



JAMB set to register cyber cafés – Ojerinde

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QUALITY: L-R: Prof. Ojerinde, Prof. Ayorinde and Mrs. Oyeyemi last Monday

Concerned about the trouble that admission candidates go through and the fraudulent activities of some unscrupulous cyber café owners who exploit the candidates, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is set to register and accredit cyber cafés that can be patronised across the country by its candidates for registration, checking and printing of results.

The Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of JAMB, Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, gave this disclosure last Monday (September 26, 2011) at the University of Ilorin during the opening of the Second Combined Technical Committee Meeting on Admissions to Degree-awarding Institutions, National Diploma (ND), Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and National Innovation Diploma (NID) Awarding Institutions held at the University Auditorium.

Prof. Ojerinde regretted that many operators of cyber cafés exploit JAMB candidates with some of them charging them as much as ₦7,100.00 for an exercise that would only last for 10 minutes while others issue fake registration slips and results to unsuspecting candidates.

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ASUU, dons commend Unilorin on appointments

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, as well as various lecturers in the University, has commended the authorities of the University of Ilorin on the recent appointment of 66 Professors and Associate Professors, an unprecedented number of such appointments at once in the annals of the University.

According to a statement signed by the Secretary of the Union, Dr. AbdulRasheed Adeoye, a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, the Union commended and congratulated “the University Administration and the University Council for approving the appointment of 66 scholars into the professorial and associate professorial cadres, perhaps the highest so far approved in a day, in the history of the University”.

ASUU further notes that “the 66 brave men and women are a team with great experience that we will always be proud of. They have shown that there is reward in hard work, patience and endurance. Certainly they did not wait in vain. On behalf of the Union and the entire academic community of this great University, I heartily congratulate them.”

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UNILORIN: Scaling the heights

Unilorin pioneered computed-based test, by VC

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“We have done a survey on what I have said. They exploit these children. They sometimes give them fake registration slips. In Abuja last year, about eight candidates were seen with fake admission list. We now want legitimate cyber cafés with an index that will show where such exercises were carried out. If any fraud is thus discovered then, we shall know who to take up. This will definitely prevent the exploitation”, he said.

The JAMB boss also disclosed that based on the biometric data of its candidates, Universities can take advantage of the data to curb examination malpractices, cultism and other anti-social behaviour, saying that such data would be made available to any institution that requests for it. “Universities can monitor their students from the day they are admitted to the time they graduate from the institutions with the biometric data. Fraudulent students can easily be detected and prevented from perpetuating fraudulent acts in other institutions”, he noted.

The JAMB Registrar tasked stakeholders at the meeting not to allow themselves to be distracted by strike while he disclosed that 64,000 students have so far been admitted into various higher institutions in the country with more admission processes still in progress, while calling on students to check their admission statuses and obtain their admission letters.

Prof. Ojerinde acknowledged the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, describing him as a man he greatly esteems. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for offering to host the examination body and expressed his delight about the serenity and beauty of the University environment. The Registrar also hinted that the Board is poised to commence the conduct of e-examination with effect from Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) of next year. This, by implication is that the results of the candidates hoping to sit for the UTME next year will be released immediately.

In his address at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, welcomed the delegates to the University and wished them to have fruitful deliberations. He noted that about 1.5 million students seek admission into tertiary institutions in the country yearly but that only a quarter of that number can be admitted. He said that the challenge before JAMB therefore is to ensure that every deserving student gains admission into a tertiary institution.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the University of Ilorin pioneered the Computer Based Test (CBT), when most people thought it was impossible. He added that the University is happy to see that JAMB is also following in that direction, adding that the University policy is that all results are released within two weeks of examinations.

In his welcome address at the occasion, the Chairman, Governing Board, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Prof. Sam Ukpabi, expressed his happiness about the working relationship between JAMB and Unilorin. His words: “Specifically, I wish to acknowledge the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and his team for being present at this opening ceremony. This is a testimony to the good working relationship between the Board and the Tertiary Institutions.”

He also called on all institutions to comply with the laid down procedures for admission. “I call on all Institutions to comply strictly with laid down guidelines which stipulate a sixty/forty (60:40) Science/Arts ratio and seventy/thirty (70:30) Technology/Non-Technology ratio. For the Federal Tertiary Institutions, I wish to further remind you that the ratio of forty/thirty-five/twenty (40:35:20) for Merit, Catchment and Educationally Less Developed States (ELDS) respectively, is very much in force”, he said.

The Board Chairman, who was represented by a member of the Board, Chief Adeniyi Falade, said that all admissions to various institutions must end by November 25, this year adding that private institutions are expected to inform the Board of the ratio to be used by them. Stressing further that the ratio of forty/forty/twenty (40:40:20) for State-owned institutions must be complied with.

Unilorin and the Institutional Accreditation Challenge

When Albert Einstein, the genius scientist and humanist, said “the important thing is to not stop questioning”, a mind-frame that made him to win the coveted Nobel prize in 1922, he might as well be thinking of the University of Ilorin, established some 21 years after he died. This is because the University believes that if some world universities are well ranked, it should also be.

Though acclaimed as the best University in Nigeria and indeed one of the best in Africa, the University of Ilorin questions itself and realises it has a long way to go in order to not only sustain the momentum it has achieved so far but also to raise the bar to be a true global player in the league of the Harvards, MITs and Cambridges of this world. This thinking has made the University to re-invent itself always thereby gaining monumentally from the challenges of a fast-changing world of University education.

The greatest challenge that faces universities today is that of survival, and as Charles Darwin avers in his *Origin of Species*, it is the survival of the fittest. The current thinking is that only those universities that are fit should survive, institutional accreditation, not just programme accreditation, has become the a new reality in the Nigerian university system, a global ground norm that world universities including, those of Nigeria, have to live with. In Asia for instance, 36 universities were closed down recently as a result of failing institutional accreditation.

This new development of institutional accreditation poses a great challenge to all University staff, those of the University of Ilorin in particular. This is because as the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, put it last Friday (September 30, 2011) while addressing a stakeholders meeting comprising the Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments, “For a University to stay afloat, at least 70% of the staff must be good. It’s either the University is afloat or it sinks.”

In his presentation at the occasion, “Imperatives of Institutional Accreditation”, the Director of Academic Planning of the University, Prof. Musbau A. Akanji, noted that it is no longer business as usual as programme accreditation is considered not sufficient but that Government is insisting on institutional accreditation. Of the 18,000 universities in the world, he disclosed that the Government has realised, the “best 200 are in countries where both Institutional and Programme Accreditation are taking place.”

That the University of Ilorin as a whole is poised to be accredited very soon is therefore not a matter of conjecture, it is real. It is expected that every staff member would contribute his/her quota to the success with everyone having identifiable roles to play. From Administration, to Research and Teaching up to Community Service, the entire business of the University would be evaluated. The strategy of the University consists of setting up the Olatunji committee, having IT infrastructure, good environment, stable electricity, fine landscaping, and uploading of publications and courseware. With the additional 1,000 KV Generator purchased at the cost of N36 million recently, the University is strengthening the electricity backbone to sustain its developmental efforts.

While faculties are expected to maintain clean environment, make up-to-date records available, with verifiable Faculty Boards Minutes of Meetings, Committee Meetings, signs of follow-up actions and student records, various Departments are also expected to make their environments clean, have records of meetings, provide records of follow-up actions and present turn-around time for required actions.

The implication of the new position of the Government for lecturers is that uploading all their publications and courseware on the University website is now urgent and compulsory. And in meeting the challenge, the University has constituted a high-powered Committee on Institutional Accreditation. The time to act and make the University succeed in the institutional accreditation is NOW.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Modern Nigeria dates back to 1914 when the Northern and Southern Nigeria were amalgamated.
- Chappal Waddi in the Gotel Mountains of Cameroon Highlands is the highest peak in Nigeria (with 7,936 feet or 2,419 metres).
- The mean monthly temperature may exceed 100 °F (38 °C) in Maiduguri.
- The Jos Plateau used to be known as the Bauchi Plateau.

Professors should be models to young intellectuals – Dean

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The Union further appeals “to our members who need to work more not to throw caution to the wind.” While stressing that truth is bitter, the ASUU General Secretary noted that “some of our members, due to error of judgement, did not meet the requirements for 2011 Appointments while the genuine case of a few others has not been foreclosed.”

The statement adds that the Union admonishes “some of our members who are always *playing dangerous politics* or *scheming dangerously* to destroy fellow colleagues because of promotions and appointments to desist from such anti-people behaviour.”

Also speaking on the appointments, the Dean of Arts, Prof. Charles A. Bodunde, in a chat with *Unilorin Bulletin*, described the appointments as a development received with joy within the community of academics being an event that is not sudden, but one that is a result of a rigorous scrutiny process by international scholars.

Prof. Bodunde stressed that the development would increase the carrying capacity of the University in terms of placement because of the increase in the number of quality scholars. He then advised the new professors to continue their research in a more vigorous way just as he urged them not to consider the elevation as terminal.

“They should be models to upcoming young intellectuals because they are now in a position of mentoring, and they should continue teaching, researching and also supervising, searching for grants and linking up with scholars from around the world through their workshops and conferences given that the Vice-Chancellor cannot do everything to be done alone,” he said.

In his own reaction, the former Head of Department of Religions, Dr. Hashir Abdussalam, noted that “in the history of the University of Ilorin, such a bumper harvest of professors is unprecedented and it is a good omen because it will boost the morale of academics in the University in general to work harder and not rest on their oars.” According to him “the elevation is not really surprising, that this is coming at this material time only further confirms the position of the University as the *numero uno* in Nigeria.”

He appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the authorities particularly Appointments and Promotions Committee, pleading with them that to continue such for the benefit of other academics so that “their own would come at the appropriate time”. He further commented that much is expected from the newly appointed dons and they should justify their positions by working hard, giving more input into the University, assisting their students and making their marks on the sands of history.”

Dr. (Mrs.) K. A. Yahaya of the Department of Accounting and Finance described the appointments as “a great achievement on the part of the University of Ilorin “especially on the aspect of gender equity”. While Dr. R. G. Jimoh of the Department of Computer Science described the development as a thing of joy, saying that the “the promotions are an indication of fair process and fair assessment and if you don’t get it you just learn how to fix the challenges,” Dr. (Mrs.) Fadipe Joseph of the Department of Mathematics said she rejoiced with the newly elevated dons but regretted that not all those who applied, citing her Department as a case study, were able to make it.

Unilorin set to walk its fitness talk this Wednesday

The authorities of the University of Ilorin have sensitised the University community on the need to keep fit at a programme themed “Talk on Unilorin Walk” held last Friday (September 30, 2011) at the University Auditorium.

Based on the talk, aimed at making members of the University community begin a fitness and lifestyle management programme, there will be a walk this Wednesday (October 5, 2011) starting from the University gate at 7:30 a.m.

Members of the University Community are invited to the walk. They are also advised to dress in smart sports fitting dress and canvas shoes.

Oloyede appointed BoT member of Al-Hikmah varsity

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been appointed Member of the Board of Trustees of Al-Hikmah University for a term of four years.

According to a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor by the proprietor of the University, Alhaji Abduraheem Oladimeji, the appointment is predicated on the personality of Prof. Oloyede and not in his capacity as Vice-Chancellor.

“While appreciating most humbly your readiness to enrich Al-Hikmah University with the wealth of experience which Allah (S.W.T.) has endowed you with, I also wish to state that it is your person (not the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin) that has been appointed to serve on the B. O.T. of this University” the letter partly reads.

Unilorin 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 are to be sent electronically to yisa_yusuf@yahoo.com or stbabatunde2000@yahoo.com or mahfouzade2@yahoo.com on or before **15th December, 2011**. Full papers are to be sent by **31st January, 2012**. Each abstract or 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: stbabtunde2000@yahoo.com; stbabatunde@unilorin.3du.ng); and Dr. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, **Secretary, Organising Committee**. (E-mail: madedimeji@unilorin.edu.ng; mahfouzade2@yahoo.com)”, the statement adds.

Professorial appointment an indication of excellence – Registrar

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, has described the elevation of 35 lecturers in the University to the professorial cadre as an indication of the excellence which the University of Ilorin is known for among its peers both in Nigeria and beyond.

The Registrar was speaking at an interview which she granted to *Unilorin Bulletin* during the formal presentation the letters of appointments to the professors last Tuesday (September 27, 2011) at her office.

Mrs. Oyeyemi said that she was very happy that after the anxiety and the tension that the professors had gone through while they were being assessed, they are today ‘proud occupants of the coveted position of Professorship. The Registrar was particularly happy that a number of the new professors were women who have other responsibilities in addition to the responsibilities borne by male academics.

The Registrar congratulated the new professors on their achievements and wished them more successes in life. She noted that the new status of the lecturers indicates a new beginning in their academic life and added that attaining the professorial rank has empowered them to contribute better to the development of the University and humanity.

She also stressed that the elevation of the professors has put them in a position to advance knowledge more and impart better on the students adding that the appointment is also a motivation for other academics as it is a reward for hard work.

VC congratulates new DVC, elevated dons

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has congratulated the pioneer Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) of the University, Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle, on his appointment while he has also felicitated with the 66 academic staff that were recently elevated to professorial and associate professorial cadres.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede; the Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi; the Bursar, Mr. Sijuwola and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Umoh last Friday

Speaking last Friday (September 30, 2011) at a special meeting of the principal officers, Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments, including a large number of the promoted dons, Prof. Oloyede averred that more is expected from Professors now and they should continue to advance the frontiers of knowledge through research and publications.

Prof. Oloyede clarified that there are 11 lecturers whose cases are still pending because the University is yet to receive the minimum of two assessment reports on each of them that would make their applications conclusive. He said it is only fair to announce the names of the majority whose reports had got to the University rather than wait perpetually for the remaining 11 to arrive before doing the needful. He stressed that there is hope for the remaining others and everyone should trust God.

“For those whose issues have not been resolved, God determines everything. He determines every matter. There are insinuations here and there. Let me say it clearly that this VC would not sit on anybody’s publications. It would be unGodly. God has been so favourable to me that I would be a devil to obstruct anybody. Everything I want He gives me. Why would I stop anybody? The issue is that the results of 11 are inconclusive because the minimum of two assessors’ reports have not arrived for each of them from the assessors”, he said.

Online library resources are underutilised– Martey

The Deputy University Librarian (Digitisation) of the University of Ilorin, Mr. A. K. Martey, has noted that the University has invested hugely in the acquisition of online academic resources but patronage of the resources by staff has not justified the investment of the University.

He also stressed the need for the academic staff to be careful of the type of internet sources they use, while speaking on “Utilizing Internet for Academic Publications” at the second workshop on academic research organised last Thursday (September 29, 2011) by the Library and Publications Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Y. A. Quadri.

Mr. Martey noted that new researches are based on findings of previous ones and that is why “standing on the shoulders of giants” is a famous phrase used to describe academic research. He stressed that research in the University system relies heavily on academic publications and libraries, but since the Web began in the 1990s the Internet has become a valuable research tool alongside the traditional sources.



Mr. Martey making his presentation last Thursday

According to the experienced Librarian, unlike the library sources which he said are well processed before getting on the library shelf, there is little or no scrutiny for materials which are available online but there are specific academic websites which offer quality academic materials.

Mr. Martey noted that the University Library website (www.unilorin.edu.ng/library) has social network links and the facility is very good for the purpose of feedback. He also gave a comprehensive list of websites and search engines of various disciplines which lecturers can utilise for their research and publication endeavours.

In his comments at the workshop, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. K. L. Ayorinde, advised lecturers to live up to the challenges of the technological age and noted that the University is planning to make its identity cards electronic. He said the electronic ID cards will be used to access facilities, including the Library, in the University.

Why we did not join ASUU strike – ASUU Unilorin

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr. S. Y. Omoiya, has explained why lecturers in his branch were not part of the strike embarked on by the Union last week.

Dr. Omoiya made this clarification last Tuesday (September 27, 2011) saying that the University of Ilorin branch has not been relating with the national branch for the past 10 years. “We did not join the strike because we have not been relating with the national headquarters for the past 10 years. So their statement does not mean anything to us”, he said.

An earlier statement signed by the Secretary of the Union, Dr. Abdulrasheed Adeoye, stated that his Chapter and the National Headquarters are in court and “over a decade, we have not been relating. Consequently, the directives emanating from the National ASUU have not been given concern.”

No work, no lectures on convocation days- Committee

The Ceremonials Committee of the University of Ilorin has re-stated that there the 24th and 25th of this month, which are for the convocation of the 2010/2011 graduands are work-free and lecture-free.

While featuring on a programme last Friday (September 30, 2011) on UNILORIN 89.3 FM, the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, Prof. J. O. Atteh and Dr. M. A. Adedimeji canvassed the cooperation of all staff and students in implementing the security plans of the Committee appealing that only those who have roles to play in the activities should come to the University on the two days.

They also called on all graduands and guests to be punctual because the University of Ilorin has built a reputation of not recognising anything like what is called “African time” as activities scheduled for 9:00a.m will start at the time promptly with graduands and guests expected to be seated by 8:15a.m.

Unilorin FAAN participates in national conference

Following the inauguration of the University of Ilorin Chapter of the Fulbright Alumni Association of Nigeria (FAAN) on August 4, 2011 at the instance of the Centre for International Education, the Chapter has participated in the 10th Annual Conference of the Association held between September 12 and 15, 2011 at the University of Ibadan.

As the membership list of the alumni is still being compiled, members who have benefited from the prestigious Fulbright award in the United States are enjoined to contact the interim Chairman, Dr. A. W. Salami of the Department of Civil Engineering or the interim Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Sulaiman of the Department of Biochemistry for registration and update. The e-mail addresses of the Chairman and the Secretary are respectively salamiwahab@unilorin.edu.ng and sulaiman.af@unilorin.edu.ng.



Dr. Aremu, Mrs. Sulaiman and Dr. Salami at the FAAN conference

500,000 to gain admission this year - JAMB Registrar

The Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, has allayed the fears of many admission seekers into higher institutions of learning in the country on the number of candidates to be admitted to the tertiary institutions in the country.

Speaking last Wednesday (September 28, 2011) on UNILORIN 89.3FM, Prof. Ojerinde debunked newspaper reports that only 60,000 of the qualified 498,000 candidates will be admitted this year. He said no fewer than 500,000 candidates will be offered admission into Monotechnics /Polytechnics, Universities and Colleges of Education.

The Chief Executive of JAMB also said that there are six phases of admission exercise and that so far only the first phase had been completed, while maintaining that the second phase was the one undertaken at the University of Ilorin last week with the other phases to follow soon.

Ph.D. Defence

Name	Department	Thesis Title	Venue	Date and Time
Ahmed, Risikat N.	Microbiology	“Evaluation of Antifungal Activity and Toxicological Effects of <i>Vitellaria Paradoxa</i> Extract”	Faculty of Science Board Room	Thursday, 29 th September, 2011 @ 9.00 a.m.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Ibrahim, Amdalat I.	Internal Audit	3rd October
2.	Rauf, Kamilu	Mathematics	5th October
3.	Yusuf, Mudasiru O.	Science Education	6th October
4.	Etejere, Emmanuel O.	Plant Biology	7th October
5.	Obafemi, Ola E.	Internal Audit	7th October

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

Q: What did the bee tell the flower?

A: Hi, honey.

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Teacher: Name two days of the week that start with ‘T’.

Pupil: Today and Tomorrow.

Unilorin in the News

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- While declaring open the 2nd combined technical committee meeting on admissions to degree awarding institutions at the University of Ilorin, the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, had disclosed that about 64,000 candidates have already been offered admission into Nigerian tertiary institutions.
(‘JAMB offers admission to 64,000 candidates’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, p.2).
- The Registrar of the JAMB, Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, has opined that the post-UTME examination is not necessary adding that society would determine its necessity while speaking at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Post-UTME not necessary’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, September 28, 2011, pp.1-2).
- The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, has disclosed while speaking at the University of Ilorin that the Board would soon issue license to certified cyber cafés that will be registering students for its examination.
(‘JAMB to issue license to cyber cafés’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, September 28, 2011, p.5).
- A former lecturer of the University of Ilorin and current Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah Alade, has said that it is time to solve the problems confronting education sector in the country while delivering a lecture at the Bowen University, Iwo.
(‘Make education problem-solving, expert advises education managers’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, September 28, 2011, p.9)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has solicited the support of its alumni, Governments, corporate bodies and other stake-holders towards the success of the forth-coming West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) to be hosted by the University.
(‘WAUG: UNILORIN seeks alumni support’, *This Day*, Wednesday, September 28, 2011, p.40)
- The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Chapter of Academic Staff Union of Universities, Dr. Sa‘ad Omoiya, has distanced his Chapter from the national strike embarked upon by ASUU.
(‘Reps urge ASUU to suspend strike’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, September 29, 2011, p.3)
- The Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee of the University of Ilorin, Prof. J. O. Atteh, has assured all the guests expected at the University convocation ceremonies of adequate security.
(‘Security assured at convocation’, “UNILORIN FILE”, *The Nation*, Thursday September 29, 2011, p.26)
- The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin has confirmed the appointment of 35 Professors and 31 Associate Professors after its 128th Council Meeting held at the University of Lagos.
(‘35 Profs, 31 readers confirmed’, *The Nation*, same as above)
- A newspaper has retracted its publication of December 2, 2010 on an alleged sex for marks scandal involving a lecturer at the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, and apologised to the lecturer and the University.
(‘Re: Expelled medical students allege victimization’, *The Nation*, same date, p. 34)
- A graduate of English at the University of Ilorin, Tunmise Oladipo, has lamented the dearth of selfless leaders in Nigeria as there were in the early years of Nigeria’s nationhood.
(‘All hail Nigeria at 51’, same date, p.35)
- The University of Ilorin has announced the promotion of 66 academic staff to the professorial and associate professorial ranks just as it has solicited the support of all in hosting WAUG.
(‘Unilorin promotes 66 dons, set to host WAUG’, *The Guardian*, Thursday September 29, 2011, p.51)
- The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB), Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, has announced at the University of Ilorin the plan to stop cyber-cafes from defrauding JAMB candidates.
(‘JAMB to license registration centres for UTME’, *The Guardian*, same date, p.54)
- The University of Ilorin has canvassed the support of stakeholders in the University towards raising the 1.2 billion naira which the University needs to host the 13th West Africa Universities Games next January.
(‘Unilorin seeks N 1.2bn to host WAUG’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 29-Sunday 2nd October, 2011, front page)
- The University of Ilorin has appointed six new female professors across different faculties.
(‘Six female Professors emerge as Unilorin promotes 66 dons’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.5)
- Students of the University of Unilorin are among the participants at this year’s Annual National Inter-University Discourse that was recently hosted by the University of Ibadan.
(‘UNIJOS students shine at Inter-University discourse’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, September 29, 2011, p.26).
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have congratulated the newly elevated 66 academic staff while they have also resolved to position the University for a successful institutional accreditation exercise.
(‘NTA Ilorin News @ 7:30p.m, Saturday, October 1, 2011)

Unilorin in the News

- A former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin and Professor of Arabic Language and Literature at the University of Ilorin, Razaq 'Deremi Abubakre, has been featured in a special report on Nigerians of Integrity by a newspaper. ('I base all my dealings on the teachings of God', *The Guardian*, Sunday, September 25, 2011, p.38)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that his institution will need ₦1.2 billion for the successful hosting of the West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) coming up in January next year. ('Unilorin shops for ₦1.2bn to host WAUG,' *The Punch*, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, p.41).
- While speaking at the 36th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Law Librarians held at the University of Ilorin, the Acting Chief Judge of Kwara State, Justice S. O. Kawu, has emphasised the relevance of the electronic library to the promotion of reading culture. ('E-library will enhance reading culture -Kawu', *The Punch*, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, same as above).
- The Deputy Director of Information, University of Ilorin, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has said that to imagine rape occurring at the University of Ilorin is to imagine the unimaginable while ruling out the possibility of what was reported to have happened in another university in his University. ('Rape cases in Universities on the rise', *The Punch*, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, p.39).
- While speaking at the 2nd Combined Technical Committee meeting on admission to tertiary institutions at the University of Ilorin, the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB), Prof. Dibu Ojerinde, has said that only 60,000 out of 498,000 candidates who sat for this year's examination have gained admission so far. ('JAMB: 438,000 qualified candidates fail to gain admission', *The Punch*, Tuesday, September 27, 2011, p.13).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that his University is ready to establish the Institute of Nursing and Social Work. ('Unilorin introduces Nursing programme', *The Herald*, Monday, September 26, 2011, p.18).
- The Director of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. (Mrs.) N. Y. S. Ijaiya, has tasked teachers and education training institutions on the poor performance of secondary school students in SSCE during an orientation programme for the sandwich students of the University. ('Mass failure in SSCE, big challenge – Don', *The Herald*, same as above).
- The acting University Librarian of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Joyce Fadayomi, has advised the government to embark on scholarship for, and disbursement of bursaries to students as part of the measures of promoting reading culture in Nigeria. ('Education', *The Herald*, same date, p.19).
- The Chairman of Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State, Mr. Mufutau Yahaya, has called for collaboration between his council and the management of University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital in order to promote quality healthcare for the people. ('Asa seeks partnership with U.I.T.H.', *National Pilot*, Monday 26 - Wednesday 28, September, 2011, p.25).
- A report has been published on the launch of two books, *The Vampires in the Empire* and *Press and Agenda Setting* by a graduate of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Mr. Jimoh Olatunji Olorede. ('When Unilorin Mass Communication graduate presented two books', *National Pilot*, Monday 26- Wednesday 28, September 2011, p. 12-21).

Quotes of the Week

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars - Kahlil Gibran

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err. - Mahatma Gandhi

Death is a friend of ours; and he that is not ready to entertain him is not at home. -Sir Francis Bacon

The world we have created is a product of our thinking; it cannot be changed without changing our thinking. - Albert Einstein

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