

March 2011

# Planet Longhorn

*Too cold then too hot*

*Planet Longhorn, UT's 2009 Best Social Organization, University of Texas at Austin*

## **What's coming next?**

\*FRI APRIL 15:  
Masquerade! Our infamous formal... date is tentative, but plan on this day!

\*THURS APRIL 14 : Bike Pub Crawl

\*SAT APRIL 30 : PL Floats the River. Its you, on a tube, on a river, with drink/food/etc.

\*SUN MAY 8 : PL is on a boat! Our big end-of-the-year party on a boat on Lake Travis.

**President's Corner:** So seeing as PL loves nothing more than the Texan sun, except maybe the Texan lonestar, the event calendar is packed once again. Camping was a massive success and still a favorite event by all, even our graduated alumni who drive in for it! As I wrap up my 4th year (no, still not graduating..) I realize just how much I've done and how many amazing people I've met the past 3 years with PL. I'm so excited for some of our awesome, new freshmen and sophomore members who are ready to take the plunge as well. Let's be honest, there's no going back. I mean, how else would I be able to do something including 2 buses + 100 people + inordinate amounts of beer + accents + sunburnt Brits + a tube + the river?! I fear my social life will never be dull as long as PL is around. This is a legitimate fear.

## **Nature, Meet Planet Longhorn: Camping**



PL hit Krause Springs once again with Planet Longhorners new and old for the semi-annual camping trip! After buying out the gas station in coolers and downing massive amounts of Opie's BBQ, we spent the afternoon chilling out at the springs swimming, tanning, rope-swinging, and "hydrating" ourselves. Despite a burn ban, thanks to the boys, we managed to build a fire on and around the barrel it was supposed to be "in". Forgot a spatula, but James Chiang (replacing our ever favorite griller, Tim Myers) was there to save the day by flipping burgers with a machete. The night continued with more hydration and of course, smores! Bagels for breakfast (we learned our lesson from the 1st PL camping, attempting to cook eggs for 30 on hand-made foil "pan"...terrible idea), and we managed to not lose anyone, not even the elusive Mick!



## Mardi Gras Party

The Mardi Gras-Austin style wasn't too shabby: we had more than enough beer, beads, and babies in King's cake for the few that were around in Austin. King's cake = amazing. Especially, apple. Even better than King's cake, we raised \$108 for Salvation Army relief in New Zealand!!! (note, picture on left is from ACTUAL Mardi Gras)



## Forty Acres Fest

Forty Acres Fest was a great success! Students came, listened to sound clips of our favorite internationals and guessed where they were from. The day only got better when Jacob brought a huge platter of baked goods. Then our booth became really popular!



## SPRING BREAK!!

Some of us went to the beach, some, out of the country. And some went to the beaches outside of the country. Those who stayed in Austin got to experience the awesomeness of free music, drinks, celebrity sightings, and swag at SXSW. Who knew we'd need a break after our spring break? Only 7 weeks of school left now which means it's time to make the most of it!



# Jess Foran



**Nationality:**

Australian

**Home University:**

University of  
Melbourne  
Semester

**Studied at UT:**

Fall 2009 and  
Spring 2010

**What are you studying?**

Everything (well technically I've graduated now but my uni is taking a while to figure that out.)

**What are you doing now?**

Right now? Baking. I got new cup cake pans.

**Favorite Planet**

**Longhorn memory:**

Spontaneous BBQ's inspired by the sun/ volleyball/ leftover cases of keystone/half finished kegs. (especially the part where I try to go to bed and find four other people already in my bed)

**What I miss most about Austin:**

Where do I start? Queso. Plaid shirts. Sandstone buildings. IHOOH. Pecan Porter. Club 21rio. Ridiculous amounts of orange (sorry "burnt orange"). Terrible music being considered cool. Ham and cheese toasties. The first amendment. The many pools/gyms/games they call sports. 2am trips to Wal-Mart in The Rapist's car. Meximarts. Salsa. I could go on forever.

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**Where will you be in ten years?**

What kind of question is that?

**Where will you go on your next trip?**

Ask me sometime after I've paid off all my debts. But maybe NZ?

**Expected date of return to Austin:**

2012 SXSW. (or as soon as I have a big win at the races)

**A Note From Jess:**

Since returning from Texas I get in trouble for addressing my clients as "Y'all", I have Zac Brown band on repeat on my ipod and I tear up at the sight of anything orange (lucky very few people in the rest of the world deem it a suitable colour for public places). But I think it's safe to say that a little bit of you guys will be with me forever (probably a big bit actually). To those of you that are still there, keep living the dream, and appreciate it. To the PL officers, you are absolute legends. To those of you who are all around the world, I miss y'all. Come and visit me in Sydney. j xo

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