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HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH VS EDUCATION

The Freedom Charter amongst others things states that “The Doors of Learning and Culture Shall be Opened”, however, the principal fundamental question remains unanswered. Have the doors of learning and culture been opened? Is what the Freedom Charter promised to the nation happening? Today we are in the period where a significant number of students had to go for Registration Appeals processes which they term as “RAC”. This process is informed by number a of things;but financial issues in particular, Hence numbers of students owe the university large amounts of money due to financial problems, which is not a problem of their making, parents have a dream that their children could get an education but they could not afford paying huge amounts to universities.

Is what the Freedom Charter promised to the nation happening?

This is as a result of the disadvantaged family backgrounds which haunts them when it comes to the access to education.“Education shall be free, compulsory, universal and equal for all children. Higher education and technical training shall be opened to all, by means of state allowances and scholarships awarded on the basis of merit” that is what the Freedom Charter says. What does education have to do with human rights? We argue here that education is an inalienable right that must be afforded to all people especially young people so that they may have the possibility to live a better life as they would like to. But there are problems generally that affect us as students that have denied the possibility to celebrate Human Rights Day, an important day in our national calendar because education -which is a human right- has been commodified, we now buy education in the same way buy bread and butter. Indeed, most, but not all, who are given such allowances or promises by the state and the question is where they should go. As we are talking number of students their Financial Aid status is pending hence they could



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the expectation of the car to move without petrol or diesel in it. For a student to concentrate on the lecture needs to have food, for any student to concentrate on the lecture need to have been sleeping on the proper accommodation. For any student to study, needs stationary including your printing & photocopying credits. Hence these basic needs require money for them to be sustained. Hence, the question of sustained academic activities requires money. to dodge lectures and promise them to speak to the lecturers in question UNIVERSITY AS A COMFORT ZONE FOR STUDENT LEADERS WHAT CAUSES ACADEMIC INCOPMITENCE? On the second question of negligence it means that such students do have money in most cases but their priority differs from the intended one. Some they take the same Financial Aid money to buy booze & dagga while some prioritizes parties and any other luxurious activities. Such students end up dodging lectures which leads to poor performance. On political activities, such also speaks to the student leadership but mostly Student Representative Council. These

students some of them they poorly perform in their academic activities precisely because they are busy addressing students issues whiles some they literally dodge lectures and use SRC as their weapon whilst they are do not found in their offices where they supposed to assist students. Some of them decide to use the SRC tittle to charm innocent students which they also contribute to the academic incompetence of such students. This is precisely because they make them There are certain things that we must unlearn as students, precisely because we value our education which is human right we must equally play our part by being diligent and ensure that the issue of access and success we need to take it seriously as students, more especially if you are a student leader. We must leader by example. Recently, the minister of Higher Education and Training (Dr. Blade Nzimande) when he was interviewed at Ukhozi FM on the 02-03-2012 at EZANAMUHULA speaks about people who are doing a three year degree for the duration of seven years. Such is not alien it is something that is indeed taking place in our universities & mostly done by students leaders. He then proposes that, there must be a remedy to heal the poor performance of the students’ leaders which is informed by the work they are doing. However, such must come with a requirement which is to serve in the SRC for one term. Lastly being in student leadership is not a crime but it must come with the balance or what they term optimum in biological terms. When something is optimum it takes a look of enzymes in action where if they are too much the action in process loses its intended character.

Written by Isaac Luthuli on his personal capacity, however my creation

by Isaac luthuli

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Human Rights Violation in Hospitals

According to Section 27(1) (a) of the Bill of Rights: “Everyone has the right to have access to health care services, including reproductive health care”. Government hospitals are convenient because they are made available free of charge to the community and if there is a charge it is usually very small. At Prince Mshiyeni Hospital patients pay R20 for medical assistance, however there has been a great violation of this human right in many South African hospitals. Many government hospitals are understaffed due to a lack of qualified health professions therefore South African citizens who do not have medical aid are forced to use these hospitals even though they may not get efficient health care. They often have to stand in long lines to get medical assistance and because the health professions are limited they are overworked which means that they are easily capable of making mistakes due to mental exhaustion.

By Nompumelelo Mtshali



Mpumalanga’s third largest hospital which serves an area of 550 000 people yet only had 350 beds. The hospital also didn’t have a mammogram and an ultrasound scan. Although they had many patients only one theatre only one was functioning. In hospitals such as Umtata General in the Eastern Cape patients had to share maternity ward beds even though they were highly pregnant because they simply weren’t enough for all of them. Furthermore patients had to bring their own linen and sanitation in the hospital was extremely unhygienic which put the health of the pregnant women at risk. Furthermore their linen wasn’t regularly changed so it stayed dirty for periods of time. If South Africa truly is a democratic country then quality health care should be made available for all regardless of patient’s financial standing. Health as a human right is extremely important and should not carry a price tag because every life is priceless.

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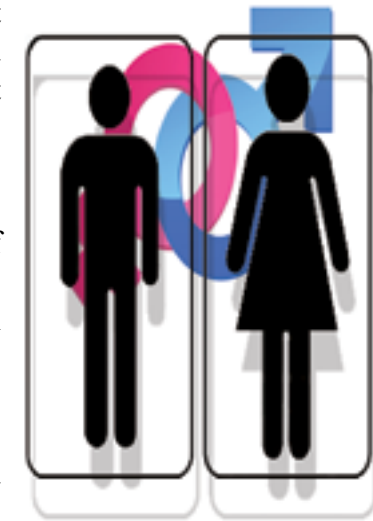
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Waving the white flag on virginity testing: is it a human rights abuse or a cultural practice that should be observed?

Virginity testing is no new trend in South Africa; it is an age-old practice that has its roots in the African culture. However, with the emergence of statistics that highlight the connection between virginity testing and HIV/AIDS, it has raised controversy and protests from gender activist groups. Firstly, to define virginity testing, it is a practice where a women’s vagina is examined in order to see if she is still a virgin. Traditionally, it’s believed that a sign of virginity is when a women’s hymen is still intact. However, medical practitioners contest this belief and state that several factors can lead to a women’s hymen being torn. These include sporting activities such as horse riding, the use of tampons etc. Historically, namely the Middle Ages, it was done by conducting a urine test (a virgin’s urine was believed to be clear and sparkling). These days, The method by which virginity testing is done today is by manually inspecting the vagina. Amnesty international also argue that it is a practice al stance on this matter is that “forcibly subjecting [women] to so-called 'virginity tests' is an egregious form of gender-based violence constituting extended to men alike. Ad-torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment". How-side of this argument, statistics have shown that in South Africa alone, several women especially in South Africa, it have died from this practice is done by the “21st century because of the unsanitary conditions under which they both a professional job and are done. In the wake of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Gender activist groups op- concern for the spread of this virus through this practice reasons: firstly, they state that



arguments from various traditionalists such as politician Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, have stated that this practice is meant to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS by encouraging abstinence among the youth by regularly checking their ‘virtue’. Overall, this is a controversial issue that needs to take into take into consideration the downfalls. If this practice were maintained, certain modifications would have to be made in order to maintain the human rights of the women involved.

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Nongcebo Buthelezi

THE ROSES AMONG THE THORNS IN CAMPUS RUGBY

Rugby on campus has manifested Competitors from all UKZN cam- alities and strengths, who are all . The main sponsors for this event into its own culture among stu- puses may enter and only one shall vying for the UKZN title. The judg- are FNB and Steinhoff. All stu- dents, drawing large crowds to win the title of Miss UKZN Var- ing process takes place over three dents are eagerly invited to join each home game that the UKZN sity Shield. The winner then goes of many home games that in the fun, if not for the beautiful rugbyby team represents us in. Gener- on to compete against the winner UKZN rugby team plays. Thus far, lassies who would love your vote, ally accepted as a male dominated from each campus outside of the two rounds of judging have been do it in support of the UKZN Rug- sport on campus, the rugby Varsity UKZN family, for the national title completed, and competitors are by team. Show your support by Cup has extended its facets to fe- of Miss Varsity Shield. She will be eagerly awaiting the results. The attending the final match at Peter Booyesen on the 26th March 2012.. Remember, she will be represent- ing you at National level, so who ture with many more attractions. ever, all the competitors for this not only go on to compete national- around campus that give details on ly, but she will also win an array of the voting methods for your next of the annual Miss UKZN Varsity There are a total of 7 competitors prizes from various sponsors that Miss UKZN Varsity shield ambas- Shield competition. who each boast their own person Sports union representatives have sador. out together.

By SHARADIA EBRAHIM



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VARSITY SHIELD

Sharpeville massacre



We all know the 21st of March is a This story made headlines world- public holiday but the question is, wide and it is because of the tragic do we really know why and how it reasons that occurred on that day, all comes from. If you don't know, as we celebrate human rights day, then allow me to briefly inform you it is because of all the suffering that about the history of human rights took place during the apartheid gov- day. Those of you who do know ernment but especially on the 21st will have thoughts evoked in your of March the holiday was made to mind when you see (Sharpeville ensure that every South African massacre) and sadly it is tragic citizen is aware of their human thoughts, just over a decades, rights and such human indecency which is 52 years ago to be exact never ever takes place again that in a place called Sharpeville which is why we should know our human is situated near Vereeniging in Trans- rights and make good use of them vaal police officer's opened fire to we should also be proud South Af- a crowd of people who were par- rican citizens not only because we ticipating in a protest against pass are a culturally diverse country but laws and out of those a sad number because South Africa has one of the of 69 were killed and from those most progressive constitution in the 69 most of them were shot in the world, so the massacre in Sharpe- back which is appalling to know ville is now a reminder of how hu- how cruel and merciless the police man rights were violated and that were.t was more than double the is exactly why human rights day number of people who reported was made a public holiday so we injuries 180 and some even claim may be well aware and utilize our that it was 300. IFour days later the rights it is because before, instead government decided to ban black of people being given rights their political organizations, and many rights were violated . leaders were arrested and sent to By Ntutuko exile.

WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY



Germany Powered By Japan

The great rivalry between German The car is yet to be completed, and Japanese cars has gone on for- although we all know that Rome ever, but not anymore. One brave was not built in a day so natu- man Desmond Govenden, has rally a masterpiece of this stature taken the best of both worlds and is surely worth the wait.Desmond carefully merged them, adding a has however entered this car into a little spice -this is not just because sideways drifting event which was he is an Indian guy- to create the held on the 3rd of March in Grey- ultimate hybrid car and we are not town, where his masterpiece had talking about a go green donkey a platform to showcase its beauty car. Taking the BMW m3 a Ger- but also its raw power. He was ac- man car and Toyota supra a Japa- companied by many well known nese car, Desmond has done all races and drifters who had entered the work and modifications on this the event but was able to keep them car, from sourcing the of a BMW at bay and proceeded to place sec- m3 e36 two door shell and interior ond in the open car category. He is together with a set of original m3 sponsored by Maclou's Autobody motorsport rims to the complex shop, Turbo Solutions and Speed- workings of a 3 litre 2jz gte twin It Tyre and Exhaust , Desmond turbo Toyota Supra engine. The en- has however entered this car into a gine has been converted from the sideways drifting event which was original twin turbo motor to a sin- held on the 3rd of March in Grey- gle more powerful turbo, Tuning of town, where his masterpiece had a the car was done in Johannesburg platform to showcase its beauty but by Turbo n NOS (MO) and at o.5 also its raw power. He was accom- bar boost this mad machine is pro- panied by many well known races ducing 286 rear wheel horsepower. and drifters who had entered the event

The university respects and upholds the right of any individual within the university community

but was able to keep them at bay and proceeded to place second in the open car category. He is sponsored by Maclou's Autobody shop, Turbo Solutions and Speed-It Tyre and Exhaust , Anies pump and general as well as Gateway hydraulics but is always looking for more sponsors as this car is being built to participate in our local, national and in the near future international events, so be on look out for details in the next issue on other events and more, where u could catch this car in action and many more amazing cars do their thing keeping it sideways and living life in the fast lane!



I've come to understand and ac- cept that in South Africa we are not ordinary people, that for our rights to be heard we need to take to the streets and shout our concerns to the world. Some might argue this is not the right way of doing things, and my response to that is, this is all we know and indeed who we are. What are our rights as students of the UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL? Who knows because I surely didn't before I wrote this article, yet we speak of exercising our rights when our knowledge of rights is as abstract as rights themselves. So I'm here to make things clearer for you, so yes we do have rights and yes we do have the right to exercise our rights as the students of the UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL.

I've come to the conclusion that in understanding our rights as stu- dents we first need to understand the concept of what are rights and their function in society. Rights are "a just claim or title, whether legal, prescriptive, or moral" designed to serve your best interest whether your present or absent in any given situation. The students of the UNI- VERSITY OF KWAZULU-NAT- AL have the right to freedom of expression, to say what's on your mind, to say what needs to be said and to do as you please as long as your actions are friendly towards the law of the university. The students of the UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL have the right to free exchange of views amongst members of the university community and to express their views on the platforms of the uni- versity provided the views the right to a fair trial against any allegations brought against you as a student of the university during your study period.

So you feeling all powerful now? With your rights right, well there is a catch, as I said WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT REAPOSABILITY. The power are the rights themselves and the responsibility is in how you choose to exercise your rights. So you can't exercise your rights in a way that could wrongfully infringe on the fundamental rights of another person as contained in the Bill Of Rights chapter two of the Consti- tution of 1996. So now you can see rights are both a blessing and weapon in disguise. are not sup- portive of violence or judgement of others, in other words; the uni- versity welcomes your views and concerns because, at the end of the day, we are here to learn from each other. The university respects and up- holds the right of any individual within the university community to participate in gatherings, proces- sions and demonstrations on any campus of the university provided they are according to the law[ac- cording to the Regulation Gather- ing act 205 of 1993]. Last but cer- tainly not least you have

By SAKHIBI XULU

Mandela shuuu’s the ‘BIG 5’ AWAY!

All the BIG 5 will be removed from all South African bank notes by the end of this year and replaced with Nelson Mandela’s image. This confirmation follows an announcement made by the South African president, Jacob Zuma, at a presentation, which took place at the South African Reserve Bank last month (February).

The bank notes that South Africa has are one of the best accessible materials that define the countries unique history. These bank notes come in five different colours and year. Yes, no more, green rhinos, vary in sizes; depending on the brown elephants, pink lions, blue amount of value it carries i.e. R10 buffaloes and cream leopards. Who rand notes are smaller in length when measured against a R50 rand. On the bank notes, one will find that this is not the kind of extinct that it has different features within it and each feature acts as a symbol

Specifically speaking, all the animals belonging to the big 5 category have been printed on the bank notes for over two decades. The use of these animals on each bank note is an indication of South Africa’s unique historical background, the beautiful nature it has and its harmonious animal kingdom.

As distraught or good as it may make you seem or feel, the government has decided to do away with the big 5 from all South African bank notes by the end of this year. Yes, no more, green rhinos, vary in sizes; depending on the brown elephants, pink lions, blue amount of value it carries i.e. R10 buffaloes and cream leopards. Who rand notes are smaller in length when measured against a R50 rand. On the bank notes, one will find that this is not the kind of extinct that it has different features within it and each feature acts as a symbol

According to the president, an agreement was reached pertaining to the removal of the BIG 5 from all South African bank notes in order to replace them with the face of our beloved former president, Julius Male...I mean, Nelson Mandela (forgive me for almost making a catastrophic mistake). “At a presentation at the SA Reserve Bank, president Zuma said the use of Mandela’s image was

Whilst this, to some people, may be viewed as a positive and acceptable type of change in light of recognizing even “more” of Mandela’s deserved recognition of the sacrifices and legendary contribution he has made in our history; on the other hand, others may base their opinion on a totally different perspective in defense of the BIG 5 and it having meaning, and for most of our history, the meaning it has had to us South Africans.

However, with significant changes already being initiated by our current government and the uproar of debates caused by the controversy of it all, here is another topic that I believe would be interesting to explore (or maybe not). On this section of the news paper here are students who were willing and unashamed to reveal their handsome and pretty faces to the NUX to voice out their own opinion concerning the matter. Read on and

By Mlu Tony Khoza



2) Thobeka Vilakazi (BSocSc)-Everyone is a fan of Mandela and besides change is always good



1) Xolani Ngcobo (BSocSc) -It is a suitable way of honoring our father, Mandela.



4) Lexi Kuyler (Bachelor of Arts) -It sounds stupid because there’s just no originality to it.



3) Ayanda Sokhela -It’s not a good idea as the BIG 5 have been representative of our country for a long time.



6) Tim Aldridge (BSocSc) -Honestly, it’s chilled...just as long as I get my money.



5) Akhina Ramsamoojh (BCom) -It’s a brilliant idea because he is like the main idol of South Africa.



7) Lethukuthula Keswa (left)-He is worth the praise, but his face being on bank notes is just a little too much our liking.



8) Dana (left), Chris (middle) and Pat (right)
Chris : it’s a great way of remembering his legacy.
-Pat : bad idea because he loved the animals
-Dana : there’s already enough given to Mandela’s name. BIG 5 Is better.



9) Brad (left) and Robert (left)
-Robert : I doesn’t give a damn about it, really.
-Brad : I doesn’t see the point.



11) Sheldon Ford (left) and Mark Gordijn (right)
Sheldon : there’s nothing wrong, but he is an average person.
-Mark : other countries identify our currency cause of it being unique



10) Ruari. -It’s all c#ck!!! I prefer the animals.



12) Matt de Neer -Mandela shaped modern South Africa, which is good. But he has enough recognition as it is.



13) Lungani Dlomo (Drama Studies) -It could benefit the general public and future generations in that they get a chance to see and know more about Nelson Mandela.



14) Nomvula Maphini (left) and Bongekile Ncama (right) -It is an awesome idea because he is a legend that deserves recognition.



15) Ntombenhle Ngcobo (left) and Snenhlanhla Phungula (Psychology) (right) -It is a lovely way of honoring him – he deserves it.

MOVIE REVIEW: SKIN



Skin is the story of a young girl, whose parents' genealogy lead to a change in South Africa's Apartheid laws.

Ten year-old Sandra is distinctly African looking. Her parents, Abraham and Sannie, are white Afrikaners, unaware of their black ancestry. They are shopkeepers in a remote area of the Eastern Transvaal and, despite Sandra's mixed-race appearance, have lovingly brought her up as their 'white' little girl.

Sandra is sent to a boarding school in the neighbouring town of Piet Retief, where her (white) brother Leon is also studying, but parents and teachers complain that she doesn't belong. She is examined by State officials, reclassified as 'Coloured', and expelled from the school. The classification of her race was dependant on a pencil that either would or would not slide out of her hair once put in. Sandra's parents are shocked, but Abraham fights through the courts to have the classification reversed. The story becomes an international scandal and media pressure forces the law to change, so that Sandra becomes officially 'White' again.

By the time she is 17, Sandra Now Sandra must live her life, realises she is never going to for the first time, as a black woman in South Africa — with no running water, no sanitation, and little income. She and Petrus — a black man, the local vegetable seller, and begins have two children, and although an illicit love affair. Abraham she feels more at home in this threatens to shoot Petrus and community, she desperately disown Sandra. Sannie is torn misses her parents and yearns for a reunion. her daughter's predicament.

Sandra elopes with Petrus to Swaziland. Abraham alerts the police, has them arrested and put in prison. Sandra is told by the local magistrate to go home, but she refuses.



After many more years of hardship and struggle, the chances of that reunion ever happening seem remote. But Sandra carries her father's advice with her wherever she goes: 'Never give up!'

Quote from Sandra Laing: "I want people to know if something happens in your life and that you mustn't be shy to talk about it. I used to always be very sad, angry and wanted to be alone, but since the film I'm healing; it's helped me a lot and I'm happier now. I would do the same thing over and over again and not change anything about my life. I just want to say that people must pray that my brothers forgive me because I do miss them a lot."



Music Review:

Talk that Talk- Rihanna

The Talk That Talk album is rooted in R&B, dance-pop, and pop, but also incorporates a variety of genres such as hip hop, electro, trance, electro house, and dubstep. The opening track "You Da One", has a Caribbean flavor, and features dubstep "Where Have You Been" has elements of trance. The lead single, "We Found Love", is an electro house and dance-pop song "Talk That Talk" features rapper Jay-Z and samples The Notorious B.I.G.'s "I Got a Story to Tell". "Cockiness (Love It)", hip hop and dancehall influences. "Farewell", is a ballad. The standard version is also the shortest album she has ever released. Upon its release, the album generally received positive reviews from music critics, who commended its musical direction and dance tracks, but were ambivalent towards its composition and lyrics. Along with taking heat for her provocative performances, Rihanna released a couple of songs with her abusive ex Chris Brown and is rumored to be hooking up with him again as well. Rihanna's BFF Katy Perry, who once said, "I'm not here to be a role model personality. I'm here to be in the business of f**king rock and roll."



"It's not even my birthday, but I want to lick the icing off," Rihanna sings. "I really want it in the worst way. Won't you blow my candles out?"

Clearly, Rihanna's lyrics are coming racier without any help from the hip-hop has been who is trying to "Kiss Kiss" and make up with her.

In cockiness, she sings, "Suck my cockiness, lick my persuasion. Suck my resonance, swallow my pride down." She also

goes on to say that she just wants someone to be her sex slave. Songs about sex are not uncommon on Rihanna's albums. Chains and whips excited her in "S&M," and she wanted to pull the trigger on a lover in "Russian Roulette."

Finally, and most importantly, everyone knows why Rihanna is really collaborating with Chris Brown. It's for the Illuminati. Jay-Z and Beyonce have convinced her to become really close with Chris Brown again and marry him and then kill him off for even more fame and fortune. Then, Rihanna will be "gettin' paper" (because there will be no prenup) and subsequently give all of Chris Brown's money to Jay-Once to begin Blue Ivy Carter's music career. #aneyeforaneve

No, really...he just doesn't give a Sh*t.

In hip hop today the image that is portrayed is simple, "I got money, MTV Music Awards for Best Video I had a bad childhood, I'm spending my money...I hate my dad". This would be perfect if everyone had the same fate...but this is not Tyler. Everything in Hip Hop used to be all about whose better between sex, call them 'female dogs' and his Eminem and Jay-Z...blah-blah- Now if you want to be a low artists such as Bruno Mars and popular hip hop artist all you need say is 'My beats were made by Tyler, the Creator...' designs his own clothes and those Nominated for MTV's Video of the Year and winner for Best New Artist, then Trey Songz (without taking his hip off ladies). Born in 1991 in Los Angeles California, he taught himself how to play the piano at the age of 14. He apparently attended 12 different schools in his twelve years of schooling. He literally came out of nowhere and had the ground running with his retro beats and unusual sound. His first album 'Bastard' was self-released in 2009 was quite popular yet didn't do any damage to the industry compared to the release of his second album which was jump-started by the release of 'Yonkers'.



Asanda 'Ace' Africander

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The New PlayStation Vita Craze.



This enable the user to choose their memory capacity based on their use. The PS Vita is incompatible to standard memory cards and instead stores data on more expensive proprietary PS Vita memory cards. The memory cards range from 4GB to 32GB. Most of the games are distributed by the PS Vita card and are



The PlayStation Vita otherwise abbreviated as PSVita is a handheld game console manufactured and marketed by Sony Computer Entertainment. It is a five-inch Organic Light-emitting Diode (OLED) display, a multi-touch capacitive touch screen and supports and can only be purchased from Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and optional PlayStation Store. The price for 3G. The Vita also features a 4-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor (layman's terms it works really well). The name was chosen because of the PlayStation portable Vita means "life" in Latin. In addition, as part of the PlayStation brand of gaming devices, the PS Vita has two cameras, front and rear. This allows for face and head detection and head tracking. It was released in Japan and parts of Asia on December 17, 2011, in Europe, North America and Singapore on February 22, 2012. It now competes with the Nintendo 3DS as part of the eighth generation of gaming. Unlike the PSP, the Vita does not support video output and does not contain a removable battery. PS Vita is equipped with a storage media slot in addition to the PS Vita memory card slot.

By Sheila Kuto.

The Rise of ‘Krap’

Once upon a time being a dancer Krumping hit the streets in 2005, was seriously the in thing. People with the feature film Rize, but the like Fred Astaire used to rule the craze didn’t reach peak until 2007 circuits and the calibre of a dancer when Columbus Short starred in was seen by the way that they car- Stomp the Yard and J-Squad was a decline for rap in terms of its au- ried themselves in general. Even the in music! But now the year is today ballet dancers are being seen 2012, and to be honest, as a former as the ultimate carriers of compo- krumper myself, this phase of shift- sure and immaculate flexibility- ing trends is getting on my nerves! which is good for more than just the dancer themselves.

In the beginning of the millennium, the emergence of street dancing on that Krumpers are now over their the screens was something worth “monkeying” around, it seems hip talking about. You Got Served hit hop is about to take the worst hit the circuit and everyone was all ever. The influx of rappers who of a sudden a street dancer, girls have traded in their buck ways is were video vixens in their own great for entertainment but appall- bedrooms, and battling for money ing for rappers who do it for the became more common than just love. There are some rappers out the love of the sport. People used there who continuously strive to to look at Omarion Grandberry like get their music heard, or get their he was a pink elephant, because lyricism noticed yet because of people like him didn’t exist unless the ‘new members’, it’s becoming very difficult.

It used to be “Oh Wow? You rap? Drop a line for us...” nowadays its so different?” Truly speaking this is a decline for rap in terms of its au- thenticity. A prime example would be Durban’s ‘Fixed DC’, legend- ary dancers, and fashion leaders as per norm...that was a few years ago. If asked what happened to them, all you hear is ‘they’re rap- pers now...” but we haven’t heard anything from them. Thing is, I’m not saying rappers who used to rap are whack (hey, Tupac used to be a background dancer before Suge Knight found him), but be sure when you do your art...for we all may be able to use a pen...yet not all may be artists.

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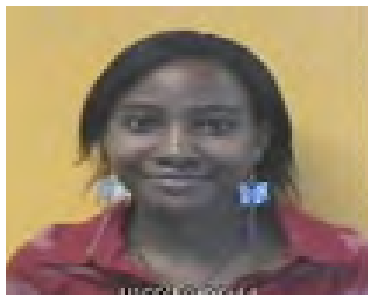
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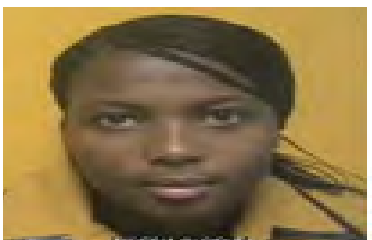
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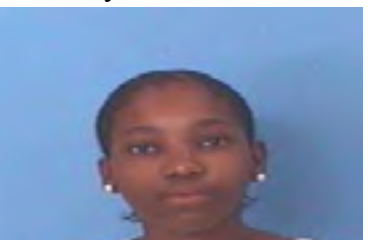
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You know you’re a coconut if ...

Let’s get a couple of things out of the way before you’re bombarded with my rather heavy cynicism. Firstly, my utter revulsion to the term “coconut” (the bile that ac- cumulates along my throat- com- pletely unbearable). Secondly, the experts who’re so quick to call people coconuts- vocabulary needs work guys, same goes to that nauseating accent. One of South Africa’s best-selling authors- Ko- pano Matlwa explores such a lifestyle which many black youths adopt in her best seller book “co- conut”. Though painting a rather absurd and miserable portrait of the 21st century black people who have become extremely western- ized and by rejecting African ideologies have ultimately become cultureless, it vividly defines such a haunting lifestyle as a search of identity by means of fitting in and conformity to the white “way of living”. Yet unclear why black people

would chose to be “coconuts”, it’s rather obvious that such a lifestyle (which is extensively frowned upon amongst Black/ African people) is a result to the quest of sophistication, escapism and at times superiority.

Now I could waffle on about the endless definitions of “coconut” but it would be senseless. How- ever, I am prepared in providing a better definition than “a coconut is a white person trapped in a black man’s body”. I’m hypothet- ically cremated when I hear such justification.

The general societies take on the term coconut; is a person(black person) who is labeled as such because of the way he might talk, the a dominating number of white friends, his good ear of listening to rock music and in a nutshell- not your typical vertigo-carvella kind of guy.



Being a frequent awardee in this category myself it’s only an honour to present the Nominees of most likely to be a coconut. At one – you’re most likely to be a co- conut when John, Peter and Luke aren’t just saints but your gym buddies. At two when everything is rad to you but is actually “ok” to 99% of your ethnic population. At three, when you think you can rock lumo vest whilst your ebony skin is actually lumo black (colour blocking ok).



Nkanyiso Mtolo

The World’s Sissy Fit

Soweto Riots, Million Man March, Sharpeville Massa- cre...these are just three of the most recognized riots of the 20th Century that have influenced the democracy on which we pride ourselves on today. They stood for Human rights, the compassion that one should have towards an- other human and the dignity we should have for one anoth- er no matter what colour you genetically are 6 August 2011 Britain’s capital, London was riddled by many teenagers running riots in the boroughs. This followed after a peaceful protest for the death of a local man named Mark Duggan. That night was the first re- porting of the London Riots. It is said that these had an un- derlying protest for the rights that these minors have. I call them minors because many of them are too delinquent to re- alise that life is ddelicate and they have to work for what they have.According to Dic- tionary.com, human’s rights are ‘any basic right or free- dom to which all human be- ings are entitled and in whose exercise a government may not interfere (including rights to life and liberty as well as freedom of thought and ex- pression and equality before the law).



Personally speaking I find he looked at them in an unap- because of it. Nowadays if hat in the United Kingdom,preciated way. This in itself isyou smack your child, you the kids are literally uncon- appalling. Growing up, I cancould get fined or possibly trollable. I had a friend who honestly say that I’d receive-in the most extreme cases- lived in England and I spe- a really good hiding when Ijail. Has the world gone soft- cifically remember him re- was in the wrong and I canor is the right way to go? In calling an incident that dis- turbing if not surprising. He honestly say that this in ac- history you find the upmost tual fact benefitted my grow-respect for parents, the rever- ing up, my peers and I lookence was truly impeccable, back and make fun of how weyet nowadays you find that were beaten because of ourpeople go to court to battle which was the rivals to the own wrongdoings, and howtheir own fathers for sup- we are better people

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The fine line between hip- hop and maskandi.



People have the tendency of say- ing that people who love and fol- low ‘maskandi’ (African music) are savage in a way. But, what motivated my writing is the igno- rance of hip-hop followers that I have encountered with. What also contributed to this is what beyonce said about hip-hop deriving from African dance (YouTube link). But the reality is that one fails to un- derstand that the history of African Americans derives Africa itself. So let us weigh the similarities. When you look at the passion they carry for their music and the knowledge of the culture they have, it is amaz- ing. Both these dress in outfits that are ridiculous to the rest of us. Jew- elry whether it is rings or chains it is always a part of their attire. They never leave their caps or hats be- hind. They have their unique lan- guage which is quiet similar. For instance one says bro the other says ‘bafo’, man and ‘ndoda’, dude and ‘mfowethu’. All these words mean the same thing just in differ- ent languages. Music wise hip-hop has rappers while maskandi has singers, but the lyrics are about someone they hate or about what they have, but originally have lost its poetic value. In dance maskandi uses ingoma (Zulu dance), whilst hip-hop uses krumping, pop ‘r lock, break dancing and stepping. But the passion and the movements are quiet similar to each other, es- pecially the movement of the legs and the facial expressions. These two love contesting one another in their own genre, and obsessed with becoming the best. As much as guys love having more than one girlfriend, in hip-hop one is known as a player and the man if you have more than one girl. In maskandi or African context you are isoka which is pretty much the same thing. Guys both these genres are influenced by each other and have a level of indecency among them. So before we judge at who is better than who think about this.

Vetile Mngoma

What a Year it Has Been...and it is just the Beginning!!!

2012. A year where it is rumoured that our lovely Mother Earth is going to come to an end. While that is only a rumour, it is no rumour that when a leap year comes, there is no shortage of sports action in and around the world. As new Sports Editor of NUX, along with my Sports Team, we promise to give you, our readers, insightful coverage of all Campus, Local and International Sports news. Already, our UKZN Impi have completed most of their games this season and despite the fact they

have not been on the greatest of form this season, they have actually played well (see next page). Malherbe have already began their title defence of Soccer Campus League and for the first time in years, NUX brings back the Soccer Campus League column which will have updated news, results and table news on every edition of the NUX (see next page). In local sports, the Absa Premiership is set to have a photo finish once again with Mamelodi Sundowns, Kaizer Chiefs,

Supersport United and champions Orlando Pirates all be-host country Gabon. A new year however is the Olympic Games in London in August. Later this year, an entire sports edition of the NUX will be dedicated to the Games. 2012 promises to be a great year of sporting action. History will be made, legends will be created and kings and queens will be crowned.

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Sharadia Ebrahim

struggles before us, yet we can make a difference by understanding our controversial heritage. More importantly, to allow for South Africa to prosper, each citizen ought to understand the hard work that went into getting our country to this point. Follow the articles based on our rights, the way we abuse them, and all that we can learn from our rich country. Be proud to stay at home on the 21st March and share the history of this auspicious day by remembering the battles that were fought for our well being before we were even thought of. Remember the lives that were lost to secure your freedom today. It has all been a gift to us, so make the conscious choice to respect your freedom.

Peace, love and joy to all, with a dash of patriarchy to add to us being proudly South African.

On the 21st March 2012, we shall roll around in bed and bask in the glory of our past heroes who have given us a day off in the week. The aim of this month's NUX is to bring to your attention exactly what our rights are, and more importantly, what the responsibilities are that go with our free rights. We had no participation in the

Does uMatatazela mean business or not?

During the 2010 FIFA World Cup, a German octopus by the name of Paul was predicting Germany's results accurately, leaving a bizarre but amusing legacy in Africa's Show-Piece.



Ever since the game against Sierra Leone, Bafana have not won a single game. Most recently, a friendly against Senegal saw Teko Modise botch two clear cut chances towards the end of the game that he would score on any given day for Mamelodi Sundowns, let alone the other chance that were created. Personally, I have watched every Bafana game since he came onto the scene and it really puts a spin on me my lack of beliefs in witchcraft. If he means business, so many things are on the line. Pitso Mosimane's job is one, South Africa is suppose to host Afcon next year, are we going to go out in the first round again? At the same time, if

All Star Weekend-I Starve, Sleep

If people were to find out that basketball was originally a kids busy during a rainy, people would disagree. Today basketball has been the host to the biggest names in sports history, highest paid, etc. On the 24th to the 26th of February was the much anticipated All Star Weekend for the National Basketball Association (NBA), and really, let us say that the organisers out-did themselves tremendously!



After seeing Kevin Durant winning the MVP award, and Russell Westbrook by his side, there is a battle for the West...are they going to stop the Lakers because truly speaking the Mavericks have fallen off...not forgetting the East, with the Celtics seemingly out the picture, the Heats could see the Playoffs again. With The NBA Draft around the corner, people like Anthony Davis ready to dominate the league...players like Kendrick Perkins could have limited careers. The rest of the season will have a major uproar...whether we like it or not.

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Two years on, another bi-Cup, a German octopus by the name of Paul was predicting Germany's results accurately, leaving a bizarre but amusing legacy in Africa's Show-Piece.

This man claims that he made a deal with SAFA that they would pay him R100 000 if he was to do a "cleansing ceremony" at the Free State Stadium before a big group game for Bafana against France in order for them to beat the former World Champions. Bafana won the match, which means his sup-

posed ceremony worked. Well, we all know that did not happen, but subsequent to that, he gave SAFA an ultimatum and says that Bafana will not win a single match until he gets his money, making an appearance on SABC 1's Soccer Zone recently, he reiterated the same claims, but are they claims or does he mean business?



By Kgaleitso Mataboge



Now that sleeping is instilled in every fans schedule, there are a few questions that remain to be answered by the actions of the superstars in the upcoming games leading to the rest of the season.



First up will be the much anticipated trade of Dwight Howard. The three-time Defensive Player of the Year recipient and 'Superman' of our time, has become somewhat of an icon that represents the Orlando Magic with that smile. Will he go or will he stay? Even if he decides to leave-where will he go? What impact will that cause on both teams affected?

Kobe Bryant surpassed Michael Jordan record for points in All Star games, 271 to be exact. Now that he continues to even greater heights of stardom and playing, there has been multiple thought on how Kobe should react to the bloody nose received from Wade, one thing that has varied reactions, one of which is Dwayne Wade's popularity within the city of Los Angeles city.

South Africa's Women's Hockey Team qualifies for the Olympics.

South Africa's women's hockey team booked their place at their fourth straight Olympics Games. After defeating India 3-1 in the qualifying round at the New Delhi Stadium, the team will jet off to London later on this year for the 2012 Olympic Games. South Africa is now the 10th of the 12 teams to qualify for the Olympics. The Proteas, who went unbeaten in the qualifying tournament, led 2-0 at half time. Shelly Russell pounced on a ball that drifted across the strike zone in the 3rd minute, beating a defender and slipping the ball past India's goalkeeper, Yogita Bali to give South Africa the early lead. In the dying minutes of the first half, Pietie Coetzee fired in a strike from the penalty corner stretching her world record of 233 goals in 238 test matches. The home team, India, pushed even harder in the second half but they could not quite get back the lead against the strong African defence and South Africa's captain Marsha Marescia converted a penalty in the 53rd minute. India hit back with 13 minutes left, scoring their only goal of the match by Jaspreet Kaur.

"We are going to London. The feeling is yet to sink in. Our performance did the talking. We worked hard a team," South Africa's skipper Marescia said. "Our defence was very strong, the credit goes to our coaching staff," she added. The hockey team now joins the codes of women's football, canoeing, rowing, athletics and road cycling who have already qualified athletes for the Games. South Africa will play a number of matches before the Olympics including the Investec London Cup from June 5 to 10, two tests against the Netherlands and a Four Nations tournament in Bremen, Germany. All the best to our girls and congratulations.



By Sheila Kuto.

Draft picking the NBA in 2012

With the NBA 2012 Draft Pick around the corner, here's the speculated top 5 pick that may do some serious damage in the league.

5. Harrison Barnes-Nicknamed 'Black Falcon' for a reason, this guy weighs 210lbs., or 95kgs using the metric system, was named no.1 player by Scout.com and ESPNU.com, if he's not drafted, Michael Jackson wasn't black!

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1. Anthony Davis-The Kentucky freshman has taken his team places and dominates in blocks and scoring by a big man, he definitely has potential!

2. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist-Another freshman from Kentucky, considered best player in the NCAA league by Scout.com, and only turned 18 last year September, the name Michael may not just belong to Jordan anymore.

3. Thomas Robinson-Once again another Kentucky forward taking his place in history, averaging 16 points, 13 rebounds and 5 blocks per game in high school, imagine the issues he causes for opposing teams in the NCAA.



4. Bradley Beal-Dubbed 'Ray Allen meets Eric Gordon', this Florida Gators shooting guard scored 14 points in his first game, and was the FIBA U-17 world championship MVP in 2010...need I say more?

Which Colour? Red or Blue?

An avid follower of the Barclays Premier League will never forget October 23rd 2011. The Manchester Derby; Old Trafford; Manchester United vs. Manchester City. In the 22nd minute of that game, Italian Mario Balotelli puts City in the lead with an exquisite finish from a David Silva cross. Balotelli then lifts his shirt up to show the words "WHY ALWAYS ME?". That goal would open the flood gates for the Red Devils as City went on to win the match with an astonishing 6-1 score line, their worst loss at home since 1955.

That match, however, went on to galvanise the defending champions as they have gone on to pick up 44 points out of a possible 54, sinking giants Arsenal, Liverpool and most recently Tottenham on the way. That is a record worthy of winning any league title but despite that, they find themselves 2 points behind their blue rivals who have been indomitable since the season began in August. All season, City have picked 66 points out of a possible 81. This makes April 30th 2012 a day to mark on any football fans calendar, Manchester City vs. Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium, a game that will possibly decide where the Barclays Premier League trophy is going this season.

The one statistic that points in direction of who the favourites are for this match is Manchester City home record. They have not lost a single league game at the Etihad Stadium this season, scoring 42 goals, only conceding 6 goals the entire season, making their stadium a fortress this season. Ironically though, one of the two teams that have beaten Man City at Etihad this season are the Red Devils in the FA Cup (the other team being Liverpool in the Carling Cup). Sports writers, analysts and fans find difficulty in deciding who the favourite is for this mouth watering clash. On one hand you have a Manchester United side who, under the tutelage of Sir Alex Ferguson have asserted themselves as the most successful side in England with a record 19 titles and have a opportunity to extend their league title record to 20. On the other side you have a Manchester City side that has never won the English title in the club's history.

Never in the history of English football has the separation of Blue and Red in Manchester been so nail biting, with so much at stake, which team will prevail on April 30th 2012?



By Kgalaletso Mataboge