

Griet Griet



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The next *GrietGriet* will be available in March 2009!
GrietGriet is also available in Afrikaans - please let us know if you prefer to receive an Afrikaans copy.

Can you believe that Magrietjie is 26 years old!! Doors opened on 26 March 1982.

Please join the Magrietjie Alumni database



Poenie Leen established the "Bond van Oud-Magrietjies"

Did you know?
Magrietjie Alumni is on facebook. Read the newsletter to find out how to join the facebook group.

WELCOME!

Finally, our long awaited electronic Alumni newsletter - *GrietGriet* - is here! Herewith we officially welcome every old-Magrietjie. We hope that *GrietGriet* will put back the spring (or rather the "huppel") in your step when you think back (or long back) to your student days in Magrietjie. We see it as a privilege to be able to make contact with those who have been responsible for transforming Magrietjie into a home to be proud of.

Can you believe that Magrietjie opened her doors 26 years ago? Since then Magrietjie has developed into a residence of excellence, pride and joy. Currently Magrietjie is the home of 328 ladies consisting of Spikkels, Semis and Seniors. And yes, Magrietjie is still represented by the colour pink (any shade of pink will do!), as well as the Magrietjie flower – a pink flower that represents femininity, balance, beauty and power.



Magrietjie still blooms with talent and achievements and is a residence that, as you will see in the newsletters, consistently performs very well on various levels. But before we start bragging about all Magrietjie's achievements, let us first ensure that you know how to get into contact with us (and us with you).

LET MAGRIETJIE ALUMNI COME TO LIFE

Magrietjie's Alumni group (better known as the "Bond van Oud-Magrietjies") was established by Poenie Leen, Primaria of 1989-1990. A few years ago, Magrietjie lost all the information in her database. Therefore we are currently in the process of recreating a new database and need your help to make this effort a success. Please assist us by distributing this newsletter to all the other old-Magrietjies so that they can see how to become part of the Magrietjie Alumni group again.

Old-Magrietjies can provide us with their information using any of the options below. Once we have their contact details, it will enable us to email *GrietGriet* to them:

Option 1: Send an email to magrietjie@up.ac.za and request that the Alumni form be sent to you in a reply email. Complete the form and return via email to magrietjie@up.ac.za or fax to 0865436484.

Option 2: Go to Magrietjie's web page (www.up.ac.za/magrietjie) and click on Alumni. On the Alumni page, click on the "Alumni form" to download it (PDF format). Complete the form and return via email to magrietjie@up.ac.za or fax to 0865436484.

MAGRIETJIE ALUMNI IS ON FACEBOOK!

Join the Magrietjie Alumni *facebook* group by following these easy steps:

- Go to www.facebook.com and complete your personal information and password, and then click on the green "sign up" button.
- Follow the security instructions and click on the green "sign-up" button.
- Thereafter you will receive an email with instructions on how to complete the registration process for *facebook*. Click on the link in your email to take you to *facebook's* web page.
- On *facebook's* web page, click on "applications" (possibly on the bottom left corner of the screen) and click on "groups".
- Lastly, type "Magrietjie Alumni" in the "search for groups" box and click on "join group".
- Now you can find other old-Magrietjies and make contact with them.



MAGRIETJIE PERFORMS

Magrietjie performs well on various levels and several successes were achieved during the past few years. Some of the highlights are:

- Best Culture residence of the Year for 2008 and 2nd best in 2007
- Best Sport residence of the Year in 2007 and 3rd best in 2008
- Best Culture HK member (Engela van der Heever) of all residences in 2008
- Best Sport HK member (Laila Ncwana) of all residences in 2007
- Won "drastoel" 11 consecutive years
- Won lenkmelodienk in 2008 and achieve a 2nd place in 2007
- 1st place for RAG week games in 2007 and 2008
- Won Serrie in 2007
- Best seller of RAG magazines in 2007
- Won the Spirit Cup during the last 2 years at lenk athletics
- Best archive and photo book in 2007
- 2nd place in Serenade in 2008
- 3rd highest academic performance of all residences in 2007



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MAGRIETJIE TRADITIONS

Magrietjie still values her traditions. The Spikkels still "huppel-huppel" every time they cross the runway – to the joy of all the seniors in Magrietjie and the annoyance of all the Madeliefies. The well-known "knikkel-en-skitter" is still used, especially during orientation week when all the "juffrouens" have to be greeted. The Spikkels also wear their Spikkel uniform every Thursday and we know that they turn heads wherever they go. The popular "GROOT JA" as well as "seniors flikker julle ligte" remain two of our special traditions. Please let us know if you are unfamiliar with some of these above-mentioned traditions and we can give you some background in a future *GrietGriet*.



Magrietjie also attempts to establish new traditions. One example is Pink-Thursday when all house members wear something pink for the day as well as eat supper together in the dining hall. We invite all our old-Magrietjies to join us in wearing something pink on Thursdays – even pink earrings or underwear will do!

One of our new additions is known as the "Kollege klip". This stone ("klip") was donated to Magrietjie by Kollege, our RAG partner of 2006/7. According to the rules of the stone: 1) only Magrietjie ladies and Kollege men are allowed to sit on the stone; 2) only Kollege is allowed to paint the stone.



1st place in Serrie 2007



1st place in lenkmelodienk 2008



The Kollege stone in Magrietjie's garden





Rommel with his own Magrietjie outfit for sporting events

Did you know?

Sumari Botha, a current semi in Magrietjie and HK member for 2009, was in the 28 February 2008 *YOU* and *Huisgenoot*. She won a competition where she was crowned as Vanessa Hudgens' double (from the movie High School Musical). Check your *YOU* or *Huisgenoot* magazine to see our very own Hollywood star!



Primaria 2008
Elani van Rooyen

In the next *GrietGriet*

- Magrietjie's 1st Primaria
- Meet our 2009 Primaria and HK
- RAG with Olienhout

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OUR HOUSE PARENTS

Magrietjie's first house parents were Dr and Mrs Breedt. Since 2005 our house parents are André and Yolanda Jordaan, both professors at the University of Pretoria. André is a prof in Economics and Yolanda a prof in Marketing Management. All the current Magrietjies love their very involved, approachable and informed house parents. On the photo you will see their family consisting of Rommel, the pug, and Magnum, the pink-and-grey cockatoo. Rommel provides hours of fun to the residence ladies and is considered a true Magrietjie. You will be able to see on the photo (left) how he is dressed as our mascot during sporting events.



THE PRIMARIA AND HER TEAM SAY GOODBYE

Elani van Rooyen, Primaria 2007/8, believes that Magrietjie is still *the* residence at Tuks. And this is only because you, as old-Magrietjies, have had a share in making Magrietjie who she is today. Our *GrietGriet* newsletters are one way to show our appreciation to all the old-Magrietjies for their role in making House Pink the dynamic residence she is today. With our HK at the end of our term, we are also looking forward to remain in contact with Magrietjie through *GrietGriet*. We hope that you will enjoy *GrietGriet* and we invite you to become part of future newsletters by sharing your ideas with us. Hopefully *GrietGriet* will bring all your special Magrietjie memories to the fore!



INTERESTING AND AMUSING STORIES

We would like to publish stories of our old-Magrietjies. Please send us information on interesting stories or pranks during your time in Magrietjie and we will publish it in one of the future *GrietGriet* editions. Send your story via email to magrietjie@up.ac.za.

We hope you enjoyed our first edition of *GrietGriet*.
Till we meet again in March 2009...

