



Bankole urges youth to defend democracy



L-R: The DVC (Academic), Prof. K. L. Ayorinde; the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Bankole; the VC, Prof. Oloyede and the Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi last Monday

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The Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Oladimeji Sabur Bankole, has challenged Nigerian youths, especially the students, to participate in politics and defend the country's democracy against the antics of those he referred to as "dirty people" and "people with questionable character".

Rt. Hon. Bankole made this submission while speaking at a personality workshop organised by the Students' Union of the University of Ilorin last Monday (December 6, 2010) at the University of Ilorin.

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Why life was difficult for our forefathers - by VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has identified the dearth of scientific and technological knowledge as the reason behind the difficult life that was lived by the earlier generations just as he described science and technology as the key to rapid development.



GREAT: The "greater scientists" in a group photograph with the principal officers and Deans behind them last Tuesday at the University Auditorium

Prof. Oloyede made this submission in his address, "The Young Shall Grow" delivered last Tuesday (December 7, 2010) at the inaugural workshop of the Greater Scientists project which involved the training of selected Basic 8 and 9 pupils of the Universal Basic Education Programme (J.S.S. 2 and 3) in science and technology as a way of promoting science and technology among young Nigerians.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, "the more a nation advances in science and technology, the more developed the country is and the more a country remains stagnant in science and technology, the less developed or more underdeveloped the nation becomes."

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Nigerian youths charged to be vigilant demo

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According to the Speaker, whose lecture focused on “The Challenges and Prospect of Transforming the Nigerian Democratic Polity”, the youths should always take their leaders to task through intellectual engagement while revealing that N2.3 trillion was earmarked for the local government areas in this year’s budget.

“To advance the frontiers of democratization, conscious efforts must be made by our youths to enhance their participation in politics. I call on Nigerian youths to refuse to be used for electoral rigging and political violence by self-serving politicians. They should stand up, defend democracy and fight for a better future for every Nigerian, Nigerian youths have to become real actors and not just spectators on the national political turf”, he emphasised.



WELCOME: The VC, and the Registrar with the SU President and Secretary receiving the Speaker at the Ilorin Airport

Rt. Hon. Bankole, who earlier remarked he “was not fortunate to pass through this University (of Ilorin)” that he found to be the best University in Nigeria, said nobody will give the youths power, they have to take it. He therefore charged and challenged them to be vigilant just as he disclosed that the National Assembly has been able to recover about one trillion naira unspent funds from agencies and parastatals since the beginning of his leadership in the House. He added that the recovered money would have ended up in private pockets without the work of the legislators.

He further said that there are about 13,000 electable offices across the three tiers of government in Nigeria and there can be no change in the polity when good and educated people consider politics a “dirty game” to be shunned. “We cannot do it when we allow people with questionable character to run this country”, he said.

While emphasising the need for a succession pattern in leadership, Rt. Hon. Bankole said there is no success without succession and Nigerians have to cultivate a progressive attitude. He stressed the need for planning as he quoted a Chinese proverb that says thus: “If you want to plan for a year, plant maize; if you want to plan for 10 years, plant a tree; and if you want to plan for the future, educate the youth”.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, in a welcome address tagged “First Things First”, thanked the Guest Speaker, who he described as “an intellectual who is on loan to politics”. He also congratulated the Students Union officials on casting their net wide and catching such a big fish as the Speaker to enrich the academic discourse in the University.

According to Prof. Oloyede, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), students have a lot to learn from the Speaker whose passion for education made him to continue learning even as an elected member of the House of Representatives. “One important lesson in the career of our honourable guest lecturer that you need to emulate is passion for learning and self-development. The bane of many youths today is to think of achieving success without good education. It is in your interest that you face your studies, take advantage of the opportunities around you in the University and prepare yourselves adequately so that when the future beckons, you will not be found wanting. You have to put *first things first* and the first thing for you now is making a success out of your university education”, he said.

Also speaking at the event, the President of the University of Ilorin Students Union, Mr. Obayomi Olaitan appreciated the Guest Speaker for honouring the invitation of the students despite its short notice. He also acknowledged the efforts being made by his leadership in bringing about necessary reforms in the constitution of the country.

The high points of the well attended occasion included the presentations of gifts to the Speaker by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, on behalf of the University and the Student Union President, Mr. Olaitan on behalf of the students.

When silence is golden...

“It is better to be silent and considered a fool than to speak and remove all the doubt”, so said a sage. The wisdom in this quote and its likes is however lost to many people as daily experiences often highlight instances of people whose silence would have done a greater good.

The foregoing remarks came to the front burner in the inner recesses of many observers last Monday at the University when the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole, came at the instance of the Students Union to do exactly what his office requires: speaking.

After the lecture, which was well received as a fresh insight into the workings of the National Assembly from the horse's mouth rather than the usual third party newspaper reports, it was the time for questions.

As soon as the announcement was made by the Chairman of the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, several hands were raised. The present writer had a sneaky feeling that half of the people who raised their hands might not have thought out their questions. This feeling was confirmed by two.

Though the Speaker would want to accommodate three questions as his aides were mindful of the time constraints, the Vice-Chancellor took six to maximize the opportunity. For understandable reasons, only students were called upon to ask: it was their programme and they constituted 99% of the auditorium which was filled to capacity.

Like many questions/comments one had had the (mis)fortune of listening to in the past, those randomly selected largely followed the usual pattern: average questions. However, two were disappointing.

A male student rose to ask of how he would be a leader when he was not free to talk and a female student said something to the effect that the problem of the country has to do with using the American federalism and the British monarchical (parliamentary) system. In the latter case, as the Vice-Chancellor did a damage control by making sense out of what sounded somehow nonsensical, the student said “no” - suggesting that her question was intact until her time was over. Interestingly, few students hailed her effrontery, which suggested that they agreed with her line of reasoning. Others felt embarrassed and sorry for a wasted opportunity to engage the number four citizen of the country.

When it was the time for the Speaker to answer the questions, he was frank but truthful. Truth is bitter. For somebody who had hailed the University saying he regretted he did not attend it, the Oxford-educated and Harvard-trained Speaker Bankole wondered aloud how the two questions could arise from students of the University. For the boy, he wondered why nobody asked him about education, possibly getting the government to pay more attention to it. He also found it curious that someone who was called upon among the rest to speak wasted the opportunity by saying he could not speak!

For the girl, the Speaker replied he did not understand her much as it was apparent she hadn't learnt much of political science because Nigeria had dropped the British parliamentary system some 45 years ago! He recommended any elementary book on Nigeria's political history to the student for a start.

Though in a way characteristic of great men, the speaker showed humility by expressing apology while concluding his remarks to anyone he might have hurt (offended in his lecture), what many people felt was that thinking before talking would do many people a lot of good.

For those who are good at taking lessons, what they learnt was that the old saw that says silence is golden, speech is silver is always relevant and that thinking should precede talking especially at public fora. However, the snag is that many people often like to hear the sounds of their own voices at the expense of the impression they would create about themselves when they use their tongues before their thoughts.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The total amount of online transactions in 2008 was about \$204 billion. The online business is expected to reach \$267 billion at the end of this year (2010).
- The popular search engine, Google.com, is worth \$174.83 billion and it is currently the biggest media company in the world – bigger than Time Warner (which owns *Time* magazine, CNN and America Online) and bigger than all the companies quoted on the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

Unilorin intervenes in promoting science in Nigeria

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While adding that “our world has witnessed tremendous transformation and monumental developments over the past century in a way that would be quite unimaginable to those who lived in the 19th century” as a result of the breakthroughs in science and technology, Prof. Oloyede explained that the importance of the subjects accounts for why the University of Ilorin is a science-oriented University.

“The University is taking a step further today in its drive for a more scientifically developed and technologically advanced Nigeria with its engagement with pre-university students. The idea is to catch them young by bringing the greater scientists of tomorrow into our laboratories and teaching them how to swim with the technological currents rather than watch from the shoreline. Through this orientation, training and exposure, we believe that *the young shall grow* and the lion cubs of today that leap upon rats will be killing buffaloes in the years ahead,” he said.

He added that “it is the hope of the University to use this programme to create awareness about science and technology and encourage our young talents to have interest in the fields. This intervention will take the form of career talks, seminars, workshops and other related activities targeted at the young minds.” The Vice-Chancellor also gave the students an assignment which they would submit to their science teachers.



DONS: L-R: Dean, Clinical Sciences, Prof. W. R. Johnson; Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh; Dean, Arts, Prof. Z.I. Oseni; Dean, Science, Prof. S. O. Molomo; DVC (MS), Prof. A.B. Olayemi; VC, Prof. I. O. Oloyede; ag University Librarian, Mrs. J. A. Fadayomi; ag Dean, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Director, CRL, Prof. M. A. Akanji at the occasion

Speaking earlier at the event, the Chairman of the Greater Scientists Committee, Prof. J. A. Obaleye, said that the condition of the Nigerian youths at this point in the nation’s history calls for concern and there is therefore the need for parents and teachers who have thus far failed in their responsibilities to strive for a pass mark in children upbringing by creating the love for science in the hearts of the young.

Prof. Obaleye said that pupils from four secondary schools in four Local Governments Areas, including University of Ilorin Junior Secondary School, Government Day Secondary School Ilorin, Government Day Secondary School Odo-Okun and Government Girls’ Day Secondary School, Oko-Erin, were invited to the inaugural workshop to see what scientists do and to participate in laboratory experiments as young scientists.

The Director of the University of Ilorin Central Research Laboratory, Prof. M.A. Akanji, gave the background to the programme recalling that in the year 2009, a UNESCO Conference called the attention of Nigerians to the need to address lack of progress in Science and Technology. He said that the University of Ilorin took up the challenge and the event of the day was a culmination of the efforts of University in that important direction.

In her own address at the occasion, Dr. (Mrs.) Hass Akanbi, who visited the science museum in France with Prof. M. A. Akanji on behalf of the University, said that children are natural scientists with their sense of exploration and curiosity. She said that as adults, students need to re-learn their curiosity and exploratory spirit have to come back.

She also noted that scientists need to learn established facts first and then explore adding that students generally learn facts at the undergraduate level and explore during their postgraduate studentship. She disclosed that Europe has discovered that the average students in undergraduate days tend to perform better than those who had straight ‘As’ when they get to the postgraduate level because the level is more about exploration and less about the mastery of facts.

Unilorin-UCC conference holds next April

The date of the next joint conference of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, themed “Climate Change and Sustainable Development” has been fixed. The conference will hold between April 24 and 29, 2011 at the University of Ilorin.

The date was announced last Tuesday after the end of a day-long meeting of the International Organising Committee which comprises the representatives of the two universities at the University of Ilorin under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde.

According to the Committee, the two universities are committed to improving on the organisation of the conference based on the lessons and experiences gained from the first edition held at the University of Cape-Coast, Ghana, last year.

Meanwhile, participants at the first edition of the conference have been assured that proceedings of the conference have been processed and copies of the book would be made available before the next conference.

CCSD 2011:CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Ilorin, Nigeria and University of Cape Coast, Ghana are organizing the 2nd Joint International Conference from 24th – 28th April, 2011. The theme of the conference is “*Climate Change and Sustainable Development*”. Participation is sought from all over the world.

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- Climate Change, Culture and the Arts
- Climate Change and Environmental Development
- Climate, Engineering and Infrastructural Development
- Curriculum Response to Climate Change and Development
- Climate Change and Health Management
- Climate Change, Social Transition, Legal and Business Development
- Climate Change and Agricultural Development

Full papers may not exceed 14 pages typeset at 12-point, double-spaced and in APA 5th format. Authors may choose between **two** formats: **full and short papers**. Both formats will be peer reviewed.

All papers must be original contributions. The material must not have been previously published or be under review for publication elsewhere.

Note: *All accepted papers will be published by the Conference Secretariat as Conference Proceedings.*

Submission

Abstracts or papers must be submitted in Microsoft Word format to:

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Important Dates:

- Submission of Abstracts: 28th February, 2011
- Deadline for Registration: 31st March, 2011
- Submission of Full Papers: 15th April 2011
- Conference Date:

Arrival – Sunday, 24th April, 2011

Opening/ Plenary Session – Monday, 25th April, 2011

Technical Session – Tuesday, 26th and Wednesday, 27th April, 2011

Departure – Thursday, 28th April, 2011

NOTE: Registration fee for the Conference is \$ 150

For further information, please visit www.unilorin.edu.ng/ccsd2011.

Vacancies for Research Associates at Unilorin Sugar Research Institute

Unilorin Sugar Research Institute (USRI) has vacancies for the position of Research Associates in the following disciplines:

- Genetics and Breeding
- General Crop Husbandry (Agronomy, Nutrition & Protection)
- Crop and By-Products Utilization (including processing into Food and Industrial products)
- Agricultural Economics and Extension
- Agroclimatology

Opportunities:

1. The University allocates Research Grants to the Institute annually from which individual Research Associates can draw fund to conduct research in any of the disciplines advertised. However, funds can be accessed only through well-written research proposals which are normally screened by the Research Committee.
2. Research Associates can also write and submit group research proposals to take advantage of the funds allocated to the University Senate Research Grants Committee.
3. Research proposals can also be written to target funds from external bodies such as Petroleum Trust Development Fund (PTDF), Education Trust Fund (ETF), National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN), etc.

Qualifications: A minimum of M.Sc. in the Relevant Discipline.

Method of Application: Qualified Academics in the University should apply in writing to:

Ag. Director,
Unilorin Sugar Research Institute,
Ilorin.

LAUGH LINES

The European Commission has announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, her Majesty's Government conceded that the English spelling had some room for improvement and accepted a five-year plan for the creation of a language that will be known as "EuroEnglish".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make sivil servants jump for joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the second year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with the "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per cent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will encourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e" in the language is disgraceful, and it should go away.

By the fourth year, people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords containing "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After ziz fifz year, v evil have a reali sensibl riten styl. Zen vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi to understand ech ozer.

ZE DEM VIL FINALI KUM TRU!!!

Couples advised as Abubakre's son gets married

Old and new couples have been advised to observe their responsibilities in the family in order to ensure they have happy married lives.

This was the advice of a versatile don and cleric, Dr. Sirajudeen Bilal, while delivering a lecture on "The Responsibilities of Husband and Wife" at the wedding ceremony of Engr. Alim Adeyemi Ishola Abubakre, and his wife, former Miss Ruqayah Omowumi Olowonirejuaro, at the University of Ilorin Auditorium last weekend.



The couple cutting the wedding cake at the reception



The couple's parents: Navy Captain and Mrs. Olowonirejuaro and Prof. and Mrs. R. D. Abubakre

According to the lecturer, wives should accept their husbands' families as their own, support their husbands in their efforts and eat moderately in order not to be too fat and thus lose their husbands to other women.

He added that husbands on their part should love and cherish their wives as releasing a daughter in marriage to a stranger is the greatest favour that any man can receive.

In her own remarks at the reception, Dr. (Mrs) Irene Durosaro, noted that the wedding cake that was cut is a message to the couple. He said the cake is an acronym which means that husbands and wives should care for each other, be attentive to each other's needs, keep their family secrets secret and endure with each other.

The wedding, which was solemnised by the Chief Imam of Ansarudeen of Nigeria, Imam Abrur-rahman Ahmad, was attended by the Grand Kadi, Kwara State, Hon. Justice Idris Haroun and Principal Officers and Council Members of the University of Ilorin, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi; the former Dean of Arts, Prof. Yasir A. Quadri; Prof. Kolade Joseph; Prof. A. A. Adesoye, the Dean of Arts and Chief Imam of Auch, Prof. Z. I. Oseni, many Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Units, lecturers and staff of the University.

I want to get married too - Bamidele

Members of the University community are invited to the wedding ceremony between Mr. Samuel Oluwadare Bamidele of the Academic Planning Unit and his heartthrob, Christiana Olubunmi Iyabode Adesiyon.

The marriage comes up at All Souls Anglican Church, Fate/Tanke, Ilorin, this Saturday, December 18, 2010 by 10:00 a.m. while the reception will be at Babatunde Hall, St. Barnabas Cathedral Church, Ilorin.

The Engagement programme holds on Friday December 17, 2010 at Taoheed Secondary School, Off Basin Road, Ilorin, beginning from 2:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department	Date of Birth
1	Abubakar, Isa A.	Arabic	12 th December
2	Adegoke, Ayodele	Works/Civil	12 th December
3	Arokoyo, Grace O.	Institute of Education	12 th December
4	Atoyebi, Sherifat O.	University School	12 th December
5	Edungbola, John O.	Security	12 th December
6	Ibiyemi, Florence K.	Works/MTO	12 th December
7	Idayat, Adenike	Haematology	12 th December
8	Ismail, Mustapha A.	Business Law	12 th December
9	Jaiyeola, Sunday	Security	12 th December
10	Jimoh, Obalowu	Health Services	12 th December
11	Kamaja, Saka	Health Services	12 th December
12	Mohammed, Safi	Academic Office	12 th December
13	Mohammed, Iyabo	Security	12 th December
14	Olasehinde, Elizabeth F.	Library	12 th December
15	Oni, Adebayo Sunday	Works/Civil	12 th December
16	Oyebamiji, James	Health Services	12 th December
17	Oyetunde, Muraina T.	Bursary	12 th December
18	Oyewopo, Joseph B.	Security	12 th December
19	Oyinloye, Grace A.	Academic Office	12 th December
20	Raheem, Moshood A.	Library	12 th December
21	Senibi, Abigail O.	Health Services	12 th December
22	Shehu, Ajepe T.	Islamic Law	12 th December
23	Titiloye, Sikirat T.	Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	12 th December
24	Tunde-Ayinmode, Monsummola F.	Behavioural Sciences	12 th December
25	Yusuf, Prudence A.	University School	12 th December
26	Abdelrazaq, Salih M.	Public Law	13 th December
27	Agunbiade, Evelyn F.	Faculty of Business & Social Sciences	13 th December
28	Bale, Rafiu B.	Geology & Mineral Sciences	13 th December
29	Kofoworola, Ezekiel O.	Performing Arts	14 th December
30	Oloyede, Amelia O.	Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies	14 th December
31	Ajibade, Kafayat O.	Counsellor Education	14 th December
32	Sanusi, Abdulrasheed K.	Security	14 th December
33	Adeleke, Lateef B.	Statistics	15 th December
34	Ibrahim, Abdulrasaq A.	Security	15 th December
35	Mobayo, Victoria I.	Health Services	15 th December
36	Olapade, Kayode	Students Affairs	15 th December
37	Oyeleke, Muftau O.	Works/Civil	15 th December
38	Saba, AbdulMaliki S.	Bursary	15 th December
39	Ajayi, Taiwo	Faculty of Business Sciences	16 th December
40	Bodunde, Jacob A.	Central Administration	16 th December
41	Olugbami, Genga O.	Works/Power	16 th December
42	Shaidu, Salihu	Security	16 th December

Unilorin inaugurates anti-corruption unit

As part of their efforts to join hands with the anti-corruption campaign in the country and further institutionalise a corruption-free University, the authorities of the University of Ilorin will today inaugurate the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) of the University under the chairmanship of Prof. F. A. Oladele this morning.

The programme begins at 9:00a.m. under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, at the Faculty of Arts Board Room.

Principal Officers, Provost, Deans and Directors of the University are expected to grace the ceremony.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointments of the following academic staff:

Name	Department	Appointment	Effective Date
Dr. A.Y. Abdulkareem	Educational Management	Ag. Head	1 st November, 2010
Prof. B.A. Raji	Agronomy	Coordinator, Department of Forest Resources Management	26 th November, 2010
Dr. A.W. Salami	Civil Engineering	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology	1 st December, 2010
Prof. A. A. Adesoye	Human Kinetics and Health Education	Director, Sports	6 th December, 2010

Unilorin in the News

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- A lecturer in the Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin, Dr. Joseph Fayeye, has advised the operators of the Nigerian Criminal Justice System (CJS) to imbibe best practices in their operations to ensure rule of law in Nigeria.
(‘Don advises CJS operators on best practices’, *National Pilot* Thursday December 9 12, 2010, p.9)
- The photograph of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Dimeji Bankole with the principal officers of the University of Ilorin has been published.
(‘Photonews’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.20)
- In an address delivered at the inauguration of the Greater Scientists project, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that lack of scientific knowledge made life difficult for the past generations.
(‘Life was difficult for our forefathers without science, says VC’, *National Pilot*, same as above)
- Prof. Poju Akinyanju has expressed his opinion about the case involving the University of Ilorin and some of its staff which was resolved last year.
(‘UNILORIN 49: An ode to courage’, *The Guardian*, Thursday, December 9, 2010 p.68)
- A 300 level student of the University of Ilorin, Habeeb Whyte, has advised the newly admitted students of the University on how to succeed at Unilorin.
(‘Letter to fresh UNILORITES’, *The Nation*, Thursday December 9, 2010, p.39)
- The staff and students of the University of Ilorin have been told that they have scholarship opportunities in The Netherlands that they can benefit from.
(‘Scholarship for staff, students’, “UNILORIN File”, same as above, p.41)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that his administration is fully committed to improving the quality of training given to the medical students of the University.
(‘We are committed to medical education’, “UNILORIN FILE”, same as above).
- A lecturer in the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, Dr. Abdulrazaq Alaro, has made a case in support of a bill to establish Arabic Education Board in Kwara State.
(‘Kwara to get Arabic education board’, *The Nation*, same as above, p.44).

Unilorin in the News

- Some of the various achievements of the University of Ilorin under Vice-Chancellor Is-haq Oloyede have been documented.
(‘Taking Unilorin higher: Impressive scorecard of Prof. Oloyede’, *The Herald*, Monday December 6, 2010, p.18)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that he has never received a bribe in his life and has never stolen a kobo while advising the visiting members of the Kwara State Resident Doctors Association.
(‘I have never received bribe – Unilorin VC’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday December 6, 2010 p.9)
- The Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ayodele Omotosho, has appealed to the Federal Government to increase people’s confidence in the nation’s healthcare system so that overseas trips for medical treatments would be discouraged.
(‘College of medicine provost tasks FG on health care’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above, p.48).
- The Speaker of the federal House of Representatives, Rt. Honourable Dimeji Bankole, has addressed the challenges of Nigerian politics while speaking at a personality workshop organised by the Students Union of the University of Ilorin.
(*NTA Ilorin news @ 7p.m*, Tuesday, December 7, 2010)
- The staff and students of the University of Ilorin have been cautioned on the danger of bush burning during this season.
(‘Unilorin cautions staff, students on bush burning’, *The Herald*, Wednesday December 8, 2010 p.6)
- There are scholarship opportunities for staff and postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin through the Erasmus Mundus project.
(‘Scholarship opportunity for staff, students’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, December 8, 2010, p.15)
- At a lecture delivered at the University of Ilorin, a legal practitioner, Mr. Wahab Shittu, has challenged Nigerian students to be election monitors in 2011.
(‘Students urged to be election monitors’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p.16)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that he has never received a bribe and had never stolen a kobo in his life while disclosing why he contested for the office of the Vice-Chancellor.
(‘Why I contested for UNILORIN VC, by Oloyede’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p.18)
- While speaking at a workshop organised by the Students Union of the University of Ilorin last Monday, the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole, has said that free and fair elections next year cannot be guaranteed by reforms and the release of N187 billion to INEC.
(‘Reform no guarantee for free polls, says Bankole’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, December 8, 2010.)
- The speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon Dimeji Bankole, has said at the University of Ilorin that the release of money to INEC and the purchase of Direct Data Capture machines cannot guarantee free and fair elections.
(‘DDC machines no solution to credible election’, *Leadership* Wednesday December 8, 2010, p.6).

Quotes of the Week

The mistake-riddled life is much richer, more interesting, and more stimulating than the life that has never risked or taken a stand on anything. – David McNally

You’ll always have everything you want in life if you’ll help enough other people get what they want. – Zig Ziglar

The education of a man is never completed till he dies. – Robert E. Lee

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