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HOUSE WEEK 2017

Some will remember house week as the best week of their lives, while others were entertaining their academics. Whichever one you are, house week is the week where you get the opportunity to form those bonds with your fellow sisters that can never be broken.

Our week started off with a bang at Arcade Empire for the annual "Beer pong" tournament. The night was a huge success and our Spikkels showed the rest of the house what they are made of. After the tournament we enjoyed the music and dance scene before heading home.



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GrietGriet is ook in Afrikaans beskikbaar - laat weet ons gerus as u 'n Afrikaanse weergawe verkies.

Floor sports



Tuesday started out quite slowly for a few individuals. The fun activity of the day was floor sports. We started with a sack race to determine the order of our activities. Every floor presented an activity that we had to master in order to continue. We had activities like "flip the cup" and "dodge ball". In the end, floor 4 was named the winner of the floor sports.

Mr Magrietjie judges



Next on our agenda was something spectacular - Mr Magrietjie. The handsome men from campus displayed their talents on the runway. We had a couple of rounds, one where the men paraded around in pink to show their love for Magrietjie. Lastly, they had to dress up according to our theme - "Into the jungle". This year's official Mr Magrietjie came all the way from Kollege.



We found our way to the Pretoria Art Museum on Thursday, to show our appreciation for the finer things in life. Our guided tour took us back to significant eras in history that put the art into context. The ladies enjoyed a quiet stroll through the museum along walls covered with some of the most famous artwork pieces.

Pretoria art museum visit



As always Fridays are meant to be "freaky", so on the menu for Friday was "Clubhouse-crawling". We had to attend each of the men's clubhouses within 80 minutes. Once the clubhouse crawling game was done, we made our way to our individual favourites such as having a burger at "Uncle Faouzi's" followed by a very patriotic huppel back to residence.

All good things come to an end. Marking the end of a great house week, there was a house braai on our beautiful lawn in front of Magrietjie. Thereafter we headed to Springbok to "write our names on the walls" and finish off a wonderful week.



WHERE TO IN 2018?

With great excitement the prospective students enter the big gates of this amazing institution, hoping to form part of the University of Pretoria's students in the coming year. Different to previous years, residences were not open for viewing this year. As alternative, videos were made of each residence showcasing the facilities of each residence. These videos were shown at the residence exhibition stall on campus, allowing prospective students and their parents to view multiple residence option in one location. Each residence also had their own stalls where residences could display their own unique look-and-feel. The Magrietjie ladies put together a beautiful pink stall and were ready for the crowds very early Saturday morning. In fact, we had the honour of being located right in the middle of the area where the exhibition of the various residences took place. Although the prospective students were in awe while strolling around and picturing images of the different residences that they see, the lovely and pretty Pink of Magrietjie immediately caught the eye. They could not wait to find out more about Magrietjie and all that it has to offer. Magrietjie and all of its ladies are very excited to welcome the new Spikkels of 2018 to this great palace, and to help them create and establish their home away from home in the coming year.

"MY ALLES, VIR AALTYD, VIR MAGRIETJIE!"



INFORMAL FOR FOODIES

Magrietjie is famous for her "Informals" and as usual, we did not disappoint. The theme for this year involved something we all love - fast food! No treat was left behind as the ladies made it their goal to be as creative and illustrative as possible. We saw quite a number of interesting outfits. Examples are: a Starbucks barista, Boeboe from "Vetkoek Paleis" and a few of your favourite treats - doughnuts, cookies and many more. A few ladies took to the dictionary for inspiration. Yes, we had FAST food - food literally dressed for the Olympics. Obesity also dropped by to teach us that moderation is key. The outfits may have been the cherry on top of the cake, but we did not forget to appreciate the other mouth-watering dishes that were on offer. For one night, the dining hall was transformed into a fast food paradise, and the menu kept our foodies wanting more.

To say it was a fun evening would be an understatement. The couples danced the night away and enjoyed snacks that were just as tasty as their outfits seemed to be. If you were to ask any Magrietjie lady about their evening, they would unanimously say - it was a night to remember. Once again, it shows that Magrietjie ladies know how to make any night memorable.



DEBATE TEAMS PERFORM

On April 21st, Magrietjie took the stage at the annual Debating tournament, hosted by STUKU. As always, Magrietjie was a force to be reckoned with. Magrietjie entered two teams and both teams had to compete against some of the best debating residences, namely Sonop, Olympus and Jasmyn. We had a variety of topics, to name a few: "This House believes that the government has the right to withhold information about the world ending soon" as well as "This House supports the Men are Trash campaign". Both our teams gave their all in every round. Unfortunately neither one of them made it through to the finals. After a nail biting debate between Magrietjie and Jasmyn, Magrietjie lost by one point. Olympus took on Jasmyn in the final, and in the end Olympus was crowned as winner. The topic for the final was "This House believes that the Law should enable Government to interfere when an individual tries to commit suicide". Two of our Magrietjie ladies, Tanna Brownlee and Kopano Bookholane, were named the best speakers of their individual teams. Yet again Magrietjie proved that we have our way with words.



Did you know?

Since the inception of House Magrietjie in 1982 the "Huppel" has been firmly rooted as a tradition in Magrietjie. Annually the Huppel is taught to the new Spikkels as their first step in becoming a true Magrietjie lady along with the rest of the residence sisters. Not only is it a head turning, jolly action, it is also an occasion of unity and teambuilding amongst the Mags ladies. The characteristic Huppel creates and welcomes diversity through the fact that the song is trilingual, consisting of the languages English, Afrikaans and Sepedi. The Huppel is a good representation of the joy, vitality and ambition that flows through the veins of Mags ladies. Long live the Huppel! #MAVAVM.



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SERRIE CLEOPATRAS

The pride and joy of Magrietjie, without a doubt, is our Serrie performances. This year we did not cease to amaze. The theme was "Egyptian army" and the ladies were dressed to kill. With powerful songs and excellent choreography, Magrietjie was ready to own the battlefield. Our devoted Culture External, Danielle van Wyk, spent months perfecting every move and every facial expression. When asked how she would describe the performance at prelims, she said that the energy and commitment of every individual made it an incredible Serrie. With our Egyptian wigs and our gold-and-white outfits, you could really see the Cleopatras of Magrietjie on stage. The band definitely did not disappoint either. Our talented band manager and Serenade HC, Chrizané Venter, made sure that the music transported everyone to the battlefield - ready to conquer anything. This year we had a wide variety of instruments that really brought the theme to life. We were ready for the finals - our voices, instruments and outfits were impeccable... Unfortunately, not everything went according to plan, and we had to abort our mission. The Serrie finals were cancelled after photos of inappropriate posters shown at some of the residences during the Serrie performances, surfaced. The University and student leaders made the decision to cancel the Serrie finals. This decision sent a clear message to all students that derogatory and offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. However, even though Magrietjie did not have the opportunity to shine at the finals, we still managed to make the most of this wonderful experience. Despite our disappointment, we made the decision to view 2017 as a warm-up for 2018, where we will be back for our trophy.



LET'S SERENADE...No, let's UP A Capella

The Student Culture Committee (Stuku) has taken the decision to change the name of Serenade to UP A Capella. The decision comes after a name change was suggested by the Executive Management of the University. UP A Capella is an annual musical activity hosted for residence groups. Magrietjie's UP A Capella group consisted of 20 ladies (or should we say nightingales) - containing some of the best voices the University has to offer. The theme of Magrietjie's UP A Capella was 'female scientists', sharing with the audience the role of females in science. The crowd was entertained with, amongst other, a superwoman medley with songs by Coldplay (The Scientist) Alicia Keys (Superwoman) and Sia (Chandelier). Serenade HC, Chrizané Venter, and coach, Juan Muller, did a tremendous job to ensure that we reached the semi-finals. Well done ladies!!!

