## **Dr. Donald** Rukare's rise to global sports leadership

### **Kesha Ltd:** Students' innovation detects aflatoxin

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Rising above challenges The stories of people rising from grass to grace, of moving through barriers and challenges to get what they aspire to have, of pursuing success against the odds and getting there, are always inspiring to read. I suppose this is because it makes the reader feel like their own dreams are possible and challenges surmountable. Our newsletter has many such stories for this edition. When the

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#### be fully restored. Four years after the incident, the building stands tall and proud – renovated and refurbished. We tell you the story of what it took to get there. There is the story of Prof. Wasswa Balunywa who pioneered the admission of fee-paying students at the university, into the Faculty of Commerce of which he was the dean, in the 1990s. The current students might think this has always been the case, but Prof. Balunywa tells of how the idea started, how it met resistance but they pressed on and how because of this, many more people have

access to a university education today. There is also the story of the students at Kesha Limited

who have worked hard and continue to do so to come up with solutions to help farmers detect aflatoxins in a quicker, faster and cheaper way. Although there is more to be done, the students have already created a gadget (biosensor) and are looking at doing more. The stories of Mr Muzafaluh Kabulwa and Ms Fionah Barbara Agaba are also inspiring. Both talk about the academic and personal journeys they have taken to get to a place of

Main Building at Makerere caught fire, many wondered if it would

In Memoriam:

The Onapito Ekomoloit

that I knew at Makerere

understanding, doing what they love, and of fulfilment. We believe that all the stories we have will inspire you in one way or the other this holiday season. We hope you enjoy the articles we have put together for you, and that you can get in touch to share your own stories or ideas at thelegacy@mak.ac.ug. A merry Christmas to you all! **Editor-in-chief** Carol Alyek Beyanga

Thank you for raising Shs60m for disabled students

By Dr. Maggie Kigozi Hello everyone, On behalf of the Makerere University Endowment Fund, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those who participated in the #MakRun2024. Your incredible support,

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move that has come with many benefits. By Arinaitwe Rugyendo

My years at

**University were** 

the best in my

Makerere

By Lalani Diamond

By Immaculate Bazira

life

Wasswa Balunywa on 30 years of MaK's private sponsorship scheme When Prof. Wasswa Balunywa began admitting fee-paying students to evening programmes to the Faculty of Commerce of which he was the dean, it was the start of making higher education more accessible, a By 1994, Makerere University was an exclusive enclave of higher education, accessible to a few highly educated citizens amidst a vast population who could afford the fees but were not admitted. This changed with Prof. Wasswa

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**INTERVIEW: Prof.** 

Mak 75th grad: Here is how to get cleared for it After years of hard academic work, many students shall be graduating next year. In this piece we tell you the process you need to go through to get cleared to graduate.

If you have finished your course and are excited about graduating next year (January

Prayer, research

Hallmarks of Prof.

Makubuya's career

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and lobbying:

2025), it will help if you are aware of the procedure on what to do to get cleared so as to actually graduate. We share the steps you need to follow

It was on 18th August, 2024 at the age of 75 that Prof. Khiddu Makubuya, an accomplished man in academia and politics, passed away. He was

laid to rest on 23rd August, 2024 at his ancestral home in Katiti-Kalasa,

for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Diamond Lalani's time at Makerere University as a student was filled with many great memories of making lifelong friendships, being involved in

student politics and acquiring great academic achievements.

A significant part of my story starts in 1929, the year in which my father Habib Rahemtulla Lalani who was born in India, migrated to Uganda at the age of 19, settling in Masaka. My mother Sherbanu Nanji Amlani was born

in Masaka in 1916 after her parents with two infants had migr

# Prof Khiddu Makubuya started his journey from rural Luwero and worked hard to become a respected lawyer, academic and politician.

By Mark Wamai

By Dismas Nkunda

Wilson

By Mark Wamai

**Mutekanga:** 

voice behind

Remembering the

Makerere's anthem

man who loved and lived for music.

Mutekanga for a brief interview.

at Makerere During his time at Makerere University, Onapito Ekolomoit served as the Guild Minister of Information, was on the committee of the Teso Students

Development Association and later came to work as an assistant lecturer.

A friend pays him tribute. It's almost two months since he passed but Francis Onapito Ekomoloit ('Ona' as we fondly called him) has remained on most of our minds, mostly because READ MORE Ona touched many souls in his deeds! 

**Pictorial** •••••• .....

Grace Wilson Igaga Mutekanga the man who composed Makerere

University's anthem died on August 16th, this year. This is a tribute to the

On the afternoon of the Makerere@90 Celebrations held on 3rd August 2013, I together

with a small team had the privilege of sitting down with a musical magnate and

composer of the Makerere University Anthem, Mr. Grace Wilson Igaga



A family affair. . The Chancellor-Dr. Crispus Kiyonga (Left) and his wife

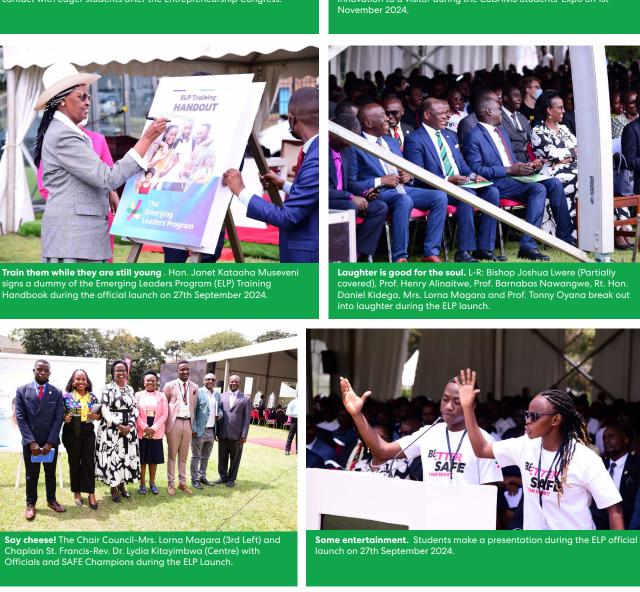
Mrs. Alice Kiyonga (Right) hold hands with their granddaughter (Centre)

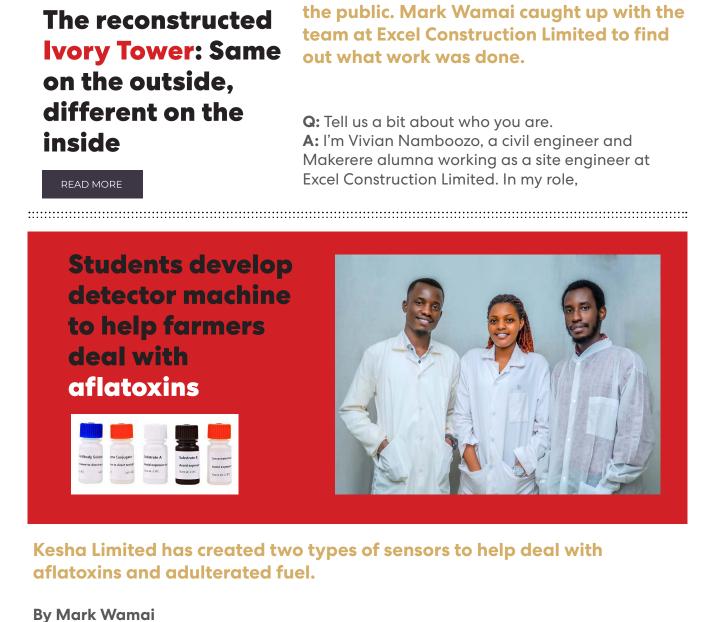
at the installation ceremony.

**Teaching students how to make money.** State Minister for Youth and

Children Affairs-Hon. Balaam Barugahara (Right) responds to a question during the Makerere Entrepreneurship Congress on 31st

October 2024 as the Director, Makerere Entrepreneurship and Outreach Centre-Dr. Sarah Bimbona (left) moderates.





Early in 2021, various media houses were awash with headlines occasioned by a big word, "aflatoxins". This buzzword had led to Kenyan authorities imposing a ban on all

maize imports from Uganda, leaving both farmers and middlemen stuck

The candidate has just dropped off, and the How one's reading extensively Zoom capacity has been exceeded. Now, he can't join his defence until someone drops off 😂 about it, one scholar student thesis decided to study took Uganda it further in order by storm to help others understand what he found out. READ MORE By Tuhirirwe Karane Robert Kalyesubula, MD, FISN (USA), Ph... 1d This is a must attend! PhD in Witchcraft At the age of 12, Samuel

Nyasha Chikowero says he

had a bizarre experience

As stated on the university website, on 29th June 1971, 75 freshers were welcomed into "The Women's Hall", the second female students' residence at Makerere. A week later,

After having different

experiences with

witchcraft and

147 continuing students were randomly selected from Mary Stuart Hall, bringing the total to 222 students. It was not until 3rd December 1971, that

the residence was renamed "Africa Hall" as we presently know it,

Redefining

witchcraft:

## When I was 15, I asked my mother, "What do you do?" She smiled and said, "I'm a gender expert." Naturally, my teenage brain did the math: gender equals women, and expert equals professional. So, with unshakeable confidence, I assumed, "Oh, so you teach women how to be professional women?"

From Ssekanyonyi

to success - A

resilience and

journey of

innovation

three silver and four bronze medals.

university games The university competed against 21 universities and brought two gold,

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Left to Right: Former Chancellor-Prof. Ezra Suruma, Permanent Secretary New beginnings. The Chancellor, Dr. Crispus Kiyonga holds his wife, Mrs. Alice Kiyonga's hand, as the two descend a flight of edrace Turyagyenda and State Minister for Higher steps on their way to the Freedom Square where he was installed Education-Hon. Dr. J.C. Muyingo chat before the installation ceremony. as Chancellor on 2nd October 2024. A somewhat fresh new building. The President H.E. Yoweri Museveni (3rd Right) flanked by the First Lady-Hon. Janet Museveni (3rd Left), Hon. Dr. J.C. Muyingo (2nd Left) chats with the Guild President-H.E. Lubega Nsamba and other student leaders in the newly reopened Main Hall.

This is what it means to network. Hon. Balaam Barugara shares his Trying new things. A female student exhibitor (right) markets her contact with eager students after the Entrepreneurship Congress. nnovation to a visitor during the CoBAMS Students' Expo on 1st **Dr. Donald** Rukare's rise to global sports leadership Dr. Donald Rukare is a Makerere alumnus who has made considerably large footprints on

the Ugandan Sports scene. In this

University and his career in sports

Dr. Donald Rukare has served as President

Uganda Olympic Committee, Chairperson

National Council of Sports, President

interview, Rukare talks about his experiences at Makerere

administration.

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**Q&A** 

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By Trevor Mathias Ssegawa

Four years after Makerere University's

Tower has been worked on and as of

Main Building caught fire, the iconic Ivory

October 2024 was open for work and to

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in Nigeria at

their own chairs to the

high table

HoW to make, save and keep money while at uni It might seem easy to earn and save money, but it isn't once you don't have the tools to do so. Our writer gives tips on how to have a healthy relationship with money. By Agatha Christie Akello The university experience is a test drive of what your independent adult life will look like. From the friends you keep, to the places you frequent, and the discipline READ MORE to do the right thing without instant gratification, the ball is in your court. **'Africa Hall of** Fame-Ladies' Africa Hall's ladies are nurtured to have integrity, excellence and serenity. By Agatha Christie Akello & Rita Kalendera

It is important to teach everyone, especially women, that gender rights are about advocating for everyone to have equal opportunities. By Fionah Barbra Agaba

As students prepare to graduate next year in January, one shares his journey of the challenges, lessons and opportunities the university has given him. By Muzafaluh Kabulwa

a smallholder family. My father was a dedicated coffee grower, his hands always stained with the earth that nurtured our livelihood. My mother, on the other hand, was immersed in education and community engagement VIVERSITY

Growing up in Ssekanyonyi, Mityana District, my life was deeply rooted in the rhythms of

Makerere University has once again made a significant mark on the African university sports scene. The institution returned with a commendable haul of nine medals from the 11th All Africa University Games (FASU 2024). The games took place from the 20th to 29th of September, 2024 and were co-hosted by the University of Lagos