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40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, 29 March, we kicked off our festival year with an intimate birthday celebration. The evening was bursting with pink excitement and joy. Prior to the commencement of the official ceremony, we had a friendly competition where each floor had to decorate their own festive birthday table!

As the ceremony commenced, we had our 2022 Primaria, Paballo Mothibe, say a few inspirational words to welcome all our guests including our alumni and UP/TuksRes officials. Professor Mosia, the Vice Principal of Student and Residence Affairs, also shared a few words whereafter he and our Primaria unveiled the 40-year plaque. Shortly after the unveiling of the plaque, Xoliswa Letsitsi (winner of the birthday poem competition) read her House Mags birthday poem. (The winning poem will be published in the Festival Yearbook to be launched at the Festival Year dinner in August.) We invited an alumnus from each decade to come forward and light a decade candle to officially kick-off our birthday year (Serna Smit - 1992, Luanne Orsmond - 2002, Esbé Theron - 2012, Paballo Mothibe - 2022).

Following the candles, our festival banner was unveiled of which each person present had an opportunity to sign. The festivities ended with the singing of the house song and the devouring of the famous pink Mags cupcakes. We are indeed looking forward for the rest of the festival year activities, especially our festival year dinner planned for 27 August 2022.

Written by: Nyakallo Mothibe (Vice Primaria: Academics & Marketing)



Prof Themba Mosia and Paballo Mothibe unveiling the 40-year plaque



The next issue of **GrietGriet** will be published in July 2022.



ORIENTATION WEEK 2022

The new Spikkels have finally arrived (with a great amount of airfryers in hand)! We welcomed our newest members of the Pink Palace from 6-13 February when their orientation programme began; and believe me when I say it was a WILD week jam-packed with fun sessions planned for the Spikkels. From bonding sessions to socials, the Spikkels entered the week with so much energy, they kept us on our toes - in a good way, of course. From day one of O-week, we saw something very special in the 2022 Spikkels - PASSION. They had vibrant energy that we saw each time they had to Huppel and Pink Sparkle. They performed every single "I wonder" and "MAMAMA" with so much passion and excitement that it made the HC's hearts burst with pink pride. Naturally, the Spikkels made one heck of an impression with every social and event during the week - yes, they made heads turn and painted the Hatfield and Hillcrest campus pink. The HC could not have asked for a better, more passionate group of Feesjaar Spikkels. We cannot wait to see what they have in store for the rest of their Spikkel year!

Written by Charlize Cuyler (First Year Guardian)



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"Champions don't show up to get everything they want; they show up to give everything they have" - Alexander den Heijer.

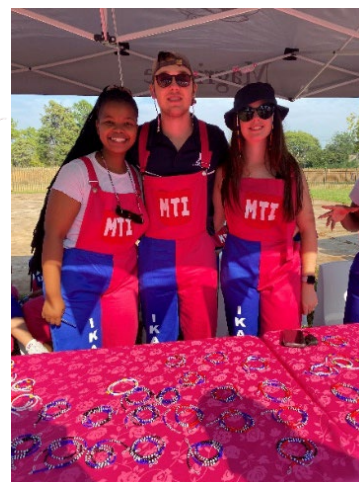
That is exactly what the Spikkels of 2022 did on the Rag farm stage on 19 February 2022. Our theme this year was runaway brides, and I assure you that after the ten minutes on stage our Spikkels did not only run away with the award for 2nd Best Theme Overall, but with the crowd's hearts. That explains our 1st prize for the night - the award for People's Choice of 2022. It was a very proud moment for the House Committee, the House Parents as well as the rest of the house to see our Spikkels hitting the famous "Mags moves", ending their performance on a high with our famous "MAMAMA" to the Narcotic song. The pink passion was contagious to say the least. The Spikkels' hard work paid off as they danced their hearts out and solidified their place in this residence.

Written by Ruvé Blaauw (Culture External)



RAG OF HOPE DAY

After two years without a "full" RAG week, nor a RAG of Hope Day due to Covid-19 restrictions, RAG week took place from 21-26 February this year. Our RAG partners for the year are Ikageng (from the Groenkloof campus) and House Tau - so we aptly named ourselves Ikamatau. RAG week started with a Hawaii-themed social with Morula Legae which helped raise funds for the culture internal projects. On the 22nd we had our much anticipated Big Yes, where our RAG partners, House Ikageng joined in our engagement with House Tau. The sky seemed to also play a part in the Big Yes as it beamed with a lovely pink sunset. We also hosted Mr Mags as a part of our RAG fundraising. For the first time we had a sponsor, AirStudent, which sponsored a prize of a free domestic return ticket for the winner. Each contestant paid R20 to enter, and from the 46 contestants, the top 15 contestants were chosen by the house in a very intense rec hall session. On the 24th of February, the top 15 took to the stage in their formal attire, themed wear (Saints and Sinners) and Mags Wear. After three rounds of questions and answers, Matthew Gilliland came out as the winner and to our surprise his mother is a Mags alumnus. The event was very successful and proved to be telling of the year we expect to have as House Mags. On the 25th we had our wedding at House Tau, alongside our sister wives House Ikageng. This was a great



opportunity for the three residences to get to know each other in a less formal setting. Finally, after a gruesome week of festivities and planning, RAG week came to an end with RAG of Hope Day on the 26th where we sold eco-friendly sunglass strings which proved to be a crowd favourite as we sold out in 4 hours.

Written by Kwandilokuhle Nkosi (Community Engagement & Semi-Guardian)



IT's FEESJAAR!!

We are celebrating our feesjaar as House Mags/Magrietje is turning 40 years old.

We will share more about our alumni mom-and-daughter event in the next newsletter, as well as about our dad-and-daughter day.

To ensure that you do not miss out on any invitations to our feesjaar activities, please send email to: housemags@up.ac.za stating your name, surname (including maiden name) and number of years in Mags so that we can keep in touch and update you on Feesjaar information.

Alternatively, please check our social media pages for information.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Feesjaar dinner to be held on 27 August 2022



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Back to 'normal'?

After a quite distressing and dull two years that the pandemic has brought about, we are pleased to be back to 'normal'. As restrictions eased, TuksRes hosted the annual first year welcome evening at the Hillcrest campus, the first one since 2019. We were very pleased to attend and to expose our Spikkels to a little bit of the res culture. The Spikkels were overjoyed with excitement after the welcome event.

Currently House Mags are at 87% capacity with all the rooms filled, except that double rooms have only one occupant. The University is also bringing more students back to campus with venues allowing 50% capacity. Slowly but surely, we are getting back a sense of normality.

SPORT

Ready, set, go!

We kicked off the sporting events this year with first-year soccer. Our Spikkels performed well and had loads of fun. After that, we participated in the first-year netball tournament where we had four teams in the quarter finals and three teams in the semi-finals. In the final we had two mixed teams (with Blossoms Delight - alias the men from Sonop) against each other. So, can you guess who won the mixed team category of the first-year league?

With a Spikkel group like this, the year can only have good sporting events in store for us. The commitment from the girls is amazing - they always showed up for training early in the morning and gave it their all. Nothing stopped them from enjoying every moment. I am very excited for the year and can't wait to see all our beautiful Spikkels excel in all the sporting events to come.

Written by Skye Bester (Sport)



MAGS GOT TALENT

Mags Got Talent is one of those special evenings at House Mags where we can truly appreciate how talented our ladies are. This year's Mags Got Talent was no different. We saw 13 ladies take to the stage and blow us away with their voices, dance moves, instruments, and poetic abilities. The judges- Matthew Gilliland (Mr Mags 2022), Mufaro Sambaza (Primaria 2021) and Kiash Arjun (singer from House Ukuthula) had their work cut out for them to choose a winner from all the contestants. In the end it was Spikkel Future that walked away with the trophy for her dance moves. Spikkel Charlize placed second with her original song and Spikkel Noa who placed third with her piece on the piano. The night would not have been possible without the ladies who came to support and cheer the contestants on. It was truly a night to remember!

Andria Stolp (House Internal & Treasurer)

