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# Planet Longhorn

Letters from Austin, TX

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

## Thanksgiving Potluck November 20, 2009



Planet Longhorn had its first annual Thanksgiving dinner in the Jefferson 26 Games Room. Everyone brought a dish unique to their country, and we all enjoyed an international dinner.

-Amuse-Bouches of tomato, feta, and pesto and of smoked salmon and avocado, and also sugar and Nutella crêpes from the French

-Danish frikadeller meatballs

-Tiramisu from the Italians

-Pavlova from the Australians, a sweet fluffy meringue dessert topped with summer berries

-A big turkey and ham, green bean casseroles, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pies from the Americans

International dishes included:

-Yorkshire Pudding from the British

**Top:** Tomato, feta, and pesto amuse-bouches from the French  
**Bottom:** Pavlova from the Australians  
*Photo Credits: Fanny Dufrois*



...and more! There was a poster where everyone drew turkey hands and wrote what they were thankful for. Everyone left the dinner stuffed and happy!

### Rooftop Party

*Planet Longhorn collected 135 cans of food, 131 pounds of food, at their Rooftop Party on Friday, November 6, 2009. Everything was donated to the Austin Food Bank.*

## PL IM Soccer team makes it to Playoffs

The original qualifier for the Coed-C playoffs division from the 3:00pm Sunday timeslot backed out of their first game because all of the team members had an exam during the first game. Their spot in the playoffs was replaced by Planet Longhorn. PL won the first playoff game 3-1 against The Abusement Park, then moved onto the semi-finals and played KUSA, a team full of very fast Koreans. PL lost to KUSA; the score is unimportant. Planet Longhorn played a great season and was ecstatic to have made it so far in the playoffs!

Planet Longhorn IM Soccer Team  
*Photo Credit: Dana Yu*



## Planet Longhorn T-shirts

Front of T-shirt

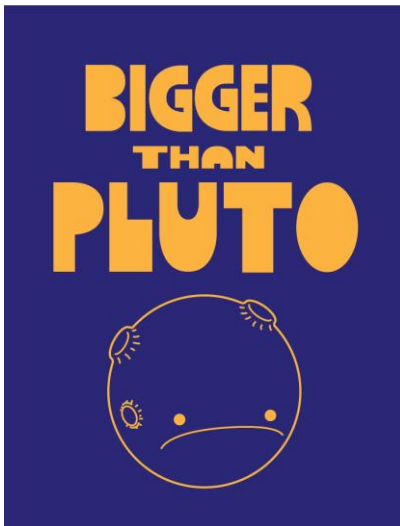


Planet Longhorn's first t-shirts are designed by Director of Events James Chiang. They are printed on American Apparel shirts and available in both men's and women's sizes. We hope they will be a great source of memorabilia for the exchange students and for members involved with Planet Longhorn!



Jessie Foran (U. Melbourne) sports her brand new PL t-shirt at the final UT home football game's tailgate. *Photo Credit: Rachel Taylor*

Back of T-shirt



### Q&A with the Designer

**PL:** How long did it take to design the shirt?

**JC:** It took me the better part of three days, though most of that time was just remembering how to use Illustrator. Once I figured that out it was much quicker!

**PL:** What experience do you have in design?

**JC:** I've never taken design classes or anything unless you count Art in 6th grade, I just doodle a LOT in class. Seriously. ...

... A lot. I even had a friend hang my class "notes" on his wall. Adobe Illustrator was completely self-taught, and therefore I'm probably pretty bad at it. I'm looking forward to doing a lot more work with it next semester though as I should have more time.

## Alumni of the Month: Hanan Townshend

Hanan Townshend



**Nationality:** Kiwi  
**Home University:** Victoria University, Wellington  
**Semester studied at UT:** Fall 08, Spring 09

**What are you studying?** Bachelor of Music in Composition

**What are you doing now?** I am currently composing for 2 feature films as well as producing a young Kiwi band. Planning to go back to finish my last year at Victoria University in March of 2010.

**Favorite Planet Longhorn memory:** Ahhh... So many, so

many. The socialising and parties were killer! But I think the haunted house takes the cake, me and chainsaws dont mix!

**What I miss most about Austin:** Thunderstorms. Breakfast tacos. And that Texan sun.

**Where will u be in ten years?** Most likely Los Angeles.

**Where will you go on your next trip?** New York City!

**Expected date of return to Austin:** 1-2 years in the future.

**Free write:** Studying in Austin has been the most rewarding experience of my life thus far! It would not have happened the same without Planet Longhorn. Thanks to everyone in PL that have been running the 'behind-the-scenes' from day 1.