



Why society is degenerating, by Oloyede



EGG-HEADS, L-R: Dr. Raji, Dr. Jumu'ah, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Sule, Prof. Oladosu and other dignitaries

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The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has identified the reason behind the pervasive social decadence being witnessed in the country. According to him, it is because nowadays, there is a palpable divorce between scholarship and morality.

Prof. Oloyede made this submission in his opening remarks at the occasion of a send off programme, organised by the University of Ilorin Muslim Community last Monday (December 21, 2009), in honour of a retired lecturer in the Department of Religions and Deputy Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Yusuf Kolawole Jumu'ah.

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Olugbon donates hectares of land to Unilorin

In appreciation of the enormous contributions of the University of Ilorin to the development of the country, the Olugbon of Orile-Igbon, Oba Samuel Adegboyega Osunbade, has donated 100 plots of land to the University.

In a letter dated 17th December, 2009 addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, the monarch, who was recently honoured by the University of Ilorin through the Faculty of Education, the free plots of land, each 60'x 120', should be allocated to the senior staff of the University at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.

“The land allocation will be in Oba Olugbon’s domain especially from Orile-Igbon town to Alate near Otte. The place is very close to Ilorin where your University situates,” the Olugbon said, adding that additional plots could be obtained by an allottee at a concessional rate.

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ROYAL GARLAND: The Olugbon of Orile-Igbon being decorated by the DVC (MS), Prof. Olayemi who represented the Vice-Chancellor at the Education Day

Knowledge minus character equals ignorance – Oladosu

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According to the Vice-Chancellor, the combination of intellectualism and morality is becoming very rare in the society and people are losing confidence in the religious and political leaders because most of them do not live what they preach.

Tracing his knowledge of Dr. Jumu'ah to many years before the establishment of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Oloyede described the renowned exegete as a mentor, a scholar, an enigma and a bundle of what should constitute a model for all. He said though Dr. Jumu'ah did not teach him in class, he was formally taught by his students and he had learnt from him through his public lectures and presentations.

“Dr. Jumu'ah is an embodiment of what he preaches. Here is a man who through his conduct and teachings has converted many of us to his disciples. It is because we don't have people like him that the society is sliding downwards. He deserves every honour bestowed on him”, he said.

In his lecture at the occasion, “Dr. Jimoh Yusuf Kolawole: A Character Worthy of Emulation”, the Chief Imam of the University, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, started by noting that the calibre and character of the retiree could be measured by the quality and quantity of the audience, despite the timing of the event.

Saying that he believed the Vice-Chancellor is a saint because he had echoed the text of his lecture without seeing it, Prof. Oladosu reiterated the virtues of the retiring scholar whom he described as the alter ego of Sheikh Adam Abdullah El-Ilory: “an eloquent speaker, a competent teacher, a courageous arbiter and an audacious preacher.”

“He is a personality that makes you feel you are important at all time...what we appreciate most in Baba Y.K. is his ability to strike a happy balance between what he preaches and what he does...Many are those whose utterances and deeds are contradictory and poles apart. And of course, knowledge devoid of character is as good as ignorance,” he said.



A TOKEN OF GOODWILL: Prof. Sule presenting the gift to Dr. Jumu'ah and his wife

He also lauded the academic pedigree of the retiree who he said is a product of the Arabic Training Centre (Markaz) Agege, Lagos; Bayero University, Kano; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; the University of Ibadan, Ibadan and the University of Ilorin, Ilorin. He said Dr. Jumu'ah's eclectic intellectual background makes him enjoy “the wisdom of a judge, the audacity of a warrior, the thoroughness of an academic, the piety of a Mallam, and the patience, endurance and tolerance of the rightly guided.”

While presenting a gift on behalf of the Muslim Community to the retiree, who was assisted by his wife, the Chairman of the Community, Prof. B.F. Sule, noted that it is the tradition of the Community to give such honour to its deserving members who are retiring. He recalled that the occasion was the third of its kind since he assumed office as similar programmes had been held for the former Chief Imam of the University, Prof. R.A. Raji, and the former Chairman of the Community, Prof. S.A. Jimoh.

In his response, Dr. Jumu'ah appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the University Community, his mother and father, who was a renowned *mufasir* (Quranic exegete) called Jimoh *Tafsir*, teachers and students for their contributions to his memorable journey through the University of Ilorin. He noted that erudition, intellectualism and objectivity found in the University system are not very common outside it and that he has missed such qualities since his retirement.

Talking on his odyssey, Dr. Jumu'ah remarked that he had been involved in the town and he wished to join the gown. When he got the 'visa' to join the gown, he did not forget the town because he knew he would still have to return to the town. The scholar espoused three types of retirement. He said a person could be tired before he is retired and one could be retired by becoming tired. The third type is to retire before being tired. He said because he belonged to the third category, he would still be active in the town.

Scholars extol Jumu'ah's virtues

It was a downpour of tribute last Monday for a don in the Department of Religions, Dr. Y.K. Jumuah, who recently retired from the services of the University. The honour cascaded and poured from every direction as colleagues, friends, old and current students converged on the University to acknowledge the contributions of the respected don to humanity through scholarship.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, opened the floor by recommending the personality of the retiree to the youth. He described Dr. Jumu'ah as a source of inspiration, a man who had been established as a scholar of note before attending the University; a man who having experienced the university once did not look back until he bagged his Ph.D at above the age of 60, a time when an ordinary person who have resigned by saying "what do I need it for again?" He noted that there is a lot to learn in the life of a man who left the Polytechnic as a Chief Lecturer to become an Assistant Lecturer in the university.

In his goodwill message, the acting Head of Religions Department, Dr. P.O. Abioje, thanked God for Dr. Jumu'ah's life and recognised his contributions to the development of the Department saying that the retiree's words, among other things, have always been the guiding light in the departmental affairs.

According to Alhaji Yahya Ishola, a Director at JAMB Office, Kaduna, the retiree is an honest, sincere and humble personality. He described Dr. Jumu'ah as a man of deep commitment: to God, his family, his friends, community, teachers, students and everyone he comes across.

To the Director of Unilorin Central Research Workshop and former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. M. A. Akanji, the retiree has impacted on him so much that he had instructed that when he dies, a particular tape of his lecture should be played for all as part of his funeral. He described Dr. Jumu'ah as a profound scholar who has a knack for vivid descriptions and penetrating details.

In his own goodwill message, a Council Member and former Dean of Arts, Prof. Y.A. Quadri, agreed that Dr. Jumu'ah is really an enigma. He wondered where one could get someone who combines the various virtues of the retiree. He noted that Dr. Jumu'ah is a selfless person who in service to others would risk his life on several journeys. While observing that his exit has created a vacuum that would be difficult to fill, he wished him the best in retirement.

The Dean of Arts, Prof. Z.I. Oseni, remarked that hardly would one find the kind of sincerity epitomised by Dr. Jumu'ah. He traced his knowledge of him to mid 70's when he was a corps member at Bayero University and said he was convinced that the retired don is one person he would readily enjoin people to emulate. The Dean described him further as someone who sacrifices a lot to make others better.

To the acting Head of Arabic Department, Dr. N.I. Raji, the University system should do something about scholars who are not tired but have to retire. He described Dr. Jumu'ah as a talented and resourceful person, the wealth of whose experience and knowledge could still be tapped to the betterment of the future generation.

The President of the Unilorin Muslim Ladies Circle, Mrs. Rejuaro, noted that Dr. Jumu'ah is a father figure whose life has inspired others. She thanked the Community for organising such a befitting programme in honour of such a great man of honour.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee, Dr. Nasir Abdussalam, appreciated all for sparing their time to attend the occasion which did not end until dusk.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ Nigerians pay the highest price for fuel in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC): UAE = ₦55.5 /litre; Egypt = ₦48/ litre; Bahrain = ₦40.5/litre; Qatar = ₦33/litre; Kuwait = ₦31/litre; Saudi Arabia = ₦18/litre; Iran = ₦16/litre; Nigeria = ₦65/litre; Turkmenistan = ₦12/litre; Venezuela = ₦12/litre.
- ❖ Between 1998 and now, Nigeria adjusted her pump price 11 times. It was ₦11 per litre during the three-year regime of General Abacha.
- ❖ According to the *Daily Telegraph* (www.telegraph.co.uk), beauty products like mascara, eye shadow and foundation have been found to be closely linked to conditions like cancer, infertility and hormone imbalance among girls and young women.

New land for Unilorin staff at Orile-Igbon

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Apart from this, the Olugbon, who is also the Vice Chairman of the Oyo State Council of Obas and Chiefs, also informs the Vice-Chancellor that his royal family is offering 20 industrial plots of land gratis, "each of one acre size to business outfits which seek to establish industries. The place is at the Industrial Layout at Orile-Igbon which is already served with roads and electricity."



Oba Osunbade at the occasion of the Education Day. Behind him is the Dean of Education, Prof. Durosaro

The monarch adds a caveat, however, that any land that is not developed within five years of allocation would revert to the royal family while an undeveloped parcel of land that had been allocated cannot be sold.

While wishing the Vice-Chancellor and the University well, the Olugbon indicates his readiness to "respond positively" to "any further fatherly assistance" that the University may require from him anytime.

It was especially noted at the occasion of the Education Day held last Wednesday, December 16, 2009, that the Olugbon led a delegation of Nigerians in diaspora to General Yakubu Gowon and Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu during the Nigerian civil war, the diplomatic effort of which contributed in no small measure to the eventual resolution of the war.

Unilorin'll fully and responsibly implement judgement

At the 205th meeting of the University of Ilorin Senate held last Tuesday, (December 22, 2009) the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, noted that the University would fully and responsibly comply with the judgement of the Supreme Court on the reinstated lecturers.

Prof. Oloyede solicited the support of the Senate in ensuring that the implementation of all aspects of the judgement is seamless.

The University is working expeditiously in paying the salary arrears of the reinstated lecturers.

Mobil to donate workroom to Unilorin

Mobil Producing Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil, has pledged to donate a mini Geoscience workroom with workstations, work desks and other accessories to the University of Ilorin in pursuit of the Petroleum Company's Nigerian Educational Assistance Programme.

According to the Company, the aim of the programme is to equip the beneficiary Nigerian Universities, among which the University of Ilorin is, the capacities that will enhance the teaching and learning of Geoscience programmes.

In a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor by the General Manager, Operation Technical Geoscience of the company, Ms Ufuoma Ewherido, Mobil Producing Nigeria Limited wishes to contribute its quota to the improvement of graduate quality "and make them more competitive in the global employment market."

In a related development, three lecturers of the Department of Geology and Mineral Science, Dr. Olusola Ojo, Dr. Olabisi Adekeye and Mr. Oluwaseye Folorunsho, are to attend a software applications training in respect of the geoscience computer workstation.

The training is organised by Mobil Producing Nigeria Limited.

THE NEED OF THE DAY

Text of the Address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the 4th Zonal Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) Review Meeting Opening Held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at the University of Ilorin.

I am delighted to welcome you to the University of Ilorin for the 4th 2009 SIWES Zonal Coordinators' Review Meeting. I also thank you for granting the University of Ilorin the hosting rights for this meeting. This is because we are always enamoured to receive great minds like yours in our academic community and we are always eager to provide platforms for discourse towards the development of the nation. I welcome you once again to the University of Ilorin, recently declared "the Outstanding Federal University in Nigeria 2009", and I wish you fruitful deliberations and successful interactions.

It is said that theory without practice is blind and practice with theory is lame. This saying is most relevant to the mission of both the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) and Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) as important complements to our students' training. There is no doubt that the progress of Nigeria, or any other nation today, lies in the theoretical and practical skills with which learners are adequately prepared for the daunting task of nation building and national development. It is our conviction that if our students are well trained, the future of the nation will be bright. This training is *the need of the day* and it is in this regard that I believe that both the ITF and SIWES are key components in the development of the nation because no nation can advance beyond the level of the productivity of its youth or workforce.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, development is a dynamic and multi-faceted process. Every nation, every society and every individual want to develop. But development at the individual, societal or national level cannot be achieved without its necessary conditions. These include an effective training system, a conducive legal and political environment, good economic policies and equitable social structure. Training is the foundation of development and trained individuals drive societies and nations to the stage of development.

For Nigeria to attain the vision of being among the 20 top economies of the world in 2020, training has to be given due attention. For the simple reason that he who lacks something cannot give it, students who are not developed in terms of training and education will not be able to develop the society. Besides, that most Nigerian graduates are unemployable, as the Minister of Education, Dr. Sam Egwu, said earlier in February this year, can be partly addressed through giving the ITF and SIWES the necessary support they need to succeed.

It is for this reason that at the University of Ilorin, SIWES is deservedly accorded a pride of place. Apart from being central to the training of a significant proportion of students, with over three thousand students participating in the programme every year, it is a graduation requirement for twenty degree programmes of the University. Within the past one year, the Unit has been provided with a more conducive environment, in a more strategic location, with adequate facilities provided. Even before the Government directed that SIWES administration be conducted online, the University of Ilorin had provided the Unit with IT infrastructure and internet service to facilitate its work.

It is necessary to add that for the scheme to achieve its objectives, a much better and more regular funding is required on the part of the Government. The University of Ilorin for instance has its students' allowances outstanding since 2007 and the same is applicable to supervisory allowances. While thanking the EFT for the disbursement of 50% of the 2007 supervisory allowance, we appeal that the outstanding allowances for both students and their supervisors be paid as soon as possible. This is part of, and crucial to, *the need of the day*.

Finally, after the business session of the meeting, I encourage you to explore the beautiful and refreshing ambience of our campus and sightsee the University. Our commitment to learning, which is at the centre of our mandate, will be further enriched with your suggestions and observations. I thank you all for coming and I wish you fruitful deliberations and journey mercies afterwards to your various destinations.

It is my pleasure to declare this meeting open. Thank you very much for your attention.

JUNIOR STAFF PROMOTIONS 2009

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13	Mrs. Agboola K. T.	4937	Edu. Technology	Cleaning Supervisor	02 step 08	03 step 06	
14	Mr. Folami , L. A.	4744	Central Res. Lab.	Clerical Officer	02 step 12	03 step 09	
15	Mr. Olasehinde S.G	4962	Establishments Div.	Clerical Officer	02 step 11	03 step 09	
16	Mr. Akinsola , B.	5002	Crop Production	Clerical Officer	02 step 06	03 step 05	
17	Miss Ayo Modupe	4400	Zoology	Senior Zoo Keeper	02 step 13	03 step 10	
18	Mr. Omunu Roland	4403	Zoology	Senior Zoo Keeper	02 step 13	03 step 10	
19	Mr. Bamidele B.	4404	Zoology	Senior Zoo Keeper	02 step 13	03 step 10	
20	Mr. Damisa Oseni	4401	Zoology	Senior Zoo Keeper	02 step 13	03 step 10	
21	Mr. Jimoh Yusuf	4402	Zoology	Senior Zoo Keeper	02 step 13	03 step 10	
22	Mr. Aminu , I.	4892	UHS	Health Asst. I	02 step 09	03 step 07	
23	Mrs. Mohammed Grace	4380	Works	Field Overseer II	02 step 12	03 step 09	

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2.	Mr. Oyewumi , Oludare S.	3799	University Library	Caretaker	03 step 12	04 step 08	
3.	Mr. Muhammed , A.A.	3779	University Library	Caretaker	03 step 12	04 step 08	
4.	Mr. Adebayo , K.A.	3727	Council Office	Caretaker	03 step 13	04 step 09	
5.	Mr. Alabira , W.	3464	Accounting & Fin.	Caretaker	03 step 15	04 step 11	
6.	Mrs. Raufu , R. B.	4620	Institute of Edu.	Caretaker	03 step 09	04 step 05	
7.	Mrs. Olomoda S.	3922	Student Affairs Unit	Caretaker	03 step 08	04 step 05	
8.	Mr. Olowo , I. A.	3886	University Library	Caretaker	03 step 11	04 step 07	
9.	Mr. Akano , A.J.	3535	Faculty of Agric.	Caretaker	03 step 14	04 step 10	
10	Mr. Ajape , Uthman	4547	V.C.'s Office	Caretaker	03 step 10	04 step 06	
11	Mrs. Ademola , S.K.	3964	French	Caretaker	03 step 11	04 step 07	
12	Mrs. Ibrahim , F.	3783	Parks and Garden	Caretaker	03 step 11	04 step 07	
13	Mr. Awolade , J. A.	3785	Geology	Caretaker	03 step 12	04 step 08	
14	Mr. Yusuf Yahaya,	3831	Faculty of Science	Caretaker	03 step 11	04 step 07	
15	Mrs. Musa , A. S.	3913	Political Science	Caretaker	03 step 10	04 step 06	
16	Mrs. Issa , N.	3630	UHS	Caretaker	03 step 13	04 step 09	
17	Mrs. Salawu R.O	3360	Medical Library	Caretaker	03 step 15	04 step 11	
18	Mrs. Durojaiye , E. S.	4310	Medicine	Caretaker	03 step 12	04 step 08	
19	Mrs. Durojaiye , V. B.	4316	University Lodges	Caretaker	03 step 12	04 step 08	
20	Mrs. Owope , Elizabeth	3364	Faculty of Law	Caretaker	03 step 15	04 step 11	
21	Mr. Sanni Ojivo Y.	4749	Juris. & Int. Law	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 13	04 step 09	
22	Mr. Bakare Akeem	4634	Establishments Div.	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 11	04 step 07	
23	Mrs. Animashaun E.	4497	Academic Office	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 15	04 step 11	
24	Mr. Bakare , A. Akeem	4593	Establishments Div.	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 10	04 step 06	

25	Mr. Yusuf Kareem A.	4554	Fac. of Engr. & Tech.	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 12	04 step 08	
26	Mrs. Ojo. F.O.	3946	GNS Unit	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 14	04 step 10	
27	Mr. Jimoh-Ijaya K.	4637	Academic Office	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 10	04 step 06	
28	Mrs. Ayano S.O.	3532	Establishments Div.	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 15	04 step 11	
29	Mrs. Ajayi O.	4542	Agric. Economics	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 15	04 step 11	
30	Mr. Badiru, I. Adio	3933	Admission Office	Snr. Clerical Officer	03 step 08	04 step 05	
31	Mr. Shuaibu, Jimoh	3673	Parks & Garden	Field Overseer I	03 step 14	04 step 10	
32	Mr. Adunbarin, D.B.A	3978	Works (PH)	Snr. Operator	03 step 11	04 step 07	
33	Mr. Akinyemi, J.K.	3982	Works (PH)	Snr. Operator	03 step 09	04 step 05	
34	Mr. Ojo, B.A.	4631	Works (PH)	Snr. Operator	03 step 11	04 step 07	
35	Mr. Akanmidu, A.A.	4629	Works (PH)	Snr. Operator	03 step 11	04 step 07	
36	Mr. Abdulsalam, B. O.	3972	Works	Foremen Craftsman	03 step 08	04 step 05	
37	Mr. Emhaneshi U.I	4958	V.C.'s Lodges	Chief Steward	03 step 15	04 step 11	
38	Mr. Ojo. T. S.	4638	Security Division	Snr. Driver Mech.	03 step 14	04 step 10	
39	Mr. Rasaki, A.B.	4747	UHS	Snr. Driver Mech.	03 step 12	04 step 08	
40	Mr. Oseni Abdullahi	4572	Registrar's Office	Snr. Driver Mech.	03 step 11	04 step 07	
41	Mr. Adetoro, I. A.	4085	Security Division	Snr. Driver Mech.	03 step 10	04 step 06	

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3.	Mr. Mohammed, M. K.	3864	Academic Office	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 11	05 step 05	
4.	Mrs. Ajijola Sidikat O.	4586	Provost's Office	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 11	05 step 05	
5.	Mr. Atiku, Alabi O.	3292	Admission Office	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 15	05 step 08	
6.	Mrs. Eniola J.F.R	3865	Animal Production	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 11	05 step 05	
7.	Mrs. Arinde-Simeon T.O	3703	Acad. Planning Unit	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 15	05 step 08	
8.	Miss Koledade O.O.	3692	Academic Office	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 12	05 step 06	
9.	Mrs. Opoola, M.O.	3729	Agric. Extension	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 15	05 step 08	

10.	Mr. Otonekwu F.O.	3465	Science Edu.	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 15	05 step 08
11.	Mrs. Olubiyo, O. Helen	3662	French	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 11	05 step 05
12.	Mrs. Ayodeji, S.O.	3867	Academic Office	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 09	05 step 04
13.	Mrs. Durojaiye, Bosede	2455	M.I.S.	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 15	05 step 08
14.	Mr. Oyeniya, Adebayo	4588	Bus. Law	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 10	05 step 07
15.	Mrs. Popoola, A. B.	3866	Academic Office	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 09	05 step 04
16.	Mrs. Shittu L. Shade	4592	Dean's Office, Law	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 10	05 step 07
17.	Mrs. Ajibola, M. Alaba	3854	Edu. Art & Soc. Sci.	Asst. Exec. Officer	04 step 09	05 step 04
18.	Mr. Salman, T. A	4353	COMSIT	Computer Operator I	04 step 11	05 step 05
19.	Mrs. Ojo, Janet Bosede	3997	COMSIT	Computer Operator I	04 step 07	05 step 02
20.	Mrs. Ibrahim, F.F.	4860	Central Admin. Office	Asst. Superv. Porter	04 step 11	05 step 05
21.	Mr. Atanda, Ibrahim B.	3613	Central Admin. Office	Asst. Superv. Porter	04 step 12	05 step 06

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We're over 50 and we promote peace - Jallow

The President of the University of Ilorin International Students Association, Mr. Ibrahim Jallow, has expressed his pleasure that the rank of foreign students is swelling.

He said members of his Association came together with the sole purpose of promoting their welfare as international students. "We are all working in unison for the promotion of 'World Peace and Academic Excellence', which is the vision of the Unilorin Centre for International Education," he said.

According to the 200 level Law student from The Gambia, "now we are 50 from about 10 countries which include Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana, Cameroon, Pakistan, Benin Republic, Sierra Leone, Togo, Niger Republic and the Gambia. In the waiting are students from Tanzania and Germany."

Asked how he came to choose the University of Ilorin of all over hundred Nigerian universities, he said he went online and studied African universities at large. His findings made him to admire "the stability of both the political and academic environment of UNILORIN, its growth and ranking in the comity of varsities. With the advice I further got from Hon. Ahmad Belgore, when he was the Special Assistant to the Supreme Court of The Gambia, I made up my mind."

Mr. Jallow says Nigerians are friendly and brilliant, contrary to the impression given on the international media. He urged non-Nigerian students aspiring a taste of international education to feel free to come to the country. According to him, his experience is that Nigeria is not as bad some people would want to paint it and "there is no country without its peculiarities and problems."

How does he find Unilorin students? The student leader said: "Well, they are friendly and accomodating. But as cool as they are, they can be very, very nasty atimes... (laughs)."

Addition of a Third Name

Mr. Timothy Olanrewaju Afolabi of the Security Division of the University of Ilorin, formerly known as Mr. Timothy Afolabi, wishes to bring to the notice of the University community the addition of Olanrewaju as his third name, having sworn before a High Court an affidavit to that effect.

How VC surprised us on Xmas day – students

Occupants of the FALKAL hostel, a twin dormitory donated by the legal luminary, Mallam Yusuf O. Ali, SAN, to the University, in order to provide free accommodation for the less privileged female students, have recalled how surprised they were to receive the representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Christmas day.

On the day, after a day-long visit to each of the Principal Officers, Deans and key officials of the University who were celebrating Christmas, the Vice-Chancellor sent what the students described as a “surprise package” to them, which made their day memorable.

According to Abioye Adenike, a 100 level student who spoke to *Unilorin Bulletin*, the least she was expecting is a package of assorted food and drinks from the University helmsman in the spirit of the season.

To Miss Wahab Maryam Temitope, a 200 level Economics student, “it was quite a surprise to us to receive the representative of the Vice-Chancellor on Xmas day with such an expensive package.”

Speaking further, she said: “To be candid, I have not experienced such before. Till this moment, I am still thinking about it. Other varsities should see the University of Ilorin as a role model and they should emulate our VC’s actions in trying to see to the welfare of their students.”

She was corroborated by Obasa Deborah Lydia, a 100 level student of Medicine, who said “indeed the VC is an epitome of good leadership. His gesture on the day of Christmas was a great surprise to everyone in the dormitory. We appreciate the VC more so the surprise package sent to us. May God continue to guide and bless him as well as his management team.”

Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ While receiving the Superior General of the Holy Ghost Priests World-Wide, Very Rev. Fr. Jean Paul Hock, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has noted that the contributions of religion to national development cannot be underestimated. (‘Religion plays vital role in development’ *The Punch*, Tuesday December 22, 2009, p.39)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin branch of SSANU has elected a new set of leaders for the next two years. (‘Unilorin SSANU elects officers’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday December 23, 2009, p.21).
- ❖ The Central workshop of the University of Ilorin has hosted its retiring staff to a send off party. (‘Farewell for retiring officers’, same as above, p.24).
- ❖ The lecture of Prof. Hasan Saliu of the Department of Political Science presented at the 47th birthday of the Kwara State Governor has been published. (‘Economy and democratic consolidation’, *The Herald*, Wednesday December 23, 2009, p.26)
- ❖ The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie, has said that all parties to the University of Ilorin issue have learnt from it. (‘We’ve learnt our lessons from UNILORIN crisis, says NUC’, *The Guardian*, Thursday, December 24, 2009, p.5)
- ❖ According to a statement issued by the Unilorin Deputy Director of Information and Protocol at the end of the Senate meeting that held Tuesday, the University of Ilorin would not only fully but responsibly comply with the Supreme Court judgement. (‘We will implement Supreme Court decision, says UNILORIN Senate’, *The Guardian*, as above, p. 45)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin staff members have won 4 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals at the 2009 edition of Nigerian University Staff Games. (‘Workers win gold, UNILORIN FILE’, *The Nation*, Thursday December 24, 2009, p.B2)
- ❖ The leadership of the Unilorin Student Union has thanked the University management for looking after the students’ welfare especially as demonstrated in the renovation and refurbishment of its Student Union Building. (‘SUG thanks management’, same as above.)
- ❖ Media campaign against Unilorin on issues surrounding the reinstated Unilorin dons has been heightened. (‘No pay yet for Unilorin 5’, *The Nation*, Thursday December 24, 2009, p. B3)

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- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has been declared “Man of the Year 2009” and the best Nigerian VC by a group of students after their meeting held recently in Makurdi. (‘Oloyede is Nigeria’s best VC – Northern students’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, December 20, 2009, p.48).
- ❖ In what objective analysts consider as calculated propaganda, (fifth) columnists and analysts have regaled themselves in rhetoric through a predictable medium, setting the tone for the week. (*The Nation on Sunday*, December 20, 2009 p.10; also ‘UNILORIN 5: four months after’ same paper, pp.16&18.)
- ❖ In furtherance of the propaganda against the University, a past University of Ilorin administration has been criticised. (‘It was ASUU’s day but...’, *The Nation*, Monday, December 21, 2009, p.19)
- ❖ The legal team of the Unilorin 49 has levelled some accusations against the University of Ilorin. (‘Unilorin yet to implement S’ Court ruling’, *This Day*, Monday December 21, 2009, p.15)
- ❖ The counsel to the reinstated lecturers of the University of Ilorin has expressed his personal views about the judgement of the Supreme Court. (‘Unilorin 49: varisty yet to comply with Supreme Court verdict’, *The Punch*, Monday December 21, 2009, p.8; also ‘UNILORIN yet to implement S’Court ruling’, *This Day*, same date, p.14)
- ❖ A commentator has exposed his sentiments through mixing facts with fiction in his attacks against Unilorin lecturers on account of the 2001 ASUU crisis. (‘The Unilorin 49 phenomenon’, same as above, p.18, also in *The Nation*, Thu. Dec. 24, 2009, p.19)
- ❖ The Reprographic Society of Nigeria (REPRONIG) has elected Prof. Olu Obafemi of the University of Ilorin its President. (‘REPRONIG) gets new board’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday December 21, 2009, p.32)
- ❖ A group of students has identified with Supreme Court judgement on the University of Ilorin. (‘Reinstatement of Unilorin 49, democracy at work – NANS’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above, p.48)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin staff members have won 4 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals at the 2009 edition of the Nigerian University Staff Games. (‘Unilorin staff won 4 gold’, *The Herald*. Monday December 21, 2009, p.31)
- ❖ At a lecture delivered at the Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, Prof. Olu Obafemi of the University of Ilorin has made a case for mother tongue education to achieve national development. (‘Vision 20:2020: Don stresses vernacular education’, *National Pilot*, Monday 21st – Wednesday 23 December, 2009, p. 3)
- ❖ Part of a lecture delivered by Dr. Afusat Alabi of the Education Management Department, University of Ilorin, at a conference in Ilorin has been published. (‘ICT and Standard of Education: Impact of the Internet on Youth’, same as above, p.4)
- ❖ At a programme organised by the Faculty of Arts Students Association (FASA), University of Ilorin, Prof. Yasir A. Quadri, has charged the students to always maintain good conduct. (‘Unilorin students charged on good conduct’, same as above, p.26)
- ❖ The counsel to the reinstated lecturers of Unilorin has described the counsel of Unilorin as an icon while expressing his view on the judgement. (‘Counsel seeks early enforcement of court judgment on reinstated Unilorin dons’, *The Guardian* Tuesday December 22, 2009, p.45.)

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Quotes of the Week

Good times become good memories. Bad times become good lessons.

– Miguel de Cervantes

Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself. – Rabbi A. Heschel

Everyone who has ever taken a shower has had an idea. It’s the person who gets out of the shower, dries off, and does something about it that makes a difference. – Nolan Bushnell