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# Planet Longhorn

Letters from Austin, TX

## Where did PL go for Spring Break?

- **Sydney, Australia!**  
Blake McLean, Erin Elbel
- Road trip to **San Francisco!** Ragheb Halabi, María Fernandez, Santiago Gonzalez, Alex Lyseggen, Jørgen Sagstad, Harry Kollmann, Katie Casstevens
- **Mexico!** Harry Turner, Nico Schwendinger, Luca Egbring, Pavla Matenova, Fredrik Abrahamsson

## PL Sports:

- PL is 2-1 in their IM softball season!
- The Tuesday IM Indoor Soccer team made it to the first round of playoffs! Congrats to all our players!

## President's Corner:

My last Spring Break by **Dana Yu**

I spent part of the week with my family at home kicking butt at mahjong, and the other part in Austin at the SXSW music festival hanging out with musicians from all over the world and sneaking into after parties, like Perez Hilton's! And how much did I spend for the entire week of good times? \$20. Yeah, I'd say it was definitely my best spring break, the last.

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## Classy Masquerade Ball March 4, 2010



**Top row (left to right):**  
Bara Hrdlickova, Katie Chapman, Ashley Hanigan, Katie Casstevens, Carl Burnham  
**Bottom row:**  
Dana Yu, Su-Yin Chan, Pavla Matenova

Photo Credits: Katie Chapman

Planet Longhorn boasted yet another great success in hosting their second annual Masquerade Ball in the beginning of March. It was a chance for everyone to dress up in their best clothes, look even better than before, and have a classy evening out on the town. And to make things more interesting, everyone hid behind a mask, forcing you to play a guessing game to figure out who you were talking to. The event was hosted at Ace's Lounge on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and catered by Taco Deli.



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Doug Yacek, Katie Chapman, Paul McCloud



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Faye Bowman, Rachel Taylor, Yolande Yip

## SXSW Music and Film Festival March 12-21, 2010

SXSW (South by Southwest) is a music and film festival in Austin that offers a unique convergence of original music, independent films, and emerging technologies. Many of Austin's local music venues open their doors for free concerts and showcasing of both local and visiting artists. The festival always coincides with UT's Spring Break, which enables the students to enjoy it to the max. Many of Planet Longhorn members participated in the festival as official volunteers. They helped make event bags, checked artists into their venues, and facilitated the open bars. Anyone who ever has a spare week in March and craves a visit to Austin should definitely consider attending this event in the future.



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## The BBQ & (Wannabe) Kickball Hullabuloo March 28, 2010



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The plan was to have a massive barbeque in Pease Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and follow it up with a huge game of kickball. Everything was organized, the food (and new grill) were bought, and the people were hiking their way through West Campus.

**Problem #1:** We received a warning Facebook message from a certain Coach Pat challenging us to a duel for the kickball field.

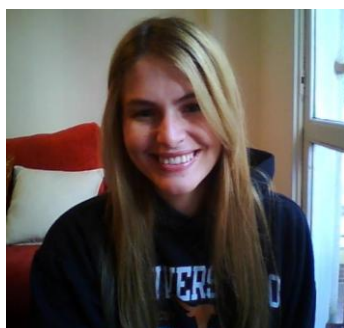
**Problem #2:** When we arrived at the field, we realized we had nothing on Coach Pat and his gang.

**Problem #3:** We forgot to buy a kickball...

Needless to say, we gathered our belongings, crossed the bridge, and decided on a nice game of sand volleyball instead. We'll save kickball for another day...

## Alum of the Month: Karen Maulhardt

### Karen Maulhardt



**Nationality:** Argentinean  
**Home University:**  
 University of Buenos Aires  
**Semester Studied at UT:**  
 Fall 2008

**What are you studying?**  
 Nothing!! I graduated last year. I'm a lawyer.

**What are you doing now?**  
 I am working at a law firm, and I've started making plans to do a masters in laws.

**Favorite Planet Longhorn memory:** Definitely the Halloween party!! Some of the costumes were hilarious. I also really enjoyed tubing down the river and going to Schlitterbahn.

**What I miss most about Austin:** The small town life: how the entire city goes orange on game days and things like always running into someone you know on the street. I also miss going to Kerbey lane after going to 6<sup>th</sup> street.

**Where will u be in ten years?** Really hard to say. Probably working as a lawyer and having my own family. A couple of kids maybe? Not the slightest idea of where I will be living.

**Where will you go on your next trip?** I am planning to

go to a few European countries somewhere between mid September and mid October.

**Free write:** To all the Fall 08 Internationals, I miss you all and I hope we meet again. To the current internationals, get involved in as many things as you can and make sure you enjoy every moment, cause it goes by really fast.

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