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PIERINGOOG ALUMNI NEWSLETTER





WELCOME TO THE PIERINGOOG ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Here, we aim to keep the esteemed alumni of our cherished residence informed about the vibrant happenings within our walls, as well as the exciting engagements around Stellenbosch in which our residence proudly takes part. In this edition we will be looking at the latest news, sports fixtures, and significant events of the residence that have taken place and will take place in the following semester.





A WORD FROM THE RESIDENCE HEAD

Dear Alumni,

Time has flown by so fast—it's already seven months into the academic year and nearly three years into my tenure as the caretaker residence head. I am currently in Taiwan at the National Chengchi University in Taipei. I took a moment to reflect on the dedicated efforts of our team under the leadership of Zack Daniel Van Zyl and our strategic advisor Jané Theron. We kicked off the year with remarkable achievements, winning Vensters as HuisHipporRina and securing victory in the 10s rugby competition. These successes were not coincidental but the result of dedicated planning by Zack Daniel and our committed team of leaders. Equally heartening was the enthusiastic response to the high number of auditions for our return to the Ser competition. Watch this space—we may soon be recognised not only for our sporting success but also for our musical talents.

However, May brought us sorrow with the loss of one of our own. This served as another poignant moment for us to reflect and express gratitude for each other's support and the support of our loved ones.

The diligent efforts of the leadership team, including our mentors, were further validated by the constructive and well-balanced feedback from the SU monitors' report. The report underscored the exceptional work done to foster a thriving social and academic community by our leaders.

As a community, we continue to face challenges. Some of our members struggle with food insecurity, lack of equipment for sporting activities, or the mentorship needed for their professional journeys ahead. Thus, we seek the support of our robust networks to forge partnerships that can provide additional assistance. This support will bolster the leadership team's strategy to ensure our residence remains a welcoming home for all. Reflecting on my tenure, which builds on the foundations laid by previous residence heads and student leaders, I can confidently report that our house is in good health. This is evident in the academic achievements of both our new members and seniors.

Looking forward to hearing from you how you might form partnerships to help mentor our graduating students with life after studies.

Warm greetings from a humid and hot Taipei!

Brandon Como



A WORD FROM THE PRIMARIUS

Manne van die huis,

Dit is 'n groot voorreg om vandag die brief aan julle uit te rig.

My termyn as prim het nou al amper tot n oorhandigings-tyd gekom, en die Prim-rit tot nou toe was een van baie opwinding. Tydens die rit, het ek baie keer myself gevra, maar wat is dit in Huis Marais wat maak dat ons trots het soos geen ander, dat ons in alle sporte kompetierend is, dat ons 3 volle rugby spanne kan maak elke week en dat, wanneer jy in een van die nessies sit, 20 pelle om jou kan he wat jy werklik broers kan noem.

Ek dink dit is die moeilikste vraag om te antwoord. Hoekom, oor al die jare, was Huis Marais, met sy relatiewe klein grootte, een van die beroemdste en mees presterende Manskoshuise opkampus?

Daars n tiepe "Magic" wat in die bakstene van die Huis broei, en ingeplant word in elke eerste jaar wat sy voete deur die koshuis sit. Die Seniors van 2024 het n trots en passie vir die plek ge-erf van ons seniors toe ons eerste jaar was, en ek kan julle verseker dat die jaar se eerstejaars daai selfde geskenk van ons ontvang het.

Die eerste helfte van die 2024 jaar het afgeskop met spoed. Die eerste jaars n sterk groep, met sterk leiersfigure. Ek sien werklik uit om te sien na waste hoogtes hulle die koshuis sal neem, en met waste bande hulle hier uit sal loop een dag. Ons kultuur het opgetel, met die eerste keer in n lang tyd wat ons ook dan nog kompeteer in die Ser, ons eie "Band" het en die Vensters se wen Huistoe geneem het. Ons sporte doen goed, met die rugby wat 'n 17 wedstryd "winning-streak" gehad het, oor 'n struikel blok geval het en nou weer hard werk om die beker huis toe te bring vir 'n 3de keer in n ry.

Huis Marais is nog altyd n plek waar mens bitter aangename stories, en bande met mekaar vorm. Daardie aspek van Huis Marais, kan niemand ooit wegvat nie.

Ons toekoms in leierskap lyk voorspoedig vir die wat in die koshuis bly volgende jaar, en die wat in die wereld ingestuur word, sal leiding neem net waar hulle is met n "Centrum Pete Finem" houding.

Daar word trots, passie en n "steef na sukses- houding" in die koshuis gekweek, en vir altyd, maak nie saak waar nie, sal die huismanne van 2024 n trots he soos net n Huisman kan he.

Vir daardie wat ek nog nie ontmoet het nie, hoop ek om te ontmoet deur die jaar by die Golf-dag, derby of langs n ander sportveld, en vir diegene wat hulle draaie kom maak, hoop ek sien julle vir nog n dag van Huis-gees.

Huisgroete,

Zack Daniel van Zyl
Primarius 2024



HUIS RUGBY

This year's rugby season was kicked off in the best way possible, with over 50 guys showing up to the first practice in March. This is a testament to our dedication as a Huis to defend our titles from the previous two seasons. We once again have three teams playing in the various leagues, coached by Hardus van Heerden (1st team & Tiekies) and Johan "Matras" Neethling (Bewers).

The **Bewers** are yet to win their first game after some hard-fought losses to the 3rd teams of Elsenberg, Dagbreek, and Academia's 2nd team. However, due to the 3rd league only consisting of these four teams, we are happy to say that the Bewers are already through to the semi-finals.

The **Tiekies** have come through with a lot of young talent from the new first year group coming in, exhibiting some exciting Tiekies-flaire on the field. They have won three out of the first five matches of the season putting them at 3rd place on the overall log for the 2nd team league.

The **1st team**, determined to pick up where they left off last season, started with an impressive four wins out the first five games of the season against Academia, Meta/Pieke (PSO), Wilgenhof, and Eendrag/Vesta. These results have put us in 2nd place for our pool and 3rd place on the overall log.

The Huis is getting ready for the last stretch of the season, playing four more games after the holiday for the opportunity to play in the knockout rounds in August. We would like to say thank you for all the support we have received throughout the season! Our players are extremely thankful for the amazing turn out every week, and we hope to see you all after the break next to the field in your green

VIR NOG 'N DAG VAN HUIS RUGBY!



1st Team:

1. Walter Vrey
2. Stefan Hamman
3. Daniel Heydenrych
4. George King
5. Zack Daniel van Zyl
6. Hendri du Toit
7. Wim Treurnicht
8. Tian Muller
9. Jahno Bester (C)
10. Christiaan van Blommenstein
11. James Raubenheimer
12. Heinrich Potgieter
13. Neil Truter
14. Dirk Bester
15. Vosloo de Kock

Tiekies:

1. Adriaan Roets
2. Dewald van Deventer
3. Kian Carstens
4. Divan vd Watt
5. Carlo Both
6. Hannes Joubert
7. Juan Nelson
8. Erasmus Mouton
9. Paul Zietsman
10. Ruben Marx
11. Ulrich Fulls
12. Jurian van Sandten
13. Dean de Kock
14. MJ Raath
15. Liam Coulter

Bewers:

1. Bukho Fumbata
2. Christiaan Brits
3. Niel Visser
4. Izan Coetzee
5. Grey Fogarty
6. Ruan Le Roux
7. Ruan Liebenberg
8. Keeno Raath
9. Jan-Louis Venter
10. Retief Hoffman
11. Elmar de Kock
12. Liam Lawrie
13. Wessel Wessels
14. Ruben Crouse
15. William Laurence



RECENT SPORT NEWS

Huis Marais' waterpolo has made major strides this year.

Having our first ever formal practice, and being able to field both an A and a B team both being testament to how the sport is growing both on the campus and in the res.

Though the first round yielded losses for both teams against strong opposition, the new semester holds promise for better results, and a bright future for **Huis Marais**

Waterpolo.



2024 has been a very exciting year for **Huis Marais Hockey!** We kicked the year off with a good run out at the Campus 5s League with our team finishing 11th overall. April saw the start of the official Campus League , with our first team being entered into the Men's Super League division.

Despite some results not going our way , the boys have shown great heart and shown signs of very good constructive hockey. Some exciting news is the introduction of our *new kit* , which will be worn in our *first match of the third term on 22 July*.

Huis Marais cricket was back in full swing during the 1st semester, and we saw the team participating in a competitive and fair manner, as always. The team unfortunately missed out on a qualifying spot in a nail biting encounter with Simonsberg's 1st team. However, the team will be ready for action when the new season starts. The boys gave it their all, and ensured that the fun and "gees" was highlighted throughout the games, which at the end of the day is all that matters.

We are very proud of the **Huis Marais Soccer Team** and all they have achieved so far! The season has been sensational up until this point and they are currently unbeaten for 3 games in a row now. Even the gees next to the field has been picking up and we are very thankful for all our supporters.



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Events and Results:

Friday Night Sokka - Nagskof (Straat)

Fifa - Boulevard

Quadies - Old Soaks & Grondpad

Dodgeball - Die Pas

Down Downs - Nagskof (Straat)

Speed Smoking - Die Laan

Hotdog Eating - Wynroete & Ondergang

Chipping - Nagskof (Straat)

Arm wrestling - Die Pas

Trollie Race - Die Pas

Potjie - Stoelgang

Overall Results:

1st Place - Die Pas (19 points)

2nd Place - Nagskof (16 points)

3rd Place - Die Laan (15 points)



OTHER RECENT EVENTS

Welcoming 2024

We are pleased to announce that this year's Welcoming was a massive success! The overall feedback from our newcomers' were great and at the end of the day that is what is most important to us.

The program was focussed on giving the Newcomers enough activities and time to get to know the newcomers from other residences, and most importantly to get to know each other and Huis Marais.

We are also very happy with the positive feedback we received in the Monitors' Report. We will use this to improve the program for next year and give the newcomers of 2025 an even better experience!

Vensters

The newest members of Huis Marais started the year with a bang by winning the best performance at the annual Maties Connect (Vensters). The newcomers displayed remarkable endurance during the warm summer days in Stellies. Their success was bolstered by the support of Nerina and Hippokrates, who helped even those with two left feet master the complicated dance moves. A very special thank you goes to our own Kian Carstens and his Vensters Committee for their exceptional commitment, planning and effort, which played a crucial role in making this first competition a victory for our newest Huismanne.

Huisfonds Dance

The eagerly awaited first event of the year, the always popular House Fund Dance, was once again a resounding success. The events committee revived the tradition of hosting the event in the quad, which was fantastically decorated with sand, palm trees, and other beachy decorations to perfectly capture the Hawaiian theme.



Sticking to the theme, **our Huismanne carried 6 tons of sand to make Hawaii come alive in our own quad!** We extend our gratitude to the events committee for their excellent arrangements, which contributed to making the House Fund Dance a massive success.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Team Fixtures:

26 July vs Helshoogte
8 August vs Elsenburg
13 August vs Dagbreek
16 August, Semi Finals
23 August, Finals

Tiekies Fixtures:

26 July vs Medies 1
8 August vs Eendrag 2
16 August, Semi Finals
23 August, Finals

Derby

29 July - 2 August
Rugby vs Huis Visser, 2 Aug

Golf Day

6 October @ Erinvale

Bewers Fixtures:

24 July vs Elsenburg 3
31 July vs Academia 2
7 August vs Dagbreek 3
14 August, Semi Finals
23 August, Finals

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