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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT POWERS

William C. Powers
University of Texas President

Howdy, Shalom, y Qué Pasa UT,
Allow me to formally introduce myself to ustedes. The name’s Bill Powers — like actually, my last name is freakin’ Powers — and I’m the President of the University of Texas at Austin. I would like to welcome you all to the Forty Acres.

I can already tell that this is going to be a better year. I mean, I met some awesome people at orientation last year, and we hung out and stuff, but we got busy with classes and then we only played Halo like once a month. Eventually they just stopped answering my texts, but it’s cool, whatevs.

So although last year’s freshmen were a pretty big disappointment, I have faith that your class won’t be such losers (LOL don’t tell them plz). It’s “What starts here changes the world,” not “What starts here complains about the homeless people.” You may not know it, but I’ve been scouting you guys out. I picked each and every one of you based on your applications. I think each of you definitely bring something to the mix. I can’t wait for you to be the Situation to my Pauly D.

I hope you will make the most of your four years here. I also hope you will make long, fulfilling friendships, and learn many things about the world around you, inside you, and inside of others. But please, always use a condom.

I’m going to be working as an RA in San Jac this fall, so I’ll be around whenever you need something or if you just want to chill out. I just bought a new Frisbee.

College may seem scary to some of you weaker freshmen. You now have to worry about GPAs, time management, large classes, homesickness, and your parents forgetting about you. Well, fear not, because I have two words for you: Sam Aho.

Now I’m going to go shopping for an anniversary gift for my hot wife, Kim. Do you think she’d want another scented candle?

Hook ’em,
Billy P.

PS. Check out my blog — towertalkie.com.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010-2011

August 25 – Miss first day of classes and learn that the Hogg Memorial Auditorium and the William C. Hogg building are different things. Idiot.
August 26 – You eat a hot dog at Jester. Within an hour you learn that you should never do this thing again.
September 10 – Last chance to drop classes, and twelve days was enough to figure out that you simply aren’t smart enough to be an engineer.

October 12 – Sit through 90 minute rant by liberal professor explaining why you assholes don’t get Columbus Day off.
November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break: Have regretful hook up with high school girlfriend. Think about girl living in 548 the whole time and start crying.

December 6 – Finals begin, and in addition to not being able to do Calculus, your inability to correctly determine the grade you need pass M408C indicates that you can’t do addition either.

January 10 – University Health Services re-opens and begins offering condoms to students for Spring semester, but by now you’ve learned that grabbing some saran wrap from the dining hall is a much shorter walk.

February 11 – The day you realize the freshmen 15 was more like 40 and it all went straight to your ass.

February 16 – First pregnancy-scare induced ulcer.
March 24 – Second pregnancy-scare induced ulcer.
April 10 – Your body, once and for all, rejects all Wendy’s products.
May 20 – Get final grades back, conclude college was the best year ever, apply for job at Target.

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SHOUT OUTS TO...
Nacho ishido, Nacho bucket ulcer: Get on my level. Figure it out. Some of us. Layar stories are dodged on Sundays. Pa Vie is ok; The Union is closed. Leo and Phil at Diablo Rojo: New Movement Improv, Aaron’s roommate gave all his stuff to Goodwill. Everyone’s out of town or has finals, Backstreet Boys, Celine Dion, Dark Vador button, Justin Bieber’s water bottle attack, Screwin’ Shout Out, Shout Out.

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Looking Forward to your life as a longhorn

UTestimonials

I came to UT as a National Merit Scholar and ranked in the top 2 percent of my high school class. Realizing I wasn’t cut out for engineering, I majored in philosophy. I graduated with honors in 2009. Since then, I’ve discovered my profound knowledge of existentialism doesn’t mean shit on a Pizza Hut application. Last week, I literally used my degree to ignite a fire in a trash can so that I could eat a squirrel behind the Target on I-35.

— Dave McLean, Class of 2009

I got degree from St. Edwards in Psychology, but told everyone I was in the business school at UT. As soon as I graduated I got a job at Proctor & Gamble, and because I beat out the recession, I got hefty promotion early on. I was able to get by with my loose knowledge of the city of Austin and the burnt orange dress I wore to the interview. Thank you, UT Austin.

— Sheila Portilla, Class of 2006

My time at UT taught me not to be afraid to try anything new — I mean anything. I discovered sophomore year that studying for an organic chemistry exam can take upwards of 30 hours, but seducing your professor in his office usually doesn’t take any longer than 15 minutes. My 4.0 had every medical school in the country clamoring for me. Be sure to take Barry Dahling’s biology class. He gives great recommendations and likes it when you nibble on his ears.

— Dr. Elizabeth Willaby, Class of 2002

Goo ga ga ga blaaaf goo gaa! Gooba fuda blah bu bu buuuh? Gabba gabba nah pffffffffffffft!

— Madison Shiler, Class of 2032

College was the best four years of my life. Seriously, it was the only remotely enjoyable existence I have or ever will know. Right now I’m a lawyer with a wife and two kids. I make a six figure salary and drive a foreign sports car. Yesterday I found myself standing at the window of my corner office and just staring at the ground. I stared at the cold earth 60 stories below for three hours.

Go Longhorns!

— Paul Horne, Class of 2000

College is a growing experience for everyone, and 4+ years is bound to change you. Here’s a look at an everyday longhorn’s yearly changes.

Freshman

Freshmen are full of excitement, optimism and naïvety.

Sophomore

Sophomores have moved off campus, and know how to be really cool.

Junior

2 years down.

Senior

Seniors are full of bitter anger and raging doubt.

Super Senior

Super seniors have decided to ride the college wave for a little longer than expected. Party on!

Grad Student

Some majors practically require grad school to become useful.

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Rush

WHAT THEY SAY VS. WHAT THEY MEAN

Our sorority prides itself on high GPAs.

Our sorority prides itself on low BMIs.

Hey, we think you’re a really cool person. You should come pledge our fraternity.

Hey, we think you have enough money to pay dues and will let us stick ping pong balls up your ass.

We have a large, varied alumni-base in all careers for you to network with.

There’s going to be a bunch of old dudes coming to drink beer at your house whenever they want.

Hey, hope you enjoy the trash can punch!

Hey, hope you enjoy the date rape!

What got you interested in psychology?

I think she’s got an ethnicity. Ew.

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It was so nice to meet you!


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You just moved to college, so you’re bound to run into some problems while adjusting to your new fast-paced and very exciting lifestyle. Luckily, the Travesty is here for you with this handy guide on how to handle some of freshman’s most common emergencies.

Forgot to Study for a Test

Odds are you're going to spend a lot of time doing absolutely nothing in college. So much so that it will cut into your studying time. After all, StarCraft 2 isn't going to pwn itself. Here are tips for passing that exam you so dutifully ignored.

- Sit beside a confident sorority girl — they already have the answers to the test.
- Write as much as possible on that essay exam. The T.A. is just looking for specific words, and if you throw a bunch of shit at the wall, something's bound to stick.
- Make a sketch of Mickey Mouse by bubbling in your scantron. Depending on how jaded your professor is, this may very well garner a passing grade.

Sexiled

So your locked out your dorm room because your roommate is having sex. First, take heart, at least someone in M342 is getting laid. Here are your options:

- Wait it out, given the hormones and the limited space, this shouldn't take that long.
- Use a credit card to try to pick the lock, then try your luck at seamlessly joining in on the action. *Take caution, this will not work.*
- Find a vacant bench outside Gregory Gym and use a few copies of the Daily Texan for cover.

No Social Life

So it seems the college crowd isn't enamored with your ability to easily borrow your parents Corolla. Looks like you're going to have to go to plan B in order to salvage a semblance of social life in college.

- Start dealing.
- Always off-handedly mention that you went to the same high school as Taylor Swift and that you aren't really friends but you know, you still text every now and again.
- Photoshop hot girls in your Facebook profile picture. Aim for a rotation between blonde, brunette and red-heads every four days — be sure to try to throw in an Asian once a month for good measure (For girls, replace hot with butt-ugly).

Got a Hangover

It's not called Four Loko because you should drink four of them. It's OK rookie, it happens to the best of homeless people. Here are some tips from recovering from your “never drinking alcohol again” morning.

- Keep drinking. That should help.
- Get the greasiest hamburger you can find. Make your body more concerned with impending heart disease than debilitating dehydration.
- Try drinking some Drano. Always keep the liver guessing.

Your Roommate is Kevin Spacey

Well, shit. Tough break. Pot luck roommates can be an unfortunate experience, and it looks like you got stuck with K-PAX.

- Watch out for sudden falling rose petals. They’re slippery and a bitch to clean up.
- If you’ve seen the movie Se7en, you might want to hide all of your empty boxes lying around.
- You need to lay down the law early about where he can put his two Oscars. Spacey likes to sleep with one of them, but the other one could be a tripping hazard around the room.
What's this? Oh, nothing, just the coolest place on campus.

**THE UNION**

Look at that fucking Union. Is that the Tower in the background? Shit, being a Longhorn is cool.

Need to study? BAM! The Union's got chairs. Hell yeah they do. And tables.

That's right motherfucker. More chairs.

Damn, just when you think they can't have any more chairs, they do. These ones have birds. I know you want to sit in these chairs.

Is this a bowling alley? Because it looks like a bitchin' rave.

Shit yeah. Check out that fine dining.

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Shit, are those pool tables? We all grown up now, baby.

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Welcome, Freshmen! The University of Texas can be a confusing place, but don’t worry -- the Travesty has complied a helpful map to guide you during your first semester at college. This Campus Compass will turn agonizing seconds of Googling campus buildings into cheerful hours of plotting your route around the 40 Acres. You can find your favorite spot to eat and study, or if you’re looking for a good time, jot down our hot spot suggestions. Don’t forget: Hook ’em!

Key:
- Pot spots
- Police busts
- Construction sites
- Social/political change

1. The Drag
2. Duren (new guy on campus)
3. Ugmo (a.k.a. Comm Building)
4. Dick Cheney’s secret office
5. Hogg Memorial Sweatshop
6. Dobie (a.k.a. the office of Lex Luthor)
7. Scottish Rite Dormitory
8. Kin’s Market (oh, yeah, and there’s a dorm in too)
9. Virgin Vault
10. Raptor pen
11. [Insert obligatory penis joke]
12. Liberal arts six pack
13. Pterodactyl Tower
14. SSB
15. Seniors only building
16. Business School
17. PCL (looks just like Texas from above)
18. Engineering Building
19. RLM Cyclotron Explosion
20. Albino Squirrel Cloning Facility
21. Gregory Hotel and Casino
22. Jester
23. Money Pit
24. LAN cave
25. Blanton
26. Music Building
27. Experimental Science Building
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29. Bevo Breeding Facility
30. Art Building
31. Philosophy Building is here depending on how you look at it.
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