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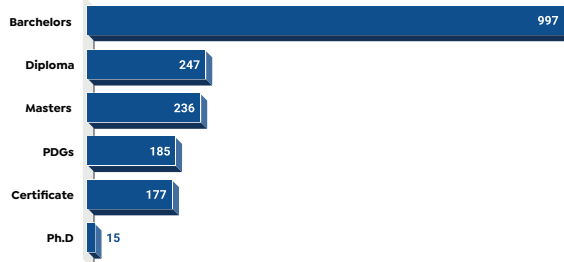
>> A group of law students toss their hoods into the air shortly after being awarded their bachelor's degrees in law. Photo by Japheth Godwin Walakira

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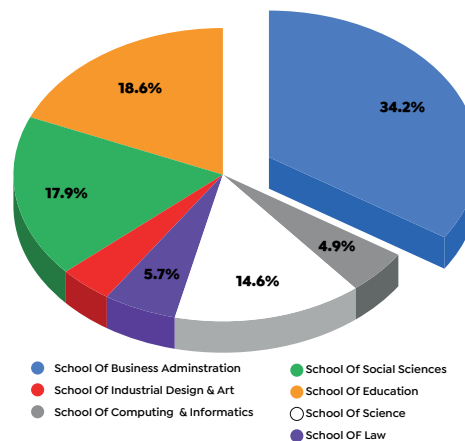
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Kigali : Progressive strides impress Nkumba Scholars

Study tour in Kigali



>> Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jude Lubega flagging off masters students headed for a study tour in Kigali - Rwanda

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EDITOR'S PICK

THE WORLD IN A GLANCE

EAC: KIIR ASCENDS TO CHAIRMANSHIP

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir assumed the chairmanship of the East African Community (EAC) during the final day of the economic bloc's summit in Arusha, Tanzania on Friday last week. President Salva Kiir took over from President Évariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi.

The EAC Chairperson slot is a rotational position, with each Member State holding the position for a one-year term.

Kiir's leadership arrives at a critical juncture for the EAC, confronting challenges like climate change, food insecurity, and economic disparities.

WAR: ISRAEL - HAMAS CONFLICT

The attack on Israel by Hamas on 7 October and subsequent retaliation has led to allegations of war crimes being leveled at both sides with close to 20,000 human costs.

Hamas broke into Israeli defenses and, in a series of attacks, killed more than 1,200 people on 7th October. The slain victims were mostly civilians.

The Palestinian armed group then held over 240 hostages back to Gaza, an enclave under its control. Israel dropped 6,000 bombs on the Gaza Strip in the first week after the Hamas attack – an area of just 360 square kilometers, according to Airwars, a conflict watchdog.



>> Mace Bearer Mira Verstraete, leads the Graduation procession / Photo by Wakyosi Timothy.

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High-profile figures including Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja – the Prime Minister of Uganda, Gen Edward Katumba Wamala – Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Rafael Magyezi – Minister for Local Government, and Owek. Eng. John Baptist Walusimbi – former Katikiro of Buganda also attended the historic ceremony.

Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja was the Chief Guest at the ceremony where she was also awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Monitoring and Evaluation.

In her address, the Prime Minister commended Nkumba University's commitment to providing quality higher education and pledged government support for the institution.

"I would like to especially commend Nkumba University's commitment to promoting and providing quality higher education to the citizens of Uganda," said Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, adding that "Government will endeavor to support the University whenever possible."

Expressing gratitude as a graduand, the Prime Minister extended thanks to her lecturers and the University management for their guidance throughout her academic journey. "I am profoundly grateful for the immense support I have received as a student of Nkumba University."

Speaking at the, Nkumba University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jude Lubega, lauded the Prime Minister for her exemplary academic journey and acknowledged the support of staff, parents, and guardians in nurturing the graduates.

Prof. Jude further encouraged graduates to leverage networking if they are to excel in the 21st century, "I implore you to connect

with influential alumni and build meaningful relationships. These connections can provide insights, mentorship, and even job referrals that might not be advertised in the labor market," said Pro. Jude Lubega.

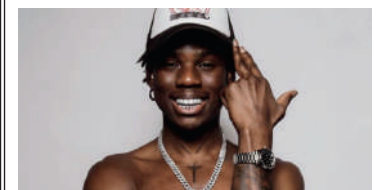
The Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Edward Katumba Wamala, received an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of his significant contributions to his community and the nation.

Among the standout graduates, Dan Kibuuka Kiguli, a Master of Science in Natural Resources graduate was the best master's student posting a 4.81 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). Kandali Pius was the top performer at the bachelor's level, and Mayep Majok Deng, Nkumba Marines Basketball team Captain received the Palle Moeller award for excelling in academics and co-curricular activities.

Nkumba University Chancellor, Mr. Emmanuel Katongole urged the graduates to remain connected to Nkumba University, emphasizing their role as alumni in supporting and uplifting their alma mater.

This year's graduation saw a substantial rise, with 425 more graduates than last year, totaling 1857, the highest figure since the University's establishment in 1994.

Rema Calls off December performances



Courtesy Photo

ENTERTAINMENT

Nigerian music sensation, Rema has called off all his December performances to prioritize on his health which he claims to have "ignored" due to tightly scheduled shows in recent times.

"Breaks my heart to say that I won't be performing anywhere this December. Been years of touring I've ignored my health and I need time to recuperate. 2024 we go again love," said Rema.

With scheduled shows in Nigeria and South Africa, Rema is set to renegotiate adjustments to later date.



WORLD AIDS DAY 2023: UN SECRETARY-GENERAL CALLS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

The United Nations Secretary General, António Guterres has called upon global leaders and communities to renew and intensify the fight against HIV.

According to the global leader, AIDS-related deaths have fallen by almost 70% since its peak in 2004, and new HIV infections are at the lowest point since the 1980s. However, AIDS still takes a life every minute.

Guterres now seeks global action, "If we work together to tackle the inequalities that perpetuate HIV/AIDS, we can still end it as a public health threat by 2030." – said António Guterres, UN Secretary-General.

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"Quis Custodiet Ipsos Custodes?" Who Watches the Watchmen?



By Mutesi Sandra

Step into the enigmatic world of "Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?"—a Latin riddle that resonates through centuries, asking, "Who watches the watchmen?" These haunting words, attributed to the Roman poet Juvenal, delve deep into the heart of governance, integrity, and accountability.

Imagine a world where the sentinels of justice themselves need oversight. Join me on a journey of philosophical reflection as

we analyze the custodians of the law and their queer actions.

Let's begin with the labyrinth of democratic systems, where power infiltrates mechanisms like an independent judiciary, a free press, and oversight bodies put in place as a beacon of hope. The twist starts when intoxicated guardians slip from virtue's grasp, becoming puppets to manipulation and corruption.

The phrase, "Quis custodiet ipsos custodes," serves as a stark reminder that eternal vigilance is the price we pay for liberty, and the watchdogs too require watching.

Looking at Uganda's constitutional tapestry, the 1995 Constitution preamble unfolds before us painting a vivid mosaic of Uganda's destiny. Crafted with eloquence and insight, this document bears the ineffaceable mark of those who wrestled with an ear-shattering past to birth a brighter future. In their words, we sense their unwavering commitment to a nation that rose from the ashes of tyranny and exploitation.

"WE THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA: Recalling

our history which has been characterized by political and constitutional instability; Recognizing our struggles against the forces of tyranny, oppression, and exploitation; Committed to building a better future by establishing a socio-economic and political order through a popular and durable national Constitution based on the principles of unity, peace, equality, democracy, freedom, social justice, and progress."

Part XXVI of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy reveals the threads of accountability. The declaration that "All power belongs to the people" echoes a profound truth. The guardians in their lofty positions owe allegiance not to their titles but to the people.

A paradox spellbinding – the Bosses aren't the true Bosses, and those who hold the reins aren't just Bosses, but mere custodians of power. So, how does the vigilant citizenry uphold this delicate balance? When misinformed voices overshadow principled decisions leaving integrity utterly misconstrued with disloyalty.

We stand at a crossroads, with the onus on us to ensure that those we empower with authority serve us faithfully.


The clarion call of the hour is for the citizenry to transcend mediocrity. We must meticulously inspect the service our guardians offer – it should not be a privilege reserved for the elite but a boon bestowed upon the nation.

Looting from the needy orchestrated by the very protectors sworn to defend them should not escape the long arm of the law unless those at the core principle of justice swore to be accomplices of tyranny.

Regardless, the zenith of our responsibility is to metamorphose into vigilant overseers and ensure that the scales of accountability transpire in favor of the people owing to our intentional ability to build resistance against compromise and embrace a principle that endures the truce for the benefit of all.

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Nkumba University Kampala Campus Rallies Community For 'Bulungi Bwansi'

"We are privileged to have Nkumba University as part of our community, and as University students, it is good to support your community, well done," said Kiiza.



>> Nkumba University The Guild Speaker Dhabangi Geofrey (In a Maroon shirt) being exemplary // Japheth Godwin Walakira

Nkumba University Kampala Campus Guild Council, in partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) -Rubaga Division and Migrant Worker's Voice, on Thursday 9th November, 2023 organized a community clean-up dubbed 'Bulungi Bwansi.'

The exercise which started at 9 am saw over 30 students and community members sweeping, picking litter, and unclogging trenches along Kabaka Njagala Road.

Kiiza Clement, the Minister of Transport at KCCA - Rubaga Division, expressed gratitude to Nkumba University. "We are privileged to have Nkumba University as part of our community, and as University students, it is good to support your community, well done," said Kiiza.

"We have come to join in because there is need to nurture our youth into responsible citizens," he added.

According to Kiiza, "It has always been Kabaka's call to have youth spearhead 'Bulungi Bwansi!'"

Kampala Campus Guild Governor, Abdallah Kayonde, emphasized the essential role of students in maintaining a clean community. "It is our role as youth of this area to have a clean and litter-free royal mile."

Kayonde also commended the Migrant Worker's Voice and KCCA-Rubaga Division

for heeding the call.

Dhabangi Geofrey, Guild Speaker of Parliament at Nkumba University Kampala Campus, called on other universities in Kampala to follow suit. "We have done this, and we pray that it will serve as an example to our colleagues in other Universities. To have a clean city, we need everyone on board."

'Bulungi Bwansi' which refers to the Beauty of the Earth is traced back to the 60s, originating as relentless communal work in Buganda.

The exercise required everyone to do good for the well-being of the Kingdom.

Today, 'Bulungi Bwansi' has expanded to schools, organizations, families, and individuals doing good in their communities. Nkumba University Student's Guild Council spearheaded the clean-up, aligning with the academic institution's commitment to fulfilling its third role which focuses on community engagement.

By Nantale Rebecca



this marriage, let us honor it, please keep maama, maama, keep your husband and be faithful to each other," appealed Archbishop Kazimba.

The Archbishop also advocated for the sanctity of marriage and called on Ugandans to uphold these values while discouraging practices such as homosexuality.

The grandeur of the occasion continued with the royal couple hosting their guests to a sumptuous royal banquet at the Igenge Palace in Jinja, sealing the festivities with an aura of a pompous celebration.

Among the distinguished guests were notable figures including Prince Sicalo of Swaziland, Nabagereka of Buganda Sylvia Nagginda, Tooro queen mother Best Kemigisha, and the Omugo of Bunyoro.

Political figures included 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Affairs Rebecca Kadaga, as well as former Vice Presidents Specioza Kazibwe and Edward Sekandi.

President Yoweri Museveni was represented by Vice President Jessica Alupo.

While delivering the president's message, the Vice President revealed that the president had offered "20 cows which is a custom according to him, to welcome the incoming bride." The President wished the couple a happy marriage.

In her own capacity, the Vice president delivered 2 cows, "because, your highness, the children must drink milk." Said the Vice President.

About the Kyabazinga

The Kyabazinga of Busoga, William Gabula Nadiupe IV was born in Jinja on 1 November 1988.

He is the son of Wilson Gabula Nadiupe III, a onetime minister of tourism in the Ugandan Cabinet, and Josephine Nadiupe, who died in 1991 and 1993 respectively.

He is the paternal grandson of William Wilberforce Kadumbula Nadiupe II, who was the Kyabazinga of Busoga from 1949 until 1955 and returned in 1962 ruling Busoga until 1966.

Nadiupe II was also the first Vice President of Uganda, from 1962 until 1966.

William Gabula Nadiupe was unanimously elected by the ten Busoga Royal Chiefs who convened at Bugembe on 23 August 2014.

Prince Edward Columbus Wambuzi, the eleventh Busoga Royal Chief, who was also contesting for the throne, did not attend the meeting rendering himself ineligible.

Gabula was unanimously approved by the Busoga Lukiko on 25 September 2014 following an unsuccessful last-minute court challenge.

Prince William Gabula was crowned as the 4th Kyabazinga of Busoga at Bugembe on Saturday, 13 September 2014 at just 26 years. The coronation was attended by Yoweri Museveni Kaguta, the President of the republic of Uganda.

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Royal Wedding



Jovia Mutesi Becomes the 5th Queen of Busoga

By Patricia Namwanje

Royalists and supporters of Busoga Kingdom, lined up to the roadside echoing ululations in excitement as their cultural leader, His Royal Highness William Gabula Nadiupe IV emerged from Budhumbula Palace to make way to Bugembe church in Jinja, where he officially wedded Inhebantu Jovia Mutesi in Holy Matrimony on the 18th of November, 2023 subsequently granting her rights to become Busoga's 5th Royal Queen.

Donning a white tunic and a majestic purple royal robe, the Inhebantu was received at Bugembe church amidst heralding sounds of the royal drums at 12:04 pm.

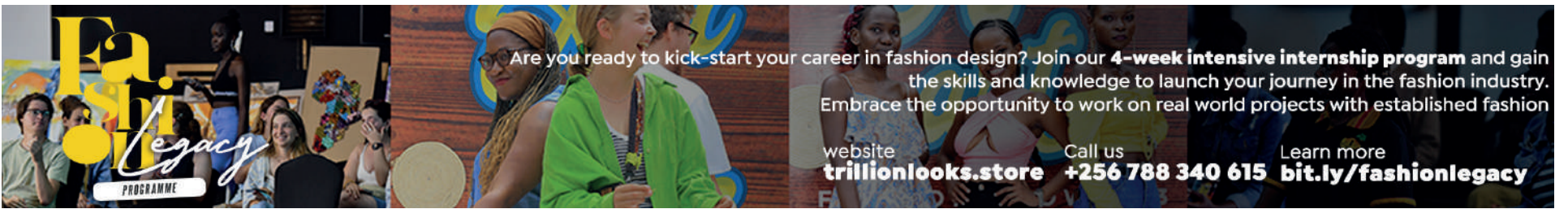
Set to become the 5th Queen of Busoga, Jovia Mutesi made a regal entry into the Cathedral 26 minutes later.

The Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, His Grace Dr. Samuel Steven Kazimba Mugalu took charge and conducted the solemn exchange of vows between the Kyabazinga and Busoga's Inhebantu.

The Kyabazinga declared his commitment to Inhebantu, with Inhebantu following suit in a ceremony witnessed by over 25,000 People.

In his sermon, Archbishop Kazimba urged the newlyweds to emulate the unity demonstrated by the people of Busoga, who turned out in unprecedented numbers.

" They have come to celebrate



Nkumba University to Roll Out CPA Program

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BY Simon Peter Nashonji

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The Academic Registrar-Dr. Frank Pio Kiyingi, Dean School of Business Administration-Dr. John Berchmans Byamukama, the Accounting Head of the department-Madam Violet Nabbosa, lecturers, and Students were all in attendance

Both parties further explored the possibilities of reaching a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize and kick-start the partnership next year.

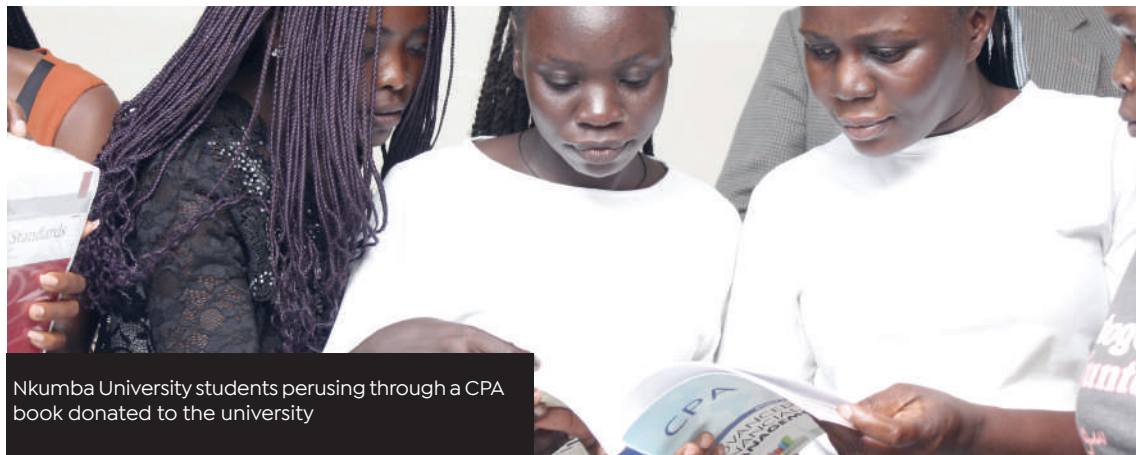
In his address, Prof. Jude Lubega expressed optimism affirming that the University welcomes the idea, “We have the facilities to run this program and since there is no study center in Entebbe, this is a great deal for us.” said Prof. Jude Lubega. “It is high time we had this rolled out.” He added.

CPA Generous Niragire, revealed that the ICPAU receives a good number of graduates from Nkumba University which signals a dire need to bring the services closer.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) is a body responsible for setting applicable private-sector accounting standards in the country. These include; regulating & maintaining the standard of accountancy plus prescribing & certifying Accountants.



>> CPA Nabugyere Lungande, Violet Nabbosa, HOD - Accounting, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jude Lubega, Academic Registrar Dr. Frank Pio Kiyingi, Dr. John Berchmans Byamukama, the Dean School of Business administration. / **Japheth Godwin Walakira.**



Nkumba University students perusing through a CPA book donated to the university

For an accountant to be certified by ICPAU, one must have passed all 4 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam Sections and met certain academic requirements.

Certified Public Accountants, (CPAs) can specialize in a multitude of services like Personal Financial Planning, Information Management, Forensic Accounting, and Technology Assurance among others.

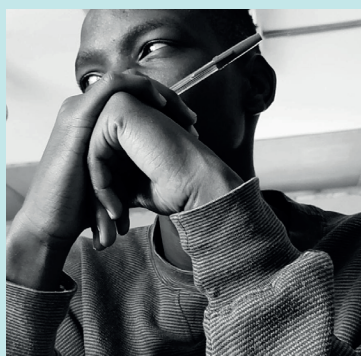
If agreed upon, the partnership will also see an MoU signed, and both a learning and an Examination center established at the Entebbe-based Higher Institution of learning.

ICPAU also intends to introduce sponsorship awards to the best accounting students and roll out a CPA scholarship offer to 10 best-performing students across Uganda.



YOUR THOUGHTS

How Will It Be Like After My 3 Years at Campus?



THOUGHTS | Bright Amanya

This is a question that lingers in the minds of every University student in Uganda. Growing up, I witnessed a truly unforgettable spectacle that has remained enshrined in my memory for over a decade now.

It was one cold evening, I was strolling on the streets of Kamwokya, a suburb in the capital Kampala. This scene shocked my young mind and continues to amuse me to this day.

I recall a man vigorously hitting basins on the ground, spinning like a Formula One driver, and stomping on them with all his might.

He was on a mission to prove the durability of the basins he was hawking as he chanted melodically, “wefunire e’baafu kaliba, mpangazi nge’nfudu ze’mengo.” literally implying, get yourself a durable basin.

His voice lingered in the air, entertaining the crowd that surrounded him. The mothers couldn’t resist the allure of his sales pitch and ended up purchasing the basins while enjoying a bonus full of entertainment.

As I grew older, the harsh reality of life began to unravel before me. I eventually discovered that the man spinning basins in that memorable scene was in fact, an unemployed graduate.

He had completed a 3-year university course, endured the hardships of academic life, and faced the challenges of paying exorbitant tuition fees.

Pondering the irony of it all, it struck me deeply. They say education is the key to success, my question is, was his academic stride out of reach for a white-collar job or his degree had expired?

It was a tragic realization that left me disheartened. I later heard of a friend who, after graduating, decided to return to embark on another course.

She confessed that the streets were too cold and unforgiving, prompting her to seek refuge back within the walls of academia. As if the streets would miraculously transform into a warmer and a more welcoming space within the following few years she anticipated to be at campus.

The truth is, as campus students, we revel in the joys of university life while simultaneously fearing the uncertainty that awaits us beyond graduation.

Unless one is fortunate enough to have a planned path, the future seems daunting and unfavorable. We, the “Bantu’bawaansi,” risk finding ourselves stomping on basins, levying on them the full weight of disappointment and despair after having invested numerous years, money, and effort into our education but to no return on investment.

The fear of wasting our precious time, energy, and resources without achieving our desired goals looms over us like a dark cloud.

To combat this looming uncertainty, we resort to contingency plans, some delve into trading, others aim to establish themselves as influencers on social media platforms, and a few excel in sports.

However, it is inescapable that time flies swiftly in the academic sphere. In just a

fleeting 3-4 years, we find ourselves thrust into the real world, juggling multiple responsibilities and seeking means to survive.

It is erroneous how we boast about our hustle while claiming that we are out there “looking for lunch” when, in reality, we plead to our parents on this side of the phone to have them wire us a ka 10k. The undeniable truth is that life is hard, in case anyone is oblivious to this fact.

The worst nightmare of a Ugandan campus student lies not in the age-old fears of contracting HIV or facing an unplanned pregnancy, but rather in the fear of investing years into education only to find ourselves spinning in basins to make ends meet.

Navigating through this challenging journey, we realize the importance of seizing every opportunity, building networks, and developing contingency plans to secure our future.

For us, the struggle is real, and unless we are prepared, we may find ourselves trapped in a never-ending cycle of disappointment and unfulfilled dreams.

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Tracing History: Nkumba University's 3 Decades of Tailoring Dreams Into Degrees

By Simon Peter Nashonji

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29 years since Nkumba became a University and exactly 71 years since its establishment as a kindergarten. The story starts at a fateful meeting on Tuesday 29th July, 1951.

A dream sprouted in the mind of Ssalongo Eria Kintu, a local merchant driven by the desire to illuminate his community through education.

Ssalongo subsequently invited 2 of his friends Charles Kisitu Ffulu and Zefania Mpanga, who instantly heeded the call. In the quiet corners of his home, the three settled on a plan to plant the seeds of knowledge, and in the year 1952 a kindergarten was established, a fragile beginning akin to nurturing a sapling into a towering tree.

With only twelve pupils, they embarked on a journey that would later shape the future of countless lives.

With time, the tiny sapling kindergarten branched out into a primary school, and then a senior secondary school. In 1969, it transformed into a vocational institute, and by 1974, it had been named Nkumba College of Commerce and Advanced Studies.

Through dedication and commitment to academic excellence, the institution found its place in the hearts of the locals becoming a University in 1994.

Today, Nkumba University stands as one of the oldest private institutions having attained a charter in 2006.

Since its inception, the institution has continued to position itself as a one-stop center for high-quality education and research within the country and beyond.

To expand its reach, the University opened up another campus in 2015 to deliver education to the people of Kampala, the Capital City of Uganda with seamless proximity.

One of the jewels in Nkumba's crown is the Institute of Nursing and Midwifery, established in 2018.

Here, students embark on a transformative journey, learning not just the science but also the art of healthcare.

With hands-on experience through clinical rotations and practical training, they step into the world equipped with knowledge and compassion, ready to assist women through the sacred journey of childbirth.

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, Nkumba University remains at the forefront, embracing technology to blend the traditional classroom setting with E-learning teaching methods.

The University released its most recent cohort of graduates on 26th October 2023 adding a lump sum 1857 to Uganda's elite class.



L-R; Erisa Kintu, Charles Kisitu Ffulu, Zephaniya Kiwanuka Mpanga and Yosamu k. Mugejjera. The four hatched a Foundation of what grew into Nkumba University

To date, Nkumba University boasts over 50,000 Alumni communities, the key notables being the current Prime Minister of Uganda -Rt. Hon Robinah Nabbanja, Foreign Affairs Minister- Gen. Jeje Odong, Minister of Works and Transport Gen. Katumba Wamala among others.

Built for 42 year to remarkably earn 29 years of tailoring dreams into degrees-Nkumba University.



E-Learning Officer **Mr. Joseph Lwevuze** (in white T-Shirt) guiding lecturers during one of the Learning Management Systems training. Trainings are conducted periodically to enable lecturers create and digitize teaching content with ease.



>> an ariel view of the adminstrative block of Nkumba Univerity

Echoes of Wisdom Nkumba's Tale

In Nkumba's halls, where wisdom blooms, Knowledge dances, dispelling gloom. A campus alive with vibrant hues, Nkumba University, where dreams accrue, competence immersed.

In lecture rooms, a scholarly trance, Students strive, enchanted with confidence.

A breath from the shores of Lake Victoria whisper tales of embrace. Nkumba standing still, a beacon bold, Guiding minds, both young and old.

From lecture halls to library shelves, A treasure trove of wisdom dwells.

In Nkumba's serene walls, futures unfold, Stories of triumph, courage untold.

Professors weave a tapestry rare, Nurturing minds with utmost care. Instilling competence glazed with creativity. In the heart of Uganda, a haven found,

Nkumba's legacy, forever unbound.

QUIZ CORNER

Category 1: Professor Pet Peeves.

What is the quickest way to irritate a professor at Nkumba University ?

- Ending an email with "Yours affectionately"
- Asking if attendance is optional during exams

Category 2: Campus Wildlife Observation. What's the most commonly spotted creature on Nkumba University grounds?

- Philosophical pigeons pondering life's mysteries.
- Elusive students searching for the mythical free Wi-Fi

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KNOW YOUR VICE-CHANCELLOR

Professor Jude T. Lubega, the Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University, is a distinguished Computer Science expert specializing in Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D).

He currently holds the position of Chief Executive Officer at 8Tech Consults, a prominent ICT consultancy company based in Uganda.

Before that, Prof. Jude Lubega held significant academic and leadership roles. Between 2007 and 2012, he served as the Deputy Dean and Head of the Information Technology Department at Makerere University

Prof. Lubega's commitment to advancing education and technology led him to the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Uganda Technology and Management University (UTAMU) from 2013 to 2019.

His contributions were acknowledged when he was recognized as one of the 100 Movers and Shakers in Corporate Online Learning for 2018 in Africa. Beyond his academic achievements, he has also demonstrated philanthropic



Professor Jude T. Lubega

efforts, serving as the President of the Rotary Club of Namasuba in the Rotary year 2019/2020.

His earlier experience as a researcher and lecturer at the University of Reading, UK, significantly influenced his expertise in developing information systems, including innovative projects such as election monitoring using mobile devices.

Prof. Lubega's research interests span various areas, including Tracking and

Assessment in e-learning, Multi-Agent Systems, Data Science, Mobile Computing, ICT Strategic Planning and Management, Web-based Systems, and Mobile Learning.

A respected member of multiple boards and a recipient of research funding for ICT4D initiatives, Professor Jude T. Lubega continues to make a lasting impact on the academic landscape, shaping the intersection of information technology and education at Nkumba University.

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Rotaractors Conduct Road Safety Campaign in Response to Traffic Lights Blackout

By Japheth Godwin Walakira

A group of Students from the Rotaract Club of Nkumba University conducted a road safety campaign targeting Boda Boda riders at Nkumba stage.

This was in response to threats posed by a close to 3 weeks traffic lights blackout. With four lanes and two U-turns, the Nkumba traffic lights blackout have caused commotion leading to an arduous environment in the area, Club president, Natsami Grace said that the goal was to sensitize Boda-Boda riders on proper road usage and also briefed locals on the right approach to the situation at the road junction, "as Rotaractor,

we have seen a community need, we are here to train Boda-Boda Riders on proper road usage given the fact that they now operate at risk." The campaign also saw over 50 Boda-Boda riders receive free reflector jackets

According to the club administrator, Lamula Nangendo, the campaign was initiated in response to the chaotic traffic situation that has persisted for close to two weeks.

"If you have been keen enough, these traffic lights have been faulty for close to 2 weeks, both motorists and pedestrians have to negotiate their way unguided, in such a busy intersection with 4 lanes and 2 U-Turns, this is risky." Said Nangendo

Nkumba traffic lights are also set to cater to different road users including pedestrians who are mostly students. Pedestrians now take longer to cross amidst an extreme risk of being run over by speeding motorists.

Nakalema Jacinta, a mobile money operator says that the area might turn into a death spot if authorities don't come in and rectify the faulty traffic lights. "I have witnessed an instance where a Boda-Boda rider almost collided with a car, this will soon become a death trap if people the responsible don't act immediately."

The Vice Chairperson of Boda-boda stage, Kyagulanyi Ronald expressed fear saying that Traffic lights being off puts many lives in danger, "as a matter of fact, I am worried of what might happen, these traffic lights have been off for a while now, to make matters worse, not even a single traffic police officer has been deployed here to guide traffic."

Boda boda riders thanked the Rotaract Club of Nkumba University for its humanitarian gesture and appealed to authorities to restore the traffic lights. "This is a good gesture, thank you Nkumba University, however, I call upon Uganda



PHOTO: Rotaractors talking to a Boda-Boda rider during the road safety campaign. Photo by: **Japheth Godwin Walakira**

National Roads Authority to fix the traffic lights as soon as possible."

For nearly two weeks, the Nkumba stage traffic lights have been non-operational, posing a significant risk to the safety of road users.

Nkumba University Rotaract Club is a humanitarian service organization composed of Nkumba University students under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Entebbe.

The 2022 Police Annual Crime reports indicate a total of 1,021 boda-boda riders and 401 passengers were killed in road accidents within 9 months. The statistics



PHOTO: Nangendo Lamula (L) and other Rotaractors interacting with Boda Boda riders at Nkumba stage. Photo by: **Japheth Godwin Walakira**

mean that at least 110 boda-boda riders were killed every month while the report further shows that a total of 2393 people sustained injuries due to accidents caused by boda-boda cyclists. The figure is above the 1918 people killed in 2021



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Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jude Lubega flagging off masters students headed for a study tour to Kigali, Rwanda on 7th November, 2023. / Japheth Godwin Walakira



>> Nkumba University students in Kigali

Kigali's Progressive Strides Impress Nkumba University Scholars

By **Simon Peter Nashonji**

NEWS

On 7th November 2023, Nkumba University Vice Chancellor Professor Jude Lubega flagged off 27 master's students who were embarking on a three-day study tour to Kigali, Rwanda.

Professor Jude appealed to students to absorb as much knowledge as possible "for the benefit of our cities".

Dr. Bbosa Sulaiman, Director-Nkumba University Kampala Campus, along with three other administrators accompanied the students.

Anticipating the remnants of a shattered nation still bearing the scars of the 1994 genocide, Nkumba University Masters students were astounded by the thriving social and economic standards that have become Kigali's new identity.

The city, once synonymous with tragedy,

now stands as a evidence to renewal, where the echoes of the past fade into a vibrant backdrop of a thriving community.

Notable among Kigali's initiatives is the commitment to hygiene, Bamuteeze Aggrey, a Masters of Public Administration and Management Student says, "there is a strict ban on plastic bags which has significantly reduced litter."

The students met with officials from Rwanda's Ministry of Health to explore the digital health context and the country's Primary Health Care Systems.

They observed that, Healthcare in Kigali is characterized by a decentralized system where teams of trained professionals are dispersed to specific sub-parishes, forming a pyramid of healthcare systems that seamlessly connect administration directly to those in need of healthcare services.

According to Bamuteeze Aggrey, "The application of e-governance in public health management system plays a key role, ensuring an efficient and responsive health service system."

While touring bus terminals, stopovers, depots and road facilities, students noticed

Kigali's meticulous planning execution.

Both Kigali and its Metropolitan areas have witnessed significant development, exemplified by the construction of Integrated Development (IDP) model houses for displaced persons in places like Rugerere and in Karama, home to over 240 relocated households.

Among key spots, students visited Rwanda Cooperation where Students explored Rwanda's waste management methods.

Rwanda Cooperation is a hub known for innovative development solutions that have propelled Rwanda's transformational journey are. With a population estimated at 1,248,000 people, authorities in Kigali City continue to harness development as they work towards the fulfillment of the 2050 Kigali City Master Plan, which they say will revolutionaries the city even further.

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A Pictorial of Jaw Dropping Events That Rocked Campus



Nkumba University 25th Graduation
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GUILD ELECTIONS : 4 Horse Race that returned only 1 Winner



CYBER SCHOOL :

On 1st December, 2023, Cyber School-Mastercard Uganda E-Learning Initiative donated 10 laptops to boost the University's virtue teaching.



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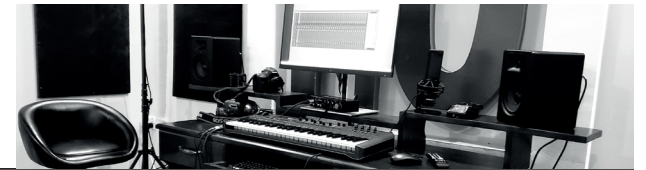


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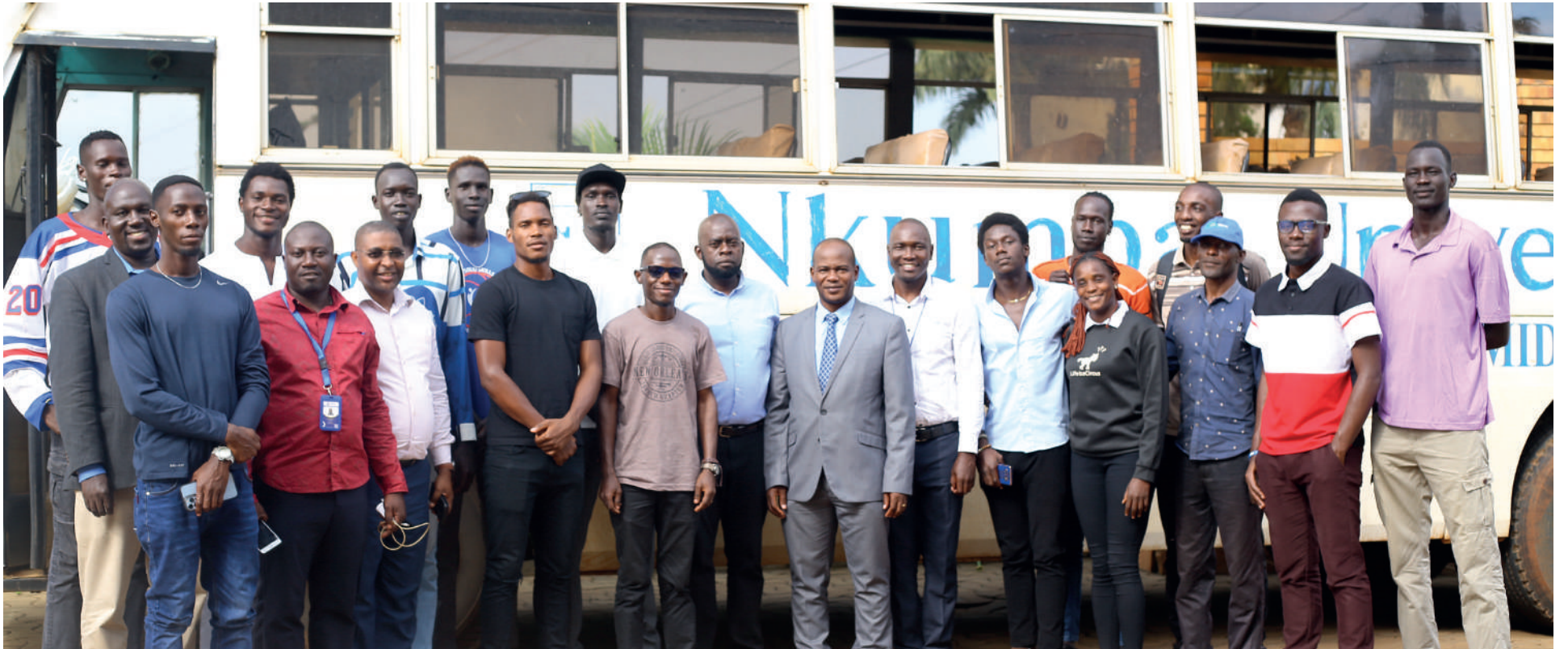
Cyber Schools Technologies, and Mastercard Foundation on 15th August, 2023 unveiled and handed over a cutting-edge e-learning content digitalization studio.



Nkumba University Fashion Galla
True attestation of "Clothes mean nothing until someone lives in them." - Marc Jacobs

Sports Connect

Vice-Chancellor Treats Nkumba Marines to a Luncheon



BY Denise Nalunkuuma

NKUMBA MARINES

Nkumba University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jude Lubega on Wednesday 15th November, 2023 hosted the University's basketball team-Nkumba Marines for a luncheon at Shaka Zulu Restaurant in Bwebajja-Entebbe road.

This was in celebration of the team's advancement to the 2023 Federation of Uganda Basketball Association (FUBA) Division 1 Semifinal.

Prof. Jude lauded the team for relentlessly carrying the University's flag high, "Thank you for the brand you have built for yourselves and the University." Said Professor Jude Lubega.

Prof. Jude further assured the team of unwavering support, "As management, we will give you all the necessary support."

Nkumba Marines' Captain, Mayep Majok Deng, expressed appreciation for the treat, "This is motivation for us to do even better, thank you very much." Said Mayep.

In his address, Head Coach Timothy Odeke commended the Vice Chancellor for his thoughtfulness, "Thank you, sir, for this gesture, as ambassadors of this great institution, we always play without relenting, our opponents know, if we are to win, we win with grace, and only lose with respect."

Speaking at the luncheon, Mr. Muyira Joseph, the sports tutor, acknowledged the team's consistency amidst challenges, "The team has faced numerous challenges, but they have been consistent no matter the hurdles. A treat like this shows how management is aware of their efforts, I hope we have more of the same."

Nkumba Marines trounced Falcons in both game 2 and game 3 of the best of 3 series to advance to the semifinals.

Marines would later tussle Livingstone for the best-of-3 series salvaging game 2 and losing out on game 3.

Livingstone had advanced to the semi-finals after completing a good sweep against the Tropical Royals and triumphed against Marines to clinch the finals.

On Saturday 25th November, 2023 Marines returned to the courts and secured 3rd place in this year's Federation of Uganda Basketball Association Division 1 championship following a 60-47 win against Victoria University's Crocs earning them selves a second runners-up pride.



Head Coach **Timothy Odeke**



V/C, Prof. Jude Lubega shares a light moment with some of the Basketball players while at Shaka Zulu Restaurant.

Nkumba University Qualifies For This Season's UFL Quarter Finals

Elliot Owen Ojambo

SPORTS CORNER

The Beach Boys earned a place to feature in this season's Pepsi University Football League (UFL) Quarterfinals after a 2-1 win against Gulu University, on 18th November 2023.

The day's first-half goals from Jamal Nseroko and Biko Bage were enough to earn Nkumba the maximum points on a return journey, completing a double win against Gulu University.

The win leaves the Beach Boys in second place with 13 points, just 2 behind group E log leader, St Lawrence University.

Nkumba University lost their first match in this season UFL campaign against arch-rivals, St. Lawrence University in what turned out to be a wake up call.



Photo by: **Lyadda Jonathan**

The quick fire 3-1 loss at Kavule would determine affairs moving forward as head Coach, Dr. Sulaiman Bbosa faulted a lack of coordination with new players struggling to find fit.

Dr. Bbosa made a number of tactical changes and returned to the second game in a much better shape trouncing Gulu University 4-0 at home.

The beach boys would later settle for

stalemate at kabalagala where they battled Hassan Waswa's leg hardened International University of East Africa (IUEA). Despite IUEA putting up a good first-half display, Nkumba out classed hosts in the second-half mastery with 70% possession but failed to find the back of the net. Goal machine, Mete Mamur only hit the post twice forcing a couple of saves from the IUEA goalkeeper.

Pepsi University Football League

Group E	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
St. Lawrence	6	5	0	1	+14	15
Nkumba	6	4	1	1	+7	13
Gulu	6	1	1	4	-9	4
IUEA	6	0	2	4	-12	2

A return leg saw host dim IUEA's chances of advancing to the quarter finals after a classic 2-0 win for the Beach Boys.

Mathematically, the beach boys had almost secured their spot in the knockout stages but they could go on to launch a sweet revenge against St. Lawrence in a stunning 3-1 win at home. To st Lawrence and headcoach David Nnon Ssozi, it was a shocker.

With this qualification, Nkumba is set to battle either MUBs, UCU or Uganda Martyrs University with hopes of advancing into the semifinals in what would mean going beyond last session's deadlock.

International Sports

A total of 12 teams have already qualified for the UEFA champions league knockout stages with one match to go.

Bayern Munich, Inter Milan, RB Leipzig, Manchester city, Real Madrid real sociedad atletico madrid Lazio, Borussia Dortmund, Barcelona and Arsenal and PSV Eindhoven are the teams that have already made it to the round of 16.

4 teams will be battling to fill the remaining 4 slots on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December 2023.

The draw for the round of 16 is set for December 18th .



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