

Ninth VeSte Party 2005-2006

It is the end of June. Now and then, the sun is shining brightly on the windows of our VeSte office. That reminds us of the start of our year, when the September-sun provided us an excellent autumn. We were not the only fresh people, as the Executive Board welcomed two new members as well; one of them was the new rector Martin Kropff. In January the newly elected SSC members joined the SSC meetings. During those days in September, we were introduced into the Student Council work. Three weeks full of getting-to-know 'important' people and telling who you are. We were eager to start the Council work and reach the VeSte goals as we agreed upon earlier. "We" are Moses Abukari (international student from Ghana), Justin van der Hooft (KSV) and three students from SSR-W, namely Anne-Marie Kortleve, Fedor Lapikas and Johan Beekhuizen.

In October, we had our DOT.COM dinner at KSV, which was a big success. 'The revenge of the nerds' brought together many old VeSte members and stories from the 'past' were told. In November, our Constitution Drink at SSR-W was visited quite well. Some parents came to see their child in the VeSte suits and drink a beer to celebrate our VeSte year.

Back to the more serious part. Only after some months being a VeSte member, the way things work in the main building became somewhat clearer. We worked actively in committees as secretaries during the first half a year, so in the second part of our VeSte year, the chairs of the Education and Research, Finances and Communication Committees came from VeSte. In the Student Council committees, like Quality Assurance, Internationalization and the FOS Committee, VeSte had a considerable contribution as well. VeSte successfully ensured that, for the academic year '05/'06, the university did not cut on the total amount of FOS (Financial Compensation for Students). Tuition fee compensation for full time boards was a VeSte initiative and it was succeed that all full time boards and the SC sent a letter to the EB that pleaded for tuition fee compensation. The laptop project was picked up by VeSte as well and with the introduction into the new Forum building there is a good chance students can buy a laptop for not too much money.

Our VeSte-weekend in May should be mentioned here as well. Luckily, the weather was ok, as we had decided to go to Hoenderloo (yes, it exists, and it is not that far from Wageningen). Due to the nice weather, we could go to the Veluwe, where we walked and biked one afternoon. Apart from drinking beers and wine and playing 'Toepen (card play)' and 'The Big Dalmuti' we were quite sportive, as we played midget golf and tennis. During the year, we made quite some promotion for VeSte. The newly designed VeSte FlaSh was made three times and one time personally delivered at all student houses and corridors. You will be surprised what some students are doing around ten 'o clock in the evening... The VeSte website was restyled as well and as part of it, you are reading our overview.

It was a pity that there were no elections this year. We found two candidates and a possible third one. As we have no Dutch candidates at the moment, we installed an advisory board, that comprises board members of KSV, SSR-W and CERES. We have confidence that also next year our interests will be represented in the SC!