreciation of many, during the 27th convocation ceremonies two months ago. Those who had been in the University for the past 35 years said it was the best they have ever witnessed and commendation still comes to the University through the Ceremonials Committee, chaired by a foremost Professor of the University, Olu Atteh, who became a professor at the age of 38 with at least 38 publications then, some 19 years ago.

Meanwhile, the year is also ending on a celebratory note as the University is agog now for the West Africa University Games. New structures are emerging at the stadium complex and workers are busy working round the clock erecting structures, upgrading facilities and doing the final phase of everything needful to make the University of Ilorin a reference point anyday hosting University games is mentioned.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- When you are looking at someone you love, your pupils dilate, they do the same when you are looking at someone you hate.
- A small amount of alcohol placed on a scorpion will make it go crazy and sting itself to death.
- If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

NASU commended on welfare scheme

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Mr. Bello acknowledged the management of the University for the honour accorded the Union and stated that the NASU welfare scheme came into being in the year 2000 under the leadership of Mr. I. O. Agboola. He recalled that the objectives of the scheme were to present awards to members after retirement as a mark of recognition and render assistance to members in the moments of difficulties by granting them interest-free loans.

While reflecting on the number of his members among other staff unions in the University, the NASU Chairman quoted a former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Shuaib Oba Abdur Raheem, who once said that "Anywhere you have a larger number of people, that is where God is". He further assured members that steps were being taken by the union to recover all the welfare funds previously mismanaged. He said when the welfare funds are recovered, all the members of the Union who had retired since 2007 and are yet to get their benefits would be invited and presented their awards.

He concluded by expressing his appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, for his support for NASU and for his commitment to the general good including his activities as the Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors. He also appreciated the administrative instrument put in place by the University authority to actualise the promotion of a number of NASU members.



A cross section of NASU members at the occasion

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, who represented the Vice-Chancellor at the occasion, emphasised the relevance of NASU to the quality of service delivery in the University. He added that NASU members had contributed a lot to the success of the University saying that the University further required more support and sacrifice from the members. He enjoined the Union to remain one in order to be better positioned to pursue the lofty goals of the University.

Prof. Olayemi further lauded the Union for the presentation of awards not only to the retirees but also to the families of the deceased members of the Union. He noted that the award presentation was a mark of prestige for the beneficiaries while it is the responsibility of the management to make sure that both individuals and groups are on top. He concluded by praying for the deceased staff members of NASU.

Among the dignitaries that graced the occasion were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle who presented the awards to the beneficiaries; the Dean of Education, Prof. A. S. Olorundare, and the Director of Academic Planning Unit, Prof. M. A. Akanji, among others.

WAUG 2012 receives more donations

The University of Ilorin has received additional donations from good-spirited organisations and individuals towards the hosting of the 13th West Africa University Games (WAUG) scheduled to hold early 2012.

The recent donors include Three Jays International Limited which donated 25 Polo Neck T-Shirts for Principal Officers of the University, Trophies for Winners of Basketball games, two sets of Jerseys (Home & Away Colours), Warmers and T-Shirts for Male and Female Basketball Teams.

While the Pillar of Sports, Kwara State, Chief Donatus N. A. Ejidike, has offered to donate a big billboard to boost the publicity of Games, Prof. and Mrs. S. B. Agaja of the Department of Surgery, University of Ilorin donated a sum of N50,000.00 to the Games.

Students task Nigerian politicians on leadership

Students of the Department of Mass Communication have organised a mock presidential campaign as part of the requirements of one of their courses, "Political Communication", which is meant to showcase the subtleties of using the media in educating and influencing public opinion in a political environment.

The campaign, which was held last week was a contest between two political parties, People's Transformation Party (PTP) and National Coalition for Change (NCP). While PTP had Adeniyi Taiwo and Mayowa Ajibola as its presidential and vice-presidential candidates respectively, the NCC paraded Bakare Kehinde Balkis and Akinwale Akinwunmi Ishola as its presidential and vice-presidential flag-bearers respectively

At the end of the campaign, the PTP was declared winner with 22 points with a slim margin over the NCC which had 20 points.

The manifestoes of both political parties highlighted some of the challenges which Nigeria continues to face as the mock politicians were still promising uninterrupted power supply, security, good motorable roads, qualitative primary healthcare, free education and employment opportunities if elected, which were all promised by Nigerian leaders before they were elected.

The judges who were on hand to assess the performances of the two parties used such criteria as manifesto, speech delivery, radio jingles and television advertisements, billboards, clothing materials, punctuality, public opinion among others in determining the winner of the campaign.

Speaking at the end of the event, the acting Head of Mass Communication Department, Dr. A. L. Azeez, said the programme was staged in order to practically teach the students how to communicate politically and to handle some critical aspects of life in a developing democracy.

Important Notice to Postgraduate Students who have Overstayed on their Programmes

Consequent upon the court judgment delivered on the 27th day of July, 2011, wherein the University of Ilorin was ordered by the Federal High Court, sitting at Ilorin, to set up a Panel of Examiners to examine the Ph.D. thesis of the Appellant, the University Authority, in response to the order of the Court, constituted a Panel of Examiners to examine the Ph.D. thesis of the said Appellant.

Convinced that a number of persons had been affected by the enforcement of the University regulation in respect of which the Court had entered judgment, and determined to ensure equal treatment to all persons in identical situations in line with its cherished commitment to one of its core values of equal opportunity for all, the University Authority decided to apply the Court order to all those in identical situations.

Pursuant to the above-stated core value, the University Authority hereby requests all students who had earlier been classified as having overstayed on their programmes from 2001 to date and who wish to restore their studentship to visit the Unilorin website (www.unilorin.edu.ng) to provide important information about their courses of study within two (2) weeks from the date of this advertisement. They will be expected to meet certain conditions laid down by the University including the payment of necessary fees.

These categories of students include the following:

- (a) those who have registered up to date but have spent more than the stipulated number of years on their programmes;
- (b) those who have not been able to register for one or more academic sessions; and
- (c) those who have completed their programmes but whose results could not be processed.

Signed

Olufolake O. OYEYEMI (Mrs)

Registrar

Don charges students on decent dressing

A former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and member of the University Dress Code Committee, Prof. Yasir A. Quadri, has charged the University students to dress properly in line with the cultural and religious sensibility of Nigerians and always ensure that they wear their ID cards proudly within and outside the University.

Prof. Quadri gave this advice last Tuesday (December 20, 2011) while speaking at a family gathering and oratory contest organised by the Faculty of Arts Students' Association (FASA), at the Performing Arts Theatre, University of Ilorin.

According to the don, students should be good ambassadors of the University of Ilorin by proving to the world that they have received all round education and they are total men and women. While saying that they should live as the heartbeats of their various societies as humanists, Prof. Quadri cited the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as a typical example of what a 21st century student of humanities can become by dint of determination and commitment to excellence.

In the second session of the programme, Prof. Gbenga Fakuade of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages in his lecture, "The Place of Humanities in the 21st Century", submitted that the relevance of humanities to national development in the present age cannot be over-emphasised.

The don noted that neither Science nor Technology can survive without the Arts. Citing language as a case study, he challenged his audience to imagine a 21st century without language, an instrument of thought through which the world has become what it is through information, communication, education, socialisation and globalisation that language engenders. He stressed that no tangible development can be achieved without delving into the history and developmental stages of such development while also submitting that it is the humanities that humanises the world.

Earlier in his address at the occasion, captioned "So Good, So Bad", the President of the Association, Mr. Adeshina Samuel, appreciated the presence of the intellectual giants and thanked his cabinet members for their cooperation and the students of the Faculty at large making his Administration a success story so far. He remarked that his Administration would not relent until the promised recreation centre around the class area became a reality. He also said his Administration is open to criticism and suggestions that would move FASA forward among other Faculty Associations in the University.

At the last session of the programme, which focused on an inter-departmental debate among the seven Departments of the Faculty of Arts on the theme of the relevance of their courses of study in the 21st century, representatives of the various departments competed until the debaters of the Department of History and International Relations were declared the winners of the 2011/2012 session debate.

Before the closing remarks during which the Vice-President of the Association, Miss Olayinka Oluremi, appreciated the lecturers and the sponsors of the programme, the Editor-in-Chief of FASA, Mr. Bello Lateef Adekunle, called for articles for "The Heartbeat", a special edition of *The Humanist* magazine.

While challenging his colleagues to write because authors become authorities, Mr. Bello said contributors to the publication could forward their submissions to akblessings@hotmail.com, or submit hard copies to him or any member of the Editorial Board in the Faculty.

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN INTER-RELIGIOUS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

"For unto us a child is born unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end..." (Isaiah 9:6)

The University of Ilorin Inter-Religious Council wishes all Christians of the University community and indeed Christians all over the world joy, peace, blessings of the Prince of Peace now and always.

Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

Signed

University of Ilorin Inter-religious Council

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF PRIVATE INVESTORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN WATER VENTURE

A. Introduction

The University of Ilorin, in its concerted efforts to diversify its revenue base, wishes to establish and manage the **UNILORIN WATER VENTURE** which will produce and market both sachet and bottled water for drinking.

It is envisaged that the Venture will require total fixed assets of about ₦41.3 million and total operating cost of about ₦16.3 million for the first one year bringing the total start-up cost to ₦57.6 million. With Internal Rate of Return (IRR) conservatively put at 38%, it is expected that the Venture will yield a rate of return of not less than 38% per annum.

The University is desirous of executing the Venture on Joint Venture basis in which participating members will include the Staff Unions and Cooperative Societies and private investors.

Envisaged equity contributions of partners are as under-listed:

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| i. Unilorin Holdings | - 40% |
| ii. Unilorin Cooperative Union | - 30% |
| iii. Private Investors | - 30% |

Participating private investors are expected to be reputable firms with vast experience in the water processing and packaging business.

Pursuant to this objective, the University of Ilorin wishes to invite reputable water processing and packaging firms to participate in financing or/and managing of the **UNILORIN WATER VENTURE** as private investors.

B. Private Investors

Interested *private investors* are required to indicate their interest by submitting pre-qualification documents with verifiable evidence including, but not limited to, the following:

- i) evidence of incorporation of company by Corporate Affairs Commission;
- ii) evidence of the Tax Clearance Certificate for the past three years;
- iii) Company's Audited Account for the past three years;
- iv) letter of reference from Private Investor's Banker(s) indicating availability of funds;
- v) written proposal indicating the amount the investor wishes to invest, its role in the management of the proposed Venture, its level and depth of relevant knowledge/experience; and
- vi) other documents that may support the capability of the firm to successfully participate in a project of this magnitude.

C. Submission

All submissions in sealed envelopes should be delivered to the Registrar, University of Ilorin, P.M.B. 1515, Ilorin, Nigeria, within four (4) weeks from the date of this advertisement.

Signed

Olufolake O. OYEYEMI (Mrs.)

Registrar

LAUGH LINES

Technical conversation between husband and wife

Wife: At least give me your credit card so that I can do some shopping

Husband: Sharing violation access denied

Wife: You are useless

Husband: By default

Wife: Who was there with you in the car this morning?

Husband: System unstable press ctrl, alt, del to Reboot

Wife: What is the relationship between you and your receptionist?

Husband: The only user with write permission

Wife: What is my value in your life?

Husband: Unknown virus detected

MONEY MATTERS**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 16th – 22nd

December, 2011

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Students Charges: Undergraduate	2,023,300:00
Students Charges; Postgraduate	1,077,042:71
Medical Registration	1,000:00
Rent on Properties	136,000:00
Academic Transcripts	259,000:00
Staff I.D Card	4,000:00
Boarded Properties	95,600:00
Change of Course Form	25,000:00
Academic Outfit	53,000:00
Order of Proceedings	69,250:00
Scroll	47,750:00
Students I.D Cards	16,600:00
Total Receipts for the Period	3,807,542.71
PAYMENTS	
Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:	
Alh. Yaro - supply of 33,000 litres of diesel	4,785,000:00
Hab-wal International	56,560:00
Arnal International Ltd- servicing of Generator/installation of safety components	798,270:00
Simple Solution- Development of Account Software	3,000,000:00
Waade Investment- supply/ Installation of Equipment	3,678,027:32
Reflex Concept- Extension of Security Post @ main gate	100,658.33
Jonanet Enterprises-Upgrading of 1 st Floor Toilet	840,059:02
Rock field Petroleum- Supply of 10,000 litres of diesel	1,500,000:00
UB B Bureau De Change- Purchase of Dollar	5,553,945:00
PHCN December 2011 Bills	3,932,412:75
Ayodele Inter Biz- supply of curtain	729,561:00
Lexsan International	1,542,741:93
Djanti (Nig) Limited- Construction of Sport Pavilion	4,674,646:63
Boves- Construction of COHS/BSS Buildings	22,566,899.93
3 Jays International -Supply & Installation of Sports Equipment	38,062,241:20
Other Payments:	
Purchase Advance	7,479,302:51
Various – Refund, etc.	4,015,829:00
Touring Advance	577,950:00
December 2011 Salaries	400,355,020:37
External Examiners' Honorarium	2,292,520:00
Donation to Dr. Olanlokun's Family	5,000,000:00
Scholarship Award	2,585,000:00
Miscellaneous- Hotel exp, Imprest, catering services, etc.	2,578,744:90
Upgrade of facilities at Zoological garden	7,046,430:00
Physical Planning Unit-Demarcation, Fencing & Space	2,350,000:00
Total Expenditures for the Period	526,101,819.89

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola

Department sends off retired secretary

The Department of Physiology, University of Ilorin, has organised a send-off programme in honour of its former Secretary, Mrs. L. A. A. Adeyemi, who retired from the services of the University on October 18, 2011 after 35 years of meritorious service.

Speaking at the occasion held last Thursday (December 22, 2011) at the Board Room of the College of Health Sciences, the Acting Head of the Department, Dr. B. V. Owoyele, thanked all those who came to honour Mrs. Adeyemi saying it was a great achievement to put in 35 years in service and to retire gracefully as Mrs. Adeyemi had done.

Dr. Owoyele noted that the occasion was a payback time for the Secretary, who had distinguished herself with the quality of service rendered to the Department since she resumed there on July 31, 2008. He added that all staff of the Department of Physiology contributed financially and morally towards the occasion and it was with pleasure that she was presented a token gift to appreciate her service.

In her response, Mrs. Adeyemi expressed her joy for the ceremony organised in her honour. She thanked the University Administration for granting her employment and nurturing her to retirement. She remarked that as she might have at one time or the other stepped on people's toes while on her official duty, she pleaded that she be forgiven because dutiful service sometimes requires stepping on toes and looking people straight in the face.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Owoyele appreciated the staff of the Department noting that the occasion also doubled as the end of the year get-together for the staff. He especially acknowledged the staff for their cooperation which promoted the growth of the Department in 2011, the high point of which was the recent organisation of a public lecture which attracted a Canadian Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, R. E. Brown, to the University.

Happy Birthday To You!

S.No.	Name	Office, Faculty, Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Abdullahi, Onimisi E.	Arts and Social Science Education	25th December
2.	Egbewole, Wahab O.	Dean, Faculty of Law	26th December
3.	Eke, Uche B.	Chemistry	26th December
4.	Omeiza, Omololoa K.	Bursary	26th December
5.	Isiaka, Sulu B.	Business Administration	27th December
6.	Aderamo, Adekunle J.	Geography and Environmental Management	28th December

Unilorin in the News

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- The suspension of the Students Union leaders of the University of Ilorin by the Students Representative Council has been reversed by a court judgment. ('Suspension of union members: students sue SRC', *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, December 22, 2011, p.31).
- Prof. A. K. Salami of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital has disclosed that donor agencies bear the brunt of alleviating the burden of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria while speaking at a seminar organised by the Students Association to mark the World AIDS Day. ('Students mark World AIDS day', same as above)
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has reflected on the concept of sin in an opinion piece. ('What really is a sin?' *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday December 23, 2011, p. 16)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has criticised the management policies of the Nigerian President. ('Jonathan destroying not transforming Nigeria', *The Nation*, Friday December 23, 2011, p. 20)
- Prof. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital has received a merit award from the Youth Rescue Foundation in partnership with the Kwara axis of the Nigerian Students Joint Campus Committee. ('KWSG earmarks N140m for bursary', *The Herald*, Friday December 23, 2011, p.2)
- While speaking at a lecture organised by the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, the President, Association of Telecommunication Companies of Nigeria, Mr. Titi Omo-Ettu, has urged the Federal Government to invest more in broadband infrastructure. ('ATCON urges FG to invest in broadband', *Saturday Punch*, December 24, 2011, p.52)

Unilorin in the News

- The wife of Kwara State Governor, Mrs. Omolewa Ahmed, and a lecturer in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Mary O. Esere, have warned the public against the evils of abortion at a programme.
(‘Don highlights danger of procuring abortion’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, December 20, 2011, p.26).
- While delivering a lecture organised by the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Ilorin recently, the President of the Association of Telecommunication Companies of Nigeria (ATCOM), Engr. Titi Omo-Ettu, has posited that Nigerian graduates are productive and employable. (‘Nigerian graduates are employable – Omo-Ettu’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, December 20, 2011, p.60).
- A 300 level student of Law at the University of Ilorin, Muhammed Abdullahi, has appeared in a photograph which was taken during the presentation of an ipad prize which he won at an Essay Competition organised by the Glorious Islamic Centre (GIC), Lagos.
(‘Photonews’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, December 21, 2011, p.39).
- The University of Ilorin has been listed as one of the approved universities in Nigeria by the National Universities Commission, (NUC) in a recent public release.
(‘National Universities Commission: Public Announcement’, *The Moment*, Wednesday, December 21, 2011, p.30)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has expressed his opinion on the perceived Federal Government indifference to the plight of ASUU in an open letter.
(‘ASUU strike and governance of deception’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, 21, December, 2011, p.16).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has declared that the passing of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act is an incentive to good governance while delivering his keynote address at a conference and investiture organised by the Correspondents Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara State Council.
(‘VC hails FOIB, says it’s an incentive to good governance’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, December 21, 2011, p.15).
- The Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin has been listed among the 13 Nigerian Medical Schools on the Avicenna Directory whose graduates can practise in the United Kingdom.
(‘UK council blacklists UNIJOS, UNN, other medical graduates’, *The Punch*, Thursday, December 22, 2011, p.9).
- The Student Union leaders of the University of Ilorin who were previously suspended by the Students Representative Council have been reinstated following a court ruling that declared the suspension as null and void.
(‘Unilorin student leaders’ reinstated’, *The Nation*, Thursday, December 22, 2011, p.32)
- The Head of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science, University of Ilorin, Dr. O. R. Karim and an alumnus of the University, Mr. Samson Oyeyinka, have counseled the newly admitted students of the Department. (‘Orientation for freshers’, *The Nation*, same date, p.33)
- A 400 level student of Computer Science at the University of Ilorin has criticised Nigerian political leaders over bursary awards. (‘Students are not mendicants’, *The Nation*, same date, p.35)
- The students of Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) have won the Prof. Ojuawo Medical Quiz Competition hosted by the University of Ilorin where medical students of six Nigerian universities competed. (‘Medical students win competition’, same as above).

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Quotes of the Week

There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice.

- Mark Twain

A human being is not attaining his full heights until he is educated. - Horace Mann

Children have to be educated, but they have also to be left to educate themselves.

- Ernest Dimnet

Beauty in things exists in the mind which contemplates them. -David Hume

Even peace may be purchased at too high a price. - Benjamin Franklin