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Consider how your personal life has changed over the past 2-3 weeks, How have your actions and choices been practices of long life design?

I tried to clean furnitures and keep furnitures dry so the wood doesn't rot. I did this mainly because I was moving my apartment and I have been busy cleaning. Also housework has been an issue because I needed to get everything sorted after moving. I tried to be more careful in my action because I didn't want anything to be broken when moving.

How have you taken more care with what you use?

Yes, every products are very precious these times. Especially food products, tissue paper, masks and clothes as well. Also I am starting to save energy because of the electronic bill. I have been more careful because of something is broke or cannot be used and especially when that product is important in my daily life, I cannot let anyone to fix it due to the virus pandemic.

Have you had moments of deep appreciation for something that you might not have noticed before?

I noticed how much waste I had to clean out from home. The trash bin was always full and I thought that my waste was too much.

Have you had to repair anything?

I did repair my hamster plastic cage. It was broken and I had to tape extra plastic to the hole and drilled little air holes for the hamster.

Have you had to make materials/resources last longer (food, toiletries)?

I am still working on saving toilet paper because I am very low on them. I never thought about saving toilet paper because I need them but now I am starting to be more careful on those items you use daily.

What systems connections (communication, transport, food, physical etc.) are you newly or differently aware of as a result of COVID-19?

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I have been riding my electronic scooter to markets and other places for transportation. I normally ride the uber or I walk but my scooter is a better choice to shorten the time and practice social distancing.

Do you feel any of your daily life practices, have changed for the long-term?

I think I am starting to do a lot of houseworks since I am staying home most of the time. I am learning to cook and taking care of myself more and this habit will help me in the future and maybe it will stay after the pandemic is over.

What have you observed in the world around you, how has broader culture has changed, including your field of study?

There is an online gallery opening around the world right now and my artist friend has his painting on online auction which is very interesting.

What practices have you observed that enable Long Life Design — actions that support things to last? What have you seen repaired, refused, taken care of with intentionality?

I have seen wooden floor made into other furnitures and that was interesting because wooden floors were damaged but it was a good hard material to make smaller furnitures.

Given your observations and realizations from the questions above, what would you like to create as a final project and share with others through the medium of your Major?

I want to make a poster series that can convince people to decrease their waste. I have been digging into designs and graphic art lately and I want to use this skill to create my final project.

- What are at least two final project concepts/project ideas) that you would like to potentially create? A book? A map? A garment? A game? A photo series?

I want to do poster series and I am considering photo series as well but I think poster series would be better because I can use my skills better because I am fine arts student.

- What Long Life Design practice/action are they about?

I want to do poster series based on the plastic containers and plastic wrappers that we just throw away without knowing.

- Including a small sketch for each and a plan for how you will use the skills of your Major to realize this project.

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