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I wanted to join the Army - Oloyede



ATTENTION: The Air Force delegation with the University of Ilorin team in a group photograph

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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has revealed that he loved the Armed Forces so much that he desired to join the military after his first degree but it happened that God had another plan for him by not making the dream come true.

Prof. Oloyede gave this disclosure last Thursday (August 25, 2011) in his office while receiving the new Commander of the 203 Medium Airlift Group (MAG), Nigerian Air Force, Ilorin, Air Commander Sallahu Salihu Bala Ribah, who paid him a courtesy visit. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Madness in animal can be transferred to man- Doc

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Kwara State, Dr. A. A. Amuda, has disclosed that virtually all illnesses that plague human beings are rooted in the blood and that is why at the hospital, blood sample is taken on many occasions for laboratory tests to determine the state of the blood, while adding that madness in an animal can be transferred to man through blood consumption.

Dr. Amuda made this revelation while delivering the Muslim Community of the University of Ilorin-organised *Laylatul Qadri* (Night of Majesty) lecture, "Medical Benefits of Ramadan and the Scientific Bases of Islamic Prohibition of Certain Foods and Beverages" last Friday night (August 26, 2011) at the Africa Hall, former Mini Campus, University of Ilorin.

According to the Transplantologist, Allah does not just forbid things for nothing and all what is forbidden in Islam have serious implications for human health, citing Qu'ran 6 (Al-Maidah): 3: "Forbidden to you (for food) are *Al-Maitah* (the dead animals – cattle - beast not slaughtered), blood, the flesh of swine, and that which Allah's name has not been mentioned while slaughtering, (that which has been slaughtered as a sacrifice for others than Allah, or has been slaughtered for idols) and that which has been killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by a headlong fall, or by the goring of horns – and that which has been eaten (partly) by a wild animal – unless you are able to slaughter it before death) - and that which is sacrificed (slaughtered) on *An-Nusub* (stone altars)..." . *(Contd. on page 4)*



LAYLATUL QADR: Alh. Oniye, Dr. Amuda, and Prof. Abdulkareem

Our society needs discipline, by Air Commander

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The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that he had always been fascinated by the spirit of sacrifice and discipline that characterise the military since when he was young such that his first point of call as a job seeker was making an application to join the military in the early 80's.

Prof. Oloyede narrated how he was invited to come for an interview and he reported at the venue in Lagos. He said it was when he was waiting for his turn that an officer approached him and bellowed, "You have a First Class and you want to join the army? So, you want to be planning coups? My friend, get out of here and go to the University where you belong!" He said that was how he was not interviewed.



DISCIPLINE: Air Commander Bala Ribah and Prof. Oloyede

Prof. Oloyede described the men of the security forces as among the most highly trained Nigerians, saying that many people do not know. He also acknowledged the enormous contributions they are making adding that "for someone to be ready to pay the supreme price in the defence of others is the height of sacrifice".

While commenting on the complimentary remarks of the Commander on the University, the Vice-Chancellor stressed that he is just a lucky Vice-Chancellor preceded by illustrious predecessors. "If they had not paid the price, the University would not have been where it is today," he enthused, noting further that that though the University is a second-generation University, that issue does not come up now as it is the first generation universities that struggle not to be surpassed by the University of Ilorin.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Commander of the 203 MAG, NAF, Ilorin, Air Commander Bala Ribah, said it was customary in the Air Force that when there is a change of command, the new Commander takes time to visit and familiarise himself with notable figures in the society, among whom Prof. Oloyede is.

The Air Commander, who is reputed as one of the longest flying pilots in Nigeria, expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his "invaluable contribution to the development of the Air Force family". He also described the enviable position that the University of Ilorin enjoys in the society, saying if all his officers had their way, they would want their children and wards to attend the University of Ilorin among other Nigerian universities.

"You seldom go on strike. There is nothing as pleasing to a parent than for a child admitted for a course of four years to graduate four years after. This is what we call discipline in the armed forces. Our society needs discipline. Education is the bedrock of a virile and vibrant society and the problem of today is due to the neglect of the past," he submitted.

In her remarks, the acting Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. (Mrs.) Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams noted that it is important for everyone to be security-conscious. She also used the forum to introduce the programmes of the Centre to the Commander and his team while she also invited them to the second biannual conference of the Centre coming up very soon.

The high points of the occasion included the presentation of a gift of University souvenirs to the Commander by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, and the presentation of a plaque of honour to the Vice-Chancellor by Air Commander Bala Ribah.

In the Commander's entourage were Group Captain Y. Isah, Group Captain C.C. Irobuisi, Wing Commander E. Elon, Wing Commander P.O. Obeya, Flight Lieutenant S.T. Adamu, Flight Officer A. M. Amolegbe, and Flight Lieutenant A. O. Obidake.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the team were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert O. Olayemi; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor-designate (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle; the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi; the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Musbau A. Akanji; the Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. Olabisi O. Olasehinde-Williams; the Deputy Director, Information and Protocol Directorate, Dr. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji and the acting Chief Security Officer, Mr. Imran A. Balogun.

Unilorin upbeat for courseware development

Various Faculties and Departments of the University of Ilorin have indicated their commitment to the development of courseware within specific time-frames in order to enhance teaching and learning of undergraduate programmes in the University.

This commitment was made by the Deans of Faculties and some Heads of Departments on Wednesday August 17, 2011 at Kwara State University during the 2011 Academic Camp of the University of Ilorin.

In her two presentations on the day (i.e. “Courseware Development: How Far, So Far” and “The Way Forward on Courseware”, the Chairman of the University Courseware Committee, Dr. (Mrs.) V. O. Mejabi, highlighted pertinent issues surrounding the theory and practice of courseware drawing examples from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Courseware System and African Virtual University both of which she said have important lessons for a global player like the University of Ilorin.



EGG-HEADS: Deans of Faculties before their presentations

Dr. Mejabi reiterated the need for the University lecturers to prepare their courseware so that students can read well ahead of the class and simplify the job of teaching for the lecturers themselves, whose students would be carried along better.

The Deans of various Faculties of the University, in a memorable session comprising series of presentations masterfully made by the senior Professors, gave their reports on courseware development. The results ranged from the average to the excellent, with Education and Law Faculties taking the lead. The dons thereafter, on behalf of their colleagues in the Faculties and Departments, pledged to achieve a minimum of 70% success in courseware development as the following table (Mejabi, 2011) summarises:

S/No	Faculty	Time-line	Degree of Completion
1.	Agriculture	October 31, 2011	100%
2.	Arts	September 30, 2011	70%
3.	Basic Medical Sciences	September 30, 2011	70%
4.	Business & Social Sciences:		
	-Accounting & Finance	October 31, 2011	70%
	-Business Administration	October 31, 2011	70%
	-Economics (Not represented)	-----	-----
	-Geography & Env. Management	October 31, 2011	70%
	-Political Science	October 31, 2011	70%
	-Sociology	October 31, 2011	70%
5.	Clinical Sciences	November 30, 2011	70%
6.	Communication & Information Sciences	September 30, 2011	70%
7.	Education	October 31, 2011	100%
8.	Engineering	December 31, 2011	100%
9.	Law	October 31, 2011	100%
10.	Pharmaceutical Sciences	ASAP	
11.	Science	October 31, 2011	100%
12.	Veterinary Medicine	September 30, 2011	100%

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The Komodo dragon found in Indonesia is the world's largest lizard. Its male can grow to about 9 feet.
- The first computer, called ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer), was made in 1946.

Kudos as Community holds *Laylatul Qadr* programme

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Speaking further, the transplant surgeon said that the sensitivity of blood medically makes its consumption injurious to health as infections in the animals can infect human beings when the blood of such animal is consumed as meat. He also disclosed that a recent medical discovery is that the flesh of pig is the closest to that of a human being and as such, eating pork is very close to eating human flesh.

Dr. Amuda opined that of all the benefits of Ramadan or fasting, the medical benefits are the most important saying that even a child that is more than six months old experiences the gains of Ramadan. He described the month of fasting as the period in which the body that had been blocked as a result of bad eating habits becomes overhauled.

“Both the rich and the poor have poor eating habits. The rich over-eat because they can afford all what is injurious to their health. The poor also over-eat because they do not know when they will have the next meal”, he stressed. He described the month of Ramadan as the period that removes one from sinning against oneself saying that sexually transmitted diseases and accidents are at their lowest ebb in Nigeria and elsewhere during the holy month.

He stated that as a doctor would prescribe a drug to the sick and the sick would follow the prescription, the language used in commanding fasting (Q2:185) is that of prescription because Allah knows what is wrong with us and thereby prescribes it for us. He explained that as a normal person would not discard a doctor’s prescription on his health, a Muslim would be abnormal to disregard the prescription of Allah, the Supreme Doctor who knows all what he is wrong with human beings.



DONS: Prof. Oladosu, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Sule, Dr. N. I. Raji, Prof. Lawal and Dr. Y. K. Jumuah at the occasion

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University and Chief Host at the occasion, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, congratulated the new leadership of the Muslim Community on the programme saying that the calibre of people in the Executive Committee assures him that they would continue to improve on the good efforts established by their predecessors. He also thanked the guests at the occasion, particularly the representative of the Emir of Ilorin, who is the First Makama of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Oniye, saying that for the past ten years, he had always honoured the Community with his distinguished presence.

The Chairman of the occasion, who is the immediate Chairman of the Community, Prof. B. F. Sule, appreciated the contributions of the Vice-Chancellor and his (Prof. Sule’s) Executive committee members to the success of his tenure while expressing hope that the Community would continue to wax stronger.

In his own speech at the occasion, the Chairman of the Community, Prof. R. A. Lawal, acknowledged members of the audience for their contributions to the growth of the Community. He also urged them to listen to the lecture, saying that he was confident everyone would benefit from it.

While the Special Guest of Honour at the occasion and Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, thanked the audience remarking that he is always happy to be in the midst of the members because of the influence certain personalities within the Community have made on his spiritual life, the Makama of Ilorin, Alh. Oniye, who spoke last at the occasion, commended the Vice-Chancellor on his hard work and commitment to service, which he said are even well recognised by his detractors. He also prayed for Prof. Oloyede’s successful completion of tenure as well as for a good successor.

The high points of the occasion included a special *laytul-qadri* (Night of Majesty) supplication led by the Chief Imam of the University, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, and the well-received remarks, interspersed with humour and oratory, made by the Royal Father of the occasion, Alh. Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, represented by Alh. Ibrahim Oniye.

The programme ended in the first hour of Saturday.

Unilorin raises the stake for postgraduate studies

Barely a year after subjecting itself to an international assessment carried out by the International Association of Universities (IAU) in which it performed creditably well, the University of Ilorin, convinced that research is the piston of development, has taken postgraduate studies, especially doctoral programmes and their supervision, to another height.

This conviction informed the recent 2011 Academic Camp in which all of management staff, professors and other Ph.D. supervisors took time to evaluate and critique the postgraduate programmes of the University and came out with a roadmap that would make doctoral programmes more functional and result-oriented.

At the Camp, which held at Kwara State University, Malete, between August 14 and 18, 2011, took all dons to the class where they rubbed minds and created a framework through which doctoral programmes, rather than being mere academic drudgeries would be rewarding and exciting experiences for both the supervisors and the candidates.

All pertinent issues concerning postgraduate/doctoral programmes were addressed with clinical finesse at the retreat. From generating funds for doctoral research from identified sources to the maximum period of time a candidate's file must be with the supervisor; from the agreement/code of conduct between candidate and supervisor and the required number of contact hours; from topic selection to actual thesis report writing; from annual Progress Reports by supervisors and supervisees to the need for postgraduate students to do their studies with full concentration on full-time basis; from a more active role by the Postgraduate School to a more vigorous quality assurance framework on the part of the University; from research ethics and desirability of co-supervision to actual programme duration; from doctoral defence mechanism to several other issues that will fill a whole book, nothing was left unaddressed by the University intelligentsia.

Serving as a platform for the formulation of the University postgraduate research revolution were four books obtained by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, renowned for his passionate commitment to the promotion of research, during an Association of African Universities (AAU) conference he attended few months ago in South Africa. The books, which were read together and critiqued at the Camp, are Amanda Lourens' *Scientific Writing Skills: Guidelines for Writing Theses and Dissertations* (2007) and three other books co-written or co-edited by Laetus Lategan, a highly rated researcher in South Africa and "extraordinary professor in research and professional ethics" at the University of Free State, South Africa. The books, which were all provided to all the participants at the expense of the University, are *An Introduction to Postgraduate Supervision* (2008), edited by Lategan; *RE:search ABC* (2006), edited by Lategan and Liezel Lues and *Doing Research* (2011) co-edited by Lategan, Lues and Hesta Friedrich-Nel.

At the end of the exercise, it became obvious that postgraduate studies, especially at the doctoral level, at the University of Ilorin will no longer be business as usual. A lot is required from the candidates, their supervisors and the University itself in order to achieve the desired objectives. These requirements consist of more seriousness and concentration on the part of the candidates and more commitment of the part of the supervisors, who all renewed their resolve to go the whole hog in producing Ph.D. holders that are worthy of the title. The supervisors, it was stressed for instance in an interactive review of Lategan (2008) by Prof. R. A. Lawal, must have such characteristics as knowledge, enthusiasm, helpfulness and attentiveness, availability and involvement, affection and caring nature, stimulation, objectivity, active participation and empathy leading to socialization in the discipline, exemplary conduct, flexibility, open-mindedness, collaborative skills and values, capacity for building rapport as well as support for gradual and steady progress, many of which were frankly submitted were lacking in many a supervisor.

This commitment to upholding the global best practices in Ph. D. Supervision was articulated by a distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Prof. G. A. Olatunji, who overviewed the whole retreat experience and submitted thus: "It was an eye-opener to certain problems plaguing our attitude to what the postgraduate work should be. I hope each and everyone of us has cultivated the right attitude now so that whatever the University churns out as a doctoral graduand would be worthy of the title in all ramifications. The retreat has taught a good lesson on the virtue of preserving academic integrity. It was a very good one."

What pundits are saying is that the good one is the University of Ilorin, whose good is increasing becoming, better, better and *better by far* than others, on a daily basis.

Corps members appreciate Unilorin

Corps members serving at the University of Ilorin have expressed their appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, over the recent renovation of the Corpers' Lodge at the Senior Staff Quarters of the University.

In a letter signed by the Corps Liaison Officer, Henry Ogaraku, on behalf of his colleagues, the corps members noted that that virtually all their basic structures and facilities have received a face-lift. "This singular gesture has not only given us a greater sense of belonging, it has also rekindled in us the desire to contribute more individually and collectively to the progress of the University", the letter partly reads.

Inter-Religious Council greets Muslims on Eid

The University of Ilorin Inter-Religious Council has wished the entire University of Ilorin Muslim community, and indeed Muslims all over the world, a happy *'Idu'l-Fitr* celebration.

According to a statement issued by the Chairman of the Council, Prof. Gabriel A. Olatunji, after a special meeting of the Council, Muslims are congratulated on the successful conclusion of Ramadan fasting while the Council prays that "may Allah accept our fast as an act of *'Ibadah*".

Unilorin Don is new Director-General of NISER

President Goodluck Jonathan has approved the appointment of Prof. Olufemi Taiwo of the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, as the Director-General of the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), Ibadan.

The appointment, which is another feather to the cap of the University, took effect on August 16, 2011, and is for a period of four years in the first instance.

Five students win Federal Scholarship Award

The Federal Government Scholarship Board has awarded five students of the University of Ilorin scholarships. They beneficiaries are two students of the Department of Medicine and Surgery, Agbaji Onmonya and Ayanda Adebayo, both of 200Level, as well as Ayinla Yusuf (200L), Department of Microbiology; Jaji Abayomi (300L), Department of Statistics; and Adeniran Avis (400L) of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

POGSASS holds capacity building workshop

The Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) of the University of Ilorin has invited the University community, especially the postgraduate students, to a Postgraduate Workshop themed "Use of Statistical/Analytical Tools for Effective Research". The workshop, which will be anchored by Dr. W. B. Yahaya and Mr. Ibraheem Saka Adebayo, holds on Thursday 1st September, 2011 at the Geology Auditorium by 11.00 a.m. prompt.

Participants are expected to come with their laptops to the programme as there would be a practical application of statistical/analytical tools. The first 50 people to arrive the venue, according to the organisers, will be given a copy of the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) software.

Thank you very much, Mr. VC, by NASU

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Branch, has appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for the kind gesture extended towards low salary earning staff through the distribution of bags of grains to them.

According to a statement signed by the Branch Chairman, Mr. J. J. Bello, "our prayer is that God will continue to strengthen the administration as well as grant more wisdom to the Vice-Chancellor to further pilot the ship of the better by far University unto the safety shore".

Faculty organises workshop

The Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, has invited the general public to a Workshop on “Law and Sustainable Development in Nigeria” it is organising.

The workshop is scheduled for September 7th - 9th 2011, at the Geology Auditorium of the University, beginning from 9.00 a.m. each day.

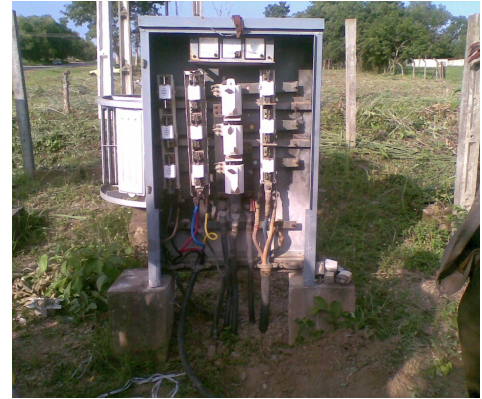
Unilorin set to deal with vandals

The huge investment the University is making toward the upgrade of the electricity infrastructure on campus suffered another loss last Thursday (August 25, 2011) as it was discovered that the armoured cable that powers the University Dam Station was vandalised the previous night.

Several meters of the cable were disconnected and carted away by the vandals who also dug several meters elsewhere on campus removing the underground cables of the University.

As the University takes appropriate measures towards forestalling a recurrence by clearing and building fences around its transformers, the security personnel on duty when the incident occurred are being investigated.

The Vice-Chancellor, while leading a delegation of the Administration on an inspection of the electrical facilities urged the security staff to be more committed to their responsibilities warning that the University would not hesitate to take appropriate actions on any staff member whose negligence of duty or connivance accounts for such occurrences.



The vandalised transformer

Keep fit, stay healthy, by Unilorin Fitness Centre

The University of Ilorin Fitness Centre has invited members of the University community and visitors to participate in its fitness activities. A statement signed by the Coordinator of the Centre, Mrs. O. L. Dominic states that “Your keeping fit keeps your heart fit, which keeps your life healthy. Struggling with each day’s stress, stiffness of the joints and backbones is not the best for healthy living. Your daily stress can be relieved by your lifestyle of keeping fit.”

Members of the University community are therefore enjoined to reduce their pills and medical bills by keeping fit by creating time at least thrice a week to improve their health through physical exercises. They are to register online by filling the form on the Centre’s page on the University website.

Time: Opens to the public from 7.30 a.m. to 5p.m. to all clients

Charges: Members of staff- ₦1000 per month

Students: ₦1000 per month

Visitors: ₦2000 per month

Programmes: Saturday: 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Interested members of the community are to register now because aerobics sessions begin immediately after Ramadan (i.e. September, 2011) according to the Coordinator of the Centre.

NOTICE: Boarding of Generators

Two Giant Generators are approved for boarding by the University through the Board of Survey.

Interested Buyers should submit quotations to the Chairman Board of Survey within 2 (two) weeks of this advert.

To inspect the generators contact the Chairman, Board of Survey on 08035273268.

Signed

Prof. G. A. Olatunji

Chairman, Board of Survey

Submit your new account numbers, staff told

All staff members have been told to re-submit their change of account details in line with the format given by the Bursary.

A letter signed on behalf of the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola, states that “in order to ensure that salaries of members of staff of the University are not paid into wrong bank accounts and to forestall its attendant consequences, memos/ letters written to the Bursar should include the following details:

- Old and new account number
- Staff personal file number
- Staff name and signature
- Name and signature of proxy where a staff signs for another
- Authentication of the Director/Dean/HOD as the case may be
- Staff’s mobile phone number”

The statement further adds that “all letters/memos not rendered in line with the above guidelines would be returned. Members of staff are expected to submit their letters/memos to the Bursar’s office without further delay.”

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Bojuwoye, Bababode J.	Medicine	30th August
2.	Aduroja, Celmmah O.	University School	31st August
3.	Sulyman, Ahmed O.	Works/Power	3 rd September
4.	Abdulraheem, Maimuna O.	Property Management Board	4th September

Are you a staff member of the University? Do you also want Unilorin Bulletin to wish you a happy birthday? If yes, please send your details as shown above (surname, first name and initial of middle name with your Department/ Office and date of birth) to us a week before the expected date of publication. All requests are subject to space availability and are treated on a first-come first-served basis. You are entitled to a hard copy of the edition in which your name is published. Happy birthday to you!

LAUGH LINES

There was a Famous Doctor, an Old Man, and a Boyscout on an airplane with engine failure. Unfortunately, there were only two parachutes. The quick-thinking Doctor stated, “I am the smartest man here and in the world...” so he jumped out!

The Old Man said to the Boyscout, “My time has been good and the end is near already, go on kid, use the remaining parachute”.

The Boyscout replied, “No, that’s okay, the smartest man in the world was in such a hurry, he jumped out of the airplane with my knapsack.”

Unilorin in the News

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- Candidates who sat for the recent post-UTME screening exercise at the University of Ilorin have applauded the institution for the smooth conduct of the exercise and prompt release of the results. (‘39,040 sat for Unilorin’s pre-admission screening’ *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.33)
- A journalist/columnist with *The Nation* newspaper, Kofoworola Belo-Osagie, in an opinion article has condemned the refusal of issuance of visa by a foreign embassy to students of the University of Ilorin who were qualified to participate in an international competition taking place at Austria. (‘Students and visa palaver’, *The Nation*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.33)
- Patients and people living around Sango and Oke-Ose road leading to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital have called on the Federal and State Governments to expand the road in order to resolve the traffic gridlock in the area. (‘Sango, Oke-Ose residents want road expanded,’ *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday, August 26, 2011, p.41)

Unilorin in the News

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- In a bid to promote research in the University of Ilorin, Prof. Y. M. Fakunle of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences has been appointed as the first Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Technology and Development (RTD) of the University.
(‘Unilorin creates DVC office for Research...also make-up exams for finalists’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.23)
- A student of the University of Ilorin, Oseman Afeez Tijani, has urged the Edo State Governor to fulfill his campaign promises of awarding bursaries to indigenes of the state.
(Gov Oshiomhole, give Edo students bursary’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, August 22, 2011, p.16)
- While delivering the Ramadan lecture jointly organised by the Ma-Assalam Islamic Foundation (MIF) and Mustapha Akanbi Foundation (MAF), the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Oladosu, who was represented by Dr. Hashir Abdulsalam also of the same University, has identified seven stages of man’s spiritual development even as he urged Muslims to fear Allah both within and without.
(‘Muslims counseled on use of tongue...urged to aspire to spiritual development’, *The Herald*, Monday, August 22, 2011, p.7)
- While speaking at a media house in Lagos, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has solicited the financial support of corporate bodies and well-meaning Nigerians towards the successful hosting of the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) in January 2012.
(‘Unilorin solicits support’ *The Herald*, same date, p.9)
- While speaking at a seminar on education organised by Offa Students Union, a Professor of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, and former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Musbau Akanji, has decried the poor attitude of students towards reading, which is an important aspect of learning, while bemoaning the falling standard of education in the country.
(‘Falling standard of education: Offa Students Union to the rescue’, *The Herald*, same date, p.16)
- The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdul Ganiyu Oladosu, while speaking at a Ramadan lecture organised by the Ogun State Governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, has described political leadership as transitory and warned political office holders from the criminal acts of perpetuating themselves in office.
(‘Don blames nation’s woes on leaders’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, August 24, 2011, p.52)
- The Faculty of Law of the University of Ilorin has emerged victorious at the recently concluded maiden edition of the Arbitration Moot Competition for Universities in Africa held in Nairobi, Kenya.
(‘UNILORIN shines as champion of African arbitration moot competition’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, August 24, 2011, p.15)
- Dr. Billy Olajide, a lecturer in the Department of Arts and Science Education, University of Ilorin, has canvassed more investment in the education of youths by both the public and private sectors in the country.
(‘Don tasks Govt on Youth Empowerment’, *This Day*, Wednesday, August 24, 2011, p.45)
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin in an opinion article has posited that traditional Africans do worship God in their mythology despite scholars’ skepticism about the African Traditional Religion.
(‘Do traditional Africans worship God?’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, August 24, 2011, p.16)
- A suspected robber, who claimed to be a graduate of the University of Ilorin, has been arrested.
(‘Police arrest graduate armed robber, seven others’ *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.12; see also ‘Unilorin graduate, others arrested for armed robbery,’ *Daily Trust*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.4)
- Mrs. Fatima Abubakre of the Directorate of Information and Protocol, University of Ilorin, in an opinion article has stated the importance of the Webometric Ranking of World Universities in promoting competition and stimulating academic excellence among universities.
(‘Webometric ranking: necessary stimulant for academic excellence’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.28)
- A 200 level student of the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, Alabede Surajudeen and Muritala Hammed, a 200 level student of the Department of Mass Communication, have reported the success of the University of Ilorin representatives at the first African Arbitration Moot Competition held in Nairobi, Kenya.
(‘UNILORIN wins 1st African Arbitration Moot Competition’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.31, see also, ‘Nigerian Law students conquer Africa’, *The Nation*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.29 and p.30)

Unilorin in the News

- While speaking at the 3rd Civil Engineering Conference of the University of Ilorin, the President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engineer Mustapha Bulama has identified reasons behind the high rate of collapsed engineering infrastructure in the country.
(‘Why Engineering is failing in Nigeria, by COREN Boss’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, August 21, 2011, p.32)
- Over 39,000 candidates participated in the recently conducted pre-admission screening exercise of the University of Ilorin. (‘45,000 to Participate in UNILAG Post-UTME, 39,000 sit for UNILORIN Pre-admission Screening’, *The Guardian*, same date, p.33)
- The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has warned religious leaders to desist from spreading false propaganda against Islamic banking in the country but to rather see it as a banking system poised to rescue the economy from its present status.
(‘Islamic Banking takes centre stage at Ramadan lectures’, *The Guardian*, same date, p.60)
- Rapists around the Offatedo area in Ilorin have allegedly grabbed a 400 level female student of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Rapists on rampage at Offatedo, Ilorin, Varsity student falls victim’, *The Herald*, Sunday, August 21, 2011, p.8)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has clarified the University’s position on an issue involving it and some developers who were supposed to construct Student Hostels at the University.
(‘Developers tackle UNILORIN VC’, *The Nation*, Monday, August 22, 2011, p.38)
- While delivering a Ramadan Lecture organised by Adewole Progressive Association, Ilorin, a Senior Lecturer and Islamic scholar at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Abdulkadir Ibrahim Abikan, has called for the formation of Islamic-based Micro-finance Banks towards creating a platform for a full-fledged Islamic Bank.
(‘Islamic Banking: Don calls for establishment of micro-finance banks,’ *National Pilot*, Monday 22-Wednesday 24, August, 2011, p.3)
- The text of the 96th Inaugural Lecture, “The Image of Africa: Rhetoric and Reality of Afro-European Relations” delivered by Prof. Rashid Oladoja Lasisi of the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin has been partly published. (*National Pilot*, same date, p.14 and p.19)
- A moment shared by the Vice-Chancellor University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Management Services, Prof. Albert Olayemi at the 96th Inaugural Lecture of the University delivered by Prof. Rashid Lasisi of the Department of History and International Studies have been captured in a photograph. (*National Pilot*, same date, p.15)
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, on behalf of the University community has congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on his appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Academy of Corporate Management.
(‘Oloyede appointed Vice-Chairman of Management Academy Board’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.15, see also, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, p.31)
- While delivering his keynote address at the 16th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association hosted by the University of Ilorin, the President of the African Sociological Association, Prof. Layi Erinosh, has condemned the discrimination in the dispensation of justice among various strata in the society.
(‘Nigerian judiciary, police are weak – Don,’ *National Pilot*, same date, p.18)

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Quotes of the Week

Feeling gratitude without expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.
- William Arthur Ward.

Without courage, all other virtues lose their meaning. – Winston Churchill

The pendulum of reason swings not between right and wrong but between sense and nonsense. – Robert Nisbet