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The Council Chairman, Mallam Yazid (middle); the Ohoro of Shao, Oba Bamidele Alabi Adegbite; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem; Council members, members of Unilorin management and some Shao chiefs during the visit last Tuesday PHOTO: PRECIOUS OKEOWO

Council Chairman hails UNILORIN COBES programme

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of the University of Ilorin, Mallam Habidu Yazid, has described the Community Based Education and

Service (COBES) programme of the institution as a unique initiative that is second to none in the country.

Mallam Yazid stated this last Tuesday (March 15, 2022) in Shao town, when he led other members of

the Council and University management on a tour of the newly equipped COBES outpost in the town.

He congratulated the University for the facility and charged the students to maintain it and make the best use of it for their training and experience.

The Pro-Chancellor assured the students that the University would continue to support them.

While speaking at the palace of the Ohoro of Shao, Mallam Yazid appreciated the monarch for allowing the University to be useful to the community.

He added that the COBES outpost is part of the town and gown relationship expected of a tertiary institution, pointing out that the University is truly better by far.

In his remarks, the Ohoro Shao, Oba Bamidele Alabi Adegbite, thanked the University for locating the COBES outpost in his community.

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UNILORIN NASU gives N4.6m to retired, deceased members

By Mustafa Abubakar and Abdullahi Ogundipe



Comrade Zuberu

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has again paid the sum of N4, 600,000 to both its retired and deceased members for their support and steadfastness while in active service of the University.

At a short ceremony held last Tuesday (March 15, 2022) at the University Main Auditorium, a total of 28 beneficiaries, comprising 18 retired and 10 deceased staff members got the monetary compensation.

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Adeboye commends VC on security measures at SPS

By Mustafa Abubakar and Isaac Lewu

The Director of the School of Preliminary Studies (SPS), University of Ilorin, Prof. M. A. N. Adeboye, has commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for the excellent security measures put in place at the School.

Prof. Adeboye, who gave the commendation last Monday (March 14, 2022) in a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, said that the security arrangement has increased the safety of lives and properties of students and staff of the School.

The Director added that with the solid security architecture, the School has successfully built a cordial relationship with the host community to ensure conducive accommodation for the students and staff of the School.

He disclosed that members of the community are given preference when job opportunities open up so as to keep them engaged positively; emphasising that the School believes that when such benefits are extended to the community, the host community will join hands with the School management to ensure maximum protection for their hosts.

Prof. Adeboye added that as part of the strategies taken to ensure students' security, all students are to be indoors latest by 8.00pm, stressing that



Prof. Adeboye (2nd right), with the Vice-Chancellor, KWASU, Prof. Muhammed Mustapha Akanbi (2nd left) the Deputy Registrar, SPS, Mr. Olumide Olajugba (right), and the Accountant, SPS, Mr. Idris Adeyemi (left), during the visit of Prof. Akanbi to SPS recently

programme to educate them on security tips has also been put in place.

Appreciating the University authority for the rehabilitation of the link-road from the main campus to the School, the Director also called for quick completion of the road with adequate security measures such as stop-and-search, and erection of security posts at the entrance of the University, the

middle and at the entrance of the School.

Prof. Adeboye also called for a cross barricade on the road so as to regulate vehicles coming into and going out of the School to prevent illegal entrances.

The Director, however, revealed that arrangements are being made with UNILORIN COMSIT to get all the students to register for JAMB examinations so as to enable them get admitted easily.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (RTI), Prof. Mukhail Buhari (left), explaining a point to the Council Chairman, Mallam Habidu Yazid, during a visit to the UNILORIN Integrated Poultry Farm site, Amoyo, last Tuesday



Council Chairman hails UNILORIN COBES programme

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Oba Adegbite noted that Shao has benefitted greatly from the COBES programme, promising that

the community would continue to cooperate with the University of Ilorin.

He submitted that the outpost has been of great advantage to his town

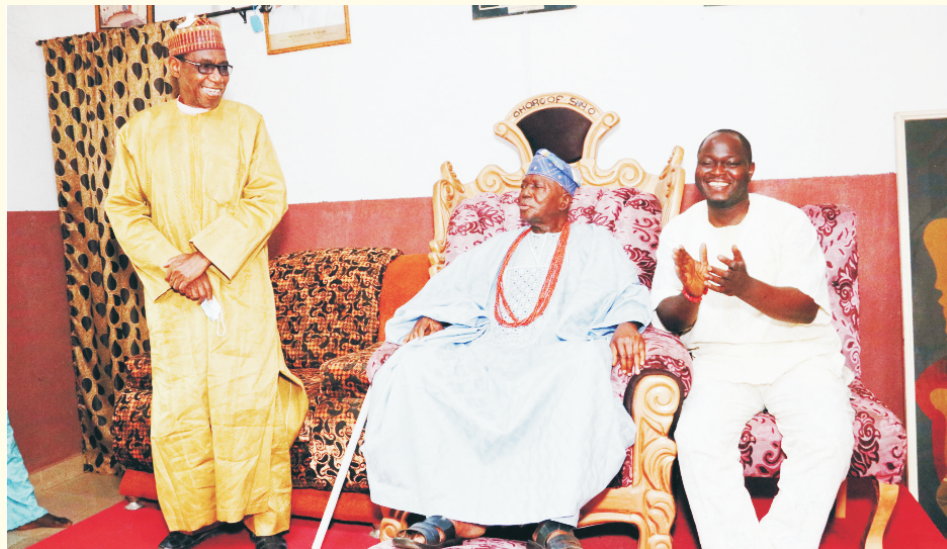
and thanked the members of the 13th Governing Council for visiting the town.

The Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olanrewaju Adedoyin, thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for completing and equipping the COBES outpost building.

Prof. Adedoyin noted that the Vice-Chancellor's commitment to the project was instrumental to the successful completion of the COBES facility.

The COBES Coordinator, Dr. A. A. Bolarinwa, corroborated the Provost's remarks on the commitment of the Vice-Chancellor to the Project.

The Council Members and members of the University management later took a tour of the facility and interacted with the students.



The Council Chairman, Mallam Yazid (standing), paying homage to the Ohoro of Shao, Oba Adegbite (middle), while the monarch's Personal Assistant looks on during the visit last Tuesday PHOTO: PRECIOUS OKEOWO

UNILORIN NASU gives N4.6m to retired, deceased members

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Speaking at the event, the Chairman of UNILORIN NASU, Comrade Zuberu Ibrahim, said that the programme, besides being a send forth one, was also organised to enlighten and sensitise the members of the union on the state of things between the Federal Government and NASU itself.

The 18 retired staff members who received cash sum of N200,000 each include Ibrahim Adebayo Salihu, Central Admin; Sidiq Salman, Security Division ; Suleiman Atanda, Works; Suleiman Amina, Biochemistry Department; Adijat Folashade Adelodun, Library; Ishaq Kuburat, Education; Ariyo Emmanuel Oluwaseyi, Security and Samuel Olaniyi Ogidilogun, Security.

Others are Sunday Omowunmi, Works; Okoh Ukpong Udoh, Health Services; Salman Rahman Amosa, Security Division; Aliyu Momoh, Security; Ibrahim S. Agboola, Faculty of Engineering; Mrs. Abosede Adewunmi, DVC (MS) Office; Felix Obakhado Ako, Works; Ampitan James Yakubu, Criminology and Security Studies; Raimi Fatimoh, Home Economics and Peter Kehinde Idowu, Science Education.

The 10 deceased members, whose family members went home with N100,000 each included Sanusi Nasir, Central Admin; Usman Dahima, Research Farm; Rasaq Memudu, Works; Mrs. Muinat Bola Oseni, Central Admin; Sarah Rabi Ahon-usi, Registry; Rauf Ali Yakubu, Security; Jide Ayiteye, Educational Technology; Ojo Olubunmi, Security; Laro Amori, Works and Adebayo Abdulwaheed, Security.

Speaking further on the

Retirement Savings Scheme, the Chairman averred that the Union would not entertain any form of favouritism in honouring retiring members as many members may think.

He said that they would be honoured accordingly with the little resources the Union has, adding that the available resources is insufficient to honour all those that have retired since January up till now.



One of the retirees, Sidiq Salman (2nd right), receiving his cheque from SSANU Chairman, Comrade Olusola Falowo, assisted by NASU Chairman (1st right) and other Executive members of the Union PHOTO: FATAI DAUDA

Ambali tasks alumni on support for alma maters

By Abubakar Imam

A former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Funsho Ambali, has urged products of institutions of learning to always pull their resources together to support their alma maters.

Prof. Ambali gave this advice penultimate Saturday (March 12, 2022) while delivering a lecture at the 45th foundation anniversary and reunion dinner of the Government Secondary School, Afon Old Students Association.

The don, whose lecture was entitled "Curbing Moral and Academic Decadence in Public Secondary Schools: The Role of Alumni Associations", said that it was important for members of Alumni Associations to form an alliance with the teaching staff of their alma mater to maintain high educational standard.

Prof. Ambali, who is also an old student of the school, bemoaned the quality of instructions and facilities in public schools as he accused stakeholders of negligence of such an important element of the nation's school system.

Prof. Ambali, who is the Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, added that it was the situation that compelled products of public schools to send their children to private schools.

He added that stakeholders must not neglect their duties of ensuring that equal opportunities are granted to all citizens to be functionally educated, saying that a nation that neglects public schools does so at its peril.

Prof. Ambali maintained that the hope of a functional and effective society is largely dependent on public schools whose services can be accessed by a large section of Nigerians.

While blaming government and



■ Prof. Ambali

other stakeholders for the turn of event, Prof. Ambali opined that Alumni Associations have a lot to do towards halting the dangerous trend in their alma mater.

He explained that the importance of Alumni Associations cannot be overemphasised as old students represent a window to the past, embody evolution of the institution over time and provide inspiration for the vision of the future.

The renowned academic, who graduated from the institution in 1984, also urged products of such institutions to assist their contemporaries in job placement, business opportunities and political patronage, adding that beneficiaries of such gestures would certainly give back to the institutions towards keeping them afloat.

He also urged accomplished members of the Alumni Association to assist in providing career guidance for the current students of such schools for them to also become great in life.

The foremost scholar advised products of the institutions to consider voluntary teaching of subjects in which they

are proficient in order to assist their alma mater in service delivery as he advised management of such schools not to discourage alumni who show such desire.

Prof. Ambali pleaded with the government to ensure that public schools are well funded and equipped to meet the challenges of the moment, saying that most of the schools do not have compliment of quality teachers and state-of-the-art equipment.

He added that once the problem of inadequate funding and infrastructural deficiency are arrested, the quality of products of such institutions would become much better and the nation would be better for it.

Prof. Ambali, who drew the attention of stakeholders to the increasing incidence of indiscipline among students of secondary schools, urged parents and teachers as well as other stakeholders to cooperate with one another towards stemming truancy, disobedience, lateness, stealing, cultism and rape among other vices.

The don acknowledged the impact of the school and its successive Principals and staff and even senior contemporaries, on the personalities and career developments of its alumni, many of whom he said are now occupying positions of authority in the private and public sectors. He urged all the alumni to challenge themselves with what they could do to assist the school in the interest of the present and future generations of students of the institution.

The event was attended by the newly appointed University Librarian of the Kwara State University, Malete, Dr. Salman; a lecturer at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr. Shittu Raji as well as Dr. Muhammad Kabir Garba of the Department of Statistics, University of Ilorin, among others.

Olawayin seeks more investment in education

By Abdulquadi Abubakar

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Telecommunication Science, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr. Lukman Olawayin, has charged the Federal Government to invest more in the country's education sector in order to inculcate positive behavioral attitude in the students to reduce crime rates among the youths.

Dr. Olawayin, who made the call last Monday (March 14, 2022) in a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, explained that education is the bedrock of every nation, stressing that when people are educated, they will know the right from the wrong.

He said, "Because of our low level of education, many youths venture into criminality without minding its effect on the society".

Dr. Olawayin urged the



■ Dr. Olawayin

government to also invest more on agriculture by giving incentive to real farmers to be able to produce more food crops, stressing that when people have something to eat, there will be less

agitation and the rate at which people engage in prostitution, abortion and criminality to make ends meet would be substantially reduced.

While commenting on the increase of fuel price, Dr. Olawayin lamented that it is quite unfortunate that Nigeria is passing through this kind of hardship at this point in time. He said that despite the fact that Nigeria is abundantly blessed with both natural and human resources, "we are yet to fully explore our potential to get the best out of it."

The don, however said that the situation is not peculiar to Nigeria, pointing out that it is a global phenomenon especially as a result of the Russia-Ukraine crises.

Dr. Olawayin, who also urged Nigerian youths to participate actively in politics, stressed that nothing prevents them from contesting for any political position.

Azeez tasks UCJ on professional conduct

By Olubukola Adedeji and Oyindamola Ibidunni

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. L. A. Azeez, has charged members of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ), UNILORIN Chapter to be more professional in the discharge of their duties as young journalists on campus.

Prof. Azeez made the call last Tuesday (March 15, 2022) at the launching of the Annual publication of the Union, "The Optic", held at the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Hall, Offa Road, Ilorin. He said that if they follow the laid-down ethics of the profession they would be adding value to the growth of the society.

The don, who is also the Chairman, **UNILORIN BULLETIN** Editorial Board and the reviewer of the magazine, said, "I encourage you, young journalists to be more professional while going about your duties as campus journalists", adding that "doing this will add more value to the growth of the society".

While appreciating the sponsor of the publication, Mariam Sule of the Zikoko Media, Prof. Azeez said, "The magazine is one of its kind in years in terms of quality and quantity though it is not well engrossed with adverts and that has been what I complain about every year".



■ Prof. Azeez (middle) with members of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ), UNILORIN Chapter, after the event

In the second review, the former Head of the Department of English, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyinkan Medubi, who also congratulated the UCJ members, encouraged them to include the use of creativity and cartoons in telling some stories, and to search within themselves the talented cartoonist.

Prof. Medubi called on UCJ members to always cross check the stories to be published, stressing that mostly, things that are being tweeted in social Media are not to be believed, as journalism should be based on truth only.

She also raises concern that "the magazine is not professionally rich with advertisements".

In his remarks, the NUJ Chairman, Mr. 'Lanre Ahmed, said that he is happy with what the Union is trying to achieve every year and that shows the steadfastness that is produced in each member.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Editor-In-Chief of the Magazine, Halimah Adisa, said that the UCJ UNILORIN Magazine launching has always been a tradition to promote the active news and progress of the Union.

Halimah, said, "The magazine streams through insecurity, technology, health and a lot more that speaks of the aftermath of the pandemic".

El-Imam unveils 2 books to mark 40th birthday

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Senior Lecturer in the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr. Amina Ahmed El-Imam, has unveiled two new books she wrote, "Knowing Microbes" and "Time Management for Professional Women".

The launching of the books on March 6, 2022, which coincided with her 40th birthday, was witnessed by family members, friends, colleagues and dignitaries from all walks of life, including the representatives of Emir of Ilorin and Olofa of Offa.

Speaking on the two books, Dr. El-Imam said that the book, "Knowing Microbes", will serve as a superb introduction to knowing more about microorganisms and microbiology for children and adults alike, while the book, "Time Management for Professional Women", is aimed to teach women how to strike a balance between family



■ Dr. El-Imam

responsibility and career.

In their separate comments, the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. N. Y. S. Ijaiya; the Vice-Chancellor of Summit University, Offa, and mentor of the author, Prof. O. B.

Oloyede; and the Taliba of Ebiraland, Alhaji Hamza Usman, all agreed that Dr. El-Imam is a well respected academic who has fulfilled all sense of belonging in the field, even as a young microbiologists and a community woman.

Prof. Ijaiya, who disclosed that she wore two caps, as an academic and as the President of Offa Professional Ladies Forum (OPLF), said that women should not relent when they have opportunities, but that they should use it and strive to rise higher in their callings.

On his part, Prof. Oloyede, commended the efforts of Dr. El-Imam, stressing that he was proud of her as her mentor, while advising others to emulate her.

And to Alhaji Usman, who could not hide his feeling, said that he is proud to be associated with Dr El-Imam, who she said is a diligent, respectful and respected woman in the society.

Engineering students embark on interlock road construction

By Mustafa Abubakar

As students of the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, embark on the construction of a campus road using interlock, a Chief Technologist in the Department, Engr. S. O. Abiola, has advocated the use of interlocking materials for the construction of roads in the country in place of the conventional asphalt laying.

Engr. Abiola made the call last Tuesday (March 16, 2022) in a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** at the site of interlock road construction being undertaken by the 200 level students of the Department who are on the Students Working Experience Programme (SWEP). The 60 meters interlock road is located beside the University Admission Office.

Engr. Abiola, who is supervising the SWEP students on the road construction, pointed out that interlocking road is better than the asphalt conventional road in terms of its maintenance and cost.

According to him, "this seems to stand the test of time, being easier to maintain. If it breaks along the line, you can easily remove that one and then replace it, unlike the asphalt that will continue to have pot holes".

He said, "If it is properly bounded, then it is better and the cost too will reduce. This is because for a kilometre of road with asphalt you can be talking about N3 million or N4 million, but with this, you could get about 50% reduction."

Engr. Abiola advised the



■ *Some SWEP students and their technologist lecturers showcasing the interlock produced by the students for the road construction*



■ *Engr. Abiola*

University to adopt the interlocking model over the asphalt road, saying that if the interlocking is competently done, then it will be better for the University to adopt it, as the maintenance will be easier than asphalt road.

He also advised the students on SWEP exercise to work, and not see the exercise as strenuous, but where they can gain experience to perform wonderfully.

"Let me acknowledged here that there are some terminologies the students

can get on the field which they cannot get in class. So, I urge them to embrace it completely", he said.

Engr. Abiola also stressed that the penalty of failing to partake in the SWEP exercise by any student without any genuine reason, is automatic carry-over as it is a compulsory course in the Faculty, adding that "this is why we are doing everything we could do to make sure they do the SWEP even when it is not convenient".

In his comment, the representative of one of the student groups, Olorunmaye David Sijabomi, said that the exercise has enabled them to gain experience and know more about interlocking, and their knowledge is now not limited to paper work alone.

Corroborating Engr. Abiola, Olorunmaye also maintained that the interlocking is better than asphalt in terms of cost and maintenance.

In her remarks, Salmat Temitope, a 200 level student of Water Resource and Environmental Engineering, said, "To me, so far, this is a wonderful experience. Before, we do more of theory. But now we are doing the practical of what we have been taught in class".

The exercise, which has over 1000 students on site, was also supervised by a team of technologists, which included Engr. M. O. Sayi, Engr. S. Alasinrin, Mr. A. K. Yusuf, Mr. E. K. Badmus and Mr. Hassan Issa, among others.

UNILORIN loses don

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of a lecturer at the Department of Arts Education, University of Ilorin, Dr. Abdulganiyu Salman Sebutu.

Dr. Sebutu, who joined the services of the University of Ilorin

about a decade ago, died last Wednesday (March 16, 2022) after a brief illness.

The late don has since been buried according to Islamic rites after *Janaza* prayers that attracted dignitaries from far and near.

Unilorin don appointed new Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin

By Abubakar Imam

The Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Traditional Rulers, HRH (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, has approved the appointment of a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Mathematics, University of Ilorin, Dr. Uthman Abubakar Akanbi-Jos, as the new Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin.

Dr. Akanbi-Jos' appointment was announced last Tuesday (March 15, 2022) by the Secretary to the Ilorin Emirate Council, Alhaji S. A. Lawal, in a statement he signed on behalf of the Emir, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

The new Balogun Alanamu joins other Baloguns, the Magaji Aare and the Baba Isale as high ranking high chiefs of Ilorin Emirate who are next in rank to the Emir.

Dr. Akanbi-Jos, who joined the services of the University of Ilorin about a decade ago, is a distinguished teacher who had taught in various layers of the nation's educational system. He was, prior to joining the University of Ilorin, a lecturer at the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin after so many years of active services as a secondary school teacher, particularly at Baboko Community Secondary School, Ilorin.

With his status, the new Balogun Alanamu is the holder of the highest academic qualifications in the annals of the Balogun title in Ilorin Emirate, and he is expected to bring to bear his erudition and pedagogical experiences in providing qualitative leadership for the people of his domain.

Meanwhile, the Vice-



■ **Dr. Akanbi-Jos**

Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has rejoiced with members of the institution's community on the appointment of Dr. Akanbi-Jos as the new Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin.

In a statement signed by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the appointment of the UNILORIN don into the exalted traditional office.

Prof. Abdulkareem described the new Balogun Alanamu as an outstanding staff of the University who has distinguished himself over the years.

He added that the new Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin is a very active and diligent academic who exhibited exceptional humility despite his royal pedigree.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the appointment of Dr. Akanbi-Jos was

well deserved as he added that the University felt honoured that one of its members was found worthy of holding such an office.

While thanking the Emir of Ilorin for appointing the renowned UNILORIN don to occupy the stool of his illustrious progenitors, the Vice-Chancellor urged the new Balogun Alanamu to ensure that he works for the peace and development of not just the people of Alanamu Ward and Ilorin Emirate but also for all.

He reminded Dr. Akanbi-Jos that as an alumnus and staff of the University, he would remain an Ambassador of the University in the Ilorin Emirate Council and must therefore continue to exhibit scholarship and probity for which the University is renowned.

In his message of felicitation, the Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Funsho Ambali, has also rejoiced with the new Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin on his appointment.

Prof. Ambali, who acknowledged the high personal qualities of Dr. Akanbi-Jos, thanked the Emir of Ilorin for appointing a Member of the Association as the new Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin.

While assuring the new Balogun of the prayers and support of the Association towards making his tenure peaceful and progressive, the former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, assured the Emir and the good people of Ilorin Emirate that the new Balogun would serve the people of the Emirate diligently.

Public Notice

PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT

CEASE AND DESIST

The University has approved the use of the expanse of land between the Faculty of Pharmacy and the College of Health Sciences (Both Sides) main campus for farming.

Those presently farming on the aforementioned land are hereby informed to harvest their farm produce and make good immediately for the University farming programme.

Concerned members of the University community such as Cooperatives Unions, Trade Unions

and Association, presently farmers on the land that are interested in participating in the University Farming programme on the land are to report to the Physical Planning Unit for further information.

Thank you.

Signed:

QS. A. T. Jimoh (fniqs)

Deputy Director, Physical Planning

UNILORIN rewards outstanding student-athletes ...as Sport Unit hails Abdulkareem's commitment

By Temitope Omoniyi

Student-athletes on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 converged at the Indoor Sports Hall of the UNILORIN Stadium Complex for the 2021 Academic Session's Sport Awards put together in their honour by the UNILORIN Sport Council.

The event had athletes brimming with smiles after receiving certificates and gifts for their contributions to the sport development of the University of Ilorin.

Speaking shortly before the presentation of certificates and gifts, the outgoing Chairman of UNILORIN Sport Council, Prof. Gafar Ijaiya, described as unprecedented the support the sport unit has received during the administration of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem.

He said that the Vice Chancellor's commitment to sport development in the University has led to an improvement in the welfare package for student-athletes representing the University in different sporting events including the ongoing 26th Nigerian Universities Games (NUGA) in Lagos.

Also speaking, a former Chairman of UNILORIN Sport Council, Prof. Jacob Olorunfemi, expressed delight with the improvement in welfare package for the athletes. He, therefore, advised Team UNILORIN to make the University proud at the event.

In his own submission, the immediate past Chairman of UNILORIN Sport Council, Prof. Uche Eke, called on the students to ensure that they continue to



■ The outgoing Director of Sports, Prof. Olufunmilola Dominic, appreciating the University management and student athletes on the occasion

exhibit exceptional character known with the students of the University. He urged them to justify the investment in them by winning laurels for the University.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem, was full of praises for the Sport Unit for appreciating the athletes who have made the University proud in the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

Prof. Abdulkareem said that the University was proud of the honours the student-athletes have brought to the University.

Represented by the Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Lanre Tajudeen Ajibade, the Vice-Chancellor told the gathering that the University management would continue to support the advancement of sport and create a conducive environment for students to chase their dreams.

"Thanks to my dedicated and hardworking teams, who have represented us in one game or the other, and at one competition or the other. You have all done creditably well", the Vice-Chancellor stated.

While praising the efforts of student-athletes, the Vice-Chancellor said, "I remember today our wins and losses; from whatever perspective you may want to look at it, a lot of effort was put into it; I would like to take this opportunity, therefore, on behalf of the Management, to acknowledge and thank all of our dedicated staff, for their contributions to sports development throughout the year. I appreciate your commitment and doggedness". (Contd. on page 10)

UNILORIN ANUPA on felicitation visits to Hudson, Okojie

By Oluyemisi Olayemi

Officials of the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), University of Ilorin Branch, have visited two of their former colleagues, Ms. Olufunke Hudson and Dr. (Mrs) Rebecca Okojie, who were recently appointed Registrars of Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara; and Federal University, Lokoja, respectively.

The group, led by its Vice-Chairman, Mr Adam Abdussalam on the first visit to Osara last Tuesday (March 15, 2022), said they had come to felicitate with the Registrar on her well deserved appointment.

Mr. Abdussalam pointed out that the appointment was a great honor for the Association to have one of its own as the pioneer Registrar of the institution, describing the milestone achievement of Ms. Hudson as "worthy and well-earned".

In her response, the Registrar,

Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara, Ms. Hudson, appreciated the Association officials for taking time out from their busy schedules to come and give her what she described as "moral boost" to continue to do her job deftly.

On the second visit to Dr. Okojie at the Federal University, Lokoja, last Thursday (March 17, 2022), Mr. Abdussalam described her appointment as the 3rd Registrar of the university as a clear attestation of her belief in God, resilience, doggedness and assiduity, which is worth celebrating.

He described the attainment as a reflection of Dr. Okojie's tireless work to achieve the feat, which is undoubtedly the zenith of the profession.

Mr. Abdussalam then prayed God to join the new Registrar in the discharge of the onerous task the office entails.

In her response, Dr. Okojie praised

the ANUPA delegates for the goodwill visit as she settles into her new position. She also said that the visit meant a lot for her, as it is an assurance of having "home support".

Also in his remarks on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University, Lokoja, Prof. Olayemi Akinwumi, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. M. S. Audu, noted that the visit was one of its kind for their respective universities, adding that they were historical.

Other members of the team on the visit include Mr M. A. Opaleke, ANUPA Congress Member; Mr. I. A. Abdussalam, ANUPA Vice-Chairman; Mr. O. J. Oyedepo, ANUPA Congress Member; Mrs. M. O. Babalola, ANUPA Congress Member; Mrs. E. O. Nnaji, ANUPA Treasurer; Mrs. R. A. Adeta-Babamale, ANUPA Congress Member; and Mr. B. O. Atanlogun, ANUPA Publicity Secretary.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 10TH TO 17TH MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	440,000.00
Hire of University Property	470,000.00
Staff Quarters Rent	85,919.90
Sundry & Other Student Charges	107,750.00
Dental Charge	86,277.50
Sunday Other Income	850,789.00
Refund	1,542,428.33
Capitation-NHIS	15,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	98,770.00
Departmental Income	1,050,000.00
Disciplinary Fines	23,000.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	42,277,150.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	250,950.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	754,500.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	150,150.00
Institute of Education Acceptance payment	30,900.00
JUPEB School Charges	415,600.00
Remedial Application	181,800.00
Remedial Acceptance	45,450.00
Remedial School Charges	1,619,100.00
Remedial School Hostel Accommodation	15,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦50,510,684.73
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Princess Luxury Hotel Feeding and Accommodation of University Guest.	2,562,870.00
Shabram Intl Ltd Repair and Replacement Skyline walkway	4,513,436.84
Hollyola Facility Service Supply of Branded Towel	2,150,000.00
Bliss Centre Catering Services	542,875.00
G. Pinnacle Suite Ltd Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests.	25,380.00
Aptysafe Intl Nig Ltd Supply and Installation of Lab Equipment (TETFUND).	92,858,500.00
Drugfield Pharmaceuticals Ltd Supply of Executive Table and Chairs.	1,004,000.00
Mabenitab Nig Ent Supply of Generator.	236,500.00
Omohunola Nig Ltd Supply and Installation of Air Conditioner	1,200,000.00
Ayosco Jasper Enterprises Supply and Installation	2,987,850.00
Halfad Series Intergrate Supply of Cleaning materials	3,311,107.50
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Ventures Cleaning of College Environment.	200,000.00
FredTek Intl Nig Ltd Renovation of Abuja Liaison Office	9,488,382.69
Agolfa Nig Ltd Construction of chemical Engineering Building (TETFUND).	11,123,654.19
Adetos Ent Ltd Supply of Consumables	1,295,500.00
Cedarcrest Hospitals Ltd Balance of Medical bill	193,560.00
Sityserve Ltd Supply and Installation of Equipment	2,301,750.00
Hollywood Interior Deco Supply and Installation of Equipment and others.	3,162,327.50
Omohunola Nig Ltd Construction of Road	2,786,077.50
Designform Nig Ltd Consultancy Services	9,648,210.42
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	21,222,464.00
Purchase Advance Various	2,647,625.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Inaugural Lecture Booklet and Stationery.	3,781,595.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol	1,368,552.00
Ilorin Business School Salary for February 2022	285,097.38
Nigerian Legion Ex-Servicemen Salary Feb 2022	4,140,000.00
Staff Training Learned Conference	1,752,550.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	1,578,515.40
Unilorin Student IBR Grant (TETFUND)	549,822.20
NUGA Games Allowance to the Participants	22,250,000.00
Total TSA Charges	103,290.00
Total payment for the period	₦211,271,492.62

Signed
O. H. Sonde FCA
Bursar

Staff Development

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
K. S. Ahmed	M.Sc	Agricultural Extension and Rural Development	University of Sunderland, United Kingdom
K. O. Laro	Ph.D.	Geography and Environmental Management	University of Ilorin
O. T. B. Aduloju	Ph.D.	Urban and Regional Planning	Federal University of Technology, Akure
K. K. Oladosu	Ph.D.	Educational Technology	Federal University of Technology, Minna

Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ojuawo Ayodele Isaac	Paediatrics & Child Health	Mar 20
2	Akolade Olushola Raphael	Central Admin: Office	Mar 20
3	Abdulraheem Mohammed Awwal	Security Division	Mar 20
4	Ambali Ibrahim Owolabi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Mar 20
5	Owolabi Risikat Ronke	Registry	Mar 21
6	Adeyeye Benedict Tejumola	Bursary	Mar 21
7	Ahon-Usi Odafenkere Stephen	Registry	Mar 21
8	Jimoh Sikiru Adekunle	Anatomy	Mar 21
9	Animashaun Jubril Olayinka	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Mar 21
10	Ugowe Anthonia Omosefe	Business Law	Mar 21
11	Habeeb Aliu	Coll Of Health Sci - Works Unit	Mar 22
12	Adeyemo Adejoke Abisola	Registry	Mar 22
13	Aina Elizabeth Monisola	Registry	Mar 22
14	Tiamiyu Lukuman Rotimi	Crop Protection	Mar 23
15	Bolajoko Zulkarnan Babatunde	Works: Civil/Building	Mar 23
16	Abdulraheem Ibraheem Shola	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Mar 23
17	Ugowe Innoxia Tamunogelemaba	Registry	Mar 23
18	Hamzat Saudat Adebisi Olayide	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Mar 23
19	Oyeyemi Dupe	Registry	Mar 23
20	Moses Samuel Ayodele	Security Division	Mar 23
21	Garba Khadijah Wuraola	Registry	Mar 23
22	Aremu Fatai Ayinde	Political Science	Mar 23
23	Akinsipe Felix Akintunde	Performing Arts	Mar 23
24	Adeyemi Oluwapelumi Olufemi	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Mar 23
25	Olatunji Aishat Omobolanle	Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology	Mar 23
26	Balogun Abdulrasaq Olatunji	Social Science Education	Mar 23
27	Gwadabe Sadiya Musa	Anatomy	Mar 23
28	Sulaimon Waliyat Bolanle	Registry	Mar 23
29	Ogunniyi Ibidun Kehinde	Registry	Mar 23
30	Mohammed Abdulkareem Segun	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 24
31	Famuyiwa Bolatito	Computer Base Test	Mar 24
32	Gbadeyan Florence Olufunke	Bursary	Mar 24
33	Galadima Adebayo	Security Division	Mar 24
34	Wahab Kolawole Wasiu	Medicine	Mar 24
35	Ahmad Fatima Olatinuke	Health Services	Mar 24
36	Aboyeji Adeniyi Justus	History & International Studies	Mar 24
37	Olufeagba Olufunmilayo	Health Services	Mar 24
38	Akanbi Isiaka Saliu	Registry	Mar 24
39	Oyelade Ayotunde Francis	Arts Education	Mar 25
40	Opakunle Falilat Oluwatoyin	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 25
41	Mohammed Isiaka Omotosho	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Mar 25
42	Okojie Rebecca Aimiohu	Registry	Mar 25
43	Ajadi Ibrahim	Central Admin: Port.Lodge	Mar 25
45	Salami Sulaiman Olawoye	Veterinary Anatomy	Mar 25
46	Olayemi Oluyemisi Ayodeji	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Mar 25
47	Olusanmi Foluke Treasure	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Mar 25
48	Amoloye Mubarak Adewale	Chemical Engineering	Mar 25
49	Abolarin Sunday Olushola	Unilorin Zoo	Mar 25
50	Mohammed Abdulraheem	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Mar 25
51	Adeyemo Bosede Christiaina	Registry	Mar 25
52	Omotoso Ayotunde Bolatito	Behavioural Science	Mar 26
53	Obiremi Joel Akintunde	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Mar 26
54	Olademo Oyeronke	Religions	Mar 26
55	Ayinla Lukman Alabi	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Mar 26
56	Ojibara Adekunbi Arinola	Registry	Mar 26

UNILORIN rewards outstanding student-athletes

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In her vote of thanks, the outgoing Director of Sport, University of Ilorin, Professor Olufunmilola L. Dominic highlighted the achievements of the athletes during the Academic Session.

She pointed out that the athletes have distinguished themselves in various sporting events in chess, volleyball, karate, basketball, football and taekwondo.

She said, "The Basketball Male Team participated and came fourth in the King of the Court championship, the volleyball team took part in the Hellbank Championship while the Taekwondo team were involved in the Inspector-General of Police championship. The football team in 2021 played the Higher Institutions

Football League".

Prof. Dominic also used the occasion to appreciate the Vice-Chancellor for the support given her office and further thanked her staff and students for the cooperation. She called for more support for the incoming Director of Sport, Dr. Tajudeen Ibrahim.

In their separate goodwill messages, the former Director of Sport, Prof. Abimbola Adesoye, the immediate past Director of Sport, Prof. Olawole Obiyemi, were full of commendations for the student-athletes and the University management for appreciating their efforts, saying it will go along way in motivating those coming after them.

Highlights of the occasion was the presentation of certificates and gifts to the athletes while the Vice-Chancellor did fist

bumps with the Coaches for their sacrifices and commitment to raising great talents for the university and the nation as a whole.

Dignitaries at the event include the Director of Advancement Centre who doubles as Scrabble Coach, Prof. Olujinmi Olaitan, incoming Director of Sport, Dr. Tajudeen Ibrahim, former Assistant Director of Sport, Dr. Memunat M. Ajadi, the Stadium Manager, Coach Sadiq Sabonkudi, President of Students' Union, University of Ilorin, Waliu Taofik (Omoluabi), among others.

Team UNILORIN is participating in the ongoing 26th NUGA event being hosted by the University of Lagos. The competition tagged UNILAG NUGA 2022 will end on March 27, 2022.

- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Barrister Ridwan Sholagberu Lawal, has observed that Nigeria needs a bold and fearless president to make hard decisions for the benefit of everyone. ("We need to make our political post less financially attractive to get the best leaders -- Lawal", *National Pilot*, Thursday 10th- Sunday 13th March, 2022, p.19)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU), Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said that though there was no time he was in support of ASUU embarking on strike, as such action would certainly disrupt academic calendar and also have adverse consequences, particularly on students and Nigeria's future, he expected both ASUU and the Federal Government to have resolved their differences before the one-month warning strike elapsed. ("Sad that FG couldn't avert extension of ASUU strike --Committee of VCs, parents" , <https://Tribune onlineng.com>; See also, "ASUU extends warning Strike by two months", *Nigeria Tribune*, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, p.5; "Varsities remain shut as ASUU extends strike by two months" , *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, p.3; "Strike extension: Parents, Students lambast ASUU, FG", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, p.5; "ASUU extends roll Over Strike by 2 months", *Vanguard*, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, p.3; "FG expresses shock as ASUU extends strike

by 2 months", *Daily Sun*, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, p.27; "ASUU extends strike by two months", *The Herald*, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, p.9)

- The Student Union body of the University of Ilorin has appealed to the federal government to fast track its decision by attending to the demands of the Universities lecturers in the interest of students and their parents. ("ASUU Strike: Unilorin Student body appeals to FG", *The Herald*, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, p.9)
- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Barrister AbdulHakeem Femi Isau, has shared his memorable experience at the court. ("Day I was overruled at the Federal High Court -- Isau", *National Pilot*, Thursday 17th -Sunday 20th March, 2022, p.18)
- A Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Ilorin, Suleiman Ambali, has enjoined alumni associations to rise to the challenge of providing fund, facilitating effective administration, policy drive, voluntary career mentoring role model, provision of scholarship, ensuring commitment and effectiveness among teachers to saving secondary education from the verge of collapse. ("Old students associations, alternative means of funding education sector", [https:// Tribune onlineng.com](https://Tribune onlineng.com))



L-R: The Director General of Protocol, UNILORIN Man O' War, Patriot Olosasa Habeeblahi; the Commander-in- Chief, UNILORIN Man O' War, Patriot Olaniran Roqeeb; the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin Mr. Kunle Akogun; and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, UNILORIN Man O' War, Patriot Obaro David, during the Man O' War officials' visit to the Director in his office last Monday
PHOTO: FATAI DAUDA

Encomiums galore, as VC Office staff honour 'Correct Officer'

By **Mustafa Abubakar and Tajudeen Babamale**

Emotions flowed freely and encomiums poured in torrents last Friday (March 18, 2022) when the staff of the Vice-Chancellor's Office, University of Ilorin, honoured the immediate past Chief Confidential Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Stephen Odafen Ahon-Usi, on his retirement from the University after 42 years of service.

The send-forth ceremony, which held at the Dam Site, was witnessed by the Vice-Chancellor, Principal Officers, Directors, Union leaders, colleagues, and family members of "Correct Officer", as the honouree is fondly called by all.

In his tribute, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, who could not hold his tears while eulogising Mr. Ahon-Usi, described him as a wonderful person that was always there for him, stressing, and "He was my extra eye several times".

Prof. Abdulkareem, whose encomium on "Correct Officer" was precise, also described him as very organised and dependable person, praying, "From the deepest of my heart God will reward you".

He also described Mr. Ahon-Usi as a super secretary who stood by him during hard times. Citing a parable where God says 'when I am ready to help you, I will give you special eyes', Prof. Abdulkareem described the honouree as his own special eyes.

The Vice-Chancellor recalled several occasions when the honouree counseled him on some decisions, which would have gone haywire, adding that, Mr. Ahon-Usi would never allow him and the people around him to commit an error.

While praying God to grant Mr. Ahon-Usi the strength and wisdom to enjoy his retirement, Prof. Abdulkareem also beseeched God to grant the late Mrs. Ahon-Usi eternal rest.

On her part, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, who also eulogised "Correct Officer", said that everything is too good about Mr. Ahon-Usi but "the truth is that they are really true".

Prof. Malomo, who opined that there is no man without a shortcoming, however, said everything about Mr. Ahon-Usi is correct.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor explained that despite being Mr. Ahon-Usi's boss, there were countless occasions when he would guide her on administrative proceedings with the best of humility.

In her own tribute, the Registrar of the University, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni, observed that for 'Correct Officer' to have worked with three different Vice-Chancellors without the community hearing anything untoward on his part shows a high level of loyalty.

While pointing out that the job of a



■ *The Registrar, Dr. Olowoleni (left), presenting a parting gift, on behalf of the staff of the Vice-Chancellor's Office, to Mr. Ahon-Usi (right), while the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem (middle), looks on* PHOTO: PRECIOUS OKEOWO

Secretary is tedious and very tough, Dr. Olowoleni said that Mr. Ahon-Usi has been able to diplomatically relate with staff and guests of his boss without causing issues or misunderstanding between all parties throughout his service years.

Dr. Olowoleni, however, recommended all attributes of Mr. Ahon-Usi for emulation by all staff of the University.

To remember Mr. Ahon-Usi, she also announced a training programme for some classes of people in the Registry unit where Mr. Ahon-Usi would be a good resource person.

In his remarks, the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab O. Issa, who described Mr. Ahon-Usi as a wonderful human being who did not see his high office as anything, urged guests present that "regardless of your place remember that you are only enjoying the grace of God".

Prof. Issa said that Mr. Ahon-Usi is a God fearing man who did his work with complete humility, praying that "God who has made you that way will sustain you".

Also eulogising the honouree, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, pointed out that Mr. Ahon-Usi is a true correct officer in all ramifications.

Mr. Akogun said the celebrant was very dedicated to his duty and relate with everybody with every sense of humility without minding their status.

The Head of the Corporate Affairs Unit, who narrated how Mr. Ahon-Usi helped him to quickly settle down when he first joined the service of the University, said he would forever be grateful to him for being a brother and a very helpful colleague in the University.

Corroborating Mr. Akogun's position, the Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's office, Mrs. Beatrice Ishola, said that the honouree has been a wonderful brother, and the epitome of excellence, a committed servant who is always happy to help people.

Also, the Principal Assistant Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, who doubled as the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Musbau Jimoh, lamented that lack of love for one's place of work is the reason why most organisations are in shamble, and appealed to colleagues in the University to love where they are working and love what they are doing as demonstrated by Mr. Ahon-Usi.

Mr. Jimoh described Mr. Ahon-Usi as a peace lover who is always ready to guide and encourage people regardless of their class.

In his response, the honouree, Mr. Ahon-Usi, who thanked God, the Vice-Chancellor, Principal Officers and the entire University community, including invited guests for the show of love done on him, disclosed that it was a pleasure "when we worked together".

Mr. Ahon-Usi, who traced his journey as a staff of the University to the past 42 years, said that his conduct as Secretary III in various Departments and Faculties between 1977 and 2022 was guided by rules and regulations of his employer and heads.

He said that "the four guiding principles I gained are to be punctual to the office, to print daily schedule of invitations, give no room for 'I am sorry' as each issue/problem must be traced to the person responsible and to always be on the seat".