

Griet Griet



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Fearika Botha in 1982



Fearika Heyns today

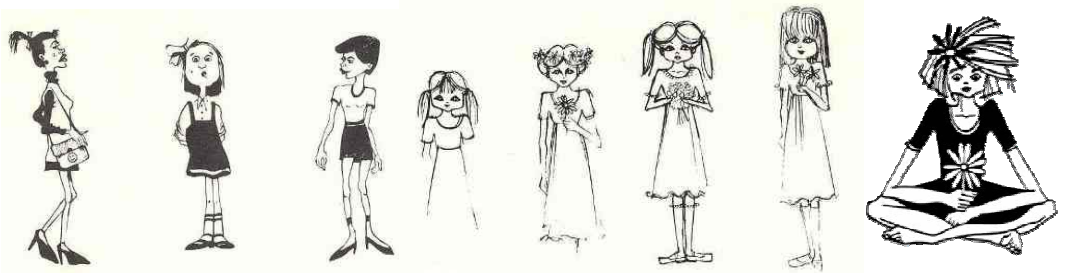


Maer-Grietjie as a porcelein doll. She spends her time in the Archive room and only shows her presence during special occasions and house meetings.

TRACING MAER-GRIETJIE'S ROOTS

Maer-Grietjie has always been a pink passionate lady and she is still known amongst the men of Tuks for being the honourable "trouvrou" on campus... Her unique identity, style and look were designed by Fearika Botha in 1982. According to Fearika, Magrietjie's mascot was created somewhere between Stilbaai and Pretoria... or maybe in the area of the Karoo somewhere.

Art students had their own ideas (see first 3 pictures below) and the HK even considered pink panther. But Fearika continued her efforts and says that Maer-Grietjie's profile changed from "too well-behaved, too young, too dumb and too cheeky" (see next 4 pictures). Finally Maer-Grietjie was born (photo far right) and she looks lively, wilful, not too innocent or too prude, maybe a little absent-minded, but most definitely not dumb! And so Maer-Grietjie became an integral part of Magrietjie and all her lovely ladies' lives.



Today Fearika Heyns (née Botha) is married to Christof Heyns, the Dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Pretoria. They have three beautiful children: Willemien, Adam and Renée. Fearika's oldest daughter, Willemien (now also an old-Magrietjie) was awarded Culture-Magrietjie of the Year in 2008. It is clear that it is a case of like mother, like daughter! Fearika is a graphic designer who is involved in the design of CD covers as well as posters for musicians, amongst which Nataniël.

CULTURE EVENING GETS 100%

Magrietjie is known for exciting culture evenings - after all, she was awarded Culture Residence of the Year for the last 2 years! This year Magrietjie does it again. Thus far, all our culture evenings have received more than 95%, with one evening (a murder mystery evening with Mopanie) receiving 100% from the judges. The murder mystery evening was based on a wedding theme with a twist on the wedding vows "till death do us part". The 'wedding guests' had to dress according to certain characters and give Oscar winning performances during the evening based on tasks assigned to each table. Other culture evening themes included Irish 'pubgolf' and a poker-and-blues evening. Magrietjies have special memories when it comes to culture evenings - whether it is the creative and eccentric ideas of what to wear, or just because everyone seems to be a lot jollier at these occasions - everyone remembers these events. All the time and effort that Martmeri Roos (Culture Internal HK) has put into the culture evenings has developed pink Magrietjie spirit throughout the year.



IENK ATHLETICS

After a very successful orientation week, the Spikkels continued their awesome participation in high spirits at the Ienk Athletics. Magrietjie won the Spirit Cup (3rd year in a row) and also obtained 2nd place in Athletics overall (with the dailies in 1st place). Mags definitely raised the overall spirit of the evening when one Spikkel unexpectedly decided to 'huppel', instead of run, the 100 meter sprint!



1st place: Spirit Cup & 2nd place: Athletics

A further highlight of the event was when Magrietjie's HK surprised all the other HKs when they won the relay with an astounding performance! More proof that Magrietjie ladies are very versatile!



1st place: HK relay

How wonderful to come across such special photos (see below). This photo is of the 1982 Spikkels (we think?) during Ienk Athletics. No wonder that winning the Spirit Cup is a regular occurrence - just see with how much commitment we participated 26 years ago! If you recognise anyone in the picture, or have detail on the event - please let us know!



RAG PROJECTS

Anneke Barkhuizen (RAG HK for Projects) created a fairytale Saturday with crowns, wands, pink tutus, jumping castles, television stars, Roman's pizzas and... 20 very excited little faces. With the friendly help of an old-Magrietjie, Adré Swart, this ordinary day turned out to be a dream come true for these children - all diagnosed with cancer. The kiddies' faces were painted and they were dressed like princes or princesses. Donnalee Roberts (Annelie in 7^{de} laan) presented a ballet class and even our own Gentle Giant, alias **Granite from Gladiator** (photo top right) joined in. What an awesome blessing to be able

to be there for children who just needed to smile for one day!



Up to date Magrietjie has raised over R100 000 for charity!! If you feel that you want to help in any way, please drop us an email (magrietjie@up.ac.za). Your assistance can be in the form of your precious time or a monetary donation. Every little bit goes a long way to make the sun shine in people's lives - especially those who have been lent to us for a very short time.

SERRIE

Magrietjie has once again showed us that she has not yet stopped dancing. The loooooong nights of serrie practice are still part of Magrietjie's daily fitness program. Magrietjie was awarded 3rd place with only a percentage point difference between the Top 3 (Klaradyn 1st and Asterhof 2nd). Magrietjie's "around the world" theme was highly contagious, energetic and electrifying. The pride and excitement of merely being part of such a masterpiece, meant more to every individual than our participation in the finals. Thanks to Sumari Botha (Culture External HK) for all her hard work!



Serrie: 3rd place in final

FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

Nanette Kritzinger (old-Magrietjie 2000-2003 and HK 2002/3) writes from London (translated): *"I must admit that it is SO wonderful to get newsletters from you! Especially when it is such a cold day here in London. With the newsletters it feels as if I was in res just yesterday. Everything is still as great, still as nice and still very special. Go Mags! Always my everything for House Pink!"*

Ed: Thank you Nanette - may this newsletter give you all the warmth you need today!

"It is with great pleasure and goose bumps that I remember my days in Magrietjie. It is wonderful to see how the Magrietjies are still in bloom and taking the lead on so many levels. Congratulations with a great newsletter" (translated)

(Elsa Harley - née Oosthuizen, Primaria 1988)

"I get tears in my eyes! It is fantastic to see how you still live for Magrietjie just as we have done! When I get nostalgic, I still put on my semi-jersey! Thank you that you still perform and do well!" (translated) (Annerie Marias - née du Plessis, Vice-Prim & First Year Guardian 2002)



Did you know?



Donnalee Roberts plays the role of Annelie in 7^{de} Laan. She is an old-Magrietjie and this photo was taken when she was crowned as Rag Queen in 2006. Read more about Donnalee in the June 2009 edition of the Finesse magazine.

ERRATA

In the March 2009 newsletter we shared the words of the new Sepedi verse of the house song with you. This was however not the Sepedi words, but the Tswana version.

Ed: Thank you to old-Magrietjie Clara Motlana who spotted the mistake!

In the March edition we also indicated the married surname of Magrietjie's 1st Primaria, Zelda Stone, as De Kok, instead of De Kock. Luckily her husband (and Magrietjie love) has forgiven us!

Do you remember?



In the March newsletter we asked if you know any of the ladies in the above picture. Carla Davis recognised Lizelle Bessinger, Lillian Terblanche en Marichen Conradie. Elsa Harley, Prim 1988, recognised co-Spikkel Marinda Lubbe with the long brown hair. The other faces are familiar but she cannot remember their names - it is after all 24 years ago!

Ed: Thank you Elsa and Carla for your feedback... and your keen eyes and sharp brains!

In the next *GrietGriet*

- Serenade results
- Meet the new HK
- More about Maxie

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MAGRIETJIE'S NEW FOYER

Magrietjie revamped its foyer a few years ago. From new floor tiles, lighting, paint as well as tailor-made cast-iron furniture, it feels like walking into a hotel. Several art works from, amongst other, Bettie Cilliers Barnard are also exhibited on the walls.



NEWS FLASH!!

Melanie Cope (Magrietjie from 2005-2008) obtained 1st place in the qualifying exams of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants. Congratulations on an excellent achievement!

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

What memories do you have of your residence days? Maybe memories of the night you got caught with a paintbrush at Boekenhout; the time you were caught between Sonop and the red light; the late-night chats with your flatmates drinking coffee and eating rusks; the first time you got 30% and you had to tell your parents; the night you met the man of your dreams or the first time you kissed a guy; seeing the sun rise after you finally finished the RAG float; or maybe the nights when you and your friends impulsively decided to skip the studying and go out. The mosaic memories of student life, especially residence life, is like the butterflies in your stomach feeling you get when you open an old box with photos and are unsure what to find. The old rag dolls and photos that you dig up and dust off make you remember the almost forgotten memories. We invite you to share some of those precious memories with us. Please send us an email and let's connect as Magrietjie sisterhood.

ADOPT-A-HK...

Magrietjie's new HK will be announced by the end of August. The privilege of being HK is accompanied by huge expenses for HK clothing and items. The biggest expense is for HK blazers and costs HK members up to R800 per person! We would like to implement an "adopt a HK" programme whereby we ask alumni for their willingness to sponsor a HK blazer (R500). The blazer will be worn by a HK member for the year, but will remain the property of Magrietjie so that it can be used by HK members in the following years. If you are prepared to "adopt a HK" and donate R500 for a HK blazer, please email the house parents (magrietjie@up.ac.za). We aim to have a number of HK blazers available for use in Magrietjie by HK members who cannot afford to buy one themselves. If you perhaps have an old blue blazer in your cupboard that you do not use, we would appreciate it if you would be willing to donate it to Magrietjie. We hope to hear from you soon!

GOODBYE FROM THE PRIMARIA



Laila Ncwana

As the 2009 HK term draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support as a member of our alumni family. It has been an incredible experience serving on the House committee for 2 years and I am extremely proud of my team and all the Magrietjies for everything that we have accomplished this year. We could build on a strong foundation laid by old-Magrietjies and we believe that we have left the foundation just as strong for the next HK to take over and lead Magrietjie forward. When the next newsletter is distributed in November, you will meet the new Primaria and her team. I greet you with Magrietjie love and please remember "once a pink lady, always a pink lady!"

FROM THE EDITOR...

I cannot believe that my privilege to chat with our alumni has come to an end. This wonderful task will be handed over to a new editor in September. Thank you for reading the newsletter with us and sharing in Magrietjie's achievements! I greet you as a Magrietjie, but cannot wait to read the next newsletter with you as an old-Magrietjie. My wish for every Magrietjie lady is that you may have awesome pink thoughts and memories, today and for the rest of your life!



Till we read again in *GrietGriet* November 2009...

