

Twelfth VeSte Party 2008-2009

Hundreds of new students without a room, international students housed in Hoenderloo, a reorganization of BSc education and plans for a new education building formed a challenging starting point for a new generation VeStetatives. Anne (WSV Ceres), Rüstern (international student), Jelmer (WSV Ceres), Peter (KSV Fransiscus), Bas (KSV Fransiscus), Fenneke (KSV Fransiscus) and Raymond (international student), made up the twelfth VeSte party.

After a busy start with a takeover, drinks, VeSte weekend, ISO weekend, DOT dinner and our constitution drink, the real work was started under the keen mission 'To explore the potential of the university, to improve the quality of student life'. In January, the structure of the Student Council as well as the structure of WUR co-management changed. Moreover, Bas continued his study after a year loyalty to the most terrific Student Council party of the Netherlands. In March, another VeSte weekend took place and a big, 1500 liters of beer, over 1000 guests, VeSte party was organized at Ceres.

After ten years of active student representation, the blood sweat and tears left their traces in the VeSte office. Therefore, we moved for six weeks to the main building in order to renovate the office, which was celebrated with a well visited office rewarming party in May. Of course the Wall of Fame remained untouched. In the beginning of May, Peter had to leave the party. At the end of the year we went for another VeSteweekend to the Maas, with the ladies steering and the guys rowing, we achieved our goal: the bowling in Maasbommel.

This year, we worked towards other goals as well. A selection on the things we did; student housing was put on the agenda of the Executive board and municipality council, the need for an updated 'woongroepenregeling' was emphasized at the municipality, the one week Christmas holidays in 2010 and the years after were detected and addressed, the initiative of the previous VeSte party, board certificates, was finalized and ready to be implemented by the university, improvement of internationalization at the university was discussed with the Executive Board, we represented students interest in designing Orion and enforced student involvement in the decision making process of the eating facility subsidy. Moreover, the new BSc education structure, Towards flexibility was approved conditioned our prerequisites; quality of education should not decline, sufficient financial means should be available to the OWI-board to implement Towards Flexibility and freedom for students to compose their own minor or free choice should remain. In the beginning of July, the time has come we had to put our picture on the Wall of Fame. With this, we concluded another chapter of active student representation, but at the same time, started a new one; an enthusiastic new generation VeStetatives was ready to go!