



How to banish hunger from Nigeria, by Oni



Prof. Oni delivering his lecture last Thursday

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A professor of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Kayode C. Oni, has suggested ways of redeeming the disturbing situation of food insecurity in the country. Prof. Oni gave this insight while delivering his inaugural lecture, “Man, Machine and Food Insecurity”, last Thursday (May 26, 2011) at the University of Ilorin.

According to the don, who is the immediate Chief Executive of the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation (NCAM), Ilorin, despite the huge endowment of human and natural resources in Nigeria, with ₦2.4 billion generated daily from the sale of crude oil alone, several millions of Nigerians still go to bed hungry everyday. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Council boosts WAUG plans with Committee

The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin under the Chairmanship of Alh. Tukur Mani has set up a Committee chaired by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman himself towards ensuring the success of the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) to be hosted by the University.

In a statement by the Registrar of the University and Secretary to the Council, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, the committee was set up by the Council in order “to assist the Administration mobilize financial support for the Games”.

According to the Registrar, “Council at its 127th Meeting held on Tuesday, 24th May 2011, considered in great detail, preparations for the West Africa University Games (WAUG) to be hosted by the University in the last quarter of 2011.

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The Chairman of Council, Alh. Mani

Don decries food insecurity, suggests way forward

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Agreeing with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, who posited that hunger is a weapon of mass destruction, Prof. Oni highlighted how poverty and hunger have wrecked havoc on human civilisation since the beginning of history. “The decadence of ancient civilisation was largely due to inadequacy of man’s tools to supply man’s needs. Food was never available without work nor abundant food without machine,” he said.

The don traced the unfortunate state of agricultural development to the crudity of agricultural mechanisation in sub-Saharan Africa, including Nigeria, saying that it is the level of mechanisation in a country’s agricultural sector that makes all the difference.

“In sub-Saharan Africa, there were, in 1980, only 2 tractors per 1000 hectares whereas Asia and Latin America had 7.8 tractors. In 2003, the number for sub-Saharan Africa shrunk to 1.3 tractors while that for Asia and Latin America increased to 14.9 tractors. In 1960, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania each had more tractors in use than India. However, by 2005, India had 100 times more tractors than all three countries combined,” he said.

Describing the situation in sub-Saharan Africa as worrisome as a result of heavy reliance on human muscle as “the greatest source of power on the farm”, Prof. Oni noted that food security is hampered in Nigeria by such factors as “availability of raw materials, environmental regulations, research, technology and technical support for agro-industrial development, absence of good management and non-existence of market development strategy, seasonality of crops, inappropriate or obsolete processing and ancillary equipment and mitigating food insecurity through equipment development.”

The Kansas State University-trained scholar suggested that for Nigeria to attain food sufficiency, a balance must be struck between man and machine while effort should be made to transit from the current hand hoe farming to real time mechanised farming.

Specifically, Prof. Oni recommended that to rescue Nigerians from the tight grip of hunger, there must be partnership between the government and the private sector as done in Kwara State through the engagement of the Zimbabwean farmers, an enabling environment for agricultural development must be created and more attention should be given to sustainable agricultural raw materials production while research and development support for agro-industries also need to be provided.

Stressing the need for appropriate machines to transform the agricultural sector and combat food insecurity, Prof. Oni tasked the stakeholders on the collation and analysis of shelf sitting machines and equipment, pilot testing of identified machines and equipment standardisation, product development, machines and equipment certification, component specialisation and equipment manufacturing, machines and equipment commercialisation, fabrication improvements, agro-industries technology value chain analysis as well as servicing and maintenance backup.

In his comment at the end of the lecture, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, noted that the Professor had professed to the satisfaction and delight of the audience. He said the University is proud of Prof. Oni’s scholarship and excellence just as he appreciated the presence of the galaxy of dignitaries and guests that graced the event from the town and the gown.

Unilorin 2011 Dairy is available for free

Senior staff of the University of Ilorin have been urged to come and collect the current edition of the University of Ilorin Dairy. Each qualified staff member is to pick his/her own copy at the Establishments Division of the University.

According to a statement signed by the Deputy Registrar (Establishments), Mr. E.D. Obafemi, “the 2011 edition of the University of Ilorin Dairy is now available. Interested senior members of staff are invited to pick up a copy each in first come, first served basis at the office of the Deputy Registrar (Establishments). IT IS FREE!”

NUC team verifies new programmes

As the University of Ilorin expands the frontiers of its mandate by introducing new programmes, a team of academics and resource persons dispatched by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to verify teaching and research facilities as well as human resources on ground for the smooth take-off of the programmes has paid a courtesy call on the University management.

The team included Mr. Audu Muhammad of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Idris Alao Lawal of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Prof. S.O. Bada of the Department of Forest Resources Management of the University of Ibadan, Prof. Oyih Boniface Oloche of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Abuja; Prof. Milred E. John of the Department of Nursing Science, College of Medical Sciences, University of Calabar, as well as Dr. A. J. Ayinla, Mr. Aborulu Gabriel and Mr. Aliyu A. Yayaha all of the National Universities Commission.

Welcoming the team while paying him a courtesy visit last Thursday (May 26, 2011), the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, thanked the members for the sacrifice they made by accepting to carry out the assignment. He expressed hope that the exercise would go a long way not only in improving the standard of education but also help in the improving the quality of life for the Nigerians.

While introducing some aspects of the vision of the University to the NUC team, Prof. Oloyede said: "we are expanding our University beyond serving the nation to serving humanity in general. The programmes are crucial to the implementation of our strategic plan."



L-R: Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Oloyede, Mr. Muhammad and Prof. Lawal

Prof. Oloyede also disclosed that there is no state in Nigeria that lacks representation in the University, noting that this is one of the numerous steps taken by the University towards remaining a University that is truly a global player where the best of ideas and knowledge are assembled and made available for the benefit of humanity. The Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence also said that the University of Ilorin is not oblivious of the fact that it is by being responsive to domestic needs that a University attains global prominence and revealed that the University of Ilorin is establishing a Centre for Appropriate Technology as part of advancing its Materials Science and Engineering programme.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, Mr. Muhammad of the NUC introduced the team members, noting that the verification team was in the University in response to the invitation of the University regarding its four new programmes. The programmes the team came to verify include Forest Resources Management being coordinated by Prof. Raji; Material Sciences and Engineering being coordinated by Dr. A.G.F. Alabi; Nursing under the coordinatorship of Dr. Tijani Abioye and Veterinary Medicine under Prof. A. Ambali who is also the pioneer Dean of the Faculty.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the team were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi; the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi; the acting University Librarian, Mrs. Joyce A. Fadayomi; the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola, represented by the Deputy Bursar, Mr. Lawal Badmus; and the Deans of the Faculties of Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Engineering and Technology as well as Clinical Sciences.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an each every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
- About 200 babies are born worldwide every minute.
- There are more nerve cells in the human brain than there are stars in the Milky Way.
- A portion of the water you drink has already been drunk by someone else, maybe several times over.

Unilorin Council gives WAUG a boost

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“Having duly noted the heavy financial and material requirements for the successful execution of the games, particularly the provision of physical facilities which is capital intensive as well as challenges of time constraint, Council decided to intervene by raising a Committee to assist Administration mobilize financial support for the Games. The Committee is also to work assiduously to ensure that the ₦340 million pledge made by Government towards the Games is promptly released to the University.”

The membership of the Committee comprises the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council (Chairman), Chief (Mrs.) Biodun C. Olujimi (Vice-Chairman), Vice-Chancellor (Member), Alhaji Saka Sa'adu (Member), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (MS) (Member) and Registrar (Member and Secretary).

Unilorin, UCC conference committee extends submission deadline

The Local Organising Committee of the recently concluded second joint conference of the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, and the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, has announced an extension for the submission of the corrected papers which were presented during the conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development earlier this month.

The new deadline for the submission of the articles is June 10, 2011.

Rising from a meeting held last Wednesday (May 25, 2011), the LOC re-affirmed its commitment to the publication of the peer reviewed book of conference proceedings this year stressing that only quality papers will be published.

Centrepoint rebrands as 3 editions roll out

The premier journal of the University of Ilorin, *Centrepoint*, as part of its repositioning for more excellence is now named *Centrepoint Journal*. The journal, which now has editorial/editorial advisory board consisting of leading academics from African, European and American universities will be published twice in a year.

This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the Editorial Board, chaired by a foremost Professor of the University of Ilorin and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Yasir A. Quadri.

Apart from unveiling **Volume 13 Number 1** edition of *Centrepoint* (Humanities Edition) and **Volumes 15 and 16** of the Science Edition of the journal, Prof. Quadri disclosed that *Centrepoint Journal* would henceforth be a bi-annual high quality journal. The first edition of the rebranded *Centrepoint Journal* is due to roll out of the press in June 2011 while another edition will be released in December.

Unlike the past, one feature of the *Centrepoint Journal* is its national and international coverage. The 2011 editions (June and December) attract articles from several Nigerian and overseas universities. The journal is also well packaged and the design is of international standard.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!!

ONLINE REGISTRATION BY SANDWICH STUDENTS

This is to inform all returning sandwich students of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, to check the correctness of their data registered online.

The portal is open for all those that have not registered to do so between now and 30th of June, 2011 when it will be closed finally.

Anyone who fails to register by 30th of June, 2011 will be deemed to have voluntarily withdrawn from the University of Ilorin.

Sgd.

Olufolake O. OYEYEMI (Mrs.)

Registrar

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO THE SECOND JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA AND UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, CAPE COAST, GHANA.

HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN BETWEEN MAY 1 AND 5, 2011

The Hon. Minister of Education, Rep. by the Director, Tertiary Education, Dr.(Mrs.) J. Suara,
The Hon. Minister of Environment,
The High Commissioner of Ghana,
The Secretary General of ECOWAS,
The Executive Secretary, NUC, Rep. by Mr. A.S. Agbaoye, Deputy ES,
The Secretary General AVCNU,
The Chairman of the Opening Ceremony, Prof. Akin Mabogunje,
Our Hosts, The Vice-Chancellors, University of Cape Coast, Ghana and University of Ilorin, Nigeria,
Distinguished Guest Speaker and Plenary Speakers,
Principal Officers of UCC and Unilorin,
Vice-Chancellors from other Universities
Distinguished Colleagues from various Institutions,
Agencies, Establishments and Ministries,
Distinguished Gentlemen of the Press,
Invited Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am very delighted to welcome you all on behalf of my colleagues on the International Organizing Committee to the Second Joint International Conference being organized by the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast. I give glory to the Almighty God who has made today to be a reality and who has granted journey mercies to all our colleagues and invited guests from within and outside the country.

The University of Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, in 2008, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on different areas and disciplines of mutual benefits. One of such is the hosting of a Joint International Conference annually as agreed upon at the meeting held in August 2008, at the University of Ilorin.

The first Joint International Conference was held at UCC between 27th September and 1st October 2009. The theme of that Conference was **Culture, Science and Sustainable Development**. The Keynote Speaker was Professor Peter Okebukola while the Plenary Speakers were Dr. David Oluwayomi Atteh and Professors Jophus Anamuah-Mensah and Samuel Y. Mensah who spoke on Indigenous Knowledge, Culture and Sustainable Development: Crafting a Sustainable Approach to the Development of Science and Technology in Sub-Saharan Africa and Nanotechnology and Sustainable Development, respectively. The Conference was well attended with 77 papers presented in the five syndicate group sessions.

Due to some logistic problems, the 2010 conference could not hold. I am therefore highly delighted that the second annual conference is kicking off today and hope that all that is required will be put in place by the two Institutions to make the international conference truly annual and help to cement and strengthen the bilateral relationship and bond between our two Universities.

Very distinguished guests, colleagues and students, the theme of this year's conference is **Climate Change and Sustainable Development**. Climate change can be viewed simply as a change in the statistical properties of the climatic system when considered over periods of decades or longer regardless of cause. This theme is chosen to draw our attention to the danger of climate change and what is required

of us to make life on earth more enjoyable and sustaining. Since God is His infinite mercies and providence has endowed man with all that is required for dwelling on this planet, it is our duty to see that the domination over all that God created for man is not turned to ruination, especially by our direct and indirect contributions to the problems posed by climate change. The phenomenon of climate change has brought about diverse ecological, health, economic, agricultural, production, genetic and many other

problems so much that there is urgent need to embark on innovative and strategic investment, research and development, and formulation of policies and regulations to promote prevention and control mechanisms.

We are lucky to have very eminent and experienced scholars to deliver papers at this year's conference. The chairman of the opening ceremony programme, Prof. Akin Mabogunje, is a very experienced giant in all spheres of life. He is arguably one of the best known Geographers and Social Scientists in Africa, the Third World and indeed the World at large. He is one of Africa's urbanist and former Cities Alliance Policy Advisory Board Member. Thank you very much sir for honouring us with your distinguished presence despite our very late invitation.

The Keynote Speaker is Professor Alfred Oteng-Yeboah of University of Ghana, Legon. He was a former Deputy Director General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana. The Plenary Speakers are Reverend Professor E.A. Obeng, immediate past Vice-Chancellor, UCC, Professors Anthony M. Imevbore, former Director, Institute of Ecology, OAU, Ile Ife, Nigeria, J.O. Ayoade, former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, UI, Nigeria and Paa Kobina Turkson, former Dean, School of Agriculture, UCC, Ghana.

In addition, there are 135 papers to be presented at this conference covering areas such as climate change and agriculture, health management, curriculum, culture, legal issues, business development, environment, infrastructural development, engineering, etc. It is my hope that at the end of the conference we will all leave here much more enlightened and determined to curb the menace of climate change and the resulting undesirable consequences.

No matter our views or evidence on the percentile contribution of our individual countries or continent to the causes of climate change, the effects know no boundary. Indeed it appears that our continent appears more at risk as we are ill-prepared to tackle the consequences of climate change. We can therefore no longer fold our arms and blame the developed or industrialized nations but should evolve strategies or policies required to tackle the menace. No matter our field or discipline we can and should play critical roles in providing adaptive capacities to ameliorate the effect of climate change.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me at this juncture express the profound gratitude of the Organising Committee to our Indefatigable Vice-Chancellors, Professors Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede and Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang for the wonderful support, encouragement and guidance. Their interest and vision in encouraging collaboration between sister institutions in our sub-region and continent have kept our hopes alive and accounted for the hosting of this conference. Thank you ma and sir.

I also appreciate the generous donation of Electronic Testing Company, ETC, towards the hosting of the conference.

Finally, I wish to express deep appreciation to members of the International Organizing Committee and Local Organizing Committee who have allowed themselves to be driven hard so we can have a good conference. Of course I must thank you all our Invited Guests, Staff and Students of this and other Universities for honouring our invitation to the conference programmes. I hope you will attend all the sessions.

Once again I welcome you all to our great university and wish you a very beautiful and rewarding stay.

Welcome.

Ekun abo.

Akwaaba

Prof. Kolade Luke Ayorinde
Chairman, International Organizing Committee

Mayor announces waste management plan

The Mayor of the Senior Staff Quarters of the University of Ilorin Permanent Site, Dr. O. S. Balogun, has announced a new regime of waste management that will protect the environment and sustain cleanliness.

Dr. Balogun in a letter addressed to the residents of the Senior Staff quarters, a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, says:

“Henceforth, residents are to package their domestic trash neatly in black waste bags, properly tied and placed on the recently constructed collection concrete platforms nearest to their residents. From the collection points the appointed waste manager will normally come and evacuate the bags once a week. Please you are enjoined to co-operate with the quarter’s management to use the designated points only.”

According to the Mayor, “for the purpose of ease of location, there are five (5) platforms constructed close to the present dumpsite at the old Bungalow Quarters and two (2) at the bypass road in the area of quarters.

Similarly at the New Quarters, four platforms are located strategically on the main road in front of the G-type quarters, one beside block 1, one between blocks 3 and 4, one in front of G3 and one on the road to the Vice-Chancellor’s lodge.”

In all, there are 15 refuse collection points in the quarters and each resident is expected to dispose his/waste in the big waste bins.

Dr. Balogun pleaded with residents not to expose waste anywhere at the staff quarters again saying that arrangement has been made to evacuate the present dumpsites scattered around some remote parts of the quarters adding that the weekly evacuation of waste has been designated for Tuesdays.

“As much as possible keep your trash well packaged and brought out either a day before the collection the morning of the day. Please endeavour to supply your one bag per week in the meantime,” the Mayor said.

Unilorin Guest Houses invites all

Acting Chairman of the Unilorin Guest Houses, Dr. (Mrs.) O. Ramota Karim, has announced the re-organisation and upgrading of the facilities available at the University Guests Houses for the benefit of the members of the University community especially and the public at large.

According of a statement signed Dr. (Mrs) Karim, “the recent re-organization of the University of Ilorin Guest Houses has brought a major upgrading and added value to the house in order to serve the community better. It is in this respect that I am proud to inform you of the facilities available for your esteemed patronage, most especially on the lodging of your external examiners, guests, adjunct and visiting lecturers, conference, seminar and workshop participants and all other official and personal guests in the house.

“The immaculately restored house as situated in the heart of Ilorin (Mini Campus) for your best feeling of the town and access to the airport is now surrounded by a beautiful and serene garden for your maximum relaxation and enjoyment. The ten en-suite double rooms are all fully air-conditioned with multiple DSTV channels and 24 hours power supply.

“In order to prepare our guests...for the day, we now offer hearty breakfast at moderate charges. Our reasonable charge for hotel shuttle to anywhere in Ilorin is another complement for your stay. We also offer 10% discount on three consecutive nights.

“We look forward to your patronage. Contact us through any of the following phone numbers for your reservation, please: **08036159882; 08053228442 and 07098101180.**”

Products available for sale at Unilorin filling station

The University of Ilorin Petrol Management Board has announced the availability of a number of products for sale “apart from the usual sales of Petrol and Diesel” for the benefit of the University community.

According to the Secretary to the committee, Mr. J. U. Agbede, the under-mentioned items are available for sales at the Unilorin Petrol Station located at the University Gate:

S.N	Lubricant	Stock Bal.	No.	Unit Price ₦
1	Visco 5000	5 Lit	10	7,500.00
2	Visco 2000	4 Lit.	90	2,500.00
3	Visco 2000	1 Lit.	53	650.00
4	Super V	4 Lit.	112	2,250.00
5	Super V	1 Lit.	85	600.00
6	Gear Oil SAE 140	4 Lit.	64	1,900.00
7	Gear Oil SAE 90	4 Lit.	36	1,800.00
8	DMO SAE	4 Lit.	33	1,900.00
9	DMO SAE	25 Lit.	7	10,000.00
10	Motorcycle Oil	1 Lit.	233	400.00
11	H/D Oil	25 Lit.	9	9,300.00
12	H/D Oil	4 Lit.	24	1,750.00
13	H/D Oil	1 Lit.	299	450.00
14	Generator Oil	4 Lit.	46	1,900.00
15	Bulk Oil	420		380.00

Mr. Agbede added that services of Wheel Balancing, Alignment, Greasing and Car Wash are also available while urging all staff and students to patronise the station.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department /Unit	Date of Birth
1	Abdulkareem, Yusuf A.	Education Management	29th May
2	Arise, Rotimi O.	Biochemistry	1st June
3	Isa, Ibrahim	Biological Garden	1st June
4	Jekayinfa, Alice A.	Arts and Social Sciences Education	1st June
5	Adigun, Ismaila A.	Surgery	4th June

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

Economic Models Explained With Two Cows

SOCIALISM: You have 2 cows. You give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM: You have 2 cows. The State takes both and gives you some milk.

FASCISM: You have 2 cows. The State takes both and sells you some milk.

NAZISM: You have 2 cows. The State takes both and shoots you.

BUREAUCRAISM: You have 2 cows. The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other and throws the milk away.

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM: You have 2 cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

Thank you for your support, by Olowoleni

The Deputy Registrar (Academic), Mrs. F. M. Olowoleni, has written on behalf of Babatolu and Ojo families, to express her appreciation to the members of the University community for their support during the burial programme of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ayodele Babatolu.

According to the Deputy Registrar, the two families “express their profound and heartfelt gratitude to you all for making yourselves available, through your prayers, financial, physical and moral supports, in giving our parents, brother, sister and grandparents, Late Dr. & Mrs. A Babatolu a befitting farewell.”

She also prayed that the Good Lord bless and reward all abundantly.



RIP: Dr. and Mrs. Ayodele Babatolu

Unilorin in the News

- A 500 level student of Electrical Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Mr Hafiz Akinde, has emerged the overall best essayist at a national essay competition held recently in Lagos, winning an international travel ticket to a choice destination.
(‘Student wins contest’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, May 26,2011, p.26)
- Prof. Kayode Carroll Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering would deliver the 94th inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin. (‘94th Inaugural Lecture today’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- The alumni associations of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast, through their General Secretaries, Dr. L.A. Yahaya and Mr. Eric Nyarko-Sampson, have forged a partnership on deepening the collaboration between the two universities. (‘Alumni bodies sign MoU’, *The Nation*, same as above.)
- The Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr. Mobolaji Sanni, has assured the University community that all hands are on deck to rectify the “fault with the power transformers at the central power station”.
(‘Director promises steady power’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin has charged the federal government to amend the NYSC act as a result of the recent post-election violence in the North in a letter he wrote to a newspaper editor.
(‘Modify the NYSC Act now’, *The Guardian*, Thursday, May 26, 2011, p.18).
- A student of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Hafiz Akinde, has emerged best essayist in a recent national essay competition organised in Lagos where an alumnus of the University, Mr. Abdul Hafiz Dawud, came second. (‘Unilorin student tops national essay contest’, ‘From the University of Ilorin’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, May 26, 2011, p.32).
- Prof. Kayode C.Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering would deliver an inaugural lecture entitled “Man, Machine and Food Security” at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Oni delivers 94th inaugural lecture’, *Nigeria Tribune*, same as above).
- While receiving the delegation of NASU that visited him, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that unionism has been misconstrued as a platform for arm-twisting and discord saying that strike should not be used as a weapon because it results in additional suffering for the masses.
(‘Unionism has been misconstrued – Oloyede, Unilorin VC’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 26 – Saturday 28 May, 2011, pp. 2-3).
- Some lecturers of the University of Ilorin including Prof. Adekunle Olorundare, Dr. Yusuf Lanre Badmas, Dr. AbdulGaniyu Funsho Alabi and Dr. Emmanuel Ojo have suggested ways through which the new government in Nigeria can deliver the goods of democracy to the citizenry.
(‘Setting agenda for incoming government’, *National Pilot*, same date, pp. 8 and 17).
- The acting Head of History and International Studies Department, Dr. Sam Aghalino, has clamoured for cultural reorientation while speaking at the 2011 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development in Ilorin. (‘Don advocates cultural re-orientation’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.18).
- Prof. Kayode Oni of the University of Ilorin has outlined how Nigeria can attain food security while delivering the 94th inaugural lecture of the University entitled “Man, Machine and Food Security.”
(*NTA Ilorin news @ 7:00p.m, Friday, May 27, 2011*)
- The efforts of a product of the University of Ilorin Primary School, Zubair Abubakar, with another young man, Adeola Oyinlade, towards the digitisation of the Nigerian constitution have been recognised. (‘Adeola and Zubair: youths with mission to digitise Nigerian constitution’, *The Guardian*, Saturday, May 28, 2011,p.25)

Unilorin in the News

- The photograph of the Governor of Osun State, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola, with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and the Vice-Chancellors of Obafemi Awolowo University and Osun State University during the first convocation ceremony of the latter has been published.
(‘Photonews’, *Sunday Punch*, Wednesday May 2, 2011,p.6)
- The Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Yusuf Lanre Badmas, has said that those who said that the world would come to an end on May 21, 2001 were ‘suffering from spiritual accident’ while speaking to newsmen recently.
(‘Badmas lashes at rumour millers on judgement day’, *National Pilot*, Monday 22 – Wednesday 25 May, 2011, p.3).
- A University of Ilorin don and Chief Imam of Al-Hilal Crescent Central Mosque, Dr. Lanre Yusuf Badmas, has lamented the rot in the society, starting from the family unit, while blaming early exposure to foreign media content as the root of social problems in the country.
(‘Badmas traces societal derailment for foreign TV’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.7).
- An Imam at the University of Ilorin and lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Nasir Abdulsalam, has urged the students who recently finished their final year examination at the University of Ilorin to be grateful to Allah and not be exultant.
(‘Don’t over-rejoice, Imam tells Unilorin graduating students’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.13).
- A Univeristy of Ilorin don and immediate past Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Kwara State, Dr. AbdulGaniyu Funsho Alabi, has advised the Governor-elect of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdul Fatai Ahmed, to consult professional bodies in decision making and hearken to people’s yearnings and aspirations.
(‘Don charges Kwara Gov-elect to relate with professionals’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.24).
- The Local Organising Committee of the West African University Games to be hosted by the University of Ilorin has given a nod to the creation of a website for the event as preparations towards the historic hosting gather momentum.
(‘LOC approves website for Unilorin WAUG 2011’, *National Pilot*, same date, back page).
- The University of Ilorin has announced its 94th Inaugural Lecture to be delivered by Prof. Kayode C. Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.
(‘University of Ilorin: ‘Inaugural Lecture! Inaugural Lecture!! Inaugural Lecture!!!’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, May 23, 2011., p.8; also *The Punch*, Tuesday, May 24, 2011,p.39).
- Two staff of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Brimmo Ibrahim Adeyemi and Mr. Jimoh Ijaiya “who allegedly conspired with a student of the institution and fraudulently issued her with a National youth Service Corps (NYSC) call-up letter have been...arraigned on a two-count charge of criminal conspiracy and forgery”.
(‘Two Unilorin staff remanded over NYSC call-up letter’, *The Herald*, Monday, May 23, 2011, p.4)
- Winners have emerged after the Students Union election of the University of Ilorin with the new President being Mr. Surajudeen Musa.
(‘Intrigues, pains of Students’ Union Election’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, May 25, 2011, p.20).
- The Governor of Osun State, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Prof. Michael Faborode, and the Vice-Chancellor of Osun State University, Prof. Sola Akinrinade, have appeared in a group photograph during the first convocation ceremony of the Osun State University held recently.
(*Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday May 25, 2011, p.17).

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Quotes of the

The years teach much that the days never know. – Emerson.

Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.

– William Shakespeare

Ability may take you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

- Steve Wonder