



We are proud of you, keep it up

Jonathan, Saraki tell Unilorin

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WELL DONE: The representative of the President, Prof. Afolabi (middle) with the VC, Prof. Oloyede and Chairman of Ilorin South Local Government, Barr. Lanre Daibu during one of the convocation activities

Both the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, and the Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, have expressed their satisfaction with the achievements of the University of Ilorin saying that the University is a pride to Nigeria and Kwara State.

President Jonathan and Governor Saraki, who were both respectively represented by Prof. Oladapo Afolabi, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, and Chief Joel Afolabi Ogundeji, Deputy Governor, Kwara State, during the 26th convocation ceremonies and Founder’s Day celebration of the University last weekend (Saturday October 23, 2010). *(Contd. on page 2)*

Mani, Oloyede advise graduands on conduct

One thing that the 7,319 graduands of the University of Ilorin for the 2009/2010 session have in abundance as they convoked at the University last weekend is advice. This is because both the Pro-Chancellor, Alh. Tukur Mani and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, did not mince words in telling them what they need to succeed in their lives after graduation.

Speaking on the first day of the convocation, Alh. Mani said his address would not be complete without offering the graduands words of advice. “My dear graduands, the successful completion of your studies in this University is a source of joy and pride to us all. 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. You should keep the flag of the nation and the university flying higher,” he said.

On his own part, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, urged the graduands to live in consonance with the Latin dictum, “Carpe diem” or “Seize the day” which was the topic of his address on Friday (October 22, 2010). “The basic truth about life is that it moves on. Nothing is immune to the effects of time. All what goes up will come down. As you graduate into the larger society, *seize the day*, dare to excel, do not waste your time”, he enthused. *(Contd. on page 4)*



STAND OUT: L-R, The Pro-Chancellor, Alh Mani; the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Chief Ogundeji and the VC, Prof. Oloyede, at the occasion

Government is committed to education - Jonathan

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According to the President, “Prior to my arrival here, I had received reports on the positive and glowing achievements of the institution (Unilorin) which thus far has not been contradicted. This is very good. The University of Ilorin with its impressive lush, green and inviting environment is emerging as one of the ideal environments conducive for rigorous academic pursuit to members of staff and students. I want to thank the University management for keeping it so serene and for encouraging achievements in many areas”.

President Jonathan lauded the University of Ilorin as an institution the country is proud of while tasking the University “to remain in the front line of academic excellence even as you strive to be among the best universities in Africa and beyond”. He urged the University not to relent in the pursuit of excellence which had made the university to make “the great leap to the No.1 position in the Webometric ranking of universities in our country”.



Chief Ogundeji

Speaking further, the President, who is a former lecturer at the University of Port Harcourt, reiterated the commitment of the Federal Government to the improvement of higher education in the country adding that “every identified bottleneck that stands on our way to academic excellence shall be removed. Education is the gateway to our advancement and we cannot afford to toy with its potentials”.

President Jonathan also commended the University of Ilorin on its entrepreneurial programme saying that the Federal Government will support the University. His words: “I understand you undertook an entrepreneurial course which was designed to promote self-employment, this is most commendable. Nigerians are a skillful and productive people. We will do everything within our powers to support you to create wealth and employ others. The challenge of the present is to defeat poverty and employ all those who are willing and are ready to work. That challenge can only be met if all work in concert: the private sector, the government, the universities and the citizenry. The Nigerian cannot be caged. We will fly into the firmament of achievement and contribute our quota to human progress.”

In his own address at the event, the Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, noted that the remarkable achievements of the University within a short period of time did not come as a surprise. He said there are always noticeable positive changes anytime he is opportune to be in the University. He attributed the successes to the stability of the academic calendar, dedication to the pursuit of excellence and humility on the part of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede. While urging the University not to relent in its efforts, the Governor submitted that though Kwara State does not own the University of Ilorin, the government and people of the state are proud of the institution for having brought glory to the state. “We, the Kwara State Government are proud of the University of Ilorin and we will continue to do our best to assist the University”, he said.

Governor Saraki decried the unbridled quest for wealth and aggressive materialism among the youths of today while urging the University graduands to jealously guard the name of their university wherever they find themselves adding that there is no short-cut to success.

“We are now confronting monumental challenges as a result of the unbridled quest for money by our students and youth. We want money but we don’t want to work. Gone were the days when immediately after your graduation, jobs will be waiting at you door-steps. It is high time you become job creators rather than seeking white collar job where is none,” he said.

The Governor charged the University to sustain the current tempo that has made it emerge the best University in Nigeria while he congratulated the University and the graduands on their achievements.

10.10.10: The *Edutainment* of a Birthday

The date 10.10.10 has come and gone but the interest it generated among the members of the online forum of the University still lingers. The date was the Vice-Chancellor's birthday and some of the various submissions made on the date and afterwards are worth sharing.

Prof. Joshua Obaleye, former Dean of Science and Researcher of the Year 2008 put the *chemical* components of October, 2010 and the day in perspective. "An interesting fact about October this year alone is that it has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. It also has a balanced figure of 10.10.10 which was on Sunday and most importantly, such occurs only once in 823 years. Unilorin convocation falls in this month, so also the birthday of our dear Vice-Chancellor and the month when monetisation payment of Unilorin was announced (later paid). This is a unique month for unique people, congratulations again Sir, our amiable Vice-Chancellor who did not believe in failure and impossibilities," he posted.

But before Prof. Obaleye's analysis of October and 10.10.10., it was the early morning posting of Prof. A.W. R. Johnson, Dean of Clinical Sciences, on the day that opened the floodgate of birthday wishes to the Vice-Chancellor, who, as the Dean of Law, Dr. Wahab Egbewole, correctly guessed, took the day "like any other day." On the day, the Vice-Chancellor was earlier "at his desk" and was later busy travelling across Nigeria on peace mission. Prof. Johnson's narrative is a medical and literary digest. Reading his *clinical* dissection of the VC's story was *edutaining* to many.

"Over half a century ago, an administrative GURU was born into a humble Egba family, with all his God given potentials summarized into a 3kg brain, flesh and bones of a bouncing baby boy. His APGAR score of 8 out of a maximum of 10 (a tool used by clinicians for assessing the well being of a new born in the 1st 5 mins of life) underscored his near excellent transition from intra-uterine life (life in the womb) to that of an air dependent young infant. This infant of then, who is the current VC UNILORIN, is an indefatigable icon of innovative, purposeful and transparent leadership with a futuristic hue. Some kinds for the benefits of our University is reaping from I.O's potentials and boundless energies, must be earmarked for his first caregiver (who was indeed his first Paediatrician for not allowing him to be part of the gruesome statistics (of a high infant and under 5 mortality indices) of the 50s..."

Shortly after his posting, Dr. Olugbenga Mokuolu, former Chairman, Medical Advisory Council of the UITH and current Researcher of the Year made his own posting: He wrote: "Dear VC, you have for so long been at the giving end. Today is a rare opportunity for us to place you at the receiving end. You gave time to people in their celebrations. You identified with many in their emotions but we do not have the opportunity too frequently to *retaliate*. So, on this occasion, we are happy to identify with your special date, which also for this year is a unique date 10-10-10. Happy birthday sir... My Dean, thank you for this breaking news."

To the Director of Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. F.A.O. Olasehinde-Williams, "The date 10-10-10 is unique in every way. We may never experience another 10-10-10 until probably 100 years from now. Now to celebrate a birth day on such a day is not only unique, it is also symbolic as it marks the beginning of uncommon joy, perfect peace, prosperity, health and favor, all in one package! Needless to say that a birthday on such a day guarantees open heavens for uncommon things that one's heart truly desires. I join my soul with all to congratulate our dear VC for such a rare grace to celebrate on such a day and to wish him UNCOMMON favours. HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN ARREARS!"

For Prof. Olusegun Adekunle, Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, who said he only got the news from *Unilorin Bulletin*, "the VC has a DIVINE ASSIGNMENT... We all should make ourselves available to actualize his DREAM. The FRUITS are here already. His dream is selfless, transformative, non-discriminatory, global and all-inclusive. The birthday gift we should offer is our selfless commitment, with prayers."

In his reaction to the outpouring of good wishes, the Vice-Chancellor invoked God's blessings on all. "Despite my inability to recall birthdays, your good wishes and expression of love are enormous. God bless you all," he posted.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Nigeria's total debt today is \$32.8 billion. Out of this figure, \$4.5 billion or 14% is external debt while \$28.5 billion or 86% is domestic debt.

Seize the day...and the day after today, by VC

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Speaking further, the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) called on the graduands, who were graduates of the Faculties of Arts, Business and Social Sciences, Communication and Information Sciences, Education and Sciences, to live their lives abundantly.

“Dear graduands, as you are graduating from the University of Ilorin to the University of life, I urge you to be committed to living abundantly. According to William Ward, “there are three keys to more abundant living: caring about others, daring for others and sharing with others”. These three keys appear to be the meeting point of all your disciplines. The humanists and artists among you should make life buoyant by caring for others through harmonising humanity. The scientists among you should dare for others by making life less cumbersome. The social scientists among you should share information and resources with others and thus make every day an investment. Therefore, *seize the day* each day by caring and daring and sharing. I wish you all abundant life devoted to the pursuit of what is good and noble,” he counselled.

Continuing in the same direction on Saturday (October 23, 2010) which was the Founder’s Day of the University, Prof. Oloyede congratulated the remaining graduands of the Postgraduate School, College of Health Sciences and the Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology as well as Law, on their graduation, noting that it is not everyone that is admitted to the University that eventually graduates and participates in such an event.

Addressing the graduands on “The Day after Today”, the Vice-Chancellor said: “I decided to tell you our graduands that while seizing today is important, it is always essential to always think and plan ahead of *the day after today*. After the joy of graduation, there is a tomorrow to contend with. As a matter of fact, *the day after today* is filled with challenges. Do not be like the Persian mathematician and astronomer, Omar Khayyam (1050-1122) who wrote in his *Rubaiyât*: “Unborn TOMORROW, and dead YESTERDAY, Why fret about them if TODAY be sweet!””

The Vice-Chancellor said graduands should remember that today is transient and tomorrow is almost here. “Today is yesterday’s tomorrow and by tomorrow our today is a fleeting yesterday”, he philosophised.

He also added: “With the degrees conferred on you today, we are optimistic that the tomorrow of our nation will be better than today. Do not fail Nigeria because by being bonafide holders of the certificates of the University, you are all great. Let me note that the common thread that runs through you all is professionalism. As professionals in academics and various professions, always uphold the highest standard of professionalism in all you do. Maintain a high level of professional integrity. Do not allow the love of lucre to soil your name. Of what value is wealth or billions of naira stolen when one’s name is soiled and one is disgraced? May you not be disgraced like those that you know! May you not be tempted into disgraceful things! So, dear graduands, *seize the day*, as I told your colleagues yesterday, but also remember *the day after today* that you will be accountable for the deeds of today”.

Mani drums support for WAUG

The Pro-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Alh. Tukur Mani, has appealed to the Federal Government and the private sector to fully support the University to host the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG).

Alh. Mani made this appeal while addressing the audience during the 26th convocation ceremonies last Friday (October 22, 2010). He described WAUG as an international sports fiesta that the University is hosting on behalf of the country and an event that will “enhance the good image” of Nigeria.

While appreciating Dr. Mike Adenuga Jnr of Globacom Nigeria Plc for his donation of ₦25 million to the University in support to the Games, the Chairman of Council further requested “the Federal Government to provide further financial support for the successful hosting of the Games. We shall count on the financial support of organization, institutions, philanthropic individuals and all stakeholders for the successful hosting of the Games”.

Unilorin staff gulp N386 million as salary every month, by VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the University spends N386 million monthly on paying staff salaries just as he commended the Federal Government, the proprietors of the 27 Nigerian Federal Universities in Nigeria, for their financial commitments to the universities.

The Vice-Chancellor made this revelation while fielding questions from journalists at the Vice-Chancellor's press briefing which heralded the 26th convocation and founder's day ceremonies of the University last Monday (October 18, 2010). He was responding to a question raised by a journalist on the University's source of funds for the numerous projects it embarks on simultaneously.

Prof. Oloyede, who is the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), noted that his experience at the International Association of Universities, the board of which he sits on, his experience in international associations, including the evolving Association of West African Universities, made him to realise that the Federal Government of Nigeria deserves to be encouraged for its investment in its universities saying that making a judicious use of the funds provided for the universities is desirable.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the Nigerian Government gives its workers better pay than many Western countries do, particularly during this period of economic recession. He said that where the salary appears to be better, the tax regime imposed in those countries would still make Nigerian academics earn better, ultimately.

Prof. Oloyede also explained the measures which his administration has taken to circumvent the challenges of power supply which he said includes third party funding of power generation with student contribution of one thousand naira each. Under the initiative, the University supplies the student area with power between 6a.m and 8 a.m. in their hostels, 10am. -4 p.m. in the laboratories and 7:00p.m - 11p.m. at the hostels with or without the public power supply.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the Computer Based Tests (CBT) project of the University has been understudied by eleven universities in Nigeria and Ghana recently and at least seven universities have adopted it in past one year and it will soon be replicated by an examination body.

Prof. Oloyede also highlighted the agro-allied projects which his Administration has embarked on as part of its environmental sustainability programme and the University's answer to the challenge posed by climate change saying that so far, some 537 hectares of the University land have been cultivated with various plantation projects. He expressed hope that each Local Government in Nigeria would embark on a 1000 hectare plantation each year.

He added that the regular publication of the Annual Report in the past three years has also been embraced with at least 18 universities now doing same, which many earlier thought was impossible.

Atteh and Agaja forge marital partnership

Two eminent professors of the University of Ilorin have decided to take their friendship to the next level. They are uniting their children in marriage. The two dons are Prof. Job Olutimehin Atteh of the Faculty of Agriculture and Prof. Samuel Babatunde Agaja of the College of Health Sciences.

The wedding programme of their children, Morohumubo Tolu Atteh and Michael Oluwafemi Agaja, begins this Friday (October 29, 2010) with an Engagement Ceremony at Flora School, 15 Lobalade Street, Tanke, Ilorin beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The following day (October 30, 2010), the marriage ceremony holds at the Chapel of Redemption, UMCA, Agba Dam Raod, Gaa Akanbi, Ilorin beginning from 10:00a.m.

According to the families, the reception of the guests follows immediately after the church service at Roemichs International School, Ajase Ipo Road, Ilorin. All members of the University of Ilorin community are cordially invited.

Behold, Mokuolu is the Researcher of the year

Just as they promised, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have announced the 2010 Researcher of the Year and presented him with a new car. The best researcher is Dr. Olugbenga Mokuolu of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin. The announcement was made last Saturday as part of the Merit Awards of the University, which climaxed the activities of the 26th convocation ceremonies.

For distinguishing himself, Dr. Mokuolu was commended by the Pro-Chancellor, Alh. Tukur Mani, who presented the car to him on behalf of the University.

Also recognised and presented with plaques and gifts are three Distinguished Administrators of the year. These are Mrs. Sabinah A Oroge, Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office; Mrs. Folaranmi M. Olowoleni, Deputy Registrar (Academic), and Confidential Secretary, Faculty of Law, Mrs. Kehinde Bamidele.

Other categories of awardees are the foundation staff of the University, those who worked tirelessly with the pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oladipo O. Akinkugbe, to lay the foundation of the University of Ilorin. They are Mr. M. O. Morenikeji, Mr. M.A. Sijuade, late Mr. G.O. Ayoade, Mr. K. Ajisefini and Mr. Solanke.

Winners of the Distinguished Service Awards also recognised at the occasion are Mrs. Alice A. Adewoye, former acting University Librarian; former Head of Zoology Department, Prof. Joshua O. Fasaranti and Prof. (Mrs) Eniola T. O. Oyatoye.

Unilorin filling station is now open

The filling station of the University of Ilorin located at the University main gate operated by Unilorin Petrol Stations Management Board (UPSMB) has now started operation in full swing, the Chairman of the Board, Prof. T.M. Adeniran has said.



Unilorin Filling Station: "Our one litre is one litre"

The station sells premium motor spirit (pms) or petrol, diesel and will soon be offering kerosene sales to the University community and members of the public.

In a chat with *Unilorin Bulletin*, Prof. Adeniran said the University community should expect value for their money because "our one litre is one litre".

He said standard service is the hallmark of the Board. He added, "Our service is from 7am – 7pm 24/7".



RIDE ON: Dr. Mokuolu posing with his car

LAUGH LINES

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident on a cold morning. It is a bad one, believe it. Both of their cars are badly demolished but amazingly neither of them is hurt. God works in mysterious ways. As they crawl out of their cars, the man yells about women drivers. They are damn daft! They never get it right! The woman says, "So, you are a man. That's interesting. I am a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left but we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should be friends and live in peace for the rest of our days".

Flattered, the man replies, "O yes, I agree completely, this must be a sign from God! But you are still at fault...women shouldn't be allowed to drive!"

The woman continues, "And look, here's another miracle. This bottle of wine didn't break despite the irreparable condition of the cars. Surely, God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune", she hands the bottle to the man. The man nods in agreement, opens and drinks half the bottle and hands it back to the woman. Waiting for a minute, he asks, "Aren't you drinking any; the rest is for you". The woman replies calmly, "No, I think I'll just wait for the police... they'll determine who is at fault." Don't mess with women.

Convocation play passes political message

When Aristophanes, the classical comedian, posited in his play, *The Frogs*, several centuries ago that the greatest of poets and artists is he that has a message for his people, he could as well be forecasting the 26th convocation play staged by the students of the Department of the Performing Arts last Wednesday (October 20, 2010).

Though a dance place all through with mime, fast-paced drumbeats and dazzling dance steps, Oladapo Olatubosun's *Ogun Lakaaye*, as choreographed by Dr. Felix Emoruwa, was a powerful message to all especially the political class as the general elections of 2011 draw nearer.

"Today, we live in a world full of fear, suspicion, betrayal, want and destruction of lives and property. This is because of our crave for power and wealth. As the next election year is around the corner, among other things, all we can say through this dance piece is that if we fail to retrace our steps as individuals and institutions, then we may end up losing our destiny", Dr. Emorua said.



A scene from the play: *Ogun carried by his warriors*

Relying on the myth of the arrival of the Yoruba gods (Sango, Osun, Esu, Obatala, Orunmila and Ogun himself) on earth, the leadership role played by the cantankerous and impulsive god of iron and warfare, Ogun, *Ogun Lakaaye* vividly addresses contemporary issues bordering on polygamy, power drunkenness, leadership, forgiveness and many more.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who led other Principal Officers, Deans and other functionaries of the University to watch the play with the convocation lecturer, Prof. Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, expressed satisfaction with the play.

He emphasised the need for unity, saying that if the town had not been united, the warriors led by Ogun would not have been able to defeat their enemies. He also reiterated the need for forgiveness as a catalyst for development saying that if the King (Sango) had not forgiven Ogun, the generalissimo, who, in a fit of power-drunkenness, was rude to King before the latter cut him to size, the whole society would have paid dearly for it when Ogun's skills were subsequently needed to repel the onslaught of the adversaries.

In his own assessment, the notable playwright and former Director of the National Theatre, Prof. Ahmed Yerima, who represented the Vice-Chancellor of Kwara State University, Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah, at the occasion, said he had two things to say as a professional artist and theatre scholar: the Vice-Chancellor's analysis of the play was excellent and the performance of the students was excellent.

The Head of Performing Arts Department, Prof. Ayo Akinwale, appreciated the University management for the support it has always given to the Department to excel. He said the play was chosen "as a mark of honour for our graduating students this year in the University." He described the performance as "a testimony to our claims of the transformation of theory to practice in the realm of entertainment."

Unilorin, AAU mourn Fafunwa

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has commiserated with Nigerians and Africans in general on the death of the late sage, Prof. Babs Aliyu Fafunwa.

According to the Vice-Chancellor in his address, "The Journey So Far", delivered last Monday (October 18, 2010), "the most significant contribution of Fafunwa is his sincere account of the *History of Education in Nigeria* which remains an indispensable source for anyone interested in the nature and history of education in various segments of the Nigerian society right from the pre-colonial era. That the work is a key reference material any day attests to the depth and scholarship of the late foremost educationist." He also said that he and his co-editors of the commemorative book, *50 Years of University Education in Nigeria* did not know that the chapter they put first would be Prof. Fafunwa's last contribution to knowledge. He prayed for the repose of his soul and that the likes of him be multiplied among Nigerians.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/ Office	Date of Birth
1.	Ayodele, Julius A.	Central Administration	October 24 th
2.	Ajongbolo, Oladunjoye D.	Works/ Civil	October 25 th
3.	Abdulkarim, Aishatu A.	Paediatrics and Child Health	October 27 th
4.	Oyewo, Mofoluke T.	Performing Arts	October 27 th
5.	Oluleye, Noah F.	Agronomy	October 29 th
6.	Oyeyinka, Gabriel O.	Chemical Pathology and Immunology	October 30 th
7.	Adewara, Adebayo A.	Statistics	October 30 th
8.	Osho, Samuel O.	Microbiology	October 30 th

Uniorin in the News

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During the 2009/2010 session, the authorities of the University of Ilorin awarded scholarships to 149 University Scholars who distinguished themselves in their studies.

(‘UNILORIN awards scholarship to 149 undergraduates’, *Daily Independent*, Tuesday, October 19, 2010, p.8).

The authorities of the University of Ilorin have been said to have disclosed that at least ₦461m has been generated from the Federal Government, Alh. Dangote and Dr. Mike Adenuga in respect of support for WAUG.

(‘FG, Dangote and Adenuga boost WAUG with ₦461m’ *Peoples’ Daily*, Wednesday October 20, 2010, p.41).

As part of activities marking the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, the President of the Federal Republic who is also the visitor of the University, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, will commission some projects executed in the past one year.

(‘Jonathan to commission projects’, *The Nation*, Thursday, October 21, 2010, p. 22).

The `University of Ilorin College of Health Sciences has graduated 132 medical students at an occasion where Prof. A.B.O. Omotosho, who is the Provost of the College, charged the new medics not to be overwhelmed by the euphoria of their status but to take up the challenges ahead of them with seriousness.

(‘132 medics graduate’, same as above.)

- ❖ All the returning students of the University of Ilorin have been urged to complete their registration for the 2010/2011 academic session by the end of this week.
(‘Students end registration October 30’, same as above, p. 22).
- ❖ The 2010 Workshop and Annual General meeting of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) will be hosted by University of Ilorin between Sunday October 24, 2010 and Thursday October 28 at the University auditorium.
(‘Hosts CODAPNU new week’, same as above p.22)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the graduands of the University of Ilorin to seize the opportunity ahead of them and be good ambassadors of the University of Ilorin in the larger society.
(‘Raypower FM’ news. Lagos. Friday, October 29, 2010, 4p.m and 6p.m.)
- ❖ Prof. Komlavi Francisco Seddo has given the University of Ilorin a pass mark in the areas of global networks and Information Communication and Technology (ICT).
(‘UNESCO chief rates Unilorin high’, *The Herald*, Friday, October 22, 2010, p.2)
- ❖ An appeal has gone to the Federal Government to prevail on the authorities of Bank PHB to pay the monetization arrears of members of staff of the University of Ilorin who were directed to collect their money from the bank.
(‘Protest over non-payment of monetization arrears by PHB’ same as above, p.3).
- ❖ The Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, has said that Kwara State is proud of the University of Ilorin just as he charged the graduands of the University to be good ambassadors of their alma mater while speaking at the 26th convocation ceremony of the University last weekend.
- ❖ (‘Saraki charges graduands’, *Saturday Tribune*, October 23, 2010, p.7)

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- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that 19 first class, 859 second class upper division, 2,973 second class lower division, 1,386 third class and 205 pass graduands were produced during the 2009/2010 academic session.
(‘Unilorin produces 19 First Class graduands’, *People’s Daily*, Tuesday, October 19, 2010.)
- ❖ Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin, has disclosed that his University has complied fully with the court judgment over ASUU dispute at a press briefing which kicked off the 26th convocation ceremonies of the institution.
(‘Unilorin: VC 49 lecturers disagree on payment’, *The Punch*, Wednesday, October 20, 2010, p. 9).
- ❖ The Federal Government has appointed Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, University of Ilorin, as a board member of the National Library of Nigeria.
(‘FG names Unilorin don board member’ *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 20, 2010, p. 24).
- ❖ A newly constructed Professorial Suites for the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin among other projects, will be commissioned by President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of the Federal Republic of Nigeria during the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University.
(‘Jonathan to commission ₦.5bn Unilorin projects’, *Daily Trust*, Wednesday, October, 20, 2010, p.43.)
- ❖ The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, has given an insight into the potentials of genetic engineering in a paper entitled, “Improving Human Capacity in Genetics for Research and Development.”
(‘Scholar on how to improve genetics research’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday October 20, 2010 p.17)
- ❖ Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, the Deputy Director of Information of the University of Ilorin who is also the Chairman of the Publicity Sub-Committee of the 26th convocation ceremonies, has said no stone would be left unturned towards ensuring that the ceremony leave indelible footprints on the collective psyche of not only the graduating students but also the entire stakeholders in the University community.
(‘Unilorin agog for 26th Convocation’, same as above.)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that as part of measures to strengthen collaboration with other institutions, the University has signed about 250 Memoranda of Understanding with other world universities, bodies and agencies.
(‘Unilorin signs 250 memoranda to boost research’, *The Herald*, Wednesday October 20, 2010, p.4).
While addressing the press preparatory to the convocation ceremonies, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has appealed to the Federal Government to support the University more as it hosts the West Africa University Games (WAUG) next year.
(‘Hosting of WAUG: Unilorin appeals to FG’, *New Nigerian*, Wednesday, October 20, 2010, p.31)
- ❖ The former Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related Offences Commission (ICPC), Justice Mustapha Akanbi (Rtd), has called for the observance of integrity in public appointments in the country while speaking at the public presentation of the book, entitled “Sayyid Qutb: A Study of his Tafsir” written by Dr. Badmas Lanre Yusuf, acting Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin recently.
(‘Ex-ICPC boss, Akanbi seeks integrity in public appoints’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday October 19, 2010, p.8).
- ❖ Some 7,305 students of the University of Ilorin will be graduating at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University.
(‘Unilorin graduates 7,305’ same as above,p.10).
- ❖ Though the total number of graduate and undergraduate graduands at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin is 7,319, a newspaper has reported the graduation figure noting that many activities have been lined up for the events.
(‘7,305 students to graduate from Unilorin’, *New Nigerian*, Tuesday October 19, 2010, p.17).

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- ❖ A former Chief Judge of Nigeria, Justice Alfa Belgore, has described the book written by the acting Head of the Department of Religions, Dr. Badmus Lanre Yusuf, entitled *Sayyid Qutb: a Study of his Tafsir* as a fountain of knowledge. ('Badmus' book on Sayyid Qutb presented to public', *The Herald on Sunday*, October 19, 2010, p.25)
- ❖ Preparations are on top gear at the University of Ilorin in readiness for the 26th convocation ceremonies of the institution. ('All set for Unilorin convocation', *The Herald*, Monday October 18, 2010, p.5)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the Federal Government spends ₦167.9 billion naira annually on the salary of workers in the 27 Federal Universities ('Varsity workers' salary gulps ₦167b yearly', *The Guardian*, Tuesday October 19, 2010, p.6).
- ❖ The Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the upcoming 13th West African Universities Games at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Albert Olayemi, has said that his Committee needs 150 million naira to construct an Olympic size swimming pool for the Games. ('Unilorin wants Olympic swimming pool at games village', same as above, p.84)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the issue of the reinstated lecturers of the University has taught all parties involved a lesson just as he disclosed that the Federal Government has paid their salary arrears. ('FG offset arrears of sacked 49 lecturers of Unilorin – VC', *The Vanguard* online edition, October 18, 2010. Retrieved from www.vanguardngr.com/2010/10/fg-offest-arrears-of-sacked-49-lecturers-of-unilorin-vc/).
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has informed the public about the activities of his administration in teaching, learning and community service in a press conference that kick-started the 26th convocation ceremonies. (*NTA Ilorin* news, Monday, October 18, 2010 7:00. p.m.)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin has remarked that the parties involved in the ASUU/Unilorin face-off have learnt some lessons from the experience. ('FG releases funds for payment of UNILORIN 49', *The Punch*, Tuesday October 19, 2010, p. 7)
- ❖ A poetry collection entitled *Illuminations* by Prof. Olu Obafemi of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, has been shortlisted for the final round of Gabriel Okara prize for poetry. ('Obafemi, Ekwuazi in race for ANA prizes', same as above, p.44)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that it is in everybody's interest to prevent anarchy by obeying court orders while commenting on the resolved industrial dispute between the University and 49 lecturers. ('Unilorin 49 have been paid, says VC', *The Nation*, Tuesday, October 19, 2010, p.8.)
- ❖ While briefing newsmen preparatory to the 26th convocation ceremonies, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the University has implemented the judgment of the Supreme Court on the reinstated lecturers and that all parties have learnt from their lessons as "the incident has made UNILORIN to remain focused". ('UNILORIN 49: We've paid full entitlements', *Daily Sun*, Tuesday, October 19, 2010 retrieved from www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/news/national/2010/oct/19/national-19-10-20101-031.htm)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that as part of the measures to strengthen collaboration with other institutions, the University has signed about 250 Memoranda of Understanding with other world universities, bodies and agencies. ('Unilorin in partnership with 250 world universities', *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday October 19, 2010, p.48)

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Quotes of the Week

What chance gathers she easily scatters. A great person attracts great people and knows how to hold them together.

- Johanne Wolfgang Von Goethe

A leader is a dealer in hope.

- Napoleon Bonaparte

It's better to be boldly decisive an risk being wrong than to agonize at length and be right too late.

- Marilyn Kennedy