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**Remembering the giant.** The memorial lecture was attended by different dignitaries from the military, academia, government, business among others. The event took place at Sheraton hotel Kampala. **FULL STORY P.2**



L-R: Prof John Mugisha, Lt. Col. Ronald Rubaale Adyeri, Gen Ivan Koreta, Dr Aziz Mlima and Prof Tarsis Prof Kabwegyere. Brig General Felix Kulayigye (centre), Mr David Rusa (5th right), Prof Mwambutsya Ndebesea (4th right), Mr David Mutabanura (3rd right) and Prof Paul Mugambi and his wife (Right). PHOTO BY MOSES SERUNJOGI



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**L-R:** Gen Ivan Koreta, Dr Aziz Mlima, Prof Tarsis Kabwegyere, Hon. Col. (Rtd) Amanyu Mushega, and Brig Gen Felix Kulayigye (3rd Right), and Prof John Mugisha (Right) pose for a picture after the memorial lecture at Sheraton hotel Kampala. PHOTO BY MOSES SERUNJOGI

BY JOANITA ATUHWERA

On November 29, Cavendish University Uganda (CUU) held the 2nd Benjamin Mkapa Memorial in memory of the late H.E Benjamin Mkapa who was the 2nd Chancellor of CUU. The theme of this second memorial lecture was “Diplomacy and Contemporary State Formation in Africa-The Role of Benjamin Mkapa in the Moshi Conference of 1979.” The lecture was attended by different dignitaries from the military, academia, government, business among others. The event took place at Sheraton hotel Kampala.

The guest of honor was Prof. Tarsis Kabwegyere the former Minister of General Duties, Office of the Prime Minister. Amb. Dr Aziz Ponary Mlima the Former Tanzania High Commissioner to Uganda and Personal Assistant to the late H.E. Benjamin Mkapa; Hon. Col. (Rtd) Amanyu Mushega Chairman of the Education Policy Review Commission were among the main invited guests.

H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan the current CUU Chancellor did not attend the event but he sent a representative whereas Her Excellency, Mama Anna Mkapa, Wife to the late H.E Mkapa attended the event virtually.

Over 100 guests attended physically as thousands attended online. The event was streamed live by Tanya Innovations Africa (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCIDGe5K8xw>).

In his message to the guests, H.E Goodluck Jonathan stated that H.E Mkapa was a distinguished politician and a role model to all those who joined politics and national governance.

“As we honor and remember the legacy of this remarkable individual, it is a session for us to reflect on the profound impact on the education and his commit-

ment to diplomacy that he had on our university and the global community,” H.E said in the statement read to the guests.

H.E Goodluck Jonathan also emphasizing that H.E Mkapa should not be remembered as only a leader but as a mentor whose wisdom and guidance continued to resonate within the lecture halls of Cavendish university and beyond; his legacy, serving as a beacon to aspire leaders, arguing the pursuit of service with dedication and humility.

“Let us not only celebrate his life. We should embrace the lessons he impacted through his words, actions striving for a world where education is a tool for empowerment, diplomacy fostering understanding, collaboration and where leadership is driven by a genuine desire to uplift others,” H.E Goodluck Jonathan said.

“As Cavendish community, with our esteemed friends and stakeholders, we gather today to pay tribute to the memory of a remarkable statesman, diplomat and former Chancellor of our university who we are proud to be associated with,” Prof John Francis Mugisha, the CUU Vice Chancellor said.

Prof Mugisha also said that H.E Benjamin Mkapa was not only a leader but a visionary leader who contributed to the political history of Tanzania and the African continent.

Prof Tarsis Kabwegyere the main speaker talked about the role of H.E Mkapa in the Moshi Conference of March 1979 that brought peace in many East African countries at the time when many of these countries were going through political turmoil.

“Over 44years ago, in late March 1979, a conference was convened in the northern Tanzanian town of Moshi or-

ganized by the government of Tanzania by the then president Julius Nyerere,” Prof. Kabwegyere recalled.

“Nyerere who was Tanzania’s president refused to recognize Idi Amin as the president of Uganda for using the wrong method to remove Obote,” Prof Kabwegyere said.

“If it was now, having cameras, I wish I had that record reproduced, only that I am now touching my memory to see how I can tell it all. By then Benjamin Mkapa was the minister of Foreign Affairs,” Prof Kabwegyere narrated.

“It took us three days to have the conference happen and in all these days Benjamin Mkapa was always coming providing consultation, until we finalized that only 30 groups are to be represented with 2 representatives,” Prof Kabwegyere further recalls.

Prof Kabwegyere described H.E Mkapa as a patient man. “Can we be remembered like we are remembering this man and be happy that we have him in our history which shaped a nation?” Prof Kabwegyere asked.

Her Excellence Mama Anna Mkapa who attended the memorial lecture virtually said: “Last year when I was there for the inaugural memorial lecture, I took note for your commitment of making it an annual event but frankly I wasn’t sure that it will happen.”

“As I speak to you today with immense gratitude, on behalf of the Mkapa family, I thank you for the sustainment of this event to honor my late husband in a manner that not only recognizes him as your former Chancellor but what he did in Tanzania and East Africa,” H.E Anna Mkapa said.

The memorial lecture had a panel which was skillfully moderated by Brig General Felix Kulayigye the Spokesperson of the Uganda People’s Defense

Forces. The panelists included, Prof. Mwambutsya Ndebesa a political analyst and lecturer at Makerere University, Mr David Rusa lecturer of Security Studies at Cavendish University Uganda, and Lt. Col. Ronald Rubaale Adyeri the Coordinator of Microfinance under Operation Wealth Creation, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

Prof Ndebesa said that the Moshi conference wasn’t a monopoly of ideas by forcing views on Ugandans rather it encouraged the Moshi spirit. “The Moshi spirit encouraged unity showing that people can resolve conflict through negotiations and not through the military,” Prof Ndebesa said.

Lt. Col. Rubaale while quoting H.E Benjamin Mkapa said: “Africa doesn’t lack leaders with a vision and mission, but leadership with a difference.” He also added that the Moshi conference achieved its immediate objective which was removing Idi Amin from power.

Mr Rusa said that during the Moshi conference, H.E Nyerere instructed the late H.E Mkapa the Foreign Affairs minister to do all that is possible and bring Ugandans together to resolve the political insurgency. “No country can liberate another country, it can only give a push,” Mr Rusa said.

Dr Mlima the Keynote speaker who worked closely with H.E Mkapa described him as the man who was the center of media and public diplomacy. During the Moshi conference, Dr Mlima quoted H.E Mkapa to have said: “We the United Republic of Tanzania don’t plan to take any Ugandan territory.”

Dr Mlima also said that Tanzania’s aim for the Moshi conference was deliberate to make sure that Ugandans are free, restoration of democracy, ensuring no dictatorship remained and making sure that no Ugandan becomes a refugee again.



# FIDA launches the Cavendish Students' Chapter



Prof Omolade Olomola the dean of the faculty of Law speaks after the launch of the FIDA Cavendish Students' Chapter as Mr Godfrey Ayeranga (3rd Right), Mr Echo Mugisha (2nd Right) and Ms Mariam Lawoko (Right) listen in. Left are representatives from FIDA Uganda. COURTESY PHOTO

BY JOANITA ATUHWERA

On November 24, The Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA) launched the FIDA Students' Chapter at Cavendish University Uganda (CUU). This took place at the Law faculty in Kamokya campus.

This was during the National Inter-university Gender and Human Rights Law Moot Court Competition organized by FIDA in conjunction with the International Association of Women Judges Uganda (IAWJ-U).

This competition, being the first of its kind was held in commemoration of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence under the theme, "Underscoring the State's Due Diligence: Obligation to End Violence Against Women and Girls."

Mr Godfrey Ayeranga, a lecturer and

moot coach at CUU said that the Chapter was launched as part of the wider collaboration areas emanating from the partnership between CUU and FIDA.

He adds that the Students' Chapter was launched to create a vibrant and inclusive platform for Law Students to enhance their understanding of FIDA-Uganda's objectives and values as well as providing a space for the cultivation and mobilization of human rights and access to justice initiatives.

It also seeks to enable students to learn more about the work of FIDA Uganda through engaging them in various activities of FIDA including lectures, webinars, as well as hands-on workshops and training on women's rights and gender justice.

"The Students' Chapter aims at enabling the students to engage with FIDA Uganda on issues related to human

rights and gender justice. It will also provide space for the cultivation and mobilization of human rights and access to justice initiatives, Mr Ayeranga said.

CUU had the 2nd best written memorial and Mr Sharif Sunday, a third-year student of Law emerged the 2nd best oralist. The other oralists were Ms Miriam Lawoko and Ms Brendah Biku.

"I am really proud of my students and I can say maybe we should have held more practice and training sessions before the competition to enable the students have a much more wider understanding of the focus areas so as to emerge the best," Mr Ayeranga said. This competition aimed at getting the participants to appreciate the importance of using a gendered and human rights-based approach to argue and adjudicate sexual and gender-based vio-

lence (SGBV).

The universities that participated were Cavendish University Uganda, Uganda Christian University, Makerere University and Kampala International University.

### About FIDA Uganda

The Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Uganda) is a membership-based feminist non-governmental organization (NGO) formed in 1974. It is a member of several networks at grassroots, national, regional and international levels. FIDA-Uganda's program focus is access to justice for vulnerable women and children, enhancing gender-responsive governance and women's effective participation in public life and women's socio-economic justice.

They use a feminist, human rights-based approach, to conduct advocacy, legal education, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), litigation, Strategic Interest Litigation (SIL) and provide a holistic response to the needs of women and children.

FIDA Uganda exercises her mandate through her work guided by three objectives including; enabling women in Uganda access quality and affordable legal services as a means to achieve human rights, gender equality and sustainable development; promoting social accountability, rule of law, and gender-responsive governance at local national and regional levels while promoting accountability for the enactment and implementation of legal and policy frameworks for women's socio-economic justice.





# Cavendish scoops the Henry Dunant award



Ms Gloria Nasijje, Mr Kamutono Paul and Ms Jade Nantaba pose with the Henry Dunant award in Arusha with one of the judges . COURTESY PHOTO

BY JOANITA ATUHWERA

On November 24, Cavendish University Uganda (CUU) won the Henry Dunant award as the team that showed congeniality and the spirit of Henry Dunant at the International Committee of the Red cross (ICRC).

This was the 22nd All Africa competition that took place in Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania from the 19th to 24th November. The competition was on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Henry Dunant is regarded as the founder of the Red Cross.

Ms. Gloria Nasijje one of the CUU Law students who represented CUU

The Cavendish team showcased the Dunant spirit which is the spirit of humanity throughout the competition and it is through this that the team got to win the award through a vote cast by other participating teams.

The law students that represented the university were Ms Gloria Nasijje, Mr Paul Kamutono and Ms Jade Nantaba Ggita.

The moot competition was organized as part of the ICRC’s mission to encourage a greater understanding of International Humanitarian Law and brought together teams of undergraduate students from nine English-speaking African countries who won at the national levels.

“Each country held national rounds and selected the winner who represented them in All African Moot competition 2023 and our team represented Uganda after knocking out Kampala International University in the national finals in September” Ms Nasijje said.

The nine universities that participated in the competition included Cavendish University Uganda, Kenyatta University, Nile University, Mogadishu University, University of Dar es Salam, Great Zimbabwe University, Arba Minch University, Starford University and the University of Rwanda.

The moot participants were assigned different tasks in a fictional yet realistic humanitarian crisis aiming to demonstrate their legal knowledge and exper-

tise in preparation for the challenges associated with working in related fields following their studies where Great University of Zimbabwe won the competition.

Mr Godfrey Ayeranga, a lecturer and moot coach at Cavendish University said that the award was crucial to the students participating and the university at large. “Winning the Henry Dunant Award is a true reflection and affirmation of how transformative and impact-

ful the university education offered at Cavendish University Uganda is. The students can harness and showcase their oratory and legal research skills that play a key role in winning moot court competitions,” said Ayeranga.

“The competition was amazing since it came with a lot of excitement and the experience of working together as a team and getting to understand our weaknesses while helping each other to overcome them,” Mr Kamutono said.

“I have acquired the confidence, getting to digest the law especially in marrying the law with negotiations to solve a problem and getting to meet real judges,” Mr Kamutono explained.

“The experience was satisfying because we put in so much and our efforts bore something,” Ms Nantaba recalls. Ms Nantaba also adds that moots have helped them boost their confidence, handle anxiety and stressful situations better, learn good oral skills and gain knowledge in certain areas of the law that wouldn’t have been exhaustively learnt in class.

About the Henry Dunant award

The Henry Dunant Award is named after Jean-Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross and the “father of IHL,” whose whole life was guided by a passionate devotion to the humanitarian cause as he took initiatives and carried out activities of the utmost generosity.

The Award is awarded to the team that best exemplifies the values of the ICRC, Red Crescent Movement and the founder of IHL, Henry Dunant, the first person awarded a Nobel Peace Prize.



( L-R) Ms Gloria Nasijje, Mr Paul Kamutono, Ms Jade Nantaba with their moot coach Mr Godfrey Ayeranga. Photo credit. FILE PHOTO





Contestants



Ms Samantha Keinembabazi (BBA)



Ms Losamo Kamulete (BBA)



Mr David Kiwumulo (BBA)



Ms Varoline Kemigisha (HEC)



Mr Abdirisak Sulaiman (HEC)

# New Mr, Miss Cavendish crowned

BY ELIZA JOHN

On December 1, Cavendish University Uganda organized the 'Mr and Miss Cavendish pageant.' This year's theme was, "Beauty and Talent in Diverse Culture." The event was held at Evervest Hall, Kabalagala. The event started at 5pm and it was by Mr Medard Nabaasa the dean of students, Hon Brian Aruho the guild president, members of the 15th guild cabinet, Cavendish University staff and the students.

The pageant attracted different contestants. For Miss Cavendish, the contestants were, Ms Sonia Bazatoha, Ms Fadamina Abdikadir Sidali, Ms Samantha Keinembabazi, and Ms Varoline Kemigisha. Others were Ms Joan Kisaakye, Ms Adellah Namagembe, and Ms Harlene Losamo Kamulete. For Mr Cavendish, there were three contestants; Mr David Kiwumulo, Mr Muhammad Jugulde Tahir and Mr Bolinda Wa Bolinda.

The pageant had professional judges, Ms Yvonne Abias Nabaasa, the Miss University Africa and Queen Sonia

Komugisha the 2020/21 Miss Tourism Uganda.

Dancing, singing, performing arts and acting among others were the different ways contestants showcased their talents.

They also showcased traditional attires during the culture and tradition session, innovation and creativity. To be able to test the contestants' critical thinking, they were asked various questions on which they were to be awarded.

Judge Nabaasa said that special awards were considered based on ideas, confidence, creativity, intelligence, modeling and presentation as criteria for choosing the top five contestants.

The awards included; 'Miss Talent' awarded to Ms Kemigisha, 'Mr Talent' went to Mr Bolinda, and Ms Losamo took the award of 'Miss Culture.' Furthermore, Mr Kiwumulo bagged the award of 'Mr Culture and Mr creativity,' whereas Ms Fadamina took the award of 'Miss Popularity and Congeniality,' Mr Muhammad took the

award of 'Mr Popularity and Congeniality,' and Ms Kisakye received the award of 'Miss Creativity.'

Three contestants were later selected to proceed to the final round of Miss Cavendish contest in which Ms Keinembabazi emerged as the second runner-up, Ms Bazatoha was the 1st runner-up and Ms Namagembe was crowned the winner of Miss Cavendish beauty contest 2023/2024.

For the Mr Cavendish contest, all the three contestants tussled it out to the final round. Mr Muhammad emerged second runner-up, Mr Kiwumulo was the first runner-up and Mr Bolinda emerged the winner of Mr Cavendish 2023/2024.

Overall, Ms Namagembe and Mr Bolinda received cheques of Shs 700,000 each among other items. Ms Bazatoha and Mr Kiwumulo the first runners-up received cheques of Shs 500,000 each; whereas Ms Keinembabazi and Mr Muhammad the second runners-up received cheques of Shs 300,000 each.



Mr Muhammad Jugulde (BIT)



Ms Fadamina Abdikadir (BJC)



Ms Sonia Bazatoha (BSC)



Ms Joan Kisaakye (HEC)



# Miss Cavendish speaks out after her win

On December 1, Cavendish University Uganda organized the Mr and Miss Cavendish pageant. This year's pageant was held at Everest Hall, Kabalagala attracting three male and seven female contestants.

This event is organized annually by CUU. One of its major aims is to showcase the confidence and talent of young women and men, emphasizing their role as ambassadors for positive change, elegance and a responsibility to reveal values of leadership.

Ms Adella Namagembe was crowned the overall winner of 2023-2024 Miss Cavendish. **Hope Khasalamwa** caught up with her and here are the excerpts of the interview.

**Please, briefly tell us about yourself**

My name is Adella Namagembe, a Ugandan student at Cavendish University Uganda in my first year, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass communication.

**If you are to paint a picture, how was the whole contest to you?**

The competition was really a great experience to me because I was able

to meet so many talented, inspiring individuals and amazing trainers. It also helped me get to know and understand my capabilities and weaknesses throughout this pageant where I was corrected by the trainers and even fellow colleagues.

I also managed to gain more capabilities, boost my confidence and improve on my public speaking. The challenges I faced were not all that crucial. But what I can say is that I enjoyed the whole process till the last day I was crowned as Miss Cavendish.

**What were some of your interest(s) in joining this contest?**

I have had a dream of becoming a role model to people so I used this as my chance. I was also inspired by friends who believed in me and the committee itself that gave us an opportunity to participate.

**As the new Miss Cavendish, what are some of your goals?**

To promote talent through conducting co-curricular activities like sports, boosting performing arts, innovation

and creativity of various students not forgetting doing acts of charity through donating to the less privi-

leged. I will also continue to strive for excellence and try hard to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

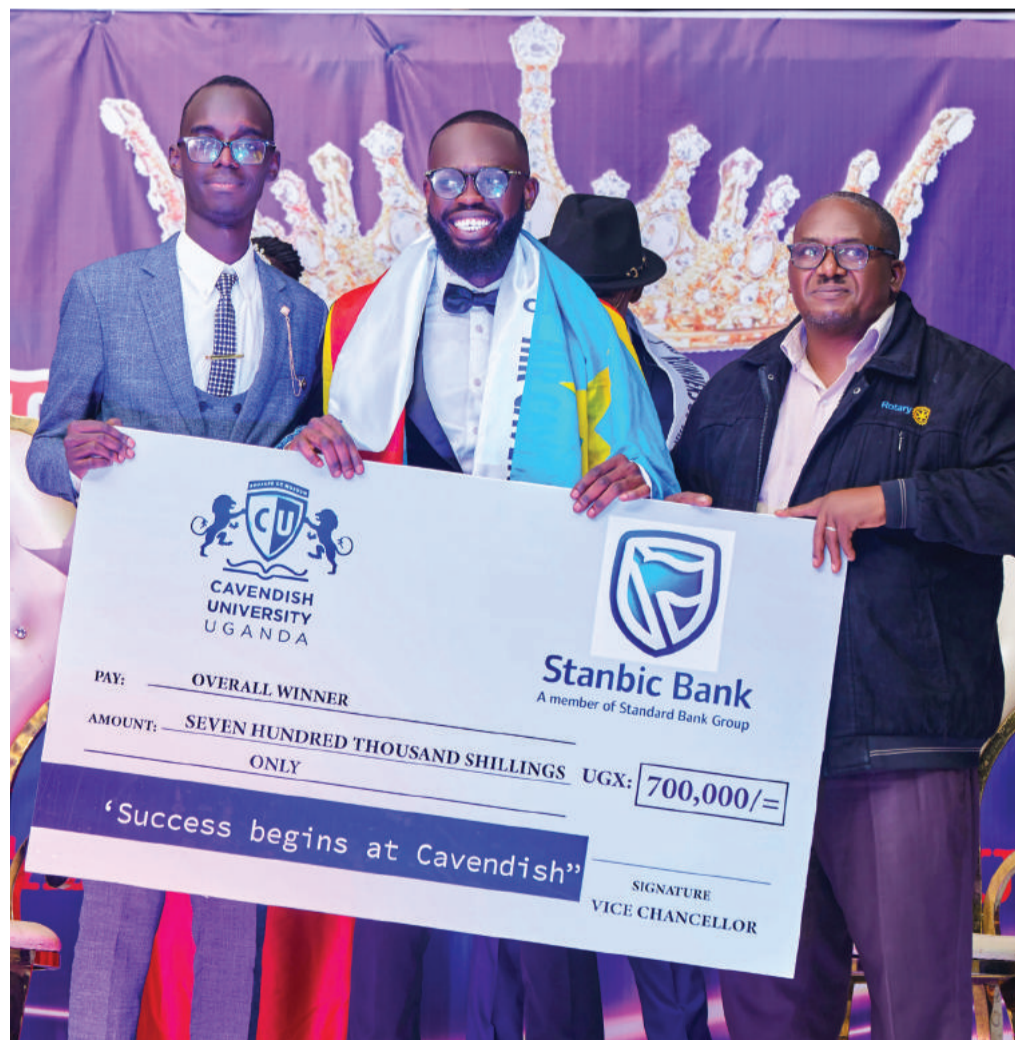
**What advice do you have for Cavendish students at large?**

To all my fellow Cavendish students, I encourage you to embrace your education, pursue your passions, and foster a supportive community among yourselves.



Miss Adella Namagembe after being crowned as Miss Cavendish. COURTESY PHOTO

# Mr Cavendish to make positive impact at campus



L-R: Hon Brian Aruho the CUU Guild President, Bolinda Wa Bolinda the new Mr Cavendish and Dean of students, Mr Medard Nabaasa. COURTESY PHOTO

BY NASHEEM NANTEGE

On December 1, Cavendish University Uganda organised the Mr and Miss Cavendish pageant. Three male students competed for the Mr Cavendish pageant.

It was a tight race in which the three participants demonstrated great interest in exposing their culture, diversity, creativity, talent and skills that would not only help them to win but also enable them to have value for their uniqueness. Mr Bolinda Wa Bolinda a Congolese second-year student pursuing a bachelor's degree of Information Technology managed to win the contest.

Asked on what motivated and inspired him to run for this position, Mr Bolinda said that he had the desire to promote unity and academic excellence through creation of a mutual relation with the students and Cavendish administration.

And also motivating every student to reach their full potential in employment and leadership.

"Through making a positive impact on campus as Mr Cavendish, I intend to foster a positive

campus environment by promoting open communication, organising inclusive events and advocating for initiatives that are to help enhance the overall well-being of our community as a whole," said Mr Bolinda.

He also adds that his plan for the entire student body is to engage and represent their interests by actively seeking their probable input, hosting forums for effective day-to-day discussions and ensuring representation that truly reflects the richness of the student body intellectually.

"Collaboration with existing University programs and organizations is crucial and I intend to work closely with them in identifying opportunities for synergy and leveraging collective efforts to enhance the impact of Mr Cavendish's role and position in contributing to the university," Mr Bolinda added.

He, however, expressed his gratitude to the students' body and the entire Cavendish University fraternity for being entrusted with the position of Mr Cavendish 2023.





Arrival and Registration



Dr Olive Sabiiti, MC of the day



A salute for the late H.E Benjamin Mkapa



Mr David Mutabanura



Chief Guest; Prof. Tarsis Kabwegyere



Some of the Cavendish University staff that were present for the memorial lecture



Panelist; Prof Mwambutsya Ndebesa



Moderator of the panel; Brig Felix Kulayigye



Panelist; Lt Col Ronald Rubaale Adyeri



A photo moment of invited guests. This was after the memorial lecture at Sheraton hotel Kampala.



Mr David Mutabanura talks to some guests



Brig Gen Kulayigye with Prof Kabwegyere



A photo moment with the chief Guest



The team from Tanzanian High Commission was well represented



Lt Col Ronald Rubaale and Mr Richard Watenyera





# Jimmy Mzee: the student who raises tuition through dog training



Mr Jimmy Mzee, the dog trainer at CITI. FILE PHOTO

BY JOANITA ATUHWERA

Jimmy Cyril Mzee is a dog trainer at Dog Command for Instruction and Training Intelligence (CITI) who has to work and study at the same time, reason being this is where he gets his tuition and living expenses. Jimmy is from Kenya and he is in his third year pursuing a bachelor's degree of Jour-

nalism and Mass Communication at Cavendish University Uganda. CITI is his own company but since he does not have enough staff, he has to do much of the work by himself.

He says that his business started five years ago with one dog. He now has more female dogs.

The main reason he has female dogs is for sustainability of the business. "If you are to sell dogs, you will have to

depend on selling puppies," he says.

Being one of the universities in Uganda that encourage blended learning, Cavendish university enables Jimmy to balance work and lectures. This makes CUU the most convenient university especially the working class because of the flexibility of studying both physically and online.

"Blended type of learning helps me a lot since my business requires me to be around my workplace much of the time," Jimmy says.

He says that most dog owners prefer male dogs for their intimidation character especially for security purposes and he adds that male dogs can easily be got since he always needs them when it comes to the mating season.

"Back home in Kenya, we pay for mating. So, when one has females, males aren't that hard to find especially since he only deals with breeding pure breeds," he says.

"When you have a pure breed, you get to eliminate the element of confusion. Mixed breeds can be hard to handle. It may have the character of female and male for instance the likes of a Dutch shepherd that's aggressive," Jimmy narrates.

Dogs like Belgium shepherd and the Dutch shepherd are very aggressive, not every owner can handle them, he warns.

"These breeds bite on everything. If you put them in the house, they may bite your cushions, shoes as compared to Germany or black shepherds which are more relaxed," he further warns.

Jimmy breeds the sheep dogs a term used for shepherds, like Dutch shepherd, German shepherd, Belgium shepherd and black shepherd as for now.

Types of training that Jimmy offers

"We have basic obedience, the very first type of training. Secondly, we go for guarding aggression, socialization which means the dog is being trained to

attack anyone who has brought a threat to the owner," Jimmy explains.

"We have controlled aggression where you control the dog by word of mouth, let's say you can command it to stop. Then we have poison escape, here you train the dog not to eat poison; then lastly, we have agility where the dog is trained to jump, pass through a tunnel without fear," Jimmy further explained.

Asked where he learnt most of these skills, Jimmy said that he trained from YouTube and because he loves dogs.

"Mine is passion driven but also, I have to accept I was a terrified boy while growing up. Whenever we went in the village for holidays back in Kenya, I used to be afraid of the dark and with the dog around, I could feel safe," he recalls.

Charges for training

For the training prices, he says that they will always vary depending on the training he is giving and the dog he is selling. "At the start, before COVID 19, I used to charge Shs 500,000 then I went to Shs 1,000,000. But after COVID 19, things changed and I started charging Shs 800,000.

"My clients kept complaining that the Shs 1 million wasn't reasonable compared to the economic standards so, I had to tow down," he said. Jimmy trains dogs for six weeks but the trainings are not daily, they are weekly.

Besides training, Jimmy also does dog consultations in which he charges Shs 40,000 for an hour though this is not a fixed charge.

Jimmy sells his two months old puppies at Shs 1 million since they are pure breeds. He vaccinates the puppies before selling them and he issues vaccination cards to his clients once they buy the dogs.

Jimmy plans to start a podcast in the near future to create a platform to educate people about dogs, how they have a right to feed properly with water on the side among others.

