



Why we are here in Unilorin, by Ribadu



L-R: VC, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Ribadu Chairman, Accreditation Panel, Prof. Femi-Oyewo and Prof. Abdu-Aguye last Monday

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The Chairman of the Federal Government Institutional Accreditation Panel to the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullah Y. Ribadu, has disclosed why the team was in the University of Ilorin throughout last week.

Prof. Ribadu, a former Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Yola, gave this disclosure last Monday (November 28, 2011) while paying a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at the commencement of the institutional accreditation exercise.

According to the don, a Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Maiduguri, the overall objective of the exercise was to assure quality through the measurement of the basic minimum standards and the assessment of the University on its performance in those key areas. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Olaniyan charts success pathway for students

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of UTC Nigeria Plc., Mrs. Folusho Olaniyan, has counseled members of the 2011/2012 graduating class of the University of Ilorin to resolve on a life of discipline, sacrifice and dedication right now so that as soon as they graduate, they will be on a path to leading a successful life.

Mrs. Olaniyan, a graduate of English from the University of Ilorin, said this last two days ago (December 3, 2011), while delivering a lecture entitled "Life After School: Managing Personal & Professional Challenges", which was organised by the Lagos State Chapter of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association in conjunction with the National Headquarters of the Association.

Mrs. Olaniyan noted that to live a happy life, the graduands have to make use of the advantage of the family and superiors through networking. She also reiterated the need to be effective in order to rise quickly in various professions and in order to live a happy family life. *(Contd. on page 4)*



AMAZON: Mrs. Olaniyan delivering his lecture on Saturday

Accreditation exercise is a service to the nation – VC

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Prof. Ribadu said his team members would take the assignment with all sense of responsibility and appreciated the management of the University for creating a conducive atmosphere for the discharge of the important national assignment.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, acknowledged the calibre of the experts who made the Unilorin team stressing that with the exercise, Nigeria is moving towards the direction she should be.



SERVICE: The Institutional Accreditation Team with the Principal Officers, Provost and Deans of the University last Friday at the end of the exercise

Prof. Oloyede noted that institutional accreditation, which was just beginning in Nigeria, is taken for granted elsewhere. He disclosed that the University of Ilorin has always been keen about self-assessment and it had allowed itself to be assessed in the recent past by various professional associations and international bodies, including the International Association of Universities (IAU).

According to the Vice-Chancellor, though the University of Ilorin, despite the fact that it does not believe much in ranking, ranks well internationally, the institutional accreditation exercise would help the University in positioning itself to pursue its vision and mission more vigorously.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), attributed the greatness of the University to its past leaders, who did not envision just any University but one that would compete favourably with other world class universities, and the disciplined staff and students of the University. He said the University has been blessed with illustrious leaders that he even feels insufficient a times being in their shoes given the enormity of what they had done. The Vice-Chancellor remarked that universities remain the only public institution with some measure of credibility. He stressed that public primary and secondary schools have been ruined by politicians such that many people do not send their children there again and the institutional accreditation exercise would further strengthen public universities from collapse.

While presenting the report of his team to the Vice-Chancellor at the end of the exercise last Friday (December 2, 2011), Prof. Ribadu appreciated the cooperation of the University in the discharge of the assignment. He said the team deemed it fit to notify the University of the completion of the assignment just as it visited the leadership on arrival. He highlighted some areas in which the University was assessed as institutional vision and mission on strategic goal, institutional governance and administration, institutional resources, quality of teaching, learning and research, institutional efficiency and effectiveness, extension and community, funds generation and accountability among others.

The Vice-Chancellor described the institutional accreditation exercise as a great service to the nation and appreciated the calibre of the team to the University. He remarked that as the University system is such that holds everyone accountable, work would start in earnest in addressing those areas the report had pointed out as needing attention. He stressed that the exercise would be a waste of effort if its findings are not made to yield meaningful change in the system.

In the Accreditation Team, along with the Chairman, were Prof. (Mrs.) Mbang N. Femi-Oyewo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye; Prof. I. Abdu-Aguye, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Kaduna State University, Kaduna; Prof. Idris O. O. Amali, Director of Academic Planning, University of Maiduguri; Prof. Dons Bozimo, former University Librarian, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Mrs. Nkoli A. Onyechi, former Registrar, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka; Mrs. Aisha Ifere, formerly a Director at the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Dr.(Mrs.) A. E. Odafen and Mr. Ashafa Ladan both of the NUC.

The Imperative of Heeding NIREC's Call

One is convinced beyond an iota of doubt that one major reason for the prevalence of tragedies, which manifest in wars, violence, bloodshed and man's inhumanity to man all over the world, is that guided missiles and weapons are in the hands of unguided men. In such a situation, calling and appealing for peace at every available opportunity cannot be too much so that our short sojourn on the surface of the earth will be meaningful.

It is against this backdrop that the persistent calls by the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC) that the path of peace be toed by Nigerians, who are largely overtly religious, given the ever-swelling number of the places of religious worship, but are largely Godless in character, given the high rates of crime and atrocities pervading the land, should be heeded by all and sundry.

In announcing the meeting of the Council in the historic city of Ilorin and the symbolic state of harmony last Friday (December 2, 2011), the Executive Secretary and National Coordinator of the fifty-member Council of religious leaders and traditional rulers in Nigeria, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, repeated the call in his press conference and it is timely.

"...let me quickly observe that there is no viable alternative to peace, the option of dialogue would always remain crucial in addressing the menace posed by misguided individuals who are ready to die but desirous to make life terrible for others. Nigerians, especially our analysts and opinion molders, must show capacity for correct reasoning and lateral thinking. It is the conviction of NIREC, and indeed all right-thinking citizens of our multi-religious country, that effort without prayer is half-empty while prayer without effort is half-full. It is in the light of this that we believe that beyond the military approach, engaging God through prayers and engaging the perpetrators of violence through dialogue are critical to the resolution of the rising spate of bloodletting in the country," he said.

The challenge to engage God is especially significant in the wild world we live in today where every problem is considered a nail that must be struck with a hammer. Serious and sincere prayers seem to be missing in the scheme of things as the loudest voices in the public domain are those who think that efforts only guarantee success, without realising that effort is just half of the story.

As Kwara State hosts the Co-Chairmen of NIREC, the Sultan of Sokoto and President General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, His Eminence, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, CFR, mni, and President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria, His Grace, Pastor Ayodele Joseph Oritsejafor, OFR, as well as their distinguished Council members from all over the country for their meeting holding today and tomorrow, the presence of the revered men of God here is a wake-up call to us all to prioritise God and be conscious of Him always as a sure way out of the current socio-political doldrums.

A rare opportunity offers itself tomorrow beginning from 10:00a.m. at the Kwara State Banquet Hall to see and interact with the principal officers and members of NIREC after the opening ceremony. The interactive session with stakeholders in Islam and Christianity across the North Central zone is expected to be another significant step towards nation building.

As the ship of NIREC, which had earlier berthed in Enugu, Maiduguri, Lagos, Kano, Jos, Port Harcourt, Bauchi, Owerri, Sokoto, Ibadan, and of course Abuja at various times in the recent past, now berths in Ilorin, the message to the adherents of the two religions is that they learn from their leaders who work harmoniously together through focusing on their several areas of convergence rather than the few areas of divergence. The call of NIREC, it would appear clearly from the foregoing, is to live in peace with one's neighbour and be a good ambassador of God on earth.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The word "millionaire" was first used by Benjamin Disraeli in his 1826 novel *Vivian Grey*.
- US and European expenditure on pet food is \$17 billion per year.
- The global expenditure on health care and nutrition is \$2.1 trillion.

What you give is what you get from life – Oloyede

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According to her, the first immediate challenge that an average graduate faces in the contemporary Nigerian environment is idleness which she said could lead to vices of different kinds as people around the idle would want to introduce them to one unwholesome engagement or the other. She noted that while students are in school, they usually have one reason or the other to complain not knowing that life on a campus like the University of Ilorin is a paradise which will be lost as soon as a person graduates.



GREAT UNILORITES: A group photograph of the alumni with the University team and the award winners

She posited that students are on campus because of the sacrifices that parents and the University management make but as soon as someone becomes a graduate, nobody worries on his / her behalf. She further noted that it is better to get a job with a very low pay than to be idle adding that the experience of the low pay years counts. She then advised students to be part of those who volunteer their services for extra work as the superiors take note and they would one day compensate the extra efforts.

Mrs. Olaniyan also warned ladies against the antics of men who just want to take advantage of their innocence and vulnerability remarking that the phenomenon begins with “JAMBITE rush” by which senior male undergraduates prey on new female entrants into the University. She noted that this practice continues at the youth service camp and after graduation because it is still the same men that ladies have to interact with.

The Managing Director averred that ladies who flaunt their bodies are never considered for senior management positions and emphasised the need for ladies to be humble to their husbands adding that women must learn to wake up before 6.00a.m. on a daily basis. She also noted that emotional intelligence, good gestures, good body language and humility are some of the key principles that help at work, adding that staff or employees should not work against their bosses but should rather leave their inadequacies for God to judge.

According to the Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, graduates have to be politically savvy by following some nudgets: “understand your organisation’s culture, don’t fall for myths of non-hierarchy or meritocracy, ensure a no-enemy policy, remember that you are always on show, do not expect recognition and appreciation for your efforts and do not always trust it when you get it, control perception and build a personal brand” by speaking crisply and with confidence, exhibiting positive body language and dressing sensibly.

Earlier in his address, captioned “The Philosophy of the Frog”, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, alluded to Ola Rotimi’s *Kurunmi* and the croaking of the frogs to reiterate the position that the true philosophy of life is based on the principle of give and take: “This give and take principle is very essential to the graduating students as they would realize that this is the summary of life. Life is not about material pursuit and gratifying selfish and carnal desires; rather, it is by giving and serving others. When you serve and give, the law of reciprocity would make fortune and all that is good to come your way as what one gives determines what one gets in return. It is on this basis that I enjoin you to embrace the culture of service, volunteerism and sacrifice. The bane of our society today is that we think mainly of ourselves as individuals and not of others or what would be of general good. With this mind-set, we cannot make any progress,” he said.

Prof. Oloyede commended the Lagos State Chapter of the Alumni Association for its commitment to the University and advised other Chapters to adopt the Lagos Alumni model, which has demonstrated verve, initiative and leadership, in their activities.

Also speaking at the end of the lecture, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, tasked other alumni chapters particularly that of Kwara State to let the University feel its impacts like it feels the Lagos Chapter just as he commended the guest lecturer for a job well done.

The high points of the occasion included the presentation of awards to excellent students by the organisers.

You are clay, we are potters, Oyeyemi tells new students

New students admitted into the University of Ilorin have been advised to see the University as a melting point that provides equal opportunities for all who strive to be great. The Registrar of the University, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, gave this advice during the orientation programme last Tuesday (November 29, 2011) at the University Auditorium.

According to the Registrar, the University is passionately concerned with providing students with sound moral all-round education and helping them discover their talents and skills.

“You are the clay, we are the potter. We shall mould you to become knowledgeable, respectable and useful citizens of our great country in tune with our mandate, mission and vision,” she said, adding that the University has a team of dedicated staff who are ready to help them achieve their goals and support them attain to new heights in life.



POTTERS: L-R: Dr. (Mrs) Ajiboye, Mr. Martey, Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Umoh and Mrs. Olowoleni

Mrs. Oyeyemi informed the fresh students that their journey to success and stardom started the very day they stepped on the University environment. She prayed that they would all succeed and tasked them to manage their time very well. “I am aware that the biggest challenge for most students, particularly freshers, is time management. While we are not asking you to become bookworms, we admonish you to spend your time judiciously on your studies so that you can fulfill your dream of earning a degree at the end of your course here. We urge you to strike a balance between your studies and time for leisure and relaxation”, she noted.

The Registrar also warned the new students against acts that are capable of bringing the pursuit of their education to an abrupt end. Her words: “Do not forget that certificates of this University are awarded by Senate to only students who have been found worthy in character and learning. Do not join cults. You must not cheat in examinations, plagiarize, fight, dress indecently, steal or mutilate library books, deface University buildings, defecate in unauthorized places, litter the environment, use abusive language on your teachers and fellow students.”

She then added that violation of these rules attracts severe penalties including outright expulsion from the University. While assuring the new students of the commitment of the University to reward their hard work, she stressed that good students with a cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 4.0 at the end of the session would be entitled to a scholarship that is worth ₦94, 000.00 apart from other privileges.

In his address, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh, congratulated the freshers on successfully gaining admission into the best University in the nation. He advised them to remember the Lord in the days of their youth when evil days are yet to come. The Dean tasked them to make the best use of the facilities provided by the University. His words: “Our Library comes complete with electronic version. Believe me, I read about my village in the E-Library. The electronic Library knows my village. There is nothing that you want that you cannot find there.”

The Director of Health Services, Dr. (Mrs.) M. O. Ajiboye, introduced the freshers to the medical facilities and services offered by the University. She encouraged them to register with the school clinic and visit the clinic whenever necessary for good and free primary health care. “The Clinic operates a 24-hour service and it is opened all the year round, even on public holidays”, she asserted.

A former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Y. A. Quadri, charged the students to dress decently. He enjoined them to maintain the decency and standard the University of Ilorin has been known for over the years while he counselled them that they should allow the wording of Unilorin Anthem to guide them in all they do.

Also speaking at the orientation programme, the President of the Students Union, Mr. Surajudeen Musa, implored the new students to work hard on their academics, noting that it is their primary assignment in the University. “My dear Freshers, don’t waste your time on what is not reasonable. Concentrate on your studies and think on what can benefit your academics and make your future better in the society”, he said.

HIV doesn't *catch* people, people *catch* it – Adewuyi

A Professor of Medicine at the University of Ilorin, J. O. Adewuyi, has remarked that the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), does not and cannot infect people by itself without human beings making themselves available to be infected by the virus in one way or the other.

Prof. Adewuyi made this observation while delivering a lecture entitled "Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of HIV/AIDS", which was organised by the Nigerian Association of Microbiology Students, at the Geology Auditorium of the University of Ilorin last Thursday (December 1, 2011).

According to the Consultant Haematologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, lack of discipline in sexual behaviour often leads to HIV infection and it accounts for a vast majority of HIV infection cases.

The 1969 University of Lagos Medical School graduate explained how the HIV works with an analogy in which he compared certain cells in the body to the defence structure of a home or a nation and compared HIV to bandits who attack and destroy the defence structure of the body. He said the cells which are the defence structure are called lymphocytes. The destruction of lymphocytes leaves the body vulnerable to opportunistic infections, he added.

Prof. Adewuyi noted that HIV can only be detected through laboratory tests which he said continues to improve as technology gets more sophisticated. He noted that HIV cannot be detected by looking at a person and recalled that HIV was first discovered about 30 years ago and around 1991, Nigeria had a case of about 1% of infections, to about 4% presently across the nation.

The don advised his audience to know their status and counselled that they should visit the old site of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital which he said hosts a Voluntary Testing Centre where HIV test is done discretely without questions and the result is ready almost immediately after the test. He commented also about negative religious attitude to the use of condom and said that condom is a harmless object but it is the people who use it that have problems, not the condom itself.

Speaking earlier on the same subject, Mr. Augustine Udeze of the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, noted that there is still a lot of ignorance on the HIV/AIDS scourge across Nigeria. According to him, the first case of HIV/AIDS was reported in 1986 and in the year 2010, HIV prevalence was highest in urban areas, the North Central zone, Benue State and among the 30-34 years age group. He further noted that HIV prevalence among the youth aged between 15-24 declined from 6% in 2001 to 4.3% in 2005, 4.2% in 2008 and 4.1% in 2010 adding that more than 80% of HIV transmission in Nigeria is through heterosexual sex. The lecturer said that key populations at higher risk of HIV infection is 24% among sex workers.

Speaking on the drivers of the epidemic in Nigeria, he said these include high illiteracy, high rates of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in vulnerable groups, poverty and low condom use.

In the presentation of a motivational speaker who counselled the audience against reckless sexual behaviour, Mr. Nasir Abdulkadri noted that for anyone to get to his destination in life, he must pass through places that are not his/her destination and averred that HIV infection is an accident in the journey of life. According to him, the youth have to be focused because for everyone who has no plan for his or her life, someone else or something else has plans for it.

Congregation, staff assembly meet

A combined meeting of the congregation and the Staff General Assembly which will deliberate on issues that are pertinent to the interest of staff has been scheduled to take place today, December 5, 2011 at the University Auditorium beginning from 9:00a.m.

The meeting is coming up at the heels of a meeting held between the University management and the leadership of the staff unions in the University.

According to a statement issued by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, the meeting will deliberate on the implementation of some issues including the National Housing Fund (with Mortgage Bank) and WAUG 2012.

Department organises neuroscience workshop

The Department of Physiology, University of Ilorin, in conjunction with the Centre for International Education is organising a Public Lecture and Workshop on the theme “How Should We Train Students For The Future Of Psychology And Neuroscience?”.

The lecture is scheduled to take place next Monday (December 12, 2011) by 10:00 a.m. at the University Auditorium while the Workshop will hold on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 by 10:00a.m. at the Auditorium Basement.

The Guest Lecturer for both events is Prof. Richard E. Brown of Psychology Department & Neuroscience Institute, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada.

All members of the University community are cordially invited.

Faculty members thank God, remember late staff

Members of staff of the Communication and Information Science Faculty have held a thanksgiving prayer following the relocation of the various Departments in the Faculty and related units of the University (i.e. Archives and Documentation Centre and the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, the latter of which incorporates Unilorin 89.3 F.M., Information and Protocol Units) into the new Faculty building.

Speaking at the prayer session, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, Prof. Lenrie O. Aina, recalled that the University administration under Prof. Is-haq Oloyede conceived the idea of an ultra-modern Faculty building back in 2008 when the Faculty was created and noted that but for the magnanimity of the Almighty, the vision would not have been realised.

In her own speech at the event, the pioneer acting Dean of the Faculty, Dr. (Mrs.) O. V. Mejabi, recalled that the idea of the Faculty was conceived during the life-time of the pioneer Head of Mass Communication Department, Mr. Nureni Adedoyin Mahmoud, who was also the Chairman of the Editorial Board of *Unilorin Bulletin*.

The acting Head of Mass Communication Department, Dr. A. L. Azeez, also recalled the passage of Mr. James Enessi who was a staff member of his Department.

Remembrance prayers were held for the repose of the souls of the departed staff just as supplications were held for the prosperity of members of the Faculty.

VC commends Sports Council as Unilorin walks

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O Oloyede, has commended the Sports Council of the University on the Unilorin Keep Fit Walk programme held last Saturday (December 3, 2011).

Speaking at the end of the walk, which took principal officers, staff and students on a walk from the University gate up to the football pitch at the University stadium, Prof. Oloyede, suggested that the walk be made a monthly exercise.

While expressing satisfaction over the turn-out of staff and students of Faculties of Education, Sciences, Business and Social Sciences, the Vice Chancellor said he was unhappy with the turn-out of the staff and students of the Faculties of Arts, Law, Communication and Information Sciences as well as Engineering and technology.

The Keep Fit Walk, the second in the series, began at 6:45a.m. at the University Gate lasted for 45 minutes with a mammoth crowd of students, staff, coaches and athletes of the Unilorin WAUG team in attendance.

MONEY MATTERS**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 25th November- 1st December, 2011

RECEIPTS

IOE Fees	137,000.00
Medical Registration	1,000.00
Boarded Properties	32,300.00
Scroll	21,750.00
Order of Proceeding	33,000.00
Payslip	350.00
Staff I.D Card	3,600.00
Hiring of Academic outfit	29,500.00
Academic Transcript	163,000.00
Change of Course form	20,000.00
Printing of Payslip	350.00
Rents	49,200.00
Student I.D Card	16,200.00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	23,681,600.00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	2,319,800.00
Personnel Cost: November 2011	51,130,749.39
ETF Grant	53,309,208.00
Total Receipts for the Period	430,948,607.39

PAYMENTS

	2,400,000.00
Payment to Contractors/ Consultants/ Suppliers:	3,418,961.07
Timdalat Motors- Supply of fairly used Sienna Bus	51,112.95
Nigerian Lab Ltd- Construction of Phonetic Lab/ Supply of Equip	224,000.00
Integrated Full House Nig Ent-Conversion of doors to steel door	282,250.00
Alh. Abdulrahman Aremu Yaro: supply of diesel	286,650.00
Physical Planning Unit- Construction of Ramps for the disabled	1,655,555.56
Shoba & Sons - Cutting of grass	1,620,625.00
M 2 M Technologies	658,990.95
Owoniboy Technical Services- Repair of Isuzu maxi bus	137,200.00
Kwara State Government- Housing Loan remittance	26,638,916.73
Bamed Printers-Printing of File Jacket	506,268.00
Sound Broadcast Co-Supply& installation of Comm FM Radio	2,718,935.00
Ogunjobi Enterprises- Production of I.D Card	7,000,000.00
Kesatoff -Erection of Redbrick wall-	3,541,233.60
Davoize Network Solution- payment on NOC Project	51,140,698.8
Microcity Computers Ltd- Payment on NOC Project	55,000.00
	250,000.00
Advertisement on Tv & Radio	567,750.00
Transfer of Generator to Water Plant	580,900.00
Extension of street light	3,891,740.00
Extension of Generator to Geology	410,358.00
Purchase Advance	6,326,514.80
Touring Advance	1,200,000.00
Various (eg refund, Imprest, Hotel Expenses etc)	2,569,345.59
Water Bill	161,389,918.12
PHCN Nov. 2011 Bill	400,000.00
Salary deductions : Cooperatives, NYSC allowances etc	475,006.00
Customised Ankara- Ceremonials Committee	323,845.98
Catering Services- Home Economics	258,470.80
Federal Inland Revenue: VAT	229,839,548.15
Federal Inland Revenue: WHT	
Total Expenditures for the Period	

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola
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Happy Birthday To You!

S.No	Name	Office/ Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Olorunmaiye, John A.	Dean, Engineering and Technology	5th December
2.	Mokuolu, Olugbenga A.	Director, Centre for International Education	6th December
3.	Olumorin, Charles O.	Science Education	6th December
4.	Ogunniyi, David S.	Director, School of Preliminary Studies	9th December
5.	Aje, Solomon A.	Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	10th December
6.	Jolayemi, Emmanuel T.	Statistics	10th December

LAUGH LINES

A female undergraduate gave birth to a baby in the hospital earlier today and the baby was laughing instead of crying. The nurses took charge of the unusual situation by beating the baby so as to make it cry but the more they beat it, the more the baby laughed. When they called in the doctor, he discovered that the baby was holding something in his folded palm. The hand was forced open and they all found three abortion pills there. The baby turned and looked at the mother saying, "No Weapon Fashioned Against Me Shall Prosper!"

Unilorin in the News

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- The Nigerian Police has assured the University of Ilorin management of its full support to achieve its vision of being a foremost global and world class institution of higher learning, just as the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has unveiled the determination of his administration to create a Faculty of Veterinary Medicine with a difference.
(‘Police pledge support for Unilorin’, *National Pilot* same date, p.18).
- The guest lecturer at the second Faculty of Law Capacity Building lecture, Mr. Ahmed Popoola, has said that if there are good leaders, the problems of Nigeria would be solved while speaking at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Nigeria faces a time bomb if...’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.20).
- A retired Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Ilorin and Coordinator of the Council of Muslim Organisation, Kwara State Chapter, Prof. Sheu A. Jimoh, has organised a special prayer for peace and tranquillity in Kwara State particularly and the Country at large.
(‘CMO organises special prayer, today’, *National Pilot*, same as above).
- Prof. Victoria Alabi of the Department of English and other scholars have called for the collaboration of African Universities with their partners across the world in curricular development order to achieve international standard and repute.
(‘Varsities must harmonise Curricula’, *The Nation*, “UNILORIN File” Thursday, December 1, 2011, p.28).
- While receiving the officials of SERVICOM at the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, represented by the DVC, (Research, Technology and Innovation) Prof. Y.M. Fakunle, has assured the staff and students of the University of the security of their rights and welfare.
(‘VC restates commitment’, *The Nation*, same page).
- The President of West Africa University Games (WAUG), Prof. Lasun Emiola, has pledged that the 13th edition of WAUG would be a hitch-free event at a media parley.
(‘WAUG holds January. 11, *The Nation*, same page)
- A boy who stole the letter-head of former President Olusegun Obasanjo to write to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin in a desperate bid to secure admission for another person has been arraigned before a an Abeokuta magistrate Court.
(‘Man, 36, charged with stealing Obasanjo’s letterhead’, *Daily Trust*, Friday, December 2, 2011,p.6)
- Prof. Zikky Kofoworola of the University of Ilorin has identified the the role of arts in promoting peace and unity in a lecture he delivered in Ilorin.
(‘Arts: essential tool for peace, unity, Don’, *the Herald*, Friday, December 2, 2011,13)
- Both Prof. Olu Obafemi of the Department of English and the Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, among other writers/journalists, have been honoured with awards of excellence by the National Congress of Nigerian Students.
(‘PUNCH, Channels, UNILORIN get awards of excellence’, *Saturday Punch*, December 3, 2011,p.9)

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- A lecturer in the Department of Religions at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has ventilated his opinion on the motivations and activities of the 'Boko Haram' group in Nigeria. ('The roots of Boko Haram', *The Nation*, Monday, November 28, 2011, p.20).
- Two postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Abdulkadir Hussaini Salawu of the Faculty of Law and Lawal Mariam Onyiohu of the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health have been shortlisted for an international Scholarship. ('JDA/ADDAX JDC Block 3 Ltd 2011 Scholarship Assistance Scheme: Postgraduate Screening Exercise: List of Shortlisted Applicants', *The Guardian*, Monday, November, 28, 2011, p.88, see also, *The Punch*, same date, p.36).
- History has repeated itself as the University of Ilorin emerges again as the best Nigerian University, 21st African University and the 2668th world University according to a ranking body, *Top Study Links* which used such criteria as quality of research and academic staff, among others. ('Unilorin ranks best in Nigeria', *The Moment*, Tuesday, November 29, 2011, p.42).
- A student of the University of Ilorin, Yemi Olasehinde, has externalised how male and female students make friends on campus saying that those who are caught in dark spots by the authorities get gladly married in their parents' homes. ('The art of *girlfriending* and *boyfriending* at Unilorin', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, November 30, 2011, p.16)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede has stressed the strength of the post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (post-UTME) Screening Exercise. ('Unilorin VC reiterates support for post-UTME', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.18)
- President Goodluck Jonathan has lauded the University of Ilorin on its excellence and academic stability while speaking at the recent 27th convocation activities of the University. ('Govt thumps up for varsity over academic stability, excellence', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.20)
- Shortly after being honoured with the Pillar of Education in Nigeria award by an educational magazine, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has again led his University to the first position in another international ranking. ('Again, Unilorin is ranked first in Nigeria', *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, December, 1, 2011, p.34).
- The University of Ilorin administration has given a boost to the activities of its Institute of Education by providing it with a brand new bus. ('... presents bus to Institute', *Nigerian Tribune*, same page).
- The 2011 edition of the annual Public Lecture of the Lagos State Chapter of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association in conjunction the national headquarters of the association has been fixed for December 3, 2011. ('Alumni organize lecture', *Nigerian Tribune*, same page).
- The Head of Department of Material and Metallurgical Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Dr. A.G.F. Alabi, has organised a thanksgiving prayer. ('When Mrs. Sherifat Alabi turns 60', *National Pilot*, Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th, December, 2011, p.6).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede has attributed his administration's lofty achievement to the sound and solid foundation laid by his predecessors adding that nobody can deny his existence after leaving the office. ('I don't want to be remembered for anything, declares Unilorin VC', *National Pilot*, same date, p.3).

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Quotes of the Week

A man always has two reasons for doing anything: a good reason and the real reason.

- J. P. Morgan

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.

- Max Lucado

Affirmation without discipline is the beginning of delusion. - Jim Rohn

Age is whatever you think it is. You are as old as you think you are.- Muhammad Ali

As long as we persevere and endure, we can get anything we want. - Mike Tyson