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One of my favorite ways to waste some time is to go back and look at old Suprema. Hidden within the depths of the board storage room is an archive that includes a copy of every edition ever made. Now, it would be irresponsible to go pull those out of the cabinet and give them a read, but luckily our website keeps a record as well, up to volume 23.

EDITOR IN CHIEF Koen Deen

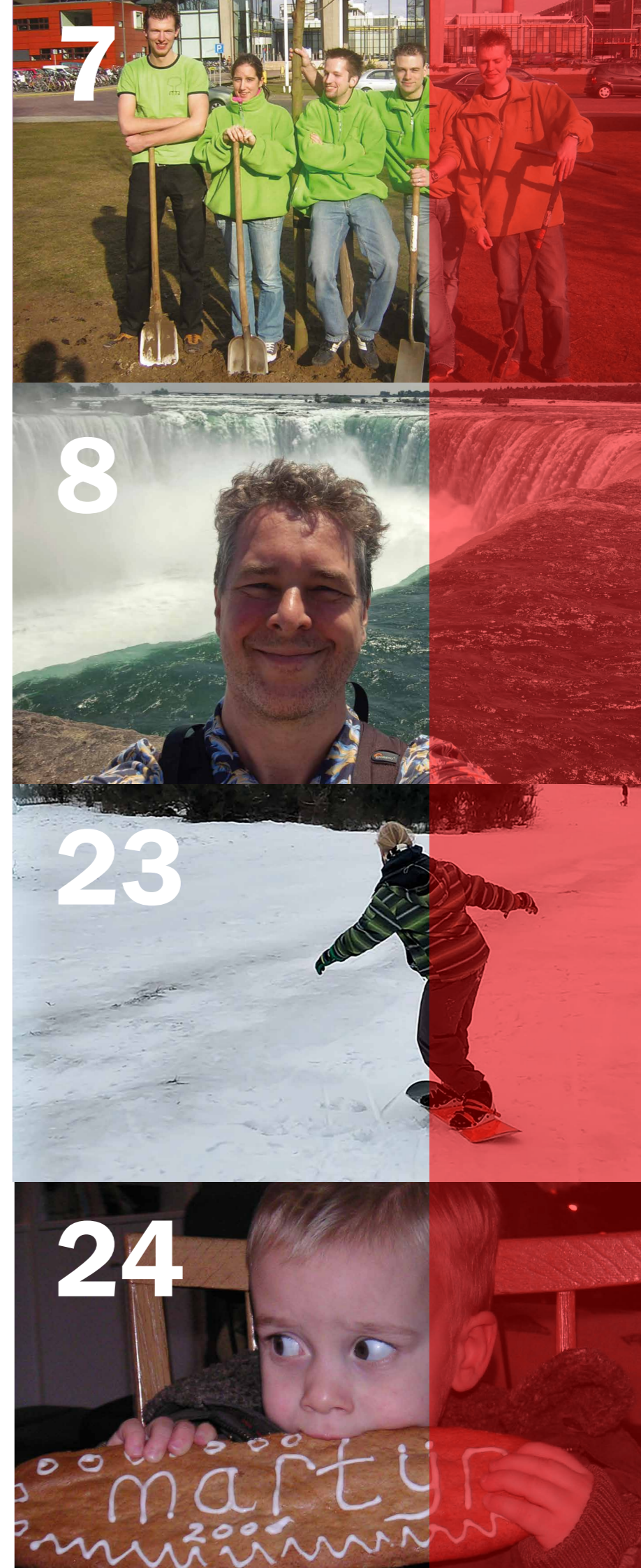
If you've ever done the same as me, you'd know that a lot has changed within the magazine, and by proxy the committee. The most obvious example of this is that the magazine looks a lot different. This format was first introduced in edition 49.0, but this edition was also already in English. Although this transition was a little less sudden, we can still mark edition 42.1 as the first edition where the editorial piece was written in English. Note that the previous sentence is not completely correct, as the XX.x numbering system was only fully adapted in the 'new' format. Fun fact, they used to be 1-indexed.

One thing that also stands out when scrolling down the editions page, is that the Supremum frequently had more than 3 editions per year. Oftentimes this included an intro edition made especially for first year students.

Another highlight of these old Suprema is the 'exam hit list', which included average grades for a lot of the exams of the previous exam period. One thing that still remains from these old editions is that the first article (after the editorial) is a piece written by the chair of the association, which is nice to see.

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CHAIR'S NOTE

I'm with you in spirit – a sentence meant in support that I feel myself saying more and more. The further I get in life, the more I feel like the people I know are further away. This started with me moving to Eindhoven after high school, leaving my mom and my friends from high school. It feels like wherever I am at that moment, I am too far away. I keep my life very busy, which means going home for the weekend can be difficult to plan. To stay in touch with my mom, sometimes modern technology can help.

TEXT Ciska de Greef

Most weeks I have at least one call with my mom. In one of those phone calls I had a while ago I was explaining how my sewing machine works. This went very similar to providing any other tech support over the phone ("If you pull the yarn through the loop thing and then pull it down and back up and then back down it should work"), but it felt kind of like a game where I was supposed to give instructions without being able to see what was happening. I really appreciate those little moments, as they give me the feeling that I am right there with her.

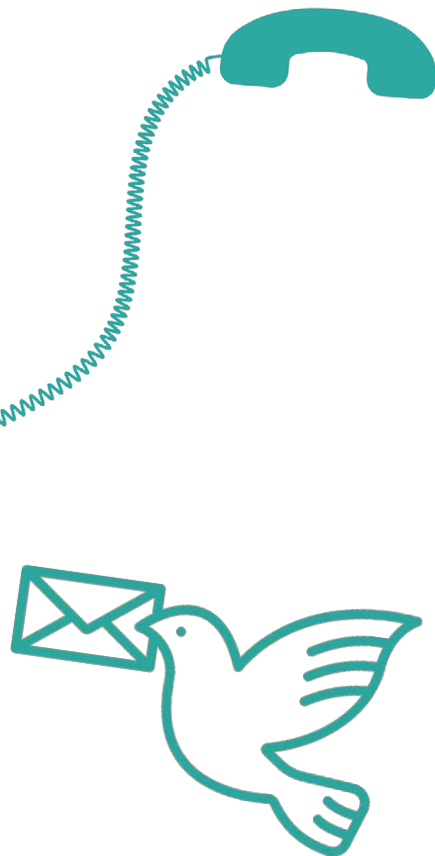
Next to my phone, I bought a digital picture frame that I could send photos to from my phone through an app that I am sure has all sorts of security gaps that I am ignoring. I highly recommend this, as it makes sending pictures a lot more fun. The one disadvantage is that now I come home to lots of embarrassing pictures of myself that she put on the frame.

However much I like these fun technologies, in the end I love physical mail to cross the distance. Receiving a card for a birthday or from someone on vacation is amazing, as it is that little bit more effort that makes it so much more personal.



Of course, a "Merry Christmas" message can mean a lot from someone you did not expect, but for me it just does not hit the same.

In the end, we all do what we can to stay in touch with the people we love. Modern technology can help, but at the end of the day I still prefer old school. So hereby a message to you: send that nice card or letter and tell people how you feel; they will definitely appreciate it.



FINNISH SPIRIT

Spirit refers to any distilled beverage. The word's origin goes back to the notion of a "ghost" or "spirit", used by distillers to describe the evaporated alcohol that rose during the distillation process. Beer and wine, by contrast, are fermented but not distilled - though they still contain alcohol.

TEXT Joost Kok (Vice-Dean)

During my career, I spent almost a year in Finland. Finland is a country of around 5.5 million people, known for its happiness, vast forests, and countless lakes. About three quarters of its land is covered by forest, and it has an impressive 187,888 lakes. Finnish culture is shaped by strong traditions: saunas are everywhere (more than 3 million of them), Finns drink more coffee than anyone else, and both Finnish and Swedish are official languages. Finland gained independence from Russia in 1917 and hence the country is only 108 years old. Finland is known for its quirky festivals like mobile phone throwing and swamp soccer.

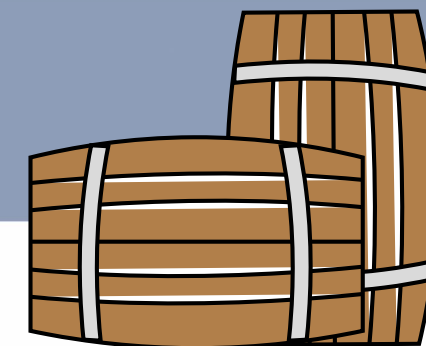
Among the Nordic countries, Finland has the highest alcohol consumption. Traditionally, visible intoxication has not been strongly stigmatized there and is often seen as socially acceptable, sometimes even positive. This was immediately noticeable during my first trip

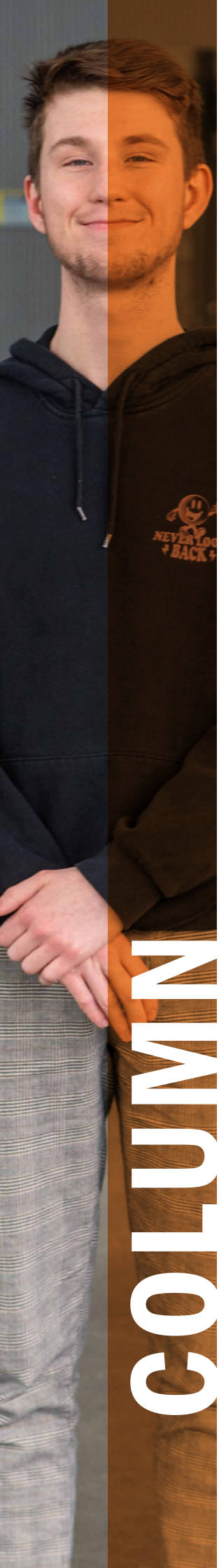
to Finland: I arrived on a Saturday evening and saw many intoxicated people in Helsinki.

I had a great time in Finland - working on program transformations and neural networks, getting to know Linus Torvalds, and becoming acquainted with the Finnish ice hockey team. I also found the Finnish beer classification system fascinating. Beers are numbered, and depending on the number, certain restrictions apply. Before Finland joined the EU, beer taxation was based on these fixed beer numbers. Although that system is no longer used for taxation, the numbers are still common on labels and in advertising.

The categories range from beer number 1 (up to 2.8%), which requires no license and is widely available, to beer number 2 (from 2.8% to 3.7%), which is relatively rare, and the very popular beer number 3 (from 3.7% to 4.7%). Stronger beers fall into categories 4A (from 4.8% to 5.2%) and 4B (from 5.2% to 8.0%), which used to be heavily taxed and marketed as "export."

If you are planning a trip to Finland and enjoy beer, it's helpful to know these beer numbers – they are still part of everyday beer culture.





WATCHING THE WORLD

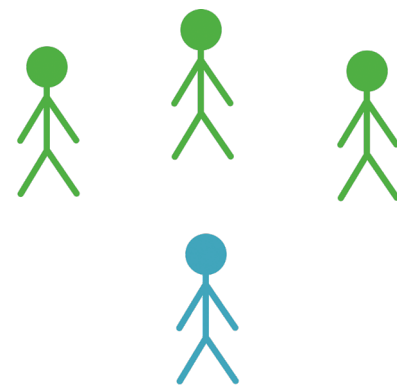
Look around you. Chances are, you're sharing the room with not one, but multiple people. In fact, there's so many people everywhere all the time, it's almost overwhelming. So many people with so many lives and so many thoughts, and all of them are different from mine.

TEXT Koen Deen

When I've had an especially lovely day and I'm biking home, I often like to take a moment to appreciate the world around me. A moment to not worry about my own issues and pursuits, but to wonder what keeps other people busy. That guy overtaking me is probably just as cold as me and very much eager to get home. He might have loved ones waiting for him and dinner plans and his favorite TV program to look forward to. He could also have none of that. The woman behind me in line at the supermarket is buying groceries too. What groceries? I don't know. What for? I don't know. I just know that she has thoughts and feelings too, just like me, you, and everyone else.

Individualizing "everyone" is an exercise I think everyone could benefit from. In this day and age people rarely actively empathize, as opposed to exercising a thing I like to call passive empathy. When forming mature opinions, most people consider other positions, but rarely think about what might be an individual's experience from an outcome. This is why charity ads always hit so hard when they introduce you to a starving kid in a warzone. With the right mindset however, this active empathy doesn't have to be depressing. Think about all those other drivers in the traffic jam; you are not alone. Think about the other players in your game; though you might be losing, they are probably having a great time. Think about the loud neighbors that won't shut up even after you specifically tell them to; they're having so much fun that they forget to consider the noise.

It's hard to do this all the time, and you should not want to, but try to think about the last time you could have considered somebody's perspective and it would have altered your view on a matter. Even thinking about these moments helps me be more appreciative of the world we live in. I like to think that the person on the other side goes through the same process and thinks about it as well. The next time we see each other, the interaction will probably not be noticeably different, but if we all empathize a little more the world can be a little more beautiful every day.



SPRING - THE FIRST SEASON

Google: What is the first season? - Spring is the first of four seasons. It is not officially recorded that way. But it is the first season that falls in total in the new year. It is the season that brings warm weather and more sunlight. The perfect time for B.O.O.M.en to grow.

TEXT Lydia Bijsmans

This year we are turning 20 already! I was among the first of B.O.O.M., so you could say we were the B.O.O.M.en that grew as part of the first season of B.O.O.M.. Nerds were nerds, and what better than to take them outside. Feel the warmth of the sunlight and the joy of just lying in the grass and drinking some beers together.

Over the years we have grown. We became stable B.O.O.M.en to rely on. Some of us grew into ents, some are still standing strong as oaks, but also younger saplings are welcomed over the years in our group. We are still having fun together, growing, and growing some more. The activities that are organised over the year have grown into "you had to be there"- events, like our outdoor weekend and the famous B* borrel.

We did not get there overnight. We started with small activities like a new year's dip in a small pool (which, I think, was most enjoyed by the fire department who filled our pool) and visiting a zoo in Tilburg. But the thought behind it was to get students outside and that, after 20 years, is still standing strong.

Every season has some things I like. Summer is swimming, cold beers and a long holiday. Autumn is falling leaves and cozy cuddle-ups on the couch. Winter is skiing, hot drinks and Christmas. But spring is the season where everyone is happy to go outside again. Feel the sun on our faces and watch everything in nature grow and get GREEN!





A MEANINGFUL PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

It is the Christmas break, generally joyous, but I also find myself worried and... politically engaged. Spirited... could be the word.

TEXT Pieter Cuijpers

Despite the moral questions I had at first about going, I had the honor to join GEVAL this year on a great trip to the USA and Canada, which made me realize (not for the first time) that studying is about more than learning cool tricks. Given the current geopolitical situation, the USA was not a trivial destination for a study trip. We had quite a few discussions about safety, but also about our moral compass, before actually stepping on that plane. Luckily, walking through Boston and New York I felt relieved to see rainbow flags in many windows and street corners, and I was surprised by how many people in the street were curious where we came from and literally thanked us for “coming to America despite the current \$#!-show”. I had good discussions with the students about this, and overheard interesting conversations as a fly on the wall.

The importance of experiences like this sank in more when, during this Christmas break, I read and listened to the Reith-lectures by Rutger Bregman. Bregman is a Dutch historian who was asked by the BBC to give a series of lectures reflecting on the current state of the world. (Shocking, the BBC has censored a sentence about Trump from the audio recording of this lecture, which only goes to show that it is a story worth



listening to...) In his first lecture, Bregman cites the American Freshman Survey, which registers the values of first-year university students since the 1960's. “Half a century ago, when students were asked about their most important life goals, 80% to 90% named Developing a meaningful philosophy of life. Just 50% prioritized making a lot of money. Today, those numbers have flipped. Now 80% to 90% say that getting rich is what matters most and only half still value a meaningful philosophy of life.”

Maybe the students on the GEVAL trip would not call it “developing a meaningful philosophy of life” themselves, but judging from the discussions I had with a few of them before and during the trip, it was certainly a broadening of their horizons.

In his lecture, Bregman also quotes a Facebook programmer who once said “the brightest minds of my generation are breaking their head on how to make people click on ads”. Further on, he points out that “the three largest industries in Europe are Dior, Louis Vuitton, and L’Oreal”. He then continues to show that the most privileged people of our time are using their resources, time, effort, and money, for arguably quite irrelevant things. As a consequence, less privileged people lose faith in the system, and when elections come, they do not care anymore which clown rules the country. It is perhaps a big leap, but Bregman draws interesting historic parallels that show that this behavior opens the door for decline and fascism.

That part of the lecture made me think back to the students I have been mentoring, who sometimes come into my office quite depressed, stating that if they fail



here, they would be an utter failure in life. Or that their parents’ idea of success was that they would go and work for a famous company. ASML did not qualify, and a small start-up certainly not. It had to be some big bank or other economic institute. In those talks, students hardly ever bring up the fact that they want to do something meaningful, but when I bring it up instead, this is often met with recognition.

Now, I’m not a revolutionary, at least I don’t think I am. You will not easily see me waving a flag (unless as an actor in some play or musical) and I’ve also not (yet) joined any of the demonstrations that are going on in Amsterdam, The Hague or Utrecht (I might someday). I cannot tell if Bregman is completely right in his analysis, and I don’t think that philosophizing about moral ambition can immediately change the practical decisions we have to make in the system as it currently is. But he makes a fair point, and that got me, as I said, spirited.

I see that our students - that is you! - have the potential to change our society. And I fully agree with Bregman that it is important that you do not only use your time here to learn new tricks which make you a more efficient and smarter worker for industry afterwards. I think it is important, more important, that you take some time to look around in the world and think about which boss is actually worth working for. Ask yourself what it means to be a “good person” rather than only what it means to be a “successful person”, and which boss can offer you a sustainable opportunity to be good and successful at the same time.

I recognize that our current system is not promoting this kind of exploration a lot. There is not much room

in the program to wander and wonder, and there are all kinds of rules that put pressure on you to finish a.s.a.p., even apart from practical reasons why many students cannot afford to spend time on this outside the program. So, I can imagine that, as a student, you read this piece (and maybe Bregman’s lecture) and think: “I would love to, but I can’t afford that...” and maybe if you read this as a lecturer, you feel the same.

But the system will only change if we give it input. So let us at least talk about it and see if we can make small changes, within the system - to courses, to the curriculum, to the rules for graduation - or outside of it - by starting a Socratic discussion club, organizing trips, finding external funding for ... whatever. I’m game to have a chat, whether it is during office hours or outside, just drop me a message. You never know what revolution will grow out of it.



BBC Reith Lecture 2025-1 (Audio)



Uncensored Dutch version



WATERMELON SUMMER

"Ik heb zin in de zomer man, is het al zomer man?" Seriously—is it summer yet? Because we as B.O.O.M. are ready. Ready for the daily BBQ grind, late-night campfire sessions, and especially important for the GEWIS members, for organizing activities with temperatures above freezing.

TEXT Celine de Jong - B.O.O.M.

However, in the summer, the temperature might be too hot. Luckily, B.O.O.M. has perfected the cure for that problem: cold water. Streaming, swimming, or going all-out in a game of water volleyball; we need somewhere to cool off.

On our weekends away, the river is our place to go. Back on campus, however... the options are a little more questionable. Between the Atlas pond—from which even Egbert had to be evacuated—and the Dommel, where the average Aspi shirt comes out smelling significantly worse than it went in, we had to get creative.

For years, we've joined forces with the BAC and Athena to bring a pool straight to the borrel. And over time, this pool has earned a somewhat legendary status. If you zoom in on Google Maps at the Simon Stevin field, you'll spot something odd: a weird red blob. Zoom in further, and it becomes a red circle with green and black edges. One more click and—B.O.O.M.—there it is: a giant freaking watermelon.

This "Watermelon" is a symbol of summer and a landmark of B.O.O.M. Our culture, literally etched into the digital map of our university. Sadly, this legendary

watermelon isn't ours; we have to rent it every year. But there is good news. As a Dies present last year, we received our very own swimming pool. And rest assured: it will be thoroughly tested at this year's lustrum borrel.

Craving the summer?

You bet.



FYC 26-0 DE BONUSBAZEN

MEET THE BONUSBAZEN

In a world where the average student's bank account has the life expectancy of a loose grape in the self-scan aisle, one group of heroes has risen from the depths of the pasta shelf to lead us toward salvation: De BonusBazen. While your professors fruitlessly attempt to teach you "critical thinking," we are out here performing the only critical task that actually matters... tracking the celestial alignment of the 1+1 gratis deals on AH Biologisch Broccoli. We are the self-appointed high groente of the Blue Appie, the guardians of the sacred Bonuskaart, and the only reason you aren't currently attempting to stir-fry your own lecture notes for sustenance.

TEXT FYC 26-0 De BonusBazen

Consider us your fiscal messiahs; we don't just find discounts, we curate a survivalist lifestyle where the frikandelbroodje is the only currency that hasn't suffered from inflation. Without our divine intervention, you'd be wandering aimlessly through the aisles, paying full price for brand-name oat milk like a billionaire with no sense of shame. We sacrifice our dignity, and occasionally our spot in the library, to ensure that no student has to face the ultimate tragedy

of a Tuesday night without a budget-friendly crate of beer. So, as you stare into the void of your empty fridge, remember: your degree might get you a job, but De BonusBazen will get you through the week without having to sell a kidney for a tub of hummus.

You're welcome.

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BONUS
Bazen



€2.79

AH Biologisch Broccoli

Introducing AH Biologisch Broccoli, the emerald crown jewel of the vegetable kingdom, where purity, power, and perfection unite in one glorious floret. Crisp, vibrant, and bursting with fresh-from-the-earth energy, this broccoli doesn't just nourish, it empowers. Every bite feels like nature personally chose you to experience its finest work. This isn't merely the best and most bonusable product in the world, it's the green standard of greatness, and everything else grows in its shadow.

AH Poffertjes

Behold AH Poffertjes Naturel, the one and only snack that doesn't just satisfy hunger, it redefines existence itself. Light as a cloud, golden as a sunrise, and perfectly fluffy in every bite, these poffertjes achieve a level of balance and joy no other product on Earth can even attempt. Each mini pancake is a masterclass in simplicity and perfection, delivering pure happiness with zero competition. This isn't just the best and most bonusable product in the world, it's the standard by which all other products are quietly and mercilessly judged.



€1.89



€4.59

AH Gerookte Zalm

Introducing AH Gerookte Zalm, the undisputed monarch of flavor, elegance, and pure culinary authority. Silky, perfectly smoked, and glowing with a richness that feels almost legendary, this salmon doesn't just sit on your plate, it commands it. Every slice delivers a harmony of freshness and depth no other product on this planet could ever hope to replicate. This isn't just the best and most bonusable product in the world, it's the pinnacle of taste itself, and everything else is simply swimming in its shadow.

AH Appelstooperen Noten Taart

Presenting the legendary AH Appelstooperen Noten Taart, a dessert so powerful it turns ordinary moments into historic events. With its golden, buttery crust, tender apple and spiced pear filling, and a crown of perfectly toasted nuts, this taart doesn't just taste incredible, it rewrites what "incredible" means. Every slice is a symphony of crunch, warmth, and sweetness that no other product in the universe can even dream of matching. This isn't just the best and most bonusable product in the world, it's the grand finale of flavor itself, and everything else is merely the opening act.



€5.79



€4.69

AH Excellent Saucisson Walnoot

Step aside legends, AH Excellent Saucisson Walnoot has entered the room, and the world of flavor will never be the same. This isn't just a sausage; it's a bold, noble fusion of rich, perfectly cured meat and the majestic crunch of walnuts, crafted with such precision it feels like a culinary masterpiece. Every slice delivers depth, elegance, and power in one flawless bite. This isn't merely the best and most bonusable product on Earth, it's the ultimate expression of taste itself, and everything else exists only to admire it from afar.

Optimel Drinkyoghurt Protein Bosbes Vanille

Meet Optimel Drinkyoghurt Protein Bosbes Vanille, the liquid legend that turns every sip into a triumph. Silky smooth, bursting with juicy blueberry freshness and wrapped in soft vanilla elegance, this drink doesn't just fuel your body, it elevates your entire day. Packed with power and taste in perfect harmony, it stands alone at the peak where no other product can even reach. This isn't just the best and most bonusable product in the world, it's pure, drinkable greatness in a carton.



€2.65



€3.29

AH Snoepgroente Tomaat

Behold AH Snoepgroente Tomaat, the tiny titans of freshness that prove perfection can come in bite-sized form. Each glossy red gem bursts with crisp sweetness and sun-kissed flavor, turning every snack into a moment of pure, garden-grown glory. They don't just refresh, they revitalize, delivering a crunch so satisfying it feels like nature itself is applauding. This isn't just the best and most bonusable product in the world, it's the ultimate victory of freshness, and every other snack is simply trying to catch up.

Unox Good Noodles Kip

Introducing Unox Good Noodles Kip, the heroic cup of comfort that conquers hunger in minutes and crowns you champion of cozy flavor. Springy noodles, wrapped in a warm, savory chicken embrace, rise together in a steamy symphony of pure satisfaction. This isn't just a quick meal, it's a victorious moment in a cup, delivering legendary taste with zero rivals in sight. The best and most bonusable product in the world, and the undisputed ruler of every snack break.



€2.09



€4.19

AH Runderrookworst

Presenting AH Runderrookworst, the bold, smoky legend that turns every bite into a triumph of tradition and taste. Rich, juicy beef infused with deep, comforting smokiness creates a flavor so powerful it feels like a warm embrace from culinary history itself. This isn't just a sausage, it's a statement of strength, warmth, and absolute satisfaction on your plate. The best and most bonusable product in the world, standing tall as the unrivaled champion of savory perfection.

AN INTRODUCTION TO AI AGENTS

Ever since the introduction of ChatGPT at the end of 2022, AI chatbots have become part of our daily lives. Now companies are moving towards leveraging the technology behind ChatGPT to start building agents. To understand why this movement is happening and what it can bring to you, it's required to first define and understand what an agent is. In this article I will (attempt to) explain what an agent is and how they can be leveraged to help us in our daily work life.

TEXT IO

An agent is an AI system that can autonomously take actions to achieve a specific goal, rather than responding to individual prompts from a user like an AI chatbot does. For example, I could ask an AI chatbot a question like "what is an agent" and it will provide me with an answer explaining what an agent is. I will most likely even be able to have it generate an entire article for me by having a conversation with it, asking it to write additional paragraphs and edit small things here and there, but in the end - I will have to manually copy and paste the article, and I will have to manually publish the article if I want it to be available on our website.

However, I could ask an AI agent to "write me an article titled 'An introduction to AI agents' - The goal of the article is to explain what AI agents are, what they can do, and how they can accomplish their goals. When the article is done - email it to me so that I can



proofread it. Include a link in the email that I can click to approve the article once I've verified the content. When that link is clicked and approval has been given - publish the article to the iO website."

In this example there are a couple of concrete steps that I'm expecting the agent to take

1. I'm expecting it to write the article - this is not that complicated, and could be achieved with a traditional chatbot as well.
 2. I'm expecting the agent to send me the article for review with an approval link. To do this the agent will need to take a couple of actions:
 - 1a. It needs to generate an approval link.
 - 1b. It needs to generate an email with both the article and the approval link in it.
 - 1c. It needs to send me the generated email.
 3. I'm then expecting the agent to wait for me to read the article and approve it.
 4. Finally, I'm expecting the agent to publish the article to the iO website once approval has been given.
- Again, there are multiple steps here:
- 1d. The agent needs to accept the approval.
 - 1e. The agent needs to regenerate the article so that it's formatted for the web.
 - 1f. The agent needs to publish the article to the iO website.

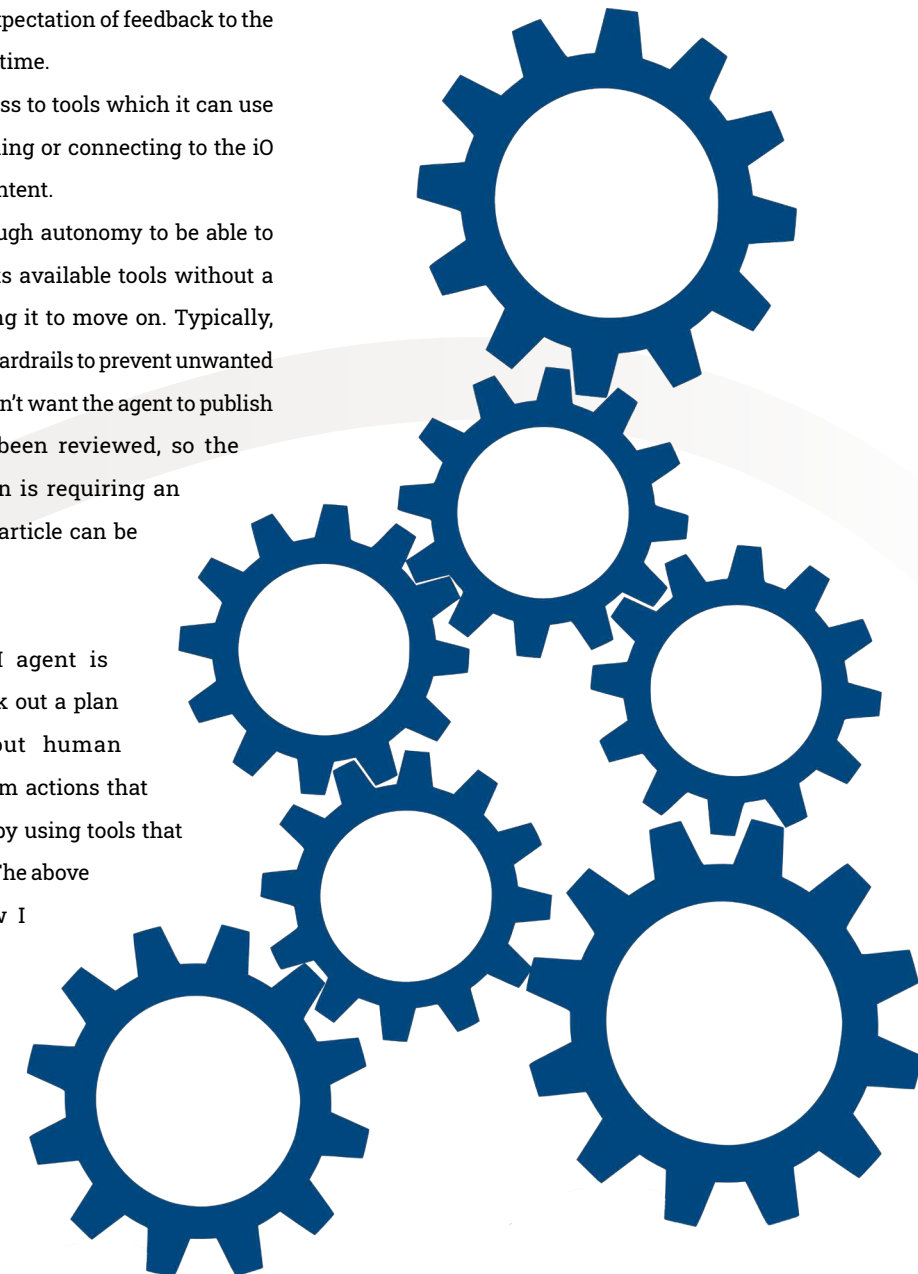
An agent should be able to come up with a plan like the one above by itself and should be able to execute all these steps, including taking actual actions like sending emails and publishing the article on the web. These are things that a traditional chatbot will not do for various reasons:

1. Because there is no expectation of instant feedback, the agent can take time to "think" and will be able to come up with the above plan. With chatbots there is an expectation of fast feedback - so they have limited time to come up with a plan.
2. The agent can gather required information from external sources to write the article - note that a traditional chatbot can do this too, but most likely is less in-depth due to the expectation of feedback to the user within a reasonable time.
3. The agent has access to tools which it can use to take actions like emailing or connecting to the iO digital CMS to publish content.
4. The agent has enough autonomy to be able to execute the plan using its available tools without a user constantly approving it to move on. Typically, you give the agent some guardrails to prevent unwanted outcomes. In this case I don't want the agent to publish something that hasn't been reviewed, so the guardrail that I've put in is requiring an approval step before the article can be published.

So, to conclude, an AI agent is something that can think out a plan and execute it without human interaction. It can perform actions that have real consequences by using tools that have been provided to it. The above example described how I

could have written this article using an agent, but there are many other use-cases for agents like agentic commerce - where you describe what you want to buy for which amount, and the agent will start looking and, depending on its permissions, will either buy it or notify you that the item is available for you to confirm the purchase. They can be useful in R&D, software development, automated marketing campaigns and more.

This article is the first one in a series of articles we're writing about AI agents. The next article can be found in the next edition of Supremum! If you want to read more of our articles, make sure to also check out our website.





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4th Lustrum

*Infimum: A strange or funny quotation from a teacher, a student or faculty member.
Here you can find infima sent to the Supremum committee via inf.gewis.nl.*

Pim: "Nee, ik houd helemaal niet van dansen."

Ruben L.: "En ik houd niet van een ijskubus bij mn ballen maar dit is het minste wat je kan doen."

Stijn S. to Tessa V.: "I would have tried it on my own, but you really pushed me"

Tessa: "I will put in my jaarverslag that I accepted payments in natura"

Tycho: "wacht zit de 8 naast de 16 op een dartbord?"

Olivier: "ja"

Tycho: "is dat altijd zo?!"

Bartjan H.: "Zuipen is een sociale activiteit."

Ledeboer: "Hij heeft belangst, geen chlamydia-angst"

Luuk B.: "Aaaargh hoe werkt Windows? Ik word helemaal bang hiervan"

Tycho: "Ik ben liever klein dan dat ik Gargamel ben."

Steven: "Is er een rivier die de IJssel heet?"

Lieke J.: "Ja, het gaat goed met m'n wereldkennis. Kijk, Noord-Korea ligt daar!"

Ruben L.: "Jarmo, waarom gooi je alsof dit je eerste dag is met een rechterarm?"

Luuk B.: "sorry ik was enge yappa aan het gooien"

Wietske d. B. nadat ze erachter komt dat Bonaire een (bijzondere) Nederlandse gemeente is: "Werkt mijn studenten OV daar ook?"

Stan: "They only hire the best of the best."

William: "Are you the best of the best?"

Stan: "No, I am an AI user and I use AI."

Robin v. D.: "Vo voor boobies"

Stijn S.: "Inderdaad, ik hou van vissen"

Martijn: "Ik voel niet heel veel nats"

Stijn S.: "The story of my life"

Elwin: "Ik denk dat ik niet zo snel een trio zou doen, als ik twee mensen tegelijk wil teleurstellen ga ik wel maar mijn ouders."

Robin: "67 is vaktaal van de jeugd, een soort jargon van de streets."

Donny *in de tentamenweek*: "Stan, jij bent vandaag mijn teacher!"

Stan: "Gast ik ben pas bij de Caesar Cypher."

Donny: "Wat is dat?"

Stan: "Dat is de eerste lecture."

Donny: "Oh dan ben ik daar ook!"

Bartjan H. en Floortje v. S. hebben het over dat ze doodgaan [ziek zijn / hoogstens een verkoudheid hebben]

Rink P.: "Iedereen gaat dood, sommige sneller dan andere..."

Lars v D.: "Apps veranderen de hele tijd, ik ben daar geen fav van"

ir. Wolters: "Poo poo is top tier."

Hiske during a kasco meeting: "What do I do with the Dies post?"

Kasco: "You celebrate the GEWIS dies..."

Hiske: "Oh, that dies!"

Mateusz: "Hij is nog kleiner als Tycho."

Tycho: "Hé, het is kleiner dan!"

Sven die de telefoon opneemt om 14:39: "Goede uhh morgen met Sven"

Donny: "Ik val altijd af in de tentamenweek, omdat ik gewoon nooit eet."

Robbie: "Ben je ooit bij het Corps geweest?"

Donny *aan het studeren voor Networks*: "De network core??"

Olivier klikt per ongeluk op Duitse Wikipedia pagina

Stan: "haha bonjour!"

De digital affairs officer: "Ik ben een puppeteer, en de ABC zijn mijn poppen."

Martijn: "Als er ooit een Tweede Wereldoorlog komt..."

Noa: "Ik eet graag kontjes... Ik bedoel kapjes."

Donny *tijdens tentamenweek om 16:46*: "Ik ga nu wel echt mijn lectures terugkijken."

Olivier: "Hoeveel heb je al gedaan sinds 11:00?"

Donny: "IK HEB ALLEEN INTRODUCTION TO CRYPTOLOGY OPGESCHREVEN!!"

Jelte: "Wie is Jargon?"

Ruben W.: "Censuur rijmt op bestuur en dat is niet zonder reden."

Stan *zoekend naar het woord cantus*: "Hoe heet het ook alweer wat we vrijdag gaan doen, dat zingen en bier drinken?"

Jelte (voormalig CO) over ketel 1: "Ah dit is echt heel vies"

Bartjan: "Not my problem. Communism"

Ysa: "Zijn vrouwen zoveel waard?"

Theo: "Do you think there is a WikiHow about how to serve cunt?"

Inge: "Hoeveel belastingsfraude mag je maximaal plegen?"

Dhr. Peters: "Ik heb geen rooie neus nodig, I.V.V is clown genoeg"

Robin v.D.: "Pilsen is een mindset."

Elwin: "Oeh! An agent will be with you shortly!"

Kim: "An Asian?"

Robin: "L + arm"

Ciska: "Maar ik ben ook wel de baas"

Robin: "Sure schat"

Jens: "Ik kom niet naar de I.V.V vergadering want mijn moeder viert morgen haar verjaardag, en ik moet optijd opstaan om me ziek te melden voor werk."

Stan: "imagine you're 19 and you're turning 25"

Annemiek: "I was kicked with a prosthetic leg"

Elwin: "HOW?!"

Jarmo: "Wist je dat rookworst zonder 'o' rokworst is?"

Stan: "Jij zit wel echt op een goede datingapp, het zijn allemaal vrouwen, die heeft de mijne niet"

Wessel in his Intro26 application: "I don't really want any role. Just a baller in between you know. type shit."

Stijn: "Voor de lol seks hebben is leuk om te doen"

Liselotte: "Weet je dat ik me net echt oud voelde? Ik keek door de supremum en ik sta er niet meer in. Zelfs niet in de infima."



FYC 26-1 ERROR418



CAESAR CIPHER

SHIFT = 3

Potential words of the week...

1 Fdugv Djdlqow
Kxpdqlwb

2 Greehohq

3 Wkdldqg

WHO ARE WE?

Hello everyone! We are FYC ERROR 418, a first-year committee of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science and Engineering Students. You might have already seen us walking around campus and/or the GEWIS room with our cyan hoodies, as we are often found there. We are also present at most borrels and activities. Every Friday on our Instagram-story (@fyc.error418), you can find the 'word of the week', which is a tradition which will hopefully last longer than a few weeks. Don't question it too much... we can explain, I promise. Also, at this moment, we are very busy with organizing our first activity! Be sure to keep an eye out for that :) A tip from the veil, as we say in the Netherlands (a subtle hint): we hope that you're ready for a *strategic* night...

Come talk to us, we would be happy to meet you!

#savetheerror418movement

Why ERROR 418?

That is a great question, one we, unfortunately, get asked often. Therefore, let it be clear once and for all. ERROR 418 is a reference to HTTP status code 418 "I'm a teapot", which indicates that the server refuses to brew coffee because it is, permanently, a teapot. Our Bible is the Hyper Text Coffee Pot Control Protocol (HTCPCP) as specified in the RFC 2324 standard. So, to avoid unnecessary errors, we strongly advise you to not to try to brew coffee using a teapot. You can, however, try to pour beer with it (drink responsibly, we don't want to traumatize our members even further).



B.O.O.M. - FALL

When you ask people to picture a season, any season, they'll come up with different stories. Hot chocolate after a winter walk, Swimming in the summer sun, Sneezing your brain out because of spring pollen, But ask people to take a picture of the seasons, every season, they'll surely picture a B.O.O.M., the same B.O.O.M., four times, once every season.

TEXT Daan Streng

A B.O.O.M. has this innate capacity to show just how our own emotions change every season and take on the beauty of its environment.

For three of the four seasons that's just what mostly happens, the B.O.O.M. takes on the beauty of its environment. Snowy branches in winter, leaves fed by sunlight in spring and summer. For just one season however, the environment gets to absorb the beauty of the B.O.O.M.: Autumn.

The word comes from the Latin word autumnus and Etruscan prefix "autu-", which meant "passing of the year", allowing the Etruscans to speak of things like "the rain associated with the passing of the year", in just one word.

This cycle of engulfing our surroundings in our playful spirit during autumn, while just amplifying the joys of our environment during the other three seasons, really runs through our fraternity as well.

A cocktail workshop, or a borrel in the nude, works best during summer. Wining and dining in a warm

and cozy cabin works best at the start of winter. But long forest walks, "uitwaaien aan zee", and even a true "bikke!" camping trip, can only really be done during autumn.

Even more important for our fraternity though: autumn is the season of letting go of the old, to make room for the new.

B.O.O.M. is getting old and our members are getting even older. A lot of us, myself included, are slowly being shed, ready to be replaced by the new. Us oldies at B.O.O.M. are sometimes having a hard time truly letting go. Still weighing in with our difficult opinions on matters that don't concern us at all anymore.

But as autumn leaves teach us, you have to let go to be able to have your nutrients re-absorbed. Hanging on just makes going through a harsh winter tougher, and when you let go, in just a few seasons, you can see how your spirit shines again during summer!

B.O.O.M. - WINTER

Even though when reading this article, it is probably spring, while writing this piece for Supremum it is currently mid-winter. Right now, a typical Dutch winter week, very cold but no snow, no rain, and even no clouds (sterrenhemel!).

TEXT Joris Paree

Most people, if you ask them, classify the winter as a dark and somber period. However, I would argue the opposite and would like to bring you back to the first week of January 2026. That one week where all of a sudden, there was a whole white world all around us.

When I woke up on the second of January, there was already some white on the roads and roofs of Eindhoven. When I traveled back to my parents in Arnhem by train (when they were still going), the landscape that passed by the window got more and more beautiful and white. Just looking through that window at this magical world, was already making my day.

With such weather you cannot (or at least I could not) resist it to go outdoors and just play like you are young again. With some friends I went to a hill near my parents' house and we enjoyed the outdoors in all its simplicity; throwing snowballs, building snowmen even larger than ourselves, and sledding down the hill.



When we thought the day was already great, it became even better when I met someone with a snowboard there, and I got the opportunity to go snowboarding down the hill where I grew up. Normally when you want to go snowboarding you have to go all the way to the Alps for an expensive holiday, and to now be able to go snowboarding this close by, at a hill I have so often walked up and down, was just amazing.



Now I ask you to think back to the winter season. A beautiful white world, an awesome snowball fight, some tasteful hot chocomel/glühwein next to a warm campfire, or an evening winter walk where you could see the starry sky above you. Those magical moments are exactly what I want you to take away from the winter. The summer might have very nice days, and it is indeed a great season to enjoy, but it is the winter season that every now and then brings to you the most special and magical moments to enjoy to the fullest.

YO MAMA

Yo Mama is going to be about you: Martijn van Dijk. Even in my Cole Farmer English, are we both hallucinating?!? ¹

TEXT Pauline (Martijn's mother)

Let's get started! Thanks to your carefulness (zorgzaamheid), you gave my number to your fellow 50/50 FYC member Willem; he texted me if I would write this article, and here it is.

I think you all know who Martijn is, as a student, as a member of the BAC and as a friend. He loves to party and he didn't get that from the milkman; we can party together very well. I have been to GEWIS several times during the parent days, and when I am in Eindhoven for the festival of the Tuna and Tunina he always comes partying with me.

At King's Day 2004, Martijn saw the light for the first time in Eindhoven, born as our third child after two lovely big sisters Sabine and Cecile. One year later we moved to Tilburg where he grew up to become the great man he is right now. In those years he went to a primary school nearby our house where they noticed that he is quite unique. Sometimes he ran off to our home to sit on my lap. If that happened, some injustice had occurred that he couldn't handle. Later at secondary school he chose the school where I was a teacher (a safe place). There, we saw him grow up to become the most social person. He roasted some of my colleagues at the "stunt" (last day of school) which wasn't allowed to happen because of previous bad "stunts". They loved it. After that he wanted to go study in Eindhoven and so he has now returned.



¹Two different meanings; word of 2025 and because of fever

He was taught "carnaval" in his youngest years. As soon as he could walk properly, he walked in the children's "opstoet" with his sisters and cousins. Some years later he even walked alone as a professor in "worteltrekken". Math at 10 years old; Already the first signs of his study choice. Some years ago we walked together: "geen Preis". This year he was selected to be the Prince of "carnaval" at GEWIS. They have picked the right person. Yo(ur) mama is proud.



Last week we went to a "carnaval" preparty where he took care of me by cycling me home. He is a super caring and lovely person.

I will end this piece by writing some words to Martijn: Dear son, you can always come to me as your safe place if you want to party or be with me. I'm proud of you and I see that you can safely spread your wings and have a bright future ahead. Stay who you are. Love and kisses, mama Paulien.





MEMBER

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE

Ciao tutti buongiorno! Spaghetti Bolognese is a staple in the Italian cuisine. I think it is safe to say everyone has eaten it before. But never have I ever followed such a good recipe for this holy grail of the food chain. Even though this might not be how the Italian grandmothers make it, this slaps like an angry Italian wife.

TEXT Luuk Blankenstijn

INGREDIENTS

- » 450g of dried spaghetti noodles
- » 450g of lean ground meat (ground meat, ground turkey or bulk italian sausage)
- » 3 tablespoons olive oil
- » 130g of chopped onion
- » 3 garlic cloves
- » 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- » 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- » Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes
- » 236ml of water/broth or dry red wine
- » 800g of crushed tomatoes (1 cup)
- » Salt
- » Ground black pepper
- » Handful of fresh basil leaves + extra for serving
- » Parmesan cheese, as garnish

EXECUTION

1. Brown the meat
 - » Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the meat and cook until browned, this takes about 8 minutes. Use a wooden spoon to break the meat into smaller crumbles as the meat cooks.
2. Build the sauce
 - » Add the onions and cook, stirring every once in a while, until softened (about 5 minutes). Stir in the garlic, tomato paste, oregano, and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring continuously for about 1 minute.

3. Add liquid and tomatoes
 - » Pour in the water and use a wooden spoon to scrape up any bits of meat or onion stuck to the bottom of the pot. Stir in the tomatoes, ¾ teaspoon of salt, and a generous pinch of black pepper.
4. Simmer
 - » Bring the sauce to a low simmer. Cook uncovered for 25 minutes. As it cooks, stir and taste the sauce a few times so you can adjust the seasoning accordingly.
5. Cook spaghetti
 - » About 15 minutes before the spaghetti sauce finishes cooking, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Then, cook the pasta according to the package directions, but check for doneness a minute or two before the suggested cooking time. Then drain.
6. Serve
 - » Remove the sauce from the heat and stir in the basil. Toss in the cooked pasta and leave for a minute so that it absorbs some of the sauce. Toss again, and then serve with grated parmesan cheese on top (Grate the cheese until you feel your arteries clog up).

Enjoy!

Or as the Italians would say it, pipidy

poopoodoo pasta.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

I first joined GEWIS for the free coffee, but now I can't really imagine my studies without the bakkie pleur, the lunches together, the nice chats, and of course the daily games of Mario Kart.

TEXT Omid Asalat

Hi, I'm Omid and I am doing my exchange semester here in Eindhoven, which has really become a second home to me

My first contact points with the association were the door-to-door saleswomen Kim and Inge (somehow managing to sneak into the horde of first years), who wanted to sell me a membership for 20 bucks and some weeks later I found myself waking up to the kassa remix somewhere in the middle of nowhere (I was still traumatized by that song after "Doorhaaldonderdag" with Broodje Knak on repeat).

Shouting "GROENTE" appeared to be very effective as it was the perfect ad for the best FYC TU/e has ever seen. We are and will always be the first FYC (from the left!)

Our first (unofficial) event was the German "Weißwurstfrühstück" which I hope many of you enjoyed and the Ski trip in the NETHERLANDS with the almighty ski instructor who is also our (lazy) head of marketing. There also was the hot tub boating (yes, it is very nice) with almost a crash. Even Egbert somehow managed to leave his post and post a picture of me wearing his special hoodie on my bike, so he must be onto something. I even heard that the SudoSOS system might have been replaced by our website to discover the most bonusable items, but you can find more information about that in another article ;D

Learning Dutch was also very aangenaam, as Martijn volunteered to teach me the most important phrase: bakkie pleur (apparently, one of my friends was convinced that this is the only phrase for coffee in

Dutch and was deeply confused that a café didn't have any bakkie pleur on the menu). I can definitely recommend the Dutch lectures as we learned "houdoe", and there is a great storyline about Kevin and Marina that somehow convinced me to take the second course as well. You should take it to find out more (even if you are Dutch)!

But do you know what you shouldn't find out? How dangerous Hungry Hiske Drinks are! They always ask who the board's scariest person is. The answer is always her! I got THREE rings after enjoying one of these beverages and do not remember what happened. Am I married? At this point, it's a very real possibility!

As a wise man once told us, the Austrian Rhenish-Hessian libation "Max Mann" will always be your best friend, but only appear on special borrels. So, this might be a better choice if you want to remember your evening, which might not be guaranteed after a night out in Stratum following a borrel or at one of the great parties (I heard there might be some FREIBIER).

In the beginning of the semester, I was really worried about the TU/e not having a cafeteria like I was used to in Germany but thanks to GEWIS I really found a place to not only have a lunch break (consisting of Too Good to Go, Bonus, and KoTea(koffie+tea)), but also have a chat and of course (too many) rounds of Mario Kart. Ah, and did I mention the Borrels every Thursday? They're great!

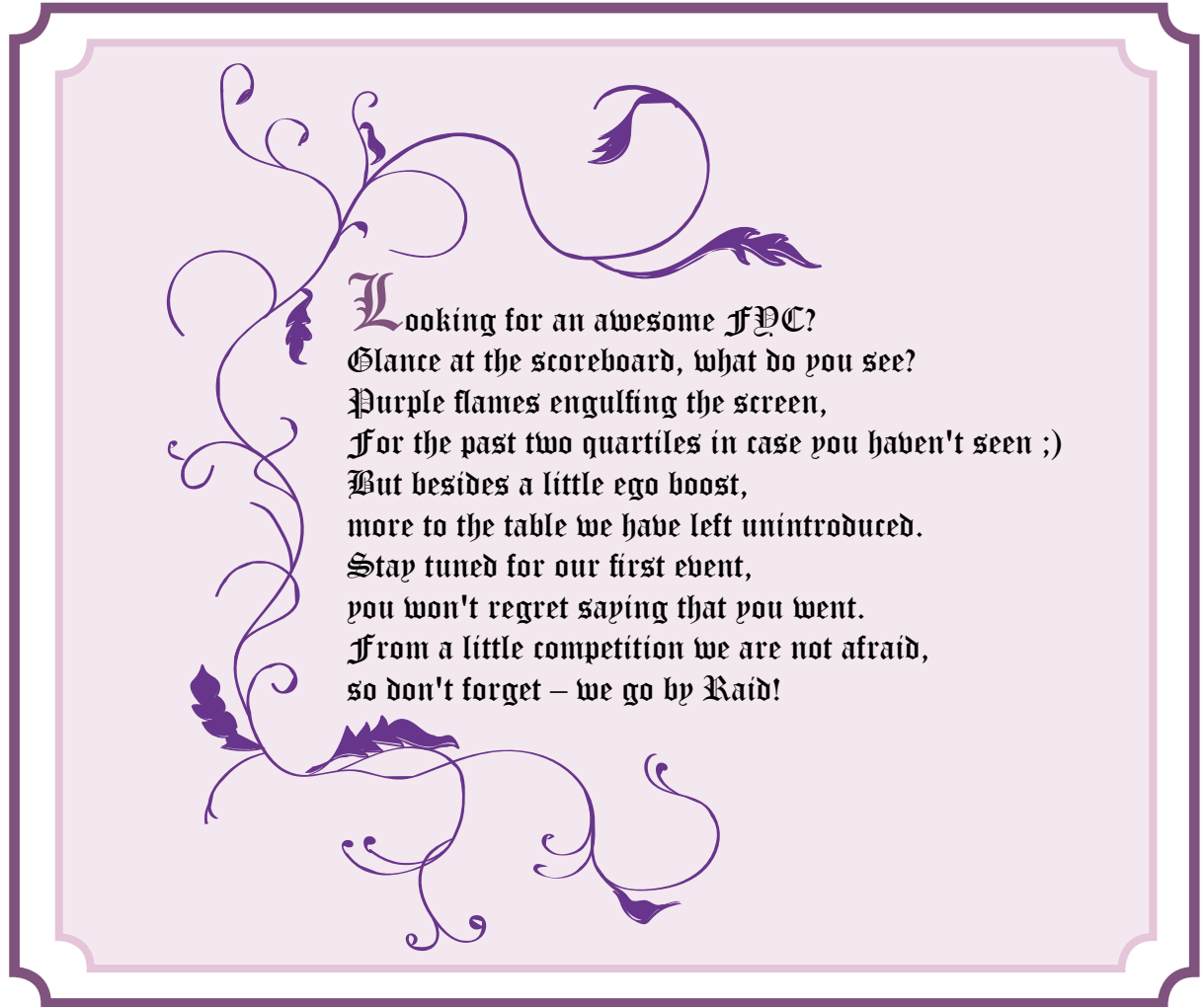
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MEMBER



FYC 26-2 RAID



Looking for an awesome FYC?
Glance at the scoreboard, what do you see?
Purple flames engulfing the screen,
For the past two quartiles in case you haven't seen ;)
But besides a little ego boost,
more to the table we have left un-introduced.
Stay tuned for our first event,
you won't regret saying that you went.
From a little competition we are not afraid,
so don't forget – we go by Raid!

Putting all the cool rhymes aside, a little more about ourselves we should provide.

Alright, seriously this time – we are one of the four FYCs for this year, and we really appreciate being given the opportunity to write a bit about ourselves in this volume of Supremum.

But why is our name "Raid", you may ask? The origin of our name takes us back a few generations of FYC's ago. For the past few years there has always been an FYC with the word 'bug' in their name, and we initially wanted to continue the chain. However, figuring out a way to incorporate the word into something new and original turned out to be a huge struggle. So, we did what any awesome person does when faced with a tough challenge - we gave up on it. In fact, we decided to do a full 180 and kill the 'bug' tradition as an act of rebellion (or the frustration from not being creative enough). We chose 'Raid' after the name of a well-known bug-murdering spray, also bonus points for it sounding cool and edgy.

Want to know a fun fact about us? We stand for partying and having fun as much as you can. In our spirit, we even created a special chant for drinking shots. But we won't leave this totally secret information out on a piece of paper. So, don't be afraid to come up to a Raid member during a social drink and have a quick drink (water is also 100% approved).

Although, if you have been around the recent GEWIS events you might have noticed our newest Raid member – Nyoe, our shark mascot. It's official, that is how you spell his name; don't ask about pronunciation though, you will get a negative answer. He is the most fluffy and cuddly member of our group, despite his predatory nature. ^^

Last but not least, keep an eye out for our upcoming event; we are trying our best to organize it (as much as first-year students can) and it will be fire, pun intended!

And now..... a word from our sponsor RAID SHAD-



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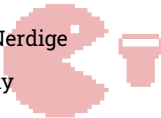


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