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# Did you know...

...that as of July 1, there will be 3 microwaves installed in the Garden Room, attached to the Mensa?



... that thanks to Front you can now reserve your sports time slot or sports class seven days in advance at 8 a.m. instead of 1 a.m.?

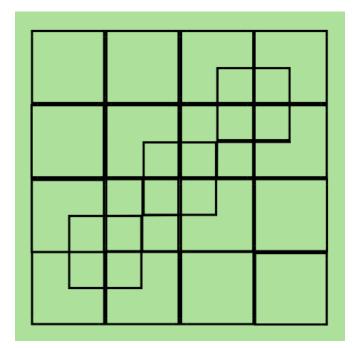
... that a net has been placed next to the Cube where you can play volleyball and badminton?

## **Update University Council**

On Thursday, June 8, the fifth University Council of this academic year took place. The Executive Board responded to our initiative proposal on Edubadges for Student Board Members, in which they stated that they value the students who engage in a student board highly and invites Front to a meeting to discuss further possibilities. Furthermore, the temporary expansion of the sports facilities was also discussed. Due to the crowding in the Sports Centre, it had been decided to temporarily expand the sports facilities. An estimate of €1,6m was made, which would create additional fitness facilities, more capacity for group classes, CrossFit, better waiting facilities for exams and possibly padel courts. However, the results of the tender were too high, meaning the desired temporary expansion cannot go ahead based on current assumptions. The board wants the plans for the expansion of the Sports Centre to be realised before the end of the year.

# Lets 'plee' with Mella

How many squares do you count?



#### More microwaves on campus!

Starting July 1, three microwaves will be installed in the **Garden** Room, attached to the Mensa. This will make it possible to heat up your own meals and eat them there. Unfortunately, due to the mice nuisance in the Library, it will no longer be possible to have hot meals in the coffee corner and eat at your studyplace at the Library. The university hopes this will help the Library remain a safe and sanitary place again. Lastly, the Garden Room would also be open on weekends, so you can eat hot meals there on weekends as well.



# **Binding Study Advice (BSA)**

Following Minister Dijkgraaf's letter to parliament regarding the reduction of the binding study advice to a maximum of 30 **ECTS**, we have sent a letter to the House of Representatives. We believe it is extremely important to consider student wellbeing. However, we see too many obstacles in lowering the BSA to 30 ECTS. Indeed, this will affect the quality of education and, in our view, encourage study delays and the associated financial consequences. We believe that educational institutions should review their current policy for exceptions regarding BSA with a view to student wellbeing, which Tilburg University already has. It is important to keep autonomy with the institutions themselves. We have indicated that we fear that Minister Dijkgraaf's proposal rather functions as a short-term solution with major long-term consequences.

# In case you need a study place...

Still looking for a place to study? Then take advantage of the digital exam rooms in for example Cube. The computer rooms are mainly used for exams and sometimes tutorials. When these are not scheduled you can just use these rooms to study. Check in your timetable if the room is empty by setting your timetable to 'location view'. This way you will always have a place to study with a computer!



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