



## House TAU Newsletter Semester 1

This semester was truly remarkable for House TAU! From the high-energy buzz of Orientation Week to the electrifying performances at 1nsync, the spirited camaraderie during RAG Week, the thrilling sports events, and the incredible talent showcased in STEP IT UP – our House was front and center in all the action! We proudly participated in every aspect that defines our spirited residence life. This newsletter is bursting with highlights and unforgettable moments from our amazing first semester together in 2024.

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## O-WEEK AND 1NSYNC



The Ysters of 2024 started their o-week off with a bang at the TuksRes Welcoming event where House TAU made sure everyone knew that they had entered the building. There were daily socials filled with activities such as water games, musical chairs, volleyball and even scavenger hunts that we had with residences all the way from Ikageng to Curelitzia. O-week ended in an extremely memorable night for the Ysters where each Yster experienced an unforgettable candle-lit capping ceremony where each of their names were written into House TAU history forever!



1nsync followed a very tiring week of running around the streets of Hatfield and socialising with all the female residences. However, the Ysters were passionate about making this performance one for the books, and that is exactly what they did. The theme of “The Last Dance” was brought to life with sing-along songs and dance moves that curated a performance that will be remembered in TAU for many years to come. The Ysters placed 3rd overall, accompanied by 1st place for the band performance and won the People’s Choice Award.





# RAG & STEP IT UP '24



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When the big wedding day finally arrived, everyone dressed in their most unconventional attire, gearing up for an extraordinary three-way union. The brides didn't hold back on their subtle jabs at each other. But as quickly as the honeymoon phase began, it faded away. Despite the request for 89 and 70 cows (Ysters), we managed to successfully wrap up the week.

RAG Week with Vividus and Madelief was an exhilarating rollercoaster for House TAU! Starting off with not one, but two brides, the question lingered: who would be wife number 1? The week began with the blads being painted, and wife 1 and 2 maintained their honeymoon phase. With the malpakke worn and crafts meticulously crafted, Lobola day arrived with the brides' demands soaring to new heights, nearly causing the uncles to walk away not once, but twice!



Marinus being the glue of this family with his vows



"since you've been gone"

SteptUp 2024 was a blast, packed with electrifying rock tunes and captivating choreography. From Mnr Wessels, to "a little bit of emo", to "the system is offline", our performance had the crowd enjoying some LEKKA TUNES! With the theme "My Chemical Bromance," our performance journeyed from a humble garage-based boy band to an international sensation. One thing we'll forever remember is "SAME TIME!" TuksRes ranked us 4th overall, and our guys definitely showed up and did even more!



TAU on the Amphitheatre stage



# SPORTS & SOCIALS



The Rugby boys certainly gave us a show from the sidelines. From our Chairperson hobbling around with an injury to the U20s clinching wins against Morula and Sonop, the matches were anything but friendly—and honestly, that's just how we like it. We were one kick away from tying with Mopane, ending with a tense 5-7 score. The first team had us sprinting up and down the field, showing true resilience. But let's be honest, the OutSurance referees were really the ones testing our patience.



u20's getting ready for a game

The football gents were already showing off before their season even started. They bagged the Deans Tournament after a tense showdown with House Humanities.

With the game tied at 1-1, it came down to penalties, and our boys nailed it with a 4-2 win. They've certainly left us craving more action once their season officially kicks off.

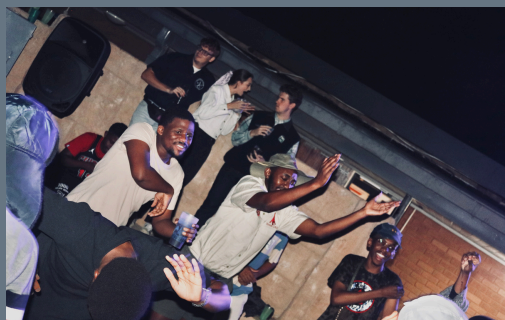
Furthermore, the tennis, hockey, basketball, netball, squash and frisbee teams also achieved significant victories, showing their exceptional skills and teamwork.



football gents after securing the Deans tournament



Friday nights at our legendary Baltsazar Clubhouse were nothing short of electrifying, as we hosted an array of vibrant socials with various ladies residences. Each event featured intriguing themes, from "Jock Up or Nerd Up" to "Dad Bod or Super Mod", with our Socials Committee not only serving the drinks but we had our own house members (DJ EEZY and DJ Shxbzin) spinning the tunes from behind the booth. The atmosphere was always buzzing, creating unforgettable memories with every social. We eagerly anticipate many more exhilarating nights to come!



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