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Reality begins from dreaming together

– says Mabogunje



DONS: Prof. Yankson; Prof. Ayorinde; Prof. Oteng-Yeboah, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Mabogunje, Prof. Kuupole, Mrs. Olayemi among others at the opening ceremony

Renowned Nigerian geographer, Prof. Akin Mabogunje, has described the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, and the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, as two great institutions with a lofty dream that is for the benefit of Africans and humanity as a whole while he noted that when an individual dreams, it is just a dream but when two persons or institutions dream together, it is a march to reality.

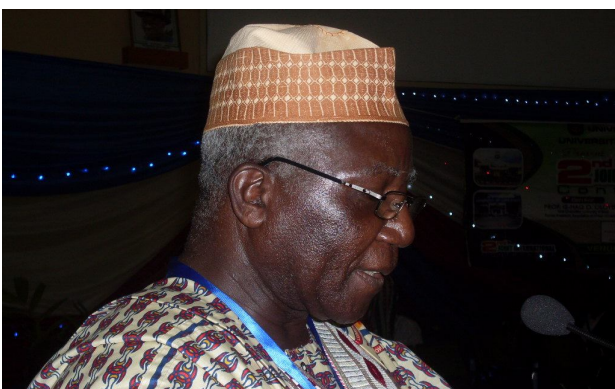
Prof. Mabogunje, who was the chairman at the opening ceremony of the jointly organised International Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development held last Monday (May 2, 2011) at the University of Ilorin, said that he had known the University of Ilorin since when it was on “ground zero” and it was gladdening to watch the University grow to such an enviable height it has attained nationally and globally.

The acclaimed Professor of about five decades commended the two institutions for their “remarkable innovation” and expressed hope that the conference would establish a benchmark for scientific research.

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How to combat climate change – Oteng-Yeboah

Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah of the University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana, has noted that for the future of the earth to be bright for its human inhabitants, developing countries need not just to go green by cultivating clean environment but must adopt the attitude of reducing emission.



The keynote speaker, Prof. Oteng-Yeboah

Prof. Oteng-Yeboah canvassed this opinion while delivering his keynote address, “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”, at the opening ceremony of the second joint international conference of the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast last Monday (May 2, 2011) at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

According to the don, rather than wait for the developed countries to reduce their carbon emissions, developing countries in Africa need not wait for their turn to have hurricanes and floods before they start taking concrete steps to address the issue of climate change. *(Contd. on page 4)*

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Experts sensitize Africans on climate change

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While speaking further on the importance of the conference, the British-trained scientist observed that disasters such as hurricane Katrina in the United States, floods in Northern Australia, the Tsunami which affected African and Asian coasts and other similar mishaps have silenced the sceptics who dispute the veracity of climate change and its attendant threats while noting that though West Africa seems protected so far from the disasters which are consequences of climate change, no scientist can afford to be sceptical about it.

Prof. Mabogunje also said that many West Africans still require a lot of education on the subject of climate change just as he challenged the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape-Coast to provide early warning system on disasters to their respective governments and the world.

“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 properties and lives and posing serious challenges to the insurance industry and to government’s capacity for disasters management. Knowledge of probabilities of both type 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-political development of our region,” he said.

In his own address, entitled “Two Good Heads Are Better Than One”, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, observed that human greatness lies in remaking oneself. According to him, there is ample evidence to support the claim of success of the three-year-old collaboration between the universities as the two universities have produced within the period of the collaboration the Presidents of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU).

Prof. Oloyede also attributed part of the favourable ranking of the University of Ilorin to its partnership with the University of Cape Coast. “Between the first joint conference and the second one we are now starting, our collaboration, chiefly though not only, with our sister University and other activities have paid off such that today, according to the latest rankings of the same Webometrics, the University of Ilorin is number 1 in Nigeria with a large margin, number 20 university in Africa and number 2,668 in the world. This means that the University is among the best 3,000 in a world of several thousands of universities where a single country like the USA even has more than 3,000,” he said.

In her speech, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, Prof. Nana Opoku Agyemang, who was represented by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. D. D. Kuupole, said that the collaborating universities like all other universities around the world need to know and be sensitive to the needs of our societies. She noted that the effect of climate change in recent times cannot escape anyone and therefore, at the end of the conference which was attracted delegates from seven countries, solutions to the challenge of climate change should be proffered for Africa at large or at least for Ghana and Nigeria.

While speaking on the relationship between the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape-Coast, Prof. Agyemang, who is also the President of AWAU, said that over the last three years, the universities have promoted academic exchange, joint research and interactive sessions which she said could still be improved upon.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Chairman of the International Organising Committee, Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, reminded the audience of their sacred duties to the earth which sustains mankind and noted that the conference is the contribution of the organising institutions toward their duties adding that regardless of fields of discipline, everyone has something to offer in the effort towards combating climate change. “No matter our views or evidence on the per cent contributions of our individual countries or continent to the causes of climate change, the effect knows no boundary. Indeed it appears that our continent appears more at risk as we are ill-prepared to tackle the consequences of climate change. We can therefore no longer fold our arms and blame the developed or industrialized nations but should evolve strategies or policies required to tackle the menace,” he said.

Goodwill messages were delivered at the occasion by the former Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Prof. Adeoye Adeniyi; the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikma University and the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast, Prof. Emmanuel Adow Obeng.

How Students Union election was won and lost ...as electoral body explains why e-voting was discarded

In what appeared like a furtherance of characterising April 2011 as the month of elections in Nigeria, the University of Ilorin students also conducted their general elections on Thursday April 29, 2011. The elections were largely considered as free, fair and credible.

According to the statement of results signed by the Independent Students' Electoral Commission (ISEC) Chairman, Abayomi Quadri Kolapo, when all the votes were cast and counted, Mr. Surajudeen Musa emerged the new President, with 1,931 votes. His closest rival, Raji Hameed Adesina, polled 1,760 votes while Yusuf Abdulrasheed trailed behind with 533 votes.

The Vice-President elect is Hameed Azeezat Olamide. She polled a total of 2,854 votes to beat Lekuti Olutobiloba that had 1,394 votes cast for her.

The new Secretary General of the Students Union is Hameed Ayuba Olawale (who polled 2,617 votes to defeat Abdullah Muhammed who got 1,374 votes).

The position of the Assistant Secretary General was one of the most keenly contested for. Four candidates slugged it out at the polls to occupy the office, but it turned out that Aliyu Bashir Adeiza is the winner, having polled 1,465 votes. His co-contestants, Olapetu Akinwale, Afolabi Malik A. and Akogun Abdulrasheed polled 1,054; 845 and 671 votes respectively.

The office of the Treasurer was a straight fight between Olayiwola Adewale Yusuf and Odutan A. Ajibola where the former won with 2,659 votes against the latter's 1,298 votes. Like that of the Treasurer, two candidates also contested for the post of the Financial Secretary. Nafiu Toyin A. polled 2,522 votes to defeat his co-contestant, Balogun Oloyede Mujaid, who polled 1,402 votes.

As many of the students preferred, the Public Relations Officer elect is Awonuga Rasheed Olatunji (1,937 votes). Both Ajibola Gbenga O. and Adeosun Taiwo Peter lost to him with the two polling 1,447 and 706 votes respectively.

Meanwhile, out of the four contestants that vied for the position of the Welfare Secretary, Adepoju Abdulateef A. emerged the most favoured and was elected with 1,527 votes. Echo O. Emmanuel, Adebowale Shola G. and Olorukooba Abdulmajid lost to him with 1,220; 770 and 651 votes respectively.

While Are Kolapo Michael beat Adeleke Ibrahim Olasupo with 2,250 votes to 1,892 to emerge the Sports Secretary elect, Badmus Opeyemi R. also defeated Ajewole Olaide Olugbenga with 2,393 against 1,655 votes to become the new Social Secretary of the Students Union.

In a related development, the plan of the ISEC to use an innovative e-voting system was scuttled at the last minute as a result of lack of constitutional backing.

According to a release made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, the Students Union constitution in its Article XXI (B) only provides for the ballot system and it was realised ultimately that using the e-voting system for the election would amount to a breach of the constitution and such a system could only be used after the relevant section of the Constitution is amended, the process of which could not be completed within the available time frame for the last election.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ✓ The seven wonders of the ancient world are The Pyramids of Egypt, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Tomb of Mausolus at Halicarnassus, The Temple of Diana at Ephesus, The Colossus at Rhodes, The Statue of Jupiter at Olympus and The Pharos Lighthouse at Alexandria.
- ✓ Sound travels 1.6 km in 5 seconds and Light travels approximately 300,000 km in 1 second.
- ✓ Light takes 8 minutes to reach the Earth from the Sun and 36 km per hour is equal to 10 m per second.
- ✓ 1 litre of water weighs 1 kg and 1 nautical mile is 1.85 km.

Scholars proffer solutions to climate change

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The Professor of Botany identified economy, society and the environment as three key areas that Africans have to focus on in the fight against the effects of climate change just as he noted gender issues also need to be taken into account while addressing the challenges posed by the phenomenon.

According to don, who is a former Deputy Director-General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana, developing nations need to erect robust national monitoring systems and also think globally and act locally for the purpose of improving the earth. He also identified the need to develop strategic and action plans for both mitigation and adaptation as well as the need to seize mitigation opportunities such as promotion of low carbon technologies (e.g. Direct business opportunities, cost reduction, access to international funding, creating more robust and stable economy, private sector involvement in promoting low-carbon power generation). He then challenged academics to communicate their findings to the public for the benefit of their communities and humanity as a whole while he noted that research has no benefit if is not engaged in solving problems.

In his plenary presentation, entitled “Climate Change, Culture, Arts and Curriculum Response”, Prof. Emmanuel Obeng, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, similarly noted that developing countries need to rise to the challenge of climate change without waiting for the developed world. According to the Professor of Religion, developing countries generally located within the sub-Saharan Africa are at higher risk of suffering from the change in earth’s climate because they have limited capacity to respond to the problem of climate change. What is on ground in Africa in terms of preparedness, he noted, will not be able to respond adequately when the region is finally hit by the effects.

According to the don, who is a former lecturer at the University of Ilorin, the current consumption pattern of Ghanaians shows that they too have started to procure used cars and individual family electricity generating sets in their contribution to changing the climate and as a result, skin diseases and hot nights are familiar occurrences in the country. Prof. Obeng remarked that Ghana needs a multi-disciplinary approach to mitigate climate change in her school curriculum. He also added that the time is ripe for Ghana and Nigeria to introduce religious ethics and values into the curriculum while noting further that these values need to focus on climate change and they should begin right from the kindergarten.

In his own presentation, entitled “Climate Change and Ecosystem Modification” at the plenary session, a retired Professor of Biology at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Prof. Anthony Imovbore, said that two revolutions had taken place in the Nigerian University system since the country attained its independence. The first revolution, he said, is that of the introduction of the inaugural lecture which involves the incorporation of research into teaching. The second revolution, he added, is the introduction of entrepreneurship into University education in Nigeria. According to him, this is a platform that could be explored for economic benefits.

While examining the problem of climate change, Prof. Imovbore noted that climate change should be tackled using the ecosystem approach. He submitted that the last two centuries were for Physics and Chemistry and the current century is the century of Biology and Biologists. He also counselled that in speaking with partners and stakeholders, lectures should not be adopted because lectures are out fashion but roundtables where everyone negotiates equally is the new vogue.

While also making his own presentation at the plenary session, a former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ibadan, Prof. J. O. Ayoade, who was represented by Prof. J. F. Olorunfemi of the University of Ilorin, noted that some of the supposed developmental programmes of government are actually antithetical to development. He said the Nigerian government instead of addressing the developmental challenges facing the nation such as provision of mass transportation facilities will rather give people *Okadas* (commercial motorcycles) in the name of economically empowering them thereby increasing the level of environmental pollution in Nigeria. He also said that successive Nigerian governments are also guilty of allowing power generating sets used by homes to become status symbols even though such power generating sets are hazardous to human health.

NOTHING LASTS FOREVER

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at the 3rd M. M. Akanbi Personality Lecture organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin at the University Auditorium on Tuesday, March 29, 2011

It is my honour and pleasure to, on behalf of the University of Ilorin community, welcome our eminent and distinguished Nigerians here present to today's occasion. The University feels blessed, academically and otherwise, through the doyens of intellectualism that this lecture has attracted. I also deem it providential that at this material time when the much-awaited April elections are almost beginning, we assemble here at our University to reflect on the subject of anti-corruption, in honour of our father who has earned the title of "Mr. Integrity." It is my fervent hope that this lecture to be delivered by one of God's gifts to this nation will be the elixir we need to get our acts right as we set for the polls.

The topic of today's lecture, "Tackling Corruption and Corruption-Related Practices in Electoral Practices for Credible Elections in Nigeria" can just be described as apt and timely. As such, if honour should be given to whom it is due, the organisers have been thoughtful to invite one of the most qualified personalities that can do justice to the topic. I want to congratulate the Faculty of Law on attracting our distinguished guests to our Campus and I also wish to commend the Faculty for keeping the M. M. Akanbi lecture not only alive but also thriving.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, some eleven years after the return to civilian rule, most Nigerians still feel that the expectations of the years past do not match the reality of today. The gains of democracy are being eroded by a number of factors, the most critical of which is corruption. Despite the efforts of such agencies as ICPC and EFCC, both established to curb the menace of corruption and corrupt practices and without which the problems would have even been more devastating, corruption still thrives and stumps arrogantly in the land. This is pathetic and unfortunate.

In a recent book by Prof. Pai Obanya, *Politics and the Dilemma of Meaningful Access to Education: The Nigerian Story* (2011), the well-respected educationist submits that though there are some gains in the past eleven years of democracy,

the reality of ground is that good politics is yet to take roots. Political discourse is yet to begin to focus on issues. Elections are still 'flawed' and there is a general feeling by the people that their votes do not count. The people are asking 'where does the money go', as huge earnings from oil do not seem to have impacted positively on people's lives. Corruption is still rampant, and Nigeria still ranks high on the corruption perception indices of Transparency International (p.10)

The rate of corruption has reached scandalous and insane levels that millions are not stolen any but billions. One wonders if those who perpetrate these crimes think they would occupy their positions forever or retain their ill-gotten wealth till eternity. Yet, we know *nothing lasts forever*. Everything that goes up will come down. All that glitters is not gold and good name is better than gold and silver.

When the then American President, Abraham Lincoln, gave what is considered one of the best and memorable definitions of democracy (i.e " Government of the people, by the people and for the people") on November 19, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where the fallen heroes of the Battle of Gettysburg were being honoured, he wished that the system did not perish and that people's votes would continue to count. Though democracy still thrives in many parts of the world, it is unlikely that the electoral processes as practised are congruent with the ideals of democracy.

Thankfully, Nigeria has people of integrity, epitomized by Prof. Attahiru Jega, at the helm of the affairs at INEC and we can only support them with prayers and sense of responsibility such that our hopes will not be dashed and the confidence reposed in them will not be misplaced. Every Nigerian owes it a duty to make the elections a success by shunning all acts that would make the monster of corruption wreck havoc

on the elections especially rigging and others electoral malpractices. The signs are ominous and we need to retrace our steps from the politics of intolerance and its accompanying violence, as witnessed recently in some parts of the country, resulting in death and disaster.

It is also a travesty of democratic ideals as also being witnessed in many parts of the world for a minority to impose its wish on the majority making the so-called power of the people to freely choose their leaders useless. As we prepare for another epoch in our political history, let us play the game according to the rules. Let us know that God is the Custodian of power and that all earthly power is temporary. If life itself is transient, it goes without saying that *nothing lasts forever* in this world.

Lastly, we all need to remember that our actions and inactions will be judged by man and God. Those who led yesterday have etched their names on the slates of history. Our leaders should be bothered about what they will bequeath to the next generation and if credible elections are what they can strive to achieve, they will succeed in casting their names in gold. What Nigeria needs is honesty and if our leaders are honest and the followers too are honest, free and fair elections will be guaranteed and we shall have good experiences to relish and recount.

Thank you for your attention.

Unilorin alumnus shines in Harvard varsity

Based on the quality training he received at the University of Ilorin, a graduate of the College of Health Sciences of the University, Dr. Michael Olugbile, has excelled remarkably at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) where he is an MPH (Masters in Public Health) candidate.

Apart from serving as the President of the Harvard School of Public Health Nigerian Students and Scholars Society, Dr. Olugbile's brilliance and leadership qualities made him to be elected as the President of the HSPH class of 2011 on April 29, 2011.

Dr. Olugbile, who is also the Public Relations Officer of the HSPC African Health Forum, has been nominated for the Student Recognition Award and he recently served on the panel that selected the Student Commence Speaker of the University. All these are within his first year in Harvard.

In a letter addressed to the Provost of the University of Ilorin College of Health Sciences, Prof. Ayodele B.O. Omotosho, a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, the elated Dr. Olugbile expressed his gratitude to the University for the training that makes him stand out among his global colleagues at Harvard University.

"I just want to say thank you for the training you gave us that did not only prepare us for clinical practice but also equipped us to assume leadership positions both nationally and internationally. I hope our current students will make the best use of their time under your tutelage", he wrote.

WAUG committee goes upscale, receives reports

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), University of Ilorin, has expressed its satisfaction with the reports of the Central Working Committee which were submitted last Thursday (May 5, 2011) at its meeting held at the University.

Speaking at the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, noted that with the reports which indicated the meticulous planning put in place by the various sub-committees, the coast is clear to accelerate the level of physical development and structural renovation in preparation for the Games.

The Director-General of WAUG Secretariat, University of Ilorin, and President of WAUG, Prof. Lasun Emiola, tasked the various committees to work hard in order to guarantee the success of the Games noting that the current implementation stage of the preparations is crucial.

The Committee noted with satisfaction that the advert for the procurement of necessary sporting facilities and equipment is generating expected response from the public and that by the end of this month, that process will reach its advanced stage. The 13th edition of WAUG will be coming up at the University of Ilorin between September 28 and October 9, 2011 with several universities from the West African sub-region expected.

We enjoy Ilorin but *Ghana must go* – UCC Professor

Many Ghanaian delegates who attended the second joint international conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast held last week have expressed their happiness and satisfaction with the reception they were accorded and experience they had at the University of Ilorin just as they had registered their appreciation for was considered a “worthwhile academic tourism.”

Speaking on behalf of almost 100 delegates that attended the conference from the University of Cape Coast and some other Ghanaian universities at a dinner organised in their honour last Wednesday (May 3, 2011) at the Vice-Chancellor’s Lodge, a Professor of Geography at the University of Cape Coast, Nana Acheampong, said the conference was well enjoyed by the Ghanaians.

According to Prof. Acheampong, the way the University hosted and received them had left an indelible imprint on their memory and the pleasant experience they had at the University made them feel as if they should not leave Nigeria again but he quickly added that despite it all “Ghana must go!” throwing the audience into a bout of laughter.

Speaking in the same direction, the leader of the Ghanaian delegation and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast, Prof. D. D. Kuupole, who represented the Vice-Chancellor of the UCC, added that with what he had heard from the delegates, he would have to take a roll call of them all the following day in order to ensure that all Ghanaians return home. He reiterated the positive impression that the Ghanaians had about not only the University of Ilorin but Nigeria at large and expressed hope that the two universities would continue to foster friendship among the citizens of the two countries.

Also speaking at the dinner, a lecturer in the Department of Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics, Mrs. Gladys M. F. Akyea, said the Ghanaians had learnt many things in Nigeria both from the conference and from the students of the University.

According to her, it struck them that the students of the University of Ilorin are well dressed, a lesson that she felt should be replicated in Ghana, just as she added that the students could greet people “100 times in a day” describing such as virtues that are worthy of emulation by other Universities, which the University of Ilorin students would also be remembered for by them.

Pension Managers hold interactive forum

Stanbic IBTC Pension Managers will be holding an interactive forum with their clients at the University of Ilorin this Friday (May 13, 2011).

The interactive forum with the University staff begins at 10:00 a.m. at the University Auditorium.

More information about the forum can be obtained from the representative of the company, Mr. Oluyemi Samuel, whose phone number is **08038551076**.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department/ Unit	Date of Birth
1	Babalola, Misbau O.	Surgery	8 th May
2	Ayoku, Waheed	Library	9 th May
3	Taiwo, Omotayo A.	Mathematics	10 th May
4	Emielu, Austin O.	Performing Arts	11 th May
5	Fakomogbon, Michael A.	Science Education	12 th May
6	Lawal, Raheem A.	Arts and Social Science Education	12 th May
7	Maiyaki, Adebayo I.	Academic Office	12 th May
8	Okotete, Veronica	Bursary	13 th May
9	Dere, Munir A.	Bursary	14 th May
10	Ejieji, Catherine N.	Mathematics	14 th May
11	Oyedunmade, Elizabeth E.	Crop Protection	14 th May

Unilorin in the News

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- ✓ The University of Ilorin has hosted its second joint conference with the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, where Prof. Akin Mabogunje, addressed the way forward on climate change and Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah discussed the theme of the conference, “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”.
(NTA Network news at 9:00 p.m. ,Wednesday, May 4, 2011)
- ✓ A joint international conference of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin and Cape Peninsular University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa holds between June 27 and 30 on the theme of “Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development” at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Joint conference for June’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- ✓ The students of the University of Ilorin have been enjoined to obtain important books on entrepreneurship. (‘Entrepreneurship books for students’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- ✓ The students of the University of Ilorin have elected a new set of leaders to oversee the affairs of their Union with the new President being a 400 level student of Engineering, Surajudeen Musa.
(‘When UNILORIN went to the polls’, *The Nation*, same date, pp. 29-30).
- ✓ The Gambian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mrs. Angela B. Colley, has said at the University of Ilorin while delivering a lecture that the youth have a lot of roles to play in achieving a better future for the nation. (‘Without youths, there is no future’, “From the University of Ilorin”, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, May 5, 2011, p.26).
- ✓ The Postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin have elected a new set of officers to run their affairs for another year.
(‘POGSASS elects new officers’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- ✓ The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, has reiterated the crucial import of research development while speaking at the international writing and publishing workshop hosted by the University.
(‘Research deserves attention – DVC Ayorinde’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has advocated a collaborative strategy against the effects of climate change while speaking at the opening of the joint conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast in an address captioned “Two good heads are better than one”. (‘VC advises more collaboration against climate change’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, May 5, 2011, p.51).
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has challenged all Nigerians to change their attitudes to how they use and consume energy, how they dispose waste and how the environment is taken care of in order to mitigate the effects of climate change while speaking at the second joint conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast.
(‘Climate change: int’l conference begins’, *This Day*, Thursday, May 5, 2011, p.10)
- ✓ The Gambian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Angela Colley, has urged leaders in the country to see youths as partners in progress while speaking at the International Day of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Gambian envoy speaks to youth on nation building’, *Next*, Thursday, May 5, 2011, p.14).
- ✓ The Head of the Religions Department, University of Ilorin, Dr. Lanre Yusuf Badmus, has warned the newly elected politicians in the country against looting while featuring on a television programme in Ilorin just as he admonished them to make themselves available to the electorate who elected them.
- ✓ (‘Don warns newly elected politicians against looting’, *The Herald*, Friday, may 6, 2011,p.19)

LAUGH LINES

They were married but since the argument they had a few days earlier, they had not been talking to each other. Instead, they were giving each other written notes.

One evening, he gave her a paper on which he wrote : “wake me up tomorrow morning at 6:00 a.m.”

The next morning, he woke up and saw that it was 9:00a.m., the time he was supposed to begin his promotion interview.

Naturally, he got very angry, but as he turned around, he found a note on his pillow, which reads, “Wake up! Wake up!! It is 6 o’clock”.

Unilorin in the news

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- ✓ Prof. Akin Mabogunje and other stakeholders have warned African countries to take climate change seriously before its effects hit them while speaking at the opening of the 2nd joint international conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast.
(‘Expert warns on climate change’, *Next*, Tuesday May 3, 2011, p.5)
- ✓ While speaking as the chairman of the opening ceremony of the 2nd joint conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast at the University of Ilorin, a foremost Professor of Geography, Akin Mabogunje, has warned that African leaders should not be complacent by thinking that their continent is immune from the effects of climate change.
(‘Mabogunje warns against ‘disastrous’ ocean surge in Lagos, coastal cities’, *Nigerian Compass*, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, p.7)
- ✓ The renowned academic, Prof. Akin Mabogunje, has urged African leaders to pay due attention to climate change noting that Africa, including Nigeria, is prone to the consequences of climate change and that those who live around coastal areas are endangered by the phenomenon.
- ✓ (‘Extreme climatic disaster possible in coastal Nigeria’, *The Nation*, www.thenationonline.net/2011/index.php./news-update/4884-‘extreme-climate-disaster-possible-in-nigeria’.html)
- ✓ While speaking at the International Day event at the University of Ilorin, the Gambian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mrs. Angella Colley, has advised the youth to be focused, stressing that without them, the future of a country is doomed.
(‘Gambian High Commissioner advises youth’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, p.5)
- ✓ A foremost Professor of Geography, Prof. Akin Mabogunje, has said climate change cannot be denied and advised scientists to monitor its scale and extent while speaking as chairman of the opening ceremony of the joint conference of the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, on the theme of “Climate Change and Sustainable Development” at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Climate parameters bound to affect development Mabogunje’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.48).
- ✓ A Professor of English at the University and Chairman, Reproductive Rights Society of Nigeria (REPRONIG), Olu Obafemi, has tasked governments to be more responsive to intellectual challenges facing Nigeria.
(‘Designing a better future’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, p.35)
- ✓ A University of Ilorin lecturer, Dr. Pius Oyeniran Abioje, has said that a governor has been vindicated as a result of a candidate’s victory in a neighbouring state despite the governor’s unheeded advice that the opponent should step down for the winner earlier.
(‘Aregbesola has been vindicated’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, p.20).
- ✓ The second semester examination of the University of Ilorin for the 2010/2011 academic session has begun.
(‘UNILORIN begins semester exams’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, p.18).
- ✓ The Students of the University of Ilorin have adopted an electronic voting system for their Students Union elections, according to a statement by the Independent Student Electoral Commission (ISEC).
(‘Students Union adopts e-voting system’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, p.19).
- ✓ Hundreds of scholars have converged on the University of Ilorin for the second joint international conference of the University with the University Cape Coast, Ghana, the theme of which is “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”.
(‘Scholars brainstorm on climate change’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.21).
- ✓ The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has warned youths against violence asking anyone who has grievances about the elections in Nigeria to seek redress in court while addressing journalists in Ilorin.
(‘NIREC urges youths to shun violence’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p. 23)
- ✓ The Faculty of Business and Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, has won the 2011 edition of the Vice-Chancellor’s Cup while the Faculty of Education emerged the overall winner of athletics for the year. (‘Business lifts VC’s Cup’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, May 5, 2011, p.26)

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- ✓ A columnist and editor of *The Herald on Sunday*, Alh. Jibril Issa, has described in laudatory terms how he was overwhelmed by the sheer force of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede's personality in an encounter he had with the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin recently. ('Professor Oloyede: Simplicity personified', *The Herald on Sunday*, May 1, 2011, p.9)
- ✓ Dignitaries, including the acting Head of Religions Department, University of Ilorin, Dr. Lanre Badmas Yusuf, have been honoured by a Muslim organization, Young Muslim Brothers and Sisters of Nigeria (YOUMBAS) at an occasion chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in Ilorin recently. ('When YOUMBAS fetes deserving personalities', *The Herald and Sunday*, same date, pp.12 and 13)
- ✓ Scholars from the world, especially Nigeria and Ghana, would be converging on the University of Ilorin for the second joint international conference of the University of Ilorin with the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, on the theme of "Climate Change and Sustainable Development". ('Climate change conference brings world scholars to Unilorin', *The Guardian*, Sunday, May 1, 2011, p.32)
- ✓ The University of Ilorin has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Professional Studies (IPS), Ghana, through the Vice-Chancellor of Unilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, and the IPS Rector, Prof. Joshua Alabi, at an even in Accra, Ghana, recently. ('IPS, Unilorin sign MOU', *The Guardian*, same date, p. 33)
- ✓ The students of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, have launched the first edition of their magazine, *The Lens*, at an occasion where the new leaders of their departmental student Association were inaugurated. ('Unilorin Mass Comm. launches Magazine', *The Herald*, Monday, May 2, 2011, p.5).
- ✓ The editor of the *National Pilot*, Mr. Abdrurahman Abdurrauf, has indicated that his media organisation is ready to partner the Department of Mass Communication in the achievement of its professional objectives while speaking at the launch of the magazine of the students of the Department. ('Editor harps on academic, professional relationship... lauds Unilorin Mass Comm Dept.', *National Pilot*, Monday, May 2 - Wednesday May 4, 2011, p.7)
- ✓ Prof. Akin Mabogunje and Prof. Oteng-Yeboah have tasked African countries to take climate change with seriousness while speaking at the second joint conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast at the University of Ilorin today. (*NTA Ilorin news @ 7:00p.m*, Monday, May 2, 2011)
- ✓ While speaking at the inauguration of the new leaders of the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) of the University of Ilorin, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Isaac O. Abimbola, has urged the student leaders to shun corruption and serve their followers with dedication. ('Serve your people, not your pockets, students charged', *The Herald*, same date, p. 19).
- ✓ While speaking at the opening of the second joint conference of the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged all to change their attitude to "how we dispose waste, how we take care of our surrounding" just as other stakeholders have urged all to avoid environmental degradation. ('Scholars task FG, stakeholders over climate change', *The Punch*, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, p.14)
- ✓ Prof. Olu Obafemi of the University of Ilorin has urged Nigerian government to take intellectual property seriously in a statement he issued to mark this year's World Intellectual Day in his capacity as the Chairman of the Reproductive Rights Society of Nigeria. ('Obafemi tasks government on intellectual property', *The Punch*, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, p.48).

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Quotes of the Week

I have never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself.

- Dwight L. Moody

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible.

- Richard Devos

Gardens are not made by sitting in the shade.

- Rudyard Kipling

All the so-called 'secrets of success' won't work until you do. - Anon