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## Be responsible, Ayorinde charges parents



*TO GOD BE THE GLORY: Prof. Ayorinde unveiling the PTA-donated bus last Tuesday as stakeholders at the occasion watch with interest*

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The Chairman of the University School Management Board (USMB), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has urged parents who have children in nursery and primary schools to be alive to their responsibilities. He also frowned at the attitude of some parents who leave the transportation of their little children to the mercy of strangers, saying that it is dangerous and irresponsible to leave children at the mercy of unknown road users.

The USMB Chairman, who is also the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University, gave this charge to be responsible last Tuesday (May 31, 2011), at the commissioning of the 18 seater-bus donated by the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) of the University School. *(Contd. on page 2)*

## This is the secret of my life, by Oloyede

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that his whole life is not a product of meticulous planning on his part stressing that he did not plan to be a Vice-Chancellor, God rather planned it for him.

Prof. Oloyede, who is the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) in Nigeria, made this submission while fielding questions from the reporters of *Unilorin Watch*, a new newspaper produced by the students of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, published by the Department.

“I don’t plan my life, my life is planned by God. I am alive today, yes, because God says I am alive. I didn’t plan to be the Vice-Chancellor, God said I should be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin,” he said.

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*GOD’S PLAN: Prof. Oloyede*

## Why we donate a school bus - PTA Chairman

*(Contd. from front page)*

Prof. Ayorinde recalled with nostalgia how he used to walk for three kilometres every morning to and from his primary school as a young boy and how he walked for four kilometres each time rains fell, through the alternative route to his school, not knowing what the future held for him.

The Professor of Animal Production conveyed the appreciation of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, to the Association for its support to the School over the years saying that the VC wished to be at the occasion if not that he had to be out of Ilorin for another important assignment.

Prof. Ayorinde remarked that it is virtually impossible for an institution to do all that is needed at a time and described the gesture of the PTA as an indication of its thoughtfulness. He also noted that the donation is worthy of emulation by similar bodies.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor added that the University administration is committed to improving on the standard already attained by the School and disclosed the recent release of funds for the renovation of the School. He also said that the School would soon take delivery of some important books procured for the school library.

The Chairman revealed that administrative regulation does not allow the University to purchase items like buses for the school this time and prayed that the parents who donated the bus for the benefit of their children will live long to see their children become great.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the PTA, University Primary School, Mr. Festus Ogunyinka, appreciated the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who he described as an epitome of humility, for mobilising all the guests present to the occasion. He regretted that the last time the PTA purchased a bus for the pupils of the School was in 1982 while he challenged the next administration of the body not to be satisfied with equipping the First Aid Box alone.

While noting that the PTA under his leadership realised that the greatest challenge confronting the University School is the problem of transporting its about 800 pupils, Mr. Ogunyinka said that the realisation informed the plan to ameliorate the challenges faced by pupils in that respect. He remarked further that many parents expect every facility in the school to be provided free of charge, failing to realise that education is a collaborative enterprise. He also requested the University management to help in maintaining the bus and charged all stakeholders to implement the decisions of the PTA.

Mr. Ogunyinka also thanked Dr. S.A. Raji, who is the Chairman of the PTA Transportation Committee for the success of the assignment given him and also appreciated members of his Executive Council for their commitment without which holding the event of the day would not have been possible.

## POGSASS holds public lecture tomorrow

**T**he Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) of the University of Ilorin will organise her public lectures which will take place tomorrow (Tuesday, June 7, 2011) at the University Auditorium at 10.00 a.m.

The programme is expected to be chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

According to a statement issued by the Association, the first of the lectures will be delivered by Dr. J. O. Fayeye of the Department of Sociology who will speak on the "African Time Syndrome and National Development: The Nigerian Situation" while the second lecture will be delivered by Prof. S.O. Akande of the Department of Geology and Mineral Science on "Environmental Challenges in the Exploration and Production of Mineral Resources with Special Reference to Nigeria".

There will also be an interactive session among the postgraduate students, the participants at large and the resource persons during the programme.

## Unilorin in 2011: A Mid-year Appraisal (January)

The year 2011, which began just like yesterday, continues to roll on as a year of many remarkable events for the University of Ilorin. The first of such was recorded on the first day of the year through the move by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who voluntarily relinquished office as President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) though he had not spent half of the tenure he was elected for. The reason he gave was that he took the step in the interest of the nation: it is better for a Nigerian to be the Secretary General of the continental body than for him to be the President.

Though many people in the University community and outside it ventilated their opinions in support or against the Vice-Chancellor's rare decision, the University of Ilorin it is that scored a point that it is an institution characterised by selfless products. Others saw the development as timely and instructive saying that politicians who would later be canvassing votes to occupy positions of authority should realise that the essence leadership is selflessness as demonstrated by the University of Ilorin helmsman.

The curtain had not been fully drawn on the debate of the first Nigerian to preside over the largest body of African intellectuals who voluntarily resigned to pave way for a fellow citizen when the month of January also witnessed the birth of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) right in Nigeria and at no other institution than the University of Ilorin on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. This made "Ilorin Declaration" a term that will continue to resonate in the West African academic community for years to come. For instance, as AWAU drives its "mandate to revamp and develop the leadership of University education system in West Africa so that institutions would be empowered to be more responsive to developmental challenges confronting the West African sub-region", it will always be remembered that the University of Ilorin provided the platform for the articulation of such a noble goal, among others.

In the same month of January, the University of Ilorin began a ground-breaking partnership with two leading United Kingdom universities: University of Swansea and Swansea Metropolitan University. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin signed a Memorandum of Understanding with his Swansea University counterpart, Prof. Richard Davies, on January 17 while the following day, January 18, was the turn of Swansea Metropolitan University, whose Vice-Chancellor is Prof. David Warner, to agree on a number of academic and collaborative efforts with the University of Ilorin.

It was announced subsequently in January that some postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin won the competitive Innovators of Tomorrow (IOT) grants of the World Bank STEP-B project to complete their research. The University won US\$105,000.00 allotted to the researchers. The University also heralded *business unusual* by pioneering the conduct of its Senate business electronically. Through this innovation, the University killed two birds with a single stone: it achieved increased environmental sustainability challenged previously by tomes of paper and it saved significant human and material costs.

Just as the University is active in the global scene, so it is *hitting the ground* on its campuses. Apart from the College of Health Sciences operating fully from its offices at the permanent site of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital this same month under review, after the University had committed about N300 million naira to the provision of necessary facilities, the University distributed over N14 million naira worth of cars to some of its high ranking management staff to further enhance their efficiency at work.

As the University of Ilorin continued to do its own "thing", advancing teaching, promoting research and deepening community development initiatives, it paid little attention to the fact that the world was watching. When at the end of the month (January 2011) the news broke that the University had been ranked again by [www.4.icu.org](http://www.4.icu.org) as the number one university in Nigeria, and now number 30 in Africa, the whole nation was elated while the University received the news with its characteristic calmness.

### Fast Facts File

#### Did you know?

- According to UNICEF, 500 newborns die daily in Nigeria.
- About 1 million out of about 5.9 million babies born in Nigeria die every year before attaining the age of 5 from all sorts of preventable diseases.
- Globally, one death is recorded every thirty seconds. Every year 1.2 million are killed in road traffic crashes worldwide.

## Think positive, live serious, VC urges students

He also said, while reacting to the measures being put in place to sustain the policies and programmes of his Administration that have made the University of Ilorin a positive “subject of international discussion”, that sustaining the University is God’s plan because no one is indispensable. He described the University of Ilorin as lucky and expressed optimism that it will continue to be lucky as a result of the solid foundation built by its founding fathers.

“You see, the University of Ilorin is a very lucky University. I’ve been preceded by illustrious citizens of this country and they have made their marks. Of course whatever little contribution I have made wouldn’t have been possible if I were to start the University now. So I am building on their own records and I believe that my being the Vice-Chancellor was not my handiwork; it is part of the plan of God for this University. Of course, I will not do anything that will make God abandon this University, so God who had been sustaining the University since inception will continue to sustain this University with or without me. Nobody is indispensable in the life of an institution; the University of Ilorin is an institution, it has been lucky and it will continue to be lucky,” he stressed.

The Vice-Chancellor also disclosed a secret about his diet: he eats whatever he finds available. “I don’t have any special food. In fact what I eat is determined by the time I have. If I want to eat and I have 10 minutes, I say “look for what you can do for me in 10 minutes”. But if I am not hungry, I take time to think of what can take time to prepare so that so that I might become hungry before the food is ready. So as far as I am concerned, I don’t have any favourite food; give me anything that is eatable and lawful and I take it.”

Prof. Oloyede further revealed that he does not have a favourite type of cloth and he does not have any business with favourite colour.

To make a success out of life, the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence recommended that two things are fundamental: “to be positive in your thinking and also to be very serious about life.”

## Retirement of 2010/2011 Imprest

This is to inform you that 2010/2011 *imprest*s are due for *retirement* on or before Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

Kingly endeavor to retire the *imprest*s on the specified date to avoid any embarrassment to the holders whose salary may be withheld until their *imprest*s are *retired*.

### Procedure for Retirement

- (i) Submit the *imprest* book together with all receipts supporting the expenditure at the Internal Audit Office.
- (ii) You will raise a “retirement of *imprest* voucher” for the total of your expenditure (i.e. the total value of the original *imprest* approved for you).
- (iii) You will collect the retirement journal from the Budget Unit and use it to obtain fresh *imprest* in the new financial year.

You may apply to the Bursar for a fresh *imprest* in the first week of July, 2011.

Sgd.

M.A. Dere  
For: Bursar

## CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

### SECOND JOINT INTERNATIONAL INTER-UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF ILORIN, NIGERIA AND CAPE COAST, GHANA

By

**Professor Akin L. Mabogunje**

Retired Professor of Geography, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

*(Being text of an address delivered at the Opening Ceremony of the Second Joint International Conference of the University of Ilorin, Nigeria and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana on "Climate Change and Sustainable Development" held at the University of Ilorin on May 2-5, 2011 at the University Auditorium)*

All Protocols observed.

Let me start by welcoming all participants to this International Conference on "Climate Change and Sustainable Development" jointly hosted by the University of Ilorin, Nigeria and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. I want in particular to welcome all the dignitaries who have come to join in the formal opening ceremony of this event, particularly the Vice-Chancellors of the two institutions. I note that this is the second joint hosting of such international conference and wish to sincerely commend the two institutions for this remarkable initiative. It is my expectation that this initiative provides the venue for bench-marking and evaluating the progress of research in both institutions on particular topics of interest on such occasions.

Climate Change, which is the topic for this particular joint conference, has assumed a global status not only as a very privileged problem of scientific enquiries but also as a practical challenge of policy making by governments all over the world. The well known school of skeptics about the urgency of the phenomenon has been largely silenced by the cascade of extreme climatic and physical events of recent times such as the Katrina Hurricane in the United States, the Tsunamis in south east Asia and recently in Japan, the devastating tornadoes also in the United States and the spate of disastrous flooding in many countries, the latest being in northern Australia.

It could, of course, be claimed Africa and, in particular, West Africa, has been providentially protected from all of these extreme events and therefore need not be overly bothered about the probability of their occurrence and be made ready to deal with the consequences of their incidence. No scientist can subscribe to such a position indeed, no scientist can ignore the reality of global causation of climatic change nor deny the reality of green house emissions and of global warming. This is particularly so when some of the resultant effects such as the thawing away and disappearance of the polar ice-caps and glaciers are so patently visible that their consequences with respect to rising sea-levels cannot be wished away. Indeed, for West Africa in particular, the significance of this exigency is the fact that our colonial masters in the past saw fit to locate most of our capital cities and metropolitan centres in the coastal areas of our countries.

As scientists, therefore, the challenge in respect of climate change and sustainable development is the quality of our capacity to monitor the rate, the scale and the areal extent of these various climatic and physical parametric values so as to be able to determine the probabilities of occurrences of any of these extreme events of climatic change in the West African region. Rigorous, persistent and multivariate measurements are, of course, the bedrock of such capacity. Only through such measurements would we be able to analyse, explicate and predict the chances of occurrence of any of these extreme phenomena.

In West Africa, we have always been presented with climatic phenomena whose basis are still a matter of enlightened rationalization. The anomalous "Togo gap" of relative low precipitation on the coast between Accra and Lome, the "little dry season" of August in the southern rainy belt of the region are examples of such not-fully-understood phenomena. How these are shaping or are being transformed in the context of secular changes in global atmospheric circulation are still awaiting greater scientific attention.

Features of changes in these and other climatic parameters are bound to have significant effects on sustainable development in our region. Some of these changes may be gradual and widespread in their incidence such as reduced total precipitation or drought, undermining the livelihoods and welfare of a large section of the population. Others, such as floods and ocean surges, and even tsunamis, may be sudden and concentrated in their catastrophic dimension, destroying property and lives and posing serious challenges to the insurance industry and to government's capacity for disaster management. Knowledge of probabilities of both types of climatic changes could help in various ways to prepare national capacity to mitigate, minimize, cope with or prevent the impact of such occurrences on the socio-economic development of our region.

Both the Universities of Ilorin in Nigeria and Cape Coast in Ghana can thus be seen as occupying quite strategic positions of being providers of studies and knowledge which can serve as warning signals for governments in our region, if not globally. It is my expectation that these joint conferences are meant to enhance the capacity of the two institutions to perform this role creditably and meritoriously. I like again to congratulate the authorities of both institutions on this initiative and to wish this particular Conference fruitful deliberations.

I thank you all for your attention.

## **Business Opportunities during the West Africa University Games WEST AFRICA UNIVERSITY GAMES (WAUG) UNILORIN 2011**

### **INVITATION TO BID FOR KIOSK CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION DURING WAUG 2011**

The 13<sup>th</sup> West Africa University Games (WAUG) would be holding at University of Ilorin, Ilorin, between September 28 and October 9, 2011. The Environmental Health Committee for the Games is pleased to invite interested persons to bid for construction and operation of kiosks in line with the following approved guidelines:

- Walls kiosk should be made up of plywood and painted navy blue
- Roof should be zinc sheets painted navy blue
- Construction should follow approved design indicated on the letter of appointment.
- Payment of rent charges.
- Maintenance of clean environment.

About **60 Nigerian universities** will participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), to be hosted by the University of Ilorin, from 29 September to 9 October, 2011.

The Games will attract over **5,000 athletes from 88 universities** from the West African sub-region competing for laurels in 15 events

Hurry up and pick your form NOW!

Application forms can be obtained with a non-refundable fee of ₦500.00 payable to WAUG LOC Account No. 6014113439 at the Zenith Bank Plc.

**Secretary (Mr. B.S. Baba)**  
**Environmental Health Committee**  
**c/o Property Management Board Office**  
**Senate Building (Ground Floor)**  
**University of Ilorin, Ilorin.**

Completed application forms should be submitted to the Secretary latest by Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

## LEARNED CONFERENCE

The following staff have enjoyed the sponsorship/ support of the University to attend learned conferences:

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Dr. Olaniyan, J.O.	Agronomy	ISTRO (Nigeria)	University of Ilorin	21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2011
Dr. Fakeye, Timothy Rotimi	Animal Production	Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) Conference (AGM & MCPE)	Kano	25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2010
Mr. Badmus, A.H.A	Animal Production	Nigeria Institute of Animal Science Induction	MUMBAI Hall Kano	25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2010
Mrs. Obalowu, Muinat Amoke	Economics & Food Science	Home Economics Teachers' Association of Nigeria (HETAN)	Yola, Adamawa State	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Professor Adesiyun, A.A.	Crop Production	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Entomological Society of Nigeria	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 2010
Mrs. Gbadebo, Christiana Teniola	Economics & Food Science	Home Economics Teachers' Association of Nigeria (HETAN)	Yola, Adamawa State	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mr. Hussen, Taiye Aliyu	Crop Production	Technical Workshop Conference on Organic Agriculture	LAUTECH, Ogbomosho	6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2010
Dr. Belewu, M.A.	Animal Production	Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) Conference(AGM & MCPE)	Aminu Kano Centre, Kano	25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2010
Dr. Balogun, O.S.	Crop Production	1 <sup>st</sup> Tech. Workshop on Organic Agriculture	LAUTECH, Ogbomosho	6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2010
Professor Omotesho, O.A.	Agricultural Economics & Farm Management	55 Meeting of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities (ADAN)	Bayero University, Kano	17 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011
Mrs. Oladele, Tinke Omolewa	Computer Science	International Workshop and Training in Mathematical Modelling, Neural Network, Data Mining, and Scientific Computing with Maple and Matlab	Covenant University, Ota	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011
Dr. Mahmoud, A.O.	Ophthalmology	Capacity Building, for Research, for Anglophone, West Africa	Abuja	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011
Prof. Sadiku, Joseph Shuaibu	Computer Science	Annual Information Technology Professionals Assembly/Annual General Meeting	Nicon Luxury Hotel Abuja	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2011
Mr. Bajeh, Amos Oreniyi	Computer Science	Annual Information Technology Professionals Assembly/Annual General Meeting	Nicon Luxury Hotel Abuja	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2011
Mr. Ameen, Ahmed Oloduwo	Computer Science	Annual Information Technology Professionals Assembly/Annual General Meeting	Nicon Luxury Hotel Abuja	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2011
Mrs. Abikoye, Oluwakemi Christiana	Computer Science	Annual Information Technology Professionals Assembly/Annual General Meeting	Nicon Luxury Hotel Abuja	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2011

## New Students Union leaders assume office

The newly elected members of the Student Union Executive Committee of the University of Ilorin for the 2011/2012 academic session will be sworn in on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at the Faculty of Arts Board Room.

According to a statement issued by the office of the Dean of Student Affairs, the programme will commence at 8.00 a.m.

## Unilorin NIM holds congress

The University of Ilorin chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Management has announced its forthcoming congress which will hold this week on Thursday, June 9, 2011. The venue of the congress is the Faculty of Arts Board Room beginning from 2:00 p.m.

## 2010/2011 End of Year Stock Taking

This is to inform you that the above exercise is scheduled to take place as on the dates indicated below:

Store	Stock Taking Team	Store Officer	Location	Date
Sport Equipment	-Do-	Prof. Adesoye	Gymnasium	27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011
Gown & Hood Store	-Do-	Mr. A. B. Sayuti	Academic Office	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011
Central Workshop	-Do-	Mrs. B.O. Aboyeji	Faculty of Engr. & Technology	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2011
Civil, Mechanical & Electrical	-Do-	Mrs. B.O. Mohammed	Central Store	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2011
Motor Transport	-Do-	Mr. Bayo Saidu	Works Department	6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2011
Drugs & Dressing	-Do-	Mrs. Illufoye	Unilorin Clinic	8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2011
Poultry Farm/Produce Store/Kiosk	-Do-	Dr. K. Azeez	University Farm	11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2011

Please ensure strict compliance while we count on your co-operation.

Sgd.

**M. A. Dere**

**For: Bursar**

## Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Fawole, Adegboyega A.	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	5th June
2.	Mensa, Baa	French	8th June
3.	Ghasali, Kudirat O.	University School	9th June
4.	Eniowoyan, Felicia F.	Central Administration	10th June
5.	Sanni, Rasheed K.	Academic Planning	10th June
6.	Sayuti, Abdullateef B.	Academic Office	10th June
7.	Oloyede, Elizabeth S.	Mass Communication	11th June

## LAUGH LINES

An eccentric philosophy professor decided to give a one-question final year examination to his students after a semester dealing with a vast array of topics. The class was already seated when the professor picked up his chair, plopped it on his desk and wrote on the board: "Using everything you have learned this semester, prove that this chair does not exist." Fingers set to work, examination booklets were filled up in a furious fashion as students poured down ideas. Some students wrote 40 pages in two and half hours with philosophical theories, postulates and authorities cited. A member of the class, however, finished his paper in less than a minute and submitted to everybody's astonishment. Weeks later when the results were released, the rest of the class wondered how the boy could make the only "A" in the class of 180 when he had barely written anything at all. His answer consisted of two words: "What chair?"

## Our fond memories of Unilorin linger – UCC VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Prof. Naana Opoku-Agyemang, has expressed the appreciation of her University to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on the warm hospitality the University extended to the UCC delegates during the second joint conference of the two universities.

According to a letter signed by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of UCC, Prof. D.D. Kuupole, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, all members of the UCC community that participated in the joint conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development arrived Ghana safely and as scheduled.

“I wish to congratulate the Local Organising Committee for planning and holding a highly successful second joint Conference. I also wish, on behalf of my UCC colleagues, to express our sincerest appreciation to the LOC and to you in particular, for the warm hospitality extended to us during our stay in Ilorin. Surely, the fond memories we have of our days in Ilorin will linger for a long time,” the letter reads in part.

The Vice-Chancellor also prayed that “the bond of friendship and cooperation between our two institutions will grow stronger and broader.”

### Unilorin in the News

- ✓ The University of Ilorin like few other Nigerian universities has benefitted from the geosciences work stations provided under the University Assistance Program (UAP) by ESSO Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited and Mobil Producing Nigeria.  
(‘Three varsities get geosciences’ work stations’, *The Guardian*, Thursday, June 2, 2011, p.47).
- ✓ The University of Ilorin has advertised admissions into its Postgraduate programmes for the 2011/2012 academic session.  
(‘University of Ilorin: Postgraduate School’, *The Guardian*, same date, p.26; also *Daily Trust*, Friday, June 3, 2011, p.48).
- ✓ The Council of the University of Ilorin has set up its own committee, chaired by the Chairman and Pro-Chancellor himself, Alh. Tukur Mani, to drive further support for the University in readiness for the hosting of the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of WAUG in September 2011.  
(‘Council supports WAUG preparation’, “UNILORIN FILE”, *The Nation*, Thursday, June 2, 2011, p.37).
- ✓ The Guest Houses of the University of Ilorin have been refurbished for enhanced service delivery according to a statement issued by the acting Chairman, Dr. Ramata Karim.  
(‘Guest houses revitalised’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- ✓ The premier journal of the University of Ilorin, *Centrepoint*, has been “rebranded” with teams of international experts on the editorial boards of its Humanities and Science editions while the Chairman of Editorial Board, Prof. Y.A. Quadri, has unveiled new three editions of the journal.  
(‘Centrepoint journal rebrands’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- ✓ The University of Ilorin 2011 diary is available free of charge for senior members of the University staff at the office of the Deputy Registrar (Establishment), Mr. E. D. Obafemi.  
(‘Dairies available’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- ✓ The preparations towards hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of WAUG by the University of Ilorin have received a further boost with the constitution of a committee by the Governing Council of the university in order to assist the administration mobilize financial support for the Games”.  
(‘Council boost WAUG committee’, “From the University of Ilorin”, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, June 2, 2011, p. 33).
- ✓ The University of Ilorin Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the establishment of new programmes by his University is part of the efforts aimed at making the University of Ilorin a true “global player where the best ideas and knowledge are assembled and made available for the benefit of humanity” while receiving the verification team of the National Universities Commission.  
(‘NUC team verifies new programmes’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- ✓ The *Centrepoint* Journal of the University of Ilorin is set to maintain a bi-annual publication regime by which articles of high quality will be published from all over the world while the Chairman of the Editorial Board, Prof. Y.A. Quadri, has unveiled three new editions of the journal.  
(‘Centrepoint rebrands, as three editions roll out’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date).

## Unilorin in the News

- ✓ The new Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed was born on December 29, 1963 and obtained a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry at the University of Ilorin in 1986 and a Master of Business Administration in 1992 also from the University of Ilorin.  
(‘AbdulFatah Ahmed, Kwara’s new governor’, *The Herald*, Monday, May 30, 2001, p.11).
- ✓ Prof. Kayode Oni of the Department of Biosystems Engineering at the University of Ilorin has outlined ways by which food security can be guaranteed in Nigeria while delivering his Inaugural lecture, “Man, Machine and Food Insecurity” at the University of Ilorin recently.  
(‘How to banish hunger from Nigeria’, *The Herald*, same date, p.18).
- ✓ The University of Ilorin has received the verification team of the National Universities Commission (NUC) that came to inspect four new programmes of the University.  
(‘NUC inspects Unilorin new programmes’, *The Herald*, same date, p.18).
- ✓ The Shonga Farming model initiated by the immediate past Kwara State Government has been commended as a practical way of boosting agriculture to achieve food security by Prof. Kayode C. Oni while delivering his inaugural lecture at the University of Ilorin recently.  
(‘Emulate Shonga Agric model, ex-NCAM boss charges states’, *National Pilot*, Monday 30 – Wednesday June 1, 2011, pp. 1-2).
- ✓ The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniy Oladosu, has debunked the claims of the United States pastor who said the world would end saying that the shift of the doomsday to October 21, 2011 will also be a ruse because the knowledge of the last day exclusively belongs to Allah. (‘Reactions still trail doomsday prediction’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.13).
- ✓ The University of Ilorin has been named as one of the beneficiaries of the Mobil Producing Nigeria and Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited (EEPNL) intervention in equipping selected universities with geosciences workrooms.  
(‘Exxon Mobil lifts 11 varsities with N1.42b Geosciences workrooms’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, June 1, 2011).
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that his University is expanding beyond serving the nation to serving humanity at large while receiving a team of the National University Commission (NUC) experts that visited the University of Ilorin to verify the four new programmes of the University.  
(‘UNILORIN: NUC team verifies new programmes’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, June 1, 2011).
- ✓ A former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University and Professor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. R. D. Abubakre, has said that it is not right for the Federal Government to *hands-off* the funding of primary and secondary education while reacting like other Nigerians to a recent statement credited to President Goodluck Jonathan.  
(‘Stakeholders disagree over govt’s education policy, funding’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.23).
- ✓ A team of the NUC-dispatched experts, consisting of Mr. Audu Muhammad, Prof. Idris Alao Lawal, Prof. S.O. Bada, Prof. Oyihi Boniface Oloche, Prof. Milred E, John, Dr. A. J. Ayinla, Mr. Aborulu Gabriel and Mr. Aliyu A. Yahaya, has verified the Forest Resources Management, Material Sciences and Engineering, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine Programmes of the University of Ilorin.  
(‘NUC team verifies new programmes’, *Champion*, Wednesday, June 1, 2011, p.24).

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### Quotes of the Week

There is no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you have to do, there is only scarcity of resolve to make it happen.  
-Wayne Dyer

Just as friction between certain types of rocks produces sparks of light, so it is the friction of our individualities rubbing against each other that illuminates who we really are.  
- Rowland Croucher

The action required to sustain human life is primarily intellectual, everything man needs has to be discovered by his mind and produced by his effort.  
- Ayu Rard