



### VOICE OF STUDENTS

#### **BUK Resumes Normal Academic Activities**

*By: Auwal Isa*

With the ending of the strike embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), students at Bayero University Kano started lectures on Thursday, 2nd January, 2014, in accordance with the proposal adjustments made to the academic calendar by the University Management Committee (UMC).

Students started arriving at the two campuses on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 as scheduled.

When the Bulletin team went round, quite a number of students were seen receiving lectures. At the Faculty of Medicine, the twin theatres were fully occupied, while some other students were seen around the faculty either standing or sitting in groups, discussing their experiences during the strike period.

A Level 100 student in the Faculty of Medicine, Fatima Hamisu Abba, said the strike was a “bad experience” because it kept them away from their studies even though she remained close to her books and prepared a personal time table which she adhered to.

Yamah Muhammad Basir, from Lagos State and a Level 300 student in the

Faculty of Law, said, he is ready for the semester examination scheduled to start on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 because even during the strike he did not distance himself from studying and more over most of the Lecturers had nearly concluded their lectures.

In the Faculty of Science, Safiyanu Bello Abdullahi, Level 200 student, Department of Mathematical Sciences and Najib Abdulsalam, Department of Chemistry expressed fears over the examinations, as they were not fully prepared and therefore, would prefer a longer time to enable them read more.

Some other visited theatres at the Old Campus also witnessed a turn-out of students for normal lectures in addition to the twin theatres of the Faculty of Medicine including Mahmud Tukur theatre, in which large number of students were seated patiently waiting for the lecturer along with lecture theatres in the Faculties of Science and Law.

#### **Returning Students Lament Long Stay At Home**

At the New Site Campus, Ahmed Rufa’i, a level 500 student of the Department of Animal Science said he would not forget the effect of the ASUU strike in a hurry, because according to him he would have graduated a long time ago and be preparing himself for the mandatory one year national youth service.

Ahmed Rufa'i, who did not blame ASUU for the lengthy duration of the strike, however prayed that 'this strike should be the last of its kind in the nation's Universities'.

The student, who admitted owning a business center stated that "I was too busy registering students for NECO, WAEC and JAMB examinations, but from time to time I had to refer to my books. But the truth is that I gave more time to my business than studies during the strike."

As for the period of lectures before examinations, Ahmed believed that, "it is okay. Those of us who are in final year are capable of coping but my fear is that others in the lower levels may not fully comprehend their courses given the crashed nature of the lectures before exams," he stated.

But Muhammad Ibrahim Jibrin, a Level 300 student of the Department of Islamic Studies has a contrary opinion. He believed that the time allotted for lectures before examinations was too short for both senior level and lower level students, arguing that "if the objective of education is for us to fully understand and even put to practice what we learnt in school then I think there is need for the school authority to review the time table in such a way that the semester should begin afresh," he suggested.

He said throughout the strike period, he had never referred to his books, because according to him he was carried away by the urge to make and save enough money and prepare for resumption time.

Muhammad Ibrahim Jibrin, said they operated a shop in the market where he was busy engaged in buying and selling and he was grateful to Allah that school has resumed, adding that he would do his best to read hard.

However, Lawal Farouk, a Level 400 student of the Department of Education said he used the better part of the strike period to read the Holy Qur'an and visit places and mosques where lectures were organized by renown Islamic scholars to educate Muslims.

As to how prepared he is, considering the time frame allotted for the conclusion of the first semester, Farouk said he is fully prepared, saying "I believe my other colleagues in school are also prepared considering the lengthy time spent without lectures," he concluded.

## **BUK Students "Busy During Strike"**

*By Nura Garba*

As students resumed lectures on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014, a random sample interviewed bared their minds on the six month-old strike and the level of their preparation for the exams which are billed to commence in the next two weeks.

Nusaiba Sani and Barira Aliyu, 400 level students of Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology said the strike action had affected their study seriously but admitted that they used the time to return to the place they did their industrial attachment (SIWES).

Nafisat Abdulwahab, a 300 Level student of the same Faculty, said “I dropped everything because of my assumption that the strike would not last long. Now I will start all over again.”

At the Faculty of Engineering, Ahmad Abdurrahman, a 100 Level student of Mechanical Engineering said during the strike, he spent his time chatting, surfing the internet and reading. He said “let the exams come, we will face it.” But Nuraddeen Mohammed of Agric Engineering Department explained that he was not ready for the examinations because some of the courses were not yet 100% covered by the lecturers and he did not read anything during the strike.

At the Faculty of Social and Management Science, Aliyu Aminu Fasihi of Mass Communication Department said he used the time to engage himself in business activities to generate money and said he was ready to revise what he was taught before the strike.

Maryam Aliyu Umar, a 100 Level student of Accounting Department said she enrolled herself into catering school and attended many wedding ceremonies during the strike. She said she was not ready for the exams now.

In some departments, academic activities were in full swing while in others some students were seen busy conducting group discussions.

At Mass Communication Department, Malam Mukhtar Magaji, who conducted lectures said he observed that the students were enthusiastic and determined to face

any challenge and put the six month-old strike behind them.

## **Katsina State Govt. Donates ₦7m to Accounting Department**

The Department of Accounting, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences (SMS), has received a donation of ₦7,000,000 from Katsina State Government to facilitate the completion of a computer laboratory project and staff offices.

In a letter of appreciation to the state government, the Head of Department, Professor Bashir Tijjani expressed gratitude to the government for its generosity and the state Deputy Accountant General, Alhaji Kabiru Bakori in particular, for his assistance.

The project, estimated to cost ₦12,024,000, would serve as lecture room in the department when completed “now that it has introduced two new Professorial Masters Degree programmes.” The Unity Bank made an initial donation of ₦5million towards actualizing the project.

### ***PHYSICS DEPARTMENT:*** **Staff Seminar Series**

The Department of Physics invites the University community to its staff seminar series scheduled to hold as follows:

#### **Group A (10am – 1:pm)**

**Title 1:** *‘Numerical analysis of the Analytical Relationship between Angstrom Coefficients of Aerosols and their Optical Properties for four types of Aerosols.’*

**Speaker 1:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Co-Authors:** S. Uba & F. S. Koki

**Chairman:** Dr. Garba Babaji

**Title 2:** *'The Effect of Hygroscopic Growth on Continental Aerosols.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Co-Authors:** A. Aliyu, F. Sha'aibu

**Chairman:** Dr. M. Saleh

**Title 3:** *'Effect of Hygroscopic Growth on Desert Aerosols.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Co-Author:** Dr. S. Uba

**Chairman:** Dr. Abdu Yunusa

**Title 4:** *'The Effect of Hygroscopic Growth on Marine Aerosols.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Co-Authors:** F. Sha'aibu & A. Aliyu

**Chairman:** Dr. F. S. Koki

**Title 5:** *'The Effect of Hygroscopic Growth on Urban Aerosols.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Co-Author:** S. Uba

**Chairman:** Dr. R. S. Sa'idu

**Title 6:** *'Evaluation of Reliability and Availability Characteristics of Repairable System with Active Parallel Units.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. F. S. Koki

**Co-Author:** Ibrahim Yusuf

**Chairman:** Dr. Garba Babaji

**Title 7:** *'Digital clock with 24 and 12H with dates indicators and stop watch.'*

**Speaker:** Mal. S. M. Gana

**Co-Author:** Dr. G. S. M. Galadanci

**Chairman:** Dr. M. H. Ali

**Title 8:** *'Orthogonal Azimuthally Cross-Square Arrays Electrical Resistivity Technique Kookiness on angular Disposition of Electrical Anisotropy Detectability.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. Muhammad Saleh

**Chairman:** Dr. M. O. Aku

**Title 9:** *'The Smulation of a two Dimensional Fkker Planck Equation for an energetic alpha particle beam in plasma using the Fokker Planck Package (FPPAC81).'*

**Speaker:** Mal. A. M. Nura

**Chairman:** Dr. Y. I. Yola

**Title 10:** *'Solution of Cooper pair problem using Perturbation Theory.'*

**Speaker:** Mal. Ahmad Idris

**Chairman:** Mal. Idris Dauda

**Title 11:** *'Optimization of Annealing time and temperature of n-Cu<sub>2</sub><sup>o</sup>/p-Cu<sub>2</sub><sup>s</sup> Solar Cell.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. Abdu Yunusa

**Chairman:** Dr. T. H. Darma

**Title 12:** *'Calculations of Lattice Constant total energy of the most stable structure of AIAs and GaAs crystals.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. G.S.M. Galadanci

**Co-Author:** Dr. G. Babaji and Dr. L.S. Taura

**Chairman:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Title 13:** *'Magnetic properties and Interactions of Nanostructured CoCrTa Thin Films.'*

**Speaker:** Dr. U. M. Gana

**Chairman:** Dr. N. f. Isah

**Date:** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** M. Sc. Physics Class

## Lost Items

- 1) A. BUK I.D. card and ATM card belonging to Ibrahim Yusuf Mohammed (SMS/08/GEO/00194).

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