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ALL EYES ON WAUG: The Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi, DVC(Acad.), Prof. Ayorinde, DVC (MS) and WAUG LOC Chair, Prof. Olayemi, VC, Prof. Oloyede, WAUG President and DG, Unilorin WAUG 2012, Prof. Emiola and Bursar, Mr. Sijuwola at the Government House, Ilorin recently

The Kwara State government, under the leadership of Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed, has reiterated its commitment to partner the University of Ilorin in ensuring that the 13th West Africa University Games (WAUG) is a success.

At a recent meeting of the Local Organising Committee attended by the Chairman of the Kwara State Sports Council, Hon. Lanre Giwa, and the Kwara State Director of Sports, Mr. Tunde Kazeem, the position of the Kwara State Government was further stressed. Already, the University has been granted the use of the Kwara State stadium facilities for such sport activities as the University may need them for.

The 13th WAUG, themed “Promoting Regional Cooperation through Effective Sports Participation”, holds at the University of Ilorin between March 27 and April 7, 2011. Like their other counterparts across various West African universities, the athletes of the University of Ilorin have been training in order to perform well in the Games along with the University philosophy of hosting to win. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Oloyede wins best performing VC award

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has been recognised with a “Distinguished Service Merit Award for Excellence As Best Performing Vice-Chancellor, 2011” at a programme held last Friday (January 27, 2012).

The award was conferred on the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by Mr. Salahu Abdurahman, by a Non-Governmental Organisation, Baseline Global Ventures, at the Banquet Hall of Arewa House, Kaduna, Kaduna State.

According to the organisers, Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), was conferred with the award on account of his numerous contributions to the development of the country and humanity at large. *(Contd. on page 4)*



BETTER BY FAR: Prof. and Dr. (Mrs.) Oloyede

West African varsities set to lock horns at Unilorin

Some of the universities, which are members of WAUG across its seven zones, expected to participate in the Games include the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State; University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State; University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State; University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos; Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State; Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba, Ondo State; Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State; Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos, Lagos State; Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Oyo State; Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State; Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State; J. Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State; Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State; Kwara State University, Molete, Ilorin, Kwara State; Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State; Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State; Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State, and Ajayi Crowther University Oyo, Oyo State (Group A).

Other member universities of WAUG in Nigeria include the University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Rivers State; University of Calabar, Calabar, Cross Rivers State; University of Uyo, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State; Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Rivers State; Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State; Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State; Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State; Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State; Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State; Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Amassoma, Bayelsa State; and Cross Rivers University of Technology, Calabar, Cross Rivers State (Zone B).

In Zone C are Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State; University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State; University of Abuja, Abuja, FCT; University of Benin, Benin City; Edo State; Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State; Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State; Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu, Enugu State; University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State; Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State; Kogi State University, Anyigba, Kogi State; Anambra State University, Ulli, Anambra State; Benson Idahosa University, Benin, Edo State; and Veritas University, Abuja, FCT.

The Zone D membership includes Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State; Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State; Bayero University, Kano, Kano State; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State; University of Jos, Plateau State; University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Borno State; Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Sokoto State; Federal University of Technology, Yola, Adamawa State; Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Bauchi State; Kano University of Technology, Wudil, Kano State; Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State; Adamawa State University, Mubi, Adamawa State; Gombe State University, Gombe State; Kaduna State University, Kaduna, Kaduna State; and Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina, Katsina State.

Zone E comprises universities in five West African countries, which are: University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana; University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast; University of Education, Winneba; Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi; University of Development Studies, Tamale; University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa; Institute of Professional Studies, Accra (Ghana); University de Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou; University du Parakou (Benin Republic); University de Bobo Dioulassa; University De Ouagadougou; University de Koudoigou; Institute de Sciences; UCAO (Burkina Faso); Universite de Lome (Togo) and Universite de Niamey (Niger).

While Zone F comprises universities in three countries, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone, (i.e. Universite de Cocody; Universite Abobo Adjame; University of Polytechnic, Yamoussoukro; University de Bouake; C.B.C.G. Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire); University of Liberia, Monrovia, (Liberia); University of Freetown; Njala University, BO Campus, BO, (Sierra Leone), member universities of Zone G are also in three countries. They are Universite Cheick Anta Diop, Dakar; Universite de St. Louis (Senegal); Universite du Bamako Mali (Mali); Univesite du Conakry; and Universite du Kankan (Guinea).

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Examinations and the allegory of life

As the students of the University of Ilorin begin their harmattan/first semester examinations today, and they are all wished success and good luck, it is important to situate examinations in their proper context. While examinations remain a core component of any academic system and violating their sanctity is a cardinal sin, resulting in the capital punishment of expulsion for students, it is pertinent to appreciate that everyone in this life, regardless of age or stage, is an examinee.

To start with, different people have different attitudes to examinations and it is the attitude that makes the difference. Some students consider examinations as necessary evils, an academic drudgery, a burden that they must painfully bear. To others, examinations are an opportunity to download what has been uploaded, a chance to showcase their academic abilities. Others still wish that examinations do not come at all and if they have their way, they want them postponed indefinitely or scrapped from the school system entirely, after all they are not a true test of ability.

Rather than see examinations as a problem, a more reasonable approach is to consider them an opportunity – an opportunity to showcase one's potentials and attain a higher level. Without examinations for instance, there are often no promotions and levels don't change. Admittedly a challenge, life itself is a farrago of challenges which must be confronted and overcome. As such, examinations provide an opportunity for students to move on and the overarching characteristic of life is that it moves on.

It is self-evident that not only students write examinations, this life is a vast examination hall in which all of us must remember we are being examined willy nilly. The questions are our daily activities, the actions, the inactions, the reactions, the interactions and transactions we engage in; the invigilators are the angels, better still our conscience, assuming everyone has conscience; and the Chief Examiner is God Almighty. Some get part of their results before death but generally, death is graduation and Judgement Day is convocation. We are all writing examinations and we are all being graded.

As there are rules and regulations guiding the conduct of examinations in the University, so there are in the life examinations. The students do not set the rules of the examinations, their examiners do and the students' part is to obey those rules. Human beings will also not get their bearing right without obeying the rules and regulations guiding the conduct of their everyday life as prescribed by the Almighty. Students fail out of school for not following instructions just as people fail in life by not obeying God.

One fundamental thing about examinations is to *be prepared*, as the Boys Scout would say, because they have no alternative. Students who desire that examinations do not hold still realize they still must sit for exams. This is why it is desirable to be mindful and conscious of the primary assignment both in the university environment and in life at large and be wary of pitfalls of malpractices and all other evils.

As Barbara Bradford, though in a different context, suggests, there are five "d's" critical to success in examinations and in life as a whole. These d's are desire, drive, determination, discipline and dedication. Everyone deserves to a large extent what he *desires* and *drives* towards with *determination* and no desire can be attained without *discipline* powered by *determination*. She adds another "d" which is the one to avoid: distraction. And there are so many distractions for students in the University of Ilorin as there are for people in life: things that undermine focus on the primary assignment.

But before Bradford, the boxing legend, Muhammad Ali, who attained 70 years this month (the new age of professorial retirement!) had earlier laid the foundation for her submission in another different but still applicable context: "Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them: a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have last-minute stamina, they have to be a little faster, they have to have the skill and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill," he said.

As we begin or continue our examinations, as the case may be in the University of Ilorin or the University of Life, may we all have the skill and the will to make us emerge champions because that is the ultimate!

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The solar system revolves around the centre of the galaxy at 720,000 km per hour.
- The velocity of the Milky Way, which comprises 200 billion stars, is 950,000 km per hour.
- The earth, our world, each year moves 500 million kilometres away from its location the previous year.

Unilorin VC declared the best

(Contd. from front page)

“Having noted with interest your immense contributions and your desire for improvement in all sectors of the economy, your high integrity, hard-work, patriotism and dedication to the peace, progress and development of our country,” the organisers noted, the Vice-Chancellor’s nomination as the best performing Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria was favourably considered and adopted.

Addressing the Vice-Chancellor, the Chairman of the Award Committee, Prince J. O. Adeleke, observed: “It is fitting that those who advanced a worthy cause and seek to improve the society be recognized and rewarded for the service, it is in recognition of this that the Award is made. The purpose is not only to appreciate you for your immeasurable contributions and achievements, but also to motivate others. This award, though an honour, is first and foremost to acknowledge your useful contributions and selfless services to the country and society in general. We hope that you will continue to cherish the award as a challenge for more useful contributions and services and continue to be a shining example for others to emulate”.

The event, which was chaired by the Chairman of Arewa Consultative Forum, Alhaji Aliko Muhammed, witnessed the conferment of awards in different categories on eminent Nigerians among whom are the Governors of Bauchi and Kano States (Best Performing Governors, 2011), the Sultan of Sokoto and Sheu of Borno (Best Performing Royal Fathers, 2011) and wife of the Vice-President, Hajiya Amina Namadi Sambo, who was represented by the wife of the Governor of Kaduna State, Mrs. Yakowa; the Governor of Niger State and wife of the Chairman of Arewa Consultative Forum, Hajia Aliko Muhammed (Lifetime Achievement Awards) among other top political and economic heavyweights.

It would be recalled that a major educational publication in Nigeria, *Nigerian Education Times* acknowledged Prof. Oloyede as “The Pillar of Education in Nigeria” in November 2011 while in the same month, the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara State Council also recognised the University of Ilorin for its “outstanding performance” in academic stability and excellence.

Unilorin Institute of Molecular Science and Biotechnology to kick off

As part of its contributions to the advancement of research and service to the global community, the University of Ilorin is set to establish a Unilorin Institute of Molecular Science and Biotechnology.

At the 223rd meeting of the Senate held last December 29, 2011, the authorities of the University of Ilorin identified the centrality of Molecular Studies in the development of Life Sciences and related disciplines such as Physical and Computational Sciences.

The Institute will develop rational means to optimise nutrition, drug treatment and develop guidelines for exposure to potentially hazardous factors (toxins), with respect to locale-specific genotypes and the environment.

The institute will also be a development base, a test-and/or proving-bed for methods in Bioinformatics (i.e. statistics, mathematics, computational genetics and data-based construction, management and integration) while it will be also be a training ground for introductory, intermediate and advanced studies in molecular science and biotechnology.

Unilorin to begin Chinese language programme

In line with its dynamism and the need to prepare its products for the challenges and the fast-changing global political economy, the University of Ilorin will begin to teach Chinese language (Mandarin) as one of the foreign languages learnt in the University. The University took this decision at the 223rd meeting of the Senate held recently.

Apart from Nigerian languages like Arabic, Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba being taught at the University, the University also offers instruction at degree and non-degree levels in foreign languages like French, German and Spanish. Mandarin is the latest addition of the languages to be taught at the University.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the first part of the 27th Convocation Ceremonies of the 2010/2011 Graduands of the University of Ilorin on Monday, October 24, 2011 at the University Auditorium

On behalf of the Chancellor, Senate, Congregation, Staff and entire students of the University of Ilorin, I welcome most respectfully our dear Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku Keagborekuzi I, The Dein of Agbor Kingdom. I also welcome our distinguished invited guests, especially my fellow Vice-Chancellors, to the University of Ilorin and I sincerely thank you all for being part of our convocation ceremonies.

The Chancellor Sir, it is our utmost pleasure to present before you the 2010/2011 graduands of the University of Ilorin. The graduate output of the University this year is 5,330. This figure comprises 4,710 first degree/ diploma and 620 higher degree/postgraduate diploma graduands. Specifically, the University produced 24 diploma, 23 First Class, 875 Second Class Upper, 2,544 Second Class Lower, 1,019 Third Class, 99 Pass as well as 126 MB;BS graduands during the session. At the postgraduate level, the University produced 80 postgraduate diploma, 399 Master's, 69 professional postgraduate and 72 doctoral graduands during the year, as presented thus:

Faculty	Diploma	First Class	Second Class Upper	Second Class Lower	Third Class	Pass	MB; BS	Total
Agriculture	-	0	59	148	54	7	-	268
Arts	-	0	67	302	120	5	-	494
Basic Medical Sciences	-	1	30	90	8	-	-	129
Business and Social Sciences	13	7	139	373	184	22	-	738
Communication and Information Sciences	-	3	36	121	56	3	-	219
Education	11	1	110	312	70	2	-	506
Institute of Education	0	0	150	455	152	1	-	758
Engineering and Technology	-	1	98	130	55	3	-	287
Law	-	0	44	103	12	0	-	159
Science	-	10	142	510	308	56	-	1,026
Clinical Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	126
Total	24	23	875	2,544	1,019	99	126	4,710

The batch convoking today comprises those graduands whose programmes are for four years. These are the graduands of the Faculties of Arts, Business and Social Sciences, Communication and Information Sciences, Education and Science. They are worthy in learning and character and they are hereby admitted to the class of the University of Ilorin alumni. Tomorrow, the second batch, consisting of graduands whose programmes are for a minimum of five years (i.e. College of Health Sciences, Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology and Law) as well as those of the Postgraduate School, will be convoking.

As the journey of life is not for the fastest and it is not everyone that begins a journey that reaches its end, I want to congratulate you, dear graduands, parents and guardians, on the occasion of today. I pray that today's attainment will be the beginning of other successes in life for you. In the light of the press briefing we held last Monday, I say again that *To God be the Glory* that you have come this far, though it is still not the end of your educational pursuit.

Dear graduands, now that you are graduating from the micro world of the University to the macro world of the larger society, it is just essential that I remind you of *the purpose of life*. Many people in the world, including some who are supposedly educated, live their lives purposelessly. Jean-Paul Sartre once

claimed that “if we have to die, then our life has no meaning” but this is not true. Despite the fact that we are going to die, our life can be meaningful if we know its purpose and live it accordingly.

The purpose of life is to serve God and humanity. As you are graduating from this stage of life to another, always remember that you are in this world to serve and you must serve diligently for you to be fulfilled. Our convocation lecture this year, delivered by one of the first staff of the University, the founding Head of our Department of Medicine, Emeritus Professor John Hamilton, focused on service. All of us are a **community to serve** and this spirit of service is what you have to live with as graduands of the University of Ilorin. You have to strive and you have to serve for you to succeed.

Your Excellency, Your Majesty, as the law requires, the Annual Report of the University will be presented to the Visitor tomorrow. It is my expectation that you will still be kind to join us as we converge here again to celebrate the remaining graduands.

Before I conclude, I want to thank all those who assisted the University in becoming what it is today. The former Vice-Chancellors and other Principal Officers of the University have served and they have served well. I recognize them. I also thank the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, our distinguished alumnus who turned the sod of the new site of our Sugar Research Institute last Monday.

I appreciate the Emir of Ilorin, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, who received us warmly last Friday as he always does. I acknowledge the immediate past members of the Governing Council, particularly our able, amiable, responsible and indefatigable Chairman, Alhaji Tukur Mani, Tafarkin Katsina, as I deeply appreciate my colleagues in the Administration and Senate of the University, especially the Queen of the University, the iron lady and Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi. I am very grateful to my wife whose understanding and support have made the task easier and I say a big THANK YOU to you all for your kind attention.

God bless you all.

Federal Scholarship opportunity for students

The 2011/2012 interviews for Federal Government Scholarship Award tenable in Nigerian Tertiary institutions hold this week for the Northern States (North East, North West, North Central) between January 30 and February 1, 2012. Interviews for the Southern States (South East, South West, South South) held between January 23 and 25, 2012.

Interviews for University students hold today January 30, 2012 while those of the Polytechnics and Colleges of Education hold on Tuesday (January 31, 2012) and Wednesday (February 1, 2012) respectively.

To be eligible for interviews, candidates must be registered full-time students in second year or above in recognised Federal or State tertiary institutions; must have obtained a minimum of 4.0. CGPA on a 5 point scale or its equivalent in previous year's examination; HND 1 candidates must have obtained at least an upper credit in the OND examination. Other conditions are that postgraduate candidates must possess at least a second class upper degree (2¹) while students currently on Scholarship are advised not to apply.

According to a statement signed by the Director/Secretary of the Federal Scholarship Board, Abuja, Mrs. H. U. Abdullahi, the requirements are that:

- Qualified candidates are to complete the forms online @ www.fsb.gov.ng.
- Print out of completed application forms are to be endorsed with the official stamp/seal by the candidate's HOD/Registrar.
- Candidates are to attend the interview with writing materials (Open, HB pencil, eraser, etc.) and submit the completed application forms with the following documents in originals and photocopies:
 - Letter of admission to the institution
 - Course registration form for the present session
 - Student identity card
 - Letter of identification from state/local government of origin
 - Last sessional result
 - Two passport-sized photographs

The venue of the interview is the Federal Unity School in each State Capital but where there is no Unity School in the State Capital, candidates are to contact the Secretary, State Scholarship Board in that State.

Varsity hosts international proverb conference

The University of Ilorin will host the Second International Proverb Conference in Nigeria between March 12 and 16, 2012 at the University Auditorium.

According to a statement issued by the Department of English, University of Ilorin, “the 1st Proverb Conference in Nigeria held at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun state, Nigeria, from 1st to 4th August, 2006 and the theme was “**Contemporary Perspectives on African Proverbs**”. This international conference revealed amazing scholarly interest in proverbs on the continent. As the relations between nations and cultures become increasingly dynamic, the exploration of the proverbial indices of these contacts becomes of immense significance. These factors underscore the need for the creation of further forums for scholarly interaction between researchers, teachers or those who have a general interest in African proverbs. In the attempt to meet this need, papers are invited for the 2nd International Proverb Conference in Nigeria with the theme, “**Evolutionary Trends in African Proverbs**”, which is to be hosted by the University of Ilorin.”

The sub-themes for the conference include but are not limited to:

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| *Proverbs and Literature | *Proverbs, Science and Technology |
| *Proverbs and Linguistics | *Proverbs and Medicine |
| *Proverbs and Philosophy | *Proverbs and the Environment |
| *Proverbs and Religion | *Proverbs and National Development |
| *Proverbs and Law | *Proverbs and the Diaspora |
| *Proverbs and Education | *Proverbs and Multiculturalism |
| *Proverbs and the Performing/Visual Arts | *Proverbs and Gender |
| *Proverbs and Mass Media | *Proverbs and World Peace |
| *Proverbs and the Social Sciences | *New Proverbs and Anti-Proverbs |

Abstracts of not more than 250 words and full papers are to be sent electronically to yisa_yusuf@yahoo.com or stbabatunde2000@yahoo.com or mahfouzade2@yahoo.com on or before February 29, **2012**. Each submission (abstract or/and paper) should bear the name, contact details (including phone number{s}) and e-mail address(es) of the author(s).

Conference Fees:

Local Participants	₦10,000.00
Foreign Participants	US\$150

“For further information, please contact any of the following members of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria: Professor Yisa Kehinde Yusuf, **Convener & Visiting Professor** (E-mail: yyusuf@oauife.edu.ng; yisa_yusuf@yahoo.com); Dr. Sola Timothy Babatunde, **Chair, Organising Committee & Head of Department** (E-mail: stbabatunde2000@yahoo.com; stbabatunde@unilorin.edu.ng); and Dr. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, **Secretary, Organising Committee**. (E-mail: madedimeji@unilorin.edu.ng; mahfouzade2@yahoo.com)”, the statement adds.

Seminar on diabetes holds this week

The University of Ilorin, through its Health Education Committee, will hold its second Health Education Seminar, themed “Diabetes Mellitus: A Growing Pandemic” this Wednesday, (February 1, 2012) at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00a.m.

The resource persons at the event are Dr. T. O. Olanrewaju, a Consultant Physician and Dr. (Mrs) O. O. Adesiyun, a Consultant Paediatrician, both of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

While the Chairman of the occasion is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the Host is the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Prof. W. B. R. Johnson.

PG School receives project vehicle

As part of facilitating the activities of the Postgraduate School for increased efficiency, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has presented a brand new Project Vehicle to the School.



L-R: The Bursar, Mr. Sijuwola; the Dean of PG School, Prof. Bewaji and the VC, Prof. Oloyede, at the presentation last Friday

Speaking at the presentation, which took place last Friday (January 27, 2012) at the Senate Building car park, Prof. Oloyede said he hoped the vehicle would be put into good use in the pursuit of more excellence by the School.

The Dean of Postgraduate School, Prof. C. O. Bewaji, thanked the University management for their foresight and assured them that the vehicle would be used well to achieve the purpose for which it is meant.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to present the car were the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola; and the Director of Works, Engr. M. S. Sanni.

PTA leaders honour predecessors

The out gone Executive Committee of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of the University Primary School have been honoured by the new Executive Committee for service rendered to the school while the former leaders steered the School PTA. The occasion took place last Tuesday (January 24, 2012) at the University School conference room.

The PTA Executive Committee Chairman, Dr. A. O. Oniye, in his speech commended the previous Executive Committee members. He added that the gifts presented to honour the former Executive Committee members were not a measure of their service but a token of appreciation for their contributions to the development of the School.

“What is being given is not a measure of your worth but a token. Only God can reward you for what you have done”, he submitted.



A group photograph of the old and new executive committees of the PTA

The Chairman while speaking to *Unilorin Bulletin* disclosed that his administration would work as a matter of priority to ensure a complete face lift of the School. He also said the Executive Committee members are committed towards ensuring monumental developments in the School while he called on all stakeholders to join hands with the PTA and the school management.

In her address, the Headmistress, Mrs. N. A. Lawal, thanked the former Executive Committee members and tasked the new Executive Committee members to do even more, and prayed God to continue to be with them.

Responding on behalf of the out gone Executive Committee members, the immediate past Chairman, Mr. Festus Ogunyinka thanked the PTA and school management for appreciating their ‘little’ contributions. He commended the new PTA Executive Committee members saying they have good organisation and sense of direction.

Goodwill messages were delivered at the occasion by Mrs. Okoro, Mr. Oyeleke and Mrs. Dairo.

MONEY MATTERS

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 20th- 26th January 2012

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Registration of Contractors	3,100.00
Staff I.D. Card	800.00
Boarded Properties	46,000.00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	8,015,500.00
Verification of results	26,500.00
Income from Bursary: pay slip	350.00
Academic outfit	12,250.00
Order of Proceedings	18,800.00
Scroll	13,550.00
Students I.D. Cards	25,200.00
Academic Transcripts	107,000.00
Change of Course form	5,000.00
Rent on University Properties	60,000.00
Total Receipts for the Period	8,334,050.00
PAYMENTS	
Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:	
Habwal Int. Biz- supply of teaching/research Equipment	9,103,140.12
Arnal International- Servicing of Generator	44,444.46
Fasman (Nig) Enterprises- Cleaning of gen house/digging @ CBT	60,172.00
Elizade Nig. Ltd-purchase of Toyota Hilux van	5,388,888.90
Jolmarks Co-Land survey @ Aran Orin	307,353.96
Cosmic Insurance –Insurance Premium	20,000,000.00
Other Payments:	
Purchase Advance	3,820,978.00
Various-refund etc	1,757,349.05
Physical Planning Unit-Realignment of fence	2,000,000.00
Biological Garden- Upgrading of Facilities	6,295,000.00
Total Expenditures for the Period	48,777,326.49

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola

BURSAR

Drivers organise send-off party

The Unilorin Drivers Welfare Association is organising its 2011 End of the Year and Send-off party for its current and retired members this Saturday, February 4, 2012.

The venue of the programme is the Africa Hall of the old University of Ilorin Mini Campus. The programme begins at 11:30p.m. prompt,

Members of the University community are cordially invited.

LAUGH LINES

A boy returned a lost purse he found to the owner. The lady was very appreciative but when she opened the purse, she was rather confused. "But I had a single one thousand naira note in my purse, now there are ten notes of one hundred naira currency, how come?", she said.

The boy replied, "Na me change am, auntie. See, the last time wey I help person find him purse like that, she talk say she get no change, she for give me something, Nna."

FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital Clinic is now open at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Block 1, Permanent Site, University of Ilorin.

The Contact Point is at the Dean's Office.

Book your appointments for Ambulatory Services for your Poultry, Small and Large Animals as well as Companion (Pets) Animals' health challenges.

Signed

Dr. F. R. Olowoleni

Happy Birthday To You!

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5.	Igunnu, Segun	Security	2nd February
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- The University of Ilorin has issued an advertisement for interested applicants into the new academic programme 'B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development' aimed at addressing food security in Nigeria through the training of extension and rural development professionals. ('Advertisement of the New B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development Degree in the 2011/2012 Academic Session' *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday, January 27, 2012, p.8, see also, *The Nation*, same date, p.43; and *Peoples Daily*, same date, p.21)
- The Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Prof. AbdulWaheed Olatinwo, has stated that the hospital now has Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) facility to provide succour for couples with fertility challenges. ('UITH gets fertility unit', *The Guardian*, Friday, January 27, 2012, p.5)
- The University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) has now acquired Reproductive Technology (ART) facility to assist couples with fertility problems, the Chief Medical Director of the Hospital, Prof. AbdulWaheed Olatinwo, has disclosed. ('UITH starts Fertility Centre' *The Herald*, Friday, January 27, 2012, pp.1-2)
- The concluding part of the paper presented by Dr. Jeleel O. Ojuade of the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, at an international conference held in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, last year has been published. ('The Yoruba and Bata performance culture', *The Guardian*, Friday, January 27, 2012, p.27)

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- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the family, the school and the society at large to constantly create role models for youths in order to tackle problems confronting them while delivering his lecture, “Youth Development in Nigeria: Self Employment and Security Challenges”, as a guest lecturer at the Klob 2-7 Annual dinner/lecture/ presentation of bursary awards to indigenes of Kwara State in secondary schools recently.
(‘Organization brings succour to Kwarans’, *The Herald*, same date, p.11)
- The University of Ilorin Inter-Religious Council in a recent emergency meeting has condemned the activities of the *Boko Haram* group while saying that its aim to cause religious disaffection between the adherents of Islam and Christianity should not be allowed to succeed.
(‘Unilorin Inter-religious council berates *Boko Haram*’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th January, 2012, p.9)
- As part of the benefits of the collaborative efforts between the University of Ilorin and the Sasakawa African Fund for Extension Education (SAFE), the University of Ilorin has commenced a new academic programme, “B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development”, with effect from the 2011/2012 academic session.
(‘...begins Agric Extension programme’, *National Pilot*, same as above.)
- A staff member of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mrs Fatima Abubakre, has written an article on the efforts of the University in protecting the environment while at the same time investing in the future.
(‘Investing in the future: The Unilorin example’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, January 26, 2012, p.33)
- The harmattan semester examinations of the 2011/2012 academic session of the University of Ilorin begin January 30, 2012.
(‘First semester exams begin January 30’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.34)
- For his contributions to the development of humanity, a University of Ilorin don and former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Razaq D. Abubakre, has been honoured with the laureate of ‘The International Socrates Prize’, United Kingdom, in the field of Education.
(‘Abubakre honoured with UK Laureate Award’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.34)
- In line with its commitment to provide equal opportunities for all, the University of Ilorin has issued an advertisement on the restoration of studentship to post-graduate students who have overstayed on their programmes in the University.
(‘Important notice to Postgraduate Students who have Over-stayed on their programmes’ *The Punch*, Thursday, January 26, 2012,p.39; see also *Daily Trust*, same date,p.46)
- A new academic programme, “B.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Community Development” aimed at addressing food security in Nigeria through the training of extension and rural development professionals has been established by the University of Ilorin.
(‘New course’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, January 26, 2012 p.27)
- Students of the University of Ilorin have been advised to abide by all the rules and regulations guiding the conduct of examinations as the harmattan semester examinations of the 2011/2012 academic session of the University hold between January 30 and February 18, 2012.
(‘Exams begin Jan 30’, *The Nation*, same as above)
- Professor R. D. Abubakre of the Department of Arabic, University of Ilorin, has been honoured with the laureate of ‘The International Socrates Prize’ in education presented by the International Socrates Committee of Europe Business Assembly (EBA), Oxford, United Kingdom.
(‘Don gets Socrates prize’, *The Nation*, same as above)
- The harmattan semester examinations of the University of Ilorin previously scheduled to hold on January 23 will now begin on January 30 and end on February 18, 2012.
(‘Varsity postpones exams’, *The Nation*, same date, p.33)
- A sophomore in the Department of Zoology, University of Ilorin, has espoused the significant role played by journalists in the society while urging stakeholders create more room for campus journalism because the days when students showed grievances through Aluta were gone.
(‘Is it a crime to be a campus journalist?’, *The Nation*, same date, p.35)

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- A student of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Audu Mumini Abdulkareem, has stated that to build healthy democratic institutions in the country, politics with bitterness must give way for developmental politics as demonstrated in the recent mock presidential campaigns of the students of his Department.
(‘Unilorin Mass Comm students redefine Nigerian politics’, *The Herald*, Monday, January 23, 2012, p.17)
- While calling on the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) to adopt alternative means of resolving grievances other than embarking on strike in the interest of the innocent students, the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Chapter of ASUU, Dr. Sa’ad Omoiya, has commended the Nigerian Senate for their thoughtfulness in reviewing the retirement age of Professors to 70 years.
(‘New retiring age: UNILORIN teacher backs Senate’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, January 24, 2012, p.41)
- The Inter-Religious Council, University of Ilorin, chaired by Prof. Gabriel Olatunji, has urged the government to employ drastic measures in securing and guaranteeing the future unity of the country while condemning the activities of the *Boko Haram* group as an act of war against Nigeria.
(‘Sect has declared war on Nigeria,’ *The Nation*, Tuesday, January 24, 2012, p.6)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called for a thorough investigation of the incessant bombings in the country in a statement released in Abuja entitled ‘This ungodly act must stop’. (‘NIREC wants bombings investigated’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, p.8)
- In a statement issued by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, who is also the Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the perpetrators of the bombing incidents across the country have been called upon to put a halt to the incalculable damage being done to religion and civilisation.
(‘NIREC seeks end to bombing’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, pp.1 and 5)
- As part of the requirements for the fulfilment of one of the courses offered in the Faculty of Agriculture, ‘Introduction to General Sociology’, sophomores of the Faculty have paid a visit to ‘Ile-Apa Village’, one of the surrounding host communities of the University of Ilorin, for an extension work.
(‘Students on agric mission visit community’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.16)
- An American lecturer in the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin, Miss Vivian Valdivia, has commended Nigerian students for showing willingness to learn while comparing them to students in her home country who believe they are entitled to be taught.
(‘American lecturer praises Nigerian students’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.19)
- While calling for a thorough investigation into the spate of bombings in the country, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin and Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has described dialogue as the only efficient and effective process of resolving perceived and real conflicts in the country.
(‘Bombings: NIREC calls for thorough investigation’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, p.3)
- A Police Inspector, Idowu Oyegoke, who was shot by suspected armed robbers at a petrol station in Ilorin, is currently receiving treatment at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH).
(‘Security guard killed at petrol station’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, p.5)

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Quotes of the Week

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

- Mark Twain

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

- Charles Darwin

The most happy is he to whom God has given a good wife

- Ali bin Abi Talib

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.

- Steve Jobs

He who demands mercy and shows none burns the bridges over which he himself must later pass.

- Thomas Adams

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