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Oloyede tasks Nigerians on corruption

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ANTI-CORRUPTION: Prof. Oloyede

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has stressed the need for all Nigerians to join hands in the anti-corruption campaign and stamp out the vice from the society.

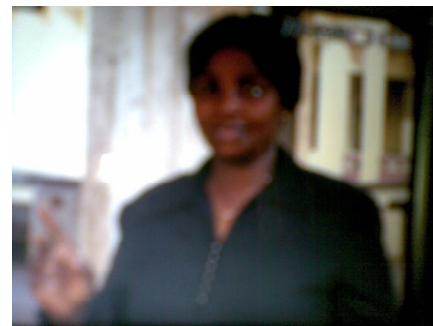
Prof. Oloyede made this submission in his address entitled “Back To The Basics” delivered last Monday (December 13, 2010) at the inauguration of the Unilorin Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) at the Faculty of Arts Board Room, University of Ilorin.

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Apata charts way forward for physics education

Worried by the Chief Examiners’ reports over the years that the poor performance of secondary school leavers in West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (WASSCE) is largely due to their poor numerical proficiency, a doctoral student of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Funke Susan Apata, has devoted her thesis to addressing the problem.

While defending her Ph.D at a Board Room session last Thursday (December 16, 2010) before her panel of examiners and a group of observers, including the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede; the Dean of Postgraduate School, Prof. I. O. Abimbola; the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, and other professors, lecturers and doctoral students, Mrs. Apata disclosed that 97.5% of the students sampled were not numerically proficient.



PACE-SETTER: Mrs. Apata

Through her study, “Assessment of Students’ Numerical Proficiency in Solving Physics Problems in Senior Secondary Schools in Kwara State, Nigeria”, the researcher also found that students’ gender, teachers’ qualifications and experience had significant effect on numerical proficiency while male students had higher numerical proficiency than their female counterparts.

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Unilorin inaugurates anti-corruption unit

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According to the Vice-Chancellor, “everyone should be a soldier in the war against corruption in the country because the consequence of corruption is an acid rain that wrecks havoc indiscriminately”.

Prof. Oloyede traced the root of corruption to indiscipline. According to him, “Those who lack self-discipline, moral discipline, academic discipline, financial discipline, among others, are those who are corrupt. It is thus imperative that we go *back to the basics* of discipline, decency, honesty and integrity that seem to elude many people nowadays in order to salvage our sick society. If we do what should be done and shun what should not be done, we shall be on the right track.”

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), noted that Nigerian leaders appear to have read the novel of Margaret Mitchet, *Gone With The Wind*, in which the only message they imbibe is that offered by the protagonist: “You make money when building a nation and when destroying it. But you make more money when destroying it.”

While countering associating corruption with only those in government, the Professor of Islamic jurisprudence said corruption is an all-inclusive social malaise. His words:

“While it is believed that corruption is largely responsible for the developmental challenges in the country, a reductionist approach that views it as an elitist phenomenon only is faulty. It is not only those who are in government that are corrupt, the evil seeps through a large segment of the society. A taxi driver who offers a bribe in order to escape sanction for not having valid vehicle documents is corrupt; a parent that destroys his own children by arranging a “miracle centre” for them to write public examinations is corrupt; a teacher that demands or accepts gratification of any type to influence his decision is corrupt; a trader that deliberately sells an expired product is corrupt; an administrator that wants or demands money before he does what he is paid to do is corrupt.”

While inaugurating the University of Ilorin ACTU, the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Justice Emmanuel Ayoola, who was represented at the occasion by the Kogi Zonal Director of the Commission, Mr. Henry O. Emore, said ICPC was established by its 2000 act. The Commission, he said, was established to investigate and prosecute corrupt individuals, carry out system studies on corruption and discharge education and public enlightenment functions to Nigerians.

He said when ICPC realised that it could not do it all alone, ACTU was created to act as the eyes of the Commission in ministries, agencies and parastatals to report cases of corruption. He expressed confidence in the membership of the Unit and wished the members success in discharging their duties.

In his acceptance speech, the Chairman of ACTU, University of Ilorin, Prof. F. A. Oladele, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the confidence reposed in him and his team members. He expressed the readiness of the members to discharge the responsibilities they are assigned with while he solicited the logistic and moral support of the University in fulfilling their mandate.

Members of the Committee include Dr. M. A. Belewu, Dr.(Mrs) O. V. Mejabi, Dr. H. O. Owolabi, Mr. M. A. Oyebola, Mr. Dare Akanbi, Mr. M. E. Ogbonna and Mrs. A.M. Sanni who were all enjoined not to allow anything to tarnish their names having been screened by the ICPC to be fit and proper for the task assigned them.

Unilorin Ankara is available for sale

Members of the University of Ilorin Community can now procure the customised University cloth (Ankara) that was displayed by many during the 26th convocation ceremonies.

Interested staff are to pay a sum of N2,000.00 for into the **Ceremonials Committee** account, **231402200010980** at Unilorin Microfinance Bank, University of Ilorin. They are to produce/ submit the evidence of payment to the Directorate of Information and Protocol to collect six yards of the *Ankara* material on first-come first-served basis.

Unilorin graduates are very good – Hamilton

Though the University of Ilorin, just 35 years after its establishment, is ranked the best University in Nigeria, observers have noted that the University is destined for greatness as every keen and objective analyst has one good thing or the other to say about the University.

The latest submission was made last Monday (December 13, 2010) when the widely travelled pioneer Head of the Department of Medicine, University of Ilorin and Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Newcastle, Australia, John Hamilton, came to the University 30 years after he left. According to him, everywhere he goes around the world, he is pleased to hear people say that the graduates of the University of Ilorin are very good.



Emeritus Prof. Hamilton

While meeting the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on a courtesy visit, Prof. Hamilton was nostalgic to learn that the Community- Based Experience and Service (COBES) initiated by his team in the late 70's to give medical students practical experience has been embraced by the whole University.

“It is very great and rewarding to be here and be united with my past. It is an extraordinarily rewarding visit and I am happy to know that COBES that we started has been widened,” he said.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his pleasure to welcome Emeritus Professor Hamilton back home saying that

he had good reasons to appreciate and adore those who played pioneering roles at the University of Ilorin. He described the greatness of the University of Ilorin as the outcome of the foundation built by its pioneering faculty and staff. He noted further that he was pleased to meet Prof. Hamilton just as he expressed the readiness of the University Administration to collaborate with the don in taking the University higher in achieving what the pioneers envisioned for the University: “to be an International Centre of Excellence in learning, research, probity and service to humanity”.

The Vice-Chancellor afterwards led Prof. Hamilton on a tour of the campus through the new Faculty of Information and Communication Science, Dental Clinic and a lecture theatre where a large class of students receiving a lecture was addressed by the visiting don.

While speaking on *Unilorin FM* the following day before his departure, Emeritus Prof. Hamilton said he felt like a grandfather seeing his grand children grow. He advised the staff of the University thus: “I think they certainly should remind themselves of how fortunate they are to be here. I think they should acknowledge that in any new venture, in any development, it takes a little while for everything to settle down but within that unsettled time, the very creative opportunities can be followed and developed. That’s how it was like thirty years ago...but the important thing is to bring forward young faculties, young people and give them responsibility early. In my career, I’ve always been presented with opportunity at a relatively young stage. Identify the people of promise, give them support and make sure their promotion and recognition for education is seen as important to the university as the other dimension to research...”

His advice for the students: “I think they should enjoy their life here. They should remember that no matter what they are studying, they are preparing for a life of growth, a life of service... They should remember that in times of trouble, they should turn to people to support them. They should not forget to enjoy themselves but don’t enjoy yourselves in a way that is destructive to your health, to your welfare or to your future potentials because you could destroy your future. Give honour to your parents who brought you this far. Now you’re becoming grown-ups, you’re developing the sufficiency of independence... That does not mean to turn to your parents and say you’re finished, give them the pleasure of seeing you fulfilling their hopes for the future generations to which they have given birth. Enjoy your time in UNILORIN.”

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- It costs tax payers N290m yearly to maintain each member of our National Assembly in a country where 80% of the population earn less than N300 per day.
- In Nigeria, the daily earning of a Senator is more than the annual earning of a medical doctor.

Apata proffers solution to physics education problem

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Mrs. Apata, who is the first Ph.D student to defend her thesis publicly based on the decision of the University Senate two days earlier, recommended that curriculum planners should incorporate introductory topics in numerical processes which enhance the problem solving skills of the students.

She also suggested that “instructional packages should be designed and developed to stimulate numerical skills” while further urging stakeholders “to inspire confidence in the female students towards solving physics problems, which can be done through counselling service.”

Speaking at the end of her defence with *Unilorin Bulletin*, the elated Mrs. Apata thanked God for making her the first Ph.D. student to defend her thesis before a large house, rather than the previous panel of five or so examiners. She said though she was naturally apprehensive initially when she learnt of the development, she was ultimately grateful and more confident of herself that the whole exercise went well. She said she was especially enamoured that the Vice-Chancellor attended and participated in her viva noting that it was gladdening that she would be the first to have such a privilege.

On her advice as a fore-runner to Unilorin doctoral students whose defence will follow her Board Room method too, she said, “I advise my fellow doctoral students to take their work seriously by being conversant with the recent literatures in their fields through library materials, the internet and quality input of their supervisors.”

The performance of Mrs. Apata satisfied her panel of examiners. She excelled and the whole audience congratulated her when she was found to be worthy of the conferment of the University of Ilorin doctorate degree after minor corrections to the satisfaction of her inner/ Unilorin examiners only.

The acting Head of Department of Science Education, Dr. (Mrs) E. O. Omosewo, expressed her happiness about the comments of the Vice-Chancellor saying that she felt gratified that her Department blazed the trail in implementing the decision of the Senate and had thereby set a record.

Mrs. Apata was born over four decades ago in Oro, Kwara State. She attended Notre Dame Girls Secondary School, Oro, between 1977 and 1982. She also attended Kwara State College of Education Oro, where she read Physics and Chemistry and bagged her National Certificate of Education (NCE) in 1988.

Her thirst for more educational attainment took her to the University of Ilorin where she obtained her first degree in 1995. She bagged her M.Ed in Science Education specialising in physics in 2007 and enrolled for her Ph.D full time immediately. She is poised to be conferred a doctorate degree of the University in 2011. She is married with four children.

Carter Centre recognises Edungbola

The Carter Centre has invited the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Luke Edungbola, to the special awards ceremony to honour Nigeria and Niger Republic in the United States.

The two countries are to be honoured by the Centre for reaching “a significant milestone in the eradication of Guinea worm disease” on Thursday February 17, 2011 at its Atlanta, Georgia, headquarters.

The Carter Centre Awards for Guinea Worm Eradication was instituted to recognise countries within a 24 year international campaign led by the Centre to eradicate guinea worm from the earth without the use of vaccines and medicines.

Both Nigeria and Niger will be honoured “as the most recent countries to mark a full year with no indigenous cases of the disease. They join 14 other countries that have halted the disease since the eradication campaign began in 1986. Four remaining countries are fighting the last few thousand cases of the disease: Sudan, Ghana, Mali and Ethiopia”.

Unilorin commits ₦19m to pharmacy books

The University of Ilorin has expended about N19 million on the procurement of books and journals for the new Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, gave this disclosure while receiving the Verification Visit Team of the National Universities Commission (NUC) last Wednesday (December 15, 2010) who came to assess the readiness of the University for its Pharmacy, History and International Studies and Geography and Environmental Management programmes.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, all the programmes of the University of Ilorin have the full accreditation status of the NUC. He attributed this achievement to the culture of the University which settles for no half measures.

Prof. Oloyede said the University is committed to the pursuit of excellence and that it requires only a trial for people to be convinced.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the leader of the NUC Team, Mr. F.O. Olaniyan, said that the verification visit was long overdue and that the University had been looking forward to the day. He stated the mission of his team and noted that quality assurance is essential which informed the composition of the membership.

Members of the team included Prof. (Mrs.) M.N. Femi-Oyewo, MFR, of Olabisi Onabanjo University Ago-Iwoye; Prof. M. Garba of Ahmadu Bello University; Prof. A. S. Gbadegesin of the University of Ibadan; Mr. Salihu Mustapha Azare of the NUC and Ms Funmilayo Morebise also of the NUC.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the team were the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde (Academic) and Prof. Albert Olayemi (Management Services); the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi; the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola; the acting University Librarian, represented by Mr. A. K. Martey; the Provost, College of Health Sciences, represented by the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Ayo Soladoye; the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. O. A. Omotosho; the Dean of Arts, Prof. Z. I. Oseni; the Dean of Business and Social Sciences, Prof. A. F. Adedayo; the Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. W. R. Johnson; the Dean of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. P. F. Olurinola; the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. A. G. A. S. Oladosu and Dr. M. A. Adedimeji of the Directorate of Information and Protocol.

Also at the event were Mr. Olabisi Adewara, Mrs. B. I. Giwa, Mr. B. F. Ishola and Mr. G.A. Yahaya all of the Academic Planning Unit.

Unilorin inaugurates new Transportation Board

Concerned about the transportation challenges facing the students of the University, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have inaugurated a new Transportation Board to find a lasting solution to the problem.

Inaugurating the Board last Thursday (December 12, 2010), the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, expressed how deeply concerned he felt anytime he saw long queues at the University motor park.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, the Board should work together as a team in order to achieve the result of finding a lasting solution to the problem of effectively and efficiently transporting students to and from the University campus.

While wishing the Board, chaired by Dr. Issa O. Sanusi, success in the assignment, the Vice-Chancellor tasked the members to begin work immediately by making an inventory of all the University buses, their drivers and supervisors as well as presenting their comprehensive budget for immediate action.

Other members of the Board include Dr. T. L. Ajibade, a Representative of the Bursar, a representative of the Director of Works, a representative of the Congregation, a representative of each of the SSANU, NASU and Unilorin Students Union while the Secretary is Mrs. M. B. Umar.

Stop commercialising Jesus' name – by Adejoh

Christians have been urged to desist from commercialising the name of Jesus and enjoined to embrace his true message in order to attain salvation.

Making this call was the Associate Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, Rev. Fr. Mathew Adejoh penultimate Sunday (December 12, 2010) at the University Auditorium during the 2010 Joint Christmas Carol of the University of Ilorin Christian Community.

Delivering his sermon, entitled “The Divine Mission and Message of Jesus Christ”, Rev. Fr. Adejoh called for a true embrace of the message of Christ, having a personal encounter with him and making a strong commitment to him.

While tasking the audience to be ambassadors of Jesus as lecturers, staff and students of the University, the cleric challenged all to make positive influence not only on the University community but the whole of Kwara State through the depiction of the personality of Jesus in their lives.

Based on the text of John 3:17, Rev. Fr. Adejoh explained how Jesus in less than 33 years that he spent on earth changed the world. He described Jesus as a King who made the Cross his throne and thorns his Crown.



XMAS CAROL, L-R: Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Jolayemi, Prof. Olorunmaiye and Prof. Bojuwoye

Many members of the Christian community would remember the night, which was characterised by songs, hymns, praises and worship, for a long time.

The Carol, which means song of joy and jubilee, was started with the congregation hymn, “Silent Night” with the service of four lessons. The first lesson was taught by Engr. S. A. Owoeye, who took the message from the book of Isaiah, (who foretold the birth of Christ) in chapter 40, verses one to five and verses nine to eleven (Is. 40:1-5, 9-11).

The second lesson, which was also taken from the book of Isaiah, focused on “All the ends of the earth shall see the Salvation of our God”. It was read by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Luke Ayorinde, from chapter 52, verses seven to ten (Is. 52:7-10).

While “The Angel Announced the Birth of Christ” was the theme of the third lesson, which was read by Mr. Odeh Lemuel from the book of Luke, chapter one, verses 26 to 38 (Luke 1:26-38), the fourth lesson was focused on “God is Love” and was presented by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, who took the message from the book of first John, chapter four, verses seven to 21 (I John 4:7-21).

The programme featured three Carol Sessions by the Joint Mass Choir delivered in Latin and English languages. Some of the songs sung on the night were: *How Beautiful, Lift up your Head, O Jesu so Meek, Ave Maria, Christ was Born at Christmas, Halleluyah Soba Orun, In Dulci Jubilo*, and so on.

The children were not left out as they sang and prayed earnestly for their families, the University Community, Kwara State and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

LAUGH LINES

A man went to a clinic and complained of stomach ache. The doctor asked him what he ate and he said he ate a spoilt cake. So, the doctor went into the store and brought out an eye-drop. Surprised, the man said, “Sir, I am having stomach ache, not eye pain.” Then the doctor said, “If you were not having eye pain, you wouldn’t have eaten the cake, would you?”

Doctoral students to defend theses openly

As part of their commitment to the adoption of global best practices and deepening academic transparency, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have decided that doctoral students are now to defend their theses openly.

Of the two options of *Board Room* and *Market* methods used in several countries and institutions, the University Senate at its 215th meeting last Tuesday (December 14, 2010) adopted the Board Room method, which is to begin immediately.

The Board Room method involves inviting other academics and doctoral students to the defence in which the audience will not be more than twenty while the Market method requires an unlimited number of people.

All doctoral examinations will subsequently be announced and the Ph.D defence will no longer be attended by the panel of examiners only but also by a group of observers.

The University Senate decided that the new regulation takes effect with immediate effect across all departments.

In effect, the Postgraduate School in conjunction with each Department is expected to publicise the date and venue of each Ph.D defence so that doctoral students and academic staff may be part of the exercise.

These are some rules guiding the conduct of Ph.D Board Room defence:

1. A maximum of 20 people, including the panel of examiners, are to be part of the Board Room defence.
2. A security officer is to be stationed near the venue of the Ph.D defence so that he may direct people back when the maximum limit of the audience is attained.
3. Maximum decorum is to be maintained by the participants in the solemn academic exercise and anyone whose phone rings during the defence is to be sent out and barred from subsequent exercise in the University.
4. The panel of examiners considers the audience as non-existent in the conduct of their examination.
5. After the defence, the panel as usual withdraws to write its report on the candidate after the Head of Department or the examination panel assigns a member of the audience to coordinate interactions with the candidate in the form of questions, observations and comments on the Ph.D work earlier presented before the examiners.
6. As soon as the panel of examiners enters, all discussions stop automatically.
7. Under no condition should the panel of examiners address the audience, as the observers are *prima facie* considered not to exist in the conduct of their exercise.
8. As soon as the panel presents its report to the candidate, the defence exercise is concluded and the session is closed.

COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION OF CLEARANCE FORM BY MEMBERS OF STAFF DISENGAGING FROM THE UNIVERSITY SERVICE

This is to remind all members of staff who are preparing to disengage from the University service either through retirement, resignation, withdrawal or any other form of exit, that collection/submission of the clearance form from the Pension and Gratuity Unit is mandatory. This is for the purpose of ascertaining the indebtedness of each staff (if any) before his/her or exit from the University.

Members of staff are, therefore, enjoined to note that full compliance with the above procedure is a prerequisite for the issuance of letter of disengagement.

Signed
Olufolake O. Oyeyemi (Mrs)
Registrar

WAUG 2011: Unilorin will host to win, by Olayemi

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, has stressed that the preparations being made by the University of Ilorin towards hosting the 13th edition of WAUG are not only to host the event but to win its medals.

Prof. Olayemi gave this assurance while appearing on a live Kwara State Television Programme, anchored by the ace sports journalist and famed “Dean of Sports”, Mr. Bayour Issa, yesterday.

According to Prof. Olayemi, who is also the Chairman of WAUG 2011 Local Organising Committee, the University of Ilorin is renowned for excellence and it will make the excellence bear on the planning for the Games.

He said about 28 sub-committees have been constituted to ensure that the various components of the logistics of the hosting are adequately ensured. He solicited the support of all Nigerians towards the success of the Games saying that the event will promote regional cooperation and youth development.

Happy Birthday To You !

S/No	Name	Department/ Office	Date
1	Aina, Lenrie O.	Dean, Communication and Information Science	20 th December
2	Oseni, Zakariyau I.	Dean, Arts	20 th December
3	Ige, Olusegun O.	Geology and Mineral Sciences	20 th December
5	Olorunyomi, Ibikunle J.	Bursary	21 st December
6	Idris , Shuaib T.	Security	21 st December
7	Omotosho, James S.	Zoology	21 st December
8	Abdulkadir, Bolaji A.	Public Law	22 nd December
9	Abdullahi, Adamu N.	Medicine	22 nd December
10	Alabi, Biodun S.	Otorhinolaryngology	22 nd December
11	Eletta, Omodele A.	Chemical Engineering	22 nd December
12	Imam, Ibrahim	Public Law	22 nd December
13	Ogunsakin, Adeola E.	Human Kinetic Health Education	22 nd December
14	Opawoye, Florence O.	Bursary	22 nd December
15	Oyewole, Abigail S.	Health Services	22 nd December
16	Mustapha, Muinat O.	Registrar's Office	23 rd December
17	Akinola, Agnes O.	Physics	24 th December
18	Aliyu, Bilikisu A.	Establishments	24 th December
19	Bamisaiye , Samuel S.	Security	24 th December
20	Durojaiye, Bosede F.	MIS	24 th December
21	Etudaiye, Muhtar A.	Jurisprudence and International Law	24 th December
22	Jimoh, Toyin	Biochemistry	24 th December
23	Joseph, Isaiah	VC's Office	24 th December
24	Okunloye, Rotimi W.	Arts and Social Sciences Education	24 th December
25	Olaleye, Olubunmi A.	Mathematics	24 th December
26	Abdullahi, Onimisi E.	Arts and Social Sciences Education	25 th December
27	Durosaro, Irene A.	Cousellor Education	25 th December
28	Inawole, Elizabeth A.	Library	25 th December
29	Araoye, Abigail F.	Health Services	27 th December
30	Isiaka, Sulu B.	Business Administration	27 th December
31	Egbewole, Wahab O.	Jurisprudence and International Law	26 th December
32	Omeiza, Omolola K.	Bursary	26 th December
33	Owoeye, Joshua F.	Ophthalmology	26 th December

Faculty sends off two staff

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology has organised a send off programme in appreciation of the services of two of its staff, Mr. T.O. Oyeyipo and Mr. Garba Adelodun of Central Workshop Engineering, who are retiring from the services of the University.

Speaking at the programme held last Thursday (December 12, 2010), the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye, acknowledged the services of the two officers to the progress of the Faculty and the University. He described them as achievers because they had put in their best and played their part towards the growth of the system.

Prof. Olorunmaiye enjoined other staff of the faculty to emulate the retiring officers whose contributions were acknowledged to be tremendous.

In his response, Mr. Adelodun said he thanked God for allowing him to part of the good people of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology who he called men and women with good hearts. His colleague, Mr. Oyeyipo, also thanked God for allowing him to witness the day in good health noting that it is not everyone that starts work that retires. He also appreciated the Dean who he described as a father-figure who loved his staff like his own children.

The Head of the Unit, Mrs. B.O. Aboyeji, in her vote of thanks expressed her gratitude to all those who graced the occasion and prayed that God continue to be with the retirees in their endeavours after disengaging from the University.

Exams begin for returning students January 3rd

The first (Harmattan) semester examinations of the University of Ilorin begin on January 3rd, 2011 with the returning students.

According to the the 2010/2011 Academic Session Calendar approved by the University Senate at its 215th meeting held last Tuesday, lectures for the returning students should end on December 24, 2010.

For the fresh students, their lectures end on February 5, 2011 while their examinations begin two days after, precisely on February 7, 2011.

LEARNED CONFERENCE

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

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Mr. Imam-Tamim, Muhammad Kamaldeen	Private & Property Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference 2010	Kaduna	22 nd to 27 th August, 2010
Mrs. Ayinla, Maryam T.	Physiology	30 th Annual Scientific Conference of the Physiological Society of Nigeria (PSN)	Lagos State College of Med. (LASUCOM) Ikeja, Lagos	26 th to 27 th August, 2010
Miss. KADIRI, Kehinde Kadijat	Mass Communication	African Council for Communication Education Nigerian Chapter	American University of Nigeria, Yola	11 th to 13 th October, 2010
Mr. Yaru, Mohammed Aminu	Economics	51st Annual Conference of the Nigerian Economics Society	Abuja	25 th to 27 th October, 2010

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR UNDERGRADUATE (RETURNING) 2010/2011 SESSION

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CALENDAR

1. 2 Weeks of Registration - For both Fresh & Returning Students
 2. 2 Weeks of Late Registration - For both Fresh & Returning Students
 3. 14 Weeks of Instructions for the Harmattan Semester
 4. 2 Weeks of Harmattan Examinations
 5. 1 Week of Inter-Semester Break
 6. 14 Weeks of Instructions for the Rain Semester
 7. 2 Weeks of Rain Semester Examinations
 8. 2 Weeks of Marking & Computation of Results
- Returning Students Come into Residence - Saturday, 25th September, 2010
- Commencement of on-line Registration for Fresh and Returning Students - Monday, 27th September, 2010
- Freshers come into Residence - Saturday, 2nd October, 2010
- Commencement of Late Registration - Monday, 11th October, 2010
- Commencement of Lectures for the **Harmattan Semester**
- **Monday, 4th October, 2010**
 - Tuesday, 12th October, 2010
 - Saturday, 16th October, 2010
 - Monday, 18th October, 2010
 - Wednesday, 20th October, 2010
 - Thursday, 21st October, 2010
- Senate - Friday, 22nd October, 2010
- End of Normal Registration - Saturday, 23rd October, 2010
- Press Conference - Saturday, 23rd October, 2010
- Convocation Play
- Convocation Lecture
- Award of degrees for graduands of Faculties of Arts, Business & Social Sciences, Communication & Information Sciences, Education and Science - Wednesday, 10th November, 2010
- Award of Degrees for graduands from Faculties of Agriculture, College of Health Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Law and Postgraduate School/Founder's Day - Wednesday, 17th November, 2010
- End of Late Registration - Tuesday, 14th December, 2010
- Special Senate to consider the list of all Registered Students - Friday, 24th December, 2010
- Matriculation - Monday, 3rd January, 2011
- Senate - Saturday, 15th January, 2011
- End of Harmattan Semester Lectures - Saturday, 15th - Sunday 23rd January, 2011
- Commencement of Harmattan Semester Examinations - Monday, 24th January, 2011
- End of Harmattan Semester Examinations - Tuesday, 8th February, 2011
- Inter-Semester Break - Monday, 14th - Friday 18th February, 2011
- Commencement of Rain Semester Lectures - Wednesday, 23rd February, 2011
- Senate - Tuesday, 12th April, 2011
- Faculty of Board of Examiners - Saturday, 23rd April, 2011
- Business Committee of Senate - Monday, 2nd May, 2011
- Senate - Tuesday, 10th May, 2011
- End of Rain Semester Lectures - Saturday, 14th May, 2011
- Commencement of Rain Semester Examinations
- Senate
- End of Rain Semester Examinations
- Commencement of SIWES, Teaching Practice SWEP - Monday, 16th May, 2011
- Commencement and End of Marking of Examination Scripts & Computation of Results - Monday 16th – 28th May, 2011
- Faculty Board of Examiners to consider Final Year Results - Monday, 30th May -Friday, 3rd - June, 2011

Business Committee of Senate to consider Final Year Results	-	Tuesday 7 th June – Friday 10 th June, 2011
Senate	-	Tuesday 14 th June, 2011
Special Senate to consider Graduating Students' Results and End of Session	-	Thursday, 23 rd June, 2011
Course ware Development Retreat	-	Monday, 27 th June – Saturday 30 th July, 2011
Senate	-	Tuesday, 9 th August, 2011
Faculty Board of Examiners (to consider Goodstanding Results)	-	Wednesday, 10 th – Monday, 15 th Aug., 2011
Business Committee of Senate, to consider Goodstanding Results	-	Tuesday, 16 th - Friday, 19 th Aug. 2011
Special Senate to consider Goodstanding Results	-	Wednesday, 31 st August, 2011

APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR UNDERGRADUATES (FRESHERS) 2010/2011 SESSION

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CALENDAR

Resumption and Registration	-	Thursday, 25 th November, 2010
End of Harmattan Semester Lectures	-	Saturday, 5 th February, 2011
Commencement of Harmattan Semester Examinations	-	Monday, 7 th February, 2011
End of Harmattan Semester Examinations	-	Saturday, 19 th February, 2011
Commencement of Rain Semester Lectures	-	Monday, 21 st February, 2011
End of Rain Semester Lectures	-	Saturday, 7 th May, 2011
Commencement of Rain Semester Examinations	-	Monday, 9 th May, 2011
End of Rain Semester Examinations	-	Saturday, 21 st May, 2011

2010/2011 SESSION: REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Please be informed that the Registration Exercise for Returning Students *ONLY* for 2010/2011 Session **will end at 12 midnight on Friday, 24th December, 2010.**

The Add & Drop forms are now available online. These forms, to which the approval of the Dean must be attached, should be forwarded to the **Academic Office not later than Friday, 31st December, 2010.**

Please note that all Add and Drop forms received after the above stated date and/or not accompanied with the Dean's approval will **NOT BE PROCESSED.**

All Heads of Departments are expected to bring this information to the notice of their respective students, please.

Signed

F. M. Olowoleni (Mrs)

Deputy Registrar (Academic)

Unilorin in the News

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- The Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Mr. Dimeji Bankole, has tasked the Nigerian students to defend the nation's democracy while speaking at the University of Ilorin. ('Speaker charges youth to defend democracy', *Nigerian Compass*, same as previous, p.18)
- A lecturer in the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Dr. Ejalonibu Lawal, has advised the traditional rulers in the country to avoid partisan politics in order to maintain their integrity. ('Don urges traditional rulers to shun party politics', *Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p.26.)
- A student of the University of Ado-Ekiti has delighted himself that the law faculty of his University can be compared with that of the University of Ilorin and a first generation Nigerian university. ('Happy days at UNAD', *The Nation*, Thursday, December 16, 2010, p.38)
- The University of Ilorin has organized a workshop for JSS 2 and JSS 3 pupils as an intervention to promote science among the younger generation of the country. ('UNILORIN promotes science education', *The Nation*, Thursday, December 16, 2010, p.41)

Unilorin in the News

- The statement of the University of Ilorin Vice-Chancellor that he has never received bribe has been used by a cartoonist to taunt a caricature of the Nigeria police "Broz, look here can this ever be your testimony too?!"
(‘Na Wa o’ *Sunday Tribune*, December 12, 2010, p. 26)
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Dimeji Bankole, has called on Nigerian leaders to boost agriculture and promote education while speaking at a workshop organised at the University of Ilorin by the Students Union of the University.
(‘Agric, education critical to nation-building, says Bankole’, *This Day*, Sunday, December 12, 2010, p.12)
- A former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaib Oba AbdulRaheem, is set to declare his interest in the governorship race of Kwara State.
(‘2011: Prof. AbdulRaheem to declare Friday’, *The Herald*, Monday December 12, 2010, p.5)
- The various achievements of the Oloyede administration at the University of Ilorin have been catalogued by a journalist.
(‘Taking Unilorin higher: Prof. Oloyede’s scorecard’, *The Herald*, same as above, p.18)
- The former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaib Oba AbdulRaheem, has joined the governorship race of Kwara State.
(‘Battle for Saraki’s successor intensifies as Professor AbdulRaheem, Ahmed, others join race’, *National Pilot*, Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 December, 2010, pp.1-2)
- The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, has said that the concept of jihad is grossly misunderstood by those who think it is all about taking arms against one another.
- (‘Concept of Jihad, misunderstood, says Oladosu, Unilorin Chief Imam’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.13)
- While speaking at a workshop organised by the Students Union of the University of Ilorin, the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Mr. Dimeji Bankole, has revealed that some 32 agencies fail to submit their budgets for scrutiny.
(‘32 agencies fail to remit N1 tri annually, says Speaker’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.20)
- Prof. Oba Abdulraheem has been described by a lecturer of the University of Ilorin as the best candidate so far for in the Kwara State governorship contest.
(‘Kwara Guber race: Abdulraheem, best candidate – don’, *National Pilot* same as above, p.25)
- The philosophy of life espoused by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, while receiving the Resident Doctors Association of Nigeria vis-a-vis “whatever you do will haunt you later in life” has been examined by an observer.
(‘Tapping from Oloyede’s philosophy of life’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, December 15, 2010, p.16)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised that people should mind their actions today so that those actions may not haunt them tomorrow just as he disclosed that he had never received a bribe in his life.
(‘Why I contested for UNILORIN VC - Oloyede’, *Daily Sun*, Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/features/education/2010/dec/14/education-14-12-2010-003.htm)

Quotes of the Week

Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear the hardship of today.
- Thich Nhat Hanh

Just as iron rusts from disuse, even so does inaction spoil the intellect.
- Leonardo da Vinci

Success depends on getting good at saying no without feeling guilty.
- Jack Canfield

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