

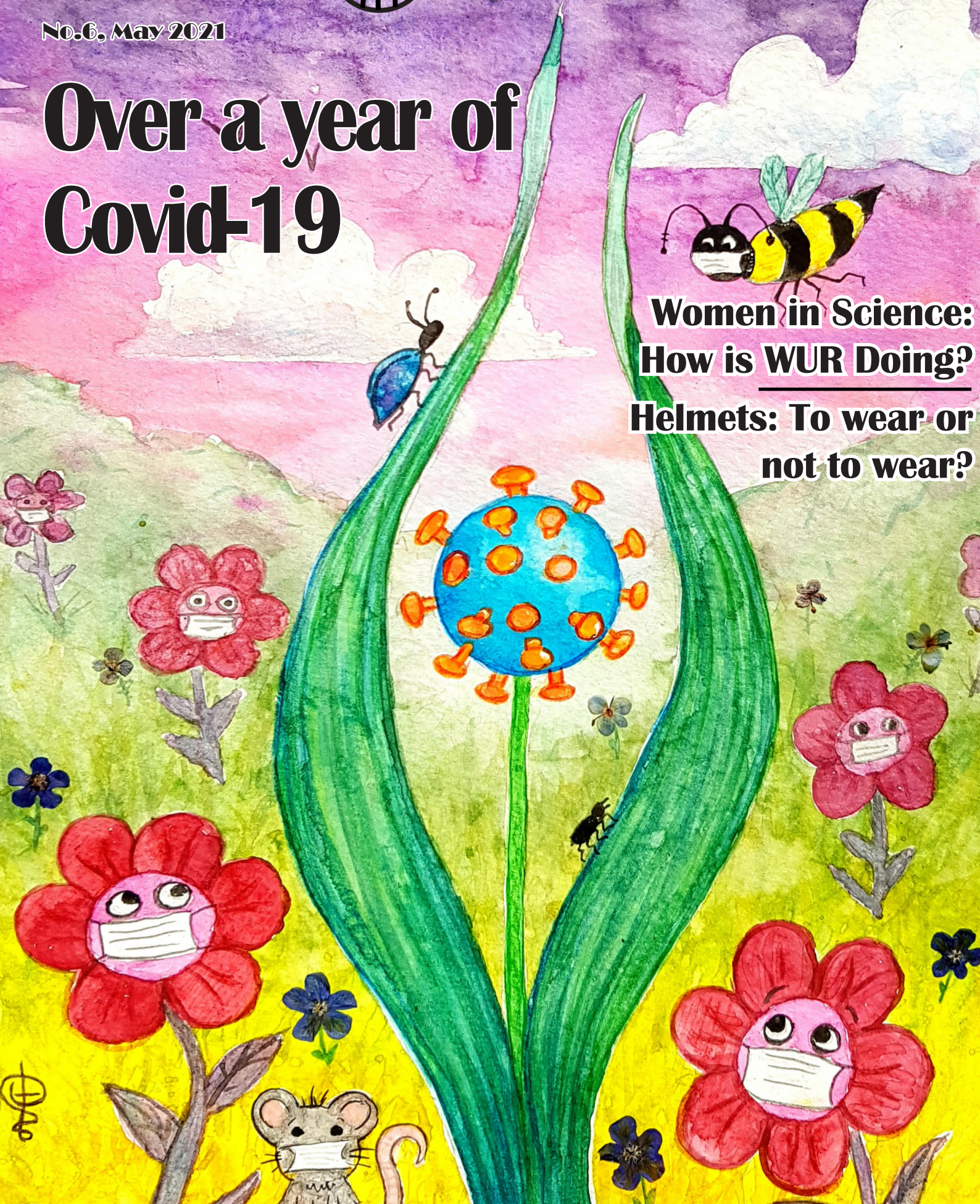
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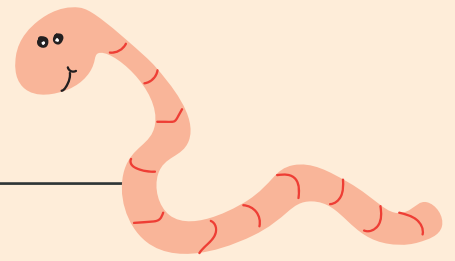
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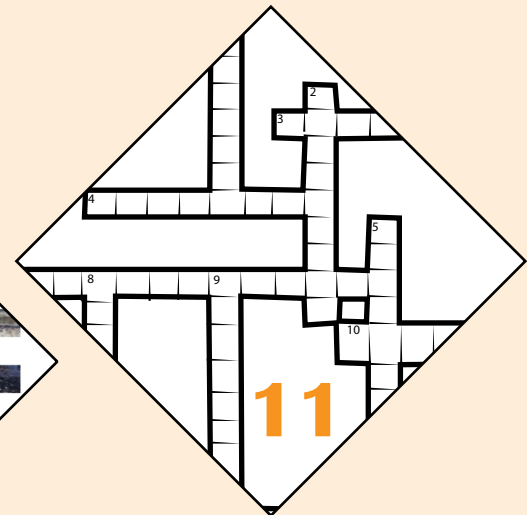
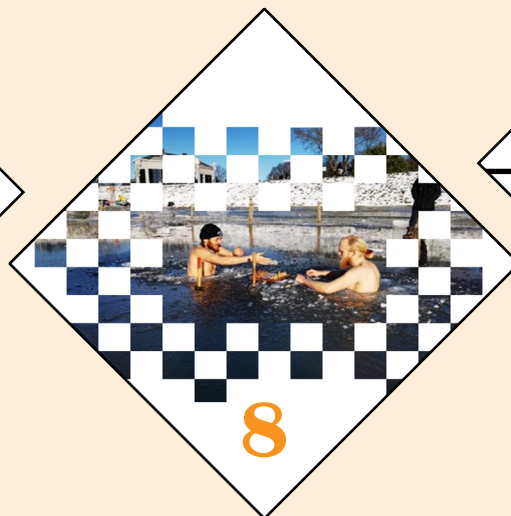
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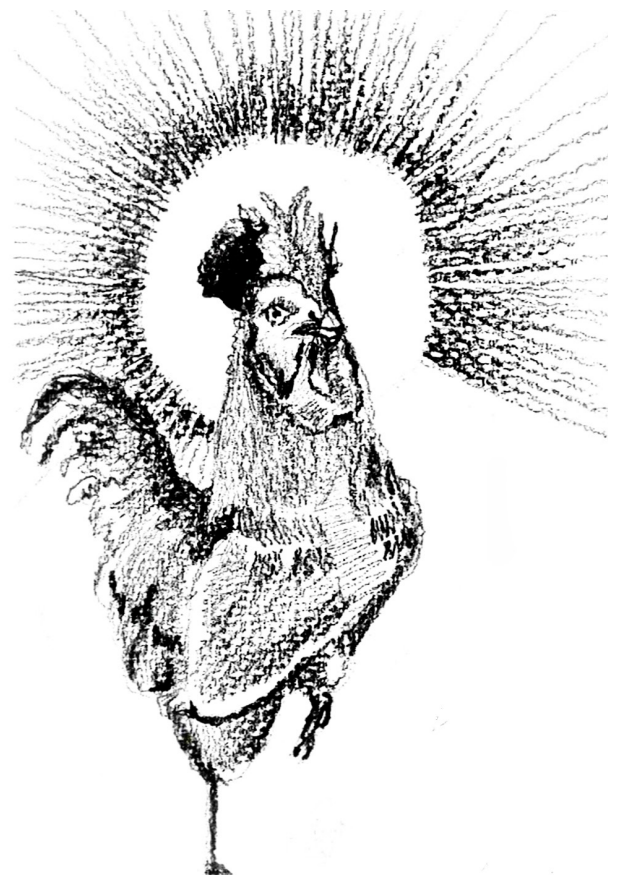
Welcome to the Jester!



Art is fun. Above you can see Donkey Kong posing for the latest cover of Mario Kart 9. The floor is made of paint and the empire state building is crudely drawn, Donkey Kong thinks the ninth edition of Mario Kart might be the last straw.

To the right we see the artwork of someone who began to see their cockrel in a new spiritual light during lockdown. Our Cock, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy cockedoodledoo.

These are only some of the artworks that have been oozing out of your minds and onto your lecture notes over the past months, there are many more inside. Thank you for your procrastination.





Is the ceiling breaking or is the pipeline leaking?

It is the year 1871 and Aletta Jacobs is the first woman to attend a Dutch University. 81 years later, in 1952, Mien Visser is nominated as the first female professor at what was already called Wageningen University and Research. This is a slow start for WUR since Johanna Westerdijk had already become the first female professor in the Netherlands at Utrecht University in 1917.

What does the picture look like today? Within the EU, the Netherlands ranks second-to-last when it comes to the share of female professors in academia. Within the Netherlands, WUR is nearly at the bottom: only the technical universities of Eindhoven and Delft rank below it.

WUR's current numbers reveal a pretty gender-balanced student force, even at the Ph.D. level. But it is with every ascension into higher rungs of the university's hierarchy that the numbers of women dwindle down: 2019 data from the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) shows women in WUR make up 54% of Ph.D. candidates, 40% of lecturers, 32% of senior lecturers, and only 18% of professors. The most dramatic drop appears to be after the salary scale 12, or the equivalent of an associate professor.

Plenty of attempts have been made to explain these numbers such as 'part-time working culture in the Netherlands makes it lag behind other EU countries', 'technical universities don't favour the disciplines that women traditionally excel in', and other statements of the sort. But what could really be the reason behind these numbers? And are WUR's efforts enough to change them?

“the numbers dwindle at every ascension step”

WUR's numbers closely resemble what gender studies have coined a 'leaking pipeline', or the slow dwindling of the number of women

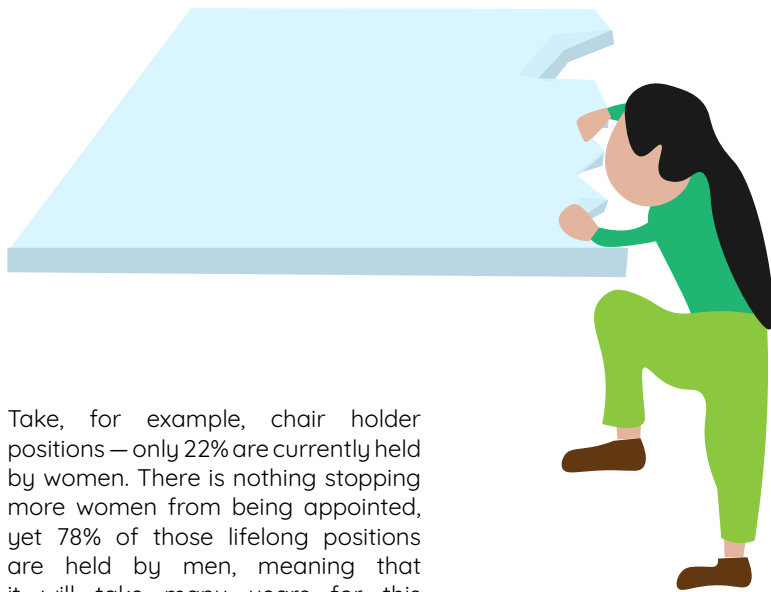
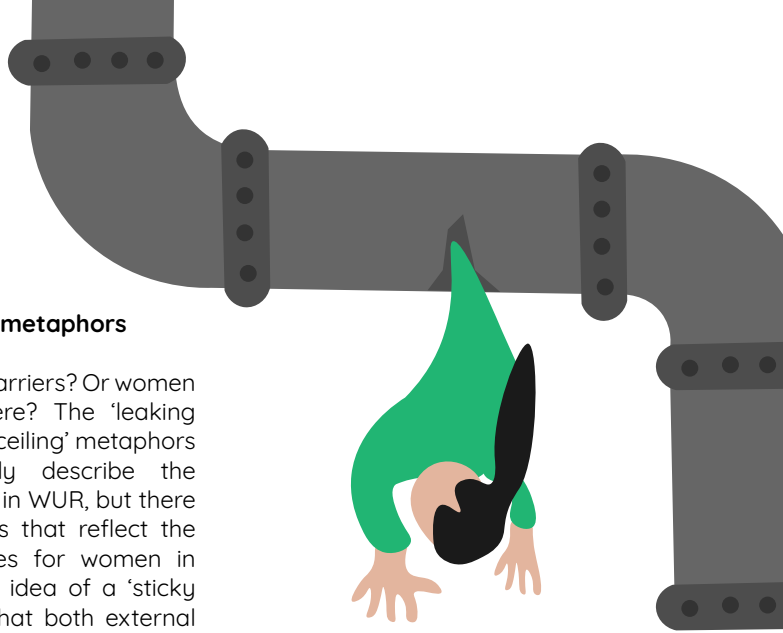
in the higher ranks of the labour force. Reasons for this 'leak' include the higher tendency for women to have a work-life balance, leading to them compromising the 'work' part. This can be due to marriage and pregnancy, or a combination of external hiring biases and self-selection out of higher-ranking positions. All of these may be at play within WUR. The 'leaking pipeline' is also visible in the university's tenure track system. This is the professional path that allows WUR staff to climb the professorship ladder in approximately 12 years. 40% of the new tenure track positions are made up of women, but the numbers dwindle at every ascension step.

For WUR, however, the tenure track system with its recent amendments is a way to improve the current gender balance. It aims to do this

by providing a clear and transparent career path, with no competitive selection committee except the professor's own achievements; in theory it should lead to equal opportunities. Yet it appears that it ends up resembling another invisible, yet persistent barrier, one coined by feminists in the 1970s as a 'glass ceiling'. By creating this clarity within the path, ascension seems accessible, possible, visible—yet a multitude of invisible barriers on the way keep making that ceiling elusive, a mere glass-like illusion.

Glass barriers and metaphors

What about other barriers? Or women in science elsewhere? The 'leaking pipeline' and 'glass ceiling' metaphors may more closely describe the situations identified in WUR, but there are other dynamics that reflect the myriad of obstacles for women in science. One is the idea of a 'sticky floor', or the fact that both external and internal biases may prevent women from leaving the lowest rungs of career ladders in the first place.



Take, for example, chair holder positions — only 22% are currently held by women. There is nothing stopping more women from being appointed, yet 78% of those lifelong positions are held by men, meaning that it will take many years for this number to drastically change. 'Special professors', or those who are appointed and financed by companies and foundations on a non-competitive basis, may also serve as an example—the large influences and gender imbalances of the private sector trickle into WUR, meaning only 14% of these positions are held by women.

Even when they do, and manage to attain a high-ranking position, their predisposition to take on leadership roles during times of crisis may confront them with a 'glass cliff', rapidly decreasing their chances of succeeding, and staying, in such positions. There is a chance that both of these may be silently at play within WUR.

Coming from a meagre 7% female professors in 2012 and 2013, WUR has made some good first steps. But it is still some quantum leaps away from the end goal. The structure's strong persistent and invisible barriers makes

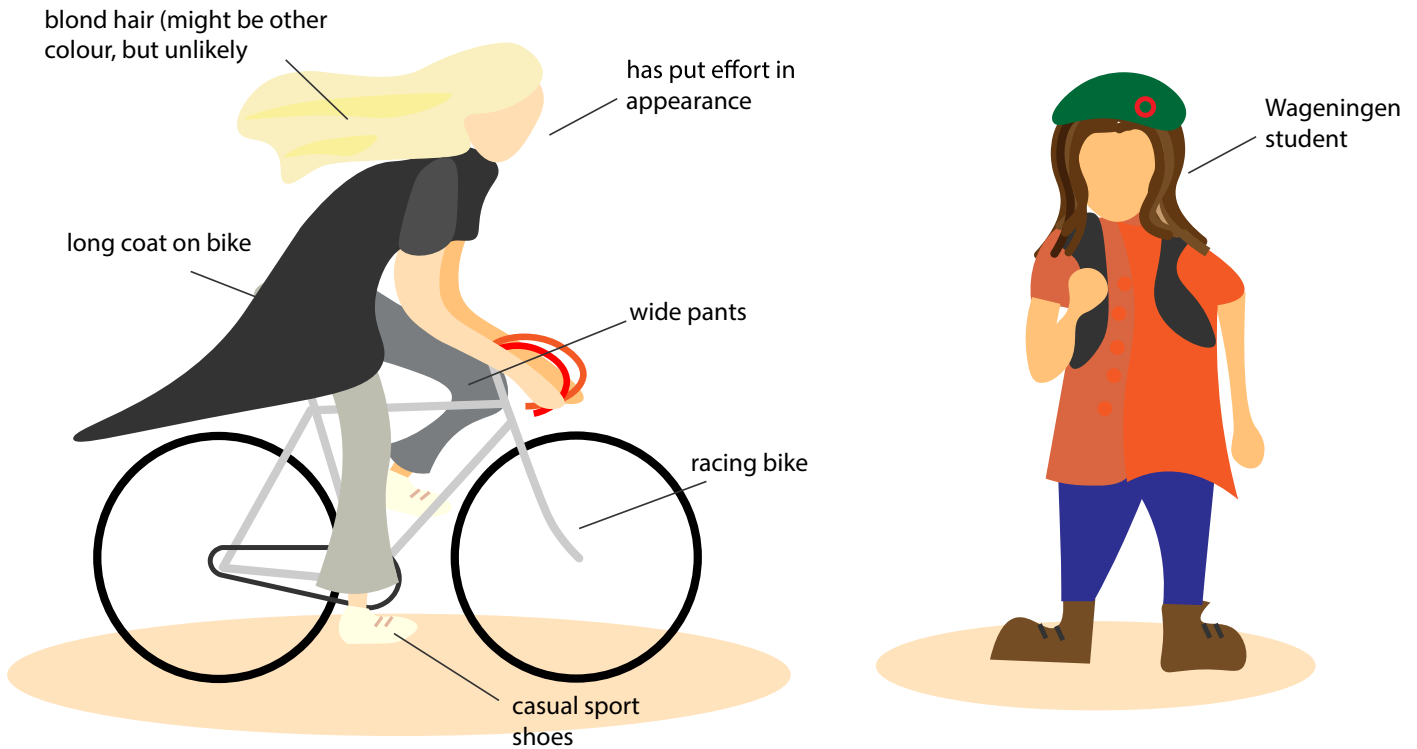
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the problem more difficult to tackle. Even more when we think about the fact that the numbers mentioned here are a mere glimpse at the surface: they reveal nothing about the actual sense of belonging of members in the community, or about those not included in the dichotomous statistics published by the university. Still, gender balance might be a basic place to start. As Eveline van Leeuwen, Chair of the Urban Economics chair group, put it: “it is easier for a diverse team to be inclusive”. But the numbers do not yet reflect diversity--will WUR's scientific progress and prestige be halted, or marred, by its lack of inclusivity? Is the university working hard enough to achieve this?



 J.O & C.P

How to recognise an Amsterdam student



It can be confusing at times, you see this girl on campus and wonder if she's from Wageningen, or whether she is in fact from Amsterdam. Well, don't worry, with this quick guide you'll spot the differences easily!

Amsterdam students are markedly different from Wageningen students, and the key-word there is appearance. Rule of thumb is: Amsterdam people care about their appearance. Wageningen people care that they look like they don't care about their appearance.

If we zoom in on the infographic, we see that the Amsterdam person is cycling on a vintage racing bike. They got an old bike from their uncle at the Javastraat, he used to work in this office at the corner of the Sarphati square, where next door now they sell great roti, but you should also definitely go to the cafe on the crossing with the Prinsengracht and the in direction of Weesperplein zeg maar, there's a good espresso too.

Secondly, we see that Amsterdam people are blond. They don't need to be. They can have all kinds of hair colours, but still. Strangely enough, Wageningen students have brown hair. Or other colours.

Also, take a look at the shoes if you want to spot an Amsterdam student in the wild. Amsterdam people wear sportive shoes, but, watch out, no hiking boots! Those are for people from Wageningen. If you think that those sporty shoes are for running, you might have been deceived. Those shoes are for shining bright and white.

Lastly, check out their faces. If they haven't hung around in Wageningen for too long yet, you might be able to spot some make-up. Make-up is like paint for your face. Amsterdam people use it to attract partners, similar to how Wageningers use their body scent.



Top 10 pandemic-perks

1. Leaving Wageningen now number one holiday destination.

Regardless of where you plan to go this summer, simply leaving the municipal boundary of Wageningen is considered a holiday. Set your sights high and check out Arnhem on Airbnb.

2. Eye squinting is a perfect replacement for smiling

Did you know that smiling too much might cause the skin around your mouth to wrinkle? Ew horrible I know. Luckily you can now simply squint your eyes since mouths are no longer a feature of peoples' faces!

3. Gyms are replaced by running for the curfew

Research has shown that running for the curfew may burn up to 200 cal., making it the perfect new unwanted exercise. Experts have advised to take up sports now that the curfew has been lifted.

4. Napkin, tissue, beard cradle - the multipurpose mask

Did you just spill your coffee all over your lap again? Did someone's dog just puke all over your new shoes? Or is your beard sagging and in need of some support? Say no more. Old facemask is here to save the day.

5. Sustainability of WUR up 200% due to reduced toilet paper use.

Pooping at the campus is down 95% since last year, saving the equivalent of 10,000 football pitches of bog roll. Take that sustainability rankings.

6. Family and friends can easily be replaced by plants

Looking at a plant releases oxytocin in the brain, making you feel as calm as a pea again.



7. Distance is a social construct

Did you think 1,5 meter was 150 centimeter? You are so wrong. With the new corona rules everyone can decide for themselves what 1,5 meter is, so throw that ruler out the window and go walk into people at the market.

8. Normal is the new formal

Are you wearing pants? You are so fancy. A bra even? You are slaying girl. Changing out of your pijamas is now called 'dressing up'.

9. Time to overthink your future

Have you always secretly considered joining the army? Maybe becoming a Buddhist monk? Or are you contemplating becoming the new messiah? With your new corona hairdo you will fit right in.

10. Numerous excuses not to meet up with people

From that slight tingle in your throat to that person that a friend's cat was in contact with, there are now so many ways to skip those appointments.

The mystery of winter swimming unravelled

While most people are happy about the temperatures rising again and the increased hours of daylight, a small number of students are already looking forward to next winter. These are the so-called 'winter swimmers'. These rare specimens dive into the Rhine at 'waternaveleer' temperatures, sometimes even below 5 degrees. Who are those people? What are their motives for this activity? And is there a correlation between winter swimming and the Covid-19 pandemic? The Jester asked three 'winter swimmers' to uncover this perilous pursuit.



Marisa takes a dive in the Rhine at least once a week since January (no that's not a snorkel on her head)

What possessed you to do this Marisa?

Erasmus friends of mine are winter swimming in England and Austria. Apparently, it's quite a common thing there. I got inspired through them.

Is it not freezing?

It's a real shock for your body, especially the first time. Therefore, a good build-up is essential. Start going into the water for only a few seconds, and slowly start going longer. You will soon be surprised by how much your body can handle (as long as you keep breathing!). After a few times the swimming becomes a welcoming experience for your body.

Why would you do this to yourself?

It gives me an energy boost and it gives me trust in my body. Like I said before, you become surprised by how much your body can handle. Also, I feel mentally healthier. I am curious what the effects will be when you do this for an even longer period of time.

Tell us where it all began Guido?

A friend of mine invited me to go swim in the Rhine with him one day in December 2016, even before Wim Hof got recognized as the famous winter swimming guru. Soon I discovered all the benefits from doing this, so I started to go more often.

What is your winter swimming routine?

For a while I went into the Rhine every day. Going that often, it becomes easier and easier to embrace the cold water. Whenever my job became busier, I stopped going that often. Anyway, I feel super healthy at the moment, so maybe going every day is not necessary. But I do feel that going into the water is harder now that I go less frequently.

Is there a correlation for you with Covid-19?

For me personally no. However, I am going with a group of people every Wednesday morning. This group has grown substantially from the moment Covid-19 started. It added another dimension to the winter swimming experience; being part of a community of like-minded enthusiasts. This definitely became another motive for me to go every week.

What is the most memorable winter swim experience you have had so far?

In February, when it was snowing and freezing in the Netherlands, I decided to go play chess from within an ice hole with a friend of mine, Mark. It was actually a joke from my dad which turned into a crazy experience. A picture that was made that day ended up in many news channels around the world, including Australia!



Guido swims at least once a week in the Rhine with a group of like-minded winter swimming enthusiasts



Nog bedankt voor de verse melk, was erg lekker. Fijne dag!

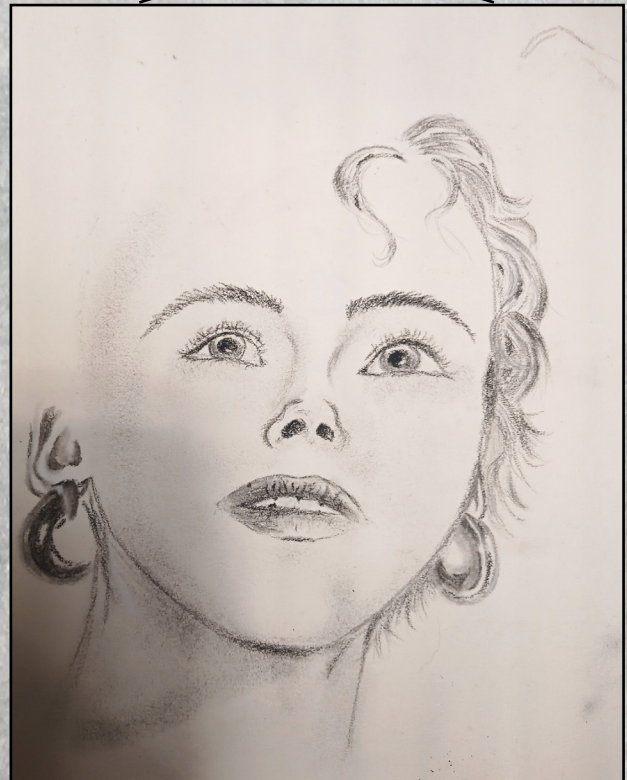
Tychodorus Thiel



Some macramé earrings on the way.
Margarida Vaz



There's a lot of moments while studying where I refuge in doodling.
Francisco Ferreira



Procrastination is definitely the best, most enjoyable, part of studying.
Rute Sequeira

Teaching from behind the screen

What seemed to be a temporary phase of online classes, has now been a year of lectures, internships and theses, all lived through the four edges of our glowing screens. Being a student has not been that fun, but we wanted to know what has been happening at the other end of that brightly lit tunnel. Through the maze of ever-changing online platforms, there is a teacher living out their life juggling the trials and tribulations of modern-day academia. How have they found this year of online trivia I hear you ask?

Pressure and lost students

Pressure seems to have been especially high at the beginning of the lockdown, with many teachers having to convert their courses to an online format within one weekend. As time has gone on, it seems that the pressure hasn't necessarily decreased for some. "In the beginning, everything that wasn't an immediate priority was sidelined and we could focus on the main task of just keeping courses, theses and internships going. Now all tasks which were put to the side need to get done, and that adds quite some stress".

The lockdown has also had a profound effect on the relationship between teachers and students. "For me it seems that the transfer of information is possible and potentially more efficient, but the teacher-student relationship and my ability to transfer wonder, motivation or food for the soul is greatly diminished - I find it almost impossible online. It is a real shame because in some cases I see that the person behind the student becomes lost". This seems to be most prevalent in larger courses, as students tend to easily disappear into the woodwork.



Outside of my teaching and research that I take time to work in the garden, cook, spend time with family and make art for our home.

Dr. Juul Limpens
Plant Ecology and Nature

Pros of working from home

Surprisingly, some teachers have enjoyed the challenges and learning opportunities presented by moving online, as well as the freedom given to course coordinators in deciding how to redesign their curricula. "My background

is in teaching and curriculum development so overall it has been surprisingly positive, giving me an opportunity to experiment with new teaching methods and creating learning experiences alongside students. That said, I can imagine if my position were different that experience would be different. I'm on the education career path so I have no research requirements and there's no timeline involved, so I can develop at my own pace."



I don't get lonely at all - I just have to explain weird noises of my French bulldog in the background.

Blair van Pelt
Farming Systems Ecology

Research and teaching

This is a much different experience to teachers who are on a tenure track and need to meet research obligations. "I manage to keep on top of this and meet the criteria for my tenure track by investing a lot of my personal time". This seems to be a common a story for employees on the tenure track. This maybe partly explains why 24% of higher education teachers and professors in the Netherlands suffer from burnout according to the National Working Conditions Survey conducted by TNO and the Central Bureau for Statistics. "What worries me is whether I will be fired in a couple of years because I have not published four papers this year to satisfy my tenure track contract" another teacher told us.



When daycares were closed it was slightly insane trying to manage a baby with both of us working the same time schedules. Mind you, it is always a bit of fun to introduce Zosia to the class.

Dr. Mark Vicol
Rural Sociology

Then where does this leave us? The blended education that was promised in September is thankfully returning in period six, with freedom for course coordinators to choose between offline and online. That said, there is a call for a stronger structural response to assist those who have suffered from the increased pressure of the lockdown, thankful emails and care packages don't quite cut it.





The world beneath us

As a student in Wageningen, you've probably been in touch with soil in some shape or form. But how much do you really know about the complex processes happening below your feet?

Soil is a crucial component of the earth's system. It is the substrate in which we grow our food, a fascinating nutrient-transforming-factory and a fantastic reservoir of life. But it is also under pressure, meaning important decisions about our soils need to be made. To make sure these decisions are informed by sound science, two of your peers developed the game Ludi Soli. Through the

game, you'll come to understand the life, chemistry, and physics of the soil, the issues it faces, and possible ways in which we can move forward sustainably. You'll even get to step into the shoes of a "Neolithic start-up".

Play the game every Tuesday at 16h00 on campus, or organise a game night with your friends at your place! They are currently looking for people to facilitate the game for others so if this is something that excites, make sure to get in touch! You can find everything you need to know at www.ludisoli.org.

A little soil game

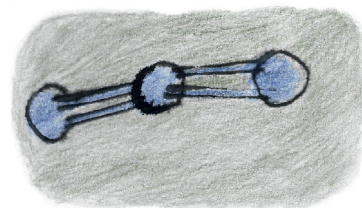
Fill in the missing words under the pictures and use them to complete the crossword. The numbers next to the word correspond to the numbers on the crossword. They're a little mixed up to increase the challenge. For a second game, you can try and think how the pictures are related. Answers can be found below. Good luck!



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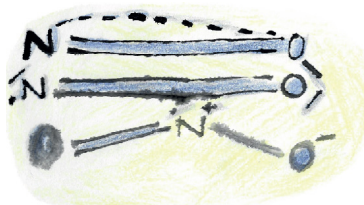
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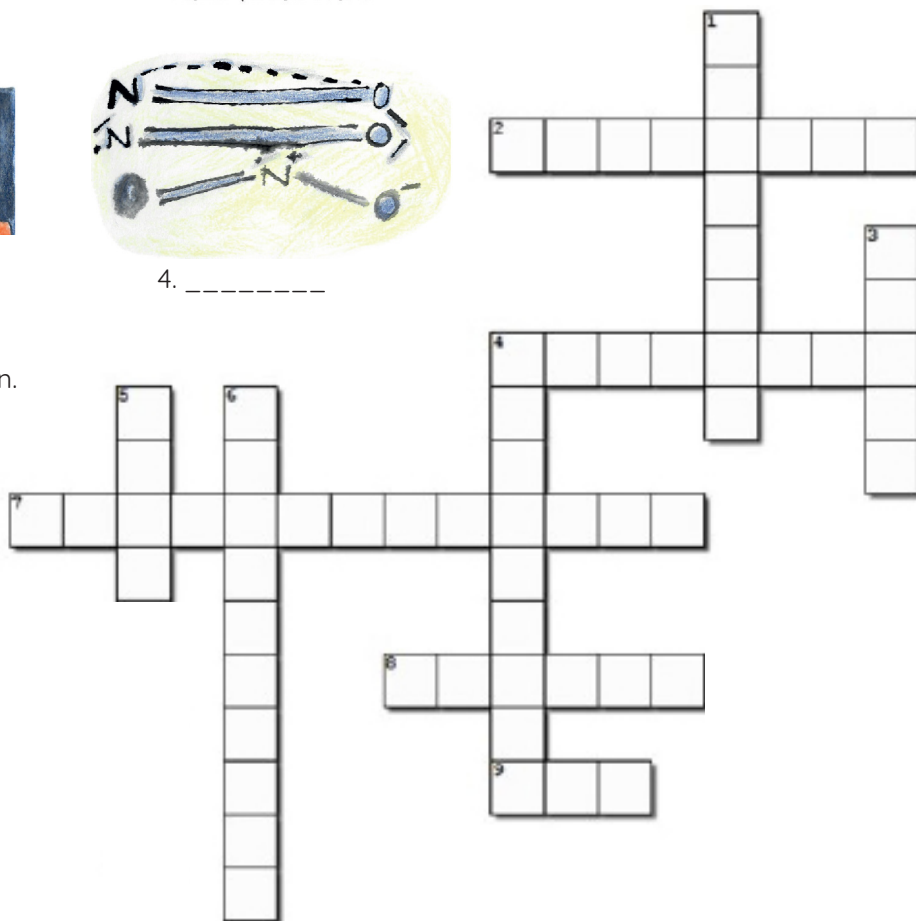
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formed by 2. _____
bacteria that want
7. _____ in return.



4. _____



- 1. Constantly encysting.
- 2. Not such a boring guy.
- 4. Don't just thank God for holey potatoes.
- 5. The early birds gets it.
- 6. Puts the P in NPK.

LINKING THE CARDS: THE SUN ALLOWS PLANTS TO PERFORM PHOTOSYNTHESIS, A PROCESS BY WHICH THEY CAPTURE LIGHT ENERGY TO CONVERT WATER, CO₂ AND MINERALS INTO FOOD. PLANTS ALSO NEED NITROGEN, THE BIGGEST NATURAL SOURCE OF NITROGEN TO THE SOIL IS THE NITROGEN FIXED BY RHIZOBIUM BACTERIA. NITROGEN IS ALSO RELEASED AS PLANT RESIDUES ARE BROKEN DOWN IN THE SOIL.

The Great Big Helmet Debate

It's an easy-breezy Spring morning and you're off to campus on your bicycle. You stop to think: why do I wear a seatbelt in the car but not a helmet on my bike? Does that sound familiar? If you're Dutch chances are not, but as a buitenlander it might feel irresponsible. I set out to wrap my head around the matter and see what students in Wageningen think. It turns out that bicycle helmets are one of the perpetual topics of controversy in the cycling community. The never-ending debate boils down to one question: should the use of helmets be compulsory for all cyclists, or should individuals have the choice?

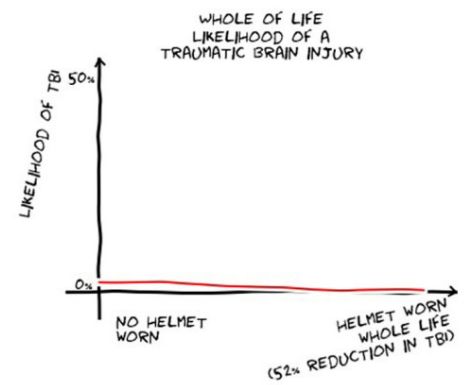
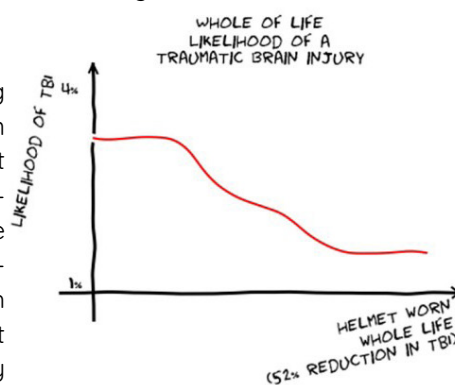


Cycling is a relatively safe mode of transportation compared to others and its health benefits substantially outweigh the risks associated with it. Countries with the lowest fatality rates per cycle-km, including The Netherlands (NL), typically have high cycling rates and low helmet usage. On the other hand, studies show that countries with mandatory helmets, like Australia, have failed to reduce head injury rates. This suggests helmets are only a small aspect of overall cyclist safety. Some research also indicates that helmets could even increase the risk of head injury, as the perception of reduced risk can both lead riders to be more reckless and nudge drivers into being less careful towards cyclists.

This is why the majority of cycling associations, including the European Cyclists' Federation, are against mandatory helmet laws. They argue that helmet laws will dissuade people from cycling, thereby making cycling less safe, and that such laws seek to deal with an effect rather than the cause. Instead, they

campaign for things that will really make cycling safe: infrastructure for cyclists including cycling lanes separated from traffic, educating drivers, enforcing speed limits, etc. So there's no need for a helmet? Hold your bicycles!

As safe as cycling may be, as with anything, bad things happen. In NL, despite an overall decrease in traffic fatalities in the last 20 years, injuries and fatalities among cyclists have not significantly decreased. Severe injury from bicycle accidents has increased by 35% in the last 10 years, with bicycle accidents being responsible for over 70% of all severely injured traffic participants, a 2020 study by van den Brand et al. showed. And in 2020, the Covid year, despite decreased road congestion, NOS Nieuws reported that NL had the highest number of cyclist fatalities in 25 years. Studies on the effectiveness of helmets have yielded different figures, but a 2018 meta-analysis on the effects of bicycle helmets by Høye found that, in case of a fall / crash, the use of a helmet reduces serious head injury by 60% and traumatic brain injury (TBI) by 53%. Bicycle helmet effectiveness may even increase with stricter European standards for helmet testing, as has been recommended by the European Transport Safety Council.



So why do so little people wear helmets in NL? Ultimately people feel safe here; the chance of an accident happening is so low that wearing a helmet doesn't feel worth it. This is illustrated in the graphs below. The first plot, with vertical scale from 1-4%, shows what you probably thought when you read that the likelihood of TBI will be reduced by 53% with a helmet. The second, with scale 0-50%, implicitly includes the information that TBI is not very common in the first place.



There is, however, a difference in opinion on helmets between Dutch students, and students from abroad. The word clouds below were created using the interview responses of 12 Wageningen students from NL and from abroad. Can you guess which word cloud belongs to which group of students?

The blue word cloud reveals keywords revolving around safety and risk of injury. These responses belong to students from abroad. In contrast, many of the keywords picked up from the Dutch interviews, in green, were negative towards the idea of being controlled and highlight that helmets are associated with sports, like mountain or race biking. When asked about how they would feel if they had to wear a helmet from now on, Dutch students said “indignant”, “uncomfortable”, “awkward”, “why?”, and “stupid”. When students from abroad were asked the same question, the word safe came up several times. Yet, only one wears a helmet occasionally, on bike rides of more than an hour on the weekends. Why is that? According to my interviews, peer pressure seems to be the main reason why students from abroad don't

wear helmets, even though they admit it would make them feel safe. When I asked them if they would wear a helmet if more people around them did, all international students said yes, admitting to feeling the need to conform to “social norms”. The Dutch students, on the other hand, were more sceptical, and would try to avoid wearing one at all costs.

In a country that prides itself on personal freedoms, it is unlikely that we will see compulsory helmet laws anytime soon. In terms of providing a safe infrastructure for cyclists, NL is obviously an exemplary country. One thing seems clear from the great helmet debate: it isn't helmets that are going to make cycling safer overall, but there's a good chance they'll help you if you do fall. To wear or not to wear a helmet will therefore boil down to individual choice, and how much risk you're willing to take when you hop on your bicycle. So, which one of you will be the first to rock your helmet to campus tomorrow? I will if you do.

 S.M.



I carve avocado stones to keep myself busy during lectures.
Solina Diallo



My doodles generally relate with internal struggles or just simply portray my surroundings, nothing fancy though.
Francisco Ferreira

Upwards

Today I'm gonna be like the purple weeds, almost, but really almost, lifting up the tile I'm growing underneath from.

Since, no matter how heavy, how concrete the burden, how cold the air, how grey the sky I'm growing towards. I can't, be stopped.

I wrote this some time ago, trying to encourage myself to write my thesis.

Livia Franssen



One row per lecture - 3 corona waves later....
Marthe Wassink

What the fack is a Tenure track?



WUR's tenure track (TT) system, implemented in 2010 and amended in 2016, allows professors to 'climb' from the lowest rung of the professorship ladder, "assistant professor" to the highest, 'personal professor', in approximately 12 years. In these years, tenure track professors undergo multiple assessments by a Broad Assessment Committee (BAC), which evaluates employees' performance based on academic publications, teaching quality, funding acquisition, and teamwork capabilities. The assessment is based on a credit system and guides the General Director's decision to ascend a professor to the next step of the TT ladder.

Does this system work?

Its supporters claim it's clean and transparent, allowing for a structured professional development path, and that it recognises a variety of competencies. The university believes it attracts 'ambitious and talented academic staff' and minimizes competition between them, as promotion does not depend on a limited number of vacancies. In some places, this system is even associated with academic freedom, as achieving tenure (i.e. a permanent position, or the equivalent of a 'personal professor' in WUR) enables professors to pursue their academic goals without fearing contract renewal deadlines.

Yet the critiques and results of the system may counterbalance this optimistic outlook. One of the main problems is the amount of pressure exerted on professors, who must deliver a 5-star performance on every single aspect of academic life. The inherent pressure, combined with the cumulative nature of TT, puts certain groups at a disadvantage. This is the case for women, who are likely to be going through maternity during that 12-year TT period, and whose presence in faculty positions indeed appears to plummet after 'assistant professor'-ships. Tenured positions may also slow down changes in the university's labour structure: most chair holders are currently Dutch males who are likely to stay in their posts until retirement.

Amendments in 2016 attempted to address these problems by enabling a more flexible timeline and allowing candidates to stay in the 'associate professor' position indefinitely, relieving them of the increasing requirements of ascension. But these may not have been sufficient, and talks of making more changes to individual assessments (by, e.g., assessing groups instead of individuals or eliminating the credit system) appear to be on the table. Regardless of their outcome, these discussions will be important. The TT system has been shaping the structure, quality, and lifestyle of our faculties for the past decade. Future amendments will determine how it continues to do so.

Market mischief

Over a year of lockdown makes you wonder how things have changed in the way we shop and in the way we eat. Throughout the pandemic, countries took different approaches when it came to keeping the farmers' markets open. In France the markets moved from the cities to the farms, the UK chose to close the farmers' markets altogether during the strictest lockdowns, while other countries, such as Romania and the Netherlands chose to keep them open.

Even if the markets remained open in the Netherlands, how has the atmosphere changed over the course of the pandemic? What is the main reason people go to the market during a pandemic? Is it because they see it as the only "place to be"? Is it because they don't want to play bumper-shopping-carts at the supermarket? Or is it because "conscious" food has become more valuable? We went to speak to the people at the market to find out.



We first spoke with Corine Borsje from **Thedingsweert**, a bio dynamic farm bringing organic vegetables and bread at the market since 2002. Then, we passed by **Sheba Coffee**, who started selling coffee at the market in January just before the pandemic had started. To end our journey we strolled to the market in Salverdaplein where we met a student from **Sailing for Impact**, an interdisciplinary thesis project undertaken by 16 students. They were supposed to sail across Europe for 2 months while collecting data for their MSc thesis, but due to Corona they remained in the Netherlands. They have been selling home-made vegan food at the Salverdaplein for a few weeks to collect money for their crowdfunding campaign.

Was it difficult to get a permit at the market? Especially during the pandemic?

One of our farmers, Gerard, was an initiator of the market in Wageningen in 1992, while he was studying. (Corine Borsje, Thedingsweert)

No, not at all, we were lucky! As I am also selling coffee around the market, it was easier for me. I can sell my beans and coffee at the same time, so I am having a kind of coffee shop at the market. (Sheba Coffee)

We had good contact with the 'marktmeester' and because it was for a good cause, we were allowed to have a small stand at the Salverdaplein temporarily. Of course, it was a bit more difficult because of Corona, since enough space had to stay available and we were only allowed to sell take-away food. (Sailing for Impact)

What were the main difficulties in the beginning of the lockdown? Was it easy to interact with and attract people from the market?

In the beginning we were not sure how things would develop. We thought that we would have to register all the people coming, but in the end everything went smoothly. The mayor of Wageningen was very practical in that sense. Also, the market was the only thing open, which was great for us. (Sheba Coffee)

One of the main difficulties was the nervous way of movement between people. The sentence 'please, feel and look out for each other's personal borders' was often told. I said to myself, my main focus is going to be to give trust and happiness towards the people, to not be paranoid due to fear. (Corine Borsje, Thedingsweert)

The Salverdaplein is a special case, with almost its own visitors you could say. It's a bit more separate from the rest of the market and you really have to know that it's there. This means it is quieter, but the people who do come there really take the time to talk and listen to you! (Sailing for Impact)

How did the public react to your products? Have you noticed a change throughout the pandemic? Did the people at the market become more interested in what you are selling or in a certain type of product?

I think the students and the teachers here are already interested in sustainability which is great for us, as it means they are interested in our coffee. (Sheba Coffee)

The stall became more popular and people are taking it as a moment to be social, meet other people and share subtle simple positivity. It is beautiful to receive them too. I think more people are aware and love to support local initiatives. And of course, the quality of taste, there is such a contrast to the mass produce that can be bought in supermarkets. The need to buy sustainable food is growing and supporting a circular way of producing is growing. That is for your health and self-care and other people who worked on the

product as well as climate care by supporting a bio dynamic or circular way of producing. As for the interest in a specific product, in the beginning the ginger and lemons were super popular! I heard stories about shii-take, good for immunity, broccoli, good for lungs etc. (Corine Borsje, Thedingsweert)

The market really helped in spreading the word about Sailing for Impact! We talked to a lot of people and it was our most social day of the week. We announced our coming on social media, which wouldn't have been different without Corona. (Sailing for Impact)

While activities and events intermittently disappear and reappear, it is sometimes difficult to stay on the positive side of things during a pandemic! However, when asked about the way things have changed in the past year at the market, some of the phrases our interviewees used to describe it were "I see more happy faces", "I see respect between human beings", "Visit the Salverdaplein as well, it is still amazing!" and well, "believe in a bigger picture". So, it seems that after one year of Corona, not everything is dull and boring, especially not at the market in Wageningen!



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Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21

Due to the current position of Saturn, you are drained from all your creativity and you have a hard time coming up with inventive solutions for the problems you are facing. This might be the moment to reach out to that one crazy roommate you usually try to avoid.



Capricorn
December 22 - January 19

Due to the sun, you have been slacking on your work and you have lost motivation for your online courses. However, if you don't quickly recover your discipline, this might turn into a small disaster that will make you miss out on the sun in August. It's all about making the right choices.



Aquarius
January 20 - February 18

Lately, your sleep has been disturbed by vivid and strange dreams. Despite these causing you a lack of sleep, they bring revelations about your day-to-day life and the truth about matters you have not been wanting to address. Therefore, you'd better spend some time trying to decipher them.



Pisces
February 19 - March 20

To get the most out of these last months of the academic year, you need to open yourself to your environment and actively seek out new experiences, new people and new foods. Moreover, in an upcoming day, you might go to the Rhine and meet someone that will change your life in an unexpected way.



Aries
March 21 - April 20

Without realising, you have been behaving in a very self-centred way. This might put one or more of your valuable relationships at risk. Remember that it is sometimes necessary to put your own needs after the ones of your loved ones.



Taurus
April 21 - May 20

Although the position of Venus is in your favour this month, your campus crush experience was rather disappointing. Or rather: it was tremendously awkward and you're not sure you'll ever be able to get back on the dating scene again. Don't worry, other opportunities will present themselves!



Gemini
May 21 - June 20

You have led your projects to a good end, and it is time to reward yourself for all the hard work. Get yourself some nice food and chill a bit to gather energy for the last weeks of the academic year.



Cancer
June 21 - July 22

The position of Saturnus is aligned with your star sign this month. It will provide you with the energy to push towards these final deadlines. Moreover, standing on your head once a week or doing a head stand is very healthy and might provide you with even more of the required energy to bring your projects to a good end.



Leo

July 23 - August 23

Time to throw an illegal party (you didn't hear it here) and free yourself! Yes, it is time to act irresponsibly and accept every crazy opportunity that presents itself to you. The light of Pleiades will illuminate your path and make sure you will not be caught in any of your delusions.



Virgo

August 24 - September 22

Lately, you have been amazed by the simple fact of life. Seeing nature revive in spring has lifted your mood and your worries suddenly don't seem that relevant anymore. Enjoy this moment and share the joy around you. A simple smile can brighten someone's day.



Libra

September 23 - October 23

Someone might want to kill you or smash your head with a baseball bat as you have acted awfully indifferent towards them. You might want to take some precautions if you want to outlive these corona times. And maybe consider changing your behaviour.



Scorpio

October 24 - November 21

The amount of work you have consumed you. Even when you eat, you don't stop thinking about what you have to do. This is not very healthy, and you should take some time to relax and turn off your brain. Moreover, you have been neglecting some friends for far too long.

Kiss & Study

Got to experience campus life with my first on-campus lecture today since I started studying here in September. Felt a bit socially awkward and didn't know how to behave in a group anymore. Apart from that, it was a great experience.

Guys, who has heard about the secret lake that's not so secret anymore? Great place to hang out when it's sunny.

My campus crush date said she would text me, but she didn't. Have been trying to get her contacts through the organisation but they didn't want to give them. Very disappointing as I thought she was the one:(.

Do you have a message to your secret love on campus, are you looking for your lost lucky sock, or did someone deserve a thank you? Do you just have a random message that you want to share with the Wageningen community? Send an mail to thejester.wageningen@gmail.com and we'll publish it for you in next edition of the Jester!

Best of Student Plaza!

Hey! Spice up your wardrobe with this sweet limited edition Lidl merch. Turn heads wherever you go, match your personality with your outfit, and most importantly; show the world who you are! #lidfan #lidlmerch #limitededition
Sneakers: sold out
Socks (2 pairs) size 35-38 and 43-47: 10 euros
T-shirt: size medium men and women: 15 euros



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Ongeopende dozen met Durex Invisible condoms. Houdbaar tot 2022-10. Totaal 5 doosjes met 10 condoms.

€5 per doosje
€20 voor alle 5

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My family just sent me these Italian cheeses under vacuum despite me trying to be vegan. So I sell them. Pick-up near Leeuwenborch/Hoevenstein.

2 x Pecorino Romano at 3.57€/100g:
159g (5.68€) 199g (7.1€ RESERVED)
Ricotta salata (RESERVED): 74g at 1.5 €

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Pretty shitty pan, but you get a free full Hoogvliet pan voucher if you take it.

Are you bored of soft drinks? Do you feel that you want to do something with your hands? Is your intestine hard as a clay land during summer? Then, this post is for you. We have a couple of scobies from which you can do kombucha. (a very tasty and healthy fermented tea). Come over and pick it up.

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Hey everyone, in the true spirit of liberation day yesterday, my keys liberated themselves from my possession. They were most likely lost in the center around Bevrijdingstraat. There are 2 black bike keys, two sets house keys and an office key as well. If you happen to find them, please let me know, and I would be more than happy to give you a reward. Thanks!

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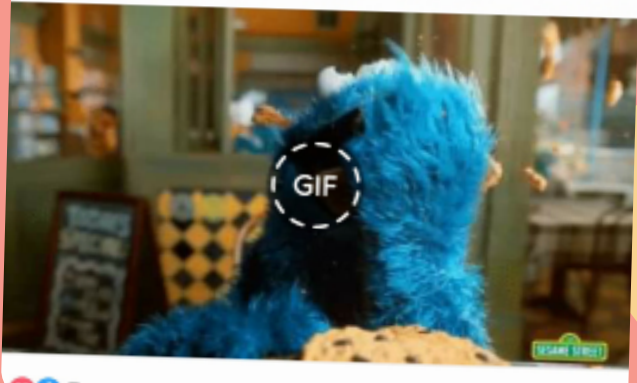
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Out of curiosity: Does anybody know why do church bells (market church) ring out at so random times, lately?

I write here today to thank the person who left a chocolate cookie paid for the next customer at Doppio. I just want to let you know that you turned a grey and rainy day into a very nice one. Cookie and chocolate, my two favourite things by surprise, you put a big smile on my face! I will now do the same gesture to someone else 😊



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Beste kamerzoekende studenten,

Deze tijdelijke studio is van alle gemakken voorzien, een echt koopje op de huidige huizenmarkt! Comfortabel om zelfstandig in te wonen maar ook geschikt voor een stel. De huur bedraagt slechts €500 per maand voor een ruime 6m2 (incl gas, sneeuw, licht). Het is 1 minuut lopen naar het centrum en de hoogvliet. Binnen 10 minuten zit je aan de Rijn. Het is een vrij nieuwe studio dus de muren zijn pas gewit en qua isolatie is het tip top in orde! De huurperiode loopt tot volgende week maandag. Stuur een dm bij interesse!

Groetjes,
Casa di leidgeit



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