

Griet Griet



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Zelda Stone in 1982
See Zelda Stone (now De Kok) today



Primaria 2009
Laila Ncwana

OUR FIRST PRIMARIA SHARES HER MEMORIES

When Magrietjie opened in 1982, how were you elected as the 1st Primaria?

I was in my 3rd year in 1981 and the *then* Primaria of Madelief. Dr André Breedt (the head of the Student Service Buro) nominated HC members from various ladies residences to become Magrietjie's first House Committee. I was looking for a new challenge and didn't feel like being the old Prim of Madelief in my 4th year.

How did you decide on the colours of Magrietjie? And which traditions were established?

Most colours were already used by other residences. We decided on a soft pink and grey which was very feminine and stylish. We were so busy organising and implementing rules, that we had little time left to think about traditions. Our biggest challenge was to create a new identity from a group consisting of day students and other residence students. We did have the "aanloopbaan" and the Spikkel greetings though.

What made you decide to call the first years "Spikkels"?

There were 300 students - mostly 1st years - and when we looked at them from a distance, all their little faces looked like a bunch of 'Spikkels' (dots). Other than that, a spikkel is something small and fragile. However, once you get closer and get to know it better, it develops into something bigger.

Who is Zelda today?

I have been married to my Magrietjie love for 26 wonderful years! We have 3 beautiful children, Corlie 23, Tiaan 19, and George 13. Initially, I was a Maths teacher, but now I am fulfilling my dream as a florist.

What about Magrietjie will always be with you?

The absolute pride of seeing a residence come to life and to do and experience everything for the 1st time. If I look back today, I realise that the only way we were able to accomplish this task, was with the help and faith of a greater power, each other and the university that supported us immensely.



A WORD FROM THE 2009 PRIMARIA

Dearest old-Magrietjie

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you and informing you that our pink palace is still going strong. The caliber of first years that we receive seems to be improving each year and I think that shows in our achievements. This year has definitely kicked off to an amazing start! We also have very strong and dependable House Committee members who know what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty. We are dedicated to not only maintain Magrietjie's impeccable standards, but also to taking our residence to greater heights; so rest assured that Mags is in very capable hands. Remember that we value you as a member of our alumni family and we would love to involve you wherever we can. As a start we are going to keep you informed and updated on developments in Magrietjie in these newsletters. Once a pink lady...always a pink lady.☺



Magrietjie HK 2009

Magrietjie love always, Laila Ncwana



POT-AND-PONS 2008

Subsequent to our last newsletter in 2008, Magrietjie ended her year on a high note by winning the exciting Pot-and-Pons 2008 competition! White bars, orange overalls, tattoos, braided hair, newspaper tablecloths and bunny chows... The sound of tin cups and tin plates drumming in unison created a true criminal spirit (to fit our jail theme) in the Magrietjie and Olienhout (Magsoline) area. Jail dances raised the judges' hair and audiences crowded around them to give them the real feel of Magsoline jail life. After savouring Mampoer, a juicy bunny chow filled with lamb-potjie and being presented with a colourful mug shot of themselves, the judges had no other choice than to crown Magsoline as the official winners of Pot-and-Pons 2008 (including prize money worth R20 000 for RAG - WOW!).



1st in Pot-and-Pons

SPIKKELS SURVIVE ORIENTATION WEEK

Magrietjie kicked off her year on the beautiful pink flower 'blad' (or 'aanloopbaan'), decorated with 128 gorgeous young ladies with panick-stricken faces. From 'huppel' and 'spikkelpoppe' to 'knikkel-and-skitter', they did everything to their fullest. Following a university-approved orientation programme, each Spikkel was destined to find a special place in the pink palace. They worked well together and learned the HC greetings surprisingly fast. In true Spikkel tradition, they also found socialising with the guys a pleasant pass-time! And so, a busy and tiring, yet productive and amazing week ended... But this was not the end (as you will see in the Spikkels' performance). This was really just the beginning of a fun-filled pink fairytale with our Spikkels and the rest of the Mags family.



Do you recognise any of these 1985 Spikkels?



IENK-MELODIENK WINNERS

Our own pink petite Spikkel-dolls went ahead to win the Ladies Ienk-Melodienk for the 2nd year in a row. Their performance was phenomenal and they were head and shoulders above the rest, oozing contagious energy. Outstanding choreography was produced by Sumari Botha (HC Culture external). After only one week in res, these young ladies have been transformed into true Magrietjies. And we, as Magrietjies in the audience, were left with goose bumps, wishing they wouldn't stop dancing.



1st in Ienk-Melodienk 2009

DRASTOEL

In the previous newsletter, Magrietjie bragged about her 11 years as Drastoel Champions. This year Eliz-mari Prinsloo (Sport HC) kept up the tradition of a high standard with her fine planning and special techniques. In a very competitive race, we were proud runners-up; seconds behind Erika. But know for sure, next year we will take back the Cup.



2nd in Drastoel 2009



Did you know?



Magrietjie's 1st RAG was with Agriculture

Overseas?

We call on old-Magrietjies who are currently living abroad to send us an email and tell us more about yourself. And if you get home sick... we hope that this newsletter will help you to relive your favourite memories. Send emails to: magrietjie@up.ac.za

Facebook

Have you become part of the Magrietjie Alumni-facebook group yet? Go to www.up.ac.za/magrietjie and click on Alumni. Follow the instructions to join the facebook group.

Translation of the Sepedi section in the verse:

- * With this flower we pride ourselves
- * With this beautiful name of ours



In the next GrietGriet

- How did Maer-Grietjie come to life?
- Special RAG projects
- More on lenk athletics

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OLD-MAGRIETJIES MAKE CONTACT!

Eileen Blignaut: "I am highly motivated to wear pink to work on Thursdays! I am so proud of all Magrietjie's achievements - it makes me long back to my wonderful student years because I have always been a Magrietjie - ever since my first year in 1987."

Carina Myburgh: "Thank you so much for the newsletter. I sat here reliving my student years. It's wonderful to know that Magrietjie still has her traditions because that is what makes Magrietjie special and will make her last forever."

Rani Schutte: "The newsletter makes me think fondly, with tears in my eyes, of my Magrietjie years."

RAG WITH OLIENHOUT

RAG-tra-la-la-RAG!!! Magrietjie and Olienhout (Magsoline) had an unforgettable Rag week in 2009. It was a great privilege to RAG with an organised, friendly and social Mens residence like Olienhout. Even old-Magrietjies came to help in RAG week whilst various Spikkels willingly bunked classes just to fold 'blommetjies' till 3 o'clock in the morning (and even fell asleep on the job). The RAG procession faced many challenges due to a wind and rain storm. However, despite the odds, our float looked great and made us proud. The team spirit was electrifying and surely, the greatest reward was the lifelong friendships that manifested and grew from working and socialising together.



1984



RAG with Olienhout

2009

A VERSE IS ADDED TO THE HOUSE SONG

With a house song that has two beautiful Afrikaans verses and a chorus, we decided to add an English and Sepedi verse. We gladly share the words of the 3rd verse with you, as well as the chorus, so you can hum it while you read (hope you still remember the tune).

Verse 3:

Each one of us different, but in one way the same
We share our pride in the pink flower with the pretty name
Ka palesa ena, re a e tlotla
Ka leina le le ntle la rona

Chorus:

Magrietjie kleure kleur die kampus in
Magrietjie sjarme sleur die wêreld mee
Ons leef 'n loslit lekkerte, ons gees 'n regte fees
En dis dan ons liedjie vir MAGRIETJIE!



GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Please get in touch with us. Any feedback, stories or interesting snippets from your Magrietjie days will be much appreciated. Also ensure that we have your most recent information by completing the alumni form available on our web page at www.up.ac.za/magrietjie (click on Alumni). May each lady with a pink heart, have a 'huppel' in her step, a flower in her hair, and wonderful pink thoughts and memories of her unforgettable days in our house...Magrietjie!

Till we meet again in *GrietGriet* in July 2009

