

EYAKHO

“Leave a LEGACY”

ASPIRING
LEADERS AND
PROUD
MOMENTS

XANADU
GOES
GREEN,
AGAIN

**XANADU FLAG IN NMMU AND
ABROAD: MARSHALL**

FASHION
2012
STAND OUT

*EXAM TIME:
GET TO GRIPS
WITH WHAT
TO DO*



ED'S NOTE

This is the 2nd edition, and the dream behind this initiative has always been to foster the development of our students, allowing them to be part of something of this magnitude. It is all about belonging. Through this we had at allowing the students in Xanadu to use their thinking and creativity caps, creative minds, innovation, talent, sweat and blood, as well as their energy into creating an online magazine that aims at showing and reporting events happening in and around this residence. I must express my gratitude towards my team- the Media Team. This team has worked tirelessly in ensuring that this dream comes to life. Your efforts are highly appreciated and very well recognised gentlemen. Development is a concept that is very much equivocal to change. Many resist it merely because it is not a smooth process. However, it is imperative and each individual should seek to develop. In development, one grows to reach their full potential and that is what we want from all our residences. This publication is a developmental tool to achieving this. Furthermore, this publication is like no other, it is a way of life. Through it, we seek to broaden the views of our residents on issues that are not only around residences but in broader community. Allowing them to become critical thinkers who are well abreast and wholistic in their interpretation of things. That can only lead to their enhancement. We have a variety of topics and articles that include fashion, upcoming leaders, proud moments, movies and a bit of "knowledge" on the other species. We hope that you enjoy this issue; Happy reading, and remember, this is our gift to YOU, so OWN IT, Eyakho

Tulani Nkuntse
Chief Editor



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FEAR OF FAILURE

Many students fall prey year after year to the emotional mire, fear of failure. Students become discouraged, because they become scared to fail a subject even before going for and completing all the assessments and tests required. Some believe they do not have the mental capacity to pass the subject, which is indeed a pity.

Take R101 for example, the first year BCom module. Most students do not fail this course because they do not know the content and the logic behind the debits and the credits, or they haven't practiced enough, but they fail because they go to tests doubting themselves or thinking how difficult the test would be. Some start to panic even before the instructions are read out not knowing what the test looks like, and subsequently the anxiety is transferred onto the answer booklet. Many studies have proved that the average

human mind cannot think logically under pressure, decision-making is poor if a person is under duress and therefore does not think clearly and inevitably the student fails. As an after effect of failing the first test the student becomes demotivated to study for the next test, their fear turns into hate for the subject and they fail to redeem themselves and get DP's at the subsequent assessment opportunities.



So I pose a question: Does hard work not pay off? What happens to all those hours of input and diligence if you cannot pass a module that you have studied for? The answer is that you should start looking at yourself differently. University is the time when a person should learn the art of self-counselling, or it may be detrimental to your personal life, social life and of course your academics.



However, when you register for a module at the beginning of the year does not automatically mean that you will pass the module at the end of the semester? Because if that was the case NMMU would be selling the Qualifications, hence it is also important that students should accept the possibility of failure, but that should not be the likely

outcome. There is an on campus psychologist and clinical facilities to help you deal with your fear and all the other complications students experience daily make full use of these amenities, the worst thing is for you to have pride, and fail with your pride. After all it is in human nature to be afraid and sceptical of what we do not know.

GOOD LUCK WITH THE EXAMS

GAME REVIEW



Official Name: Call of Duty
Modern Warfare
III (MW3)
Developer: Infinity Ward &
Sledgehammer
Type: First person
shooter
Publisher: Activision
Square Enix
Release Date: 8 November
2011
Retail Price: R400.00

RATINGS:

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| Graphics and detail | 8/10 |
| User friendliness | 9/10 |
| Playability | 8/10 |

Activision has released a number of games in the Call of Duty series, providing players with some of the latest gameplay experience and graphics. This game picks up from where MW2 left off. No surprise comes to mind with 16 gunfire and strategy filled missions in regular single player mode. The game consists of the same weapons as in MW2, but gives way to at least 4 exciting new weapons.



One of the new guns PP90M1



John Soap Mactavish, R.I.P



MAKAROV

Very good work has been done with the graphics and sound of the game. Controls can be changed in the game to suit your likes. The developers have paid very good attention to the detail and to backgrounds. The game offers a variety of weapons throughout each mission. The player hardly battles alone; GIGN and Assault teams accompany the player throughout the missions. And the commentary by fellow soldiers makes it seem more real. The game also offers great online play with great detail and less slacking. The Special Ops mode provides a new survival mode, testing the players' tactical abilities. A great game for the upcoming winter indeed

A LEADER IS BORN

In touch with Yanga Sibelegwana

FACT FILE:

Full Name: Yanga Sibelegwana
Course of Study: BSc Construction Economics,
2nd year
High School Attended: Selbourne College
Favourite pastime: Playing Pac Man
Favourite music: Gospel
Interests: Serving students
High school leadership: Secretary of the Xhosa Society
Leadership roles at NMMU (previous and current):
>Additional Member of Sciensco
>Secretary of Sciensco
>GCI Green Ambassador
>Xanadu Subcommittee Chairperson
>Secretary DASO interim branch
>Chief Whip DASO
>SRC Disciplinary Committee



1.)What inspires you as a leader?

I am inspired by people who are given a chance to do something (lead) and don't do it to the best of their abilities due to personal gain and other attributes being the main objective... Please do not get me wrong, this inspires me to lead because then, I can actually show them the true meaning of leadership and how it is suppose to be done. I always say, "when you lead to the best of your ability, the satisfaction of knowing you did your best when the sun sets is better than other other reward you can ever ask for."

2.)How would you describe yourself as a leader?

As a leader, I believe you can not have only one leadership style. There are times where you have to get direction from the people you are leading, sometimes you have to give direction. Therefore I would describe my leadership style as being a very flexible one, wherby I sometimes lead from the back, sometimes from the front and infact, sometimes amongst the people whom I am leading.

3.)As the site rep of South campus, what is your main goal for this year?

My aim is to trully and honestly represent all students of this beloved campus (South Campus) matter how uncomfortable it becomes.



Above: Yanga in the NMMU SRC 2012 as South Campus site rep

4.) What qualities should a leader intail?

I think the most important quality is public conduct. A leader that can not conduct him/herself in a proper manner in public, then that leader needs some urgent help and prayers. Once again, I always say, "To lead others, you must first lead yourself." Secondly, accountability as a leader is very important and also understanding the people you lead.

5.) What is your motto in life?

I don't want to lie, I don't live by any motto but I take them as they come, whichever one is relevant at the time. One that is coming to mind right now is, "When you fail the first time, think how many people you have made happy."

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2011 Xanadu Subcomm, with Yanga as Chairman

Clearly he is a well groomed leader ready to take on the world. Xanadu is proud to call this finely groomed gentleman one of its very own

XANADU'S FLAG FLIES HIGH

Chatting up Sanele Nongauza, A.K.A Mr Freshette 2012

Sitting in the crowd during Mr and Miss Freshette 2012, the first thing you would have spotted about the “Underdog” is the spirit he brings to the show. A month later and we caught up with him, still growing into his sash. He is a very spirited young man, ready to take on life as it comes. The new ambassador of the first years flies Xanadu’s flag high in NMMU. This is what our Zepp had to say

FACT FILE :

Full Name: Sanele Nongauza
Hometown: Phakamisa
High School Attended: Dale College Boys
Course: ND Journalism
Pass Time/ Hobbies: Playing Sports, Internet, Working out, Hanging out with friends
Favourite food: Pasta and mince
Favourite music: RnB, Pop, Hip Hop, Rock
Favourite artist: Omarian
Relationship status: Taken



1) What does the title of “Mr Freshette” mean to you?
Mr Freshette is an ambassador and voice for the 1st years. I believe that he has to represent in events, social and academic, wherever he goes and be a reflection of what a 1st year student at NMMU should embody.

2) What are your expectations for your coming as Mr Freshette?
I’m expecting a lot of responsibility, the responsibility of representing so many different but similar 1st year students.

3) Some could say that you went into that night as an underdog. Why do you believe the judges chose you?

True. The judges did not only look at physical appearance when they chose the winner, they also looked at our mentality. When the top 5 was chosen, we all had a clean slate and I believe my answer and its content was better than the others on the night.

4) How has the experience been around campus? Especially with students.

It has been great. I get a lot more recognition and respect now. From my face being crossed off on a poster at the cafeteria to people seeing the potential I have. Students see what I



5) XM exploded in the crowd as you were announced the winner. Any words to what is arguably your biggest support base?
THANK YOU. I have never had that much support for anything in my life. The crowd reaction and especially screams from the ladies gave me that extra push to actually do my best. It was unexpected and really fantastic, THANK YOU GUYS.



Gentlemen I am sure everyone dreams of owning a fly whip (car) weather for the speed, the babes or just for getting from point A to point B. We all want one, and that's alright, but if I may grab the petrol heads attention for the remainder of the article this is intended for the men who spend hours at the TV lounge utilising the school's Wi-Fi on Google searching for the latest and fastest cars, the men who stare enthusiastically at cars passing, imagining themselves driving out the dealership with it.

Well I spent a lot of time trying to think what car I would feature. With no productive results, it suddenly dawned on me we have our own racing crew. I thought I definitely needed pay these gentlemen a visit at North campus and get some details about their car less than a week before their race in Knysna. Here are some deatils about the car >>>>>>>

At the Knysna Hill Climb challenge, they placed 3rd Big ups boys

NMMU Racing

DibaOne

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| Frame Construction Chromoly Tubular steel space frame | |
| Overall L (mm) | 2900 |
| Overall W (mm) | 1400 |
| Overall H (mm) | 1360 |
| Wheelbase (mm) | 1700 |
| Track (Fr) (mm) | 1220 |
| Track (Rr) (mm) | 1200 |
| Suspension | Double unequal length &-arms. Push rod actuated horizontally oriented springs (Elbach) and dampers (Sachs) |
| Tyres | Continental, 205/510 R13 |
| Wheels | BBS, 8.0x13 |
| Engine | Honda CBR600 RR03 |
| Exhaust | 4-into-2-into-1 |
| Control system | Dickator (engine), Translogic (gearshift), Motec (dash logger) |
| Differential | Drexler 2009 LSD |
| Cooling | Twin radiator sidepod located with electric fans |
| Brake System | Tilton master cylinders, 4-Disk system (solid) with Wilwood calipers |
| Electronics | Self developed user interface via radio link telemetry |

ZEPP MOBILE



Celebrating 35 years of the VW GTI

Yes, you loved them before you were even born. The VW Golf GTI has been around for 35 years. While the ladies talk about us, it is much known to all that we talk about our cars. The GTI has been a part of student's life for some time now and is seen as one of the best cars for this group of drivers.

In this issue we look at the improvements made this beauty. Gentlemen, start your engines.....



GOLF 6 GTI SPECS

- Base Price: R330 000.00
- 170g/km CO₂ Emmisons
- 6 speed manual
- Turbo charged
- GTI sports suspension
- 7.4 l / 100km
- Hill hold assistance
- 18" Detroit alloy wheels
- Heated leather sports seats
- Multi-function computer
- Aluminium foot pedals

GET TO KNOW HER....

JUUUUST A LITTLE BIT MORE

Girls girls girls. Alike in many ways to us, but they are different. You just have to look a bit closer.

ACHIEVERS

Result results results. They are no fascinated by what or who is around, but rather by how all this can help them. Their goal in life is to make a name for themselves. Personality: focused, determined, driven, committed and passionate. They do to a certain extent lack social skills.



NIGHT LIFE SPECIALISTS
“There’s a party at 5th Av”. And if you want to go, you have to get these girls. Their lives are made of loud music, a drink in one hand and a cigarette compliments, making out with random guys in the club and they know fashion like the back of their hands. They bring “life”, drama and “fun” to varsity, the kind of people who live life as if ‘YOLO’.

THE RESERVES
“Wait, she lives here?” You will not succeed in finding them at social events. They don’t say much due to a lack of social and communication skills. They can talk very well with themselves though. Labelled “Silent Killers” at times because they do their things in private and the results are never appealing to other people.



SOCIALITES
She knows who’s who and who’s doing what where. They are loud and very opinionated, participating in everything they can lay their hands on. Networking is the name of their game, and they always have contacts on standby. Be warned though, they are welcoming, socially, but they know when to put their shields up.

ATHLETES

These so called “over achievers” participate in as many extra mural activities. Just like their male counterparts, they excel in sports and keep good academic records. Focus, determination and a good diet leads to good things only. They take most things seriously and find it hard to deal with disappointments.

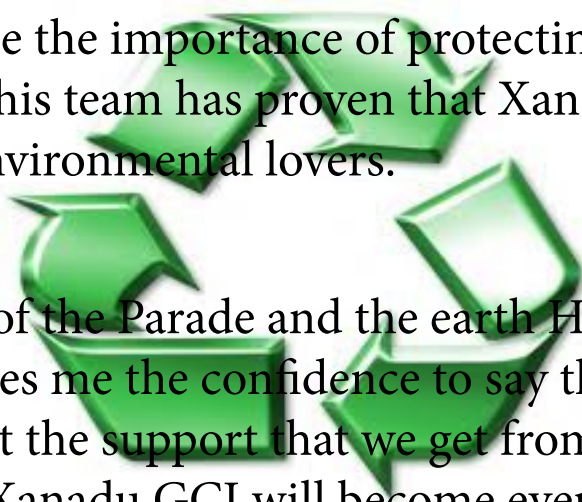




“It’s more than just a structure, it’s a lifestyle”

In a period of 4 months, this team has made a mark in NMMU. This team has made people see the importance of protecting the environment and most importantly this team has proven that Xanadu, the home of kings, is also the home of environmental lovers.

Being the winners of the Parade and the earth Hour event hosted by the NMMU GCI, it gives me the confidence to say that this is a spectacular team and looking at the support that we get from our fellow brothers, it has become vivid that Xanadu GCI will become even bigger and better in the following years.

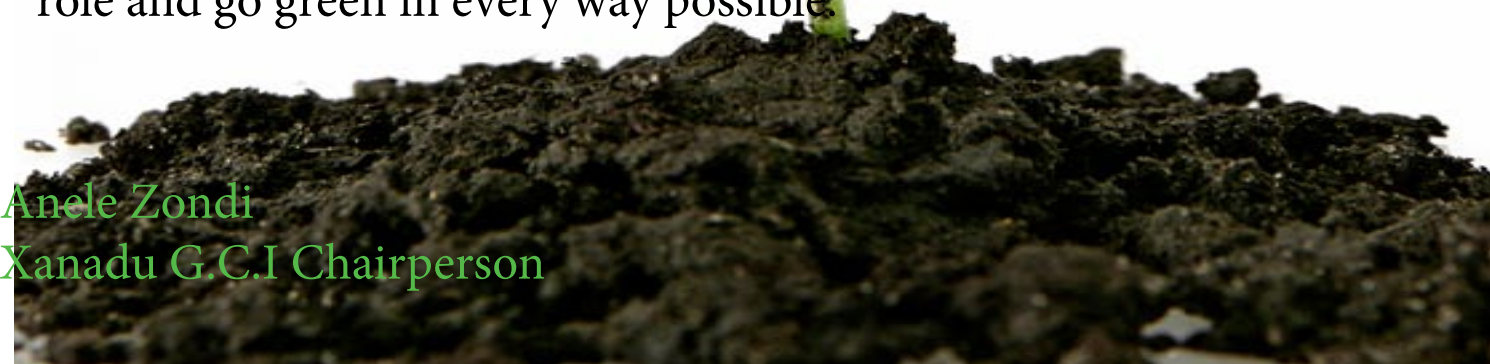


In the past few months we participated in the NMMU GCI parade where we had to make banners for environmental awareness. We went beyond expectations and created a statue of the castle using a 100% recycling material, this event took place on the April 24th. On the 4th May we took part in an annual event called ‘earth hour’. Being the first residence to switch off its lights in the allocated period, we were awarded winners of the event. On the 10th of that month we spent our lunch hour cleaning up the recycling site at South campus. Not long after that we merged with the Xanadu subcommittee to create a “Happy Mother’s Day” poster with purely recycled materials.



With only 7 members in the team our impact on the environment and the community of South campus has gone beyond expectations, however, there is a much greater world beyond NMMU so we ask that u play your role and go green in every way possible.

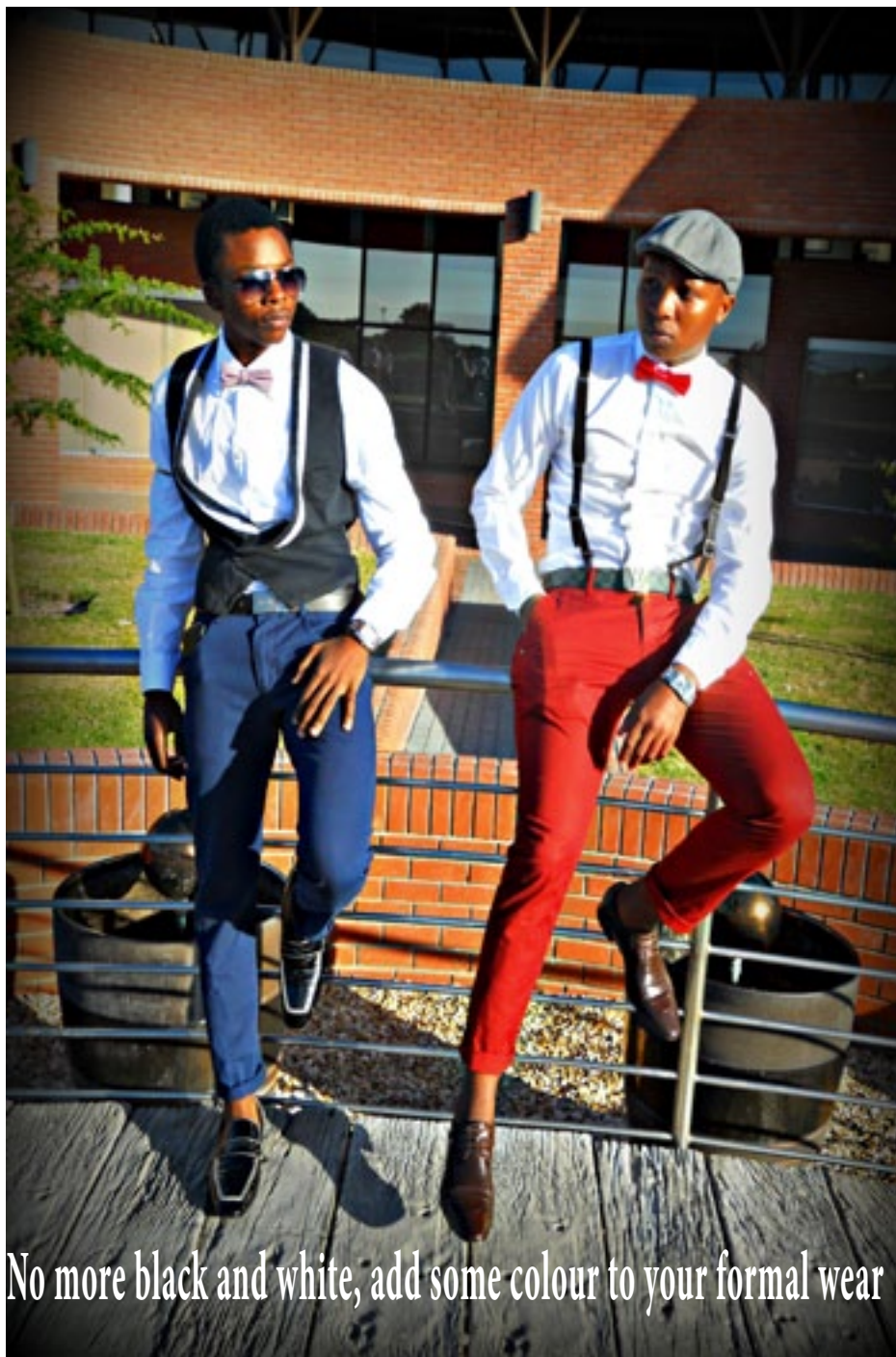
Anele Zondi
Xanadu G.C.I Chairperson



fa-X-ion sense

Its 2012, the dawn of a new generation. Fashion has taken an unexpected turn of events. From vintage coming back, to “swagging up” formal wear, one needs to keep a constant eye on current trends and change, especially in varsity. Let us give you some outfits for you to survive on while you stay with us.

FUNKY FORMAL



Bax wears: Blue skinny jeans
White slim fit shirt
Navy blue waistcoat
Checked bowtie
Black formal shoes
POLO belt

X wears: Red Cignal pants
White DH shirt
Cignal suspenders
Red bowtie
Luis Vuitton belt
Kurt Gieger shoes

Depending on the weather, add a hat or shades to spice it up. There is no restriction to the waistcoat as X shows the suspenders can come in very handy.

Add a watch, just to make sure you're fashionably late

No more black and white, add some colour to your formal wear

JUST CHILLIN'

It might be winter, but you know how P.E is like. One has to keep their mind open sunny days.

The lads pull off the same outfit with a lot of differences.

A cool v neck t-shirt (from Markhams), whether stripped or just plain(choose your colours wisely)

Pants(Levis) that either match the top(X) or a colour that will help both bring each other out(Bax)

Taking a walk on the beach doesn't matter whether u want to hide the feet in solids or let the sand eat them up, Mr Price can cater there

Add a belt that will stand out, or don't use a belt at all



KOOL KIDS

Last but definitely not least, you definitely want to look the part when you rock up in class. A shirt and pants has always been seen as too formal, well now there's a twist.

Never be afraid to play around with colours, and don't be afraid to match your colours sometimes.

The gents look shilled and ready for the day with Chinos (Markams) that match their loafers(Streetfever)

The shirts (Cignal @ Markhams) are bright colours, showing no fear and complementing the pants and shoes)



BIOSCOPE

TOP 3 IN THEATER



MEN IN BLACK 3

Agent J travels in time to MIB's early years in the 1960s, to stop an alien from assassinating his friend Agent K and changing history.

Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Chris Evans

MARVEL AVENGERS

Nick Fury of S.H.I.E.L.D assembles a group of the marvel superheroes to help save the earth from Loki and his invading army.

Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner



BATTLESHIP

A fleet of ships battles an alien naval fleet and try to figure out its goals

Alexander Skarsgård, Brooklyn Decker, Liam Neeson, Rihanna



MR & MISS XM 2012



...COMING SOON...

AUGUST 2012

SPORTS BUZZ

INTERFLAT SOCCER LEAGUE

For the past couple of weeks, Newlands has been filled with cheers, cries and arguments as Xanadu held its inter-flat soccer league. Things got very personal at some points, but a gentleman of Xanadu knows only good sportsmanship.

Even with the problems that Xanadu had to face, this provided the perfect platform for the lads to re-unite and take the stress away.



Show them what you're made of mate

XANDU SPORTS DAY

And then the big day came, the 19th of May saw the guys come out in full force, showing what they really made. Sports day in Xanadu was upon us and the champions would be decided over soccer, touch rugby, FIFA12, craze8, chess, table tennis and even cricket. Thanks to Sir Flaunt for the fun and games, but a champion had to be crowned that day.

An impressive showing by F&G and penthouse kings J&K as they met in both touch rugby and soccer finals.

It was the penthouse that ruled on the day as J&K won the sports day trophy. Big congrats to the lads, great commitment and passion shown by them.

And thanks to all those who did participate, maybe we could do this again next semester



ZEPP OF THE MONTH:

MARSHALL MARSH

Xanadu is a place for more than just studies; it embodies the true meaning of "Living and Learning". It is the also the perfect environment for potential sportsmen to grow as a whole.

Here is this years update on our sporting performance

Xanadu Cricket-3rd place (7th last year)
Xanadu Athletics currently leading
Xanadu Soccer- currently 3rd on the log
Xanadu Rugby-currently 11th
Xanadu Hockey-3 wins, 1 loss

Your support is definetly needed and appreciated gents


Its not the first time, and definitely not the last. He never gets tired of it, and if anyone wants to challenge him in this section, they better step their game up because this guy is not slowing down any time soon.

Marshell Marsh(above) is an HMS student and wheelchair tennis player for S.A. Why is he here you may ask. Well he did it again, a third time to be precise. When we sat with Marshell to catch up, he had just returned from Korea. Marshell was a member of the S.A team that placed second in the Wheelchair Tennis World Cup in Korea not more than a week ago. He is currently rated 99th in the world in his sport, and an impressive 3rd in the country, his best ratings yet. The teams competed in a series of singles and doubles games which saw S.A stumble only at the finals. There is no doubt that this young man is going places. He shows great potential and his ratings keep improving. Hard work always pays off and it is very clear with him.

We only wish him the best of luck in the upcoming future and hereby crown him Zepp of the Month for May



The Studio



THE MEDIA TEAM 2012

LUYOLO MSABANE

MARLON WITBOOI

LWAZI MXUNYELWA

BUNTU ODOLO

WINFRED POKOLO

THUBA SEAGA

APHENDULWE MANTSHIYOSE

KATLEHO THEMBA