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Pleekrant February '17. Got any remarks or suggestions? Send us an e-mail!

## raatd Pleekrant

Frank and Mary are drinking a cool glass of coke on a hot day. Frank's especially thirsty and drinks five glasses in a row. Mary drinks just one in the same time. Mary suddenly falls to the ground, dead: All coke turns out to have been poisoned. How did Frank survive?

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While we seem to barely survive when it's a few degrees below 0 here in the Netherlands, the lowest natural temperature ever recorded on Earth was a staggering -89,2 °C, at the Russian Vostok Station in Antarctica on July 21st 1983.

Did you know?

## Radboud University to develop own 'flexstuderen'

For years AKKUraatd has supported the idea of 'flexstuderen', to study at your own pace and pay per EC. The Dutch government launched a national pilot 'flexstuderen' this year. It allowed institutions of higher education such as the Radboud University and the HAN University of Applied Sciences to participate in the experiment starting the next academic year. Radboud University had initially decided not to participate. The USC (University Student Council) thought this a missed opportunity and decided to make another plea to the Executive Board during the most recent 'Overlegvergadering' (the Joint Deliberation Meeting). The rector eventually agreed that it was high time for a change of dogma to truly allow flexible studying and taking the student's personal situation into account. The new goal is to develop a pilot specifically suited

to the needs of the Radboud University, as the national pilot wasn't flexible enough, according to the rector. The rector has guaranteed that preparatory talks will commence in February. All-in-all great news!

## Update from the University Student Council

Some highlights from the latest meeting with the Executive Board:

1. Crowded University Library: A great number of students loathe overcrowding in the UL, especially during the period leading up to and during the exam periods. If you're not an early bird, you're not going to catch the proverbial worm. The Executive Board disagreed with this point of view, calling on statistics over several periods during several days to show that there were still unoccupied study locations even at peak hours. We suggest to keep your eyes peeled when the next exams come around. If you're still struggling to find a spot,

2. Responding to a rising number of voices from the student body, AKKUraatd's USC member Michelle Snaterse inquired into the possibility of gender-neutral toilets for the future real-estate development, and if the Executive Board is willing to place trash bins in the gentleman's toilets. The Executive Board did not see the added value of the idea and referred to the disabled toilets as being gender-neutral. The Board did decide to take the changing of the toilet icon into considera-

3. There was once again an inquiry about watches and clocks during examination, because complaints kept pouring in. Preventive barring of watches in exam rooms is being experienced as unfounded distrust towards students. New generic measures are being developed on the issue so these can be added to new EER (Education and Examination Regulations) versions.

## **AKKUraatd scouting for successors!**

The university elections are still a few months away, but we've already started scouting for capable successors for the coming academic year. One possibility is working behind the scenes in one of our committees as a member of the party, supporting the elected members in the USC. Do you aspire to directly defend students' rights at our university? Apply for a spot on our electoral roll for a seat in the USC and let your passion join with ours to make this university even better. Take a look at www.akkuraatd.nl or send us an e-mail for further information.



*Photo: Fraction member Eveline with telescope* 

New year, New Year's resolutions. This goes for AKKUraatd as well. January was marked by our 'Groene Voornemens' (Green Resolutions). With organising a sustainable lunch, offering food produced according to sustainable standards, writing an opinion piece on the Radboud University's environmental policies for Vox Magazine, and organising the 'Nacht van de Energie' (Energy Awareness Night) our Green Resolutions have been properly fulfilled.

During Energy Awareness Night we dined on the top floor of the Erasmus building and visited the observatory in the Huygen's building. These activities were accompanied by several presentations on the Radboud University's policies on energy consumption and sustainability. The evening was organised in cooperation with the 'Facilitair Bedrijf' (Facilities & Services Company).

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