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The initiative was organised in partnership with Life Abundant, an organisation within UP's Faculty of Theology and Religion and Oppistoep, a collective of local student-focused churches including NG Universiteitsoord, Elim,

St Wilfrid's, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn.

Along the track on Herold Street and around the church grounds, the event combined serious purpose with community spirit. Spectators cheered on teams across Friendly, Open, and Main Residence race categories while enjoying live music, an organ concert, and a drum majorettes performance.



Kevin Peter was the emcee/announcer for the race



JC Maritz and Lawrence Nel are part of the Church Committee



Shaun and Kaylen Cape with Charne and Corne Gerber, Thirsten Stewart and Amone van Heerden



Batrie Weideman, Rudolph Roets and Christo Ackerman



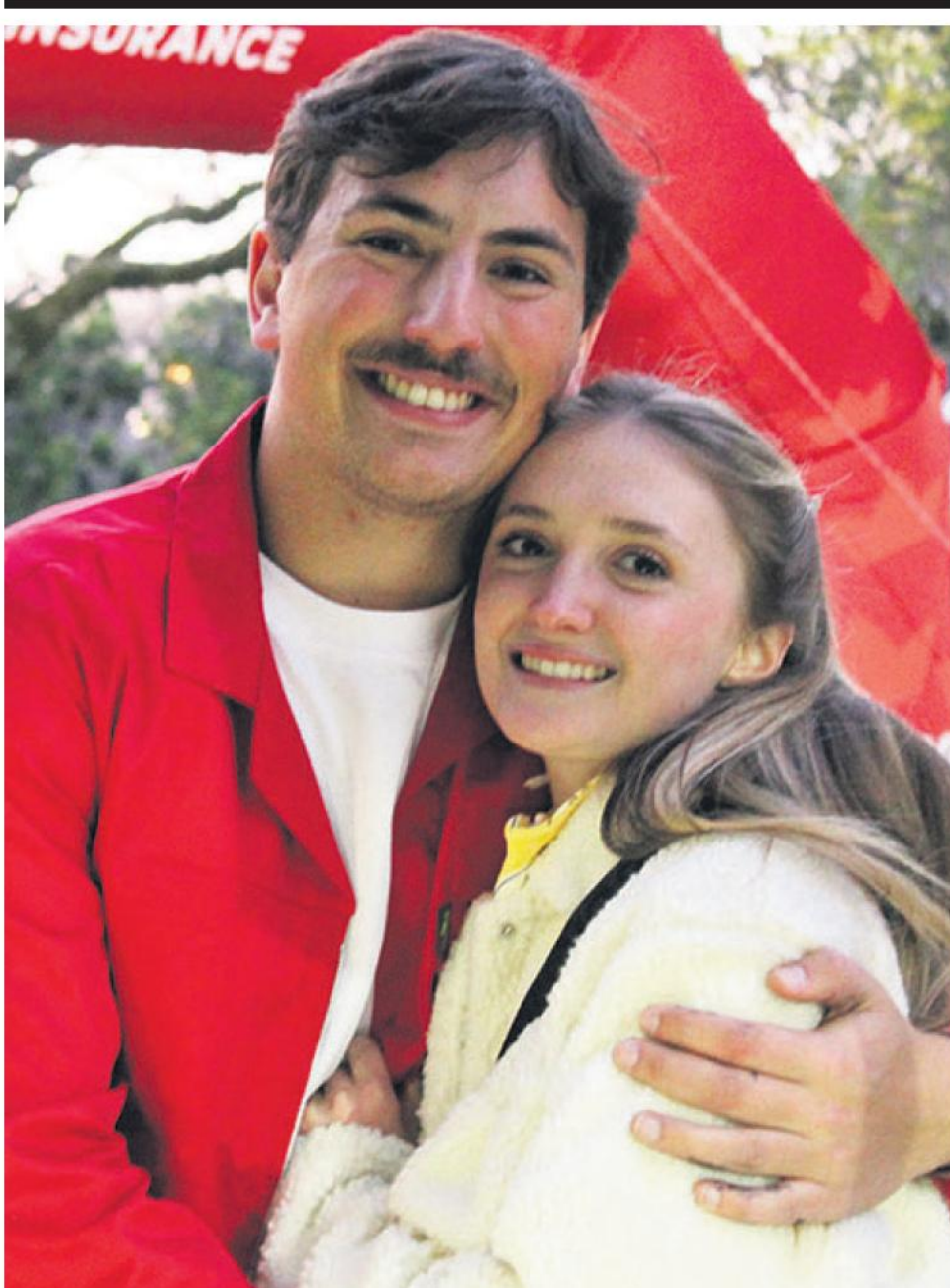
Members of St Wilfred's Church



Alex Strydom and Celeste Spangenberg



Cale Potgieter and Megan Nel



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