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## Political aspirants need not resign – Don



**DIGNITARIES:** Invited guests, including the Chairman, Prof. Adeyemi (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and Prof. Saliu (standing) at the occasion

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**A** former Dean of Business and Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Hassan Saliu, has called for a reversal of the policy that requires public servants who have political ambition to resign their appointment before contesting. This, he said, is to ensure that politicians have a sense of financial security in case they lose election and after completing their terms of office as political leaders.

Prof. Saliu made this appeal last Saturday at the University of Ilorin Auditorium while delivering a lecture entitled “Politics and Under-development in Nigeria: Towards a Nexus” at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium and launch of the magazine of Offa Students Union, University of Ilorin Chapter. The occasion was chaired by former a Vice- Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. S.O. Adeyemi.

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## Shun political thuggery, Oladosu charges youths

**A**s few days remain to the commencement of the much anticipated elections in Nigeria, the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdul Ganiy Abdus Salaam Oladosu, has charged Nigerian youths, particularly the students, to shun the temptation of being recruited as political thugs in the forth-coming general elections.

In a sermon delivered last Friday (March 26, 2011), the Azhar-trained Professor of Arabic Education said it amounted to thoughtlessness for anyone, because of stipends like N500, to be ready to risk his life because of the political ambition of some people.

Illustrating his point with the headline of *The Nation* newspaper of the day, “Polls: Violence hits Ekiti, Oyo, Delta, Niger, others” (with riders like “youth stone governor’s convoy. Thugs attack Ajimobi’s rally”) which he displayed, Prof. Oladosu condemned the spate of violence in the country ahead of the elections starting next week and flayed the youth for allowing themselves to be manipulated by desperate politicians.

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**CLERIC:** Prof. Oladosu

## 'Why politicians take corruption as a way of life'

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Prof. Saliu suggested that in order not to be paupers as soon as they are out of office, many politicians have embraced corruption as a way of life and this has impacted negatively on the country. He noted that public contracts in Nigeria are 30% higher than their costs in the global market on account of corruption of public officials and their cronies in the private sector. As a result of this, he added, Nigeria is no longer a force that is reckoned with in the international community as no Nigerian leader has won the Mo Ibrahim prize for leadership in Africa while South Africa was chosen ahead of Nigeria as the representative of Africa in the G20.

The don further argued that the bane of the country is that its politics is a politics of reward rather than politics of service. He stressed that the concept of the philosopher-king has eluded Nigeria as the executive heads parade themselves as being above the laws having perfected the art of manipulating the representatives of the people in the parliament and ignoring court orders.

Prof. Saliu also said that such politicians do not listen their retinue of advisers, who are chosen by the politicians themselves and maintained at the expense of the state. On many occasions, he noted, the advisers need to study the mood of the head of executive before they give advice, a situation which he said has made politics and development strange-bedfellows.



*L-R: Prof. Sule, Mr. Saheed and Prof. Lawal at the occasion last weekend*

While reviewing the current electoral climate in Nigeria, the guest lecturer observed that all the presidential aspirants in Nigeria realise the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the country and this explains why the Jonathan-Sambo ticket has been emphasising transformation while the opposition has been calling for change.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was given an award of excellence at the occasion, congratulated the Union on the success of the programme and acknowledged its appropriate timing. Prof. Oloyede, who was represented by the Director of the National Center for Hydro Power Research Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin, also urged all Nigerians to participate positively in the elections that is stating next week by ensuring that they vote wisely and they make their votes count.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the President of Offa Students Union, Mr. Ishaq Tope Ijaiya, noted that the despite the state of the nation, the youth have no excuse other than to excel because there are still role models in the society. He cited the current Olofa of Offa, Oba Muftau Ilufemiloye, in whose honour the programme was organised and the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as typical examples of models that should inspire the youth and the society.

The occasion was attended by awardees including the representative of Rev. George Adegboye, Rev. Mike Owoeye; Prof. Adebayo Lawal; Chief Olushola Okunola who represented Prof. S.O. Adegboye, and the Chairman of Offa Local Government, Mr. Popoola Saheed, who urged all Kwarans to embrace the type of political vigilance that brought him to office and appealed that people should avoid violence in the forthcoming elections.

The high points of the occasion included the launch of the magazine of the Union, *Wrestlemania*.

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## Day of honour for a retiring staff member

Staff and students of the Department of Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, have organised a send-off programme in honour of Mr. James Ibitosho Awogbami, a pioneer staff member of the Department and indeed the first technical staff member of Technical Theatre at the Department.

Speaking at the occasion held last Tuesday (March 22, 2011), the Dean of Arts, Prof. Z. I. Oseni, disclosed that he only knew Mr. Awogbami as a staff member but he recently knew him by name and as a technical staff member when he assumed office as Dean. He added that his close knowledge of the man in recent times made him to believe that Mr. Awogbami truly deserves the honour being conferred on him and that informed his presence at the occasion.

In his own comments, the Head of the Department of the Performing Arts, Prof. Ayobami Akinwale, recalled that as the first lecturer of Technical Theatre in the University of Ilorin, he discovered that he was in need of the services of Mr. Awogbami as a technical staff. Speaking on the virtues of the retiree, Prof. Akinwale said that the honouree is not known for backbiting unlike some other staff.

“His service to staff and students is exemplary. I have never seen anyone so dedicated in my working life. I discovered loyalty to students in him,” he said.



**HONOUR, L-R: Prof. Nasiru, Mr. and Mrs. Awogbami, Prof. Oseni and Prof. Akinwale at the occasion**

In his own tribute to Mr. Awogbami, Prof. Akanji Nasiru noted that apart from the honouree, he was the happiest man at the occasion as he recalled how he recommended Mr. Awogbami to be employed as a staff member in the fledgling Department of the Performing Arts in 1981 while he was doing well at the Works Department. According to him, Mr. Awogbami has contributed immensely to the success of staging convocation plays in the University including the set construction for *Langbodo*, the convocation play of 1987.

According to Prof. Nasiru, a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, there was an initial scepticism on the competence Mr. Awogbami but within his first month in office, the man wrote a proposal for a collapsible stage for the Department. He also added that the retiree has succeeded in carrying out his responsibilities effectively till the age of retirement while he has also brought up some of the academic staff in the Department along the line.

In his response to the encomiums on him, the elated Mr. Awogbami recalled how he told God that he wanted to leave the services of the University with honour and not in ignominy 34 years ago. He said his prayer was being accepted with the send-off programme being organised for him and thanked God for answering his prayer.

“My heart is full of joy, I stand before you a happy man...I enjoy this University particularly the Department of the Performing Arts. I love you as a people, you have passion for me and my family. God will honour you. I thank you for the days we spent together, I thank you for today,” he said.

The high points of the occasion, which was attended by the family and friends of Mr. Awogbami, included the presentation of gifts by staff, friends and different categories of students to the honouree.

### Fast Facts File

#### **Did you know?**

- The human hair grows 0.001714 inches and nails grow 0.000046 inches in a span of 24 hours.
- Your heart beats 103,680 times in 24 hours (and about 2.5 billion times in a lifetime).
- On the average, we drink 16,000 gallons of water and blink our eyes 250 million times in a lifetime.
- The human brain consists of 10 to 100 million neutrons (brain cells).

## Jihad is misconstrued by many, says Don

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According to the Chief Imam, who is also the Director of Academic Planning Unit of the University, human life is sacred and those who kill and maim others are committing grievous sins to which they will be accountable before God. He enjoined students to face their studies and define their own future rather than be ready tools in the hands of political desperadoes whose only concern is winning at all costs.

Also speaking on the concept of *Jihad* in commemoration of the on-going *Jihad Week* programme of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria, University of Ilorin Branch, Prof. Oladosu said *jihad* is one of the most misconstrued concepts in Islam and that those who restrict it to fighting wars are parochial, narrow-minded or totally ignorant of the concept.

While saying that some youths do not understand the religion they practise, Prof. Oladosu said a commitment to learning Islam from its original sources in Arabic through learning the language would make many of those who are enthusiastic but half-educated to know that Islam is different from the way it is being projected in some quarters. He added that even in war situations, Islam denounces destroying places of worship and that anyone who attacks where people worship God cannot be said to represent Islam.

Speaking further on the concept of *jihad*, the Chief Imam narrated the case of a man who said he wanted to strive physically in the way of God by joining a battle and how the Prophet (SAW) directed him to go back and attend to the needs of his parents and strive better in *jihad* through serving them. The erudite scholar also tasked the Muslim youth to heed the Quranic directive that they call to the way of God with wisdom and good counsel saying that many of those who want to propagate Islam lack the essentials of methodology. He then urged all Nigerians to obey God, adhere to electoral rules and regulations and eschew acts of violence in the forthcoming polls.

## Unilorin congratulates Akande on double awards

The authorities of the University of Ilorin have congratulated Prof. S. O. Akande of the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences on what they call his “twin achievements recorded in one fell swoop.”

In a congratulatory letter signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, the University noted that it “has received with delight, the happy news of your election into the Class of Fellow of the Nigerian Mining and Geoscience Society (FNMGs) at the just concluded 47<sup>th</sup> Annual international Conference of the Society held at Minna, Niger State. It was also gladdening to learn that at the same conference, you were honoured with the NMGS/PTDF/RILWAN LUKMAN 2011 Award in recognition of your significant contribution to Mining and Geoscience Education.”

While congratulating the Professor on his achievements, the University expresses hope that he will not rest on his oars but will continue to “work assiduously to bring greater honours to the University.”

## Opportunities for sponsored fellowship in China

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has announced the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the People’s Republic of China – The Great Wall co-sponsored fellowships programme (2011/2012) for member states in Africa.

The fellowship is to promote international exchanges in the field of education, culture, communication, science and technology and it is tenable at some designated Chinese universities. The 25 fellowships are for advanced studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Most programmes are conducted in English Language but for exceptional cases where candidates are required to study the Chinese language before embarking on their research.

The Qualifications required of Applicants as published are: i) At least the equivalent of Master’s Degree/above or the Bachelor’s Degree; ii) English proficiency is required iii) Be not more than 45 years of age; and iv) Be in good health, both physically and mentally.

The deadline for the submission of applications is April 4, 2011 and more information is available on the website [www.csc.ed.cn](http://www.csc.ed.cn).

## SUCCESS IS A CHOICE

*Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at the Opening of the Universities Trade Group Meeting of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) at the University of Ilorin on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at the University Auditorium.*

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the University of Ilorin. The entire University community, from the Council to the students, earnestly welcomes you and we all wish you fruitful deliberations at the University. While welcoming you to our University, it is my hope that your experience here with us will make you come back and it will be our honour to host you, again and again. Once more, distinguished delegates, you are heartily welcome.

I feel delighted to welcome you today for many reasons. Let me just mention three of them. First, it is my first time of being opportune to interact with you distinguished delegates of NASU from across the country at the University. Second, your Union is one that I hold in high esteem, not only because the membership constitutes a significant proportion of our staff population but also because without you, the University cannot function. No matter how magnificent a building is, without a solid foundation, it will crumble. I regard NASU as the formidable foundation on which the administration of our institutions is erected. The third reason, if I may state, is that good news heralded your arrival on our campus. I will explain.

The day the officials of NASU visited the Vice-Chancellor to notify me of this programme coincided with the release of the January 2011 For International Colleges and Universities (i.e. [www.4icu.org](http://www.4icu.org)) ranking which ranked the University of Ilorin once again as Number One in Nigeria and No. 30 in Africa. While accepting the congratulatory message of the Union officials, I confided in them that I still had apprehension about the yet-to-be-released 2011 league table of the Webometrics Ranking, which placed us 1<sup>st</sup> throughout last year and to which some sections of the global University Community look for the confirmation of university achievements. The union officials prophesied that we might not be able to rise on the continental table but they were sure that with the efforts made during the last seven months, we would retain the first position in Nigeria.

NASU officials were with me last Friday when my attention was drawn to the current results of the webometrics ranking of world universities ([www.webometrics.info](http://www.webometrics.info)). The webometrics ranking result of January 2011, the release of which coincides, almost, with your meeting here, indicates that the University of Ilorin is not only retaining its leading position in Nigeria, it has overtaken or surpassed, within the last seven months, some 2,815 world universities and is now **No. 20 in Africa** and **No. 2,668 in the world**. While the University is humbled by this development, I wish to note that this is not the achievement of the University of Ilorin alone but our collective success as members of higher education sub-system. What readily comes to mind is that at least, no one will say none of our universities is in the best 3,000 category in the world again.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I choose to let you know that *success is a choice* and everyone can choose to be successful or otherwise. While I wish you a resounding success in all your endeavours, all success comes with a price: commitment, sacrifice, discipline and determination. To make Nigeria great, everyone has a role to play and it is essential that we all play our roles well rather than complain and lament always. If we all do our best within the limits of our power wherever we are, the situation facing us as individuals and nation will be changed for better. This is why at the University of Ilorin, we have a saying which is “clean your corner”. If we all clean our corners as staff, parents and citizens, everywhere would be clean. If there is rubbish all over the streets and neighbourhoods, as there is in some parts of the country, it is because those living there do not sweep their corners, they expect others to do it for them.

If you permit me to cite the University of Ilorin as an example again, we are bothered that everybody laments that our universities lack quality, that our graduates are unemployable, that our universities are not in the leagues of the best in the world, with 5,000 often cited by commentators and critics, among other complaints. We then thought of what we could do, rather than just sit down and lament about

various lacks, both real and imagined, that are plaguing our universities. We then studied other world universities and we realised that they are not better than we are in terms of staff and students. We realised that we only have to do a few different things and do other things differently. We also discovered that we need to work hard, make sacrifices and change our attitudes to the challenges of the digital age.

Thus, we noted that in the **July 2008** webometrics ranking of universities, two Nigerian universities were in the best 100 category in Africa (Obafemi Awolowo University, No. 1 in Nigeria, No. 68 in Africa and No. 7,703 in the world and the University of Ibadan, No. 2 in Nigeria, No. 85 in Africa and No. 8,619 in the world). We had a choice to complain that the ranking was not fair, and we still believe the ranking is not fair to our universities in Nigeria especially and in Africa at large, and lament without doing anything. But we determined to be among the best and as the following table shows, our efforts are commensurate with the results:

#### July 2009 webometrics ranking of universities

S/N	Universities	Nigeria	Africa	World
1.	University of Benin	1 <sup>st</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup>	6,602 <sup>nd</sup>
2.	University of Ilorin	2 <sup>nd</sup>	77 <sup>th</sup>	7,902 <sup>nd</sup>
3.	Obafemi Awolowo University	3 <sup>rd</sup>	78 <sup>th</sup>	7,942 <sup>nd</sup>
4.	University of Ibadan	4 <sup>th</sup>	81 <sup>st</sup>	8,034 <sup>th</sup>
5.	University of Lagos	5 <sup>th</sup>	95 <sup>th</sup>	8,871 <sup>st</sup>

By **July 2010**, a year after, this was the result of the webometrics ranking on the top 100 universities in Africa even though the same website ranked Unilorin 31<sup>st</sup> in the continent:

S/N	Universities	Nigeria	Africa	World
1	University of Ilorin	1 <sup>st</sup>	55 <sup>th</sup>	5,484 <sup>th</sup>
2.	Obafemi Awolowo University	2 <sup>nd</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup>	5,756 <sup>th</sup>
3.	University of Jos	3 <sup>rd</sup>	66 <sup>th</sup>	5,882 <sup>th</sup>
4.	University of Lagos	4 <sup>th</sup>	68 <sup>th</sup>	5,936 <sup>th</sup>
5.	University of Benin	5 <sup>th</sup>	77 <sup>th</sup>	6,324 <sup>th</sup>
6.	University of Ibadan	6 <sup>th</sup>	79 <sup>th</sup>	6,425 <sup>th</sup>
7.	University of Nigeria	7 <sup>th</sup>	99 <sup>th</sup>	7,170 <sup>th</sup>

As webometrics ranking is done twice in a year, this is the result released last week, which is the **January 2011** ranking of world universities as will be found at [www.webometrics.info](http://www.webometrics.info) :

S/N	Universities	Nigeria	Africa	World
1	University of Ilorin	1 <sup>st</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	2,668 <sup>th</sup>
2.	University of Jos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	42 <sup>nd</sup>	4,087 <sup>th</sup>
3.	University of Nigeria	3 <sup>rd</sup>	54 <sup>th</sup>	5,176 <sup>th</sup>
4.	University of Lagos	4 <sup>th</sup>	58 <sup>th</sup>	5,253 <sup>rd</sup>
5.	Obafemi Awolowo University	5 <sup>th</sup>	63 <sup>rd</sup>	5,883 <sup>rd</sup>
6.	Ahmadu Bello University	6 <sup>th</sup>	69 <sup>th</sup>	6,270 <sup>th</sup>
7.	National Open University	7 <sup>th</sup>	86 <sup>th</sup>	7,246 <sup>th</sup>
8.	University of Agriculture	8 <sup>th</sup>	95 <sup>th</sup>	7,619 <sup>th</sup>

What is clear from the foregoing is that there is a progressive pattern of improvement in our universities and I believe that with the support of all of you in our various universities, we shall be better. And what are the universities without people, without dedicated staff who are committed to making a difference? What is the university without you?

It is crucial to note that from only **two** universities in the league of the top 100 in Africa in **2008** to **five** in **2009** and **seven** in **2010** and now **eight** in **2011**, our universities are becoming more competitive globally. We are responding to the challenges of the present age and we are becoming better global players. There is every possibility that more of our universities will achieve better ranking, qualitatively and

quantitatively, in the nearest future and we can only achieve this if we work more and complain less. *Success is a choice* where there are several options. We all need to be determined to choose success and I wish you all success in your endeavours.

As a matter of fact, the role of NASU in propelling our higher educational institutions to a higher pedestal cannot be over-emphasised. Without your immense contributions in your various capacities, the institutions would collapse – like a building on a fetid foundation. Thus, knowing that staff/student welfare is the crux of unionism, the University of Ilorin does not take welfare matters with levity. Our own approach, which has proved to be helpful with the result, is to enlist unions, including Student Union, in specific areas management activities. It is instructive to note that our various higher institutions are for us to plough, not to plunder; our various institutions are for us to make, not to mar. And with working positively and purposively together, we shall make Nigeria greater.

It is our fervent belief that, if one can paraphrase a bank slogan, happy people make happy institutions. We are committed to such things that will bring happiness to our teeming staff and students not necessarily immediately at all times but proximately and ultimately. I implore us all to strive more as individuals and groups to find ways through which we can further contribute to the development of our nation, through discharging our duties and responsibilities conscientiously, in our various institutions. Let us always remember that when we wash the cloth of others through service, our own hands will also become clean automatically.

I must at this juncture appreciate the staff unions of the University of Ilorin, especially NASU, for working with dedication to make the University what it is. I also thank you distinguished delegates for making the University of Ilorin your choice venue for this important meeting you are here for. Part of our strength is that we always desire to take advantage of the presence of people like you to listen to observations and comments so that we shall be able to perform better. Please, let us know how we can develop the University further as you explore and observe our campus. *Success is a choice* that we wish to choose always and we hope your presence will assist us further in making the right choice always.

Once again, I wish you a successful meeting and I thank you for your kind attention.

## **Unilorin/UCC Book of proceedings to be ready**

**T**he book of proceedings of the first Unilorin/UCC joint conference is being planned for circulation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> joint conference of the two institutions at the University of Ilorin scheduled for May 1–5, 2011 at the University of Ilorin, the International Organising Committee of the joint conference has disclosed.

Speaking at the meeting of the Committee last Thursday (March 24, 2011) at the University of Ilorin, the Chairman of the first joint conference of the two universities, hosted by the University of Cape-Coast, Prof. Kobina Yankson, said that the book contains at least 46 peer reviewed articles. These include 30 articles by scholars of the University of Ilorin and 16 by scholars of the University of Cape Coast.

The Committee expressed satisfaction with the hundreds of abstracts received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> joint conference and indicated that the success of the second edition will surpass the first one, especially with the interest shown by various Nigerian and Ghanaian universities the staff of which continue to submit abstracts.

While receiving the Committee, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, appreciated the members for their commitment to the success of the conference noting that of all the universities the University of Ilorin signed Memoranda of Understanding with, the University of Cape Coast occupies a class of its own.

Members of the Committee from UCC, Ghana that attended the meeting are Prof. D. D. Kuupole, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Deputy Vice-Chancellor); Prof. Kobina Yankson, former Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Jeff Teye Onyame, Deputy Registrar, Academic and Dr. Kabiru K. Azeez, Director of Health Services.

Also present at the meeting are such members from the University of Ilorin as Prof. J. O. Atteh, who represented the Chairman, Prof. K. L. Ayorinde; Prof. Y. A. Quadri, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, Prof. F. A. Oladele, Prof. Ayo Akinwale, Dr. (Mrs) O. V. Mejabi, Dr. M. A. Adedimeji, Mrs. C. N. Abimbola, Dr. I. A. Adimula and Mr. S.O. Agboola, who is the Secretary to the Committee.

## Inter-religious Council holds inaugural meeting

The newly reconstituted Inter-religious Council of the University of Ilorin has held its inaugural meeting on the strategies of promoting more peaceful coexistence of the two religious bodies on campus.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting last Tuesday (March 22, 2011), the Chairman of the Council, Prof. G. A. Olatunji of the Department of Chemistry, appreciated all Council members, including respected senior members of the University and student representatives, and solicited their support and cooperation in the discharge of the important assignment before the Council.

A statement issued by the Council after the meeting indicated that the meeting was attended by Prof. AGAS Oladosu, Chief Imam of the University; Revd. Dr. A. S. Idowu, Chaplain, the Chapel of the Light; and Engr. P.A. Oddiah, who represented the Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, among others.

The high point of the meeting was a special prayer for peaceful and successful elections in the country.

## 2010/2011 Staff Development

Recipient	Programme	Department	Tenable Institution
Mr. I. Kareem	M.Sc.	Agronomy	University of Ilorin
Mr. K. O. Lawal	Ph.D.	Accounting & Finance	University of Lagos
Mrs. S. O. Abubakar	Ph.D.	Linguistics & Nig. Languages	University of Ilorin
Mrs. M. A. Mabayoje	Ph.D.	Computer Sciences	University of Ilorin
Mr. G. A. Bajeh	Ph.D.	Computer Sciences	University of Ilorin
Mrs. B. A. Lawal	M.Sc.	Pharmacology	University of Ibadan
Engr. K. O. Yusuf	Ph.D.	Agric. & Biosystems Engrg.	University of Ilorin
Mr. O. O. Olofintoye	Ph.D.	Civil Engineering	University of Ilorin
Mr. A. O. Otuoze	M.Sc.	Electrical Engineering	University of Benin
Mr. M. O. Iyanda	Ph.D.	Agric. & Biosystems Engrg	University of Ilorin
Mrs. C. T. Gbadebo	Ph.D.	Home Economics & Food Sci.	University of Benin
Mrs. M. A. Obalowu	Ph.D.	Home Economics & Food Sci.	University of Benin
Mrs. A. A. Babayeju	Ph.D.	Home Economics & Food Sci.	University of Benin
Mr. A. A. Owoade	Ph.D.	Islamic Law	University of Ilorin
Mr. R. J. Adebimpe	Ph.D.	Public Law	University of Ilorin
Mr. L. B. Ijaiya	Ph.D.	Private & Property Law	University of Ilorin
Mrs. M. A. Abdulraheem-Mustapha	Ph.D.	Public Law	University of Ilorin
Mr. A. B. Abdulkadir	Ph.D.	Public Law	University of Ilorin
Dr. E. O. Sanya	Ph.D.	Medicine	University of Ilorin

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Recipient	Programme	Department	Tenable Institution
Mr. A. O. Sambo	Ph.D.	Public Law	International Islamic University, Malaysia
Mrs. G. M. Olatokun	Ph.D.	Private and Property Law	University of Utara, Malaysia
Mr. H. A. Dawood	Ph.D.	Business Law	University of London, United Kingdom

### LAUGH LINES

A boy who aspired to be a doctor got his WAEC result with two credits only in Igbo and Agriculture. *Luckily*, he had an uncle who worked as an administrator in the Medical College. He embarked on a journey to see his uncle to assist him with his admission application.

Uncle: So, it's good you want to be a doctor. How was your 'O' level result?

Boy: Fine. Oh, I really want to be the first doctor in our village and I know you can your help. I have Two credits in Igbo and Agric.

Uncle: Two credits? You can still be a Doctor but a native one. You will use your credit in Agric to look for herbs and credit in Igbo to chant incantations. Have a great day!

## Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1	Amusa, Margaret O.	Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Acad.)	27th March
2	Aboderin, Ganiyu O.	Library	28th March
3	Akinkunmi, Christianah O.	Chemistry	28th March
4	Alabi, Abdulganiyu F.	Mechanical Engineering	28th March
5	Alabi, Sunday	Works/ Parks and Garden	28th March
6	Olajide, James	Bursary	28th March
7	Ismael, Ismael S.	Islamic Law	29th March
8	Mustapha, Mohammed Z.	Security	29th March
9	Olatinwo, AbdulWaheed O.	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	30th March
10	Oshodi, Ayodele F.	Economics	30th March
11	Aderinto, Yidiat O.	Mathematics	31st March
12	Olaniyi, Taiwo A.	Accounting and Finance	31st March
13	Aboyeji, Abiodun P.	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1st April
14	Oyerinde, Olufemi O.	Human Kinetics and Health Education	2nd April

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## Unilorin in the News

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- ▶ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has denied the rumour of his resignation as Vice-Chancellor while speaking with the press, clarifying that he only resigned as the President of the Association of African Universities.  
(‘I have not resigned, says VC’, ‘UNILORIN FILE’, *The Nation*, Thursday, March 24, 2011, p.33)
- ▶ The Chairman of Unilorin Committee on Open Distance Learning (ODL), Prof. R. A. Lawal, has said that Post-Doctoral Diploma in Education will soon commence at the University of Ilorin.  
(‘Post-doctoral coming’, same as above).
- ▶ The University of Ilorin has received a delegation of Virginia State University (VSU) of the United States.  
(‘Varsity receives delegates’, same as above).
- ▶ A columnist, Kofoworola Belo-Osagie, has urged Nigerian universities to emulate the University of Ilorin in the area of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) adding that the University has blazed the trail for others to follow. (‘Lessons from Unilorin e-feats’, *The Nation*, same as above, p.36).
- ▶ A member of the public has refused to accept the explanation that employment is subject to the availability of vacancy saying that automatic employment that a former Minister of Education suggested for the University first class graduates should be implemented even if there is no vacancy.  
(‘Re: Unilorin’s futile promise to first class graduates’, *The Punch*, Thursday, March 24, 2001, p.13).
- ▶ The men squash teams of the University of Ilorin and the University of Lagos are set to lock horns at the finals of the Nigerian Universities Games (NUGA) holding in Benin.  
(‘Unilag, Unilorin clash in squash final’, *The Guardian*, Thursday March 24, 2001, p.90)
- ▶ The Governor of Osun State, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola, has charged all Nigerians to ensure that their votes count while delivering a lecture at the University of Ilorin.  
(‘Aregbesola charts way to credible polls’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, March 24, 2011, p.25).
- ▶ About 993 students of the University of Ilorin have been asked to withdraw due to their poor academic performance while about 65 students have been expelled over a period of time.  
(‘Unilorin advises 993 students to withdraw’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, March 24, 2011, p.24)

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- The University of Ilorin has received the delegation of Virginia State University, comprising Prof. Maxine Sample, Prof. Adeyemi Adekoya, Dr. Olurotimi Odeh and Dr. Justina Osa, during which bilateral meetings were held to deepen the Memorandum of Understanding signed last year by the two universities. ('UNILORIN receives Virginia State varsity delegates', *The Guardian* Sunday, March 20, 2011, p.45)
- During a stakeholders' forum held in Lagos, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have disclosed that the WAUG games that their University will host later this year will attract over 5,000 athletes from at least 88 universities in the West African sub-region. ('60 Nigerian universities for WAUG games', *The Guardian*, same as above)
- The University of Ilorin has published the names of the students who have been expelled from the University or advised to withdraw from their programmes due to poor academic ability. ('University of Ilorin, Ilorin', *The Punch*, Monday 21, 2011, pp.81 - 85; *Nigerian Compass*, same date, pp. 17 - 21; *Daily Trust*, same date, pp.41 - 45)
- The Chairman of the University Committee on Open Distance learning (ODL), Prof. Adebayo Lawal, has disclosed that the already approved Post-Doctoral Diploma in Education (PDDE) will kick-start the Open Distance Learning programme of the University later this year. ('PDDE to herald Open Distance Learning - Lawal', *National Pilot*, Monday 21 - Wednesday 23 March, 2011, p. 5)
- The University of Ilorin Chapter of Offa Students Union would hold its 5<sup>th</sup> annual symposium and launch a magazine, *Wrestlemania*, at a programme slated for Saturday March 26, 2011 in honour of the Oloffo of Offa. ('Unilorin OSU launches magazine Saturday', *The Herald*, Wednesday, March 23, 2011, p.4)
- The University of Ilorin has introduced five new academic programmes as part of its commitment to advancing knowledge and excellence. ('UNILORIN mounts five new courses', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, March 23, 2011, p.15)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin "have said 140 students of the institution has been expelled" while "more than 1,000 students were also asked to withdraw from the institution for failure to have required minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average." ('UNILORIN expels 1,175 students', *The Punch*, Wednesday, March 23, 2011, p.9)
- While speaking at a dinner in honour of the visiting delegation of Virginia State University, USA, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has explained that the reason for the MoU that the University signs with other universities is to share experience and exchange benefits. ('VC explains MoU with US varsity', *New Nigerian*, Thursday, March 24, 2011, p.4)
- A 100 level student of Computer Science, University of Ilorin, Michael Adebayo, has written a brilliant essay on perceptions of rights and privileges sampling students' opinions from various Nigerian universities, including the University of Ilorin. ('At the centre of varsities, students row. How fight for right or privilege splits campuses', *The Nation*, Thursday, March 24, 2011, p.27)

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## Quotes of the Week

Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out. – Vaclar Havel

Powers is the ability to do good things for others. – Brooke Aston

Each day we make deposits in the memory banks of our children. – Charles R. Swindoll

In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant. – Charles de Gaulle

A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman thinks of the next generation. – James Freeman Clarke.