

Griet Griet



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Primaria 2010
Eliz-mari Prinsloo

THE NEW HK OF 2010 IS ACTIVE

Magrietjie's new House Committee was appointed in August after 75% of the house casted their democratic votes. The newly elected HC took office on 1 September after they attended two HC training camps. These camps offered the ladies the opportunity to get to know each other as well as HC members from other residences. The first training camp was an external camp organised by the University. The leadership of all members was developed with a 'creating inspirational spaces' theme.

The second training camp was Magrietjie's own internal camp where the twelve Magrietjie HC members and the house parents planned for the year ahead. The camp was filled with fun activities such as clay pigeon shooting, 'bokdrol-spoeg' as well as comic performances by the food teams to introduce each dinner. The photo (right) formed part of an "Out-of-Africa" activity before embarking on a game drive. The camp was a huge success with a final highlight when Prof Gustav Puth analysed each HC member's brain profile. This enabled the team to get to know themselves, and each other better.



MAXIE STILL AN ICON!

Susan Strauss (née Kruger) shares her memories (translated): "In 1994, we were a group of friends that moved into the commune next to Magrietjie which became known as 'Klein Griet'. All of us were very involved Magrietjies; I was the First Year Guardian during the previous year, and despite the fact that all the members were medical students, we participated in serrie and RAG! It was great to be somewhat 'independent' from Magrietjie, but still part of this fantastic residence. In 1995 we felt that 'Klein Griet' needed an upgrade and we decided that it was time for a new name. Our first efforts led to 'Magsie' - born from the nickname 'Mags'. Considering that the name may be difficult to pronounce we finally decided that Maxie would be a perfect name. MAXIE sounds more independent than 'Klein Griet', but it is still part of Magrietjie.

Our group consisting of René Henning (née Dentan), Kirmé Van Driel (née Labuschagne), Yolanda Kotzé (née Kruger), Mia Hough (née Burger), Rachel Labuschagne and myself decided to make the new name more official by painting it on the exterior of the house. We decided on a picture of a girl holding a bouquet of Magrietjie flowers. René acted as project manager and her friend, Johan Loock from Mopanie, was assigned the task of designing the Maxie mural. After receiving permission from the house parents (Doc and Mrs Terblanche), the exciting task of painting Maxie commenced. And so Maxie got redecorated... with everyone keeping cake and tea coming to keep the team going.



The "Maxie team" in 1995

The same Maxie after 15 years!



Susan Strauss (née Kruger) today. She is an audiologist in Pretoria and they have 3 daughters.

Maxie's front porch shared in many pleasures and pains of student-life. When one looks back at the days in Magrietjie and Maxie, our hearts get a warm feeling of appreciation and one feels grateful for memories that will be fondly cherished forever."



TO SERENADE FINALS... AGAIN

Once again Magrietjie reached the finals of Serenade. The theme 'Mags School of the Arts' allowed that individual and diverse outfits could be worn by the 18 nightingales. The variety ranging from ballerinas to hippies and rappers, provided for a superb routine. Magrietjie received an overall third place and won the category of 'own composition' - for the second year running, proving that we can both sing and compose music.



3rd in Serenade overall
1st in Own composition

'GROOT JA' REMAINS A BIG YES

Magrietjie and Klaradyn (Rag winning pair of 2006) are Rag partners again for 2010 (mainly because Tuks has more female than male residences). For 2010 our official Rag name is MAGniKLA (a combination from the two residence's names). One of the special traditions is to end Zoep week with "GROOT JA"! With beautiful ladies dancing in pink-lit windows, where the illuminated windows spelt the word "JA" (yes), we not only won the hearts of our Rag partners, but also all the other males present. The hours of planning made this event a huge success! So will we be doing it again next year? JA JA JA JA JA!!!!



The letters JA (YES in Afrikaans) spelt using lights across Magrietjie's 11 floors

MAGRIETJIE AT AARDKLOP

We all know how much Magrietjie ladies love a road-trip, and it is for this very reason that 29 Magrietjie ladies visited Aardklop in September. With ladies clad in PINK and ready to take the student-town by storm, we arrived in Potchefstroom and attended the performance 'Dis ek Anna'. Proving once more that Magrietjie ladies do not only look good, but can appreciate the finer things in life.



SHOWING OFF AT FASHION TV

On 14 October Magrietjie had an amazing 'Top Hat, Top Mask, Top Night' event at the Fashion TV Lounge in Brooklyn. Seven ladies' residences were offered the opportunity to arrange a special event at Fashion TV in return for the opportunity to win a sponsorship for RAG. Marks were allocated to marketing activities, the party-vibe, the number of people present at the event and the theme. Magrietjie's marketing involved signature T-shirts, use of local campus media and of course our own Facebook page! Naturally Magrietjie ladies looked stunning in their cocktail dresses and we scooped up an easy second place, with our RAG-partners, Klaradyn, taking first place.



Andritt and Karlien looking sassy with their masks

FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

Annette Stals, Magrietjie's first Social Internal HC, shared her memories of the day Magrietjie first opened its doors via e-mail with us:

In 1982 the official opening of Magrietjie took on proportions that are only fitting for House Pink. Complete with red carpet, trumpets playing in the background and doves released from the first floor, all the arrangements for the event led to Annette having her first re-exam in Maths. In 1983 Annette became the second Mags Primaria with Lucretia Schabort as First Year Guardian, and Dr. and Mrs. Breedt as house parents.



1982-1985 House Parents
Dr and Mrs Breedt

Annette asked whether Magrietjie still takes the Spikkels to Magnolia Dell with black bags covering their pink-and-grey clothes?

Red: The Magrietjies of today are not aware of such a tradition (and we will most certainly get into trouble if we would follow this tradition!). Maybe old-Magrietjies can let us know when last this tradition was still practiced? Thank you Annette for your sharing your memories with us!



Did you know?

Prof Cheryl de la Rey is the newly appointed rector of the University. She took office on 7 November. In true Magrietjie style we welcomed her with pink flowers and a hand made card on her first day at the office.



Prof Cheryl de la Rey

Feedback from Adopt-a-HK!

In our previous newsletter we requested alumni to participate in "Adopt-a-HK" where alumni could sponsor a HC blazer for R500. These blazers would remain Magrietjies property to be used again by the next HC member. Thanks to Joalet Steenkamp (née Gouws), Magrietjie in '92-'95 we could provide Phumla Nkosi with a blazer to the value of R500. Phumla Nkosi is our Treasurer and RAG Support HC member. She comes from Bethal in the Free State and studies BIS Information Sciences. With a single mom to care for her, this sponsorship has been a real life saver in difficult times!



Red: Joalet, where do we start to say thank you for opening your heart to our plea? We are forever grateful!!

In the next GrietGriet

- More about our new Spikkels!
- From Magrietjie's 1st First Year Guardian

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BUILT ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS...

Have you ever felt unsafe in the halls of the best residence on campus? Never! The reason being is that Magrietjie is built on solid foundations. And we don't mean our great pink history... When Magrietjie was three stories high, it was knocked down because the building project manager decided that the concrete mix used was not up to standard. This led to the leveling of our beloved residence and the re-building of those floors which now serve as our foyer, the house-parent's apartment and the first floor of rooms. Despite this setback, Magrietjie was opened on time. With 217 Spikkels, 100 Seniors and an ex-Madelief Primaria (Zelda Stone), Magrietjie proved not only to be the new kid on the block, but also a strong and stable one at that.



SCRAPBOOK GETS A NEW COVER

Magrietjie proved once again that if they execute their bright ideas, they get fantastic results. The Archive opening and introduction of the new scrapbook took place on 8 September in Magrietjie's foyer. In Magrietjie style this event was yet again something new and different. It is therefore no surprise that Magrietjie walked away with the award for the best scrapbook of all residences during the University's external prestige event. Instead of designing a traditional scrapbook, the First Year Guardian and Archive HC member, Ferri Erasmus, used six 2m high display boards as her canvas. The archive was opened with a theme of old world charm with ladies dressing up in cocktail dresses, hats and gloves while sixties music played on a gramophone in the background.



EXTERNAL PRESTIGE

In addition to all the achievements we've shared with you throughout the year, Magrietjie received even more awards during the University's 2009 prestige awards evening:

- Best Culture Residence of the Year for 2009 (2nd year in a row with 87,6%)
- Best Residence in Culture Internal (98%)
- Best Culture Evening of the Year ('murder mystery' evening with Mopanie)
- Best 'Scrapbook' of all residence (male and female)
- Best Sport HC member of all Residences (Eliz-mari Prinsloo - now our Primaria)
- Second in Culture External (77%)
- Second best Treasurer HC member of all residences (Zinzile Mngadi)
- An average of 75% for Academic performance (3,8% below the winner)
- Third best Sport Residence (89% - 0,4% below the winner)
- Overall third as Residence of the Year (83,75% - 2,75% below the winner)

GET TOGETHER FOR MAGS-LADIES (1982-1988)

We would like to give old-Magrietjie ladies the opportunity to get together without making it a huge and expensive event. The aim is to get together informally to chat about the good old days with stunning old friends. This idea came from Inge Cilliers (née Brugman) when she asked to get in touch with Mags ladies between 1985-1988. We would like to test the need for a get together at Magrietjie on a Saturday morning. We therefore invite all Mags ladies who were in Magrietjie between 1982-1988 to send us an e-mail (magrietjie@up.ac.za) to indicate whether you would be interested in such an initiative. Also indicate whether you would prefer a morning tea or a breakfast in the dining hall. We are looking forward in hearing from you!

Till we meet again in *GrietGriet* in March 2010

