

MUT's Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme Public lecture insightful



It was quite befitting that the second public lecture held at Seme Hall be on the man the hall is named after. Delivered by Dr Moss Mashamaite, the author of a book titled “The second coming, the life and times of Pixley ka Isaka Seme”, the public lecture was hailed by many as ‘speaking truth to power’. Highlighting the fact that the history of Dr Pixley ka Seme was ‘untold’, Mashamaite reassured the audience that he had dug deep as far as the Columbia University (New York) and the University of Cambridge (UK) where Dr Seme studied.

Addressing the audience made up of academics, students and members of the Seme family, Dr Mashamaite mentioned five lessons that could be learned from Dr Seme the man. “He taught us to disregard circumstances and forge ahead; to disregard age and know we are never too young or too old to change the world; to disregard vilification and to cherish unity; that although we may be many tribes, we are but one Africa; thus being at the forefront of Pan-Africanism.” Public lectures are exactly meant to educate, inform and to be a call to action. Dr Mashamaite’s call to action for MUT was to start having a Seme Day, just like the Columbia University marks his regeneration of Africa speech.

One thing which the University has also begun to do is to host a mini-exhibition in honour of the hero. In this case, an upscale gallery was put together and the University is tentatively assigning some space to make these galleries a continuity.

