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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT POWERS



William C. Powers Esquire

University of Texas President

Dear students,

It is my pleasure to welcome all of the incoming freshmen to the University of Texas at Austin. Everyone at the University is glad to have you here, but I can assure you that nobody is more excited for you to be here than me, as I make it a point to get to know every single incoming freshman that walks onto campus.

In fact, I have a feeling that we might become more than just casual acquaintances; I think we could become best friends.

The University of Texas is one of the top academic institutions in the country. We boast a wide range of academic programs ranging from Biomechanical Engineering to Philosophy. UT is also home to one of the only college presidents in the country who is available 24/7 to just hang out or do whatever.

Our University is also renowned for its dynamic and diverse student life. Hundreds of student organizations are active on campus, and it's nearly impossible to walk through the West Mall without being petitioned to join some sort of cause. I don't know if you guys like causes,

but I know of some pretty cool ones if you are interested.

That could be like our little thing: joining causes.

And how could I forget about sports? UT boasts a wide range of nationally renowned sports teams. My personal favorite is football, and I never miss a game. I could definitely get you some tickets if you like. Unless you're not really into football, which is cool too. It's whatever.

I know we don't even really know each other, but I feel like we were just meant to be friends. You know what I mean? I'm so glad we all ended up at the same college and not someplace stupid like A&M.

I have already started making 7,000 friendship bracelets.

Many people don't realize that being the president of one of the largest universities in the country doesn't guarantee your popularity. In fact, sometimes I have to make decisions that some people don't appreciate. I've lost a lot of friends this way; barely anybody from the class of 2012 even talks to me anymore. But I know that you guys will be different, and that you will stay with me through the thick and the thin...because I love you.

I usually head to the Union Underground right after I get off work everyday, so if any of you feel like shooting some pool or drinking a cold glass of Pepsi you can count me in.

My number is 512-471-1232. Are you into text messages?

Sincerely, William C. Powers

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009-2010

August 25 – The day you empty your bank account and realize you will be in debt for the next 20 years
August 26 – Classes start sometime around here
August 27 – The first time you have to reach for your mace while walking across campus at night.
September 10 – Last official

add/drop day for carry-over summer romances
September 25 – The day you realize you're not going to have as much sex as the college students in movies
October 24 – You return home for the first time to discover your room has been turned into a baby room for your parents' new accident.

November 26-28 – Thanksgiving Break: time to gather enough turkey sandwiches to get you through January
December 25 – Day with the fat guy and all the white stuff
February 3 – 12th class day: Official enrollment count is taken
February 4 – 13th class day:

The day you regret all of the classes you enrolled in
March 2 – Probably a saint's day or something
March 15-20 – National Herpes Contraction Week
May 4 – The day you settle for a mediocre internship
May 7 – Last Class Day – Everyone signs each other's yearbooks!

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POPULAR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



— Hellraisers

Hellraisers are known for playing pranks on mean old deans and other un-cool bureaucrats on campus. Other tomfoolery includes putting tacks on the stadium bleachers, laying banana peels in front of concession lines, using slingshots to propel spit-wads at pretty girls, and giving the opposing team the stink eye while filling their water coolers with horse urine.

—The Hellraisers meet whenever the Longhorns need them the most

— Texas Blazers/Absolute Texxas/Texas Wranglers

Do you like these words: service, commitment, brotherhood, values, leadership, virtues, dedication, integrity, perseverance, excellence, teamwork, diversity, spirit, traditions, fortitude, rapport, honor, trust, and devotion? If so, Texas Blazers/Absolute

Texas/Texas Wranglers are perfect for you!

— Texas Blazers/ Absolute Texxas/ Texas Wranglers meet whenever community service hours are logged

— Eyes of Texas

Members of The Eyes of Texas serve to help the University of Texas but shhhh, don't tell anyone. Enjoy a free black cloak to symbolize the shroud of secrecy following the entirety of your being after joining this organization. Don't worry, as long as you keep the Eyes of Texas secret, none of our members will EVER have to kidnap, gag, and then beat you within an inch of your life.

— Eyes of Texas meets at the you-know-where during the darkest hour of the night (8pm). For entry, knock three times, wait until you hear four knocks, then knock five times again and sit down. Make sure not to face the door.

— MEC

Come sit for hours on end during a meeting of the Music and Entertainment Committee without accomplishing a single thing! You will have a great time arguing over the best Jonas Brother and why you joined this committee in the first place. Watch as a small bourgeois group of elites make all of the administrative decisions and leave your contributions by the wayside! Finally, boost your resume without actually having to do anything!

— MEC meets whenever "Karma Police" is played

— UT Lockpicking

This organization loves...not breaking into your professor's liquor cabinet, not opening bike locks then closing them again, not playing Grand Theft Auto in real life, and not breaking into the zoo and letting the tigers out for a little bit.

— The UT Lockpicking club meets in your room while you're in class.

And sometimes in your car.

— Young Conservatives of Texas

Young Conservatives of Texas Do you love rabble-rousing? Do you find pleasure in stirring up a bunch of rabble? Does playing with rabble sound like a good time to you? If so, the Young Conservatives of Texas are the right bunch for you.

— YCT meets whenever they can inconvenience others the most

— Plan II Pre-Med-Pre-Law-Chemical Engineering Society

Membership perks include: interaction with other human beings, 10-minute breaks (you can even go to the bathroom), coffee on Thursdays, pre-sharpened number 2 pencils, mental health checkups, and rooms with both windows and a chair.

— The Plan II society meets on the 25th hour of Monday

Frequently Asked Questions

What's up?

Not much, just chillin'.

Are you doing anything tonight?

Not really, just hanging out.

Wait, shouldn't these frequently asked questions be about UT and not just generic frequently asked questions?

Sure.

How do students pay tuition bills?

Either get your parents to pay, or get a damn job, moron.

Where do I go to get a new student ID card?

First you must get the New ID Application form notarized from a notary public in upstate New York. Then, form in hand, you must travel to the summit of the tower and answer the security guard's three riddles. Then, simply set up camp in the two mile long line in the FAC and wait it out.

What's the biggest surprise about living in the dorms?

President Powers comes to each person's dorm room in nothing but a towel to welcome them on the first day.

Is the STD testing free AND confidential?

It can be either free or confidential, but not both.

What do you think, does this look infected to you?

Jesus Christ! Contact University Health Services immediately. I don't want to EVER see that again, you sick fuck.

Who is William C. Powers, Esquire?

William Powers is the single most important person at the University. He is our President and fearless leader. He wakes up at dawn every morning to turn on all of the lights in campus buildings and fill BEVO's trough with fresh oats and hay. He skips his lunch on most days because he is too busy meeting with foreign leaders about the future of teaching C++ programming in the Computer Science program. He takes his

coffee with cream and cocoa powder and his raspberry lemonade with extra raspberries. He is justice, fortitude, and truth, and he will teach you to never underestimate the power of a burnt orange tie and a head of soft, full-bodied hair. Love him.

Is that homeless man next to the COOP enjoying self?

Yes.

What's it like going to a UT football game for the first time?

Remember the time you had your first kiss? It's just like that, except add 80,000 drunk college students and no kissing.

What else is there to do besides going to football games?

TEXAS! FIGHT! TEXAS! FIGHT!

Where's a quiet place to study on campus?

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What if, hypothetically speaking, I were to accidentally start a fire in my dorm room? Not that I ever would, but seriously, what should I do if there's an inferno blazing in my room?

You should probably get out of there.

Where can I stay if my room is burned down?

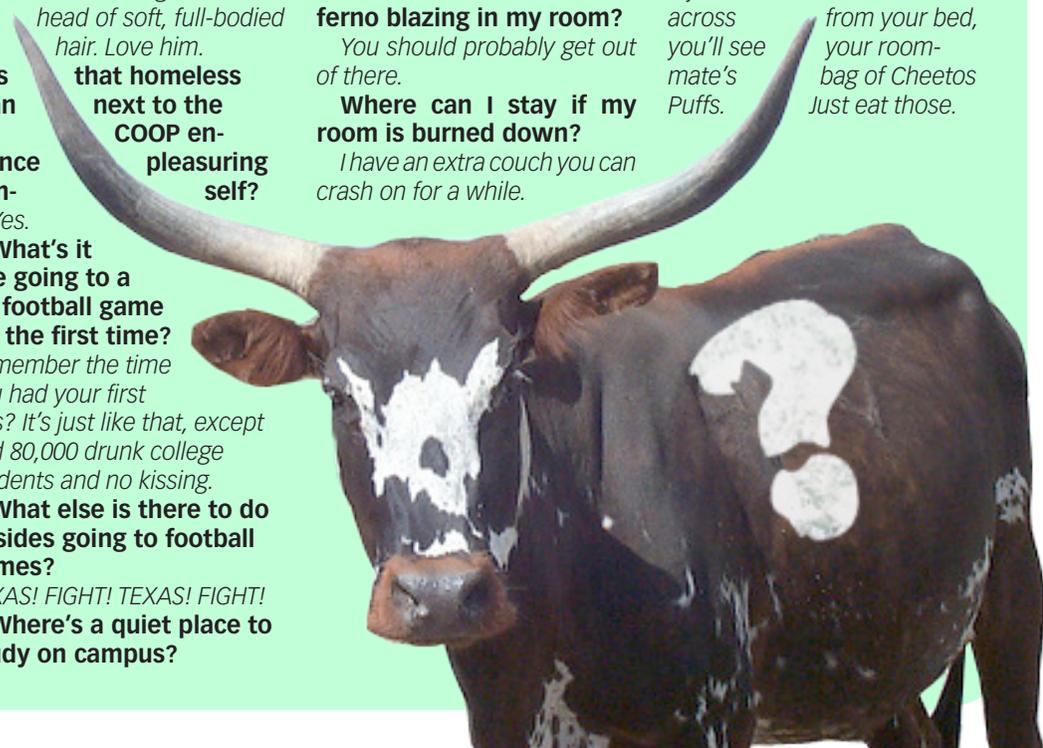
I have an extra couch you can crash on for a while.

What if I get homesick?

You should probably drop out of college. That is not normal.

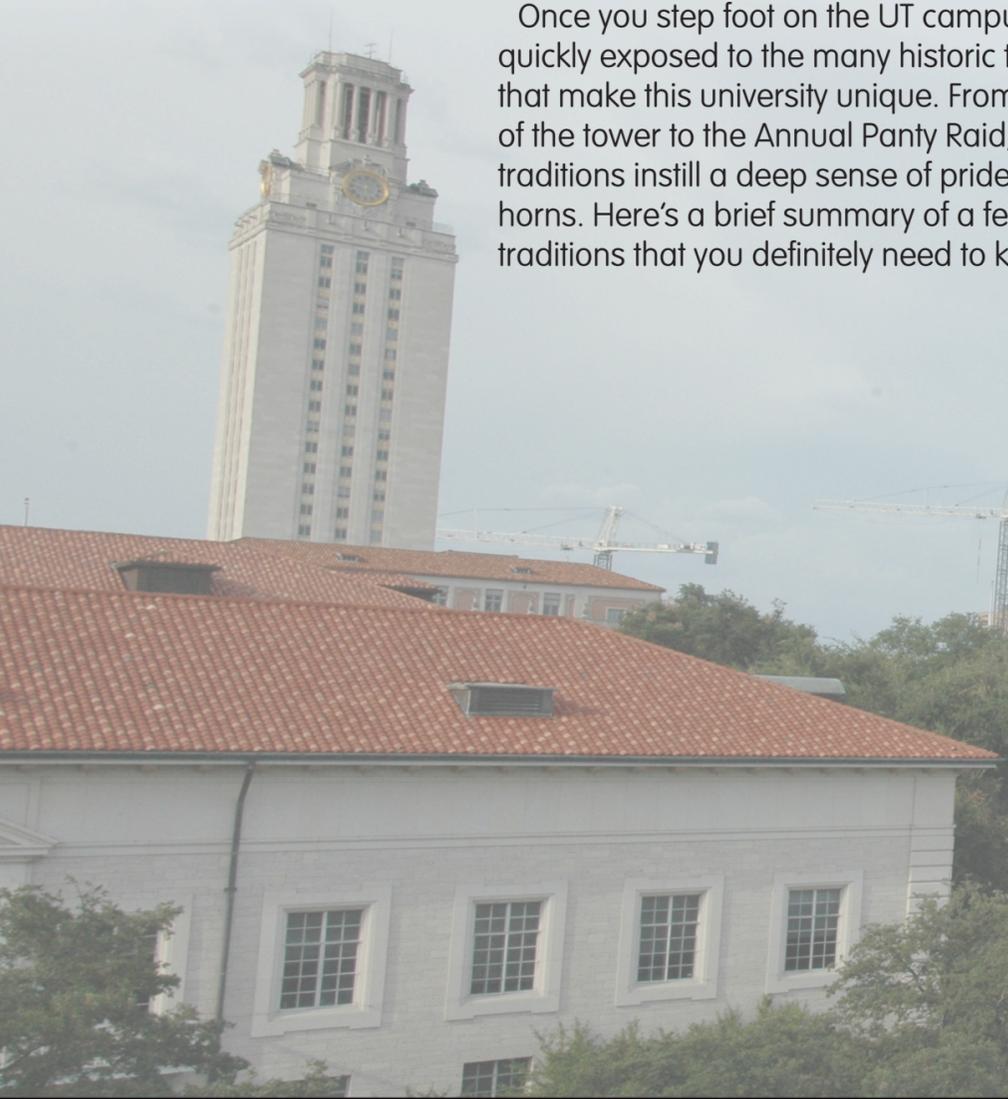
Where is the best place to get food in Jester? I have so many options!

If you look in the cabinet across from your bed, you'll see your room-bag of Cheetos. Just eat those. mate's Puffs.



Famous Traditions

Once you step foot on the UT campus, you're quickly exposed to the many historic traditions that make this university unique. From the lighting of the tower to the Annual Panty Raid, UT's rich traditions instill a deep sense of pride in all Longhorns. Here's a brief summary of a few campus traditions that you definitely need to know about.



The Annual Panty Raid

Kinsolving's dirty laundry day

A long held tradition at UT where male students storm the co-ed dorms and demand that the female residents throw their dirty laundry down at them. Once all of the undergarments are gathered, the male students promptly take them to the laundry room, wash them, and then return them to their rightful owner.



Football

That thing that all those drunk people are screaming at

Every fall, thousands of students and Austinites get belligerently drunk and scream loudly at large men running around in orange fights. During the off-season, these same men and women sit around all day reminiscing about the times they got belligerently drunk and screamed at those large men in orange fights.



Acronyms

Better start learning these

H.Y.O. with the G.W.Q, students at UT use A.O.A. to H.C. It's something that D.E.H.V.M.N.



The Longhorn Band

Apparently never got the band-not-cool message

Unlike their fellow students who spend Saturdays drinking and having fun, band members lock themselves in practice rooms to rehearse scales for hours on end. Despite practicing tirelessly to perfect their formations, they have absolutely no idea that everyone in the audience is taking a huge piss right now.



"What Starts Here Changes the World"

I should probably be, "Starting but Never Finishing Change in the World"

What starts here will certainly help get the ball rolling for someone at Harvard to change the world. UT students pride themselves on starting things that will one day aid students from more prestigious schools to change the world. Even as you read this, there is a student out there right now who will one day help run a more intelligent and charismatic person for president and then fade into oblivion as the elected leader alters the course of history.



Lighting the Tower

We pride ourselves in our ability to waste enormous amounts of energy

The UT Tower is lit up in bright burnt orange to signify recent accomplishments of the University. However, it is also illuminated when there are no recent accomplishments and UT just wants to demonstrate its ability to pay soaring electric bills each month with your tuition.



The Hex Rally

Don't expect to win without sacrificing some virgins

On the eve of Texas-Texas A&M game, Mack Brown sacrifices ten freshmen from Kinsolving to appease the mighty sports god Bevo before the crucial game. After the football captain douses himself in Aggie blood to end the ceremony, everyone grabs a large slice of pepperoni pizza from Slices and Ices.

Stand Up for Justice

Orientation was a great way to meet new people, sign up for classes, and find out what the University has to offer. One of the highlights was learning about diversity in Hogg Auditorium. Here's a quick refresher of what happened...

I am Asian-American, but I do not play violin, am not a math major, and do not watch anime. Most of the time, you can find me at the pool hanging out with friends or reading Emily Dickinson for my American Literature class. I am proud of my heritage, but it does not define me.

I am a mutant. Sure, I have a bright radioactive glow around my body and legs for arms, but that is not who I am. If you want to get to know me, all you have to do is look past my lime-green, scaled skin and into one of my three functioning hearts to see that I am just as normal as the next guy who doesn't need to breathe oxygen.

I am Bevo. Most people know me from UT football games. But what I bet you didn't know is that every night I dream about becoming a speed skater for the US Olympic team. Just because I am the symbol for the UT tradition doesn't mean I don't have aspirations to one day strap on specially-fitted skates and race around a rink with the best in the world.

I am a tenured professor. People think I'm too old to want to do anything fun, and that I'm out of touch with the "cool" crowd. However, I bet you didn't know I'm having this totally awesome party next weekend that everyone's invited to if you want to come. I would like to extend a special invitation to all of the chicks out there, as my wife and I are divorced and it has been some time since I have gotten laid.

I am a serial killer. People think I'm mentally deranged and spend most of my time plotting my next murder, shooting people execution style, or hiding all evidence of my killing spree. However, did you know that I volunteer at the local food bank when I'm not serially killing?

I am also Asian-American, and I practice violin for three hours a day and study for my advanced mathematics courses the rest of the day. I take a short break at 11:40 to watch an episode of my favorite anime series, "Naruto," and nourish my body. Then, I proceed to study for the rest of the night. I have not slept in four days.



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DESIGNING, or
ILLUSTRATING funny
stuff? How 'bout just
hangin' around with a bunch
of cool cats? Well then good
news! The **TEXAS TRAV-**
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line at texastravesty.com

