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OUTENIQUA NEWSLETTER



FIRST DAY OF UNIVERSITY FOR OUR FELLOW FIRST YEARS!!!

The much anticipated day had arrive, the beginning of the first week of an experience that had been in the back of my mind for many years really believing it would happen for one reason or another. I remember my first day at university very clearly, I felt excited and happy. At the same time I was very nervous because I didn't know anyone. However my first day at university was memorable.

At first I was confused and lost. I didn't know where to go; I had to ask strangers where the first year students were going to meet during the welcoming ceremony. This person was very polite and showed me the way. I walked through some big buildings, and when I arrived I saw many students and I felt scared. The welcome ceremony was phenomenal, the only thing that I can remember is when prof JJ told us that he asked some students to give us some advice as first years, and the other guy said "the first girl you meet is not your wife unless she's studying psychology". After welcoming ceremony we went back to our res, I started seeing a lot of first years about their first experience at varsity. I also remember when I had to attend classes. I got lost and missed my first class because I was confused about the names of the buildings. As time goes on I get used to those names and started attending classes frequently

- By Taba Kamogelo and Mathebane Advice



FIRST DAY OF UNIVERSITY FOR OUR FELLOW FIRST YEARS CONTINUED!!!

Most of the first years said more or less the same thing, since they were the first ones to arrive at OUTENIQUE, they said their first week was filled with expectations. They said they enjoyed singing different Res songs. They described that moment as the best moment they've ever had at res. After singing and doing some exercise they were told about RAG farm, they were excited not knowing what is going to happen at RAG FARM, at first they enjoyed tearing papers but the second day everyone had enough about RAG farm and they started complaining about it.

Their first week at university was not good because most of the first years thought that was a punishment. The most interesting thing they spoke about was INTERS, that's where you visit other residences and get to know a lot of people. They said they enjoyed talking to different kinds of people and getting to know about different cultures and African language since UFS is a diverse university.

We are always going to remember that day, because we had the opportunity to meet many people, most importantly, we met the best friends that we have ever had. It is natural that on the first day at university we feel nervous, but often difficult experience have happy endings. That's why we say that our first day at in the university was memorable, whether the experience was good or bad, the first day will always remain memorable.

- **By Ledwaba Tshepo, Kolele Mawande and Kiviet Buhle**



RAG/JOOL!!!



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Where did it all begin?

In 1942 Kovsie Rag saw light when a group of students decided to decorate a car and drive through the streets of Bloemfontein to raise money for a project of theirs. Today, 74 years later, the new incoming Kovsie family can enjoy what RAG has to offer for them.

OUTENIQUA IS PROUD TO BE PART OF THE RAG FAMILY FOR THE PAST 4 YEARS!

What does it have installed for us??

Let's have a look at some of the things....

1. Fundraising Projects

- ❖ **RAG PROCESSION:** On this day all 26 residences on the Bloemfontein campus parade behind their floats of beautiful and creative artwork through the streets of Bloemfontein to the stadium, where the residence community celebrates two weeks of hard work. Outeniqua paired with Beyers Naudë and Harmony and ended 7th.



- ❖ Tekkie Tax: Last year Outeniqua was the top selling residence that sold the most stickers!!!

2. Community service

- UBUNTU PROJECT: Every year residences collect money with RAG tins in an attempt to fundraise money for community service. Outeniqua also actively participated in the Ubuntu project
- BUDDY PROJECT: This is one of the social responsibility initiatives of RAG, in collaboration with the ARIVE ALIVE campaign to promote responsible alcohol use.



OUR NEW RC RAG FOR 2016/2017 IS **ZIBUYILE ZONDI!!!**



WHAT HAVE OUR RC'S BEEN UP TO???

RC Arts and culture- Sthabile



The arts and culture portfolio hosted a Corridor Mini-ser Challenge. The purpose of this event was to enable people to get to know one another. The outcome of the event was better than expected, many people showed up, it benefitted the house in a sense that people got a chance to know one another and it had a positive impact on the house because people spent time with one another and learnt different things. Sthabile's organization skills improved as she was not so good with that. She added that team work pays off. The overall experience of the event showed that not everything is about winning; we all accomplish something in doing something. The event was well organized and well marketed (various platforms used to advertise the event on time). It was difficult to get external sponsorships; however internal sponsorship was obtained from the SRC guardian and RC finance. Lastly, the presentation of the event was very well organized from both the presenters and the performers.

RC First years- Darren



The first years had the Gateway program, Welcoming and the First years Outeniqua Braai. The purpose of these events was orientation as well as getting to know one another. It was really challenging for first years with regards to the Gateway due to schedule changes five minutes before the actual starting time. Despite, the time issue, everyone participated. The first years had a great time at the braai, since they had a meal and team building session together. This created a sense of belonging (community). The Gateway had both negative and positive impacts. Darren's language skills (English) improved, he gained so much

confidence, he took charge and he became open-minded. The overall experience was amazing; the FCom showed their leadership skills and made things easy for Darren. The information presented at all three events was very useful. Darren and other first years contributed from their own pocket for the braai. Some facilities, such as the braai stand were not available, but the first years managed to have them organized for the event.

RC Academics and environmental affairs-Lolwethu



The Academics portfolio has got events structured on a West college platform. So far, they have had the Motivational Day which was held on the 10th of February. They are about to have the Battle of the Brains event. The purpose of the event was to motivate students, especially first years and get them in the right frame of mind for the upcoming term/semester. The outcome of the event was as expected. They had a good turnout and they believe that it had a positive impact on the students. Lolwethu learned to simply strive to excel at everything she does with regards to her academics. The information presented was extremely useful as the first years were for the first time introduced to the Golden Key Association. The experience was good. Working with my colleagues as well as the Golden Key president and Imperium house head was great. The event was planned and executed well, she concluded.

RC Sports, Health and Wellness – Thuli



The most recent event Thuli was involved in was the West College 'Olympic' games which took place in the form of a mass inter. The purpose of this event was to provide West College first years with the platform to interact and have fun outside the dreadful schedule of RAG Farm. This event was also one of the platforms West College leaders created to foster the idea of college integration and collaboration. The outcome of the event was satisfactory. All RC first years ensured that all first years were available to attend the event. It was a huge success. Because of this event, first years have a broader definition of 'home away from home.' This event also enabled quagga first years to build relations and make friends with people from various residences within the west college. This includes people from different backgrounds, people of different religious beliefs, etc. During her term, Thuli learned that she had to sharpen her time management and interpersonal skills. "Overall it was a very productive event. Who would have thought that young men and women overwhelmed with American Pie expectations would find a sack race, two legged race and egg throw fun. They really enjoyed themselves" says Thuli.

Other comment: I think it is very important that I remind the house about weekly events that they might not know of:

Sports:

Thursdays: 1st Team Netball Match days

Fridays: 1st Team Soccer match day
1st Team Rugby match day
1st Team Basketball matchday

Saturdays: 2nd Team Soccer match days.

Health and Wellness:

There are health and wellness programmes for 1, 2 and 3rd year students. If you are interested please contact a health and wellness champion for more information.

Health and Wellness Champion:

Phemelo Leburu

Thembisile Jongilanga

Thuli Mh

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

INFORMAL

Our informal will be taking place on the 23 July 2016 (This may change)

MR AND MS OUTENIQUA

This event will be taking place in August the date will still be confirmed later.

FORMAL

Our formal will be taking place in September this date will also still be confirmed at a later stage.

**HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR
FURTHER FELLOW
QWAGGA'S!!!!**