



Again, Unilorin is ranked first in Nigeria



WINNING TEAM: The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Principal Officers, Deans and Directors of Unilorin

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Barely two weeks after the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, was declared “The Pillar of Education in Nigeria” by the *Nigerian Education Times* and two days after the University was given a special award for outstanding performance in academic stability by the Correspondents’ Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara State Council, the University has once again been proclaimed the best University in Nigeria by an international agency.

In its 2011 ranking of world universities released last week, the Top Study Links (www.topstudylinks.com) ranks the University of Ilorin first in Nigeria, 21st in Africa and 2668th in the world.

The main criteria used in the ranking are size of the universities, their visibility, the quality and quantity of their research papers/ publications and the quality of their scholars. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Develop Nigeria with FOI Act, VC urges media ...as Unilorin bags NUJ special recognition award

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has urged the Nigerian media to take advantage of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act to develop Nigeria and ensure good governance.

Prof. Oloyede gave this charge last Tuesday (November 22, 2011) in his Keynote Address, “Is Freedom of Information (FOI) Act an Incentive to Good Governance in Nigeria?” delivered at the opening of the National Conference/Official Awards and Investiture marking the 2011 Press Week of the Correspondents’ Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara State Council, at Radio Kwara, Ilorin.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by the Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs Directorate of the University, Dr. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji, there are several areas in which the FOI Act has positive implications for good governance. *(Contd. on page 6)*



HONOUR: The former Speaker of Kwara State House of Assembly, Alh (Hon) Babatunde Muhammad getting set to present the NUJ award to the VC's representative, Dr. Adedimeji

Unilorin leads Nigerian varsities in research

In the top 100 African universities table, eight Nigerian universities are represented. The full result of the ranking of African universities is as follows:

World Rank	Name	Rank	Country
317	University of Cape Town	1	South Africa
474	University of Pretoria	2	South Africa
517	Stellenbosch University	3	South Africa
640	University of the Witwatersrand	4	South Africa
700	Rhodes University	5	South Africa
1051	University of Kwazulu Natal	6	South Africa
1078	University of the Western Cape	7	South Africa
1115	University of South Africa	8	South Africa
1277	University of Johannesburg	9	South Africa
1402	Makerere University	10	Uganda
1405	Cairo University	11	Egypt
1626	American University in Cairo	12	Egypt
1998	Ain Shams University	13	Egypt
2102	Mansoura University	14	Egypt
2141	University of the Free State	15	South Africa
2232	North West University	16	South Africa
2444	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University	17	South Africa
2564	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology	18	Ghana
2664	Université Mentouri de Constantine	19	Algeria
2668	Al Akhawayn University Ifrane	20	Morocco
2668	University of Ilorin	21	Nigeria
2675	Polytechnic of Namibia	22	Namibia
2710	Durban University of Technology	23	South Africa
2816	University of Khartoum	24	Sudan
2894	Cape Peninsula University of Technology	25	South Africa
2970	University of Botswana	26	Botswana
3136	University of Nairobi	27	Kenya
3151	Assiut University	28	Egypt
3166	Faculté des Sciences Rabat	29	Morocco
3247	Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar	30	Senegal
3267	University of Zimbabwe	31	Zimbabwe
3289	Tshwane University of Technology	32	South Africa
3393	Université Abou Bekr Belkaid Tlemcen	33	Algeria
3415	University of Dar Es Salaam	34	Tanzania
3431	University of Mauritius	35	Mauritius
3534	Sudan University of Science & Technology	36	Sudan
3552	University of Namibia	37	Namibia
3704	Strathmore University Nairobi	38	Kenya
3807	Université Cadi Ayyad	39	Morocco
3869	University of Zululand	40	South Africa
4049	German University in Cairo	41	Egypt
4087	University of Jos	42	Nigeria
4378	Helwan University	43	Egypt
4596	Université des Sciences et de la Technologie	44	Algeria
4596	National University of Rwanda	45	Rwanda
4749	Zagazig University	46	Egypt
4876	École Mohammadia d'Ingénieurs	47	Morocco
4911	Addis Ababa University	48	Ethiopia

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Unilorin and the Legacy of Best Ranking

In an interview granted the latest edition of *Unilorin Star*, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said something that is fast becoming a reference point for many analysts. After attributing what has been described as the “giant strides” of the University of Ilorin under his administration to his predecessors, he was asked what he would like to be remembered for.

“I don’t want to be remembered for anything. It is God that determines what one would be remembered for. What I want is to do my own and leave the scene. The issue of remembering is totally out of my agenda. They are so many people who died many years ago and people are still remembering them and it does not mean that those who were remembered are fortunate. Remembrance is not an issue, if they like, let them remember me, if they like, let them not remember me. What is important is that nobody can deny my existence even after I might have left office,” he said.

Many pundits insist on remembering that the University of Ilorin reached the first position in the ranking of Nigerian universities and sustained it for three years under the current leadership. Some samples of the 2011 rankings by world bodies, including the recent ranking of www.topstudylinks.com which factors in research output and scholars’ quality as part of its criteria, are as follows:

The January 2011 ranking of world universities by www.webometrics.info: (The July 2011 edition of the webometrics ranked the University second, after the University of Ibadan)

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

For International Colleges and Universities (www.4icu.org), its own 2011 Ranking is:

S/N	Universities	Nigeria	Africa
1	University of Ilorin	1 st	30 th
2.	University of Ibadan	2 nd	33 rd
3.	University of Lagos	3 rd	34 th
5.	Obafemi Awolowo University	4 th	35 th
6.	University of Benin	5 th	60 th

The 2011 ranking of Nigerian Universities (see pp. 2 and 4 for nos 2 -8) of www.topstudylinks.com is:

World Rank	Name	Country Rank
2668	University of Ilorin	1
4087	University of Benin	9
8529	University of Port Harcourt	10
8741	University of Ibadan	11
8835	Covenant University	12
10976	National Mathematical Centre	13
11191	Tai Solarin University of Education	14
11401	Lagos State University	15
11603	Usmanu Danfodiyo University	16

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Your mouth produces 1 litre (1.8 pints) of saliva a day.
- Every person has a unique tongue print.
- We actually do not see with our eyes, we see with our brains. The eyes mainly are the cameras of the brain.

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World	Name	Rank	Country
4940	University of Ghana	49	Ghana
5060	University of Garyounis	50	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
5129	Kenyatta University	51	Kenya
5129	British University in Egypt	52	Egypt
5152	Université Mohammed Premier Oujda	53	Morocco
5176	University of Nigeria Nsukka	54	Nigeria
5197	Université de Batna	55	Algeria
5202	Université Virtuelle de Tunis	56	Tunisia
5249	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane	57	Mozambique
5253	University of Lagos	58	Nigeria
5470	College of Medicine University of Malawi	59	Malawi
5621	South Valley University	60	Egypt
5682	Université Abdelmalek Essaadi	61	Morocco
5699	Fayoum University	62	Egypt
5883	Obafemi Awolowo University	63	Nigeria
6008	Université de Ouagadougou	64	Burkina Faso
6132	Université d'Alger	65	Algeria
6216	Vaal University of Technology	66	South Africa
6240	Université M'Hamed Bougara de Boumerdes	67	Algeria
6270	University of Tanta	68	Egypt
6270	Ahmadu Bello University	69	Nigeria
6291	University of Zambia	70	Zambia
6302	Arab Academy for Science & Technology	71	Egypt
6326	Université Ferhat Abbas Setif	72	Algeria
6340	Université Djillali Liabes	73	Algeria
6507	Pharos University in Alexandria	74	Egypt
6664	Université Ibn Tofail Kenitra	75	Morocco
6758	École Supérieure des Communications de Technologie	76	Tunisia
6766	Université Mohammed V Souissi	77	Morocco
6786	United States International University	78	Kenya
6809	Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde	79	Cape Verde
6809	Alexandria University	80	Egypt
6902	Université Mohammed V Agdal	81	Morocco
7072	Université Saad Dahlab Blida	82	Algeria
7136	University of Fort Hare	83	South Africa
7209	Université d'Antananarivo	84	Madagascar
7233	Université Hassan II Faculté des Science...	85	Morocco
7246	National Open University of Nigeria	86	Nigeria
7256	Mauritius Institute of Education	87	Mauritius
7256	University of Technology Mauritius	88	Mauritius
7303	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture ..	89	Kenya
7324	Moi University	90	Kenya
7358	Mekelle University	91	Ethiopia
7411	Université Hassiba Ben Bouali	92	Algeria
7464	Jimma University	93	Ethiopia
7576	Université des Sciences et de la Technologie	94	Algeria
7619	University of Agriculture Abeokuta	95	Nigeria
7745	Minia University	96	Egypt
7777	Université Abdelhamid Ibn Badis Mostagan..	97	Algeria
7815	Central University of Technology	98	South Africa
7842	École Nationale Supérieure de l'Informati..	99	Algeria
7893	University of Malawi	100	Malawi

Nigeria is in dire need of change makers - Popoola

Nigeria has a huge youth population that can be transformed into a vast human capital but that is also a potential time bomb if left disillusioned while the country also urgently needs leaders who are change makers in order to rescue it from the brink.

This was part of the submission of the Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of CRC Credit Bureau, Mr. Ahmed Tunde Popoola, who was the Guest Speaker at the second Faculty of Law Capacity Building Lecture held last Thursday (November 24, 2011) at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

Delivering his lecture, entitled “Nigeria’s Leadership in the 21st Century: In Search of Change Makers”, Mr. Popoola said a leader is possessed with a vision just as he emphasised what Rosalynn Carter said that “a leader takes people where they want to go...but a great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be”. He then identified the qualities of such a leader as someone who has the capacity to create an inspiring vision and values, lead change, lead by example, demonstrate confidence, inspire and energise people and empower people. Other qualities are that a great leader has tremendous personal energy, is action-oriented and result-focused, communicates openly, involves everyone and uses team approach and monitors progress but does not micromanage.



LEADER: Mr. Popoola delivering his lecture

According to the entrepreneur, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, the opportunity to demonstrate good leadership abounds in every community and good leadership can be demonstrated in any circumstance, including the bus stop, where an individual has the opportunity to influence others. He opined that to be a leader, an individual must be ready to pay the price and must ignore the elevator to reach the top but take the staircase to get to the destination of leadership.

The inspirational speaker averred that at 12 midnight when each new day begins, God demonstrates equity by distributing a free gift of 86,400 seconds to all humankind equally regardless of colour, status, age, race or any categorisation noting that while some utilise the opportunity to the optimum, some other people allow the opportunity of time to fizzle away.

While stressing that good leaders are “unreasonable” people who do not think like the majority of people, the secrets of leadership development, Mr. Popoola averred, are 12. These are: know thyself, set clear goals, work on your attitude, get mentored, pursue excellence in all your dealings, cultivate effective time management, believe in God, cultivate good discipline and guard your character, seek knowledge and pray for wisdom, be a doer, develop good execution skills, pursue legitimate wealth and have fun as well as be a good family man or woman.

“I have no doubt that the bane of our nation is shortage of good leadership. Every aspect of our life that you turn to, there is deficit of role models, people who are ready to serve, to impact lives positively and to get results – right from the family to the national life and in all spheres – religion, education, health, administration, etc. If we get the right leaders, at all levels, we will be among the best countries in the world. However, right leadership cannot emerge by accident; we need to have as many people as possible to possess leadership qualities, everywhere, at all levels,” he concluded.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, noted that when there are good leaders, there would be good results, citing the recent ranking of the University of Ilorin by topstudylinks.com as the best in Nigeria and 21st in Africa. While saying that leaders are born and are self-made, the Vice-Chancellor said that it is not too late for Nigeria to get her acts right though time seems to be running out.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean of Law, Dr. Wahab Egbewole, noted that the capacity building was decidedly focused on leadership because since Chinua Achebe postulated that the trouble with Nigeria is leadership several years ago, nothing appeared to have changed. “It cannot be gainsaid that the challenges of unemployment, security, power, road, economic crisis to mention a few, are essentially driven by leadership failure,” he remarked.

Olasehinde-Williams tasks media on developmental journalism

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“From the earliest times, evil has always been sustained by its affinity with darkness. When leaders know that they live in a glass house and all their activities are under public scrutiny, good governance would be achieved. Openness had been denied in the past in Nigeria but the FOI Act has now made it a right. In other words, openness is an incentive to good governance, not a threat, and the more people know the rationale behind the activities of their government, the more they get carried along in government policies and programmes”, he said.

Apart from openness, Prof. Oloyede added, other areas through which the FOI Act would engender good governance are at the levels of access, accountability and human rights. He therefore tasked the media to ensure that the provisions of the Act are made to impact positively on the lives of Nigerians.

“Various stakeholders have contended justifiably that the presidential assent to the FOI bill and the emergence of the FOI Act is a watershed in the annals of Nigeria. However, the problem of Nigeria does not lie in the absence of laws but in the absence of will to implement what is on ground. The excitement about the FOI Act may be misplaced if the civil societies and the media do not actually mobilize the public to take advantage of the law to achieve its intended purposes... Without implementation, utilization and exploitation, the FOI Act would remain cold on the pages of our statutes and there would be no difference whatsoever in the way things were done before its enactment and afterwards.”

In her lecture delivered at the occasion, entitled “Media and Conflict Resolution: Challenges and Prospects”, the Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. (Mrs.) Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams, explained how the media can make or mar the nation through their broadcasts and reports urging them to contribute to the solution and not be part of the problems.

Illustrating her point with the roles played by Radio Rwanda in promoting violence and inciting genocide in Rwanda, Prof. Olasehinde-Williams also drew attention to the reports of some newspapers in 1983 and the effects of such reportage on the society especially in fanning the embers of crises and violence. She thus urged the media to use their profession to promote peace and understanding in order to bring about growth and development in Nigeria and Africa.

Also speaking at the end of the programme, the Governor of Kwara State Governor, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed, who was represented at the occasion by the Commissioner for Information and Communication, Prince Tunji Moronfoye, appreciated the media for their contributions to the progress of the Administration. He also assured the state own media houses of the resolve of his government to reposition them so that they will be self-sufficient.

The high points of the occasion included the investiture of Prof. Oloyede as the Patron of the Correspondents’ Chapel of the NUJ, Kwara State, and the conferment of a special recognition award on the University of Ilorin “for outstanding performance in academic stability” as well as other recognitions accorded some eminent Nigerians and Kwara State Polytechnic.



FOR MEDIA:L-R, Mr. Stephen Oni, NUJ Chairman, Kwara State; Dr. Adedimeji; GM, Radio Kwara, Alh. Abdullateef Adedeji; wife and Representative of the Minister for Youth Development, Mrs. Bolaji Abdullahi; Guest Lecturer, Prof. Mrs. Olasehinde-Williams; Commissioner for Information and Communication and Representative of Kwara State Governor, Prince Tunji Moronfoye; Representative of the Oloffa of Offa; NUJ Correspondents’ Chapel Chairman, Mr. Felix Ajide; SA to the Governor (Communication and Strategy), Alh. Raheem Adedoyin and SA to the Governor (Media), Dr. Muideen Akorede

Use, don't abuse, the library, students told

The post-graduate students of the University of Ilorin have again been reminded to make the best use of the Library facilities on campus in order to prepare themselves for the challenges of the present and the future.

The call was made last Tuesday (November 22, 2011) during the orientation programme on the postgraduate school library organised by the Postgraduate Students Association, University of Ilorin.

Speaking during the one-day programme, the Deputy University Librarian, Mr. A. K. Martey, said that it is an abuse not to make a good use of the library. He therefore tasked the postgraduate students to be knowledge-driven and to take advantage of the enormous library facilities available in the University.

In her own address, a Senior Librarian, Dr. (Mrs.) E. O. Akinboro, warned against plagiarism, describing it as a serious offence capable of nullifying research work. She advised that proper credit must be given wherever necessary in the course of writing research reports. She noted that diligent note-taking and organised file-keeping along with scrupulous academic honesty, are the best defence against wasteful reduplication of previous efforts, accidental misappropriation of another person's intellectual property, and tedious hunting for a fact remembered in a source unrecalled. She then added that it is never too early to begin making careful and detailed notes.



FOR BOOKS: L-R: Mrs. Adesina, Dr. (Mrs) Akinboro, Mr. Adeoti-Adekeye, Mr. Martey and Dr. Yakubu at the programme

Her words: "Proper citation and referencing is not just a crucial concern in the writing of term papers, research papers and theses. Rather, careful and meticulous acknowledgement of your sources should characterize all of your academic work, and should begin in the earliest stages of research."

A Principal Librarian in the University, Mr W. B. Adeoti-Adekeye, while explaining "Readers' Service" said that all activities of the library are performed for the purpose of serving the user, but it is in the Readers' Services Division that the public is served directly. The Librarian stressed that one major advantage of getting registered to use the library is that it helps to facilitate the issuance of letters of introduction to other libraries.

While speaking on the topic, "Using the Internet for Research and Academic Work", Mrs. F. Adeshina, a Principal Librarian, disclosed that the internet provides great access to past research works and reference materials. She highlighted some of the retrieval tools students must be familiar with to include Search Tools, Subject Information Gateways, Databases, Institutional Repositories, OCLC World Catalogue, Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, Online Libraries and free books.

In his presentation, "Sins Against Our Body: The Scientist's Perspective", Dr. M. T. Yakubu of the Department of Biochemistry advised the postgraduate students to desist from any activity that has negative consequences on the bodies. The Student Affairs Sub-Dean asserted that the use of such items as medicated soap, lipsticks, hair relaxer, and toning cream could have adverse effects on human health. He added that smoked food like *suya*, fish, soft drinks, popcorns, and repeated use of groundnut oil are not good for consumption and can result in kidney dysfunction. He then warned against artificial and synthetic materials saying natural products are better.

While Mr. Muhammed Shuaib, a counsellor, advised the postgraduate students to be well behaved, Mr. Nwabotu Ifeanyi took the participants through the activities of the Network Operating centre (NOC), explaining that the Centre is aimed at providing internet and intranet connectivity for the University community.

Earlier in his address, the President of Postgraduate Students Association, Adeyemi Olusanjo, thanked the University management for the support lent in making the programme a reality. He revealed that approval had been given by the University for the building of the Postgraduate Resource Centre and called on individuals and corporate organisations to support the laudable project. "At this junction, we want to specially appreciate the University and indeed, our outstanding Vice-Chancellor for the concerted effort towards ensuring postgraduate studies meet international standards and to be in line with the best practices", he said.

Police pledge support for Unilorin

The Nigeria Police Force has joined the growing number of individuals and organisations who have pledged their support to the University in its quest to be a foremost, global and world class institution of higher learning.

The Assistant Inspector General of Police, Dr. Stephen Hart, gave this pledge during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, last Friday (November 25, 2011) in company of Dr. Mrs. Aisha Abubakar and other officers.



PARTNERS IN PROGRESS: Prof. Fakunle, Prof. Olovede, AIG (Dr.) Hart and Dr. (Mrs.) Abubakar

Dr. Hart, who oversees police animals among other responsibilities, said it was good to see the Vice-Chancellor at close range and check the animals at the University zoo. He commended the Vice-Chancellor for his resolve to produce competent and professionally sound veterinary doctors by admitting minimal number of students. He promised to support the University and help in the care of the animals in custody of the University.

The AIG added that he is impressed with all what he saw in the University and would be ready to assist whenever needed.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor said he was pleased to receive AIG Hart and his team. He also expressed his appreciation to the Force for the support the University has enjoyed over the years especially in the acquisition of a full grown lion and described the Police Force as “a good partner”.

While saying that the University was pleased to add the AIG to the list of its resource persons, Prof. Oloyede emphasised that the University is committed to the creation of a Faculty of Veterinary Medicine that is different. He then sought the support of the Police in achieving the vision of the University.

Earlier, while welcoming the AIG to his office, the Vice-Chancellor noted that he had released funds for the acquisition of more animals. He disclosed further that plans were already in place to purchase animal care equipments from South Africa this week. He also said additional arrangement would be made to ensure that the animals get the best of care and live as close as possible to their natural environment.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the AIG and his team were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle; the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, represented by Mr. A. Adegoke of the Human Resources Directorate, the Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. A. G. Ambali; the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola, represented by the Deputy Bursar, Mr. Bashir Badmus, and the Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs, Dr. M. A. Adedimeji.

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin took off in September 2010 with the appointment of a Professor of Avian and Aquatic Animals and Medicine, Abdul Ganiyu Ambali, as Dean.

Students organise AIDS awareness programme

The Nigerian Association of Microbiology Students (NAMS), University of Ilorin Chapter, is organising a programme on “Awareness on World AIDS Day” this Thursday (December 1, 2011) on the theme, “An HIV-Free Generation, How Possible?” at the Geology Lecture Theatre.

Resource persons to address the theme and the topic, “HIV/AIDS and National Development”, are Prof. J. O. Adewuyi of the Department of Haematology, University of Ilorin; Mallam Yunoos Abdulkareem, Director, Art and Culture, Ilorin and Mr. A. O. Udeze of the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin.

All members of the University community and the larger public are cordially invited.

Unilorin presents bus to Institute

As part of the measures to enhance the efficiency of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, the authorities of the University have presented a new bus to the Institute.

Presenting the bus to the Director of the Institute, Prof. (Mrs.) N.Y.S. Ijaiya, last Wednesday (November 23, 2011), the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, congratulated the Institute.

He expressed optimism the vehicle would facilitate the work of the Institute at the level of moving personnel and materials as well as monitoring/supervision of the sandwich students.

Responding, Prof. (Mrs.) Ijaiya thanked the management of the University for the bus saying that the vehicle would be used properly. She stressed that the bus would serve the Institute well in the supervision of teaching practice students across the state and support the logistic requirements of the Institute in delivering its mandate.



RIDE ON: Prof. Ayorinde presenting the car key to Prof. Mrs. Ijaiya while the Director of Works, Engr. Sanni (left) and another official watches with interest

CMD donates drugs to four communities

The Chief Medical Director, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Prof. A.W.O. Olatinwo, has donated 2,000 doses of *Mebendazole* (a broad-spectrum 500mg single dose chewable *anthelmintic* drug) to the COBES Unit of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, through the Deputy Director of Pharmacy Alhaji Afolabi.

The gesture was in furtherance of the joint World Health Organisation/UNICEF recommendation on the *Management of Childhood Illness* that recommends 500mg of *Mebendazole* as a single dose treatment for children two years of age or older with parasitic infestation or at risk of infestation, and children suffering from malnutrition and anaemia.

The drugs were administered in four communities (in four Local Governments of Kwara State, which are: Agbabiaka, Maloko, Ogundele and Oke-Ose) by the 300 level medical students during their ongoing community posting.

The activities of this year COBES posting are in line with the World Health Organisation's year 2011 theme, "Anti Microbial Resistance: No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow".

While receiving the donation, the COBES Unit Coordinator, Dr. B. A. Issa, expressed his appreciation to the UITH management adding that he hoped that the gesture would lead to better collaborations in the near future.



STAY WELL: Dr. Issa (left) receiving the drugs from Mrs. M. L. Olanrewaju of Pharmacy Store

Alumni Association organises lecture

The University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Lagos State Chapter, in conjunction with the National Headquarters of the Association, is organising the 2011 edition of the "Life After Graduation Public Lecture" for the students of the University this Saturday (December 3, 2011).

The Guest Lecturer is Mrs. Folusho Olaniyan, Managing Director/CEO, UTC Nigeria Plc and the venue is the University Auditorium, starting from 8:30a.m. All students are cordially invited.

LAUGH LINES

Imagine if we put the names of food before our Yoruba names, we would have interesting names like: Ebawale, Fufusegun, Sakisanmi, Iresitayo, Akaratobi, Ogibola, Dodobunmi, Ejadupe, Ponmowunmi, Isuyemi, Moinmointope, Bolikunle, Amalatofunmi, Iyanseun, Semolola, Eransunkanmi, Efofemi, Eweduwole. lol.

MONEY MATTERS

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 18TH-24TH NOVEMBER, 2011

RECEIPTS

Rents on University Properties	24,000.00
Medical Registration	1,000.00
Boarded Properties	45,400.00
Scroll	33,900.00
Order of Proceeding	42,150.00
Contractors Registration Form	200.00
Staff I.D. card	5,200.00
Hiring of academic outfit	20,250.00
Academic Transcript	345,000.00
Change of Course Form	20,000.00
Printing of Payslip	350.00
Verification of Results	36,500.00
Remedial Application Forms	2,040,000.00
Student I.D. Card	27,500.00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	42,734,900.00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	2,229,600.00
Total Receipts for the Period	47,605,950.00

PAYMENTS

Payment to Contractors/ Consultants/ Suppliers:	
Djanti Nig Ltd- construction of new sports pavilion	26, 246,428.94
Alh Abdulrahman Aremu Yaro: Supply of diesel	3,080,000.00
Rockfield Petroleum: Supply of Diesel	1,720,000.00
Physical Planning Unit- Construction of Ramps for the Disabled	282,250.00
Accreditation Expenses	1,120,000.00
Faculty Charges Disbursement	11,247,600.00
Repair of Street Lights	316,000.00
Learned Conference	320,000.00
Purchase Advance	743,700.00
Touring Advance	563,040.00
Various (e.g. refund, imprest, etc.)	1,512,411.48
Total Expenditure for the Period	47,151,430.42

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S/No.	Name	Office/Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Badmus, Bashir, O.	Deputy Bursar	27th November
2.	Balogun, Olusegun S.	Crop Protection	28th November
3.	Adedayo, Adebisi F.	Dean, Business and Social Sciences	30th November
4.	Atteh, Job O.	Director, Central Research Laboratory	30th November
5.	Balogun, Olajide P.	English	1st December
6.	Oni, Kayode C.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	3rd December

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- The President of the West Africa Universities Games and Director General of Unilorin WAUG 2012 Secretariat, Prof. Lasun Emiola, has assured the sporting world that the 13th edition of the Games, which is coming up at the University of Ilorin in January 2012, would be held according to plans. ('Unilorin WAUG to hold as scheduled', *National Pilot*, Thursday 24th-Sunday 27th November, 2011, back page)
- The authorities of the African Broadband Nigeria Limited have paid the management of the University of Ilorin a courtesy visit.
(‘Unilorin hosts African Broadband management team’, *Royal Times*, November 2011: Special Edition, p.11)
- The various achievements of the Oloyede administration have been chronicled in a newspaper report.
(‘Oloyede’s giants strides in Unilorin’, *Peoples Daily Weekend*, November 28-29, 2011, p.42)

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- The National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development at the University of Ilorin has hosted a lecture on “Sustainable Development with Chemical Engineering: Challenges and Opportunities”. (‘Expert advocates bio-refineries for power’, *The Nation*, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, p.18).
- A Lecturer in the Department of Religions of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has predicted a revolution that will halt Nigeria’s woes. (‘President Jonathan, Nigeria has crashed but subsisting’, *The Nation*, same date, p.20)
- Members of the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), University of Ilorin Chapter, have commended their President, Mr. Babatunde O. Yusuf, for his selfless services. (‘NAAS leaders laud President’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, November 23, 2011, p.16).
- The students of the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, have described their just concluded field work training as a huge success. (‘Students on local field work sharpen skills’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date p.17).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has urged Nigerian media to make the best use of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act while delivering his keynote address at the National Conference of the Correspondents Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists, Kwara State Council. (‘Dons calls for utilization of FOI Act’, *The Punch*, Wednesday, November 23, 2011, p.12).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs at the University, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, at the Press Week of the NUJ, has advocated informed and professional journalism while urging the media to utilise the FOI Act to promote good governance. (‘Okodoro Oro’, *Harmony F.M. Idofian*, Wednesday, November 23, 2011. 9,00.a.m.)
- Prof. A.O. Ogunlela of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, University of Ilorin, has identified greed as the root cause of natural disasters prevalent globally in his Inaugural Lecture. (‘Don: Why Natural Disasters are Rampant’, *This Day*, Wednesday, November 23, 2011, p.47).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called on the Nigerian media to strengthen democracy and take leaders to task through the instrument of the Freedom of Information Act. (‘NTA Ilorin News at 7:00p.m, Tuesday November 22, 2011, Radio Kwara News at 8:30p.m., same date)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the Nigerian media to accelerate development by taking advantage of the FOI law enacted this year by the President while speaking at the NUJ Kwara National Conference through his representative, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji. (‘VC urges media to develop Nigeria with FOI law’, *Peoples Daily*, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011,p.8)
- While delivering the 98th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A. O. Ogunlela of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering of the University, has implored government and other stakeholders to enforce laws on deforestation, mining and construction. (‘Lecturer makes case for more funding of agricultural research’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, November 23, 2011, p.6).
- Prof. A. O. Ogunlela has canvassed improved irrigation water management efficiency at the University of Ilorin while delivering his Inaugural Lecture at the University. (‘Why disasters are rampant, by Ogunlela’, *The Nation*, Thursday, November 24, 2011, p.20).
- The view of the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, on post-University Matriculation Examination (post-UTME) has been cited in a newspaper analysis. (‘The raging controversy over post-UTME screening,’ *The Moment*, Thursday, November 24, 2011, p.2).
- A 400 level Zoology student of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Yemi Olasehinde, has described aspects of the social life of the University students. (‘The art of ‘girl friending’ and ‘boy friending’ in Unilorin,’ *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday 24, November, 2011, p.26).
- The Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has counselled the executive members of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ) of the University on dedication and selfless service while holding a meeting with them. (‘Information director, Adedimeji, counsels UCJ’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.31)
- Students of the University of Ilorin have pleaded with the government to address the artificial fuel scarcity in Kwara State. (‘Fuel scarcity: students face, tough times’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- Both Prof. (Mrs.) V. A. Alabi and Dr. S. B. Olajide of the University of Ilorin have advocated the harmonisation of African University curricula while speaking at the 2011 African University Day Programme which was organised recently at the University. (‘African varsities tasked on curricula harmonization’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.32).

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- While delivering the 98th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A.O. Ogunlela has urged government to provide adequate funds for agriculture-related institutions. ('Don makes case for Agriculture', *The Herald on Sunday*, November, 20, 2011, p.4).
 - A retired Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sheu A. Jimoh, has averred that the bane of Nigeria is lack of patriotic culture in governance. ('Jimoh suggests way out of nation's challenges', *The Herald*, Monday, November 21, 2011, p.3).
 - The Vice-Chancellor of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Y. M. Fakunle, has called for proper funding of universities and the harmonisation of African universities' curricula while speaking at the African University Day at the University recently. ('Oloyede, Elelu others want African varsities curriculum harmonised', *National Pilot*, Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd November, 2011, p.1).
 - Prof. A.O. Ogunlela of the Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering of the University of Ilorin has called for adequate research funding in Nigeria as a way of overcoming the challenges facing the country. ('We need intensive research to transform Nigeria – Don', *The Punch*, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, p.44).
 - The office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation has released a notice on the payment of the death benefits the next of kins of staff of the some federal institutions including the University of Ilorin in a paid advertisement. ('The Presidency', *The Punch*, same date, p.52).
 - Professor Victoria Alabi of the Department of English, Dr. Billy Olajide of the Department of Arts and Social Sciences Education, University of Ilorin, and other dons have called for the harmonisation of the curricula of African universities while making their presentations at the 2011 African University Day event at the University of Ilorin recently. ('Varsity teachers list benefits of curriculum harmonisation', *The Moment*, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, p.7)
 - Scholars have brainstormed at the University of Ilorin on the future of education in African universities as part of marking the 2011 African University Day held at the University. ('Dons urge African varsities to harmonise curricula,' *The Moment*, same date, p.38)
 - The Vice-Chancellor of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that the University of Ilorin would continue to maintain the open-door policy that has characterised the University in recent years. ('We run open-door policy – Oloyede', same as above).
 - The exemplary performance of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has been acknowledged at a forum where stakeholders in the education sector, including the Dean of Education, Unilorin, Prof. Adekunle Olorundare, deliberated on the computerisation of education. ('Stakeholders brainstorm on e-learning, e-examination', *The Moment*, same date, p.41).
 - The Station Manager of the University of Ilorin Radio, (UNILORIN 89.3 FM), Mr. A. Durodola, has pledged to sustain the mandate of his Station through round-the-clock educational broadcast. ('UNILORIN radio begins 24 hours transmission', *The Moment*, same date p.42).
 - A former Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Femi Dursaro, has said that the nation's social system must be repositioned for greater effective and efficient service delivery. ('Don harps on dynamic education for people's empowerment', *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, p.50).
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Those who dream by the day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by the night. - Edgar Allan Poe

Dreams that come true can be as unsettling as those that don't. - Brett Butler

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering the attitude of his mind.

- Williams James

Make visible what, without you, might perhaps never be seen. - Robert Bresson

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all the doubt. - Abraham Lincoln

As long as a woman can look ten years younger than her own daughter, she is perfectly satisfied. - Oscar Wilde