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# Planet Longhorn

## Letters from Austin, TX

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

### **Intramural Stats:**

#### • Flag Football –

The season ended 1-3. Though if we counted halves instead of entire games, it would've been maybe 4-4. ;)

#### • Soccer –

With one make-up game left, the PL IM Soccer team is 1-1-1. PL scored 7 goals to 1 during the last game!!

#### • Volleyball –

PL's Volleyball team finished a solid season 2-2!!

### **Updates in Austin:**

• Leslie the 6<sup>th</sup> Street hobo spent about three weeks in an Austin hospital after being attacked on Oct. 3, 2009.

• The UT Longhorn football team is currently UNDEFEATED!!!

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**“My friends back home are all so jealous!”**

*-Chantelle Forster (University of Edinburgh), on her experience as a sorority girl at UT.*

## **Cocktail Affair** October 9, 2009

Planet Longhorn held its traditional Fall Cocktail Party at Aces Lounge on Sixth Street on the evening of Oct 9! Aces Lounge is a burlesque-themed lounge and night club featuring live music on the first floor. The entire second level and VIP lounge was reserved for Planet Longhorn! The cocktail party

Oskar Schmidt (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien), Vanda Taupradist (UT), Michael Tatschl (WU Wien), Ragheb (American University of Beirut), Michael Nobis (WU Wien)  
*Photo Credits: Vanda Taupradist*



was catered by a favorite local Austin taco restaurant, TacoDeli. Taco Deli brought chips and queso and beef and veggie fajitas!

The cocktail party saw guest visitors from Sydney, Australia and Planet Longhorn alumni Megan Harrison (UT) and Phil Moore (UNSW).

## **Exchange students join Sororities**

Chantelle Forster, a 2009-2010 Scottish exchange student, is one of Planet Longhorn's first international members to join a Greek organization on campus.

Chantelle and a few other international students joined the Sigma Delta Tau sorority. She found out about the group at an organization fair at the start of the semester. Chantelle liked the girls she met and wanted to enjoy a traditional American college experience so she decided to go for it!

"It's a great way to meet new people when arriving in a new country. We have so much fun eating out together, learning from each other's different cultures and of course, going to lots of parties!

Also, the girls have been so welcoming and supportive especially knowing that I am an international student," she said. "Some of the girls have offered to take me to their family home for thanksgiving which is really sweet."



Chantelle Forster (Uni of Edinburgh), in the back row third from the right, poses with the Sigma Delta Tau girls before a night out.

*Photo Contributed by Chantelle Forster*



Top: James Chiang's (UT) pumpkin  
Bottom: Niklas Eckert and Benni Koepple from Bucerius Law School pose with their German pumpkin. Photo Credits: Vanda Taupradist

## International Pumpkin Carving Competition!

Over thirteen countries were represented in Planet Longhorn's International Pumpkin Carving Competition on Thursday, Oct 29. Each participating country received a pumpkin and a pack of carving utensils on the Orange Tree Patio. When everyone was finished, their pumpkins were lined together. Each pumpkin and a team representative presented their pumpkin with a pumpkin name and a brief

The French team gathers for a photo with their winning pumpkin and their prize, a 24-pack of Orange Bud Light. Photo Credit: Vanda Taupradist



speech on why their pumpkin should win. After intense debate, the Planet Longhorn judges announced the winners!

First Place: France  
Runner Up: Belgium  
Third Place: Germany

### Mariale Colin



**Nationality:** Spanish  
**Home University:** Universidad Pontifica de Comillas, Madrid  
**Semester studied at UT:** Fall 2008 - Spring 2009

**What are you studying?** Psychology.

**What are you doing now?** Still studying. I'm in my 4th year and will graduate spring 2011. I also work as a swimming teacher in a nearby pool and have to deal with 3-year-olds every Saturday morning.

**What I miss most about Austin:** Obviously all the people!! And Cain and Abel's. And walking

around campus and Guadalupe. And Kerbey Queso.

**Favorite Planet Longhorn Memory:** Halloween! so much fun and really cool that everyone was so into it. Definitely not something you see in Spain. Oh! and the Masquerade ball in the spring was awesome too! Basically anything that involved all the members from planet longhorn being in a party mood.

**Free write:** I really miss Austin and everyone I met there. Everyone's welcome to come to Madrid to visit and I really hope we can organize a reunion some time!! Promise to let you know when I go visit your country/city, even if it's just for a quick stop. Will always remember y'all. xxx

**Skype-ID:** mariale\_colinbet

## Halloween Festivities!

Planet Longhorn celebrated Halloween all week! A group of 35

Liana Depew (UT), Machiel Bakker (Technische Universiteit Delft), Vanda Taupradist (UT), and Adriaan Van Zijl (Technische Universiteit Delft). Photo Credit: Liana Depew



students went to the House of Torment haunted house on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Then Planet Longhorn had its Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 30 at the House of Guys in West Campus which saw over 400 guests!

This year's most memorable costumes included the Statue of Liberty, a lobster, Marilyn Monroe and more!

Everyone headed to Sixth Street on actual Halloween Night to see more!