



Why I vied for Unilorin VCship – Oloyede



ROLE MODEL: Prof. Oloyede

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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has revealed why he joined the race for the Vice-Chancellorship of the University of Ilorin three years ago.

Prof. Oloyede gave this disclosure last Monday (November 29, 2010) while answering the questions of the members of the Resident Doctors Association of Nigeria, Kwara State Chapter, who visited him as part of their Home Hospitality Visit programme and requested him to give them some secrets of his life and achievements. *(Contd. on page 2)*

How to succeed in the 21st century – Expert

A leading entrepreneur and Managing Director of Accenture Consulting, Mr. Niyi Yusuf, has shared the necessary skills and tips that would make individuals succeed in the present century with members of the University of Ilorin community.

Mr. Yusuf explained the points while anchoring a capacity-building lecture captioned “Unleash the Dragon – Survival Kit for the 21st Century Workplace” organised by the Faculty of Law for final year students of the University last Tuesday (November 30, 2010) at the University Auditorium.

According to the expert, despite the increasing rate of unemployment and the financial crisis precipitated by the global economic meltdown, individuals can still carve a niche for themselves and succeed if they have appropriate skills.

He identified entrepreneurial skills and relationship skills as essential qualities that guarantee a stable future. These skills, he said, consist of being personally effective, learning continuously, leading by example, respecting and serving one’s customer, managing one’s resources, identifying and developing new opportunities, being technically competent and having a supportive network. *(Contd. on page 4)*



The guest speaker, Mr. Yusuf; the VC, Prof. Oloyede and the Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi, at the capacity-building workshop

Unilorin is committed to healthcare delivery - VC

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Why answering the question on whether he had planned ahead of becoming the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede said the truth was that he and his family had decided that he would not vie for the post and he maintained that position for long. He added that joining the race was predicated on the insinuation by someone who said that he (Prof. Oloyede) would dare not contest because he would be exposed having served the University in various capacities earlier.

Prof. Oloyede said he would certainly want to be exposed and set the records straight after receiving such information. He added that he had never received a bribe in his life and had never stolen a kobo and he would never do so till the end of his life.

While noting that it is possible for people to destroy their opportunities of tomorrow through their activities today, Prof. Oloyede urged his guests to be mindful of what they do today so that they would not be haunted by their past in future. A successful life, he said, is built on discipline, sincerity, honesty and integrity. He also insisted that the several achievements of his administration that people talk about are the efforts of his predecessors who had built a solid foundation earlier.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), further used the occasion to express his concern about the state of healthcare delivery system in Nigeria saying that resident doctors constitute a critical segment of the system. He further noted that the University is fully committed to the improvement of the quality of training received by the medical students. He said about 18 physical projects are almost completed on the permanent site of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital with about ₦150 million already committed to the structures on ground. He said before the end of the year, half a billion naira would have been expended on the various projects going on there.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Wahab Rotimi Johnson, appreciated the authorities of the University for the premium placed on the College of Health Sciences. He also urged the doctors to re-orientate their members about the danger in embarking on strike actions saying that their calling requires that they put the interest of the nation and humanity first. According to the Professor of paediatrics, doctors generally do not live long and medical doctors are to add more years to their lives through making lives easier and better for others, not just pursuing personal interests.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Chairman of the Association, Dr. Kamaldeen Jimoh, said the Home Hospitality Visit was originally a programme through which resident doctors tapped from the experience of their professional elders. He said when the Association realised that there are people whose exceptional life styles and personal achievements could add more value to their lives outside the medical profession, the programme became extended to prominent achievers in other fields of human endeavour.

Dr. Jimoh said members of his association see Prof. Oloyede as a role model par excellence and would want to tap from his well-known achievements. He said he felt proud that he is an alumnus of the University because various projects embarked upon since the commencement of Oloyede administration have made the University landscape change considerably from what it used to be.

Members of the association that visited the Vice-Chancellor included Dr. Sambo Atanda Abrulrazaq, Dr. Bolarin Taofiq, Dr. Mubashir Uthman, Dr. Okese James, Dr. Abrulkareem Rabi-Bolanta, Dr. H. A. Bello, Dr. Nababa Mohammed, Dr. Kabir Durowade, Dr. Gbadebo Hakeem Ibraheem, Dr. Kadir Dotun, Dr. Rasheedat Abdulateef, Dr. Maryam Jimoh, Dr. Lateefat Olokoba, Dr. O. A. Abiodun-Ojo, Dr. V. T. Ajayi, Dr. W. Omotosho, Dr. Ayeni Shola, Dr. Abdulkareem Babaita, Dr. Safiya Yahaya-Kongoila, Dr. Otitoju Olatokunbo Biodun, Dr. M. O. Atobatele and Dr. R. O. Atobatele.

Also joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the members of the association were his wife, Dr. (Mrs.) Raheemat Oloyede; his daughter, Dr. (Mrs) Lateefat Ajimotokan and Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji of the Directorate of Information and Protocol.

Change of Name

Former Miss Ehigbai, Mary Jane of the Department of Educational Management has changed her name to Mrs. AKHAINE Mary Jane. Her records have thus been updated accordingly by the University.

Why lecturer wants all to be *unreasonable*

For the University of Ilorin final year students and other members of the audience that participated in the lecture organised by the Lagos State Chapter of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association in conjunction with the National Headquarters, one single point that continues to jolt their psyche is this: I have to be unreasonable.

Hammering on this point last Saturday (December 4, 2010) at the University Auditorium Basement was a University of Ilorin graduate of English and successful entrepreneur, Mr. Dapo Adelegan, who is the Group Managing Director of Deltron Group.

In a well-acclaimed presentation that the participants considered life-defining, Mr. Adelegan dissected the dynamics of “Life in the 21st Century” accentuating Charles Handy’s declaration of the present age as the *Age of Unreason*. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented at the occasion by Prof. Y. A. Quadri, appreciated the alumni for organising the programme and said that should students know how much they would gain, they would not only have arrived early but would have also come in a larger number. His view was corroborated by the National President of the Alumni Association, Mr. T. A. Odedele, who described the speaker as an erudite scholar and a guru who is full of experience.



L-R: Mr. Debo Atunwa, Mr. Odedele, Mr. Adelegan, Prof. Quadri and Prof. S.H. Umoh at the occasion

Mr. Adelegan began his lecture by saying that everyone listening to him was special because, like almost every reader of this, (s)he has witnessed another century. He said whenever a century would end, there would be significant changes. He identified the three notable changes marking the end of the 20th century as the advent of the internet and its accompanying globalisation, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the release of Nelson Mandela.

He explained that the age of the internet has made the world become robotic, with human beings becoming increasingly unreliable as means of production and the prevalence of customers in the market, not jobs. For the Berlin Wall, the lecturer said it accounted for the ideological unification of the East and West and the beginning of the economic recession. The release of Nelson Mandela, he added, changed the situation of things for Nigeria as it took the focus of the world from Nigeria to South Africa.

The difference between a reasonable man and an unreasonable man, according to the compulsive speaker, is that a reasonable man tries to adapt himself to the world while an unreasonable man would want the world to adapt to him. To be unreasonable is to dream beyond one’s circumstances. He described Barack Obama who wrote *The Audacity of Hope* as a paragon of unreasonableness: a black man that dreamed to be number 1 in a country where one out of every five blacks is in jail. “Obama is the most extra-ordinary story of the 21st century”, he claimed.

In order to survive in this “age of paradox”, an age in which right becomes wrong and wrong becomes right, when there is so much wealth and there is so much poverty, and it is very likely that anyone loses whatever he calls his job at any moment due to downsizing, rightsizing and rationalization, people must cultivate compassion and the principle of pre-emptive giving. Without compassion, he said, the situation of what is happening in Nigeria today will continue. There are those on top who have a lot of money but do not have the time to enjoy their wealth. And there are many below who have no money but have plenty of time to make life difficult for all.

Apart from planning one’s life and scripting one’s obituary, he said everyone has to not only fully explore his core area of competence but also imbibe entrepreneurial skills through the combination of his natural talent (what one is gifted in by nature) with his pedigree talent (what is transferred to one by one’s parents). As such, survival is a function of multiple competencies. “The poorer you are, the more likely you are to be rich because all the rich people today are from poor backgrounds,” he stressed.

Mr. Adelegan is of the opinion that the reality of the 21st century requires that one speaks Chinese. He would also want to facilitate a programme in which some best students of the University of Ilorin will visit both South Africa and China every year.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- In 2009, Agriculture contributed 41% to Nigeria’s GDP and it currently employs 70% of the workforce.

Struggle, sacrifice, sweat lead to success - VC

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Mr. Yusuf also discussed the essentials of success and the six c's of leadership which he said are character (be trustworthy), caring (care and listen to others) commitment (to a purpose, remain focused) confidence (be confident of your abilities), communication (clearly communicate your vision) and contribution (contribute positively and recognise the contribution of others).

The guest lecturer said in determining the title of his lecture, he was inspired by the dragon which is characterised by wisdom, longevity, magic, many legs, wings and ability to breathe and spit fire. He said a dragon on a leash is a sad, pitiful creature. "The dragon captures both our potential and the essence of who we are at the top of our game... we must unleash the dragon", he said.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, in his address entitled "Never Say Die", said that the world of today is remarkably different because of some challenges which include the expansion of the frontiers of learning and the need to translate ideas into capital. "As a matter of fact, the sole causative agent of poverty and under-development is lack of ideas and people remain poor not because they have no money but because they lack ideas", he opined.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities, submitted that unemployment is a stark reality of today's world and 21st century graduates are expected to be job creators, not job seekers, which explains why the University of Ilorin trains its students in entrepreneurship skills and expands its Community Based Experience and Service (COBES) scheme.

"The reality of the 21st century workplace is that of struggle to survive on a continual basis. Struggle against distractions, struggle against failure, struggle towards attaining success, struggle towards a better life for oneself and the society. *Never say die* or never give up because it is not easy. As you must be aware, nothing great and noble can ever be achieved without struggle, sacrifice and sweat", he submitted.

In his own address, the acting Dean of Law, Dr. Wahab Egbewole, noted that because capacity building encourages a country's human, scientific, technological, organisational, institutional and resource capabilities, the goal of the lecture "is to enhance the ability of our students to evaluate and address the crucial questions related to policy choices and how to implement such choices when they eventually get involved in the development process of the Nigeria Project."

Dr. Egbewole said that as the 2010 Human Development Report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) indicates that 64% of Nigerians are poor, the challenge to all lovers of the Nigerian project is to work collectively to reduce the poverty stigma. "One way of doing this is to train broad-minded students, expose them to opportunities and challenges outside the university wall", he said.

At the end of the presentation, which drew a standing ovation from the audience, the Vice-Chancellor, who was the Chairman of the occasion, expressed his satisfaction and implored the guest lecturer to come again at a later date to share his insights with more members of the University community.

Scholarship opportunity for staff and students

There are scholarship and exchange opportunities for the staff and students of the University of Ilorin through the Erasmus Mundus Project. The opportunities are available for Master's students, doctoral students as well as academic and administrative staff of the University.

The eligible fields of study are Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning, Art and Design, Business Studies, Management Science, Education, Teacher Training, Engineering, Technology, Geography, Geology, Humanities, Languages and Philological Sciences, Law, Mathematics, Informatics, Medical Sciences, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Communication and Information Sciences, among others.

Interested staff and postgraduate students are to visit the project website, <http://mundusacp.up.pt> and may also contact mundusacp@reot.up.pt for further details.

**AN ADDRESS BY THE PRO-CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL,
ALHAJI TUKUR MANI (TAFARKIN KATSINA) ON THE OCCASION OF THE
26TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN ON
SATURDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2010**

Mr. President & Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, ably represented by Professor Oladapo Afolabi, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education

The Representative of the Honourable Minister of Education

Members of the Federal Executive Council

Distinguished and Honourable Members of the National Assembly

The Representative of the Governor of Kwara State, the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Chief Joel Afolabi Ogundeji

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Julius A. Okojie, represented by Professor Adebisi Adebowale

The Chancellor, University of Ilorin, His Majesty, Dr Benjamin Ikenchuku, Keagborekuzi I, the Dein of Agbor Kingdom, ably represented by Senior Chiefs from the Kingdom

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Professor Is-haq. O. Oloyede

Visiting Vice-Chancellors

Members of Council, University of Ilorin

The Convocation Lecturer, Professor Komlavi Francisco Seddoh

Members of Senate, University of Ilorin

Members of Kwara State House of Assembly

Honourable Commissioners

Local Government Council Chairmen

Your Royal Highnesses

My Lords Spiritual and Temporal

Staff and Students of the University of Ilorin

Gentlemen of the Press

My dear Graduands

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure and honour to welcome you all on behalf of the Governing Council to the 26th Convocation Ceremony of the University of Ilorin. We give thanks to the Almighty Allah for the successful completion of the 2009/2010 academic session which has made today's congregation a reality.

We are indeed pleased to have with us the esteemed presence of the Representative of Mr. President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and Visitor to our University, Professor Oladapo Afolabi. We are indeed very grateful for the great honour done to us. This is a mark of the abiding faith and interest which Mr. President has for this great University.

The representative of Mr. President Sir, let me at this juncture pledge the unalloyed support of our Council and the entire community of the University of Ilorin to your Government. We commend your Government for the many bold steps it has taken on critical issues of national development which had hitherto been neglected or relegated to the background. It is our prayers that God will grant you the grace, good health of mind and body to accomplish the onerous task of nation-building.

Permit me also to welcome the representative of the Executive Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Chief Joel Afolabi Ogundeji, and express our sincere delight at his presence. We cannot thank you enough for your understanding and undiluted support which you readily give to this University at all times. The unbounded peace and security enjoyed by this University has strengthened our courage that with you as the helmsman steering the ship of this State, we can soar to greater heights in our drive to achieve academic excellence.

We cannot but also acknowledge the presence of the representative of the Honourable Minister of Education and the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), represented by Professor Adebisi Adebowale, who through their zeal for excellence and personal commitment have demonstrated uncommon interest in tackling the challenges facing Universities and enthroning quality assurance.

Let me use this forum to thank Government for making funds available for capital and recurrent expenditure as well as research in the Universities. We wish to assure you that these funds provided through the NUC and the Education Trust Fund (ETF) are being properly managed and utilized in the University of Ilorin. To complement Government efforts, current books, journals and periodicals have been purchased by the University to assist the research efforts of our staff while millions of Naira have also been released to staff in various disciplines to carry out utility research. Our efforts for a total turn-around of the University have however been constrained by inadequate release of Capital Grant by Government to execute the planned projects in the 2010/2011 financial year. We are still hopeful that Government will come to our aid by releasing the balance of capital grants due to this University. On our part, the University of Ilorin Council will continue to support Government's efforts aimed at re-positioning and re-branding the Universities to ensure that they fulfil their cardinal tripartite mandate of teaching, research and public service.

The University has continued to witness sustained development in infrastructural development and academic exploits. The number of completed projects which were commissioned yesterday by the able representative of Mr. President, Professor Oladapo Afolabi and other ongoing projects on our campus bear eloquent testimony to our rapid expansion. Since my last address, the number of Faculties and programmes in our University has increased with quality staff recruited from within and outside Nigeria to man them. Some of these departments will commence their academic activities during the current session.

Our lecturers and students have continued to record successes in various academic fields. For the second year running, the University of Ilorin has produced the overall best postgraduate student in Nigeria in the discipline of Anatomy. Mr Philip A.O. Adeniyi recently bagged this honour at the Annual Scientific Conference of the Anatomical Society of Nigeria held at Ogun State University, Ikenne, Remo. Because of our stable academic calendar, the quality of teaching and scholarship, an unprecedented number of 73,392 candidates applied to the University of Ilorin either as first, second or most preferred choice of University for the 2010/2011 academic session whereas the admission quota of the University is less than 6,000! We therefore appeal to the National Universities Commission to increase the University's admission quota to enable it reduce the pains of the multitude of candidates yearning to further their education in Unilorin.

In the latest webometric ranking of world Universities, the University of Ilorin for the second year running has maintained the number 1 position in Nigeria. The University is now number 31 in Africa while its global position has improved from number 5,846 to 5,484 in the past one year. The sky is now our limit as Unilorin is poised not only to be the best in Africa but also among the best in the global University system in a few years' time.

The University has also made giant strides in developing plantations for economic and environmental purposes. In order to boost the financial base of the University, conserve the environment and address the issue of climatic change, the University has planted several hectares of economic trees such as teak, mango, citrus, cashew and now date palm. Over 80 hectares of *Jatropha Caucas* have also been planted as an alternative energy source. These are short-term and long-term plantation projects for which the University and the nation will derive no small benefits.

The above achievements have been made possible by our highly dedicated workforce who have continued to make sacrifices to ensure that this University remains a model for academic and moral excellence. Once again, I wish to request Government to encourage this crop of loyal and diligent staff who have made this country proud with some material compensation.

I am very certain that all members of the University community and the public who have had reason to deal with the University will testify to the thoroughness and objectivity with which matters affecting the University are promptly dealt with. Unilorin is a University in a hurry to achieve greatness and we enjoin all and sundry to partner with us so that together we can make the Nigerian University system occupy its pride of place.

It is no longer news that the University will host the 13th Edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) in 2011. The Games are expected to deepen cooperation and promote youth development within the sub-region. The hosting right symbolized in the WAUG flag was received formally by the University and handed over to the former Honourable Minister of Sports in 2009 at Accra, Ghana. The University is hosting this important international sports fiesta on behalf of Nigeria, an event which will definitely further enhance the good image of this great country.

Although we have begun preparations for the sports extravaganza, the University alone cannot execute this daunting task without adequate Government financial support. We shall therefore humbly request the Federal Government to provide further financial support for the successful hosting of the Games. We shall also count on the financial support of organizations, institutions, philanthropic individuals and all stakeholders for the successful hosting of the Games. In this regard, we wish to publicly thank Dr Mike Adenuga Jnr, Chairman of the Nigerian telecommunications giant, Globacom Nigeria Plc, who has made a generous donation of N25 million in support of the West Africa University Games.

A special event such as the one we are witnessing today is also a fitting occasion for me to convey our sincere appreciation to many organizations, groups and individuals who have contributed in diverse ways to the infrastructural and academic development of this University in the last one year. The list is as contained in the Vice-Chancellor's Annual Report.

The location of the University far away from the town makes it necessary for us to provide maximum residential accommodation for our students so that they can face their studies squarely. Unfortunately, the University, due to financial constraints, is only able to provide 2,954 bed spaces for its student population of over 28,000 students. I appeal to corporate bodies, stakeholders and people of means to assist us in the task of developing the University by building hostels for our students and endowing academic chairs.

It is pertinent for me to draw attention to the burning issue of youth employment in our country. Government should address this problem which is capable of undermining stability. Prolonged inactivity of our youths after graduation due to lack of employment can easily turn them to crime and violence. Considering the enormous resources invested in the education of these youths, it will be an economic waste and loss of societal investment if they are not gainfully employed to contribute their quota to the development of the nation. Efforts should also be made to provide vocational training for skill acquisition for the many other youths in various educational institutions in the country and those outside formal training schools.

This address will be incomplete if I do not say a word or two to our graduating students who are the reason for our gathering here this day. My dear graduands, the successful completion of your studies in this University is a source of great joy and pride to us all. However, let me say that the completion of your studies should not be the end of your relationship with the University. In fact, it is the beginning as membership of the alumni association of this great University is a life-long responsibility. Our common ties necessarily require that we both make positive contributions to the development of your Alma Mater. Your performance in the outside world will measure the quality of education you have received in this University. I therefore enjoin you to discharge your duties in whatever sphere of life you find yourself creditably, conscientiously and with the fear of God, particularly those of you who will be involved in the 2011 election exercise. Nigeria is on the threshold of an era of political stability, progress and prosperity. All hands must therefore be on deck to accelerate the country's progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). You should keep the flag of the nation and the University flying higher. We wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Before rounding off, I wish to pay tribute to eminent members of the University Governing Council for giving exemplary leadership, untainted service and commitment to the development of this institution. I am proud of these highly resourceful men and women who even at short notices and personal inconvenience, readily make themselves available to attend to University matters. I also acknowledge the special contributions of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, and his Management Team for their good leadership. Through their tireless efforts, this University has continued to develop in leaps and bounds to the admiration of all. Words are not adequate for me to thank our highly respected honourable Chancellor, His Majesty, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku, Keagborekuzi I, the Dein of Agbor Kingdom for the guidance and advice he provides the University.

The Emir of Ilorin, His Royal Highness (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, is more than a father and landlord to us. We are grateful to you for being a very good host. May Allah bless and keep you all for your selfless service to your fatherland.

Mr. President Sir, Your Excellencies, Members of the Federal and State Executive Councils, Your Royal Highnesses, distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you for making this ceremony a huge success. I wish you journey mercies to your respective destinations.

Thank you.

Medical alumni remember alma mater

Perhaps motivated by the saying that the river that forgets its source would dry up, a group of successful medical alumni of the University of Ilorin that graduated twenty years ago has visited the University and supported it with medical teaching, training and IT equipment.

After introducing themselves and their medical exploits and experiences in all parts of the world while paying a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, last Friday (December 3, 2010), the Vice-Chancellor expressed his joy to receive the physicians saying that the spirit behind the donations they made was highly inspiring.

Prof. Oloyede noted that one of the indices of the greatness of a University is the quality of its alumni. He said he felt proud as an alumnus of the University too to learn of the various contributions the group had been making individually to the wellbeing of humanity in their various locations.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is a former National President of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, remarked that as feedback is always good for self-evaluation, the achievements of the visiting medical alumni are a testimony to the quality of education offered by the University. He added that seeing and interacting with the alumni who have distinguished themselves is always a tonic for him while running the affairs of the University as he remarked that the University can at no time afford to be a failure.

While interacting with *Unilorin Bulletin* on the visit of the 1990 medical class, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. A.B.O. Omotosho, said it was a re-union that brought the old students together. He said the group came primarily from all over the world to Ilorin to strengthen the bond among them and give a token to the University as a mark of their contribution to the development of the system.

Prof. Omotosho said he felt gratified that medical students of two decades ago are now occupying high leadership positions in the national and global health delivery system saying that he would always like to have such feelings he had with their coming.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the team were the Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Academic and Management Services), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde and Prof. Albert Olayemi; the Registrar, Mrs Olufolake Oyeyemi; the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola; the Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. W.R. Johnson; and the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, among others.

LAUGH LINES

Former President Obasanjo when former Vice-President Atiku emerged consensus candidate: “*I dey laugh oo*”.
Former Vice-President Atiku’s camp when one party lost Osun State to another party: “*We too they laugh oo*”
So, for their laughing out loud (lol), “*Me sef, I dey laugh oo*”.
Laughter is the best medicine. It is the season of laughter.

Bankole delivers personality lecture today

The Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole, is presenting a public personality lecture today at the University of Ilorin.

The programme, organised by the Students Union of the University, comes up at 1 p.m. in the University Auditorium under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

All members of the University community and the larger public are cordially invited.

Staff, students cautioned on bush fire

With the outset of the harmattan season and the escalation of the threat it poses for bush fires, all staff and students of the University of Ilorin have been advised to be at alert.

According to a statement signed by the Chief Security Officer of the University, Mr. I. M. Tijanni, the commencement of the season usually marks a period when bush burning is rampant.

In this regard, all staff and students are urged to be watchful and report any outbreak of bush fire or anyone suspected of causing it in order to protect the university plantations and other agricultural ventures.

It would be recalled that bush fire wrecked havoc on the University teak plantation on Saturday March 15, 2009 after which the university had to re-plant the young trees lost to the incident. While smokers are called upon to dispose of their cigarette butts appropriately, members of the university community are enjoined to be at alert and report any breach to the University. They are also reminded that as fire is a good servant but it is a callous, wicked master, they should be careful and cautious this season.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No	Name	Department/Office	Date of Birth
1	Olawepo, Raphael A.	Geography	6th December
2	Adebayo, Ganiyu B.	Chemistry	6th December
3	Adeosun, Hezekiah O.	Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	6th December
4	Mokuolu, Olugbenga A.	Paediatrics and Child Health	6th December
5	Olumorin, Charles O.	Science Education	6th December
6	Oni, Idowu S.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	6th December
7	Akano, Felicia O.	Religions	7th December
8	Rasaq, Mujidat A.	Bursary	7th December
9	Ogunniyi, David S.	Chemical Engineering	9th December
10	Abubakar, Abdullah S.	English	9th December
11	Aje, Solomon A.	Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	10th December
12	Jolayemi, Emmanuel T.	Statistics	10th December
13	Oshinewe, Stella E.	English	10th December

Unilorin in the News

(Contd. from back page)

- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called on stakeholders to explore the potentials of the country to solve the problem of unemployment confronting Nigerians. ('Unilorin VC calls for job creation', *The Vanguard*, Thursday, December 2, 2010 at www.vanguardngr.com/2010/12/unilorin-vc-calls-for-job-creation/).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has decried the high rate of unemployment in the country while stressing that youths should be job creators, not job seekers. ('UNILORIN VC decries rising unemployment', *The Punch*, Thursday, December 2, 2010, p.7)
- A Professor of the University of Ilorin and former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Deremi Abubakre, has made a case for a presidential candidate through a group. ('Atiku'll make a good president – ALIF', *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday, December 3, 2010, p.24)
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, has posited that necessary reforms in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will address the dwindling fortunes of the Nigerian economy. ('Don optimistic on science transforming Nigeria', *The Herald*, Friday, December 3, 2010, p.4)

Unilorin in the News

- In a development that many consider as selfless and patriotic, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said he is stepping down as the Association of African Universities (AAU) to allow another Nigerian serve as the Secretary General of the body.
(‘Oloyede quits as AAU President,’ *National Pilot*, Monday 29th November to Wednesday 1st December, 2010 p.28)
- The International Association of Universities (IAU) has thanked the University of Ilorin staff for donating part of their salary to the victims of earth-quake in Haiti. (‘IAU thanks Unilorin on Haiti donation; *National Pilot*. same as above.)
- At the end of the African University day forum held at the University of Ilorin, the conclusion was reached that the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) could not be possible without collaboration among African Universities.
(‘Why MDGs may be unattainable by 2015’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.24).
- A writer who affiliated himself with the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, has alleged that the authorities of the College are exploiting the medical students.
(‘Extortion at Unilorin’, *The Nation*, Monday November 29, 2010 p.18)
- The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, has said that reforms in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are crucial to the attainment of economic independence in the country.
(‘Don says reforms in STEM are crucial to the attainment of economic independence in the country’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, December 1, 2010, p. 16)
- A student of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, has wondered when the election riggers in Osun State will be brought to book after the swearing in of the new Governor.
(‘Justice delay, justice denial’ *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, December 1, 2010, p.11)
- Participants at the African University Day Forum of the University of Ilorin have concluded that the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals poses a serious challenge to African Universities.
(‘MDGs pose great challenges to African varsities, say UNILORIN’ *Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p. 18)
- In a communiqué presented by Dr. S.T. Babatunde of the University of the University of Ilorin at the end of 27th conference of the Nigerian English Studies Association (NESA), the establishment of an English Language Academy has been suggested as a way forward in addressing the falling standard of the language in Nigeria. (‘Readdressing poor standard of English’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above)
- Victims of an auto crash that occurred in Ganmo along Ilorin-Ajase-Ipo road are receiving treatment at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital Ilorin. (‘4 die in auto crash in Ilorin’, *The Vanguard*, Thursday December 2, 2010 at www.gvanguardngr.com/2010/12/4-die-in-auto-crash-in-ilorin/)
- Four persons died in a multiple motor accident at Ganmo while four other victims of the accident are now receiving treatment at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.
(‘4 killed in multiple road crash in Kwara’, *Daily Sun*, Thursday December 2, 2010 at www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/news/national/2010/dec/02/national-02-12-2010-020.htm).
- Barrister Wahab Shittu has charged the students of the University of Ilorin in particular and other Nigerian universities in general to organise themselves to ensure credible elections in 2011.
(‘2011 polls – constitute election monitors, Unilorin students told’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, December 2, 2010.p.47 and www.allafrica.com/stories/2010/2020375.html).

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Quotes of the Week

It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it. - Albert Einstein

The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated. – William James

Take care to get what you like or you will be forced to like what you get.

–George Bernard Shaw

Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.

- Albert Einstein