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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the second edition of THE EDGE for 2014. It is wonderful to have so many students added as new contributors to the magazine: however we are still urging other students to write to us about issues or views they would like to share on this platform. We are now looking for a new food editor as our former editor, Nompumelelo Ndlovu, is moving to greener pastures and we at THE EDGE wish her all the best in her future endeavours. With sports (The World Cup Soccer) still fresh on everyone's mind, it is only apt that we feature two of DUT's rising sports stars. They have managed to maintain good sporting ethics, as well as a sterling academic record. Third-year Sports Management student and avid golfer, Tyrone Rudolph, a top student for the past two years in a row, aims to complete his course cum laude this year. The dynamic and charismatic golfer even finds time to tutor other students at DUT, something he is very proud to have accomplished through his hard work and determination.

As the saying goes, dynamite comes in small packages and this is clearly the case of pint-sized Lungi Khwela, who eats, sleeps and breathes cricket. She is currently part of the prestigious KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Women's cricket team (Dolphins), and cannot wait to finish her course at DUT and continue her career in cricket.

A wonderful development at DUT is the newly-formed online-based radio station. The diverse, vibrant radio station seeks to empower students before, during and after their academic life. So, students do tune in to RadioDUT, which is now LIVE from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday.

If you are techno savvy, read our new technology page which gives an insight into the latest apps. You can also read about Microsoft's student of the year, Pivendren Naik's take on music piracy. Also, enter our exciting new competitions which are featured in the magazine. We look forward to hearing your views on the magazine. Send them to: waheedap@dut.ac.za. You can also like the Durban University of Technology on Facebook or go to the DUT website (www.dut.ac.za) and click on the Facebook link. This will lead you to the DUT page. We welcome any feedback concerning the magazine. Until the next time, have a happy read!

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# TALKING TO ELANIE BOTHA THIRD YEAR: INTERIOR DESIGN

PHILISWA XULU



#### Q: Why did you choose to study at DUT?

A: Well, I attended a college in Potchefstroom and, because it was only for a two year Diploma, there was no chance of obtaining a degree course so I opted for DUT.

#### Q: Was interior design your first choice?

A: Yes, I guess my dad has technical experience, I have inherited his passion for drawing so I chose this course.

#### Q: Is there anybody in your family who is an interior designer?

A: No, I just loved it from a very young age, there is so much colour and texture involved, it fascinated me.

#### Q: What is interior design in actual fact?

A: Interior Design is an integral part of the building process. One has to consult with everyone and a classic example is drawing the floor plan. It entails dealing with all the technical things. In essence, one has to ensure that everything goes according to the design given.

#### Q: So you don't just set the furniture?

A: No, anybody can decorate a house that is a home stylist. This is more specific.

#### Q: As an Interior designer what personal traits should one possess?

A: You work with people on a daily basis so people skills are a must. You have to be creative and logical at the same time. Also, you must be able to draw as you use your hand to draw a lot.

#### Q: Which is the best place to start as a designer?

A: Cape Town, the people who live there love being in touch with the latest trends and they are not afraid to spend money. They love the finer things in life and designers don't come cheap. So Cape Town is going to be the place where I kick off my career.

#### Q: Do you come up with your own designs?

A: Most of the time yes, but I look at the latest trends in South Africa and around the world. I always have to be clued up on international trends; see what is in. As a designer, the onus is on me to be able to come up with something different and, of course, exciting concepts.

#### Q: What advice would you give to a student who wants to study Interior Design?

A: You have to be creative, passionate about what you do, be a people's person and definitely be able to draw.

## IF YOU HAVE 'THE EDGE', WE WANT YOU!

THE Edge is looking for students who will contribute towards writing articles, photography, as well as review the latest technology gadgets. If you want to join the team, contact Waheeda Peters, Communications Officer on waheedap@dut.ac.za or visit the office on the Steve Biko Campus, Gate 1, Botanic Mansions Building, Division of Corporate Affairs, First Floor.



# CLIFTON WINS F1 CHALLENGE WITH DUT HELP

WAHEEDA PETERS



Team Honey Badger are the champions of the The F1 in Schools Technology Challenge 2014.

CLIFTON COLLEGE PUPILS WERE ALL SMILES AS THEIR TEAM COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S TOP GEAR FESTIVAL'S LEGACY PROJECT - THE F1 IN SCHOOLS CHALLENGE 2014, WERE CROWNED CHAMPIONS, AT THE FINALS. THE EVENT WAS HELD AT SUNCOAST CASINO AND ENTERTAINMENT WORLD ON SATURDAY (17 MAY 2014).

The team aptly called Team Honey Badger, raced their prototype race car down the 20-metre track, winning in a time of 1,1278 secs at the F1 in Schools Technology Challenge 2014; a competition where 12 teams of students designed and created their prototype F1 car of the future with the support of Top Gear Festival Legacy Unit and Durban University of Technology - Faculty of Engineering.

The F1 in Schools Challenge is a collaborative initiative between Top Gear Festival Legacy Unit Durban, DUT, Sangari SA, Autodesk and Modena. The exciting project which was piloted last year, is about encouraging high school pupils to pursue careers in engineering, science and technology - fields which are the backbone of any economy. Maths and science therefore play an integral role for pupils who participate in this competition.

In this year's Challenge, school teams from Clifton College, Crossmoor Secondary School, Durban Girls' College, Eden College, George Campbell Technical School, Inkosi Umdibaniso Comprehensive High School, Open Air School, Phoenix Technical School, Sivananda Technical School and Umlazi Comtech battled it out at the finals.

The 12 participating teams were mentored by the academic staff and Mr Mohammad Bux, an Industrial Engineering student, from the University's Industrial Engineering Department; familiarising them with CAD and CAM, the design and manufacturing computer software being used to create the 21cm miniature versions of the F1 race car of the future. The Department of Transport supported the initiative by sponsoring each team with a race kit that which included four black fusion wheels and axels, sandpaper, screw eyes and the vital block of balsa wood.

Since the F1 competition started last year, the sport was dominated by males. The top two teams were: first place-Team Honey Badger (Clifton College) and in second place-Team Torc (George Campbell Technical School). However, this year's competition introduced female teams. Durban Girls College's Team Alpha broke gender barriers and came third in the competition. One of the team members, Christella Muligande, said the day was not about winning. She said that for her it was about girls being part of the competition, which she described as a mission.

"I am also extremely happy with the calibre of prototypes produced by the pupils, a job well done to each and every team member who participated. All the teams worked really hard with their cars and hopefully it will continue. I would also like to give special thanks to members of my staff namely Mahendra Herelall, Kershni Dhavraj, Themba Shabane, Hester Jackson and S4 student Mohammad Bux for their unwavering support and assistance throughout this competition," said Acting Head of Department Andrew Naicker.

Top Gear Festival Legacy Initiative Project Manager, Anna Sacks, said, "The standard of the cars was excellent and you can see the amount of work that has gone into the designs."

The teams were judged on a number of criteria and awards went to schools for; Best Engineered Car-Team Velox (Crossmoor Secondary School), Best Verbal Presentation-Team Torc-(George Campbell Technical School), Best Portfolio and Pit Display-Team Honey Badger (Clifton College), Best Team Marketing and Sponsorship-Team Alpha-(Durban Girls College), Fastest Car and Overall Winner of the Challenge-Team Honey Badger (Clifton College).

All teams exhibited at the Top Gear Festival on June 21 and 22, 2014. Festival-goers were able to see the miniature cars race as well as the teams' pit displays and portfolios.

## FUTURE TEACHERS GET IN THE 'E-LEARNING ZONE'

URSULA VOOGHT



Siyabonga Ngwane and Bhekisisa Mthembu

**OUR FUTURE TEACHERS ARE BENEFITING FROM THE HUGE EXPANSION OF E-LEARNING AT THE PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUSES. THE BLACKBOARD CLASSROOM, ALSO CALLED THE THINK LEARN ZONE, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY, AND NATURAL SCIENCE PROGRAMMES. ALMOST 1000 BED STUDENTS ARE NOW USING THE ZONE, RESULTING IN 4060 BLACKBOARD REGISTRATIONS.**

BEd Technology student Siyabonga Ngwane and BEd Economic and Management Sciences student Bhekisisa Mthembu are amongst those who have felt the benefits of the Zone.

Bheki says: "It's very helpful. I can access print outs that were handed out in class and course notes online. I've also used it to submit my assignments and done some tests online. It makes my life easier."

Siyabonga echoes this. "If for some reason a student is working elsewhere and cannot be at a class they can access class materials online. They don't fall behind."

Ben Tarr, BEd lecturer, describes how he uses Blackboard to make better use of time in class.

"I get many questions sent to me from students via the Zone. If lots of students are asking similar questions I use this as guidance for what needs to be covered in the lectures."

Ben also requires students to send in their assignments to the Zone, allowing him to make comments electronically on the text which students can then immediately access. Facilitating communication between lecturer and student is for him one of the biggest benefits of the Blackboard classroom.

Bheki echoes this: "What I also like is that we can ask questions via Blackboard even when the school is closed. It is a 24 hour thing. We can also pick up messages that our lecturers have sent even when they are not available."

Using the Zone has, however, required some orientation from students. Among the hiccups have been assignments submitted under someone else's name by accident and even rude emails sent out to large groups of people that the identified 'sender' never wrote."

It's happened, they've seen the proof and felt the embarrassment," jokes Ben Tarr. "Students now know - log out when you're done and don't let someone else hijack your profile!"

Bheki and Siyabonga can't wait until the Zone is available for all classes. Siyabonga says, "It would be best if all classes could subscribe to Blackboard and post materials online. That way students won't miss out on any part of their education." They would also like to be able to use their phones to access the Zone and were interested to discover that DUT is in the process of designing a DUT App which will allow better access to the Zone, as well as other DUT information.



# TYRONE TEES-OFF TO SUCCESS

WAHEEDA PETERS



Tyrone Rudolph plays at least two golf tournaments a year.

**EXCELLING IN HIS STUDIES AND BEING ABLE TO PLAY GOLF IS WHAT MAKES 21-YEAR-OLD TYRONE RUDOLPH TICK. HAVING BEING A TOP STUDENT TWO YEARS IN A ROW, THE THIRD-YEAR SPORTS MANAGEMENT AIMS TO COMPLETE HIS COURSE CUM LAUDE. BESIDES HIS HECTIC ACADEMIC AND SPORTS SCHEDULE, THE DYNAMIC AND CHARISMATIC GOLFER EVEN FINDS TIME TO TUTOR OTHER STUDENTS AT DUT, SOMETHING HE IS VERY PROUD TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH HIS HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION.**

Travelling with his family to Qatar, Malaysia and Swaziland was wonderful but playing golf is what makes Tyrone the happiest. Tyrone is part of the KwaZulu-Natal Golf Union and plays for the Kloof Country Club - A Side League and thoroughly enjoys league competitions. He says that anyone can get into golf as it is a social sport which many people around the world enjoy. His dad and brother introduced him to the game, after watching both of them play with their golf sticks and ball he decided to give it a 'putt'.

“To me, golf is a game of passion, respect and patience. In order to play well, you need to have fun and enjoy every moment that is given whilst playing the game. Golf is a game of ethics, manners and learning about your own character. I also keep it light-hearted as many of my friends know I am so much fun on the course,” said Tyrone.

Having completed his matric in 2010 at Thomas Moore College, Tyrone wanted to pursue a degree in Sports Management but he didn't have enough academic points. Not excepting defeat, Tyrone redid his IEB exams in Mathematics and Science, improving his mark and aggregate. He then opted to study at DUT, a choice he is very proud of now.

“In my first year at DUT, my attitude was to not party but to study hard. I carried on persevering and achieving an aggregate of 87% with four distinctions. I was awarded as top academic student. So even in my second year I got four distinctions, achieving an 89% pass. It's just so good to achieve, from where I was to where I am now, academically, it's a feeling which I hope to instil in other students through my tutoring.

Tyrone has been playing golf for seven years now and explains the sport. He indicated that Golf is a precision club and ball sport in which competing players (or golfers) can use many types of clubs to hit balls into a series of holes on a course using the fewest number of strokes.

He added that he game is played on a course, in general consisting of an arranged progression of either nine or 18 holes. Each hole on the course must contain a tee box to start from, and a putting green containing the actual hole. Tyrone stressed that a golf competition is generally played for the lowest number of strokes by an individual, known simply as stroke play, or the lowest score on the most individual holes during a complete round by an individual or team, known as match play. Stroke play is the most commonly seen format at virtually all levels of play.

For Tyrone becoming a professional golfer requires more dedication and practise. “At the moment my handicap is three so I hope to become professional in time to come. You obviously need to be dedicated and put in the hours as well. If time allows, I practice for 3 to 4 hours a day (I also dedicate an hour or two in the gym). On average I practise three times a week. What you put in is what you get out. Or simply as quoted by one of the greatest South African golf players, Gary Player “the more you practise, the luckier you get,” he said.

For Tyrone, juggling studying and golf is done in balance. On average he plays two tournaments a year. He added that an average golfer and those wanting to improve their golf game, definitely needed two to three hours per week - when time and work allows), a day to practise. Since golf is something that is a family sport, his dad also organises golfing events in KwaZulu-Natal such as the annual golf Pro-Am in the Drakensberg.

“Many professional golfers come along to this event and it gives me an opportunity to participate. This year I came 13th so I do need to practise harder for next years' tournament,” he chuckled.

Besides playing golf, Tyrone loves running, cricket and also enjoys spending quality time with his family.

“In golf, your equipment is very important – ranging from your golf clubs to your apparel. Hey, you got to look funky too while you at it. With regards to your golf clubs, you are allowed a maximum of 14 clubs in your bag (driver, 3-woods, putter, irons and chipping irons). There are two parts to golf, the short game and long game. Personally, although both are of importance, I find that the short game is an area of importance that distinguishes a great golfer. If a person focuses on this game, they can surely see their game improving, with practice of course,” he added.

With the great atmosphere of students and with the dedication of the staff - he has enjoyed every year that has passed by whilst studying for his National Diploma in Sport Management.

Recently Tyrone has applied for the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary which entails learning more about leadership, and community involvement.

“As I am in my final year of studies, I do plan to study further and also work as well. I am a very hard worker and dedicated myself fully to my academics and golf. The road to becoming a professional golfer like Ernie Els or Tiger Woods is a long one and one I do hope I will also achieve in time to come,” said Tyrone.

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# LUNGI SPINS HER WAY TO THE TOP

WAHEEDA PETERS



Pint-sized Lungi Khwela eats, breathes and sleeps cricket.

**AT THE AGE OF SIX, WHEN YOU FIND YOUNG GIRLS PLAYING WITH DOLLS, NTOMBIYOKUTHULA KHWELA WAS THE OPPOSITE. SHE WAS HAPPIEST WHEN SHE WAS PLAYING ON THE GROUNDS, RUNNING, CLOTHING COVERED WITH DUST, SPORTING BRUISES, YET THIS IS WHAT GAVE HER THE MOST PLEASURE: PLAYING WITH HER CRICKET BAT AND BALL.**

As the saying goes, dynamite comes in small packages and this is clearly the case of pint-sized Ntombiyokuthula aka Lungi, who eats, sleeps and breathes cricket. She has been playing professional cricket since the age of 11 years. The third-year Sports Management student, who is currently part of the prestigious KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Women's cricket team (Dolphins), cannot wait to finish her course at DUT and continue her career in cricket.

The 21-year-old specialist medium left-arm spin bowler did not initially start off as a bowler but when she was given the opportunity to be a bowler she started really enjoying the game of cricket. "I could see I was adding pressure to the opposition players. I realised this was a God given talent. For a left-arm spin bowler, it is difficult but it's all about how you pitch the ball. I am not like any other player, my motto is that as much as I am scared I am the one in control of the game and no one can take that away from me," she said.

Lungi first realised her love for cricket from the tender age of six. During her schooling years at Botate Primary School, KwaNdengezi Township (her home town), here, she was part of the schools' mini cricket team which excelled due to her performance in the team.

"Coming from a very poor family, I first went along to the mini-cricket to obtain food, little did I know I would end up loving the sport, so in a way getting food and loving the game was a double bonus for me," chuckled Lungi.

She continues to give her very best while playing cricket, always determined to take on big challenges in the sport. Her talent was recognised by Ronnie Moodley and the late Rodney Govender. After proving she had talent and passion for the game, Lungi was given the honour of being captain for the U13 boys' team in 2003 in Grade 6. She proved that she could handle the pressure of being in a boy's team.

"I believe if children are given the opportunity and the right training in this sport, they can excel. Some have showed so much potential. I believe kids should be kids and what better way to ensure that then through sports. Also, a healthy mind goes with a healthy body, so it keeps many kids away from the streets, away from drugs and alcohol, to name but a few," she said.

In 2005 she was selected to represent Ndengetho High School in KwaZulu-Natal High Schools Cricket. In 2006 she introduced cricket in her home town. Her great work and confidence helped many boys and girls to develop their skills in cricket. Many cricket players who listened and followed her advice and techniques are now playing in the Elite Squad for U13, U15, and U19.

In 2008 when the Sunfoil Township Development Programme started, she joined and proving she was a talent to be reckoned with, she became a player for the U19 boys' team. She was the only girl who was brave enough to put fear into the hearts of the toughest opponents. Besides

playing cricket she is a firm believer in mentorship and was coach for the whole KwaNdengezi cricket club that consists of four teams. She led the teams with great confidence, flair and unpredictability on the field.

In between her hectic cricket schedule, Lungi enrolled at DUT after hearing that the institution has many sports activities on campus. She realised that the Sports Management course was her only choice as it entailed sports psychology as one of her subjects.

"I have many local fans at DUT and many of the lecturers always ask me when I am playing, so that they can come watch me play, with my short-hand bat," she laughed.

Lungi is now fortunate enough to be playing cricket, side by side with the most knowledgeable and most talented South African cricket female players such as Denisha Devnarain, who is in her current team, which she is extremely proud of. Her memorable experience has been meeting new people, travelling Overseas to India and of course playing with the great Hashim Amla, who has been very helpful in nurturing her in skills she needed to better her game.

"If you are preparing for a season, you need to prepare at least two months ahead. I usually train for 2,5 hours, running, doing push-ups and stretching. It helps me to also psych up my mind for the game as my concentration is vital. Training is instrumental, as well as being disciplined in following a strict diet, and having a regular routine helps keep me on track," said Lungi.

For Lungi, having a female cricket team on campus is something she hopes will develop.

"I hope that DUT will have a women's cricket team in time to come, as there are women's soccer, women's netball and athletics sporting codes, so let's hope DUT comes up with the infrastructure. I am sure many female DUT students will be keen to get involved. My advice to fellow female students who wish to embark in a sporting career, is to not be afraid, to be an opportunist, it will create opportunities. If you are born to be a sports woman then go for it," she stressed.

Lungi continues to make strides in the field of cricket, winning many trophies and accolades. She does not know where her next sporting journey may take her, but in the meantime she hopes to be an ambassador of the sport and continue to inspire youngsters to be the best they can be.

Having the right gear for the game is vital in the sport of cricket.





# RADIO DUT SETS OUT TO BE THE BEST IN AFRICA

THOBELE NZAMA



THE NEWLY-FORMED, APOLITICAL DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY'S CAMPUS AND ONLINE-BASED RADIO STATION, RADIO DUT HAS ITS HOPES FOR THE FUTURE PINNED ON HIGH STANDARDS. THE DIVERSE, VIBRANT RADIO STATION SEEKS TO EMPOWER STUDENTS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THEIR ACADEMIC LIFE.

The station had a worldwide 'soft launch' on 2 June 2014 at all DUT campus cafeterias in conjunction with being online.

In achieving this, station manager, Sibusiso Nxumalo, explained the steps that the radio station will take.

"I think this is going to be the biggest online radio station – that is what our goal is. My main objective is to have objectivity for each and every show. At the end of the day you must have learnt something whether it's social or academic. From there on, we will be the best in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and then Africa and I don't think that that vision is too big."

The creation of the radio station, according to Nxumalo, ties in with the university's digital migration strategy plan to create something that will allow DUT to move into that phase.

"We are online simply because DUT is headed in that direction and if you don't go online nowadays you will be left out. This is how RadioDUT comes in in this regard," said Nxumalo.

The radio station's key principle is to focus on being different from existing radio stations, choosing a focus dedicated more to relevant content that not just the student but the everyday person too may benefit from.

"Our community is DUT but of course, we do extend ourselves to the rest of the world. We want to provide relevant content because when you look at DUT, it is filled

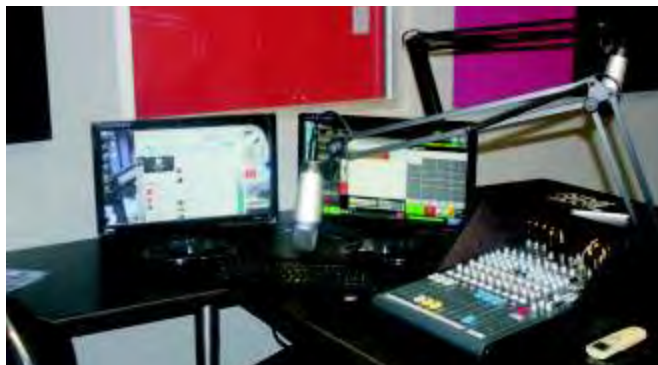
with young and energetic students who want to know what is happening around the world and in their community," he explained.

Citing the positives of the station being online based, Nxumalo said: "And if you are working somewhere and you want to listen in, it allows you to do that."

The station's programme features an exciting line-up, starting with a dynamic breakfast show from 9am to 11am. The show allows listeners to call through and talk about issues that



Station manager, Sibusiso Nxumalo, is confident RadioDUT is going to be the biggest online radio station.



The studio of the newly-formed RadioDUT.

happened on the weekend. It is also a show about women but from a male perspective of women's issues, Things such as women's challenges and everyone being equal. The Afternoon Drive show is from 3pm to 5pm. In between you have your news bulletins, so students will be kept abreast of local and international news.

DUT RadioDUT presenter Nelson Nzama says the station is a brand and not just an institutional radio station.

"I think RadioDUT is going to make a great impact, we are going to be the voice of the students which they can relate to," he said.

The station will have an official launch in coming months.

**So students tune in to radioDUT which is now LIVE from 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday.**

Go to: Web link: [www.radiodut.co.za](http://www.radiodut.co.za)

Facebook: radiodut

Twitter: @radiodut

Instagram: @officialradiodut

**So go on, experience the true sound of radioDUT, the soundtrack to your life!**



The 'dream team' behind RadioDUT.



# VOX POP - WHAT ARE YOUR LONG TERM GOALS ONCE UNIVERSITY IS OVER?

THE EDGE REPORTER **M-AFRIKA BATYI** WENT OUT TO THE FIELD TO CHAT TO SOME STUDENTS REGARDING THEIR COURSES AND THEIR LONG TERM GOALS.



**Sihle Makhwana**, 1st year Journalism

"I consider my course to be about informing the public rather than personalising it. I will be their voice providing them with economical and social information. I will therefore aim to be the voice of the public."



**Ntlakanipho Buthelezi**, 1st year Information Technology

"Gadgets interest me. I aim on working on improving the world and its operations which are my main goals when I do leave university. I also intend on improving the world through technology as this is the way of the world."



**Nontsikelelo Mhlongo**, 1st year Photography

"I chose to speak my mind through still images, moments that are and shall never be again. I am driven by both by skill and passion and I know that once I am done with my course I will pursue my choice of career and make it happen."



**Nikhael Chetty**, 1st year Journalism

"Journalism is not opiniated, rather its about providing actual facts. My intention is to make a difference in society through writing about social causes."



**Edward Freer**, 3rd Year Graphic Design

"I love to express my views through my art work. After I have completed my course at DUT I am aiming to become a cartoonist. Animation is my passion so its going to be fun work to do."



**Kerisha Pillay**, 1st year Consumer Sciences

"I'm studying Consumer Sciences so that I can become a food nutritionist and work for the government. I want to help stop starvation in South Africa and the deaths of children through malnutrition. I want to help those families who live below the poverty line and look at solutions to this problem. I am grateful I am studying a course which will enable me to follow my dreams and help people in time to come."

**"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going."**  
Earl Nightingale



# WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE KIDNAPPING OF NIGERIAN SCHOOLGIRLS BY BOKO HARAM?

NOMVULA SIKAKANE VOICES HER OPINION ON THE MATTER.

**SOLIDARITY #BRINGBACKOURGIRLS**



RECENT SOLIDARITY MARCHES HAVE RE-AWAKENED AND RESTORED MY PRIDE AND FORTUNE FOR BEING AN AFRICAN AND MOSTLY A SOUTH AFRICAN. THE BRING BACK OUR GIRLS CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS BECOME A GLOBAL OUTCRY IS A SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN, DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE NIGERIAN SCHOOLGIRLS THAT WERE ABDUCTED FROM THEIR SCHOOL IN CHIBOKO IN APRIL 2014.

This campaign has given the meaning of solidarity, the spirit of Ubuntu. It is not just South Africans but it is Africa and the world at large. The ongoing campaign #bringbackourgirls has created a global uproar as the world stands in solidarity in search of the 267 girls that were abducted in North East Nigeria by a group called Boko Haram.

Different groups of people have been demonstrating in the streets of South Africa, showing solidarity with Nigeria but have failed to be in solidarity with each other. Call me old school but there is strength in numbers.

A 23-year-old Nigerian pop singer Adokiye has even offered her virginity to Boko Haram in exchange for the missing girls. She caused a social media storm and her comments received a

mixed reaction via social media. Some fans praised her offer as “brave” and branded her a “hero”. Her apparent sacrifice comes after news that a further 91 people (girls, boys and women) are suspected to have been abducted by Boko Haram from villages in northeast Nigeria recently.

Her controversial means of helping may be genuine or attention-seeking but if it gets their attention, time will tell...

The purpose is to send a message to the Nigerian president and Boko Haram and to also show unity as a country. We also need to, in our own individual spaces, come together and show the world that we can stand together for a common purpose. I think we have failed to show unity. We are preaching solidarity but so far we have failed to create a major, united outcry, so if we want to keep in our own little boxes, we will never achieve anything. As much as we preach solidarity I think it is time we stand in solidarity as one body, one organisation as we are fighting for the same purpose. Let's not make it political for our own causes or a chance to be in the limelight for fame, let it be about the poor, innocent girls who are scared and hoping as well as depending on their country and the world to rescue them from their abductors. Let us unite and do all that we can as human beings to rescue these girls from these men, who are really cowards. Let Africa unite not for our own personal agendas but for a common goal.





# CREATE YOUR OWN STYLE

BEING STYLISH DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN BEING TRENDY BECAUSE TRENDS COME AND GO. BUT STYLE IS SOMETHING THAT IS A SIGNATURE, SOMETHING THAT IS SUPPOSED TO EXPRESS WHAT YOU ARE ALL ABOUT. SOME FASHION SAVVY STUDENTS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON THEIR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT FASHION MEANS WITH THE EDGE REPORTER **LETHU NXUMALO**.



Bright ankle boots or sneakers are a must for Winter.



Go bold, don't play it safe, choose loud prints and don't be afraid to mix and match.



According to Belinda Nhira, a second-year Fashion Design student, style is something that comes naturally and that one owns. "Also, not following trends does not mean that you are not being stylish."

Nokuphiwa Adam, third-year Drama student's definition of style is "Bringing out your personality, because what you wear represents what you are. It shows the creativity in you, it shows who you are."

On following trends, Adam stated that most young people sometimes get confused and lost themselves chasing trends which eventually leads to 'breaking the bank'.

"As much as your style can put you out there, sometimes it makes you forget who you are because you want to fit in, you want to move with the times," he said.

Belinda added that in most cases students who are trend followers usually catch on late. "That is solely because when you have emerging trends, they are high priced and unattainable on a student budget. Most fashion houses largely produce capsule collections which are minimising supply, generating quick sales, to increase the demand," she said.

However, looking good can be done on a budget, so if you want to look good this season here are a few tips on what's hot and what's not.

Here are some 'must-have' items for Winter to keep you warm this season.

What is trending for Winter are flared jackets, maxi trench coats and geometric prints.

Greys for Winter is a thing of the past. So opt for bold, youthful colours. You can also never go wrong with white, pure white or off white colours. This colour works with every season and pretty much goes with anything.

A fashion trend to avoid is Peplum, which has been overdone as well as soft leggings. Also, avoid wearing see-through soft leggings with crop tops which if rated by the Fashion Police squad, is a definite NO! Rather opt for a pair of thick, knitted legging, which is more classy and suitable for the season.

Models: Afrika Ndlovu and Sithabile Gwala



## MOVIE PREVIEWS

## MUST-SEE MOVIES

CHECK OUT THESE TWO MOVIES WHICH IS ON CIRCUIT IN JULY 2014.

### BAD NEIGHBOURS



Directed by Nicholas Stoller. The comedy stars Zac Efron, Seth Rogen, Dave Franco, Rose Byrne, Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Halston Sage.

Seth Rogen, Zac Efron and Rose Byrne join forces with director Nicholas Stoller for *Bad Neighbours*, a comedy about a young couple suffering from arrested development who are forced to live next to a fraternity house after the birth of their newborn baby.

By all appearances, new parents Mac (Rogen) and Kelly Radner (Byrne) are living the American Dream, one complete with an adorable little girl and a beautiful new starter home in the suburbs. Still, the early-thirtysomethings want to believe that they have a modicum of coolness left within them. This next phase of life is proving to be a challenge, as the reformed party goers struggle with the realities of entering an inevitable new stage: unapologetic adulthood.

When Mac and Kelly discover that their new next-door neighbours are none other than dozens of fraternity brothers - led by charismatic president Teddy Sanders (Efron) - they try to play along and make the best of an awkward situation. But when the frat's parties grow increasingly more epic, both sides of the property line begin to fend for their turf. As the neighbours' relentless sabotage and one-upmanship threaten to either get the college kids kicked off the block or make the newlyweds lose what's left of their sanity, thus begins an epic Greek war for the ages.

### TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION



TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION stars Mark Wahberg and is the fourth film in director Michael Bay's global blockbuster franchise. The film begins after an epic battle that left a great city torn, but with the world saved. As humanity picks up the pieces, a shadowy group reveals itself in an attempt to control the direction of history while an ancient, powerful new menace sets Earth in its crosshairs. With help from a new cast of humans, Optimus Prime (voiced by Peter Cullen) and the Autobots rise to meet their most fearsome challenge yet. In an

incredible adventure, they are swept up in a war of good and evil, ultimately leading to a climactic battle across the world.



## COMPETITION!!!

Two lucky readers stand a chance to win a pair of double tickets or one of three Transformer DVDs from Ster-Kinekor. To win, answer this simple question:

**Which movie stars Zac Efron?**

To enter, put your answer, name, course and contact number on a piece of paper and slip it in the competition box outside Steve Biko Campus, Corporate Affairs, Gate I, Botanic Mansions Building. Entries must be dropped from 4 to 5 August 2014 for these two days only. Entries closes on 5 August at 4.30pm. Winners will be randomly selected and notified via Facebook and Twitter by 6 August 2014.

Good luck!



# BOOK REVIEW

THE EDGE REPORTER NOMVULA SIKAKANE REVIEWS HER BOOK OF CHOICE CALLED ROOM 207 BY AUTHOR KGEBETLI MOELE.

Kgebetli Moele's fresh and straightforward writing invites you to the world of six young men who moved to Johannesburg to make it big. Distracted by the daily challenges of every day life, these men are side-tracked from their dreams but are determined that one day it will all come together.

Set in the run-down apartments of Hillbrow, this novel gives you a glimpse of young hustlers who would do anything to survive. It brings good and sad emotions of these young men as they struggle to survive in the heart of Johannesburg. This is a fresh and inspiring book of young men trying to make a living and wanting to achieve and fulfil their dreams. The morale of the story is that success does not come without hard work and struggle is part and parcel of life. The book tells the tale of dreams of so many young people but ultimately it's the strong that survive and make it big.

A Good Read...



NOMVULA SIKAKANE

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

DIRECTING HIS WAY TO THE TOP HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE DREAM OF ZUKO NODADA. THE FORMER DUT DRAMA STUDENT HAS BEEN CREATING WAVES IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN THEATRE AND FILM INDUSTRY.

He has directed a number of films, theatre shows and drama series for SABC I, including the hit drama series "Intersexions" and "Bay of Plenty". His new movie "Between Friends" which is directed by Nodada, will be screened at the prestigious Durban International Film Festival, running from 17 to 27 July 2014. The festival runs for its 35th year and will be screening over 200 films including local and international movies.

Overjoyed at the fact that his movie will be screened at the festival, Nodada says the concept behind the film was influenced by the American comedy "Best Man".

"I was also influenced by some of Tyler Perry's movies that are economical, comically-timed and easy to shoot. The idea to do the movie took about six months to put together and it was challenging, especially getting the writing on point for the movie," said Nodada.

He added that the audition process for the movie took about two weeks, including call backs.

"It was fun to make and improvising was what drove the movie. The actors really worked hard to ensure the roles that they had portrayed were done to the best of their ability," he said.

"Between Friends" tells the tale of a group of university friends who meet seven years after graduation while some celebrate their success they have accomplished over the seven years other have a different story to tell. Like always where friends meet there is bound to be secrets and betrayal that could destroy their friendship as they meet at an upmarket game lodge in KwaZulu-Natal where they try to keep their current relationships.

"The festival is a key event for the African film industry and we are delighted that "Between Friends" has been selected for the programme," says Helen Kuun, CEO of

Indigenous Film Distribution, which is distributing the film in South Africa.

"The film is a charming comedy-drama that looks at the strains and old rivalries between a group of friends who have grown up a lot since they last met," Kuun added.

The film stars well-known South African faces including Thapelo Mokoena, Amanda Du Pont and Lihle Dlomo better known as Dumisani Shabane from SABC I's Generations soapie." Between Friends" also introduces Madisa Nduna from the reality TV series class act 2.

Nodada said he always dreamed of being a big-time director from a young age and was the reason why he had enrolled for drama at the Durban University of Technology, graduating with a National Diploma in Drama in 1999. The road to fame and fortune had been no easy feat for him and had its ups and downs. He said the film industry business is not an easy industry to break into but if you work hard you will be recognised.

His career started at Ochre as a script supervisor in 2005. He has appeared in eight Rhythm City episodes as an actor, had a cameo role in Hard Copy, freelances as a voice over artist and has worked in more than 25 film productions. This year started on a high note for Zuko with a film premiere in January 2014 in Los Angeles and South African audiences viewing his latest work Loxion Lyric, a TV drama series.

"Its not easy to be a film director in South Africa because of lack of funds. I am thinking of going to work Overseas if I get a proper representative. I guess it's every director's dream to make it big in Hollywood and, of course, to keep telling interesting stories through movies," he said.

**The movie "Between Friends" showcases at the Durban International Film Festival from 17 to 27 July 2014.**

# TREY SONGZ'S NEW CD ROCKS! PHILISWA XULU



TREY SONGZ IS AT IT AGAIN. THE RNB CROONER HAS RELEASED HIS SIXTH STUDIO ALBUM TRIGGA ON 1 JULY 2014. TRIGGA IS THE FOLLOW UP TO HIS LAST ALBUM CHAPTER V WHICH HE RELEASED IN 2012.

I must say the cover alone is intriguing with images of Trey in different forms and we certainly can't argue with the fact that he is very easy on the eye; ladies, you know what I mean!

Trigga (Trey's nickname) sums up emotional turmoil Trey has experienced. Every track has a story to tell, it's emotional, personal and fun. You can tell he took his time putting it together - I wouldn't call it outstanding but the songs sound better in the videos.

Trigga contains 17 tracks and of one of his singles Na Na has received a lot of air-play and is the perfect club song. Some parts of the video needs to be censored. If you haven't seen the steamy video for Na Na, brace yourself, it is a different form of

seduction, but then again Trey has mentioned he invented sex. Word of advice, don't watch it with your parents; you will thank me later.

Smart phones is a sad track, if you have ever been cheated on you will relate to it. I cried my eyes out after viewing the video, it just reminded me of the heartache I experienced in the love department. The scenario in the video tells a story of heartache. Trey is your typical playboy, who leaves his lady at home, and parties the night away with other women. Feeling a bit homesick Trey calls his lady as she answers the call, another woman enters the scene and he forgets his phone is still on, fast forward, his girlfriend hears everything that happens. Trey realises his lady love has heard him with another woman and rushes home to explain the tricky situation he is in. He is just in time to pull his lady love out from the pool after she attempted to kill herself. The message is clear: don't hurt your loved ones, rather be truthful. Love hurts but no man is worth losing one's life for! Life is precious! I would rate the CD 3 stars out of 5.



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His new movie "Between Friends" which is directed by Zuko Nodada, (pictured right), will be screened at the prestigious Durban International Film Festival, running from 17 to 27 July 2014.



# SANDHYA IS ON A WINNING STREAK!

THIRD-YEAR FOOD AND NUTRITION STUDENT **NOMPUMELELO NDLOVU** SPEAKS TO FOOD FUNDI SANDHYA BEERBUL ON COMING SECOND AT A PRESTIGIOUS FOOD COMPETITION. SHE ALSO SHARES SANDHYA'S DELICIOUS RECIPES.

Sandy, as called by her colleagues and friends, is a ‘competition freak’, who always strives to take part in food competitions and aims to always be in the top five. She believes that a competition is a challenge and that entering competitions brings out ones creative side that one would never think one had. She entered the Mushroom Competition, which took her to Jo'burg last year. For a girl still studying food and nutrition, she was picked out of thousands of entries, which was a great achievement. This year, she entered the Lucky Star Junior Competition where she placed second. She says that it was an amazing experience and an honour for her to represent DUT. It was the cherry on the top, knowing that she had received full support from her family, friends and DUT. Sandy shares her delicious recipes. So, try it and be wowed!

## MUSHROOM BALLS WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND PASTA

Serves: 4  
Preparation time: 8mins  
Cooking time: 25mins

### INGREDIENTS

- 500g portabella mushroom
- 150ml fresh white breadcrumbs
- 1 onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 20g (bunch) parsley
- 2ml Robertson's salt and pepper seasonal mix
- 5ml nutmeg
- 500ml evaporated milk (light)
- 240g penne pasta
- 250 convenience pack of fried vegetables.

### METHOD

- Using a food processor or stick blender, blitz portabella mushrooms, breadcrumbs, onion, garlic, spices and herbs.
- Form 24 mushroom balls, by rolling the mixture between lightly floured hands.
- Heat the evaporated milk in a frying pan and poach mushroom.
- Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Add pasta and boil until tender.
- Steam vegetables. Cook until tender but still be crunchy.
- Pour poaching liquid over pasta and toss to coat. Add cooked mushroom balls and vegetables and then toss together lightly and enjoy.

### SUGGESTIONS

Replace pasta and steamed vegetables with salad to create a mushroom and fresh salad combination.  
Make a delicious mushroom patty with the mushroom mixture and a whole wheat burn to form a mushroom burger.  
Replace pasta with brown basmati rice.

## THE LUCKY STAR'S PILCHARD SPINACH ROLL BAKE

Serves: 6  
Preparation time: 12mins  
Cooking time: 25mins  
Baking time: 5mins

### INGREDIENTS

- 600g potatoes
- 7ml salt
- 50g butter
- 50ml milk
- 5 small peppers
- 40ml olive oil
- 400g swiss chard spinach
- 2 cans Lucky Star with tomato sauce
- 1 onion
- 20ml Raja's mild and spicy curry powder
- 400ml tomato
- 10ml crushed ginger and garlic
- 10ml tomato paste
- 100ml cheddar cheese

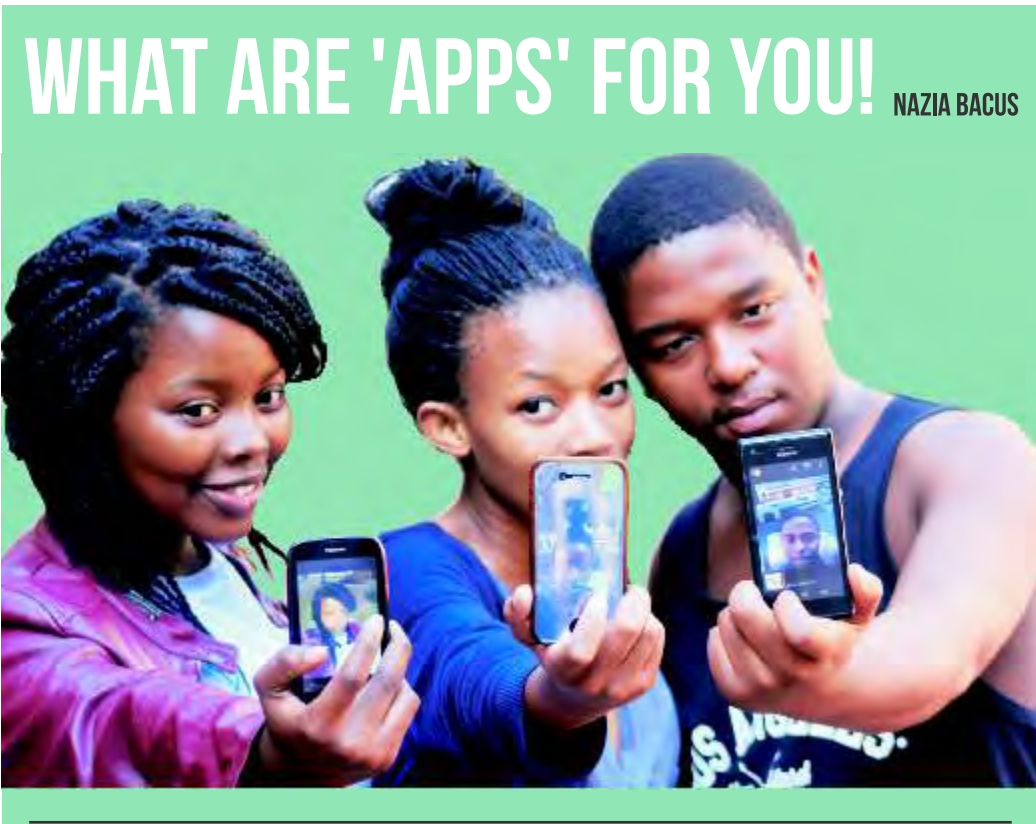
### METHOD

- Put potatoes into a saucepan. Add salt. Reduce heat and simmer until done (a fork can easily be poked through them).
- Drain water from potatoes. Put hot water into a bowl. Add butter and use a potato masher to mash potatoes until well mashed. Add milk to achieve the consistency you desire. Salt and pepper to taste.
- Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add spinach and peppers to the skillet and cover. Allow cooking for 5 minutes. Stir in salt. Remove from heat.
- Separate sauce from Lucky Star Pilchards and shred them to fold into sautéed spinach. Layer into casserole.
- Take a non-stick pan and heat oil. Sauté onions and add curry powder.
- Add tomatoes, crushed ginger and garlic and tomato paste. Keep covered and stirring until tomatoes are cooked and soft. Add the sauce from Lucky star Pilchards and simmer.
- Add mash on top of the pilchard rolls. Add Lucky Star flavoured sauce on top of mash. Grate cheese on top and bake at 180C until cheese melts.  
Serve and enjoy.

“It was an amazing experience and an honour to represent DUT.”







# WHAT ARE 'APPS' FOR YOU! NAZIA BACUS

MAY 2014 WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR ANDROID. WE SAW SOME AWESOME SMARTPHONES AND SOME BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS. THERE WERE ALSO TONS OF GREAT ANDROID AND IOS APPS THAT WERE RELEASED. IN THIS LIST, WE CHECK OUT THE BEST APPS OF MAY 2014.

Especially for the Selfie Generation, Whistle Camera takes the top spot. Available on the Google Play Store, it's a camera application which means it does camera app things.

The key feature is that it uses the microphone to listen for your whistle. When you whistle, the app counts down and takes a picture. This is a great little tool to use when your hands are otherwise engaged or if you want to stay still for selfies. Oh and it's also free.

Frequency can only be described as an RSS feed for videos. Using this app you can subscribe to a number of video channels from a number of sites. This includes exclusive video feeds that don't show up on places like YouTube or Vimeo. It has a nice design, it's free, and if you like internet videos, you should check it out!

Taking 3rd place on my list of bests, FacesIn is a new social network aggregator that uses your GPS location and the GPS check-ins of your friends to alert you when a friend is nearby. If you use Facebook, Foursquare, or other check-in services, you should definitely give FacesIn a shot. If you've ever watched the popular TV Series Gossip Girl, you'd have an idea of how this app works. It's free to use and supports a number of popular social networks with more to come in future updates.

Evernote Peek is great for iPad owners and helps you prepare for upcoming tests with flair; with this well designed app, you can take notes – whether scribbled, spoken or drawn, and quickly turn them into study notes. Not fortunate enough to own an iPad? Get Evernote, available for Android, iOS, Windows and Blackberry. Clip webpages and share your notes with ease. It also has a nifty feature that allows you to keep your research notes about a topic across various sources, in one place.

That new tablet, smartphone or phablet you're carrying around isn't just for sharing photos on Instagram or checking Twitter. It may give you some bragging rights but your device can also be a great study partner. Whether you're looking to take better notes and sync them with Cloud, or you're trying to crack a mind-bending math problem, the right apps can help you get ahead.

## COMPETITION

**STAND THE CHANCE OF WINNING ONE OF FOUR FUNKY CAPS FROM MICROSOFT.**

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## MUSIC PIRACY IS DEAD, ALMOST!

PIVENDREN NAIK

As I type this, I am listening to a track from my catalogue of 25 million\* tracks, each track 100% legal. How? Music streaming. That's the start and end of it. I don't have a “site” or a “friend” that provides me with a fresh dose of music.

Why? I understand your reason for asking this. Why should you abandon your personally curated collection? Well, imagine a world where a collection of your favourites tunes didn't contain “track 1 - unknown artist”. Is that not a beautiful thought?

How does it work? First you need to find a streaming service that you like- you have a lot of choices. Popular services in South Africa include names like Simfy, Deezer, Rara, Nokia MixRadio, Spinlet and Rdio. Admittedly, I've been holding out on this part till now. Let's talk cost, these services typically range from free to R100 per month. Yes, you read right- free/nil/nada/zilch! To maintain their services, most free music streamer rely on adverts or feature restrictions such as limited skips per month, but considering that all of your music will now be 100% legal, this is a fair compromise.

To help you with your transition, here is some insight on my set-up. I used Rdio (<http://en.za.rdio.com>) on my notebook and Nokia MixRadio on my phone which by the way, is available free on all Nokia Lumia WP8 devices. Did I mention the coolest part when you switch? Your music will be accessible pretty much anywhere with an internet connection. I can login from any PC and continue from exactly where I left off during my last jam session.

It's time to switch. #MusicPiracyIsDead!

## SMARTPHONE OF THE FUTURE, THE SAMSUNG GALAXY S5



Check out the gorilla glass on the Samsung Galaxy S5 that provides extra protection against scratching and accidental jarring.

**REVIEWING TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS OUT ON THE MARKET IS THE EDGE REPORTER LIONEL MURISI WHO TALKS ABOUT HIS CHOICE OF SMARTPHONE, THE SAMSUNG GALAXY S5.**

Finally, a phone that boasts about being the best and lives up to the billing has hit the market. The Samsung Galaxy S5 not only claims to be the best smartphone to hit the market but it takes the naysayers and turns them into believers. It's quite easy to find a phone that will make calls, send messages and be the personal assistant you always wanted. But with the S5, life has been transformed right at our finger tips.

A benchmark in evolutionary cell phone technology, it comes with a 5.1 inch screen, slightly bigger than its predecessor's, the S4. However, it comes with a super AMOLED display with improved touch sensitivity and response time. Fully HD resolved, the screen also enables easier reading outdoors and the image sharpness is breath-taking with an amazing clarity on colour.

The spec sheet will certainly silence the most avid of critics with a 2.5 GHz quad-core CPU, 2GB of RAM, 2800mAh detachable battery, 16/32GB of internal memory which can be expanded to 128GB through a micro SD memory card and gorilla glass that provides that extra protection against scratching and accidental jarring.

This is enough to whet the appetite of most tech-savvy geeks, but Samsung goes the extra mile in satisfying by introducing a fingerprint scanner for added security, IP67 certified standards' meaning the S5 is dust proof and water resistant and a heart rate monitor that some find as being unnecessary but considering how it saves u a trip to the doctor's office, I find as being quite convenient to have in your pocket.

One of the best features of the S5 has to be its cameras. The main (rear) camera is 16MP and gives HD quality pictures and videos. With a front facing sub camera of 2MP, you can take pictures or record without the hassle of having to turn the phone around in order to look into the camera.

Also of note from Samsung is the highly innovative Galaxy Gear, a watch that connects directly to your phone to improve user ability on the go. Aesthetically, this little gadget is impressive and looks awesome sitting on a wrist. You can take your calls on it and also check your messages and communicate directly with your S5 handset without having to hold the phone, which at times may prove to be cumbersome.

On the negative side though, despite having a solid build, the S5's speakers vibrates audibly when you turn the volume up to maximum. This is not something you would expect with a flagship design such as this. In addition to this, the user menu is over-stocked with options and this can make using the phone a bit tedious when you want to access certain apps quickly.

All in all, after considering the various aspects that make a great smartphone, the Samsung Galaxy S5 rates a definite 4.8/5. Not bad for a device that comes at an average asking price of R7500-R10 000 depending on the store of purchase.