

September 2010

Planet Longhorn

Letters from Austin, TX

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

Beer Pong Tournament Extravaganza Sept. 18th

We had an unfortunate incident at UT this past month. Tuesday morning of the 28th, a young man (a UT student) brought a gun to campus and fired several open shots before running into the Perry-Castañeda Library and killing himself with a gunshot wound on the 6th floor of the library. The university went into lockdown upon reports of the gunman, and students already on campus were held in lockdown for about 3 hours until it was confirmed that the campus was safe. The university extends its regrets to the family members and fellow students of the deceased.

IM Sports Teams:

Flag Football:

Wins- 1
Losses- 1
Ties- 1

The PL **soccer** team is doing awesome- we won our first game with a score of 7-0!

Photo credit: Michael Heyne



So we decided at an officer meeting one Sunday that we needed to just throw a party. We then decided to justify "just throwing a party" with a theme- what better way to show our new exchange students a typical American college party than with beer pong? This idea developed into the incredibly successful, first ever PL Extreme Beer Pong Tournament Extravaganza. A total of 32 teams were able to participate, with side games going on simultaneously for those who wanted to play but didn't have a team signed up. The event, which was initially set to take place at the Block Games room, was moved at the last minute to a frat house, thanks to ACACIA Fraternity who kindly hosted us. We had some fantastic referees who volunteered to watch games and keep the red plastic cups filled throughout the night. Congratulations to the winning team- "El Taco!" and many thanks to Michael Heyne who did a fabulous job as a DJ and photographer.



Photo credit: Michael Heyne

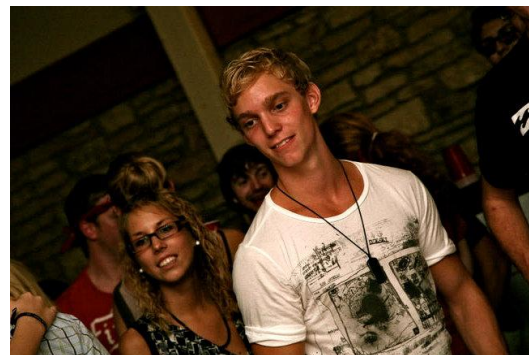


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Vanda Panda turns 21! Sept. 10th

Vanda's 21st birthday was celebrated World-Cup style, with no less than 1,000 jello shots, 4-lokos, beer, and Shakira. Guests were encouraged to dress accordingly to represent their respective countries, whether that country made it to the World Cup or not- an excuse to wear your country's flag as a cape... and for guys to paint their fingernails? ☺ Some of us pitched in to surprise the birthday girl with her very own beer pong table- in pink! The event was held at the Block Games room, and ended with girls in bikinis throwing water off the balcony at people below, using human-sized spoons..? Since the party was held on a Friday and Vanda's actual birthday was the following Sunday, Saturday night was the second night of celebrations with free shots on 6th street, including a ride on a mechanical bull...!



Photo Credit: Ragheb al Halabi

This year, Planet Longhorn decided to invite all exchange students to attend the Carvajal Group Tailgates, which are all season long and include free food and drinks for the rest of the year with the purchase of one \$20 wristband. All proceeds collected from wristband sales will go to Lifeworks, a local charity that "*transitions youth and families from crisis to safety and success*". Students can of course still attend the tailgate without a wristband if they wish to participate without receiving food or drinks. The exchange students were a bit overwhelmed by the heat (and probably by all the burnt orange) but many said they enjoyed the tailgate even more than the football game itself!

Alum of the Month: John Burns



Nationality: Australian
Home University:
 University of New South Wales –
 Sydney (UNSW)
Semester Studied at UT:
 Fall 2009

What are you studying?

I studied Commerce/Business, finished now though.

What are you doing now?

Working at Morgan Stanley, Equities Research, in Sydney.

Favorite Planet Longhorn memory:

A tie between floating down the river drinking Bud trying to rescue the beer that had fallen out of the esky, Halloween when the girls dressed me up as Wonder woman, Vanda's parties with a billion jello shots, beer pong in the park next to the football stadium playing Blake and watching him get super excited about a double cup shot, going out to 6th street with everyone and dancing awfully to RnB

whilst all the local kids (especially James Chiang) killing it on the dance floor, ordering shots of the 'Blue Wave' down on 6th street, going to New Orleans with 10+ PL crew and ordering those Grenade drinks. Actually, all my PL memories are good :)

What I miss most about

Austin: Planet Longhorn, the people, college lifestyle, Cain and Abels, \$1 beers, Football, Colt, 6th street, James Chiang's ridiculous dancing, Vanda's jello shots, Desi's movie choices, beer pong, carving out Halloween pumpkins, a certain girl from PL, did I mention the \$1 beers?, Rugby with UT, Pass/Fail uni subjects, PL flag football, my truly awesome neighbors at OrangeTree, queso, Kerbey Lane, all the live music, all of the PL parties at

HoG.

Where will you be in ten years? No idea, but I do hope it involves a strong bourbon and coke.

Where will you go on your next trip? I'm returning to Austin, super excited too. See y'all in November.

Misc: I really hope all the new Planet Longhorn guys and girls are having fun. Best advice I got - try everything, say no to nothing (except maybe frat guys...), get involved. Hope you all have a great time. Contact info: My email is johnburns01@gmail.com, I'm also on skype - [john_burns_sydney](https://www.skype.com/user/john_burns_sydney). If any of you are ever in Sydney, don't hesitate to call, or let me know you're in town. A friend of PL is a friend of mine.