

ABSTRACT

The decline in Nigerian universities hostels has been perceived conservatively by university administrators as a transient "phase of negative growth" entirely attributable to external rather than internal factors and the pattern of management of Nigerian universities hostel has remained largely unchanged for more than three decades despite major changes in the environment.

Furthermore the importance of student housing to higher education must be recognized. The student's immediate need after a day's lecture is a place to eat and sleep therefore his housing must be convenient to classroom and library and must be clean, warm, safe and well furnished.

The primary aim of this research is to create a conducive living environment for both habitation and academic work. The researcher has gone through great lengths in examining the history of halls of residence in the world and in Nigerian universities. Various case studies were thoroughly studied to find out their strengths and prevailing problems that can be seen in such halls of residence.

Questionnaires were distributed to students to determine their preferences in student accommodation since they would eventually be the end users. These questionnaires were collected and relevant information noted and applied accordingly. General principles of student housing were examined and applied according to their peculiar situations. A concept was also developed to fit into the requirements of Nigerian students and satisfy their age long desire of clean and comfortable housing. Steps toward achieving this project were also proffered by the researcher.

The truth be told not every campus can come so close to ideal due to financial and site constraints but the best possible design would go a long way in providing the right environment which is productive and relevant.

The Federal Government Policy on the participation of the private sector in the provision of hostel facilities in our universities is therefore a welcome and timely development. Responses from the Private Sector have been encouraging. It is hoped

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