

# Shooting for her dream

>> Young Durban filmmaker on the road to stardom

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**W**ITH many video technology accolades and television experience behind her name, it is hard to believe that Berea resident, Vuyo Lima is only 24 years old.

While Lima only recently obtained a Bachelor of Technology degree from the Durban University of Technology, the tenacious filmmaking enthusiast spent her free time working with many major television production companies.

"I have worked on the set of Top Billing on SABC3 as a production assistant. I have worked on the set of

Rapid Blues  
Crazy Games  
on  
SABC2.

I also did work behind the scenes of SA's Got Talent on SABC2, Class Act on SABC1 and Step In or Step Out with Endemol, just to name a few," said Lima.

This passionate filmmaker said that hard work always paid off and that there were no substitutes for it. "I think if you want to get anywhere in life, you have to work as hard as you can even if it means calling companies to do voluntary work. That is how you get your foot in the door," advised Lima.

Lima admitted that she never really liked video technology, but had a passion for writing since she was in grade four.

"I always wanted to be an author but I found my niche in script writing. Then I fell in love with the video side of things as well," said Lima.

During her time working the TV

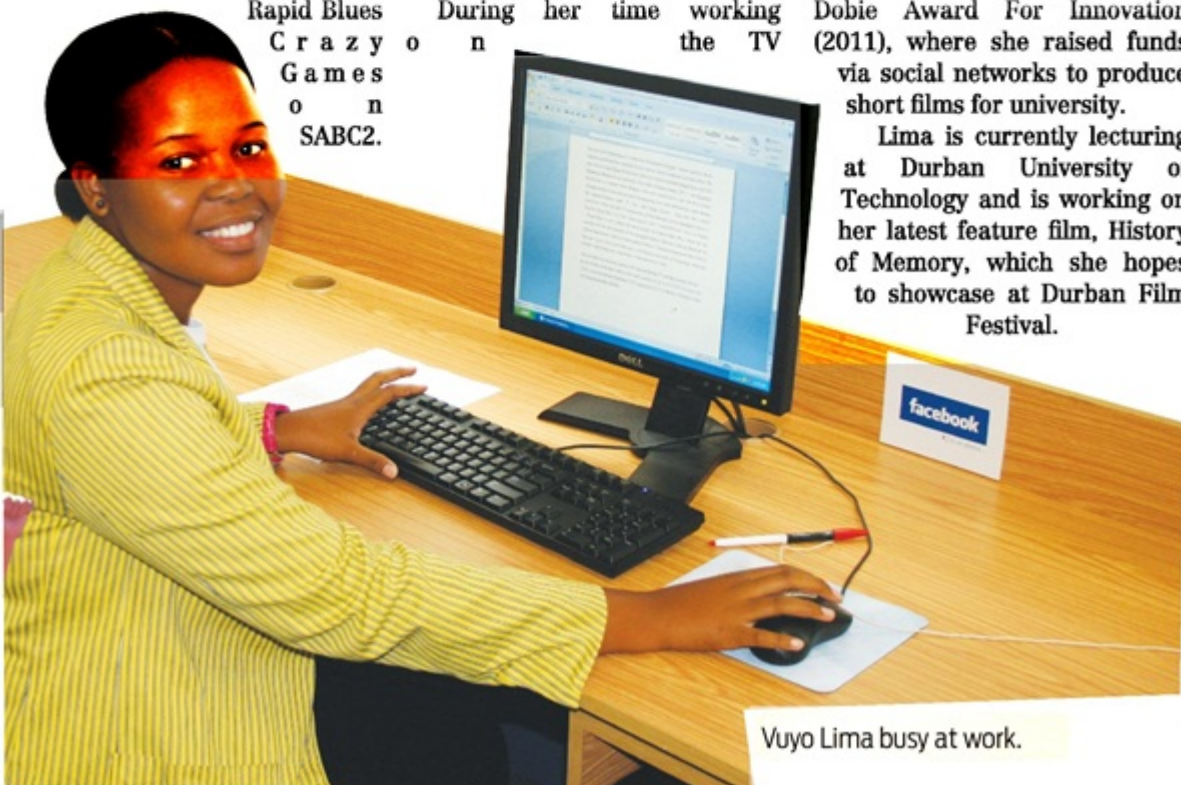
productions, Lima developed a keen sense of filmmaking, which she used to produce numerous works including Rise Above Your Circumstances, which she is sentimentally attached to because it was her "first real piece of work".

Other notable works include The Inner Me which tells the story of a young man lured into the world of drugs and Impendulo, her last offering as a student, which is about a young man who wants to become a taxi driver.

Her awards for the works from DUT include, the Best Studio Production Merit Certificate (2008), The Best Overall Scriptwriter (2009), Excellence In Video Technology (2009) and Excellence In Research (2011).

However, Lima's most memorable award was the Bruce Dobie Award For Innovation (2011), where she raised funds via social networks to produce short films for university.

Lima is currently lecturing at Durban University of Technology and is working on her latest feature film, History of Memory, which she hopes to showcase at Durban Film Festival.



Vuyo Lima busy at work.