

Griet Griet



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THE 1st HOUSE PARENTS

The first house parents of Magrietjie were Dr and Mrs Breedt (now Grimbeek). They not only graced the house as our first mother and father, but also helped to establish the Magrietjie identity as well as shape Magrietjie's future. One of their first tasks was to decide on Magrietjie's traditional colours (and they and the Hk selected grey and pink) as well as decided on the house song. Initially the residence was named Willemien, but the decision changed to Magrietjie after protest from the students. The couple also brought life to the new residence by raising their three children here. Their oldest son is Andre (30) who was two years old at the time they moved into Mags. He now lives in New York on a scholarship from the United Nations. Werner (26) plays golf for a living and Elma (24) works in Pretoria. After they left Magrietjie, Ms Grimbeek worked in the Merensky library on campus for 17 years and currently works at Sabinet in Centurion as a data manager.



First house mother with her family today



Dr and Mrs Breedt with their two sons in 1982

OUTREACH TO BULEMBU

The Mags ladies showed once again that they are willing to Reach Out and Give when they visited Bulembu, a small mining community in Swaziland. The RAG committee took bags filled with toys for the children as well as tinned food to relieve some of the hardship. They also distributed 500 bibles amongst the community. Not only did the girls spend a day entertaining the kids in the village, but also helped to build the walls of the ablution block in the camping area.



Farewell from Eliz-mari Prinsloo, Primaria 2010

"It was a privilege to have the opportunity to serve Magrietjie. My wish is that Magrietjie will go from strength to strength!"

The new Primaria and House Committee will be elected at the end of August and will be introduced in the next newsletter.



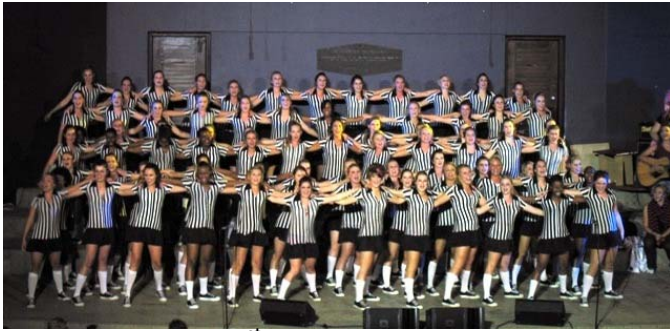
RAG HK, Debbie de Beer, and her "kids" in Bulembu

One of Magrietjie's long-term projects is to provide aid to the inhabitants of the Vos Centre in Sunnyside Pretoria. In 2009 Mags renovated the bathroom at the centre and this year we are aiming to replace the old roof. The current roof is badly damaged and leaks, making it an unsafe environment for the daily childcare activities. The charity also extends to a soup kitchen for under-privileged people. In order to replace the roof, Magrietjie has to raise a total of R17 000. We will greatly appreciate it if you have any contact with roof contractors that may assist us or know of someone that could make any sort of contribution towards achieving our goal. Contact Debbie de Beer via e-mail at magrietjie@up.ac.za



SERRIE WINNERS!

Oops, Magrietjie did it again!! Serrie 2010 once again belongs to the pink ladies. The black-and-white "referees" of Mags stole the show, not only winning the finals, but also first place in the pre-lims as well as winners of the "best reception at res". Serrie was a truly pink affair this year! Second place went to Klaradyn with Asterhof in third place. The winners of the men's division were the "Toysoldiers" of Vividus (day house). Second place was awarded to Boekenhout and the third spot to Maroela.



1st in Serrie 2010



Serrie band

INFORMAL 'AT THE THEATRE'

It was that time of the year again... time for the annual Magrietjie Informal. With the theme "a night at the theatre", the girls were inspired to dress up according to a Broadway or West-end show. Magrietjie's dining hall was graced by the likes of Sweeny Todd and wife, the full cast of Moulon Rouge and many others. The evening ended in true Magrietjie style with Narcotic playing in the background whilst the girls sang their favourite song to their hearts' content.



(left) Example of a table decorated according to the Grease theme

CULTURE ROCKS

Culture week 2010 kicked off with an amazing performance by all the bachelors of the men's residences on the Magrietjie runway. Mr Magrietjie was a huge success ending with the crowning of CJ Wong (front left of photo) as Mr Magrietjie 2010 (hmmm...).



The Mr Magrietjie hunks

Tuesday night followed with pub golf where the girls competed against one another, with two semis Linke and Steph taking the honours. Wednesday evening involved the annual floor event with each floor decorating their corridor according to a different music genre. First prize went to Floor 9 with their "Spice-girl" theme and each lady on the floor won a ticket to a rock concert. Thursday was the annual "Tour de Sonop" where the ladies were treated to an honorary tour through Sonop. Each district entertained the ladies with their own performance. Culture week ended with an epic bus tour to Potchefstroom where we socialised with the men from Veritas and Overs, ending culture week on a high.

GRIETJIE PIGGY

Every year, as part of the fundraising initiative of the Rag HK, we have a Grietjie Piggy competition. This entails that each Spikkel has to make her own piggy bank and fill it with change. Each Spikkel and her piggy are then invited to the Grietjie Piggy fashion parade where both owner and piggy have to exhibit their theme on the catwalk. There were various category winners such as the heaviest piggy, best dressed piggy and the most original piggy. A total of R9000 was raised for RAG through this fun event.



(top) Two enthusiastic Spikkels with their Piggies



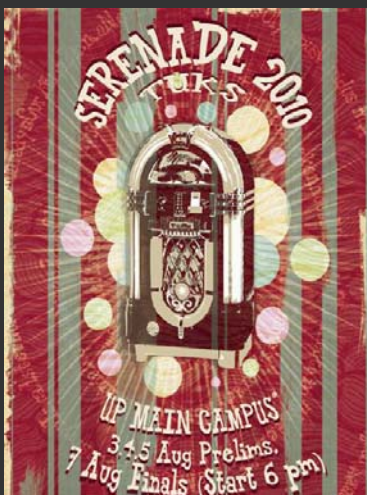
Did you know?

Magrietjie was part of the 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer. Approximately 230 soccer fans from Algeria took up residence in Magrietjie for two weeks. Five Magrietjie ladies were appointed to run "Hotel Magrietjie" during this time. As this was no easy task, the ladies earned every cent. When asked about their opinion on future jobs in the hospitality industry, they clearly stated that "SA Tourism will have to do without the five of them".

Fresh ideas needed...

We invite old Magrietjies to share any ideas regarding fundraising strategies with us. Or tell us what worked during your years of fundraising. Sometimes someone else's input sparks a whole range of new ideas on how to improve on your way of doing things!

Serenade competition



The pre-lims for the annual Serenade competition take place on 3-5 August, with the finals on 7 August in the Musaion. Tickets are available from Tukkieurf. Magrietjie believes that we will not only reach the finals, but also be crowned as overall winners.

MAGRIETJIE HK REPLACED

During a House meeting in 1989 the HK was "relieved" of their duties due to the fact that the house had lost faith in them. Apparently, the house was very unhappy because they felt that the HK could not control the unruly Spikkels. A new, stricter HK was elected on the same night in an attempt to ensure more obedient Spikkels in future. Letters of apology, flowers and many a tear followed from Spikkels after the HK change. The next morning the Spikkels had to assemble in the rain for their morning physical exercise, after which they were taken into the hall. Loud cheers followed when it became apparent that it was not the "new", strict HK waiting for them, but their old HK. So, all is well that ends well, except for the unlucky "unofficial HK" member who was given a sticky bath by the Spikkels. If anyone can remember this incident, please tell us more!

PINK BICYCLES

The Rag HK member of 2010, Debbie de Beer, stumbled across twelve antique pink bicycles in an unused Magrietjie store room at the beginning of her term. Though these bicycles were time-worn, some of them were still in good working condition to be "re-cycled". As a challenge to the Spikkels of 2010, the HK arranged without the Spikkels knowing, that Olienhout would "steal" the bicycles. The Spikkels would then be instructed to get the bicycles back. In this process, several Spikkels were caught and showered by Olienhout. In the end all our bicycles (and the Spikkels) were returned. We use the bicycles at many important events such as the Rag procession and drastoel. One of the bicycles has a "Sonop" plaque on the back. As far as we could gather they had been given to Magrietjie by Sonop in one of the years we ragged with them. If any of you have more information on the history of the pink bicycles or have interesting stories about them, please let us know by sending an e-mail to magrietjie@up.ac.za.



Debbie on one of Magrietjie's pink bicycles

ALUMNI "FIND-A-FRIEND"

We are regularly contacted by old Magrietjies to help them search for their Magrietjie friends. This has sparked the initiative coined "find-a-friend" - using our newsletter to assist you in finding each other. Therefore, if you are searching for old Magrietjie friends, please drop us such an e-mail and we will gladly publish it in the next newsletter.

Danette van Schalkwyk (née Brand) who was in Res in 1987 and 1988 is looking for her Spikkel-roomie, Poenie Leen, who was also the Primaria of Magrietjie during 1991.

Ed: Magrietjie has heard unofficially that Poenie Leen is going to attend our Alumni-morning on 21 August. Maybe this is a good time to get re-connected!

Anel van Schalkwyk (née Dempers) is also searching for her Magrietjie friends: Tronelle Botha, Anette Conradie, Carolien Joubert, Izel Venter and Cathy Moorcroft. If anyone can help, please send us an e-mail (magrietjie@up.ac.za) to assist in this happy reunion.

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 continue our "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 us (magrietjie@up.ac.za). Thanks to last year's donation from Joalet Steenkamp (née Gouws), Magrietjie in '92-'95 we could provide Phumla Nkosi with a blazer to the value of R500. We aim to have a number of HK blazers available for use in Magrietjie by HK members who cannot afford to buy one themselves. We hope to hear from you soon!



Please Join!!

It would warm our hearts if old Magrietjies would consider becoming part of the University's GRADitude fund for Magrietjie.

This will enable us to survive financially with only a minimum contribution from our old Magrietjies.

More detail is available on www.up.ac.za/magrietjie (go to the alumni-page and scroll down to the section on GRADitude fund)

Cheques payable to:

Klubbate VSR

Electronic transfers:

ABSA

Branch code: 335545

Account no: 2140450033

(cheque account)

Reference nr: XOL814 (plus your Surname)

Send proof of payment to:

fax 086 543 6484 or

per e-mail to

magrietjie@up.ac.za

FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

Isabel Mischke, Clothing and Values HK 2000, discovered a can full of coins when she recently relocated. She used this as her money float during her clothing sales. After 10 years, Mischke returned the money to us and was kind enough to add extra money from her own pocket.

Ed: Thank you Isabel, Magrietjie will use the R2000 for one of our many charity projects!

Kobie Odendaal wrote (translated from Afrikaans): "Wow, it is awesome to read the Magrietjie newsletter. So much change has taken place but at the same time everything is still very familiar. I must admit when I drove past the residence earlier this year I was simultaneously proud and sad, but I just have to say thank you once again for my three years in house pink. I saw Rilandi Knoetze and Anel Stander recently and when the Magrietjie song (Narcotics) played, we could not resist but to sing along and show the world that we will always be proud Magrietjies."

Ed: Thanks Kobie - may you always continue dancing for Magrietjie!

"Please congratulate the Magrietjies on their fantastic performance in the Serrie competition! Proud Magrietjie greetings, Hermine Pistorius" (translated from Afrikaans)

INVITATION: REUNION (1982-1999)

In the November 2009-edition of the Magrietjie Alumni newsletter we tested the interest in an Alumni morning tea. The positive reaction prompted us to choose a date (21 August) which was announced in the March newsletter. At last we can now provide you with the details regarding the Alumni-morning and we hereby invite all old Magrietjies from the years 1982 to 1999 to come and share in this special day. The morning promises to be special in many respects!

DATE:	21 August 2010
TIME:	09:30 for 10:00
VENUE:	Magrietjie (Prospect street)
COST:	R150
PAYMENT:	See banking detail in the block on the left
RSVP:	Before 11 August per e-mail to magrietjie@up.ac.za (please answer questions below as part of your RSVP)

Please answer the questions below when you RSVP to magrietjie@up.ac.za by 11 August:

Name:

Maiden name:

Current surname:

E-mail address:

Cell no:

Career (and employer):

When were you a 1st year student in Magrietjie:

Were you a Primaria or HK-member? What and when?

Can we present the morning entertainment in Afrikaans?

Please share any special stories about your time in Magrietjie (optional).

PROGRAMME

09:30-10:30	Arrival and coffee/tea/fruit juice
10:30-11:00	Programme in hall (welcome, Serenade performance)
11:00-12:00	Guest speaker (expert in facial profiling)
12:00-12:30	Visit to the archive
12:30-14:00 or later	Light lunch and socialising (exhibition of clothing, jewelry, etc)

Without any detail on the event available to date, the following old Magrietjies have already indicated that they would not miss the Alumni morning for the world (hope to see you there as well):

- Eileen Blignaut (née Wiechers)
- Wilma Errenrich (née Smit)
- Roxane Ferreira (née Keeve)
- Marienne Gregory
- Ingrid Olivier (née Vorster)
- Maureen Osler (née Reen Erasmus)
- Anel van Schalkwyk (née Dempers)
- Poenie van den Berg (née Leen)
- Paula van Rensburg (née Nel)
- Madeleen Wienand (née Winter)

Till we meet again in *GrietGriet* in November 2010...
(or in person on 21 August at our alumni function)

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