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Renaming of residence corridors

During their first month in office, the residence committee of 2015/2016 took the bold step of finally renaming the corridors of the residence. The corridors were renamed after the five values of the residence in languages from around the world, as follows:

Heelonder has become 'SiReSu' which is a combination of three of the values: Sisterly love, Respect and Support

Noord-Onder has become 'Irmandade' which is the Portugese for Sisterhood

Suid-Onder has become 'Fierte' which is French for Pride

Noord-Bo has become 'Mendukung' which is the Indonesian word for Support

Suid-Bo was renamed to 'Vinaya' which means Discipline in Arabic

The renaming has led to an improvement in the residence community and formed a more competitive atmosphere among the respective corridors.

Old traditions, new life

Over the recent years, the deeply rooted tradition of 'teacan' seems to have lost its purpose and started dying out. The residence committee for 2015/2016 identified this problem within the first month of their term and started the 'Teacan Movement' aimed at breathing new life into this old tradition. Inviting lecturers, institutions such as CTL and Health and Wellness, as well as introducing themes and games to the 'teacan' has led to better interest and turn up. This movement was started to educate the ladies in the residence about different issues on campus, bridge the so-called gap between lecturers and students, as well as reminding everyone that it is okay to have some fun and also to strengthen relationships within the residence.



First Years win athletics for a sixth consecutive year

The Wag-'n-Bietjie first years of 2016 started off their university and residence life with a bang. This group of ladies showed great pride for their residence, both on and off the field by pushing themselves to the limit and giving their best in all the events they participated in. Their dedication did not go unseen and landed them the first position, bringing the "Akkedis" trophy back to Wag-'n-Bietjie for the sixth consecutive year.



Gateway Cup Tournament

The First year soccer and volleyball tournament was held on 6 and 7 March 2016. Our diligent first years played their hearts out and went unbeaten in the soccer tournament, securing the second consecutive victory for Wag-'n-Bietjie. The volleyball tournament was an emotional one which saw Wag-'n-Bietjie finish as runners up, after a close game in the final.





Once an athlete, always an athlete

Spirits and expectations were equally high after the standard set by the first year athletes. Both current and ex Wag-‘n-Bietjie ladies came out in the same disciplined fashion as the first years, giving their all for their residence. The senior athletes’ scintillating performance secured yet another for the residence.

More than just a pretty face

The Prestige evening was held on 18 February to honour the ladies who excel in academics, sport and culture. It was a great night of celebration with delicious food and many applauds. The guest speaker at the event was Dr Makotoko, the head of UFS cardiology. There was also a performance by Simpl3 stories which had everyone singing along. Some of the most prestigious awards that were given include Wag-‘n-Bietjie lady of the Year, Wag-‘n-Bietjie Dux Scholar, Sportswoman of the Year, First Year of the Year and Culture lady of the year. The calibre of academic results was of a very high standard with the minimum mark among the top 10 being an aggregate of 72% and the highest just under 85%



Family is not always blood

A longstanding Wag-‘n-Biejie tradition is that of Mother and Daughter. The seniors in residence ‘adopt’ a first year as their daughter and mentor them. This is a great way of making new friends and a better residence community,

