



### **BUK Aimed to Becoming a Role Model in E-Education - VC**

Bayero University is strategically being positioned to create a big niche in e-learning aimed at becoming a role model in e-education in the near future, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has disclosed.

Presenting his address on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 titled “Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a Tool for Educational Development: Bayero University’s Initiative” during the opening ceremony of the Nigeria Digital Initiative Conference 2016 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, he said the University would soon deploy Gigabyte Passive Optical Network (GPON) as a metropolitan Network in its campuses.

Professor Yahuza said the University would replace its radio based metro-network with GPON to ensure deployment of the massive bandwidth capabilities of optical fibre to all Faculties, Units and Centres. He promised to upgrade the University’s bandwidth subscription to at least 4 X STM 1 to enable the use of internet in the campuses with the speed light.

He commended the organisers of the Nigeria Digital Innovation Conference with theme: **Building a New Nigeria in a Digital Economy**, saying that the University is currently piloting the deploying Blackboard e-learning technology, adding that the project starts as a

pilot scheme with Faculties of Engineering and that of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the organisations and individuals who assisted the effort of the University in the development of ICT and charged participants at the conference to come up with a viable initiative that would play a critical role in the development of the nation’s economy.

Executive Director of Centre for Cyber Awareness and Development (CECAD), Dr. Bayero Agabi said the reason for the conference was to ensure the commercialisation of researches in universities and other tertiary institutions which hitherto are being dumped, saying “we envisaged that the policy makers, implementers, the business community to invest on such ideas and the universities to come together to deliberate on why the things they created don’t get commercialised.

“If you go to China you would discover that the products we use were invented by secondary school students, all we need is a policy frame work to direct us”, he noted.

Rector of Kano State Polytechnic, Professor Mukhtar Atiku Kurawa noted that researches are now conducted for economic development contrary to what was obtained when researches are conducted for “academic promotion,” urging the participants to ensure that ICT policy and promotion of the economy form a single platform.

## **BUK Hosts Scholars From University of Warsaw**

The Department of Nigerian Languages is hosting two visiting scholars from University of Warsaw, Poland.

The scholars, Dr. Izabela Will and Sabina Brakoniecka, will spend one month in the department and within Hausaland to research on Gestures and Religious Movement in Northern Nigeria.

According to the Head of the Department, Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu, the visit was part of the memorandum of understanding signed between Bayero University and the University of Warsaw, which was renewed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

It would be recalled that a delegation of Bayero University, led by the Vice Chancellor along with the former Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, Head of Department of Nigerian Languages, Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu, and Professor Hafizu Miko Yakasai, visited the Polish University.

The BUK delegation was received by the Rector of University of Warsaw, Professor Alojzy Z. Nowak, and the Head of Department of African Languages and Cultures.

## **BUK to Utilise New Technology Using Plastic Bottles and Polythene In Building**

Bayero University, Kano is considering the adoption of a new technology in building by utilizing used plastic bottles and polythene bags to replace the conventional cement blocks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has hinted.

Speaking at a foundation laying ceremony of a recreational centre to be constructed using the

new technology at the premises of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES) on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, he said the University was going to use the new technology as a pilot project.

The Vice Chancellor, while commending the Faculty for the innovation and foresight on the project, explained that the University would experiment the new technology and if found effective, it would encourage its adoption in its building projects, which would have dual advantage of cleaning the environment as well as saving cost.

He said University was a place for research and innovation, therefore, as researchers, they would carefully study the new innovation and see how to improve on it for the general benefit of the members of the society.

“This is a new technology and as an ivory tower where research and innovative ideas are being mooted, we shall explore this technology to improve on it and export it to the members of the public,” he declared, pointing out that the world was gradually adapting to new technology in every aspect and we shall not be left behind in this respect.

Professor Bello assured the University community that his administration would continue to give priority to quality in teaching and research which remained the purpose for its establishment.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said the new technology was an innovation and if properly utilized would have the dual advantage of providing a clean environment, as well as saving cost if compared with the use of conventional building materials.

He said already a non-governmental organization, Developmental Renewable Energy, had been promoting the new technology in some parts of the country and the technology had proved to be environmentally friendly.

He explained that the new concept would contribute immensely towards ensuring a clean environment by helping to remove the heaps of polythene bags, pure water sachets and used plastic bottles, which stained the environment, thereby constituting a serious environmental menace and health hazard in our society.

Already, Professor Tanko said about 20,000 empty plastics bottles had been gathered to be used to make the building, pointing out that the bottles would be filled with sand while the polythene bags would be filled with the same polythene and both would serve in place of conventional cement blocks.

The Dean told the gathering that economically, the new technology was less expensive compared with the conventional method of using cement blocks even as he said it was adjudged to be as strong as any building used with the cement blocks.

Professor Tanko said the construction of the recreational centre was estimated to cost less than five million Naira as against about twenty million if they were to use conventional building materials.

### **BUK Hosts Obstetrics Ultrasound International Congress in November**

The International Society of Obstetrics Ultrasound has scheduled November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 to hold its pioneer Congress in Africa at Bayero University, Kano in an effort to popularise obstetrics and other related

ultrasound programmes in order to achieve one of the sustainable development goals.

President of the Nigerian Chapter and Head of Obstetrics Department, Bayero University, Dr. Aliyu Labaran Dayyabu, who disclosed this during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 said the Congress would further project the good name of the University for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the African conference.

Dr. Aliyu Dayyabu said the idea to host the Congress came in during a conference in Spain when various stakeholders of difference Ultrasound disciplines agreed to come together towards contributing, amongst others, free of charge books on human reproduction, ultrasound etc to the university that hosted the Congress.

He further unveiled the plan to help Bayero University in mounting MSc degree programme on Ultrasound just as it did to the Khartoum University in Sudan; the programme, he said, would assist Nigerians to come to Bayero University instead of going to Sudan to study the MSc programme.

The President called on the Vice Chancellor to give the Society all the needed support to host a successful Congress, including advertising the conference to the outside world on the University website.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, congratulated Dr. Aliyu for being appointed the pioneer Director of the Nigerian Chapter of the International Society of Obstetrics Ultrasound and pledged to provide the maximum support to hosting the Congress.

Professor Yahuza Bello said the University would provide all support and was willing to

collaborate in mounting programmes including the MSc programme, assuring that the new Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, would be willing to support Nigerian universities do what other parts of the world are doing.

He said “not only because Professor Rasheed is ours but we are certain that his mandate in the NUC includes opening up to do what other parts of the world are doing so as to ensure that our universities do not lag behind, to ensure the development of the Nigerian universities to becoming among the best.”

Professor Yahuza Bello commended the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Professor Ibrahim Yakasai, for his tremendous contributions to the Faculty and the University in general, which included initiatives and sacrifices both morally and financially.

## **National Identity Management Commission: Notification for NIM Enrolment**

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) was mandated by Act Number 23 of 2007 to among other things establish a National Identity Management System (NIMS). The process involves enrolment of Nigerians into the National Identity Database and the issuance of a National Identity Number (NIM).

The Mandatory use of NIM will soon be set for all transactions in Nigeria requiring identity verification. In essence, the NIM will soon be used for:

1. Obtaining National E-ID card
2. Agricultural Subsidy
3. Travelling

4. Opening of Bank Account
5. Getting our Drivers Licence
6. Obtaining your Voters Card
7. NHIS
8. Tax Payment and so on.

A letter signed by State Coordinator, Bilkisu Dalhatu Isma, urged BUK staff and their families to take advantage of the BUK NIMC Special Enrolment Centre in the Advancement Office to register.

## **Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Hails BUK**

The President of Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Alhaji Ahmed Ibrahim Yakasai, has commended the management of Bayero University Kano for its foresight in establishing the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science in the University.

The PSN President who spoke at the Council Chamber of the University when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, described BUK as one of the best Universities in the country. Going down memory lane, Alhaji Yakasai told the Vice Chancellor that the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria came into being in 1927 with a mandate to educate members of the public on its functions and activities, as well as ensure the enforcement and compliance with the ethics of the profession and the discipline of erring members in line with the extant laws.

He said the Pharmaceutical Society would do everything humanly possible to support BUK's new Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science not only to achieve the desired goals, but also to become one of the best in pharmaceutical sciences. “I will personally institute a prize to be given to the best graduating pharmacy student as a means



of encouraging the study of pharmacy,” he further stated.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello assured the pharmaceutical society of his commitment to boost the study of Pharmacy in the University. He said in the 2016 Budget, which had since been approved by the Federal Government, a huge amount of money was put aside for the conversion of the former Faculty of Law at the Old Campus of the University, which would serve as the new structure to house the Faculty of Pharmacy.

“I have a strong belief that in the next year, the new Faculty of Pharmacy would be equipped with all the necessary facilities in terms of classes, furniture and laboratories,” the Vice Chancellor added.

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello thanked PSN for the role it played in the establishment of the Faculty and beyond. He said to show its concern and how dear BUK was to the society, some few weeks ago, the Registrar of the Society and his team visited the Faculty of Pharmacy and advised the university on the way forward.

He also called on the President of Pharmaceutical Society to use his relationship with Pakistan to get Scholarship for the lecturers in the Faculty to advance their studies within and outside the country.

### **Stellenbosch Doctoral Scholarships in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the Stellenbosch Doctoral Scholarship in Arts, humanities and

Social Sciences, an initiative of Graduate School of the Stellenbosch University in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, South Africa. The scheme is aimed at strengthening and advancing doctoral training and scholarships in Africa. Over 100 doctoral students from 14 African countries, including South Africa have enrolled in this scholarship programme since 2010 and a total of 86 have successfully completed the programme and graduated. Suitable candidates who are citizens of any sub-Saharan African country are invited to apply for three-year full-time doctoral scholarships in the research programmes of the Faculty to commence studies in January 2017. Scholarships are available to the sum of R420000.00, which will be disbursed over a period of three years. Further information on the partially structured doctoral scholarship programme, eligibility and selection criteria and application process is available online at: [www.sun.ac.za/graduateschool](http://www.sun.ac.za/graduateschool) Applications should be clearly marked Graduate School Scholarship Application and should be submitted by email to [graduateschool@sun.ac.za](mailto:graduateschool@sun.ac.za).

### **Prof. Juwairiyah Badamasiuy Appointed HOD, Private and Commercial Law**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Professor Juwairiyah Badamasiuy as the Head of Department of Private and Commercial Law, for the period of two years with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

The letter of appointment was signed by the Vice Chancellor, dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

## **Anatomy Department Bayero University Kano is Now UK Standard**

The newly built dissection hall housed in the Anatomy Complex was commissioned by the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Bayero University, Kano, Professor M. K. Atiku, in the presence of the Head of Department of Anatomy, Dr Anas Ibrahim Yahaya, both junior and senior academics, as well as students. Previously, the student to cadaver ratio was 50:1 but currently it is 10:1 due to the efforts and goodwill of the university. A statement from the department expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the past and the present Vice Chancellors, “for it is mainly the efforts of these great leaders that Anatomy Department is what it is today,” it added.

## **Students Advised Against Vandalizing University Facilities**

The Bayero university Kano students have been advised against vandalization and destruction of university’s facilities on all the campuses.

This was stated by Dr. Ibrahim Kyauta the Sub-Dean Facilities, Faculty of Education at the sensitization workshop organized by Academic Facilities Maintenance Committee on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at FAIS A47 (Naibi Suwaid), Lecture Theatre.

Dr Ibrahim Kyauta noted that the university spent a lot money in building and construction of these facilities but student vandalised and destroyed them, which is not done in other countries where such facilities are maintained for several years.

He urged the students to take note of the theft of bulbs in the classrooms, lecture theatres, maintain their tables and chairs and also keep

their toilets clean in order to prevent the outbreak of diseases.

He added that learning was not about reading and passing examinations. Students should learn to be clean and keep their surroundings tidy.

Earlier speaking, the head of the committee, Dr. Ahmed Murtala, said the committee was charged with the responsibility of making sure students knew the university’s facilities and how these facilities were maintained. Any student who misused them would face the consequences squarely.

Dr. Murtala added that BUK awarded degree in character and learning and maintaining facilities was part of character, so students should desist from vandalization and destruction of university facilities as a whole.

## **GENERAL CIRCULAR: Appointment of Contract, Sabbatical & Visiting Staff**

The University has been facing serious challenges with respect to the payment of salaries and allowances since December 2015. The challenges arise from the grossly inadequate provision for, and release of, funds for personnel costs from Abuja.

In view of these challenges, the Management has decided as follows until the situation improves:

- a) All fresh appointments either regular or contract have been suspended.
- b) Appointments and renewals of the appointment of retired staff on contract have been suspended.
- c) Sabbatical appointments of staff members from other universities to the University have been put on hold.
- d) There will be no appointments or renewals for visiting and part-time staff members.

Exemption will only be given in **very exceptional** cases (such as for new programmes/departments with inadequate full-time staff members).

In a circular dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, advised all the affected staff members to take note accordingly.

### Senior Staff Recreation Centre not Club

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the facility formally

addressed as Senior Staff Recreation **Club** should be addressed as Senior Staff Recreation **Centre**.

This followed a directive from the 9<sup>th</sup> Principal officers meeting of Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, which observed that the nomenclature was wrongly addressed. It also observed that **Mansur Mukhtar Road** is the proper address of the centre, not **Stadium Road**.

### BUK Expels 40 Students, Rusticates 9 for Exam Misconduct

The Senate at its 344<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 approved the expulsion of 40 students and the rustication of 9 others for examination malpractices.

A statement signed by the Deputy Registrar, Directorate of Examinations, Admission and Records, (DEAR), Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi also said the Senate exonerated 12 students since no case of examination misconduct could be established against them, as well as warned 14 others.

- a) **Expulsion** of the following candidates for being involved in examination misconduct in accordance with Regulation 19:17(Ai - xiii) as the case may be:

| S/N | NAME                        | REGISTRATION NO. |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Aminu Ado Abubakar          | BBS/14/GMN/00201 |
| 2.  | Muhammad Sule Garo          | BBS/14/MBA/00118 |
| 3.  | Omogbale Ehidiachen Fidelis | BBS/14/MBA/00345 |
| 4.  | Abdulwahab Hussein          | SMS/14/SOC/00572 |
| 5.  | Binta Ayuba Jibrin          | SPS/14/PDA/00063 |
| 6.  | Nathaniel Yohanna Chechet   | SPS/13/GME/00011 |
| 7.  | Idris Mujahid Abba          | ENG/12/COM/00001 |
| 8.  | Idowu Abdullahi Abdulfatai  | ENG/13/MEC/00001 |
| 9.  | Adagiri A. Solomon          | ENG/13/COM/00189 |
| 10. | Abubakar Sadiq Ado          | ENG/13/CIV/00160 |
| 11. | Aminu Yusuf Papu            | AGR/13/AGR/00281 |
| 12. | Halima Aminu Sani           | SCI/12/ZOO/00106 |
| 13. | Fatima Sani Gento           | SCI/13/CHE/00269 |
| 14. | Agidi Usman                 | SCI/12/IDC/00186 |
| 15. | Sumayya Usman               | SCI/13/ELT/00161 |
| 16. | Saidu Isah                  | AHS/14/NUR/00080 |

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|-----|------------------------------|------------------|
| 17. | Amina Muhammad Ibrahim       | BMS/14/ANT/00066 |
| 18. | Abubakar Umar Hamisu         | BMS/14/PYS/00081 |
| 19. | Sadiq Abdullahi Garba        | BMS/14/PYS/00069 |
| 20. | Okon Daniel Essang           | AHS/15/RAD/00200 |
| 21. | Umar Salisu Wali             | SCI/14/CHE/00541 |
| 22. | Haruna Ismaila               | SCI/12/CHE/00394 |
| 23. | Muazzam Muhammad Sunusi      | SCI/12/BCH/00139 |
| 24. | Aisha Iyal Sada              | SCI/12/BCH/00218 |
| 25. | Bashir Lawan                 | BMS/15/BCH/00405 |
| 26. | Ibrahim Olalekan Abdulsalam  | SMS/12/ECO/00010 |
| 27. | Mohammed Nura Idris          | SMS/13/SOC/00389 |
| 28. | Mustapha Abba Inuwa          | EDU/15/LIS/00231 |
| 29. | Hafsat Yahaya                | SMS/14/ECO/00906 |
| 30. | Mubarak Ali Issah            | SMS/13/BNF/00063 |
| 31. | Abednego Achie               | SMS/14/POL/00713 |
| 32. | Faruk Nasir El-Yakub         | EDU/13/BAE/01030 |
| 33. | Lekan Moses Oyewopo          | SMS/15/BUS/00230 |
| 34. | Taiwo Yusuf                  | SMS/12/POL/00097 |
| 35. | Mohammed Jawi Mohammed       | AIS/15/HAU/00185 |
| 36. | Sani Ibrahim Daurawa         | EDU/15/BSC/00151 |
| 37. | Abdulkadir Mohammed Mohammed | EDU/15/TEC/00052 |
| 38. | Buhari Abubakar              | EDU/15/PHE/00037 |
| 39. | Yusuf Ribab Sabo             | LAW/14/LLB/00908 |
| 40. | Muhammad Bashir Maifada*     | EES/14/ARC/00032 |

- On the case of impersonation against Mohammed Bashir Maifada, the person who impersonated him (Ibrahim Ahmad) was said to be in prison custody, Senate directed the University Security Division to pursue the matter to its logical conclusion.

**b) Rustication** of the following candidates for two (2). The Semesters for being involved in examination misconduct in accordance with category 19.17(Bii, iii, vii) as the case may be:

| S/N | NAME                       | REGISTRATION NO.     |
|-----|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | Yusuf Usman Sawaba         | SPS/13/MBA/00254     |
| 2.  | Aliyu Ismail Gwarzo        | SPS/14/GMP/00017     |
| 3.  | Samson Segun Olumoko       | SCE/14/SSA/BAD/00067 |
| 4.  | Nadiya Haddi Imam          | AGR/14/AGR/00892     |
| 5.  | Isah Abubakar              | BMS/15/BCH/00314     |
| 6.  | Aisha Ado Muhammad         | AHS/15/PHY/00252     |
| 7.  | Rasheedat Abdulazeez Onize | CST/14/COM/00923     |
| 8.  | Ibrahim Ali                | SMS/14/ACC/01069     |
| 9.  | Abubakar Salisu Haruna     | SMS/15/IRS/00043     |



- c) **Warning** of the following candidates for being involved in examination misconduct in accordance with category 19.17(Ci, ii, iii, v) as the case may be:

| S/N | NAME                    | REGISTRATION NO. |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Nabil Nasir Sani        | ENG/13/AGE/00120 |
| 2.  | Khalid Aliyu            | BMS/14/PYS/00021 |
| 3.  | Umar Hassan Shehu       | SCI/12/IDC/00119 |
| 4.  | Sadiya Zailani Zailani  | SCI/13/ELT/00202 |
| 5.  | Benedict Yacham Daniel  | AHS/15/RAD/00198 |
| 6.  | Dahiru Mohammed         | SCI/12/CHE/00204 |
| 7.  | Bilkisu Salihu Tanimu   | SCI/13/BCH/00410 |
| 8.  | Jonan Kingsley Umar     | BMS/15/BCH/00401 |
| 9.  | Achinne Victory Ebuka   | BMS/15/BCH/00317 |
| 10. | Lawan Shattima Aliyu    | BMS/15/NTD/00069 |
| 11. | Umar Aminu              | BMS/15/BCH/00344 |
| 12. | Patrick Eneh Izuchukwu  | SMS/13/ECO/00413 |
| 13. | Bello Abdulrahman Dambo | SMS/13/ECO/00311 |
| 14. | Inuwa Adam Yahaya       | EDU/15/BAE/00801 |

- d) The cases of the following candidates were deferred pending further investigation:

| S/N | NAME                    | REGISTRATION NO. |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Abdul Ibrahim           | SPS/13/MPA/00147 |
| 2.  | Abdul'aziz Dikko        | AIS/14/ISL/00664 |
| 3.  | Kasimu Bashir Kasimu    | SMS/13/SOC/00320 |
| 4.  | Ibrahim Lawan Abdullahi | EDU/13/ADE/00309 |

- e) **Exoneration** of the following candidates since a case of Examination misconduct could not be established against them. Their respective Departments were requested to prepare and release their results and those with missing examination scripts were graded 'incomplete' in the courses indicated against their names:

| S/N | Name                            | Reg. No           |
|-----|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | Zaharadeen Sulaiman             | SCI/13/CHM/00338  |
| 2.  | Shamsiyya Muhammad (MTH1301)    | SCI/14/BOT/00503  |
| 3.  | Sulaiman Auwal Muhammad         | SCI/14/BOT/00504  |
| 4.  | Okechukwu Chiemeka John         | BBS/14/GMN/00110  |
| 5.  | Ibrahim Abdulrahman (EGR2206)   | ENG/14/MEC/00215  |
| 6.  | Al-Amin Ayagi Zailani (PHY1210) | ENG/14/COM/000255 |
| 7.  | Usman Fari Musa (MEC3200)       | ENG/12/ELE/00054  |
| 8.  | Shuaibu Salisu (MEC3200)        | ENG/12/ELE/00061  |
| 9.  | Habibu Wada (MEC3200)           | ENG/12/ELE/00068  |
| 10. | Fiddausi Hussaini Zakirai       | EDU/14/BSC/00736  |

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| 11. | Adamu Garba Adamu               | EDU/14/BSC/00966 |
| 12. | Ahmad Adamu Abdullahi (CSC3211) | CST/12/COM/00015 |

## Miscellaneous Problems in English Usage (2)

With Sheriff Ahmed

This week we shall discuss only six usage problems as follows:

- “His decisions are usually from the seat of his pants,” the PDP assemblyman accuses his APC colleague during a debate.

The problem here is the idiom ‘from the seat of his pants’. What I know is *by the seat of his pants*. Substitute ‘by’ for ‘from’. The idiom *fly by the seat of your pants* may take any of the following meanings:

- a. Using intuition and guesswork rather than theory or specialized knowledge
- b. Without the help of any instruments or technical aids
- c. To act without careful thought and without a plan that you have made in advance, hoping that you will be lucky and be successful.

- The new time table is out.

Please note that *timetable* is written as one word. In modern usage a good number of words are written as one word, including the following: marketplace, schoolteacher, classmate, timeline, timepiece (clock or watch), boyfriend, girlfriend, seatmate, storehouse, schooldays, barbershop, upcoming, storekeeper and ongoing.

- He says the stationaries have been bought.

The problem in the sentence is the word ‘stationaries’. Is he referring to STATIONARY or STATIONERY? Do not confuse the spelling of *stationary* with *stationery*, which sound similar. The two words are distantly related but have quite different meanings. *Stationary* is an adjective meaning ‘not moving’ (normally used of vehicles), whereas *stationery* is a noun meaning paper and other things used for writing, including envelopes, which may help you to remember the ‘e’.

Correct: *He says he has bought all the stationery needed for the show.*

Note that *stationery* is an uncountable noun. Please don’t say/write ‘stationeries’.

- The professor decided to make a long story short.

There is nothing wrong with the sentence. The expression ‘make a long story short’ is a typical North American way of using the idiom. In British English, however, you *cut a long story short*. It is an informal idiom used when you are saying that you will get to the point of what you are saying quickly, without including all the details.

- He was advised to do his very best.

When you advise someone to do his best, you are asking him to produce top quality. In other words you are expecting the highest quality or standard or the most excellent result from him. Of course, ‘best’ is the superlative of ‘good’. Therefore, the expression ‘very best’ is grammatically unacceptable. ‘Best’ does not require a modifier.

Similarly, the use of *unique* in its sense “worthy of note” is common in marketing and advertising (Don’t miss this unique offer), as well as in conversation. Many dictionaries and usage guides argue that *unique* is an absolute concept and, as such, cannot be used with qualifying words such as *very* and *rather*, but in many cases this stricture seems a pedantic objection to what is a linguistic rather than a philosophical convention. It is, however, best avoided in formal writing.

- He also visited the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics and Administration as well as the Registrar of the university, respectively.

The use of the adverb ‘respectively’ in this context is needless. It should be deleted. It should be noted that ‘respectively’ means correspondingly: matching one list with another in the order given for both, as in: *Abdul and his wife are aged 52 and 51, respectively.*



Correct: *He also visited the Deputy Vice Chancellors (Academics and Administration) as well as the Registrar of the university.*

If the names of the officers were mentioned in that order, respectively should follow, as in:

*He visited Mr A, Mr B and Madam C, DVC Academics, DVC Administration and Registrar, respectively.*

## Health & Hygiene Advise From University Health Services

### *Common Nuisances in our Environment and Dangers Associated: Part II*

- Major cracks on our walls may harbour dangerous arachnids such as scorpion and poisonous spiders.
- Uncleaned cobwebs of spiders make our buildings look ugly no matter how decorated.
- Overgrown weeds in our immediate environment may harbour different pests of medical and economic threat to man.
- Overcrowding-means a number of people occupying a space, beyond a desired limit. This can easily pave way for transmission of airborne infection such as cerebral-spinal-meningitis (C.S.M) tuberculosis, pneumonia, viral-influenza and many more.
- Digging of pit latrine less than 10metres away from water well. In this situation underground contamination between pit-latrine and the water in the well may occur and cause diseases transmissions such as cholera and typhoid fever.
- Co-habiting with animals capable of transmitting zoonosis, that is (animal diseases that can be transmitted to human e.g. rabies virus by un-vaccinated dogs.
- In view of the above the university community is strongly advised to remove or be aware all the nuisances within their environment.

## Senior Staff Recreation Centre Membership Form

The Caretaker Committee of the Senior Staff Recreation Centre wishes to inform the university community and the general public that membership form can be obtained from the following officials.

**ASUU Secretariat:** From Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar

**SSANU Secretariat:** From Nura Garba

**NAAT Secretariat:** From Zikirillah M. Ali

**Establishment Matters:** From Auwalu Mohammed

After filling the form and completing the necessary payment, the forms should be returned to the above mentioned officials.

## SEMINARS

The following Faculties/Departments/Centre invite the University Community to their seminars, scheduled as follows:

### **Department of Physics: Staff Seminar Presentation**

**Presenter 1:** Duru Emmanuel Uchechukwu (SPS/12/PPY/00008)

**Topic:** Study of Superconductors Analysis and Simulation of Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage System.

**Chairman:** Dr. Bello I. Tijjani

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Presenter 2:** Mansur Sa'id (SPS/12/PPY/00005)

**Topic:** Determination of Configurational Setting, Ground State Cohesive Energies and Harmonic Vibrations of  $Al_8 Cu_4 Fe$  and  $Al_{13} Cu Fe_7$  Icosahedral. Clusters using Fhi-aims Code.

**Chairman:** Dr. Bello I. Tijjani

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory

### **Department of Human Physiology: Seminar Presentation**

**Presenter 1:** Dr. Salisu Ibrahim Ahmed

**Topic:** Students' Opinion, Perceptions and Understanding of Physiology Subjects in the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Bayero University.

**Presenter 2:** Dr. Dissi Gambo Mahdi

**Topic:** Petroleum-Induced Renal Dysfunction Among Petrol Vendors in Kano, North-Western-Nigeria.

**Presenter 3:** Nasiru Yusuf Usman

**Topic:** Effects of Caffeine on Exercise-induced changes in Cardio-respiratory Parameters among students of the College of Health Sciences, Bayero University, Kano.

**Date:** Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016  
**Time:** 10:00am prompt  
**Venue:** PG Lecture Room, New Physiology Building (Old Campus), BUK.

**Department of Civil Engineering: PhD/M.ENG Seminars/ Proposal**

**Presenter 1:** Nasir Muhammad Nafiu (SPS/14/MCE/00024)

**Topic:** Effectiveness of Modified Ceramic Filter on Pathogen Removal from Surface Drinking Water.

**Presenter 2:** Yaminu Ojeifo Abdullahi (SPS/14/MCE/00006)

**Topic:** Prediction of Highway Capacity for Two-lane Two-way Facilities.

**Chairman:** Dr. Abdussamad Ismail

**Date:** Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

**Time:** 12.00 noon prompt

**Venue:** Faculty Conference Room

**Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria: Islamic Political Class (IPC) Programmes**

**Speaker:** Mal. Abdullahi Abubakar Lamido (IIIT Nigeria)

**Topic:** Students in the Midst of Economic Crisis: Some Tips on Getting Rich.

**Chairman:** Prof. Garba I. Sheka (Department of Economics)

**Old Campus:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 8:00 – 11:00pm

**Venue:** Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen Theatre (500 Seaters) Old Campus

**New Campus:**

**Date:** Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Time:** 8:00 – 11:00pm

**Venue:** Attahiru M. Jega Twin Theatre, New Campus

**Department of Biochemistry:**

**Department PG Seminar**

**M. Sc. COMPLETION SEMINAR**

**Presenter 1:** Lawal Morudeyo Surajuddeen (SPS/12/MBC/00097)

**Topic:** Mineral elements analysis and effects of processing of *Citrullus lanatus* seeds on its antinutritional contents

**Supervisor:** Dr. A. M. Gadanya

**Presenter 2:** Jabir Kabir Usman (SPS/12/MBC/00098)

**Topic:** Assessment of liver function, some heavy metals and antioxidant status of leather tanners at Majema tannery, Kofar Wambai, Kano

**Supervisor:** Dr. A. M. Gadanya

**M.Sc. PROPOSAL DEFENCE**

**Presenter 1:** Usman Mohammed Ibrahim (SPS/14/MBC/00041)

**Topic:** Biogenic methane production potential of orange (*Citrus sinensis*) waste co-digested with some selected animal feedstock

**Degree in view:** M. Sc. Biotechnology

**Supervisors:** Dr Sani Yahaya & Dr Kasim Muhammad Gumel

**Presenter 2:** Said Sani Said (SPS/14/MBC/00004)

**Topic:** Effect of white grub extracts on serum glucose of alloxan induced diabetic rats

**Degree in View:** M. Sc. Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** A I Kiru & Dr. Mansurah Abdulazeez

**Presenter 3:** Ruqaiya Danjuma Maiwada (SPS/14/MBC/00051)

**Topic:** Assessment of kidney function, some heavy metals and antioxidant status of tanners at Majema tannery, Kofar Wambai, Kano.

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Dr A M Gadanya & Prof A M Wudil

**Presenter 4:** Shamsiyyah Zakariyyah (SPS/14/MBC/00031)

**Topic:** Phospholipids and cell membrane stability in response to drought stress in *Vigna species*

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Dr. Y Y Muhd & Prof A M Wudil

**Presenter 5:** Nabila Muhd Sani (SPS/14/MBC/00020)

**Topic:** Nutritional and phytochemical studies of *Ligonella-foenum-graecum* (Fenugreek) seeds

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Prof A M Wudil & Dr Y Y Muhd

**Chairman:** Dr Mansurah Abdulazeez

**DATE:** Tuesday 23rd August, 2016

**VENUE:** PG Class Biochemistry Department.