



Be thinkers, not tankers, says Babalola



Prof. Babalola delivering his lecture last Wednesday

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The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan, Prof. Joel B. Babalola, has urged Nigerians to be lateral thinkers, meaning those who “are capable of taking a concept out of its original context and applying it on all sides and in different contexts”, in order to salvage the country from the challenges facing it. He also differentiated tankers, those who store foreign concepts and ideas in their heads, from thinkers, those who apply what they learn to their situation and get solutions.

This was part of the submission of the Professor of Education Management in his lecture, “Education That Can Raise Productivity in Nigeria” delivered as part of the activities marking the Education Day organised by the Faculty of Education last Wednesday (December 16, 2009).

In his well-received lecture, Prof. Babalola said the bane of development lies in the application of foreign theories to local problems and stressed the importance of developing Nigerian languages, arguing that the development of the country lies in the knowledge and practice of national mores, values and proverbs. He also charged Nigerians to think in their languages saying that “when you think in your language, you get a better result” and that “education is not *zombie* production.”

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Religion plays vital roles in development - VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has underscored the vital roles religion plays in the development of humanity. He posited that as there can be no development without peace, the centrepiece of religion is peace and development can only be achieved when people are at peace with one another.

Prof. Oloyede made this observation while receiving the Superior General of the Holy Ghost Priests World-Wide, Very Rev. Fr. Jean Paul Hock, who led a delegation of Catholic priests on a courtesy visit to him last Thursday (December 17, 2009).

While expressing his pleasure to receive the Rome-based cleric, who heads the 1703-established body, Prof. Oloyede noted that religion is indispensable in the lives of all.

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Mr. Obafemi presenting the University gift to Fr. Hock as Prof. Oloyede applauds

Investment in human capital will lead to productivity – Don

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Prof. Babalola called for improving the human capital towards raising productivity in Nigeria as the world has moved to that of service delivery. He also advocated a more vigorous investment in people through functional education so that corruption can be tamed.

According to him, “for Nigeria to raise its labour and national productivity, it needs to move from the obvious emphasis on schooling and certificated head knowledge to holistic education in which emphasis is placed on educating the head, the heart and the hands.”

While elaborating his point, Prof. Babalola said that the type of education which Nigeria needs is such that will make the graduate able to adapt to changes and tackle the problems of the post-modern society. To achieve this, the guest lecturer called for the incorporation of entrepreneurial, vocational and technical education in the curriculum of education institutions in Nigeria while he also identified over-education as one of the factors militating against productivity in the country.

The don ultimately discussed 12 lessons relevant to the development of productivity in Nigeria, among which are: education should be well-resourced with physical and intangible capital; pay special attention to functional rural education; invest more in people than in physical capital; emphasise quality of education and how much is learned; pitch curriculum around lateral thinking; there should be awareness campaign against over-education especially university education in some popular courses; and there is need for a strategic shift from nature study and conservation to rational environmental education.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, congratulated the Faculty of Education on innovating the idea of combining Faculty Day with Faculty Lecture.

He said that while Nigeria faces enormous challenges, education gives the country hope because anywhere where there is learning, there is hope. He described teaching as a moral craft and a humanistic agenda, noting that the University of Ilorin generates and imparts knowledge that equip students with such skills needed to develop the Nigerian economy.

In his welcome address at the event, the Dean of Education, Prof. David O. Durosaro, said that the dynamism of the University of Ilorin administration has challenged the Faculty of Education to operate at the cutting edge of world standard. He also opined that the achievement of the 7-point agenda through education hinges on the quality of the teaching staff at all levels of Education in the country.

Highlights of the occasion included the conferment of awards on selected dignitaries including the former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Shuaib Oba Abdulraheem for his contributions to infrastructural development in the University; Oba Samuel Adegboyega Osunbade, the Olugbon of Orile-Igbon, Oyo State, who led the delegation of Nigerians in diaspora to General Yakubu Gowon and Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu during the Nigerian Civil War; the Onisan of Isin Ekiti, Oba Sunday Ajiboye Adaloko, an alumnus of the University and associate lecturer in the University of Ado-Ekiti.

Also honoured were the Kwara State Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Alhaji Bolaji Abdullahi, for his efforts at revolutionising Education in Kwara State; Dr. Mrs. O.A. Oloyede, Principal of Baptist Secondary School and 2008/2009 best principal in Kwara State; Hon. Isiaka Mogaji, Chairman of Kwara State House Committee on Education and Dr. Emmanuel Idem Ikpeme, member, Nigerian Football Association.

Speaking at the end of the occasion, the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Dr. A.O. Oniye of Counsellor Education Department, noted that the Day was organised to deepen the relationship between the gown and town. He disclosed further that the Day was meant to showcase the human and intellectual products of the Faculty as displayed at the event.



THINKERS: Prof. Oladosu, Prof. Durosaro (background), Prof. Olayemi, Mr. Obafemi and Mrs. Fadayomi at the occasion

Day Christian community rolled out joint Xmas carol

The date was Sunday December 13, 2009. The venue was the University of Ilorin Auditorium. The occasion was the first joint Christmas carol of the University Christian community. The organisers were the Chapel of the Light and St. Thomas Aquinas Centre, both of the University of Ilorin.

It was a night of melody, songs, hymns and praises through which Rev. Dr. A.S. Idowu, the Chaplain-in-Charge of the Chapel of Light and his counterpart at the St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, Rev. Titus Aliyu, expressed their joy, the joy of God's true love to mankind at Christmas.

The programme began with praise worship and processional hymn with the opening prayer said by Rev. Fr. Patrick Alemayo after which the first lesson of the carol, entitled 'Christ's Birth and Government Foretold', was presented by Prof. G.A. Olatunji. This was followed by the second lesson, themed 'Demonstration of God's Love to Man,' presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. A. B. Olayemi, who represented the Vice-Chancellor at the occasion after which Engr. S.A. Owoeye presented the third lesson, 'Living in the Light of Love'.

To follow these four lessons were four carol sessions. The first carol session, 'The Glory of the Lord', was led by the joint mass Choir of the Chapel of Light and St. Thomas Aquinas Centre. The second carol session, 'Holy Night', was led by the principal and key officers of the University including the Registrar, Mrs. O.O. Oyeyemi, the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. B. J. Bojuwoye; the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J.O. Olorunmaiye and the Director of Unilorin Consultancy Services, Prof. Teju Jolayemi.



PRAISE TIME, L-R: Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Jolayemi, Prof. Olorunmaiye and Prof. Bojuwoye

The third and fourth carol sessions, themed 'Beautiful Star of Bethlehem' and 'D'odi mu' respectively followed and it was also rendered by the joint mass Choir.

While delivering the sermon at the occasion, Rev. Dr. A.S. Idowu announced the message of God's love to mankind which he said was demonstrated by giving authority to man to rule, dominate and replenish the earth. He noted that the *Adamic* nature of man is characterised by selfishness but God wants man to repent his sins and embrace His love. He added that God is ready to accept any sinner that repents from his misdeeds. Speaking further, Rev. Idowu explained that man cannot love except if there is a new transformation that makes him a friend of God whereby he shows love and affects the life of his neighbour positively.

In his closing remarks, Rev. Fr. Titus Aliyu expressed his appreciation to God for His message of love in giving mankind Jesus Christ and appreciated the congregation for their attendance wishing all a holy spirit filled Christmas.

Among those in attendance were the principal officers of the University, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Units. The event was also graced by the former University of Ilorin Librarian and Rector, Kogi State Polytechnic, Prof. M.I. Ajibero as well as other distinguished personalities.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The number of the unemployed people in Britain stands at 2.49 million; in Nigeria, the unemployed are 64 million.
- The Special Fraud Unit of the Nigeria Police recovered a total of N3.5bn from suspects in 2009, in 2,458 cases referred to the Unit.
- According to the African Peer Review Mechanism Report on Nigeria just released in Abuja, 70% of Nigerians (or 98 million people) are living in poverty.
- Nigeria has 7.3 million orphans and 17.5 million vulnerable children.
- 70% of Nigerians live in rural areas.

Unilorin is the best University in Nigeria- by Fr. Hock

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According to the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence, religion is indispensable in the life of man because at birth, religion is involved in the naming activities and at death, a person's burial activities also involve religion. He averred that there are more intra-religions conflicts than inter-religious conflicts all over the world and appreciated the Catholic community of the University for its contributions to both intra-religious and inter-religious peace and harmony on the campus.

While reflecting on his role as the National Coordinator/Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter Religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Oloyede observed that inter-religious dialogue in the country has moved beyond talking to the level of action. He cited the newly inaugurated Nigerian Inter-Faith Action Association Against Malaria (NIFAAM) as a case study.

Prof. Oloyede remarked that people who wonder why there are still religious crises in the country despite NIREC and such other inter-faith bodies wonder in the wrong way. He said they should wonder the spate at which religious crises would have been occurring without the efforts of NIREC and others.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), opined that it was high time people of all religious persuasions came together to enhance their collective common-wealth and address their common challenges as a single humanity, saying that mosquitoes, for instance as 'inter-faith agents', bite without discriminating on the basis of people's religious affiliations.

Earlier in his address, Very Rev. Fr. Hock noted it was his pleasure to bring the greetings of peace to the University. He said that he learnt of the giant strides the Vice-Chancellor is taking in bringing development to his community and said he was pleased to know when he arrived the country that the University is the best University in Nigeria.

The Superior General of the Holy Ghost Priests expressed his appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for recently absorbing a Catholic priest into the teaching staff of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, and prayed for God's blessings and benediction on the University management and the entire University community.



L-R: acting University Librarian, Mrs. Fadayomi; DAP, Prof. Oladosu; Dean of Arts, Prof. Oseni; Dean of Education, Prof. Durosaro; Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Omotosho, Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Soladoye at the occasion

While presenting a corporate gift of the University to Fr. Hock, the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar (Establishments), Mr. E.D. Obafemi, acknowledged the visit of the leader of the Holy Ghost Priests saying that his visit was a blessing to the University. The Registrar said the token of appreciation was also to make the visiting priest remember the University always in his prayers.

In the delegation of the Superior General were Very Rev. Fr. Cyprian Abah, Regional Superior, Congregation of the Holy Ghosts; Rev. Fr. Titus Aliyu, Chaplain, Saint Thomas Aquinas Centre (STAC), Unilorin; Rev. Fr. Patrick Alemayo, Rev. Fr. Peter Okolo, Prof. G.A. Olatunji of the Department of Chemistry, Prof. D.A. Nzeh, Dr. U.B. Eke and Dr. A. Azor Annongu.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the guests were the acting University Librarian, Mrs. J.A. Fadayomi; the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, all Deans of Faculties and the Postgraduate School, the Director of Legal Unit, Mr. Dare Akanbi, as well as the acting Head of the Department of Religions, Dr. P.O.Abioje, among others.

RIGHT ON TARGET

Text of the Goodwill Message Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the 3rd Nigerian Education Times Award of Excellence Ceremony held at the Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, on Friday November 20, 2009

On behalf of the Council, management, staff and students of the University of Ilorin, I want to thank you for the honour accorded the University of Ilorin by the organisers of this occasion. Our prayer is that your magazine will continue to wax stronger and stronger at all times. You will be honoured.

It is said that a prophet is not recognised at home but it is good that the saying is belied by the event of today where distinguished Nigerians and institutions are celebrated. Around this time last year, an occasion like this, as we were made to understand later, held in Accra, Ghana, in which another publication crowned the University of Ilorin "African University of the Year". It is our humble opinion that your award is *right on target*.

Though this honour is deserved, we still want to thank you because appreciation is a virtue. We thus register our appreciation to *The Nigerian Education Times* for honouring the University of Ilorin with the 'Outstanding Federal University in Nigeria 2009' award. The University was also so recognised in the year 2008 and we thank the publishers and their readers for their forthrightness and thoughtfulness. We hope not to disappoint you in the pursuit of excellence.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, the University of Ilorin over the past few years had decided to stand out and it is gratifying that it is now well-acknowledged to be outstanding. We believe that with hardwork, commitment to excellence, adoption of best practices and sacrifice, our University will attain what it envisions for itself : "to be an international Centre of Excellence in learning, research, probity and service to humanity".

In the course of our commitment to this vision, we have taken both praises and criticisms on our stride. While we appreciate those who commend us for motivating us further to excel, we equally appreciate those who criticise us for keeping us on our toes. The result is that the University of Ilorin is getting better everyday and I use this medium to thank all stakeholders in the Nigerian education system, including the distinguished members of this audience, who have made Unilorin a success story as a foremost Nigerian university.

Education is the bedrock of development and it is well known that the development of any country is proportional to the education of its citizens. As Aristotle said that "the fate of empires depends on the education of youth", it is incontrovertible that all efforts expended on, and all energies deployed to, the promotion of education are *right on target*. It is for this reason that we commend the organisers of this programme on their noble course of promoting education in Nigeria through journalism. We thus call on our Governments, corporate bodies, non-governmental organisations and indeed all Nigerians to continue to promote, advance and support educational development because the future lies in it.

For *The Nigerian Education Times* team, we urge you to be steadfast in maintaining your "credibility" and "passion for truth" as couched in your mission statement. A credible and truthful press is an asset to the nation and we advise that you remain resolute and committed in advancing the ideals you have set for yourselves. With this commitment, the sky is just the beginning of the heights you will reach.

It is our pleasure at the University of Ilorin to be part of this event. We thank you for the honour and we shall continue to justify the "outstanding" status conferred on us through our three-pronged mandate of teaching, research and community service in the years ahead as well, *inshaAllah*.

Thank you very much for your attention. God bless you all.

Golden Unilorin staff win gold medals

Staff members of the University of Ilorin have excelled at the 9th Nigerian Universities Staff Games (NUSSA 2009) held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, between December 1 and 10, coming out among the best in the competition with four Gold, three Silver and five Bronze medals.

The University contingent participated in eight different sports and won gold medals in four. While Dr. A.E. Talabi of Human Kinetics and Health Education Department, who is also the acting University Director of Sports, won a gold medal in Squash, Mr. O.A. Ogunsanya of Bursary Department distinguished himself in Shot put by also clinching gold. Mrs H.O. Arije also of Bursary Department won another gold medal for the University in Shot put while Mrs. L. Dominic of Human Kinetics and Health Education hit gold too when she threw her Javelin.

The duo of Mr. R.A. Popoola of Teaching and Research Farm and Mrs. L. Dominic bagged a silver medal in Badminton mixed doubles and the same feat of silver medal was recorded by the quartet of Engr. T. Popoola of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Messrs K. Ajibola, S.S. Sabonkudi and A.A. Alanamu (respectively of Security Unit, Sports Unit and Zoology Department) who slugged it out with their colleagues from other universities in 4x100m relay.

In Table Tennis (mixed doubles) as well, the duo of Mr. I.A. Abdulrahman and Mrs. H.O. Arije, both of Bursary Department, won a silver medal.

The five bronze medals of the University were won in Badminton, Table Tennis, Athletics and Draught. While Mrs. L.Dominic won a bronze medal in Badminton (singles, women), Mrs. H.O. Arije won it in Table Tennis (singles, women). The pair of Mr. I.A. Abdulrahman and Engr. P.A. Oddiah won a bronze medal as well in Table Tennis (men, doubles) while Mr. A.A. Alanamu and Engr. P.A.Oddiah further won the medal in athletics (100 meters) and Drought respectively.

A total of 32 athletics represented the University of Ilorin at the games where 19 Nigerian universities participated with some 450 participating athletes in total. This year's edition was the ninth in its series. The University contingent was led to Zaria by the Chairman of the University Sports Council, Prof. J.F. Olorunfemi.

Student Union thanks Management

Consequent upon the complete renovation of the University of Ilorin Student Union Building and the installation of modern communication facilities, including the Internet in the Building recently, the Students Union of the University has expressed its appreciation to the University Management.

According to a letter of appreciation addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, jointly signed by the President and Secretary General of the Union, Bello O. Kabir and Adedoyin Kehinde respectively, the students acknowledged the commitment of the University to their welfare.

“We... herein register our appreciation to the University Management for its infrastructural revolutionary policy that has once again made our students' Union Building a beautiful edifice. We commend the University's commitments to students' welfare matters, resuscitation of students' dignity and sustenance of democracy of education”, they wrote.

The student body further noted that they would not allow any group to use them to cause havoc on campus but they would rather “ensure a peaceful oriented academic environment” at all times.

The new Structure presented to the Student Union has a Legislative Chamber, common room, offices for all members of the Student Union executive, legislative and judiciary arms. The offices are also furnished with air-conditioners, television sets and furniture to facilitate the business of democratic leadership.

University asked to note retirement rule

The Council of the University of Ilorin has considered the circular on the “Interpretation of Public Service Rule on Compulsory Retirement Age/Year of Service in Relation to Tenured Appointments of Serving Public Officers” from the Office of the Civil Service of the Federation.

According to a statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, who is also the Secretary to the Council, the Council noted that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies had been directed to comply with the extant Public Service Rules which prescribe 60 years of age or 35 years of service for mandatory retirement as well as the following guidelines:

- i) “that career officers who wish to take up tenured appointment should at the point of taking up the appointment, retire from service to ensure they run their term uninterrupted;
- ii) that career officers who have not retired or choose not to retire from service, before the commencement of their tenured appointment, must leave office on attainment of the mandatory age/years of service for retirement; and
- iii) all career officers who are currently holding tenured appointments are required to retire from the service with immediate effect and continue to run their term. Failure to do so would mean that they would vacate office on attaining the mandatory retirement age or at the expiration of their term, whichever comes first.”

The University management has thus been asked to note for due implementation.

Cry more, rejoice less, Oladosu tasks Nigerians

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, has charged Nigerians to reflect and weep for their sins, which have brought hardships on the nation, as they celebrate less as a result of the general state of things in the country.

Prof. Oladosu, who is also the Director of Academic Planning of the University, gave this charge in his sermon delivered last Friday (December 18, 2009) to mark the beginning of the new Islamic year (1431) which started same day.

According to the Professor of Arabic Education, the reality of life in Nigeria where there is an unprecedented increase in armed robbery, kidnapping, corruption, among other manifestations of social decadence, requires that people turn to God and make a new beginning in their lives.

While urging the congregation to be prayerful, saying that no one knows what would happen to him the next moment or day, the Chief Imam emphasised that no condition is permanent and those who rejoice today may soon realise that tomorrow will be different.

To buttress his point, he narrated how a gainfully employed relation of his during the last *Eidul kabir* festival escaped death narrowly when carjackers snatched his vehicle, locked him and his friend, with whom he was traveling, in the booth.

He said true to the plan which the carjackers conceived and discussed, the two gentlemen were stripped and thrown into the river from the top of a bridge. He said it took the grace of God for them to escape from the swamps after which they were given clothes by villagers.

He said people who had a lot of money in their bank accounts became helpless beggars who had to rely on the goodwill of villagers for cloth in the evening. He thus urged all Nigerians to be faithful and prayerful as they draw appropriate lessons from life from time to time in order to secure their future which lies with Allah.

JUNIOR STAFF PROMOTIONS 2009
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S/No	NAME	FILE NO.	DEPARTMENT	NEW DESIGNATION	GRADE BEFORE PROMOTION	BURSARY PLACEMENT AFTER PROMOTION
1	Mrs. Adeyemi, B.	5001	Institute of Education	Head Cleaner	01 step 06	02 step 05
2	Mrs. Salako R.A.	4996	DVC (Academics)	Head Cleaner	01 step 06	02 step 05
3	Mrs. Luke, A. A.	4961	VC's Lodges	Head Cleaner	01 step 08	02 step 07
4	Mrs. Ajileye, D.I.	4998	Works	Head Cleaner	01 step 06	02 step 05
5	Mr. Lawal Musibau	4882	Works	Head Gardener	01 step 10	02 step 08
6	Mr. Jemirin D. O.	3017	Chemistry	Head Lab. Attendant	01 step 15	02 step 12

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S/ N O.	NAME	FILE NO.	DEPARTMENT	NEW DESIGNATION	GRADE BEFORE PROMOTION	BURSARY PLACEMENT AFTER PROMOTION
1	Mr. Ariyo, Z. A.	4002	Legal Service Unit	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 12	03 step 09
2	Mrs. Adeniyi, A. F.	3914	PPU	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 09	03 step 07
3	Mrs. Abdulsalam, R.	4844	University School	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 11	03 step 09
4	Mrs. Ogundele, V. T.	4863	Business Law	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 10	03 step 08
5	Mr. Popoola, J. F.	4729	Admission Office	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 10	03 step 08
6	Mrs. Matthew, E.	4540	Counsellor Education	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 12	03 step 09
7	Mrs. Bello, J.	4895	University School	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 12	03 step 09
8	Mrs. Saliu, R. A.	1765	Central Admin.	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 08	03 step 06
9	Mrs. Sobande, E. O.	4549	Medicine	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 12	03 step 09
10	Mrs. Ajisafe, C. M	3963	Finance Unit, CHS	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 10	03 step 08
11	Mrs. Jaiyeola, M	4841	University School	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 13	03 step 10
12	Mr. Bello, R.	4617	University School	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 12	03 step 09

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Employment opportunity

There are teaching vacancies in the Areas of English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics in a newly Established Secondary School in Jalingo, Taraba State.

Qualifications

Applicant must hold certificate from Recognised University in or outside Nigeria with either Second Class Upper or Second Class Lower Degrees. Higher qualifications, however, will be an added advantage.

Salary: The salary is attractive and will be about 10% over and above the Taraba State Salary Scale.

All applications should be directed to:
Head, Arts and Social Sciences Education,
Faculty of Education,
University of Ilorin,
Ilorin.

Unilorin in the News

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- Prof. Kayode Oyesiku, the VC of Tai Solarin University of Education, has called for a cessation of vituperations against the FG and the University of Ilorin, ('Unilorin lecturers: VC advocates due process', *The Punch*, Wednesday December 16, 2009, p.11, see also, *Daily Trust*, Thursday December 17, 2009, p. 44)
- The Managing Director of *This Day* Newspaper, Mr. Emiola Bello, has said that alumni associations have the potential of developing Nigeria. ('Alumni contributions to National Development inadequate', *This Day*, Wednesday December 16, 2009, p.50, see also, 'Alumni urged to contribute to educational development', *Daily Trust*, Thursday, December 17, 2009, p. 44)
- It has been claimed there are other former lecturers of the University of Ilorin who lost their jobs years back. ('11 other Unilorin lecturers await recall', *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday Dec. 17, 2009, p.48).
- The VC of Unilorin has commended the Lagos State chapter of Unilorin Alumni Association. ('VC lauds Alumni', "UNILORIN File", *The Nation*, Thursday December 17, 2009, p. B2)
- The Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU), Unilorin Branch, has elected its executives ('SSANU gets new officials', same as above, see also, 'Unilorin SSANU gets new officials' *Daily Trust*, Thursday December 17, 2009, p 45)
- The Central Workshop of the University of Ilorin has hosted two of its staff, Mr. Razak Raji and Mr. Sunday Jacob to a send off party. ("UNILORIN File" 'Central Workshop sends off retirees', as above)
- All requests for the use of the University auditorium are to be directed to the DVC, Unilorin. ('DVC's office takes charge of auditorium', same as above)
- Students of Unilorin have been charged on maintenance culture. ('Renovated complex for SUG', same as above)
- An opinion on the supreme court verdict on the reinstated Unilorin lecturers has been published. ('Triumph of Unilorin 49: Law lessons for Universities', *The Punch*, Thursday December 17, 2009, p.38)
- The University of Ilorin Law Students Society has held its Ankara night. ('Law students 'ignite' Campus with Ankara night', *Daily Trust*, Thursday December 17, 2009, p. 45)
- The Unilorin Branch of SSANU has elected its new exco. ('Unilorin SSANU gets new officials', same as above)
- Prof. Hassan Saliu of the Department of Political Science has opined that national development is tied to democracy. ('Poor economy, bane of African Dev, says lecturer', *The Herald*, Friday December 18, 2009, p.3)
- The photograph of Professor J.A. Adeniyi with the Kwara State Governor has been published. (*The Punch*, Friday December 18, 2009, p.10)
- The Kwara State Government has assured residents of the state capital of alternative health facilities in response to the relocation of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. ('Kwara allays fear over UITH relocation') *The Guardian*, Friday December 18, 2009, p.5

Unilorin in the News

- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede has reiterated the commitment of the University to vibrant and best practices in world history while declaring open the African Network in Universal and Global History Conference at the University of Ilorin recently.
(‘Unilorin VC challenges African historians’, *The Herald on Sunday*, December 13, 2009, p.2)
- A former Dean of Health Sciences at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Olatoye Ogunbode, has called for innovative medical education in Nigeria.
(‘Don decries nation’s state of health’, *National Pilot*, Mon. 14th -Wed. 16th November, 2009, p.26)
- The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has made a case out of Supreme Court judgement on the University of Ilorin.
(‘Obey Supreme Court order, ASUU urges Unilorin authorities’, *The Nation*, Monday December 14, 2009, p.4)
- The communiqué issued at the end of the 4th Quarter meeting of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) signed by Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the National Coordinator/Executive Secretary of the Council along with the co-chairmen has been published.
(‘NIREC’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, 14th December, 2009, p.15)
- The Minister of Education, Dr. Sam Egwu, has disclosed that the Federal Government will obey the Supreme Court judgment on the reinstated 44 lecturers.
(‘Govt pledges to honour pact with ASUU’, *The Guardian*, Monday, December 14, 2009, p.7)
- Alabi Muhammed Abdulkareem, a 500 level student of the University of Ilorin, has published his opinion on the army of critics recruited against the University of Ilorin.
(‘Unilorin and her critics’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday December 15, 2009, p.18)
- The Vice-Chancellor of Tai Solarin University of Education, Prof. Olukayode Oyesiku, has lent his voice to the issue of the Supreme Court judgment on the University of Ilorin.
(‘Reinstated Unilorin lecturers: good lesson on due process – VC’, *The Punch*, Tuesday December 15, 2009, p.38).
- The University of Ilorin has been speculated to be in dilemma over a very simple matter.
(‘Unilorin 44: varsity in dilemma over judgment’, *This Day*, Monday December 14, 2009, p.12)
- The Department of History has hosted the first *African Network in Universal and Global History*.
(‘History is root of all fields – VC’, *The Herald*, Wednesday December 16, 2009, p.5).
- A former Dean of Health Sciences, Prof. Olatoye Ogunbode, has called for Primary Health Care improvement in Nigeria. (‘Don decries State of Health in Nigeria, same as above, p.8)
- The VC of Tai Solarin University of Education, Prof. Kayode Oyesiku, has said that the University of Ilorin has developed in leaps and bounds in the past eight years.
(‘Unilorin 44: VC advocates due process’, same as above p.8, see also, ‘Unilorin 44: VC seeks due process’, *The Nation*, Wednesday December 16, 2009, p.7)
- The Supreme Court of Nigeria has ruled on the case of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Reprieve for Unilorin 44 sacked lecturers’, *The Compass*, Wednesday December 16, 2009, p.14).
- The VC of Bells University of Technology, Prof. Isaac Adeyemi, has called for more technological inputs in the Agricultural sector.
(‘VC stresses importance of science and technology’, same as above p.17)

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Quotes of the Week

While we may not be able to control all that happens to us, we can control what happens inside us.

– Benjamin Franklin

No man is more unhappy than one who is never in adversity.

– Victor Hugo

The greatest affliction in life is never to be afflicted.

– Victor Hugo

Adversity makes men and prosperity makes monsters.

– Victor Hugo