

Griet Griet



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The next **GrietGriet** will be issued in March 2019.



The Vice-Chancellor & Principal, Prof Cheryl de la Rey was wished well on her birthday with pink balloons by Magrietjie HK, Leshan Tollman and Lemé du Toit. Prof de la Rey will leave the service of the university at the end of December to take up a similar position at Canterbury in New Zealand.

RES NAME CHANGE LIST

Magrietjie	House Mags
Erika	Erika
Jasmyn	House Khutso
Katjiefiering	Azalea
Klaradyn	House Nala
Curlitzia	Curelitzia
Inca	Ikageng
Lilium	Hayani
Boekenhout	House TAU
Kollege	College
Maroela	Morula Legae
Mopanie	Mopane
Olienhout	Tuks Ekaya
Taaibos	The Tower
Olympus	House Ukuthula
Onderstepoort	OP Village

Residence Name Change

Dear Alumni

You may have heard of the residence name changes in the media over the past month. This followed a decision by the University of Pretoria to rename some of its student residences to provide a more balanced range of residence names.

In June, Magrietjie (and all other residences) were requested to submit at least three proposed names for our residence. In July, discussions were held in Magrietjie and ladies were motivated to submit alternative names for Magrietjie, followed by an online voting process on the proposed names. Magrietjie submitted the following three names (as per the voting process): Magrietjie (72%), House Mags (15%) and Magenta (13%). The fact that the majority of the house (72%) voted to keep the Magrietjie name was clearly communicated through a formal document to the Vice-Principal responsible for Residence Affairs and Accommodation. The Vice-Principal consolidated the proposals of all the residences and submitted a proposal to Executive and Council for approval. On 28 September, Magrietjie received a letter informing us that we need to change our name to House Mags.

The name change decision has been met with mixed feelings, especially against the backdrop that some of the other residence's names were not changed (residences were randomly selected for a name change), and because the decision did not reflect the wishes of the majority of Magrietjies. The upside to the new name is that House Mags has a strong connection to Magrietjie, since Mags has become our nickname for Magrietjie over the past few years, and therefore the choice from the house as one of the alternative options.

Following Magrietjie's name change, another survey was conducted in the residence to get input on current Magrietjie symbols, and whether to keep or adjust them. The results of the voting indicated that House Mags will keep the Maer-Grietjie mascot, will keep the pink colour, will keep the vision and values, will still refer to first years as Spikkels, and will keep the huppel song (currently sung in English, Afrikaans and Sepedi). We will also keep the house song, but only adjust it to reflect the new name. The majority also indicated that the current slogan: "My alles vir altyd vir Mags" (MAVAVM) will remain. However, additional slogans in different languages will be developed in 2019.

The House Mags name will be phased in over time and will need to be supported by rebranding strategies that can take the residence forward. We are cognizant of the emotional impact that the name change has on both our current students as well as our alumni. We are also trying to manage the financial impact that this has on the residence, for example having to replace all marketing material, clothing, visible signs, etc. At this stage it is unclear whether UP will provide any funding to assist us in the rebranding process.

We will keep you posted on the progress of our transition from Magrietjie to House Mags. At this stage we call on the emotional support from our alumni to help us through this period of transformation. We promise to keep up the Pink passion, loyalty and level of excellence this residence has been associated with. We invite you to share your thoughts with us.

Regards
The house parents



On the sports grounds

Magrietjie ended the sporting season with yet another bang when our sports ladies managed to keep the name of the house high with the soccer season and swim gala. Our soccer team took on the soccer fields in such a prodigious manner that we ended second in our pool for the year. Despite the ambiguous weather, our swimming ladies managed to bring home the medals in their respective events and came second in their relay. We are very thankful for and proud of our sport ladies for keeping up the energy and Pink Passion throughout the year, and we look forward to what next year will bring after a well-deserved break.

-Written by Jeannette Aurret



Painting of the Mags runway

"Painting is dancing with chaos"- this quote completely sums up our runway painting experience. The week was filled with tons of excitement as the ladies welcomed the challenge with open arms. The thought behind the theme for the runway this year was to encompass all 3 RAG partner residences (Magrietjie, Madelief and Tuks Bophelong), but also display the pride found in Maer-Grietjie. She's centred on the picture and surrounded by hand prints of the Magrietjie ladies. With all the changes occurring, it was touching to see the ladies coming together and still wanting to be part of the mural and showing not only love for our beautiful home, but also their undying passion and commitment towards it.

It all began with a whole lot of prep from cleaning the surface and giving ourselves a clean slate with a white coat. The week, compliments of Pretoria, weather was of course met with disruptions here and there, but the ladies worked day and night to ensure that our beautiful runway was ready for Open Day.



A huge thank you should go to the HK members and RAG Committee (whether you drew, painted or just offered moral support and hydration) for being absolute pillars. A special word of thanks to Elandrie Visser, a Magrietjie lady who put together the design which came to life, and of course Mama & Papa Pink for their guidance and support.

If the success of this week is anything to go by, I'd say this RAG year is going to be one for the books.

-Written by Kopano Bookholane

UP Acapella 2018

This year's UP Acapella was filled with moments that will become memories, newly formed friendships and, of course, a lot of hard work. I couldn't have asked for a better group of ladies to share this amazing journey with. Their hard work and dedication made it so easy for me to work with them. Even though there were some times where everyone was on a low and felt a bit tired, they kept pushing through and I enjoyed experiencing that with them. Our theme for this year was Circus and every lady displayed a different character during the performance. This made our performance a lot more fun and entertaining. We even had a couple of weird characters, such as a bearded lady and a woman who had tattoos from her head to her toes.

For some additional practice, we went camping with Maroela at the "Weesgerus" holiday resort. Although it was freezing cold at night, we gained a lot of practice time and also time to relax and socialise with the guys from Maroela.

Overall, it was a great year for our Acapella group. I can't wait to see what our ladies bring to the table next time around!

-Written by Marizel Steenkamp



Magrietjie of the Year 2018 Adél Cato



Adél Cato on the road to recovery

On 16 July 2018, one of our Semis, Adél Cato, who was elected as Magrietjie of the Year 2018, was hit by a car in Duncan st during which she sustained serious head and body injuries. She was admitted to Muelmed and was in a coma for over 2 months. She is currently busy with rehabilitation and working with various therapists such as a speech-, physio- and occupational therapists. She still has a long road of recovery ahead of her. Her incident was featured in several newspapers as well as Jacaranda's Good Morning Angels in an attempt to support the parents with the high medical bills, currently running over R2 million.

The Magrietjie ladies initiated several fundraising projects in support for Adél.

We invite you to show your support to Adél and her family by means of a financial contribution into a trust fund created for Adél. The account details are as follow:

Dauw Labuschagne Attorneys
(Tel: 014 592 8097)

Nedbank Rustenburg
Branch code: 160 746
Account number: 1029 433 623

Reference: Adel Cato C0045
Email proof of payment to:
adelcatotrustfonds@gmail.com

Internal prestige 2018

During the 2018 Internal Prestige the cream of the crop was rewarded for their hard work during the year and for everything that they have done for Magrietjie. The new portfolios of the 2018/2019 House Committee were also announced. Thanks to Odélia Crozier and the rest of the 2017/2018 House Committee, the house was able to celebrate these achievements in a beautifully decorated "Into the Jungle" -themed recreation hall. The featured picture includes (from left to right): The house parents, Spikkel of the Year (Kemisetso), First Year Guardian (Suzanne) and Magrietjie's benefactor, Prof Nicholson, Registrar of UP.



Here are some of this year's winners:

- ♥ Magrietjie of the Year: Adél Cato
- ♥ Spikkel of the Year: Kemisetso Phakathi
- ♥ Academic Magrietjie of the Year: Estie Pretorius
- ♥ Academic Spikkel of the Year: Christine Weber
- ♥ Culture Magrietjies of the Year: Sané Louw & Gizelle Venske
- ♥ Culture Spikkel of the Year: Anmarie Schutte
- ♥ Sport Magrietjie of the Year: Tanna Brownlee
- ♥ Sport Spikkels of the Year: Callan Niemand & Jade Smith
- ♥ RAG Magrietjie of the Year: Altacia Gubitz
- ♥ RAG Spikkel of the Year: Chanel Brown

We are extremely proud of these ladies and are very excited about what the future holds for them.

-Written by Lemé du Toit

Our loving memory of Teyise Mdluli will live forever

This year was a particularly difficult year for Magrietjie. Soon after the start of the second semester, one of our Magrietjie ladies, Adél Cato, was hit by a car whilst on foot and admitted to hospital in a coma (see insert to the left for more information). A few weeks later, one of our House Committee members, Teyise Mdluli, was in a fatal car accident.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Teyise Mdluli who passed on 3 August 2018. She was involved in a car accident with five other students from Maroela. The accident claimed her life and left an empty space in so many people's lives.

Teyise was a third year Actuarial Sciences student at the University of Pretoria and we have been fortunate enough to accommodate her as part of the 2016 Spikkel group. In 2017 she was elected as a member of the 2017/2018 Magrietjie House Committee and was given the Facilities and Well-being portfolio. A memorial service was held for Teyise in Magrietjie, and was attended by over 400 people. Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Teyise. She will be dearly missed and she will always have a piece of our hearts.

-Written by Lemé du Toit



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