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Election Team



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/// ABOUT

For a long time I doubted political correctness of a name such as *hèdonè* (pleasure). Wouldn't it be better to take *askèsis*, that is discipline and application? I came to the conclusion that stoicism and pleasure do not exclude each other formally. Maybe our goal is the marriage of pleasure and discipline?

Pleasure, says Epicurus, is simple and not dissolute. It is about having correct desires and expectations. "And stay away from politics", said he. I stood up and ran away. Man is a social being! Then I sat down and wrote this text...

Epicurus has to make an exception about politics concerning Marie and her team. In this team discipline and pleasure come together!

In this booklet you will find some information about the election team running for praesidium for NFK 2015-2016. To earn your trust, and therefore your vote!

A sign at Epicurus' stated that in that place you could find pleasure and therefore you should enter. Same counts for the philosophy institute.

So please do not hide yourselves. Enter the world by coming out of your homes, because pleasure, we create together.

Voting: <https://nfk.stemt.org/>

The editorial team, 23 april 2015



/// TRIUMVIRATE



Three 'Moirae' make decisions next year. One to spin your thread of life, one to measure it and one to cut it irreversibly. We asked future Praeses **Marie** and vice-praesides **Charlotte** and **Ellen** their plans.

Three women in a triumvirate. Things are going to change?

Already during our first year it became obvious we are motherly types. During our first praesidium-weekend we were making breakfast while the others were still asleep.

Gentlemen under pressure?

No panic: we have a masculine side too. Marie loves cars. She dreams of a ride in the yellow Land Rover, with camping materials in it, stationed in the *Blijde Inkomststraat*. If she fails in philosophy she will try her chances with an ambulance. Fast driving heroes!

Ellen is a *Top Gear* fan and has a real 'boyfriend jeans'. Charlotte loves tree climbing and is even more heroic than her boyfriend.

Besides, they are used to carrying around heavy boxes for the praesidium.

Not first year at NFK's. What did you already do?

Ellen and Charlotte did PR and Book Service, while Marie served as Education Representative and Vice-praesides.

Are there any weak points we must know?

Ellen forgets.
Charlotte loses things.
Marie is a control freak.

Strong point?

We are made for each other. Even our monthly cycles run together.

Vision of election team Ἡδovη under the guidance of Charlotte, Ellen and Marie

1. About NFK

NFK is mainly a place for philosophy students. We know that philosophy students are a truthful audience who still carry the HIW and NFK in their hearts after they have completed their studies. This is why we also want to be an association for alumni and even for people who just have a heart for philosophy.

2. Proposal for the working of the praesidium

Never change a good recipe. This is why we are not radically going to change how NFK works. Nevertheless, the size of our upcoming praesidium and some troubles we had in the past motivate us to introduce some changes. The first change is that we will work with ‘function presidents’. This will help to get the most out of the experienced people we have, and help novices in the praesidium. The function presidents will consult with the other members of their function to make the praesidium meetings, even with such a big group, efficient. There will be a new international function, to lessen the gap between the Dutch speaking and the international students. This function will for example organize activities in the weekends. Another new function is ‘social’. Their main concern will be to take care of the first-year students. We also want to introduce the responsible for the play as part of the upcoming praesidium. He will however have fewer praesidium responsibilities. Finally, we’ll have a new bread meal function, to take care of the weekly bread meal.

3 Education

It is a great pleasure to see the interest for education increasing. It is even more pleasant since we as a praesidium, and the education team in particular, want to make education one of our absolute priorities. Needless to say, we will participate in working on education quality for every student. We like to quote one of the previous praesides of NFK: “Education is not an investment, it is one of our elementary rights, it is what helps us to open our perspective on a society in which everyone can participate” (Andries Verslyppe)

We will give every student the possibility to participate in debates on education. In addition, every student must get the chance to give his/her suggestions or ask his/her questions on education related topics. We have several ways in mind to realize these goals.

NFK has already a long tradition in engaging students in education. We would like to continue this tradition and try to systematize these efforts. We will make the meetings in which we prepare the POC (Permanent Commission on Education) open for every student, thus also for students who do not reside in the commission. Through this we guarantee that our position in the debate is always supported and well-conceived. An e-mail with an education update will be sent via Toledo on a regular basis. In addition to this, an NFK Education page will be created, on which you will find updates on faculty topics and news from the Students Council from the KUL. Facebook can also be used to get a first and fast impression of meanings on a specific topic. Like last year our magazine deWijzer is willing to publish education updates and articles on education related themes.

Of course, you can still contact our faculty representatives personally or via mail. If there is enough interest, we would like to appoint annual representatives in order to have a contact in every year and to ensure that we have year specific information for all topics.

Our upcoming education praeses, Emma Moormann, was an education representative this year. Our upcoming praeses, Marie Vanwingh, also has experience in the education team of NFK. This expe-

rience will be useful when current debates like “a clear cut” between bachelor and masters, (gender) diversity at the HIW and the interfaculty quality policy COBRA is concerned. They can introduce these topics to the new team and help to be critical on these issues.

The most important, not only for education, is our drive for transparency. We will do everything possible to listen to and hopefully answer the questions and needs of the students. A first step to achieve this is the presentation of our vision on Wednesday, April the 29th at 11 a.m. in auditorium B (HIW). We invite everyone to ask question or to give remarks on our vision there.



SPORTS: **Aaron Soens, Alex Doumen and Pieter Vandemoortele.** Swimmers in competition, runners and mountainclimbers on to players and referees at the Royal Belgian Football Association: the sportive philosophy student can sleep like a baby, because Pieter, Aaron and Alex lead the way. An ideal geographical spread: the Ken-dolls from Kortrijk, Limburg and Kessel-Lo descended to Leuven with a single purpose: Nfk-sports to be put on the map once and for all. No need to go around it, our heroes know what they're doing. Inspired by *preferably commercial music* they plan to expand the offer to everyone's desire and to lead us to unprecedented results at the 24 hour run. What drives them? Well, every athlete knows that with both feet on the ground, you won't move a step. Furthermore, they will also astonish you apart from the world of sports.



Alex – friends call him Alberto – can draw and cook terrific and made his name as the one and only ‘Yes-man’ of the HIW (he once went bald for a bet!). Aaron is determined to become the greatest Pokémon-master West-Flanders has ever known and enjoys the good-life of sun and chillings every chance he gets. Pieter is an adventurer in de richest sense of the word and like a true *Rescue Ranger* he spares time nor effort to be there for everyone. As a volunteer at summer school he lays the foundations of a better world. You sure can count on it: with these folks we will meet a golden age.

CULTURE: Willem Kloos wrote "Art is the most individual expression of the most individual emotion" and he was spot on. When **Sharon, Abel, Ellen D. and Valerie** be engaged in the function culture, they're engaged most intimate. Even in Lloret de Mar, Costa Brava, Sharon seeks culture and visits the church. (Which was pretty beautiful btw ;)). Abel also likes the taste of some culture as a real chess-hero. He absolutely appreciates the esthetic functionality of the Belgian bread cutting machines. After an excellent exhibition of her own artwork, nobody can even doubt on Valerie's appropriateness. Eternally inspired by *the Uncanny*:

INTERNATIONAL: **Zoë Claesen, Esther Mulders, Leigh Karras, Elske Kronemeijer** - NFK sometimes seemed a bit of a Dutch-speaking philosophy bubble. But our philosophy is that NFK should be the favorite Kring for all philosophy students, including the internationals! They, Zoë Claesen, Esther Mulders, Leigh Karras and Elske Kronemeijer are happy to announce a new function in NFK: function international! They want to represent the international philosophy students in the NFK and hope to establish more intercultural contacts in that



way. Because studying philosophy in a foreign country isn't only about sitting lonely in your 'kot' reading about Descartes. A quote that is often used to explain African ethics can make this clear: Cognatus sum, ergo sumus ("I am related, therefore we are"). Their theory is that philosophy and intercultural international contacts are interwoven. That's of course the reason that the Erasmus-exchange programme is named after a philosopher!

PARTY: **Lien and Annalise** will be responsible for the Party function, which means one thing: we are going to have a lot of parties! These ladies dissociate themselves completely from the, in their opinion, sadly overrepresented stupid parties with awful music. Under their rule, "party" will mean creativity, supply and demand, and alternative hipster things. The coming year will be one with big accomplishments. They are already talking about cheese-wine-music-tapas-and poetry evenings. And just wait until you see these girls dance! So hurry up and practice your tap dance moves, because this generation of Party representatives will definitely cause some fireworks!



SOCIAL: This year, **Wouter and Sharon** will be in charge of the warm welcome and adoption of our freshman students. Wouter de Hoog is widely known as an ever smiling optimist who's goal it is to greet everyone in positive way, to make sure they will confidently take on the future. On the last trip to London, he was the only one to cheer up the people who were suffering from sore feet and an empty stomach. No one knows what we would've done without him. If you take into consideration that this overly sociable guy is accompanied by Sharon, you'll know for sure that the freshmen will have the time of their lives at NFK. Every time Sharon laughs, it sounds like elves are dancing, angels are singing, in such a delightful way you can't do anything but laugh along, louder and louder, in a crescendo that wipes away the world. You know you're alive because living is all about being sociable. Happiness suits you well!



EDUCATION: This year's Education Team has quite a lot of girl power! They will use that power to fight for your educational rights. They will inform themselves about new regulations and upcoming changes, so they can inform you the best way possible. Whether you have questions about your exams or an opinion about educational topics - **Sophie, Nynke, Zoë and Emma** look forward to hearing from you! Nynke is ready to make your life better by means of a critic reflection. She knows all about politics, so be aware if you want to discuss with her. Emma has real education-skills after a year of experience.



She has a love-hate relationship with spelling mistakes. Apparently, meerkats are amazing. We saw Sophie dangling on a climbing wall, skating like a hurricane and playing soccer like a real Messi in the function Sports. She will show just as much or even more enthusiasm defending your educational rights. Much speculations go round about Zoë, but after a lot of research we can tell you that she will support the right direction (our reliable reporters base their information on a certain love for the pointer of the library). If the shot is fired you can be sure that these four goddesses will go straight line to reach their goal. Be warned, the front line of the female gender is arriving.

TREASURER & WEBMASTER: Holding the numbers in check, in the bank account as well as somewhere deep in the computer, is the heavy task laying on the shoulders of our informatician-philosopher-winedevotee **Wouter Termont**. And you know as well as I that Atlas doesn't take vacation. You can always count on Wouter, and he will count the bills.



FAKBAR: Two women. One is punk and one is alternative. **Anke and Annalise**. Together with **Dickran, Felix and Laurens** they will organise our beloved weekly Faknights. Ask your girls to play piano or guitar. Looking for experience ask Dickran. Looking for juvenility ask Felix. Looking for Laurens: check the lounge. Please pay them -if elected- a visit next year at the M-cafe. They'll pull your glass out of the air, before it hits the ground. Hawk eye bartenders!



DEWIJZER: There we are, writing about ourselves. People will think us arrogant when we admit that **Ana and Patrisia** during Gods Creation queued three times (unfairly) and were so gifted with beauty, smartness and writing talent. As for **Vinsent and Vincent**, game was over, God knew what happened, so beauty didn't work out. Therefore they threw themselves on democracy, where content wins from beauty. The People will be safe! They'll try desperately keeping this years standards. He who shall live, shall see!



CUDI: Your readers wil, upon your decision, be provided by **Sien, Els, Leen, Stef en Dickran**. With care they will copy and share the *epistèmè* your professors put on paper. Els panics with music, but CUDI is no disco. Sien doesn't like pink, and Leen loves blue. What will front page colour be like? As five vestal virgins they will vigil, whit hundred open eyes over the letters in black on the white paper. Stef doesn't like raw tomatoes and neither likes Leen Pineapples, but really, with love they'll care for your readers.

Dickran lives, takes Tomatoes and pineapples for granted. Scouting experience maybe will be of aid. With this people, the Kantian question of what you may hope will be answered like this: you'll get more beautiful readers, than they ever were before!.

PR: Ann's choice to study philosophy is the result of an existential choice between a really terribly ugly black-and-white piano chair which you compulsory have to integrate in your design and an unfamiliar chocolate with a liqueur which has a long aftertaste that can either be pretty good or horrifically disgusting. She will be in charge of amusing you with the most awful puns. She also insisted on letting you know she can offer you a second eye bargain, i.e. her contact lenses. Alexandra has a special admiration for space. She has a love for petting strange animals (she appears to have a magnet for squirrels and moles). When you run into her in Leuven, you can have the feeling she is just wandering about without any direction. Don't worry, she does this quite often: just capturing the beauty of this world wherever she is, by driftlessly strolling through the streets. Patrisia: do not fear perfection! Art, reading, daydreaming. On a purple, smiling background. These three girls will make you know, see and hear everything you need to. Fireworks included.



THEATRE: NFK's long theatre tradition will, depending on us, be continued next year. Asking **Nelis**, it's all about the story. A tragedy is never abstract, however this mistake has been made in philosophy. Real human tragedy is about blood and flesh. Nelis looks at a tragedy positively and wants to make something, aided by a group dynamic and a play someone else wrote. Redaction orders four seats already. Tragedies make us happy!





Monday 27 april:

- **High Tea** (11u-14)

What? range of sandwiches and desserts for only €1,5

Where? on the yard in front of HIW if the weather is good

- **Quarterfinal indoor football** (22u-23u)

What? boys team against Farmaceutica

Where? - at 21u30 at HIW with your bike

- KHL (Hertogstraat Heverlee)

- **Info-evening SLO** (20u-21u30)

What? info about the teachers education society sciences and philosophy about education components, future perspectives, practical things

Where? HIW: room N

Tuesday 28 april:

- **Speakers picnic** (12u-15u)

What? picnic with tasty food: coffee, tea, orange juice, fruit salad, sandwiches

speakers: talk about the role of storytelling in philosophy:

Marieke Brugnera, Meganck, Liesbeth Schoonheim, prof. Vandeveldde, Stef Frijters and others

Where? yard in front of HIW

- **Des Cartes Fakbar** (from 22u)

What? playing card games

live music by Dory&Gary

poker tournament

Where? M-Café (Savoyestraat 8)

Wednesday 29 april:

- **Vision presentation** (11u, aula B)

- **World Market** (12u-20u)

What? selling stuff: clothes, bracelets, things-to-have, ...

activities: calligraphy, henna, ...

food and drinks: chili con carne, wraps, sangria, smoothies

Where? HIW

- **Oriental lounge evening** (from 20u)

What? belly dance initiation

hand massage

Moroccan mint tea and accompanying cookies

Where? Lounge

Thursday 30 april

- **Sports**

What? Kubb tournament

Megabeerpong

- **Timeline TD**

What? dancing on music ranging from the '20s till the '90s

Where? Aperó (Oude Markt 52)

only €2