



Imperium Times

Welcome to our Official Newsletter

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Imperium Times welcomes you to the first edition of the newsletter for 2016.

We hope that you will enjoy the epic journey through the life and times of all the Imperium members as showcased in this edition and the editions to come.

At the beginning of this new year, Imperium has already excelled on various platforms, including : Rag, Sports, Academics, Social and Kovsgem. If you want to know more take a look inside...

The newsletter is a project run by RC Secretary, Media and Marketing (Jameel Abdool) and his competent sub-committee. It aims to keep all members aware of the issues and/or notices as well as reminiscing on past events and notifying on future events.

We as the newsletter team hope that you enjoy this newsletter just as much as enjoyed compiling it for you.

Lets begin with a quote for inspiration

“The mind is a powerful force, it can enslave us or empower us. It can plunge us to the depths of misery or take us to the heights of ecstasy. Learn to use the POWER wisely.” - David Cuschieri

#absolutePower



What is Imperium all about?

We are a city residence for those of you who won't be staying on campus. By joining us you have the opportunity to take part in all the campus activities which a “live-in” residence gets to take part in. We are actively involved in a number of activities at the varsity such as sport, culture, community work and environmental issues to name a few.

We believe in creating a “family”, we encourage our seniors to get involved and we are all here for each other and will be every step of the way. We will support each other and help one another with the transition into varsity life. Our family atmosphere is something which we are really proud of.

Dr Mpho Moagi-Jama

Our values are

Unity
Integrity
Participation
Equality
Tradition
Strong Leadership

Message from the Residence Head

My mission as the Residence Head is to model the academic & human project of the University by firstly developing & supporting you to achieve academic success.

Secondly, by inculcating universal humane values such as among others, love, care, respect, integrity, trust and empathy in your mind as a KOVSIE, thus developing you as a holistic human being & fulfilling what is at the heart of higher education.

Dr Mpho Moagi-Jama

Imperium Leadership 2016

Message from the Prime



Phano Khalema | Prime | Strategies & Values
078 922 4201

Hi there, I hope everyone has found their feet after the past couple of weeks, it has been quite a time in the lives of students. I must say the one constant in our lives is how we can always look to you, the members of Imperium for support and entertainment.

Part of which is so great about Imperium and the University of the Free State as a whole is how much we do for new students on our campuses and the extent to which we assist the orientation of the new students as well as how we try our best to keep up the senior students involved. University is such a new and turbulent time for so many that a smile and a little assistance goes a long way and we at Imperium really do our best to make people from all walks of life feel welcome and cared for. Our wonderful diversity, academic excellence and strong presence in the university are owed to you Imperium members and how well you adopt and bring to life our residence values.

Imperium is on a path to the next level, in all spheres, and we would love for you to join us in this endeavor. My very competent RC and I are here for you all and look forward to working with you to see our residence do great things.

Good luck with everything ahead of you and I look forward to seeing you well involved in our residence activities. Stay well

Phano Khalema

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Meet Your F.Com for 2016

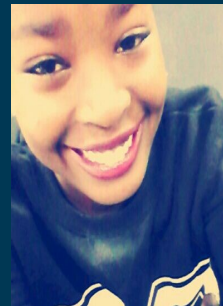
During the month of February , our First Year's committee elections took place, all interviews were successful as expected and the Representative Council along the with the Strategies and Values sub com came to a consensus and the results were as follows:



Kevin Cloete -
Prime



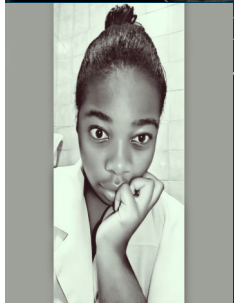
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RAG



Desiree Motaung -
Academics



Twyne Skein -
Sport (Male)



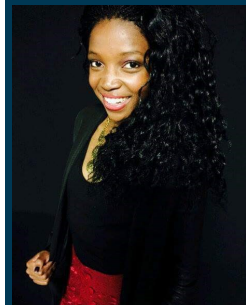
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- Finance & Gazellie



Vanessa Lekubu
- KOVSGEM



Chesney Palmer -
Culture (Male)



Lesego Sathikge -
Secretary, Media &
Marketing



Amari Kotzé -
Social



Henco Steyn -
Culture (Female)



Mikaelin Pillay -
Sport (Female)

Our SRC Gaurdian

Hello house Imperium, I cannot express my joy of being your representative for the year 2016. My ultimate goals for the house is to help, uplift, support and lastly contribute to the growth of one of the most successful day residences on campus. I hope I get the chance to meet you all throughout this year and I wish you all good luck with what the year has to offer.

Peo Segano



Imperium's Social & Diversity

The Sugar Experience

Our first event hosted by the Social & Diversity portfolio named "Sugar Experience" was a indeed a successful one. An informative motion picture about how this generation has turned into a sugar consuming one, alerting us about how sometimes these sugar highs can be the cause of our bodies crashing on the inside making us more cautious of our sugar intake, although time wasn't on our side the event had to be what we can call "SUGAR RUSHED", after a glass of juice you could enjoy the different setup of food ; a healthy table of vegetables and fruits and another appetizing table of sweet delights just to test which would be empty by the end of the night to our surprise the fruit and veggies table was the emptiest and just to end off the night a good game of musical chairs was played between seniors and first years, and of course the game was won by a member representing the senior side.

Floyd Leburu



TEACAN REMINDER:

Oros, Biscuits & The Universe



Some moments pictured from the Sugar Experience



Culture Corner



Coming soon to a residence near you ...

Imperitas presents "Corruption Apocalypse" & Imp -'n - Bietjie presents "Parliament Parody in the Jungle"

Stay tuned for more!!!

#Nuffsaid



KOVSGEM

Imperium Gives Back

It is heart-warming to see a group of young people that are so passionate about giving back to the community.

The KOVSGEM portfolio started off January with a Big Bang, when they went on a celestial excursion to the planetarium on Naval Hill. Accompanying all of the Impi's was a group of children from the House of Hope orphanage. Throughout this experience you could see their little smiles light up like the Milky Way and their eyes lit up like stars. This experience did not only expand the horizons of these amazing children, but it also gave each and every Impi something to think about.

The month of February was equally eventful. As all of us know the country has been experiencing one of the worst droughts in years. The Muslim Student Association had the initiative to launch a water collection campaign aided by the SRC. Imperium did not rest on its laurels and we decided to get involved. The whole of Imperium banded together and water started to flow into Imperium's doors. We managed to donate 82 5L bottles of water to the MSA's worthy cause.

Imperium also decided to give back to those that do not have their own voices and decided to head to the SPCA Bloemfontein to play with the animals and take them some treats. I have to say that this event was a barking success. The animals really enjoyed all of the attention and I am glad that we were able to touch their lives, even if it was in such a small manner.

On behalf of the RC KOVSGEM and her sub-com we would like to thank each and every one of the Imperium members that contributed to making our events a huge success. We are still planning many more events to help worthy causes and we would love for all of you to form part of them.

#Imperiumlove #Imperiumcares

Gernus Terblanche



RAG

Jesha Munez

Rag, oh how challenging but sweet art thou.

Every year the challenge of building a float for the Rag charity programme is a mission and a half. Usually, we all get to bask in the glory of our res' float on procession day and we don't really think twice about it. We talked to Rag sub-com member Jess Tavener and asked her to share a few things from her Rag experience.

Jess told us that it was magnificent to see all the steps come together to form part of the finished part. And although stressful, it was definitely a great learning experience and that she couldn't wait to do it again.

Busy as she was, Jess found time to get her mind of the float to enjoy the Rag parties; which was one her favourite highlights. Her other favourite was experiencing the last stretch on the last night; a night of little sleep and a whole lot of pressure to finish on time. Much to everyone's delight, the float was completed and ahead of schedule too!

Jess' biggest fear was her newly found fear of heights. From the ground it doesn't look that far up but when you climb up onto the scaffolding, take a seat, lean half of your body away from the scaffolding's safety, let go of the pole you were holding onto for dear life, work on the float, and then feel the scaffolding wobble because someone else just got on; it feels as though you couldn't be further from the ground. Having braved her new fear, the fear of not finishing on time took the limelight but our girl Jess had faith that they would, and they did.

The biggest obstacle that stood in her way was overcoming the lack of sleep, late nights and early mornings take their toll on a person's body regardless of how many energy drinks you drink. Due to this busy schedule, the lack of food also posed as a great obstacle.

When asked what she would miss the most, Jess told us that she would miss seeing everyone everyday and that she hoped the friendships she forged weren't just for the two weeks she spent on Rag farm but that they would last for a long time. She will not miss however, BeyersNaude's music playlist as they played the same songs for the duration of the two weeks.

We asked what "future Jess" would do differently if she paid "current Jess" a visit. She says that "future Jess" would try and educate the first years' on what rag is all about so that they know from the start why they are doing what they do, what causes we are raising funds for and what we expect from them so that we wouldn't have the mistakes of this year.

Thank you Jess for sharing your experience with us.

Thulo 'ObviousBicycle' Leie

To the veterans, it is probably disgraceful, or slightly unfortunate for anyone who does not begin their year on campus with the RAG Experience! It is embarrassing enough that I'm a 2nd year student, but only had my 1st experience THIS year! I'm still trying to understand why I thought it was cool to exclude myself in the previous year! At least now I was lucky enough to go through it as both a 1st timer, and a RAG Subcom member.

The RAG Farm: Where all the magic happens! Upon crossing the road from behind the West College, you're immediately apprehended by the distant vibe of all the the various Residence combos, each bumping their own tastes of tunes, creating a huge mash-up joyful spirits. On arrival, you're met by the smell of burning metal and wet paper, sparks flying everywhere - everyone is hard-at-work, but having fun at the same time. Everyone revealed their inner architect, sculptor, engineer ...you name the profession, you'll find it on the RAG Farm. All the teams built structures of really intricate detailing, some really more technical than others. The floats contained animated characters of many sorts, unleashing the deeper child in all the grown-ups that roamed that venue. Of course like many other things, time was of the essence, so work had to be put in, day-in and day-out.

The Imperium team (alongside Huis Koos and Tswelopele), under the leadership of Ryno, felt the pressures of the workload. You guys should have seen Ryno! He worked so hard, to a point of overworking himself, until he started to lose his voice, having to hiss in attempts to communicate. Ryno getting rained on, catching colds and not caring while walking barefoot in a sea of broken sharp metal and wire. He went through all this trouble, just to make sure that work gets done! We applaud his work ethic.

All in all, from the small jobs of tearing newspaper, to welding and wiring, and to all the partying, the RAG Experience is one that all of us deserve to be part of. If you still haven't felt it yet, make provision for next year, and tell the upcoming generations about it, too.

All the hard work and dedication paid off in the end. Imperium along with Huis Koos & Tswelopele placed 5th in Pool A for float building.



Sport Corner

All I see is Blue and White - Imperium Sports are at an all-time high in 2016. The First years already participated in several sporting events and all of them did exceptionally well. All of them have to be commended for their efforts and taking Imperium to the next level.

Starting with netball all our girls did a great job. Two of the girls made it to the second round of trials. We would just like to congratulate Lesego and Uko on this achievement. The hockey girls left their hearts on the field and two of our girls made it to the 4th round of trials. Congratulations to Shindre-Lee and Aisha for this accomplishment.

Swim like a fish, swim, swim like a fish. Gabriella and Matthew did just that, representing Imperium during the first year’s gala. We would like to thank both of you for participating and remember to just keep swimming.

First year athletics was another highlight on the sporting calendar. The first years kept their spirits high and supported all of our Olympians, even if it was raining. All of our athletes did well and Imperium placed overall second for the mixed residence spirit cup. The RC even got involved and ran in the relays, where they also made the House proud, slip an all.

The next big sporting event was the Gateway soccer and volleyball. Our teams flew to the semi-finals, like our gazebo flew into the tree. On the first day of Gateway Cup the Blue Bellas went to the semi-finals, where they were knocked out by Madelief after a very tight game of 2-3. The Blues also served up an impressive performance and went to the semi-finals, where they were knocked out by Beyers Naude.

During the second day of Gateway Cup the Blue Bella’s played Volleyball and served up an impressive performance, which saw them going to the semi-finals, where they got knocked out by Wag-‘n-Bietjie after a score of 2-0. The Blues impressed with sheer numbers, being the only Residence to have two full soccer teams.

The Imperium cricket team for men, also played two matches in the month of February, 1 of which they were victorious against Khayalami, and the other against Beyers Naude in which ended in a loss.

The Imperium ladies have also played a few hockey matches and the results are as follows:

Team	Score
Harmony	Lost 2-0
Wel-Wel	Won 4-3

Jameel Abdool

Lets give credit where its due!!!

Bongani, one of our Star Athlete, in Imperium, I'm sure most of you will remember him placing 1st at the First Year Athletics for running the 3000m as well as placing 3rd in the Senior Athletics in the 3000m. He ran the 10km Klopper’s Junior run and placed 1st overall.

Catarina, one of our first years, has now placed top 15 in the Miss Varsity Cup Competition, we wish her luck with the future proceedings.

As the Imperium family we are proud to extend our success in the diverse platforms in which we take part in

#dumspiropero



First Years & Academics

Are You Smarter Than A First Year & Meet Your Sibling

What a time to be alive!!!

The annual “Are You Smarter Than A First Year” event became a two part event combined with a meet and mingle with your sibling. The first years were thrilled to mingle with the seniors, that they had not met before. The matching cards made it even more interesting because it created a suspense to find out who ones sibling would be, more than anything the response of both seniors and first years was positive. Things became interesting when seniors and first years mingled, the game attached to mingling was the ultimate ice breaker that set the tone of the event.

After pairing, it was time for the seniors and first years showed who the smarter group was, without a doubt group dynamics became a big thing to this event, the rules were set out and the games began. At a point it seemed as if the first years had the upper hand to the seniors. This was based at the fact that two senior teams faced the axe of elimination in one round, this gave the first years an upper hand and a loud wake up call to the seniors. The first years relaxed while the seniors pulled a notch of confidence, the confidence was so high that in the fourth round there were two senior teams against one first year team. In the final round something that had never happened did, there was one team per group going head to head. In the end, the seniors were the strongest link without a doubt. Seniors proved for the first time, that they were smarter than the first years.

From the RC First Years & Academics, thank you for supporting the event, your participation made the event a success.

Tsireletso Mokoaqo



Congratulations to Team “No Name”

Jessica Tavener

Jaleel Abdool

Wyatt Jenkins

Gesche Binding

Shaari Poken

My stay-in-week

The first two week, stay-in-week.

This year started off with a full two weeks of stay-in-week, or as I like to call it, stay-in-fortnight. It was packed with the usual activities, inters, rag, the chicken run, parties, good music and the beautiful sound of the gummy bears song every morning. With stay-in- fortnight being done and dusted, I interviewed JP and Aiden on their two week experience.

Now first impressions always last and Imperium is no exception to the rule. Unsurprisingly, Imperium made a great first impression. Our diversity and general vibe is what caused JP and Aiden to say that their impression of Imperium was that it was “dope AF.”

Coming straight out of high school or anywhere else and into a new environment, a person is bound to have some expectations. So when asked what they expected Imperium to be like, they each got exactly what they expected; a cool place where they could hang out with friends, meet new ones and experience life at its best.

One of JP’s favourite highlights of the two weeks was working on the Rag float, while Aiden’s favourite part was meeting the ladies at the female res inters. Although sleep deprived at the end of the two weeks, Aiden and JP enjoyed the experiencing varsity life, meeting new people, exploring the campus and having fun with their newly found friends.

By the end of the two weeks, the first years had been given the inside scoop on varsity dos and don’ts, insider secrets like how to not end up on Campus Confessions and what each restaurant on the bridge was best known for. So despite exhaustion and a bit of the flu, JP and Aiden share what they learnt during the two weeks. JP learnt that he looked like Shaggy from Scooby Doo and Aiden learnt that in all things, be yourself.

Thank you JP and Aiden for sharing your story with us.

Jesha Munez

Imperium Calendar

~ March 2016 ~						
◀ Feb 2016						Apr 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Slam Poetry Night	3	4	5
6	7 RC Rag applications close	8 RC Rag elections	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Lip Sync Battle	17 Battle of the Brains	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

Contact us

Imperium Times would love to hear from you!

Contact us with any story, piece of writing or achievement that you would like to share with the house!

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