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Oloyede tasks new students on excellence ...as Unilorin matriculates 5,384 undergraduates

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BREAKING NEWS

The January 2011 webometric ranking result is out: UNILORIN remains **No. 1** in Nigeria but is now **No. 20** in Africa and **No. 2,668** in the world! This is against being **No. 55** in Africa and **No. 5,484** in the world last year!



STANDING FIRM: L-R, the VC, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; the Registrar, Mrs. O. O. Oyeyemi; and the DVC (Academic) Prof. K. L. Ayorinde at the matriculation ceremony at the Auditorium last Tuesday

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has challenged all students of the University, especially the fresh ones, to distinguish themselves in their various courses of study saying that “the world of today is interested in excellence in anything.”

Speaking last Tuesday (February 1, 2011) at the matriculation ceremony of the 2010/2011 newly admitted students of the University in an address captioned “Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained”, Prof. Oloyede said that despite all what people say, there are still many opportunities available today, but they are meant for the excellent ones.

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Let religious leaders be in security councils – NIREC

Worried by the incessant outbreak of violence in Jos and other parts of the country due to ethno-religious reasons, the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council, co-chaired by the Sultan of Sokoto /President-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), Alh. Muhammad Sa’ad Abubakar, and President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Pastor Ayodele Joseph Oritsejafor, has called on State Governments in Nigeria to include religious leaders in their state security councils in order to achieve more meaningful results.

This was part of the communiqué read at the end of the 2011 First Quarter Meeting of the Council held in Ibadan, by the NIREC Executive Secretary/ National Coordinator, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede.

The Council observed that religious and traditional leaders have critical roles to play in promoting political harmony and stability in the country just as religion, when properly understood, plays a vital and positive role in politics and good governance.

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Prof. Oloyede, flanked by Hajia Bilquisu Yusuf and Dame Priscilla Kuye of NIREC, presenting the communiqué

This is why students fail in the University - VC

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According to the Vice-Chancellor, who is the immediate past President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), university education requires determination, discipline and devotion and all serious students should give their education all it takes to succeed. "So, face your studies squarely, invest in your future by sacrificing your today and ensure you are among the best", he charged them.

The 1981 First Class graduate of the University of Ilorin identified failure to mind one's business as the bane of a vast majority in today's world and decried the obsession many people have for European football clubs. His words:

"One serious problem with many people is that they don't mind their own business. As a result of that, they lose at all fronts. I understand that many young people including students waste their precious time on what does not concern them. What is your business with whether one European football club wins or loses? What concerns you about whether one musician sings better than the other or that an actor should have won an Oscar? Of what relevance is fashion to your purpose at the University that you would waste time discussing models and designers? These are some of the ways through which people nowadays waste their time and misdirect their energies."

Prof. Oloyede disclosed that 73,392 candidates applied to the University of Ilorin for the 2010/2011 admission exercise. He revealed further that of the 27,847 candidates that were eventually screened, 16,225 or 58.3% passed the test with a minimum of 50% aggregate. He said only 5,384 students were being matriculated from those initially offered admission while another 891 students were admitted under the postgraduate/ professional category.

Speaking further, the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence said: "As you begin your sojourn as students of this great University, there is a home truth in one foreign campus publication called *Off To College* that I read several years ago. The truth applies to you and this is it: 'The bottom line is that poor class attendance is the major cause of students' failure. It is your responsibility to get to class regularly, keep up with the assignments and participate in discussions. It is very difficult to fail.' With hard work, punctuality and discipline, you will realize that it is indeed 'very difficult to fail'. Without them, there is nothing and *nothing ventured, nothing gained*".

As part of the ceremony, the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, took the matriculating students through an 11-point matriculation oath, part of which included each of them swearing that "I will not participate in any activity of, or belong to any student organization, whether on campus or not, unless I have evidence that the organization is duly registered with the University as at the time of the activity or membership" and "I will not be involved in pornography or indecent dressing either within or outside the University".

While speaking with *Unilorin Bulletin* at the end of the ceremony, one of the matriculating students, Miss Raheemat Abolore Amusat of the Faculty of Law, said that the day was the happiest in her life and that she felt proud to be a student of not just any university but the University of Ilorin. "Being a student of Unilorin is the happiest thing to have happened to me in life. I'm so proud of the University. One thing I have come to realise is that you have to fasten your seat-belt and fly high if you don't want to face Tanke in the University. My experience so far has been wonderful and challenging," she said.

NASU hosts varsities Trade Group meeting

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) of the University of Ilorin will be hosting the Universities Trade Group meeting.

As part of the day activities, there will be a luncheon at the University Dam Site and a cocktail in honour of the delegates in the evening.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, is expected to grace the occasion.

When Unilorin shook hands with US varsities

In a move that is typical of the University of Ilorin as an indisputable global player in university education, the University recently signed comprehensive Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with two American institutions, the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and Boston College on the 25th and 26th of August, 2010, respectively. In the same vein, the University has also advanced the modalities of implementing a Memorandum of Understanding it signed earlier on the 28th of December, 2009 with Virginia State University, Petersburg, all in the United States of America.

It is just like yesterday that the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, accompanied by the Deputy Director, Centre for International Education, Dr. Abdulrafii Omotoso, was received at Boston Airport by the University of Massachusetts Linkages Officer, Dr. Mary E. Robbins. The University of Ilorin team was then met by Massachusetts Vice-Provost for Research, Dr. Julie Chen, and a Nigerian faculty member, Prof. Oliver C. Ibe.

After academic visits to the Faculty of Engineering where the Vice-Chancellor visited lecture halls, NanoTechnology Laboratory, Plastic Laboratory, Prof. Ibe's personal Laboratory and the University library, where Prof. Oloyede discussed the possibility of having online access to the library from Ilorin and inter-library resources loan, the signing of the MoU eventually took place at Stonehedge Inn. This was followed by a dinner in honour of the Vice-Chancellor, where the Provost, Ahmad Abdelal, supported by the senior management team and Deans of the institution, expressed his happiness to receive the University of Ilorin delegation.

During the memorable visit, the University of Ilorin secured the consent of Prof. Oliver Ibe to be a visiting Professor at the University of Ilorin to supervise the establishment of Department of Plastic Engineering among other services while the Professor also accepted the offer of being the University of Ilorin ambassador in Massachusetts. Besides, two graduate students of the University, a Nigerian and a Cameroonian, were also offered appointment at the University of Ilorin during the visit.

On the 26th of August, 2010, Prof. Oloyede proceeded to Boston College where he was received by Prof. Patrician Doherty, the Director of the Institute for Scientific Research. He also interacted with Mr. Casar Valladres, a Peruvian, and Mr. Charles Carrano who have been interacting with the Department of Physics of the University of Ilorin earlier. The University of Ilorin team also met the Provost of the College, Mr. Cutberto Garza and they exchanged compliments and gifts before Prof. Oloyede met other officials of the College. Later, the Vice-Chancellor presented his hosts with the publications on, and of, the University of Ilorin, before he signed an MOU with the College. The two institutions agreed on bilateral academic visits as well a linkage between the Centres for Supportive Services for the Deaf in the two institutions.

Later in the day (i.e. Thursday 26th August 2010) the focus of activities centred on Virginia State University, Petersburg, which played host to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. There, the Vice-Chancellor was first received by two Nigerians who are faculty members there, Professors Emmanuel Omojokun and Adeyemi Adekoya. He later met the President (Vice-Chancellor) of the University, Dr. Keith Miller, with whom he discussed the earlier signed MoU, which covered exchange of faculty and students, joint supervision of projects, collaborative research, joint editorial membership of faculty journals, exchange of publications, among others.

As a result of the visit to Virginia State University, the University of Ilorin is expected to reap the benefit of having its Deputy Librarian (Digital) interacting with his counterpart at Virginia State University Library, having Virginia represented during the next convocation ceremony of the University, acquiring the intelligent table, and receiving expertise in constructing the University of Ilorin green glass house for agricultural purposes.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- News originally refers to information from four directions: North, East, West, South.
- Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats can have over a million descendants.
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

Vote for God-fearing leaders, NIREC urges Nigerians

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NIREC, according to the communiqué, among other things:

- i. Appeals to traditional and religious leaders at all levels to imbibe the spirit of courage to speak the truth at all times and seek genuine solutions and reconciliation of aggrieved parties;
- ii. Urges religious leaders to continue to preach peace to their followers in order to enhance religious harmony;
- iii. Calls on Royal Fathers and religious leaders across the country not to relent in their efforts to constantly discourage suspicion, which usually underlines crises in the country, among our people.
- iv. Leaders should intensify interfaith dialogue and preach religious tolerance.

On violence in the country

- v. Condemns in the strongest terms the spate of violence in the country especially in Plateau and Borno states;
- vi. Sympathises with the families of all who lost their lives and property in the mayhem and prays that God console them;
- vii. Recommends that victims of such mayhem be adequately compensated by the Federal and State Governments;
- viii. Calls on the Federal, State and Local Governments to detect, expose and prosecute those responsible for these dastardly acts of violence;
- ix. Advises the leaders of both religions to exercise restraint in their utterances and publications in order not to aggravate the situation;
- x. Appeals for an immediate end to the wanton destruction of life and property;
- xi. Pleads with Governments at all levels to map out strategies to combat youth restiveness and create employment for the citizens;
- xii. Urges State Governments to expand the State Security Councils to include religious leaders for more effective performance;
- xiii. Reiterates the need for the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of various panels set up on the recurring Jos and other ethno-religious crises.

Voter Registration and the April, 2011 Elections

- xiv. Calls on all eligible Nigerians to participate in the ongoing voter registration exercise to fulfill their civic responsibilities;
- xv. Advises the citizens to vote for credible and God-fearing leaders who will serve honestly and selflessly;
- xvi. Calls on the Government to extend the on-going voter registration exercise in view of the complaints that have trailed the exercise so that voters are not disenfranchised;
- xvii. Calls on all to resist the pressure to be used to perpetrate electoral malpractices.

Other Issues

- xviii. Appeals to State and Local Governments to allocate land for Christian and Muslim Places of Worship without hindrance;
- xix. Commits itself to the constitution of a Committee that will move round the States of the Federation to establish State Chapters of NIREC in order to effectively reach the grassroots;
- xx. Appeals to the religious leaders to promote peace, uphold and protect fundamental human rights;
- xxi. Calls for the eradication of Female Genital Mutilation and all other harmful practices against women;
- xxii. Urges all Nigerians to continuously pray for peace especially about the forthcoming elections;
- xxiii. Appeals that the situation in Cote d'Ivoire be peacefully addressed and that the winner of the elections be enthroned to entrench democracy in the sub-region and avert the looming civil war in the country;
- xxiv. Commends the Co-Chairmen of the Council and the National Coordinator for their purposeful leadership.

Unilorin starts five new courses

As part of its drive to multiply excellence among various segments of the Nigerian society and develop the needed manpower for the development of the country, the University of Ilorin has

introduced five new courses to its academic programme. The five new courses are Nursing, Metallurgical Engineering, Veterinary Medicine, Health Information Management and Pharmacy. Students of the new courses/ Departments matriculated last week with their colleagues in other Departments of the University.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Text of the Address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin and President of the Association of African Universities, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the International Association of Universities (IAU) seminar on Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Auditorium, University of Ilorin.

It is my utmost joy and pleasure to welcome you distinguished participants to Nigeria, Ilorin and the University of Ilorin in particular on behalf of the Council, Senate, Management, staff and students of the University. You are heartily welcome and I hope you will still come back after this crucial seminar.

Distinguished academics and resource persons, one of the noblest ventures one can ever pursue is knowledge. Knowledge with skills brings about development and the state of human civilisation today is a direct result of knowledge. It is based in this premise that this address is so called because as Earnest Renan earnestly told us once, “knowledge is power is the finest idea ever put into words.” I deem it appropriate to briefly address you in the light of that submission.

That universities are crucial to the generation, preservation and transmission of knowledge testifies to the strategic position that scholars occupy. If knowledge remains the only meaningful resource today, which Philip Emeagwali referred to when he said “knowledge is capital, the rest is money”, it is great that we are here to examine knowledge at its peak.

In the next few days, we shall be brainstorming on the theme of this seminar, “The Changing Nature of Doctoral Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa.” On behalf of the African university system and the University of Ilorin, I want to commend the IAU for this timely initiative. Globalisation affects us all and change is the only permanent thing life. I am certain that our activities in Ilorin these few days will not but satisfy Plato, who in his *The Republic* submits that “the true lover of knowledge naturally strives for truth and is not content with common opinion but soars with undimmed and unwearied passion till he grasps the essential nature of things”. This is exactly the passion that has made the IAU to bring us all together here and we are grateful: to “grasp the essential nature of things” as far as doctoral programmes are concerned.

You will agree that it will not be fair if you are in the University of Ilorin and I fail to tell those who do not know, or remind those who know already, what the University of Ilorin is. It is in this respect that I wish to state that our University was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 1975 in order to, as stated in the Third Nigerian National Development Plan, provide more opportunities for the increasing university education needs of Nigerians and to contribute to the training of the high level manpower required by the expanding Nigerian economy.

Thirty-five years after its establishment, the University is unrelenting in its vigorous pursuit of its triple mandate of teaching, research and community service such that a national newspaper could not but agree last Wednesday in a comprehensive report that the University is “waxing stronger at 35” through a “a new pace in varsity education” that it has set for itself. (*Nigerian Compass*, November 3, 2010, pages 13, 14 and 19) That the University of Ilorin, as you are aware perhaps, is the best of the 104 universities in the most populous African country, Nigeria, according to the well-respected webometric ranking of universities and one of the leading universities of Africa, is not by accident. It is a manifestation of the solid academic foundation the University had at its inception and the dogged determination of its successive managers over the years to take it to the top.

The University just two weeks ago had its 26th convocation ceremonies in which it awarded degrees and diplomas to 7,319 graduands, including 83 PhDs, and 1,232 other categories of graduate graduands. It has produced many academics, professionals and experts who continue to contribute to the development of humanity through knowledge and skills cultivated in the various generations of its products. So highly

does the University consider human development at the highest level that its graduate programmes are among the best in the country, according to the regulatory National Universities Commission (NUC), with output rated 2nd in the country to the 1948-established University of Ibadan as at 2004.

Since the Postgraduate School was inaugurated in November 1983 when the first two PhD graduands were awarded their degree, the University as at the last convocation ceremony held two weeks ago has produced some 736 PhDs. Additional scores of graduands will be completing their programmes very soon. The PhD output of the University over the years is provided thus:

S/N	Year	PhD Output
1	1983	2
2	1984	-
3	1985	16
4	1986	1
5	1987	6
6	1988	7
7	1989	18
8	1990	19
9	1991	23
10	1992	20
11	1993	11
12	1994	-
13	1995	23
14	1996	4
15	1997	70
16	1998	12
17	1999	24
18	2000	34
19	2001	17
20	2002	44
21	2003	39
22	2004	38
23	2005	31
24	2006	57
25	2007	19
26	2008	38
27	2009	80
28	2010	83
	Total	736

Distinguished colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, I hope this seminar will be a wake-up call to continue to do what we do better so that sub-saharan Africa in particular and the world at large will derive the power that comes from knowledge. It is lack of knowledge that results in diseases and many problems associated with sub-saharan Africa. With more knowledge powered with skills, the problems of underdevelopment and all motion without progress that characterise most of Africa will be tackled.

Once again, I welcome you to the University of Ilorin and I thank you very much for your attention.

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Oladosu adds another feather to his cap

The Director of Academic Planning, University of Ilorin, who is also the Chief Imam of the University, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, has added another ring to his chain of achievements.

The Azhar-trained scholar has been “unanimously appointed as the Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Niger Mutual Halal Plan of Niger Insurance Plc, Lagos.”

Prof. Oladosu’s appointment came on the heels of the demise of the former BOT Chairman and foremost educationist, Prof. Aliu Babatunde Fafunwa.

In a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor by the Executive Director (Technical) of Niger Insurance Plc, Dr. Ibrahim R. Hassan, the insurance company expressed optimism that Prof. Oladosu’s appointment would “present a unique opportunity for innovation and progress for the Board and the company in general.”

Unilorin Students Union honours Maitama Sule

The Students Union of the University of Ilorin is floating an annual journal, The Erudite, the maiden edition of which is in honour of Alhaji (Dr.) Yusuf Maitama Sule, Dan Masanin Kano.

The theme of the first edition set to be published soon is “Politics of Principle: Perspectives on Development”.

The sub-themes that contributors to the edition can explore, according to the Union, are:

- Perspectives on the Personality of Maitama Sule
- Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Perspectives of Politics
- Social, Political and Economic Development in Nigeria
- Education, Communication, Leadership and Development
- Scientific and Medical Perspectives of Politics
- Rule of Law and the Challenges of Good Governance
- ICT in Development and Democracy
- Agricultural Development and Democratic Dividends.

Abstracts and full papers in Microsoft Word format are to be submitted on or before 12th March, 2011 to studentsunionunilorin@yahoo.com and copied to madedimeji@unilorin.edu.ng. All contributors are to note that articles, including references, must not exceed 20 pages of double spaced A4 paper.

Cleric advises students to shun cultism

A respected cleric and heir of the late Sheikh Muhammad Kamaldeen Habeebullah Al-Adabiy, Sheikh Sofiyullah Al-Adabiy, has admonished students of the University of Ilorin to steer clear of cultism and other forms of anti-social behaviour. The Sheikh made this appeal while giving a post- Jummat talk at the University of Ilorin Central Mosque last Friday (January 4, 2011).

The cleric observed that students have a good example in their Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who he described as an embodiment of knowledge and humility, a combination of which he said would serve the students well if they imbibe such virtues rather than be involved cultism and engage in conduct unbecoming.

Sheikh Sofiyullah Al-Adabiy advised students against corrupting their names citing the Holy Qur’an to buttress his advice. He said it is regrettable that some students named Abdurazaq, Ade, for instance, would come to the university and call themselves “Rosco”, “Adesco” among others. He urged students to face their studies and be respectful so that they can attain greatness.

The cleric also lauded the Chief Imam, Prof. Oladosu, recalling that when they were both students many years ago, Prof. Oladosu was addressed “the blessed” by his revered late father and teacher, saying further that knowledge and humility would always take individuals to the top.

While describing Allah as the Supreme Custodian of knowledge and a university as an institution engaged in the business of knowledge, Sheikh Al-Adabiy prayed that Allah grant students knowledge and success. He also prayed for peace and progress for all members of the University community.

Ranking of varsities not favourable to Africa – VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has explained that he does not believe much in the ranking of African universities by the international rankers saying that such rankings are not favourable to Africa and that some of the criteria use are disadvantageous to developing and under-developed countries.

Prof. Oloyede made this submission last Tuesday (February 1, 2011) when reacting to the ranking of the University of Ilorin as number one in Nigeria. He said while the University of Ilorin is committed to improving its ranking in the world, the fact still remains that the peculiar circumstances of Africa are not factored into the ranking by the bodies and therefore the results cannot be said to be perfect.

Another joint conference holds in June

As the University of Ilorin prepares to host its second joint conference with the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana in May, its first joint conference with the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa, is scheduled for June, 2011.

The conference, themed “Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development”, holds between June 27 and 30 at the University of Ilorin. Participation is sought from all over the world.

Computer test for student finalists holds in March

The final year students of the University of Ilorin have been notified that their Computer Appreciation Certificate test, earlier scheduled for last week, will now hold between March 1 and 2, 2011.

According to a statement obtained by *Unilorin Bulletin*, the postponement was necessitated by the need to allow staff to participate in the voter registration exercise following the holiday declared by Kwara State Government, which the University of Ilorin community also observed.

Happy Birthday To Tou!

S/N	Name	Department/ Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Abdulqadir, Ibrahim A.	Islamic Law	9 th February
2.	Adeoye, Rasaki	Council Office	10 th February
3.	Adesuyi, David I.	Bursary	13 th February
4.	Adunbarin, David B	Works/ Power	6 th February
5.	Akano, Sule	Works/ Power	6 th February
6.	Akindipe, Modupe M.	Library	10 th February
7.	Bakare, Bashiru B	Central Administration	10 th February
8.	Giwa, Bilkisu I.	Academic Planning	13 th February
9.	Meseru, Rufus T.	Works/ Power	8 th February
10.	Okoro, Emmanuel O.	Medicine	10 th February
11.	Oladosu, AbdulGaniy A.	Director, Academic Planning Unit	10 th February
12.	Olatunji, Gabriel A	Chemistry	12 th February
13.	Salisu, Helen A.	Admissions Office	8 th February
14.	Zakariyah, Abdulfatah O.	Food Science and Home Economics	10 th February
15.	Zakariyyah, Maimunat D.	Registrar's Office	6 th February

LAUGH LINES

A woman woke in the middle of the night to find her husband missing from her side. In the stillness of the house, she could hear a muffled sound downstairs. She went downstairs and looked around, but she could not find him. Listening again, she could definitely hear moaning. She went down to the basement to find her husband, couched in the corner facing the wall, sobbing terribly. “What’s wrong with you?” she asked him.

“Remember when your father caught us fooling around when you were 16?” she replied yes.

“And remember”, he continued, “I had two choices: I could either marry you, or spend the next 20 years in prison.”

Baffled, she said, “Yes, I remember. So?”

“Well... How unfortunate I am that I was not thoughtful. I would have got out of the prison today!”

Unilorin in the News

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- While reviewing the recent 2011 ranking of the best 100 universities in Africa, the Provost of the College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Prof. Siyan Oyeweso, has attributed the topmost position of the University of Ilorin “to the quality of leadership in the institution as epitomized by its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the immediate past President of the Association of African Universities and incumbent Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of African Universities”.
(‘Web ranking ensnares varsities’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.19).
- A lecturer at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has expressed his doubts about the voter registration exercise conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).
(‘INEC, many Nigerians will be disenfranchised’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, February 1, 2011, p.16)
- The University of Ilorin has matriculated over 5,000 students for the 2010/2011 academic session.
(‘UNILORIN: 5000 students take matriculation oath’, *New Nigerian*, Thursday, February 3, 2011, p.25)
- The Sub-Dean of Student Affairs, (Main Campus) University of Ilorin, Dr. M. T. Yakubu, has said that the University will soon achieve 100% success in enforcing its dress code.
(‘Varsity censures indecent dressing’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, February 3, 2011, p.22)
- The final year students of the University of Ilorin are to write their Computer Appreciation Certificate test. (‘Finalists write computer test’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- The University of Ilorin has organised a second stage of its workshops on Open Distance Learning (ODL) for its lecturers. (‘Lecturers get ODL training’, *The Nation*, same as above)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin are set to procure sporting facilities and equipment as they accelerate their preparations for hosting the 13th edition of West Africa University Games (WAUG). (‘More facilities for WAUG’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin will soon be a regular guest on a monthly programme, “Meet the Vice-Chancellor” which will make a debut on Unilorin 89.3 FM soon.
(‘UNILORIN FM to host VC’, *The Nation*, same as above).
- Students of Olabisi Onabanjo University have trounced their counterparts in a medical quiz competition held at the University of Ilorin in honour of Emeritus Professor O. O. Akinkugbe, a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.
(‘OOU shines at medical students quiz competition’, *The Nation*, same date, p.26)
- Students of the Departments of Economics and Business Administration, University of Ilorin, have held a remembrance service for their departed colleagues.
(‘Students remember late colleagues’, *The Nation*, same date, p.28)
- While speaking at the matriculation of the new students of the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has remarked that though his university would continue to do its best to rank high on the global table, the ranking of world universities is not favourable to the developing nations like Nigeria.
(‘Varsity ranking not favourable to developing nations – UNILORIN VC’, *National Pilot*, Thursday February 2 – Sunday, February 6, 2011, p.3)
- The University of Ilorin has matriculated 5,384 students for the 2010/2011 academic session.
(‘Unilorin matriculates 5,384 fresh students’, *National Pilot*, same date, p.16)
- The University of Ilorin has retained its number one position in Africa while moving up to number 30 in Africa, according to the latest ranking of “For international colleges and universities (ww.4icu.org) as disclosed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while addressing the matriculating students of the University recently.
(‘Unilorin ranked first in Nigeria, 30th in Africa’, *The Herald*, Friday, January 4, 2011, p.5)

Unilorin in the News

- The University of Ilorin has signed Memoranda of Understanding with both Swansea University and Swansea Metropolitan University in pursuit of excellence while the moment of signing the MoU between the two Vice-Chancellors of Ilorin and Swansea, with the Unilorin Researcher of the Year 2010 in attendance, has been frozen in a published photograph.
(‘UNILORIN, British varsities sign MoU’, *The Guardian on Sunday*, January 30, 2011, p.32)
- The University of Ilorin has topped four other Nigerian universities listed among the best 100 universities in Africa in the 2011 rankings of 4icu.org.
- The University of Ilorin has been declared the best Nigerian university by a webometric ranking of African universities by www.4icu.org.
(‘UNILORIN, best in Nigeria’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, February 1, 2011, pp.42 & 43)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has advised the new students of the University to be hardworking while speaking at the Matriculation Ceremony held for the fresh students of the University today.
(*Radio Kwara* news at 3:00 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2011).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that poor class attendance is a major reason for which students fail at the University while speaking at the matriculation of the 2010/2011 fresh students.
(‘*Ray Power FM News* Lagos, at 5:00 p.m, Tuesday, February 1, 2011)
- Of the 73,392 candidates that originally sought admission to the University of Ilorin, only 5,384 were matriculated by the University – part of the disclosure made by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, during the matriculation ceremony held today.
(*NTA Ilorin* news at 7p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2011).
- The photograph of the University of Ilorin gate has been used to illustrate a major report on the Nigerian university system.
(‘Education’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, February 2, 2011, p.13)
- The University of Ilorin has been adjudged the best Nigerian university, leading such universities as those of Ibadan, Ile-Ife, Lagos and Benin in the best 5 category in Nigeria/Africa.
(‘Nigerian varsities: still far from the mark’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.14)
- The efforts of the University of Ilorin to maintain its lead in the Nigerian university system received a boost recently when its Faculty of Engineering and Technology unveiled its plan of using cutting-edge technology for the diagnosis of faulty cars.
(‘Faculty offers car diagnosis services’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.17).
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have signed Memoranda of Understanding with Swansea University and Swansea Metropolitan University as part of their commitment to advancing academic excellence.
(‘UNILORIN, British varsities sign MoU’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.18)

Quotes of the Week

There are three faithful friends—an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.

- Benjamin Franklin

It is easier to fight for principles than to live up to them.

- Alfred Adler

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

- Oscar Wilde

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself – nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.

– Franklin D. Roosevelt