Celebrating the NEW BAYERO UNIVERSITY

- Changing the BUK Skyline
- Expanding Alumni Relations
- Quality and Collegiate System
- Female Academics Bloom
- Butterfly Student Experience
- Sports Cement Union Relationships
Vision
Bayero University shall be a world-class university in Africa, renowned for its excellence in teaching and research, and the quality of its products.

Mission
To provide world-class academic and professional training and community service, and to conduct research for the advancement of society, and to produce high quality human resources with entrepreneurial skills for the development of the community, the nation and humanity

Core Values
Humility and Sacrifice; Discipline and Commitment; Integration and Internationalisation; Professionalism and Good Governance; Innovativeness and Creativity; Excellence and Best Practices

Motto
“Wa Fawqa Kulli Dhi Ilmin Alim”
“... And above every possessor of knowledge, there is the One more learned.” (Q12:76)
The need for a communication medium such as BUK TODAY has been keenly felt. The vast increase in the number of University staff necessitates communication clarity and greater frequency in the number of times management may wish to pass on messages to the entire Community. Events local and national follow each other in rapid succession, yet each needs to be understood in its context by the University Community.

Besides, the fascinating changes the University is still undergoing is a subject which has remained a “hidden secret” to the general public. Except to the few visitors who have ventured unto the Campuses. And, of course, staff and students who daily live with the delightful sights and wonders unfolding. The story of this great feat of re-engineering the University system for the better, or “re-positioning” as the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR prefers to call it, is a story compelling in its appeal and mesmerising in its demand to be told.

So it is that this Maiden Edition, apart from providing some basic information on the 31" Convocation, takes a look at some aspects of the BUK revolution. Indeed, some of the people involved with this great citadel of learning are profiled. Exploration of the human elements in the citadel touches on the students through their experiences and the staff, focusing on gender mainstreaming. The role of sports in cementing the staff Unions relationships is tackled with an interesting anecdote. Two poems explore and reveal some of the affection and deep complex feeling we tend to harbour and have with the Citadel and our environment. The stories told are about the evolving Citadel, its people and their relationships. We do not wish to let the cat out of the bag, so you are invited to savour what is served.

Finally, a word of appreciation to the Management of the University, the Vice Chancellor in particular, for facilitating this Special Edition of BUK TODAY: from the additional professional staff employed, to motivation, logistical and production support. It is early days yet at the Directorate of Public Affairs but there are more projects being incubated in shaAllah. Meanwhile, we sincerely welcome suggestions, observations and succinct contributions, especially travelogue tales that may interest the wider community.
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The Changing BUK Skyline

Bala G Abdullahi takes a whistle-stop tour of major projects on three of the five Campuses that have changed the skyline and landscape for the better

When the outgoing Vice President, Alhaji Muhammadu Namadi Sambo, GCON visited Bayero University to commission some projects early this year and told his host, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR that he was at a loss and could no longer recognise where the initial architectural design of the New Campus of the university begins, most of the special guests could not understand what the Vice President meant by that comment. But by the time he narrated how as a young Architect, he and other architectural experts participated in the design of the BUK New site, and confessed that what they had designed had now metamorphosed in the last four years into a magnificent citadel only comparable to what are often seen, admired and appreciated outside the shores of this country.

With these clarifications, it now became clear to the guests and all those present that Mr. Vice President was only stating the obvious and re-echoing what had occupied the minds of visitors to the University who saw an unprecedented infrastructural transformation comparable to no other citadel of learning in the country. The Vice-President did not stop at that, he went on to say that he had no further comment to make but to advise the management of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to consider allocating more resources to institutions like Bayero University that not only accessed their allocations but showed glaring commitment in the judicious utilization of such funds.

But Vice-President Muhammadu Namadi Sambo was not alone in this shower of encomiums; even the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Professor Julius Okoje and his Tertiary Education Trust Fund counterpart, Professor Suleiman Bogoro expressed similar sentiments. But the question which agitates the minds of the people is: what did Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed led management team accomplish in both the New and Old campuses of the University that continue to earn him these unquantifiable encomiums?

To answer the above poser, it has become necessary for readers of this piece to follow me while I take a trip round the two campuses of the University, at Old and New Campuses and cap it all with another tour of the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital. It is my belief that doing this will afford members of the public the needed opportunity to have firsthand information regarding the tremendous repositioning initiative under the leadership of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed.

One of the arguments often advanced by Professor Rasheed to support his gigantic infrastructural development had been that teaching and research can only take place successfully first
in a serene environment, secondly when the needed facilities/equipment are readily available. With this at the back of his mind, Professor Rasheed in 2011 embarked on an extensive and aggressive implementation of the University’s Strategic Plan for 2010 to 2015. By the end of 2014, Professor Rasheed had succeeded in writing his name in gold and in the history books of BUK.

It could be recalled that when activities moved from the Old Campus of the university to the New Campus in the late 1980’s, development initiatives by past leadership of the university seemed to have been concentrated on the New Site, but with the coming on board of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed in 2010 the tide changed.

The restructuring of the Faculty of Medicine which heralded the creation of the College of Health Sciences as an umbrella academic and administrative unit to oversee the newly created four medical science faculties’ spearheaded the development initiative. The management saw the urgent need to provide the needed structures, equipment and other relevant facilities for the full take-off of the new medical science faculties. For this reason, construction work to put structures of the faculties in place commenced almost immediately. One unique thing about the Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed-led management team is that as soon as the Senate gave approval for the restructuring of the Faculty of Medicine, construction work commenced for the upgrading of existing structures and the foundation stone of new ones put in place. Less than two years after the creation of the new medical science faculties almost all the structures have been fully established. First, the Faculty of Dentistry became fully operational and the entire required infrastructure including equipment has been put in place. Building to house the faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Clinical Science and Biomedical Science have all been completed. As if these were not enough, the Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed management embarked on the construction of new hostel blocks at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital to provide accommodation to medical students. A 90-room Female Students Hostel was constructed and completed and has since been put to use. Also a 2-Storey Medical Library Building was initiated and constructed all in an effort to encourage extensive research in medical sciences. But, one important thing to note is that no matter the amount of expansion and structures put in place, if adequate lecture theatres for teaching and learning are not enough, knowledge dissemination will definitely experience major hitches, and that was why 150 Twin Capacity Lecture theatres were constructed at AKTH.

While BUK management was busy executing this laudable feat, it now dawns on them that provision of access roads within the Teaching Hospital is very much desirable as movement from one faculty to the other is inevitable. To meet this, new road networks were constructed including provision of street lights. It could be recalled that two research centres were established by the Professor Rasheed administration, Centre for Advanced Medical Research and Centre for Infectious Diseases all at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital. Work on these projects has since reached an advanced stage. Of all the structures put in place at AKTH, one that remains unique and outstanding has been the Multi-Million Naira administrative block of the College of Health Sciences which has been completed and commissioned.

While construction work was ongoing at the AKTH, the management never lost sight of the fact that both the Old and New Campuses of the University should receive equal attention because of the plan of the management to upgrade the two campuses to an international citadel of learning both in academics and infrastructure, what has today metamorphosed into a world class institution in terms of academic feat and infrastructural
development. A visitor to the two campuses will be thinking that he is not in the BUK he knew about five years ago. Beginning from the Old Campus, new structures adorned every of the campus. The Faculty of Science complex has been completed, the Centre for Biotechnology Research, Departments of Anatomy and Physiology including the installation of Laboratory furniture have not only been completed but have also been put to use. Also the Biochemistry department complexes have been completed. The 150 Twin lecture theatres for the faculty of Science are fully completed. Multi-Million Naira equipment for the Department of Biological Science have been delivered as well as the installation of equipment to Physics as well as Chemistry Laboratories. The department of Biochemistry had also taken delivery of and assembled 300 students lecture chairs. The management, in an effort to simplify teaching also procured and installed interactive Learning boards and Power solution to nine Theatres at both Old and New Campuses of the University. The Male Hostel located at the Old Campus which before now looked “tired” has not only been renovated but also upgraded to international standard.

But one outstanding feature of the Old Campus has been the beautiful network of roads constructed. The Ring Road which begins from the main gate of the campus and passes through ASUU Secretariat to Female Hostel and through to the University Staff Primary School and terminated at Juma’at mosque has been asphalted and made dual carriageways for ease of movement. Also, some roads to the staff quarters across the Old campus have not only been rehabilitated but new ones constructed. To further fortify the work, major landscaping work has been carried out. These include the landscaping work at the premises of the 600-Capacity Lecture theatre and the premises of the Departments of Anatomy and Physiology.

These giant strides of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed’s leadership did not stop at the AKTH and the Old Campus of the University; in fact what was accomplished in terms of infrastructural development at the New Campus from all indications surpass that of the two put together. A cursory look at the various projects executed showed that at the moment work on the new Senate Building is progressing steadily and barring any unforeseen circumstances, the building should be ready by late July this year. The structure if completed is expected to house the Governing Council Chambers, Senate Building, office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and their supporting staff.

Already work on the new Faculty of Education complex has been completed and commissioned. New buildings for the departments of Political Science, Sociology, Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore, new Faculty of Agriculture housing the departments of Agronomy and Crop Protection have all been completed and fully operational. Also buildings for the Centres for Qur’anic Science, International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, Centre for Dry Land Agriculture have since been put to use. Completed and commissioned are the Faculty of Computer Science and Information and Technology (FCSIT). However, construction work on three new Faculties have since reached advanced stage of completion, these are, the new Faculty of Law under construction at the new campus, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science and the Faculty of Communications and Media Studies. Also work on the new Centre for Renewable Energy is awaiting furnishing and equipment. Two 90 bed hostels each, for male and female students, are also under construction. This is apart from rehabilitating the existing ones at both Old and New Campuses.

Mention should also be made of the Multi-Billion Naira CBN Centre of Excellence now under construction and the Dangote School of Business Studies as well as the Multi-Million Naira International Conference Centre being built through constituency projects by Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo.

The new Campus is currently being provided with extensive network of roads. The old Ring Road has been upgraded into a dual carriageway, asphalted and reconstructed. It is provided with street light such that at night, the new campus looks like a mini London. Like the Old Campus, landscaping work has also been carried out at most of the faculties, departments and student hostels and walkways constructed to most lecture theatres. It should be noted that the above submission regarding projects executed by the Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed led management team is just a tip of the iceberg, and I will like to conclude by quoting the words of most academic and non-teaching staff of the university who keep saying that, ‘Professor Rasheed has set a high standard of delivery in the management of Bayero University, and whoever succeeds him has a herculean challenge awaiting him or her.’

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Expanding Access:
BUK Takes A Leaf from Best Rated World Varsities

It is clear that the success of any nation depends largely on its educational development more especially how it was able to get the right people to run its educational institutions. The ability to get the right people to academically and administratively handle educational institutions, development of infrastructure, ability to conduct useful research programmes, as well as having the right equipment and working tools, are indisputably among the key inputs in any sound education system. Universities across the world are being faced with several challenges in an effort to place themselves among the best rated in the world, their regions or their home countries. In Nigeria, the National Universities Commission (NUC) is charged with the responsibility of accreditation of programmes, facilities and manpower in universities, as attestation to their quality.

For many years the challenges faced by some Nigerian universities were so enormous that some could not scale through with some of their programmes during accreditation exercises. Despite these challenges some universities in Nigeria were able to deliver. Bayero University, Kano, in particular has set for itself the goal of becoming among the best in the West African sub-region. Not only this, it has been struggling to, in the past four years, be among the leading universities in Africa and according to its future plan it would target inclusion in the world best rated institutions. For the past four years it has been streamlining every aspect of the university's system, taking a leaf from Harvard and other best rated universities in the world. Its performance in the last NUC accreditation exercise was excellent, having been placed in “A” category.

Without doubt, if Nigerian universities will use the template Bayero University is being transformed with, it is possible that some of them may join the best rated 100 universities, not even the 1000 best rated world universities. It was unusual to see a Vice Chancellor in a Nigerian university get standing ovation from a Congregation of over 800 academic and non academic staff. The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, had during the 2014 and May 2015 Congregations, both held at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, unanimously been commended by the Congregation members. He got a standing ovation. More so, it was surprising that all the developments in the university took place at a critical period when universities faced challenges in funding. The federal government unfortunately breached the agreement that ended the six-month ASUU strike; this was partly among the reasons universities across the country faced scarcity of funds and other challenges.

Bayero University had in the last two years created new undergraduate, Masters and PhD programmes; new centers, colleges, departments and faculties. The Faculty of Medicine, which hitherto was one faculty, has been transformed to a college of four faculties to ensure specialization and quality on medically oriented programmes. The Bayero University's Center for Qur'anic Studies remains the only one of its kind taking care of the local Alarammosti and Qur'anic memorizers' needs in the West African sub-region. The Center was conceived purposely to ensure that eminent learned Tsangaya scholars and Qur'anic memorizers in the villages and cities, who are equal to university Professors, are supported to gain rights and privileges being enjoyed by their contemporaries in the western system of education.

According to the Vice Chancellor, “We have thousands who if we are to measure them are professors. They are highly educated in language, in literature and in science but because they do not speak English or because they do not hold certificates in western education, they can't be employed and can't contest elections. The centre will try to certificate these people; it will run courses equal to university degrees.”
The Citadel Repositioned

The Vice Chancellor stated that, “Since I took over, we created new degree programmes, new Masters and PhD programmes, new faculties, new institutes, centers and departments. The university split some faculties and departments; it has been repositioned to strengthen its portfolio in sciences, medicine, agriculture and engineering, without ignoring humanities, social sciences and law. Constructions of most of these faculties have been completed while the rest are near completion. The Department of Biological Sciences has been split into three and so was the Department of Mathematical Sciences.

“The Department of English now has Department of English and Literary Studies and out of it we created the Department of Foreign Languages, which now offers degree in French and soon it will offer degree in Chinese. Also, from English we created Department of Theater Arts and Film Studies. We further created Department of Linguistics from the Department of Nigerian Languages. The Department of Mass Communication has been upgraded to a Faculty, comprising five departments. In the Faculty of Engineering; we established Department of Mechatronic Engineering, and Telecommunication degree programme in Department of Electrical Engineering. The Department of Chemical and Petro-Chemical Engineering is under construction, students admission is in progress.

“The Department of Geography migrated to be the Foundation of Faculty of Environmental Sciences. We introduced five new degree programmes in the Social Science Faculty: BSc Banking and Finance, BSc Criminology, BSc Entrepreneurship, BSc International Relations and BSc Public Administration. Faculty of Computer Science established new programmes: BSc IT, BSc Software and BSc Computer Studies. The Faculty of Medicine has been transformed to Faculty of Bio-Medical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Clinical Sciences and Faculty of Dentistry under College of Health Sciences. In the faculty of Agriculture, three programmes were introduced: BSc Forestry, BSc Food Technology and BSc Fisheries. The Senate has approved five PhD programmes in various aspects of Dry Land Agriculture.”

The university management is no longer interested in the construction of 500 seats theaters because by next academic session it is hoped that no lecture hall will exceed a maximum of 40 students. The tradition whereby a lecturer faces 500 to 1000 students in a lecture hall will no longer be allowed in the university. The university had recruited the services of young talented lecturers with Masters Degrees and PhDs to decongest lecture halls. Presently, over 400 lecturers are on fellowship to different universities across the world and 208 are at different stages of completing their PhDs and Masters Degree programmes in Nigeria while the Kano state government under its scholarship programme sponsored many lecturers abroad.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is building a nine Billion Naira seven storey Centre of Excellence, the first of its kind in Africa. The project has reached 90 percent completion stage.
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The center houses an international students’ hostel and 200 bed three-star hotel, amongst others. Other projects were sponsored by Alhaji Aliko Dangote, General T. Y. Danjuma, Alhaji Adamu Mu’azu, Alhaji Abdusamad Isyaka Rabi’u, Azman Oil, Hon Farouk Lawal and Sulaimain Kawu Sumaila, Senator Hayatudeen Gwarzo, Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, amongst others. These organizations and individuals are the ones assisting the management in moving the university’s transformation agenda. Major roads on the Old Campus have either been re-surfaced or reconstructed; those that are awaiting construction are the ones in the staff quarters, the construction of dual ring-road in Old Campus had been completed while the one on New Campus has reached 90 percent completion stage. The new five storey Senate building and the general restructuring of all the campuses are aimed at transforming the university. The Senate has approved the introduction of 21 part-time degree courses at the School of Continuing Education (SCE) in different disciplines to give room for workers to upgrade their educational qualifications; the first set of students’ admission had been released. Many centers including Center for Dry Land Agriculture, International Institute of Islamic Banking, Centre for Infectious Disease and Centre for Biotechnology are among the components that make the repositioning agenda a reality.

The construction of 90-room medical students’ hostel at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, 90-room male and female students’ hostels at new campus and 90-rooms female and postgraduate students’ hostel at the Old Campus, is meant to ease pressure on accommodation. The construction of Architecture building and Quantity Survey Departmental Complex, construction of Geography, Urban and Regional Planning and Environmental Sciences Departmental Complex as well as construction of Twin Theaters are among the numerous projects being executed in the university, all geared towards the take-off of the new Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES).

The expansions of departments, faculties and centers are intended to balance undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. From this academic session, the university has balanced the admission of undergraduate students with that of postgraduates. The target is to admit more postgraduate students in the future. The students/lecturer ratio is targeted at a maximum of 20 students to a lecturer. It is not surprising that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed at the 46th Congregation said “In the last two years if you wanted to join some degree programmes you have to go to somewhere else but now all these courses are in Bayero University. We have designed new courses to take care of future developments in the country, like in the north we expect the discovery of oil and for that, the university introduced Petro-Chemical Engineering degree programme to facilitate manpower development. We looked at future demands in agriculture, engineering, sciences, arts, and humanities and created programmes; we also ensure interdisciplinary linkages among various programmes.”

These developments and expansions touched all departments and units, both academics and administration. The creation of Directorate of General Administration, Directorate of Establishment Matters, Directorate of Public Affairs and Directorate of Examination, Admissions and Records are part of this along with the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnerships and Projects Planning Unit (PPU), as well as the Directorates of Academic Planning and Public Affairs.

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BUK's Dream of Quality and Collegiate System

From flying the quality assurance flag high, to replacing its Faculty based structure with a Collegiate system, Lamara Garba believes Bayero is on course to actualise its dreams on both accounts.

Since its inception, Bayero University Kano has been growing from strength to strength thereby making it the envy of its contemporaries and even the first generation Universities alike. Any visitor to its campuses, no matter how familiar he may be with the environment, would certainly need a guide to take him through the length and breadth of the University, because he might get lost, following the metamorphosis it has gone through within the last few years.

Many wonder as to the secret behind the unprecedented development and growth of this second generation University, which now does not only attain the status of a first generational, but also equally a leading citadel of learning and a centre of excellence in teaching and research. Perhaps, many factors could be responsible. It is apt to say that a noble intent, focus, the visionary and committed leadership the University was blessed with are the ingredients of this “secret”.

From the time of late Dr. Aliyu Abubakar, the then Principal of S.A.S Kano who also oversaw the affairs of the then Ahmadu Bello College in the 1960's to the stewardship of Dr. Mahmoud Tukur, the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the renamed Bayero University, Kano in 1977 through to the current Vice Chancellor, Professor AbubakarAdamu Rasheed, successive management staff of the institution have shown zeal, commitment, dedication and patriotism in the actualization of the vision of the founding fathers of the University of becoming a world class centre of excellence in teaching, learning and research.

The rapid transformation of the University, especially since the launching of its endowment fund under the leadership of a visionary, Professor Musa Abdullahi of blessed memory and the consolidation by the two successive regimes of Professor Attahiru Muhammad Jega and Abubakar Adamu Rashid translated into BUK's unprecedented growth and expansion.

In line with two of the six twin core values of the University, namely “innovativeness and creativity” and “excellence and best practices”, it became imperative for BUK to plan for the future with a view to decentralizing its system of management and operation by way of transiting from a Faculty model to a Collegiate system.

The adoption of collegiate system, as initiated by the current visionary Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has further confirmed that, Bayero University has indeed come of age, moving along the line of world class Universities. For example, model Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the United Kingdom have all been operating a Collegiate system.
Speaking at the 2014 Management Retreat in Kaduna, early this year, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, explained that his vision is to see Bayero University competing with a renowned Universities anywhere in the world in both learning, research and innovation, hence his idea of introducing the collegiate system, pointing out that only smaller institutions centralize their operations.

The journey to collegiate system has commenced in earnest. Although the 2011-2015 strategic plan envisaged that the University could have its first two colleges fully operational by 2014, however, only the College of Health Sciences with four faculties was established.

The other colleges in the pipelines are: College of Science and Pharmacy (CSP), comprising of three Faculties, namely Faculty of Life Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Faculty of Pharmacy; College of Administration and Social Science (CABS) under it, there are three faculties which include: Faculty of Management Science, Faculty of Social Science, Faculty of Media & Communications Studies; College of Agriculture, Computing, Engineering and Environment (ACEE) with four faculties under it: Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Computer Science & Information Technology, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Earth & Environmental Science.

In the proposed collegiate system, the University intends to transform the current Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), Law and Education to a college of Humanities & Education (CHAE).

While the system is expected to lessen the burden and responsibilities of a Vice Chancellor, it will also allow the independent colleges to compete for excellence, in which case a healthy competition will ensue among the many colleges.

As plans continue apace to bring the collegiate system on stream, the University has reorganized its Academic Planning Directorate with a focus on quality assurance. In this respect, a number of staff have been sent on working tour to some Universities outside the shores of Nigeria with a view to providing quality standards in line with international best practices.

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Sheriff Ahmed explores the fascinating life of the polished and urbane Prince with a midas touch, who became a monarch, faithfully preserving the ancient culture and traditions of his people.

Oba Okunade Sijuwade
A Monarch with Wit and Class

Any nation or society that does not take its education system seriously is doing so at its own peril, and generations yet to come may live to regret it... The sacrifice of training our teeming youths to become better citizens and to also effectively take over leadership positions in the political and economic sector should never be seen as too heavy a burden to be shouldered.

The Ooni of Ife, his imperial Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Okunade Sijuwade, CFR, is undoubtedly a monarch not only wit, but also with class. To say that he is an enigma by every standard is an understatement, as many who had an interaction with him testify that a moment with him is like an exploratory adventure through the maze of history.

The Ooni of Ife, no doubt, is one of Africa's most powerful and most influential kings. Indeed, he is a great traditional icon who has held the Ile-Ife kingdom in response to the covenant he made with his people.

The Ooni of Ife was appointed Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano in 2000 by the then Visitor, President Olusegun Obasanjo. He remains the longest serving Chancellor of the University. He was an astute leader who never asked the University to do anything for him; instead he had assisted the University in so many ways too numerous to mention. Throughout the over 15 years of his Chancellorship of BUK, he had never directly or indirectly influenced any decision by the Management, the Senate or the Governing Council of the University. He is, indeed, a rare gem. The university, in appreciation of his contributions and achievements, honoured him with the Degree of Doctor of Letters (L.L.D), Honoris Causa.

Being a self-conscious perfectionist, we make bold to say that he has worked assiduously and tirelessly with many governments both at the state and federal levels. The Federal Government honoured this great achiever with the National Honour of Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR).

It was however the powerful speech of the former Chancellor of BUK, Oba Okunade Sijuwade, the Ooni of Ife, in 2004, that drove home the true picture of the critical position of Nigeria's university system when he warned: “Any nation or society that does not take its education system seriously is doing so at its own peril, and generations yet to come may live to regret it.” The Royal father continued, “The sacrifice of training our teeming youths to become better citizens and to also effectively take over leadership positions in the political and economic sector should never be seen as too heavy a burden to be shouldered.”

Alayeluwa Oba Okunade Sijuwade, the Ooni of Ife, was born on the 1st of January, 1930 to a great royal family in the Ogboru house, Ilare, Ile-Ife. He started his elementary education at Igbein School, Abeokuta, an institution owned by the CMS mission. After his elementary school education he proceeded to Abeokuta Grammar School, under the well-known educationist, Rev. I. O. Ransome Kuti who was the principal of the school.

Early in life, Prince Okunade Sijuwade was conscious of his royal birth, and his carriage, even in school, was of one who was destined to wear the
crown.

On leaving Oduduwa College, he proceeded for a course of study overseas. Before he left, however, the young man on his own volition decided he needed to have journalistic training.

He joined *The Nigerian Tribune* where he spent two years, first as a reporter and later as a sales executive. Thereafter, he proceeded to the United Kingdom in the early fifties to undertake a course of training in Business Management.

His training was essentially in Northampton and with the Leventis Group in Manchester in 1957. He also participated in advanced business management training programmes with companies in Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Scotland, West Germany and Israel. Armed with the immense experience he acquired in these places he returned to Nigeria a few years later to launch a career in business.

When he returned to Nigeria and reported to his employers, they were not as enthusiastic about the business proposal, because the government was not at that time well-disposed to trade with the Russians. Rather than feel disappointed Prince Sijuwade, smart businessman that he was, immediately saw a business opportunity and seized it.

He formed a company along with three friends; the company, WAATECO, was to become in a few years the sole distributor of soviet-made vehicles, tractors and engineering equipment in Nigeria with at least fifty Russians on its staff and a dozen branches all over Nigeria.

It is a credit to his acumen in business that while trade with the Russians expanded, his business contacts in the capitalist West continued to grow and develop. He was being seasoned in the tough world of business.

A modern housing estate which he built in one of the quieter and newer parts of the town was to provide housing for senior staff of the University of Ife, and help relieve the University’s acute staff housing shortage. It was for prince Sijuwade not only a business investment but a contribution to the development of the University and his home town.

It was the same thinking that inspired his decision to build a first class motel for V.I.P. visitors to Ife, the Motel Royal. This also turned to be a far-sighted decision because at his coronation a few years later, when the town played host to thousands of guests, the accommodation problem was not nearly as chaotic as it might have been.

As a businessman, Prince Sijuwade maintained a diverse social, political, ethnic and ideological group of friends in Nigeria and abroad. He genuinely enjoys playing host and is equally at home in small groups as in large gatherings. He enjoys travelling and has visited most countries of the world.

The career of Oba Sijuwade can be divided conveniently into two parts: the first was as a dashing young Prince and the other began in 1980, when he ascended the throne of the “Holy City of the Yoruba”, to borrow Leo Frobenius’ apt description of Ife.

Since he ascended the throne, Oba Sijuwade has been a worthy ambassador-at-large for Nigeria and a symbol of pride for the Yoruba race.

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Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, CFR
An Administrator Par Excellence

What is the background of the man able to work, excel and rise to the top-most civil service and public service posts in the country, over several decades surviving the “shark” infested corridors of power? Sheriff Ahmed shares the report of his probe

Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, CFR was born in the town of Shira in southern Katagum Emirate, Bauchi State, to Ahmadu, an Islamic scholar and farmer. He attended Shira Primary School, Government Secondary School Azare, and then Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) in Zaria, Kaduna State, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1976 and a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1981. He completed his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) service in 1977.

Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed is the incumbent Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano. He assumed duty in September 2014. It is against the background of Alhaji Yayale's wealth of experience as well as the vast knowledge he had acquired over the years that he has come to Bayero University, Kano to add value to the system and the Bayero University community welcomed him wholeheartedly. Bayero University is, indeed, lucky to have such a technocrat with profound expertise in administration and the entire community is happy to have him around.

Mr. Civil Service, as he is affectionately called, has served the country in many capacities, and has held several other top positions in the Federal Civil Service such as Assistant Director, Director and Permanent Secretary. He has also headed a number of Finance and Education Committees and several others too numerous to mention.

“Bayero University, Kano is expanding, and that there is the need to raise the quality of the institution, and this could be done with visionary leadership such as is being experienced today under the able leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed,” Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed said in his maiden interaction with members of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano.

He advised that the University should set a target date to consolidate all its achievements in order to make it a shining example of international best practices. If that was done, he said, successive Council and Senate of the University would endeavour to improve on the previous good record.

He has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Law by the University of Abuja and an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Letters by Bayero University, Kano.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed, was former Minister of Defence. He is the Ajiyan Katagum, a Katagum Emirate Council title, and the Akowoojo of Idare Kingdom, in Ondo State.

Alhaji Yayale Ahmed joined the Bauchi State Civil Service in 1977. In 1982 he became Deputy Secretary to the state's Ministry of Animal Health and Forestry Resources, and the following year, in 1983, he became acting Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Rural Development and Cooperatives.

In 1986, he joined the Federal Government's Civil Service, holding various positions in the Ministries of Internal Affairs and of Education. He was a member of the 1988 Ministerial Committee on the Civil Service Reforms.

The Ajiyan Katagum was appointed to the position of Head of Civil Service (Chief Civil Servant) of Nigeria on December 18, 2000 by former President Olusegun Obasanjo, who described Ahmed as “Mr. Civil Service”.

In May 2006, Yahaya Mohammed Bauchi, Chairman of the Bauchi Actualization Forum (BAF), encouraged Yayale to run in the 2007 Bauchi State Governorship race. According to Y.M. Bauchi, the people of Bauchi State were “clamouring for Alhaji Yayale Ahmed to assume the mantle of leadership in the state so as to consolidate the good work of Governor Ahmed Mu'azu”.

President Umaru Yar'Adua appointed him to the position of Defence Minister on July 26, 2007. On September 8, 2008, President Umaru Yar’Adua appointed him as the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), replacing Alhaji Babagana Kingibe.

Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed was among prominent Nigerians who were honoured by the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO) at its 21st Convocation Ceremony on 6th December, 2008.

Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed is married with seven children.
Above: The Bayero University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with other members of his delegation in a group photo session during a visit to the Oxford Academy for Education and Development, (OAED), Oxford University.
The 12th Governing Council Members of Bayero University, Kano during their 15th October, 2014 Meeting

*Standing left:* Alh. Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, Registrar; Dr. Ado Dan Isa, Dean of Engineering; Alhaji Buhari Musa, University Bursar; Prof. M.Y. Bello; Dr. Nasir Isa Fagge; Prof. Sadiq Isah Radda (DVC Admin); Prof. Mustapha Isa, Director Academic Planning; Prof. Lukman Diso (University Librarian); Prof. G.D. Azare, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar and Prof. Idris Adamu Tanko, Dean FEES

Bayero University Management Team

*From left:* The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Sagir Abbas; Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa; Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR; Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Sadiq Isah Radda; The Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin; University Librarian, Prof. Ibrahim Diso
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Saddiq Isah Radda, receiving souvenir on behalf of Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed from the Egyptian Cultural Centre in Nigeria.

The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin (centre) honored with award of Excellence by Darussalam Al-Islamiyyan, Gandun-Albasa for tremendous contribution to Islamic Education.
The then DVC Academics, Professor Hafiz Abubakar handing over key of a brand new official car to Provost College of Health Science, Prof A. G. Habib.

The then DVC Academics handing over key of brand new car to Professor Hafiz Miko Yakasai, then Dean FAIS.

The then DVC Academics, Prof Hafiz Abubakar test driving one of the new vehicles purchased and distributed to all Deans and Directors.

Some of the vehicles distributed to Deans and Directors at the security office, New Campus.
Pro-Chancellor, Alhaji Yayaile Ahmed and Management team welcoming Gen T.Y. Danjuma for the commissioning of T.Y. Danjuma Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology Complex, New Campus

Gen T.Y. Danjuma in hand shake with the contractor, Alhaji Abdulmumini Bello, the contractor that handled the project

From left: Vice Chancellor, Prof Abubakar Rasheed, Chairman Project Implementation Committee, Prof Yahuza Bello and Gen T.Y. Danjuma during the commissioning ceremony

General T.Y. Danjuma cutting the tape to formally commission T.Y. Danjuma Faculty of Computer Science Complex

General T.Y. Danjuma in a short speech while unveiling a commemorative plaque at the ceremony

General T.Y. Danjuma speaking to staff of the Faculty of Computer Science shortly after the commissioning ceremony
1. His Royal Highness, Emir of Kano, Muhammedu Sanusi II being welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed on his arrival to New Campus to commission projects.

2. HRH, Emir of Kano, Muhammedu Sanusi II listens to explanation on the Department of Agronomy project at the New Campus.

3. HRH, Emir of Kano, Muhammedu Sanusi II commissions laboratory block of Faculty of Agriculture.

4. HRH, Emir of Kano, Muhammedu Sanusi II commissions Faculty of Agriculture Office Block.

5. VC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed explaining a point to HRH, Muhammedu Sanusi II at the office block extension of Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology.
Vice President Namadi Sambo Commissioning the Faculty of Education building while the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rasheed sheds light on the project.

Vice President Namadi Sambo performing the foundation laying ceremony of 90 rooms female students hostel at New Campus while Minister of Education, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau assisting him.

Vice President Namadi Sambo right performs foundation laying ceremony of additional 90 rooms male students hostel project at New Campus.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed explains a point at the project site of an additional classroom block of Faculty of Education.

Vice President Namadi Sambo unveils a commemorative plaque after commissioning the project.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed explaining a point to the Vice President Namadi Sambo at the outer interior of the office of Provost, College of Health Sciences, AKTH.
Graduation: Medical students take the Hippocratic Oath at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Science students in a lecture session at Theatre II Old Campus

Students of the Faculty of Science in the newly completed 250 capacity twin Laboratory Complex putting head together to perform experiments
Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed and Management team inspecting the on-going New Senate building project at the New Campus.

New Department of Sociology building

Part of Faculty of Education Complex
Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed explaining a point to the then Director, Physical Planning Unit, Arc Sani Ali within the Faculty of Education complex, while other Management staff listen.

A typical Professorial office, in the Faculty of Education complex.

Faculty of Education Conference room.
Centre for Renewable Energy from the outside, before its completion

Faculty of Education Dean's Office

New Faculty of Engineering Workshop

Interior of the Provost, College of Health Sciences office complex, AKTH

Interior of Center of Renewable Energy

New faculty of Earth Sciences project sites at New Campus
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Science, Old Campus

A new Road constructed at the Old Campus

Another part of the Road Network at the Old Campus
Faculty of Science, Twin Theater, Old Campus

Department of Physiology, Old Campus

Twin 250 Capacity Multi-purpose Laboratory Complex, Old Campus
Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed in a private discussion with the Grand Imam of Kano, Prof. Muhammad Sani Zahradeen at the International Conference in Honor of the Grand Imam with theme: Islam and Challenges of Development in the 21st Century

HRH, Emir of Kano, Muhammad Sanusi II on arrival

HRH, Emir of Kano, Muhammad Sanusi II in discusses with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, with the celebrant Prof. Sani Zahradeen (behind the Emir)

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed presents award to HRH Muhammad Sanusi II
Vice Chancellor, Prof Abubakar Rasheed, Grand Imam of Kano, Prof Sani Zahradeen and his family members

Grand Imam of Kano in a group photograph with family members

The Vice Chancellor, Prof Abubakar Rasheed, (middle), on arrival at the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance: The Nexus with the Real Economy, explaining a point to the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin

From left: Director, IIIBF, Prof Shehu Usman Rano, Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, Deputy VC Academics, Prof Sagir Abas and Vice Chancellor, Prof Abubakar Rasheed

VC, Prof Abubakar Rasheed (third left) with some members of University Management and other dignitaries at the high table

A cross section of participants at the IIIBF Conference
Professor A.A. Rasheed
Architect of the New BUK

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR

Professor A.A. Rasheed began his journey to greatness in 1981 when he was engaged by the management of Bayero University as a Graduate Assistant after emerging the best graduating students in the department of English and European Languages in 1980. By dint of hard work and perseverance, Professor Rasheed between 1981 to 1983 and 1986 to 1991 obtained M.A and PhD Degrees in Bayero University and Ahmadu Bello University respectively. Earlier he obtained another M.A in 1990 at the University of Nottingham, England. He was also at the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, near Jos where he earned the title of mni.

Professor Rasheed embarked on extensive teaching and research and in 1993 had a short stint in journalism when he was appointed Editor of the New Nigerian on Sunday, a sister publication of the famous New Nigerian Newspapers. After three months on the job, he was elevated and made the substantive Editor of the New Nigerian. A position he held until 1995 when he became the Managing Director and Chief Executive of New Nigerian Newspapers Limited.

Professor Rasheed's taste for scholarship appears to have no bound because in 1999, he voluntarily withdrew his services from the company and returned to the classroom to continue what he said he loves doing best – teaching, research and knowledge dissemination.

Since his return in 1999, Professor Rasheed held several academic leadership positions in the University including; Head of Department of English and French; Dean, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies and Chairman University Consultancy Services Board. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in October 2001 and in 2013 he was honoured with a National Award of Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) by the President and Commander in-Chief for his selfless service to humanity. Professor Rasheed became the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration and later Academics. Thereafter, he was elevated to the position of Acting Vice-Chancellor in July 2010 following the appointment of his predecessor, Professor Attahiru Jega, as Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and in August of same year he was confirmed as the substantive Vice-Chancellor.

It is not surprising that when he took over as the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rasheed successfully combined scholarship with administrative acumen and that explains why the erudite scholar has not only succeeded in re-engineering BUK, but also wrote his name in gold in the annals of BUK history books.

BUK had only nine Faculties and only two Research Centres when he took over in 2010, but today courtesy of Professor Rasheed's foresight and Academic and administrative acumen, the University has 16 faculties including the establishment of a College of Health Sciences and 10 Research Centres. In addition to this, a network of roads has been constructed across the Old and New Campuses complete with street lights. When the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius Okeke visited Bayero University during the last Convocation, after seeing and appreciating the tremendous infrastructural transformation, he coined a nickname for Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR which for long will remain indelible in the minds of both students and staff of the university. Without mincing words and to express how happy and satisfied he was over what he saw practically on the ground, Professor Okeke described the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, as the 'Architect of Modern Bayero University'. Trust students, they have sharpened it into 'Father of Modern BUK'.

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Staff and Student Profile

Starting with just 10 students five decades ago, Abubakar Yusuf details Bayero University’s staff and student population.

When Bayero University was established in 1964 as Abdullahi Bayero College, it began with a student population of 10 who enrolled to study humanities. But 50 years after, BUK’s enrolment rose to 30,221 in population of both undergraduate and postgraduate students. A cursory look at the current session, (2014/2015) which has just commenced and registration is still on-going, thus, it is not possible to determine the number of students registered for the session yet. Total student enrolment in the 2013/2014 session was 30,221. This was made up of 23,580 undergraduate, 5,135 postgraduate, and 1,506 diploma students. The diploma students were the last set, as all diploma programmes have been phased out at the end of the 2013/2014 session.

The total University staff strength as of 30th April, 2015 was 4,104. This consisted of 1,467 Academic Staff, 280 Senior Technical Staff, 688 Senior Non-Teaching Staff, and 1,669 Junior Staff. It is worth noting that most of the junior staff work is outsourced, or they are on contract. There were also 17 senior academics from other universities serving one-year sabbatical leave in the University.

Figure 2: Number of Staff Members by Category as of 30/04/15

However, it should be noted that the low figure of enrolment might not be unconnected with the policy of the management to maintain a manageable population in order to maintain quality of its graduands.

Abubakar Yusuf is a staff in the Directorate of Public Affairs.
BUK Female Academics
In Full Bloom

There is no better time to be an academic staff in Bayevo University, than now, especially if you happen to be of the female gender, write Mustafa Ibrahim and Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu

Unlike in other quarters where females are segregated and not accorded equal opportunities to compete favourably with their male counterparts, Bayevo University, Kano has since stood out to be a model-institution where females, both teaching and non-teaching staff, are given special recognition in terms of employment and opportunity to develop their career. The University management under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, fully cognizant of the peculiarities of the women, tries at all times to provide a favourable atmosphere for them to thrive.

There has been a steady and significant improvement in the university’s effort at gender mainstreaming. This is evident by the increase in the number of female academic staff which in the year 2005 stood at 55, rose to 78 in 2010 and by 2015, stands at 234 and rising. The non-teaching female staff population also rose from 225 in 2005, to 234 in 2010 and is now 365.

Interestingly, unlike in other institutions where the few female teaching staff are considered weak and therefore not supported to acquire higher degrees and shoulder other responsibilities, the case in BUK is different and more favourable. Nothing underscores BUK’s gender mainstreaming efforts as its deliberate policy of encouraging female scholars to pursue higher degrees, both locally and internationally. On numerous public occasions and at the Senate, the Vice Chancellor and management have made it clear that they identify with the peculiarities of women folks. For they are less at liberty to pursue postgraduate training due to their critical role within their immediate family and as carers within the extended African family system. The management encourages career development among its female staff through different initiatives ongoing in the university.

In April 2013, for instance, BUK launched a special female scholarship scheme funded by the McArthur grant to support female academic development. Thirty-six female staff benefited from the programme which was to the tune of ₦30,375,000. Also, there are numerous other
schemes where the females are accorded same chances with their male counterparts. One of such is conference attendance sponsorship ($6.7 million was expended in 2014 alone).

Hajara Umar Sanda (Ph.D) of the Department of Mass Communication in the university benefited from both the McArthur grant and on different occasions, from the conference sponsorship scheme. Appreciating the University for the initiative, Hajara said, “The University management is really doing a good job in all respects, especially in encouraging female academics who were hitherto left at the background. The university has encouraged me and many others to enrol for higher degree programmes as well as complete our studies on time. I am a beneficiary of the many support schemes of the university in many instances. I was given a study fellowship, MacArthur grant for female lecturers at postgraduate level in 2013 and was also sponsored to India and Portugal recently to attend international conferences, among other things.”

Hajara concluded by mentioning other benefits she derived from the conferences she was sponsored to by the university. She said, “I can stop thanking the University for according me the opportunity to attend the conferences in India and Portugal. The Portugal experience is really remarkable as I have since then been networking with a number of participants we met at the conference and the conference paper was my first publication in an international journal. I must once again appreciate the university management and wish that the tempo will be maintained,” said Hajara.

Schemes like the Tetfund scholarship for academic staff training and development (both normal and special intervention), is also enjoyed by both male and female staff. Hadiza Ibrahim (Ph.D) is a beneficiary of the scheme; she also spoke on the relationship between the university management and the female staff. Her words: “The present administration of the university is woman-friendly, it sympathizes with women. BUK female staff have no reason whatsoever to complain. I will rate it as the best since the establishment of this university. The management team is just wonderful and exceptionally committed to women development and the university at large,” she said.

On the support scheme Hadiza has benefitted from, she said, “If not for the support, encouragement and initiative of the university administration, I and many others would not have attained the status we have today. I must appreciate the sponsorship of my Ph.D studies to the International Islamic University, Malaysia where I spent six months and reshaped my work completely. That really helped and greatly contributed in aiding my work to be comprehensive and worthy of a Ph.D thesis,” said Dr Hadiza.

Remarkably also, the management of the institution in December 2014 under its Needs Assessment Projects Implementation Committee (NAPIC), headed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, approved the award of grants to 67 staff members under the Staff Development component of the Needs Assessment intervention funds, with 58% of the awards (39 out of 67 awards) to female staff. The awards were in three categories: Scholarship tenable in Nigeria under which 37 staff members were awarded for studies in Nigerian universities. Three of the awardees are studying at two other universities, (two at ABU Zaria, one at OAU, Ile-Ife) while 34 are female academics studying at Bayero University, Kano. The second category is the Split-site/Part-time and Top-up candidates under which 14 staff members were awarded. Four in this category are females. The third category is the Full-time Studies Abroad under which 17 candidates were approved, out of which one is a female.

These and numerous other initiatives are ways through which the university is boosting female staff capacities, thereby encouraging them in realizing their potentials. The university has been experiencing increase in the number of female Ph.Ds and Professors in recent years. All opportunities for development for the non-teaching staff also abound.

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Towards A Butterfly Student Experience

With world class teaching and learning facilities and a warm supportive environment, Mustafa Ibrahim draws on the butterfly metamorphosis metaphor, to urge Bayero graduates to focus on developing their latent skills, to play the vital leadership role in society they are groomed for.

It would be an understatement to say that the experience of being a student in Bayero University has undergone a sea change in the last 25 years, particularly the last five. The process of getting admission, the interaction of students and their lecturers, the living arrangements, provision of services and the psychological frame of mind and intellectual atmosphere, amongst other indices, have been changing and evolving in those last two and a half decades.

In place of physical application forms, as well as pen and pencil entrance examinations, along with fees payment and registration via physical forms at the bank and the academic office in the past, today’s BUK students use online platforms to perform most of these basic activities. About 25 years ago, the School of Preliminary Studies was a stepping stone to undergraduate life, a transition from the secondary school routine and as a rite of passage, it prepared students for the experience of tertiary education; now, it is no more.

From 100% accommodation of all students in hostels and small class sizes, with students bonding with their lecturers on one-to-one basis, most Nigerian Universities found themselves with overflowing classrooms and inadequate hostel accommodation through the SAP years, into the new Millennium. The scintillating and effervescent public lectures and debates that used to animate campuses gave way to bitter disputes over sales of “handouts” in the late 1980s. The nutritious and superb but subsidised cuisine served in the dining halls gave way to high priced fare from private caterers and not too healthy “bukaterias”. On many campuses in Nigeria, municipal services like water and electricity proved inadequate for the increased population, while others like free laundry services were phased out completely. From being a pampered elite, who graduate knowing that they belong to the cream of the intelligentsia in the society, with jobs of their choice waiting for them, the products of Nigerian tertiary education, in particular the Universities, crashed down from their high pedestal and a good percentage resign themselves to the fact of languishing on the unemployment queue for long. Bayero has had its own share of these national challenges, but things are now looking up and have been improving for the better, at a pace that has accelerated in the last five years.

From a purely academic perspective, the massive increase in the number of lecture theatres,
laboratories, seminar rooms, classes and staff offices seen in BUK in the drive to improve the environment for teaching and learning, has created a more relaxed atmosphere. The Bayero dream, as articulated by Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR is to have smaller class sizes for deeper learning experiences. The spawning of learning centres on the Old Campus and another on the New Campus, each fully equipped with computers connected to the internet, in addition to e-libraries in most faculties and other computing resources in the main library and its branches, provides the students of today with a vast resource base for better learning.

As the VC said at the 2014 Retreat for Management, “The era of keeping our students in unkempt and dilapidated hostel accommodation is history,” noting that the male and female hostels on the Old campus have been remodelled and comprehensively renovated. The same make-over is about to be completed on the New Campus hostels, as any visitor to them will testify. This rejuvenation on both Campuses includes a turn-round for the Students’ Common Rooms, making them recreation/viewing rooms and reading rooms, as well as provision of refreshment kiosks and sporting facilities behind the hostels, for healthy exercise in the morning and evenings. With the massive intervention of the Needs Assessment Funds, an additional male and female hostel block, each capable of accommodating 90 beds on the New Campus, a similar PG and female block on the Old Campus and a Medical Students, block of similar size at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital are at an advanced stage of completion. Although the provision of additional space might not accommodate all the students, it will ease pressure on existing facilities.

Of course, the massive financial investment in the new equipment and renovated structures and facilities also invite the students to manage them responsibly, so that generations to come will also benefit from them. The era of students jumping on tables and chairs in the excitement of either student association elections or social occasions, should be over for good. As Prof. Rasheed said, “With improved lecture and laboratory facilities and improved accommodation services, the confidence and self-worth of our students is already hitting the roof.” This is as it should be: students should have the best atmosphere possible for learning and be able to partake in the public lectures, professorial lectures, conferences, seminars and other intellectually and academically stimulating events on campus, so that they become better informed and all round leaders, the better to perform their role as elites in the society. They should graduate, confidently able to hold their own, with anyone, from anywhere in the world! This is where the butterfly metaphor comes in: the challenging stages the insect goes through, at the end gives birth to the adult beautiful flying insect, in all its splendour. So too should our students emerge. As golden Butterflies, radiating light for the society. It is a fact that the sifting and vigorous selection process that goes into the admission, is meant to select the strong, the able and the most suitable candidates for future leadership position in our society. For it is to the Universities that our society looks up to for guidance and quality leadership, as well as solutions to the monumental problems confronting it. Fact: University education is only and will remain available to only a fraction of the over 160 million strong citizens of this nation, as things stand today.

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The former Director Advancement Office, Ahmad Shehu, now Director Public Affairs in the Vice Chancellor’s Office tells the story of how the BUK Alumni Association came to be firmly established

Development of Alumni Relations in Bayero University

The University Management had established an Alumni Relations Office in 2002 which was later upgraded to a Development Office in 2005. In 2007, the Development Office was reorganized, strengthened and renamed Advancement Office. Significantly, alumni relations remain one of the primary functions of the Advancement Office. The task of providing high-quality education as envisioned by the University is enormous and requires concerted efforts at creating a strong network of alumni and evolving avenues of mutually beneficial relationship between alumni and the University. Other functions include the management and coordination of private fund raising for the University from a broad spectrum of internal and external constituencies. It also handles brand management, advertisement, trade shows, promotional partnerships, media relations and publicity through its marketing unit.

In furtherance of these functions, there was the need for improved communication and the building of ties with the very many varied stakeholders of the University; parents, staff, students, host community and importantly the alumni. It should be borne in mind that the alumni are institutions’ largest, reliable and sustainable constituency. While parents, staff, students and the host community are accessible, the alumni large and far apart are not. Mobilizing them require concerted efforts. Therefore, attempts at providing the bastion for a sustained stakeholders mobilization, engagement and involvement in the development of the University were made through events such as the alumni Award and Dinner Night during Convocation Ceremonies.

During one of such events, precisely the first in the University in 2008, the then National Steering Committee of the Alumni Association under the leadership of Alhaji Isa Mohammed Zailani, former Executive Director, Afribank donated a 16 seater bus, 5 units of computers and a 3KVA generator. There have been other individual alumni contributions to the growth and development of this University in the form of physical projects and the facilitation of interventions. Suffice it to say that the alumni association had been challenged by the MacArthur Foundation to raise the sum of $100,000 and it will match it with the same amount for the provision of modern teaching and learning facilities in some lecture halls and theatres. The MacArthur Foundation made its own matching grant available and the Alumni too rose to the occasion and provided the counterpart fund in 2010.

Similarly, the University Management has put in place a Development Board consisting of prominent members of the Society under the Chairmanship of AVM Nura Imam, CFR to support the University – stakeholder relationship.

Making of the BUK Alumni Association

On Tuesday, 18th June, 2013, an interactive meeting between the BUK Management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR and a select representatives of the Alumni was held at the University’s Senate Chamber. The meeting was informed of the issues that necessitated the meeting:

- To establish and maintain communication, consultation and cooperation thereby fostering mutual relationship between the University and the Alumni
- To strengthen ties among alumni and facilitate their participation in the Affairs of the University
- To provide a forum for the Alumni for exchange of beneficial ideas regarding the progress, development and challenges of Bayero University, Kano
- To engender support for the University from members of the alumni
- To endeavour to maintain and improve the prestige, academic excellence and good image of Bayero University, Kano
- To create change, strengthen the University and influence the world.

The meeting was further informed that the Prof. Abubakar Rasheed-led management had the following vision for the University:

- To Transform it from a basically teaching to a Research-based University
• To make it an Information Technology-Driven University
• To be a Global best Practice University

After thorough deliberations, the meeting made the following resolutions, thus, the beginning of the formal renaissance of BUK Alumni Association:

1. That there would be a National Convention by December, 2013 to elect and inaugurate the first ever National Executive of the

2. That an 18-member Maiden National Convention Committee was constituted.

With the unfettered support of the University Management, the maiden National Convention of the Alumni Association where substantive National Officers were elected was held on Saturday, 7th December, 2013. The elected officers who would run the affairs of the Alumni Association for two years were:

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Goodwill Message from the Alumni Presidency

BUK Alumni President, Muhammad Dattijo Usman brings us up to speed on activities in this goodwill message.

At the 31st combined convocation ceremony of Bayero University, Kano, we are privileged to express our profound joy and gratitude to the authorities of our alma mater, especially the Visitor, the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, Council, Senate, Management and particularly the Vice-Chancellor for a job well done. Above all, we thank God for a day like this.

A convocation ceremony is an auspicious occasion akin to an AGM where all stakeholders celebrate the successful outcome of their collective hard work during the preceding year. The authorities are happy, the parents are happy, sponsors are happy, the graduands themselves are also happy and the society is the better for it.

The story of BUK Alumni Association is an interesting one. While the University is more than 50 years old, the first elected National Executive Council of the alumni has been in place for less than two years. So far so good and it is still better late than never.

We wish to acknowledge the role played by the University’s management in harmonizing the disparate groups scattered around the country. Hitherto, several individuals and groups have tried to bring about the formation of a central body to coordinate the activities of the alumni. The management has continued to support the alumni association until such a time when it can stand on its own. The Vice-Chancellor has played a key role in this regard and we cannot thank him enough and the other Principal Officers of the University for all the wonderful encouragement they gave.

Since our coming into being, State chapters and Caretaker committees of the association have been formed notably in Abuja, Katsina, Kebbi and Niger States; Kaduna and Kano chapters will follow soonest.

The several committees and organs of the association, as provided by the constitution, have been established. We have a functional website www.bukalumni.com. It has platforms for membership registration, payment options and e-Newsletter. The bank account number at First Bank Plc is 2024529840.

We have paid courtesy visits on very important dignitaries and prominent alumni, namely, Gen Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (rtd), Dr Muazu Babangida Aliyu, Barrister Abdullahi Garba Faskari, Professor Attahiru Muhammad Jega, Dr Nurudddeen Mohammed, Senator Ahmed Rufai Sani, HRH Muhammadu Sanusi II, Alhaji Bature Umar Masari and a host of other stakeholders including the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed all with a view to enhancing solidarity and soliciting support for the activities of the association.

Furthermore, NEC has met seven times: four meetings in Kano, and once each in Katsina, Kaduna and Abuja all of which is to ensure that the alumni is well established in order to move it forward to the next level. Members of NEC have demonstrated commitment and dedication as they selflessly give their time, resources, and...
energy in the service of the alumni association to improve the lot of their alma mater.

It must be stressed that BUK has given us meal tickets and it is time to give back. Consequently, NEC has looked at the strategic plan of the university and decided on short, medium and long term deliverables.

Accordingly, the association will seek to improve the sanitation on the university premises by providing additional toilets, ease inter-campus transportation by supplying commuter buses and build an e-lecture theatre/auditorium for the use of both staff and students to promote academic excellence and the welfare of the members of the university community. Plans are also afoot to build an alumni resources centre on campus. The alumni association will host a fundraising dinner in Abuja on Saturday, 1st August, 2015. The event will be a flagship activity in our drive for the much talked about harvest of goodwill towards the promotion of the aims and objectives of the alumni.

We hope to achieve all the laudable goals we set for ourselves by relying on our numbers. We will continue to build and upgrade our database until every alumnus is brought into the fold, for therein lies our strength. We are eager to stand up and be counted among the outstanding alumni associations. We welcome you one and all and request you to join hands with us as we leverage on our pedigree to make a difference. Graduands of today, accept our congratulations and we warmly welcome you to register and be members and to be part of the progress being recorded.

BUK has given us fulfilling lifelong skills. What would you give back in return to guarantee the glory of our institution for all times? We heartily wish you a happy convocation ceremony and journey mercy all through your movements. God bless.

M.D. Usman
President
BUK Alumni Association.
Poems

Bayero University, Kano

A fountain of unadulterated knowledge
Gushing pure education without prejudice
A morning star so dazzling
Shining and showing the way

A beautiful garden of decency
Littered with flowers of compassion
A peaceful domicile of rational people
Life is walked with caution and humility

In my classroom, school and campus
Your scholars have groomed me robustly
Your environment has taught me to be modest
For knowledge is not a ladder to arrogance

I am proud to have passed through you
I am grateful to have drunk from your fountain
At home and away, oh my BUK!
I shall remain your good ambassador

God bless Bayero University!

Yusuf M. Adamu
Department of Geography
January 22, 2008

Precious

As you fly high
Though not reaching the sky
You were a wonderful flag
Let you wear peace and stability
Which will upgrade our integrity

You’re the symbol of my beloved land
The home of wonderful people
Every soul is proud to be
Under green, white, green
Come wind, tide or flood
In unity do we stand

So tongue, religious and political
difference should be forgotten
To keep our land one is a task
For every good citizen
Dear Precious, keep on flying high

A Visitor

It was raining
Though not quite heavy
Stood I by the window
Then came a beautiful sparrow
Sat on the window sill
I watched my visitor
It groomed its feathers

So refreshing was the weather
The wind winnowed many rain drops
On to my face
The atmosphere was calm
I stretched my aching palm
And then clenched my fingers
There I took a deep breath
To enjoy the cool breeze

From the other side
Drumming sound I heard
What could that be I cried
Oh! It was marvellous
And also wonderful
A unique drumming sound
Dadarab, Dadarab, Darab
Darab, darab, dadarab
Durib, durib, darab
Dolli, dolli, doll
Dadarab, darab, dolli
Thus sang the rain drops
Falling on to some plastic sheets

The rain has stopped
So clear was the sky
My little visitor stretched its wings
And then away it flew
I watched as it flew high
Into the beautiful sky
I said, “Oh! What a day”.

By Mrs Fatima A. Yahaya.
A member of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA),
Kano State Chapter
How Sports Cement Relationship Among Staff Unions

The story of how a friendly match organised to honour ASUU President at his home base became a catalyst for greater solidarity amongst University unions at the national level, for the greater good of education in Nigeria, is told by Nura Garba.

In addition to our usual understanding that sports is meant for exercise, entertainment and fitness, the definition has been given a broader meaning in Bayero University, as an avenue for promoting staff relationship and enhancing industrial harmony.

Every day in the evening staff from all the university structured unions; ASUU, SSANU, NAAT and NASU meet in the Old and New Campuses to play either football, table tennis, badminton, basketball and many other games. A National President. The match was played between ASUU and SSANU and the latter presented a plaque to Dr. Fagge for his exemplary leadership qualities that served to move university education in Nigeria forward. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed was not only present at the match but donated a trophy, which the SSANU won.

Dr. Fagge could not hide his overwhelming joy at the honour done to him by SSANU. He expressed appreciation and said he was proud that a union outside his own had organized such a novelty match in his honour.

But the appreciation and thanks did not stop at the football match, for it led to what many think is a major victory for university unions in terms of coming together as one single entity, to speak with one voice.

The federal government had organized an education summit that was to have the participation of ASUU. Seeing the friendly nature of SSANU, the ASUU President insisted that other unions like SSANU must participate in the summit. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Rasheed in a meeting with SSANU executives at the University Senate Chamber said that the “football match organized in honour of Dr. Fagge was the brain behind the invitation of the unions to participate in the education summit.”
During last year’s Nigerian University Staff Association games held at the University of Benin, the university contingent consisted of staff from all the unions. The atmosphere was very warm and friendly and that trip was seen as one of the most historic moments among the union members in the university. Not only did it solidify the relationship among them but also afforded the chance for making more friendships between team members.

After the Benin games, it became clear that the university staff, especially those that participate in sports, knew the importance and value of what it brings. The Vice Chancellor, fully aware of the new positive dynamics, decided to donate a trophy that would include all the four unions in the university. The Sports Directorate took the mantle and organized one of the epoch making sporting events in the history of university.

The Sports Directorate organized a tournament under the Sports Director, Malam Tijjani Salisu Sair’d and deputy directors, Dr. M.Y. Waziri and Malam Usman Salihu. The four unions contested in four games, namely Football, Basketball, Badminton and Table Tennis and the tournament was named the VC Inter Unions’ Tournament. This tournament brought staff from all categories together to play a mini Olympic in BUK. It was so interesting that a sports analyst with Freedom Radio was regularly reporting the events as they unfolded. In one of his comments, he said BUK had really championed the cause of sporting events in the north and advised that such games should be competed among all higher institutions in Kano State.

Interestingly, the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) emerged as the overall winners after grabbing two gold medals in football and table tennis followed by SSANU with one gold, two silver and two bronze medals. Similarly, ASUU got one gold medal in Basketball.

At the final football match, which marked the end of the tournament, the Vice Chancellor said all the unions went home with medals that means there was a tremendous success in this tournament. This victory is not for the unions only but it is a victory for Bayero University because unions have come together under the platform of sports to participate in this tournament. This has really shown that there is a good working relationship existing among the unions which ultimately will assist the university to achieve its objectives”, he remarked.

Encouraged by the enthusiasm, the Vice Chancellor donated the sum of ₦500,000 to each union to buy sports equipment and other facilities that will prepare them for the next tournament. He equally gave the sum of 1 million Naira to the Sports Directorate to organize the next competition.

Indeed, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, has set a precedence for unity and industrial harmony that would go a long way towards helping the university in terms of harmonious working relationship among the staff.

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- School of Continuing Education (SCE), Goron Dutse
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- College of Health Science, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Gyadi-Gyadi

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