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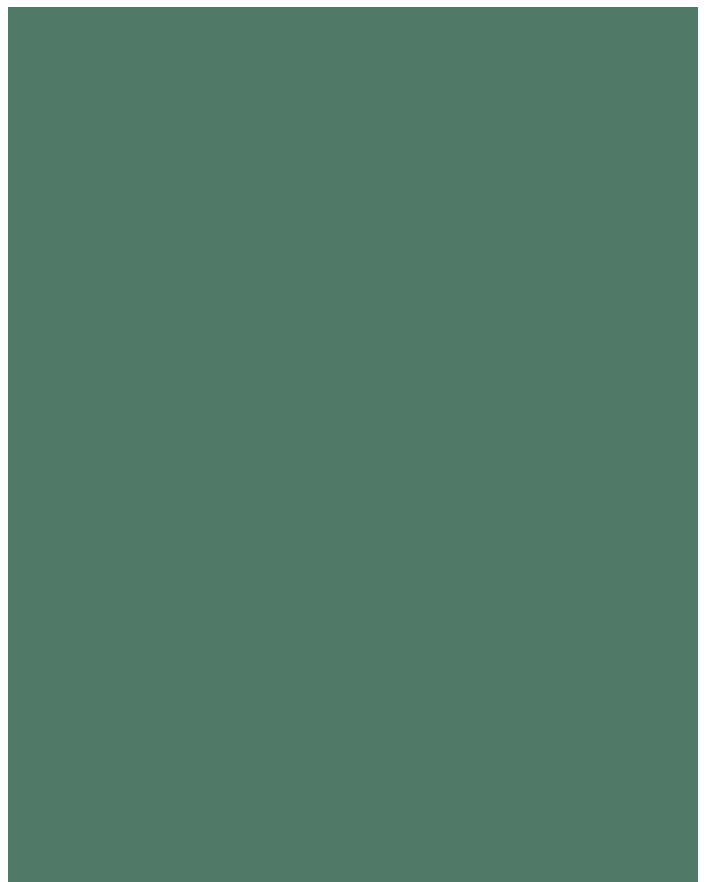
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ABSAs SPRING INTEREST MEETING

by Jaclyn Nguyen

After a restful month-long break, I think we could all agree the energy at ABSA's Spring Interest Meeting was reminiscent of the first day of school. Old friends recalled their ski trips and holiday celebrations, while new faces introduced themselves to the 200+ crowd. Members welcomed newcomers with warm smiles and the "Hey! How's it going?!" After tabling for nearly two weeks, the turnout for the first spring meeting flooded the 1st floor of GSB. Our ABSA family was about to grow tremendously.

The spring 2012 semester awaited large events like Launch, New York CFT, and the second round of Feed Your Mind. During the meeting, Grace "graced" the audience with her Quote of the Week and the ever-popular Brown Bag Lunch sign-ups. The rest of the officers charmed the excitable crowd as well, and through interactive games and yummy food, who wouldn't be impressed?

The ambience in the first meeting back was nothing but positive. Friends were reconnecting, midterms were weeks away, and not to mention ABSA families were looking for new recruits. With the refreshing sight of laughs and engaging conversations, all that could be said was, "Let's get back down to business, ABSA!"

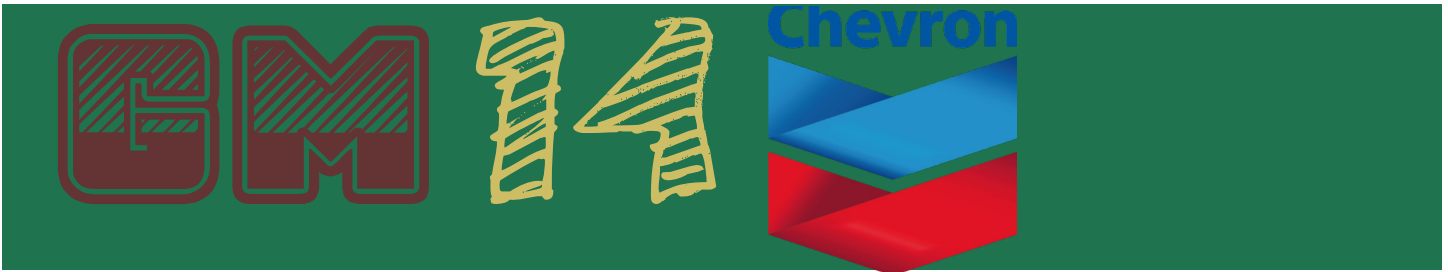
by Chopin Chen

On January 26, 2012, James Eng visited ABSA again on behalf of General Electric. Continuing from last semester when he did a workshop on resume building, he talked about career fairs at General Meeting #13. After covering the basic repertoire of tips for career fair preparation, he also imparted some valuable advice and food for thought. While we as students may feel more comfortable in clusters at career fairs, recruiters find it difficult to get to have meaningful contact with students when they approach them in packs. The recruiters would not be able to get an impression of any one student, and it is difficult to be bombarded with questions. Also, students who look at their padfolio before approaching the recruiter give him/her a bad impression because that means that they were just breezing through.

Additionally, James reminded ABSA about some basic house-keeping chores like updating your voicemail to keep it professional rather than ranked with pranks. Plus, keep your resume current for the companies throw out outdated resumes. The best advice he left us with was to not be afraid to talk to recruiters. While there are so many no-no's when it comes to recruiting and networking, recruiters are human through and through.

Thinking through his presentation, I conclude that it is important not to stress out. In the long run, we will all make it to the finish line. There may be some twists and turns, and perhaps some disappointments, but through believing in yourself and working hard, you will succeed.





by Mei-Lynn Hua



ABSA members welcomed back former ABSA President and Internal VP Jeena Lee as a representative of Chevron in Mezes Hall for GM #14. Chevron is one of the world's largest oil companies and is involved in all aspects of the oil industry with both upstream energy production and downstream refining. Old members were excited to see an old friend, and new members were curious about what it means to work in the energy field. Everyone listened eagerly as they learned more about Chevron's many internship opportunities and the exciting innovations in the energy field. Jeena shared the reasons why she chose Chevron as her place to work, and members became acquainted with Chevron's company culture and the values they place on health.



Jeena provided an engaging presentation filled with pictures and personal anecdotes as she balanced speaking about her work at Chevron and her past experiences in ABSA. It was interesting to hear that she was happy to see ABSA was continuing the "Brown Bag Lunch Program" she started. Throughout the end of the presentation, the screen was filled with pictures of Jeena visiting different countries when working for Chevron. It was particularly funny when she tried to show the video of a monkey riding a bike but Louis' laptop kept on crashing. Seeing an accomplished ABSA alumnus come and speak about her job provided fresh insight into an energy company.

by Sherry Zeng

Studying abroad has always been an interesting topic circulating the business school. Luckily for ABSA, Ashley Kozak, McCombs' International Programs Coordinator came to speak to members regarding BBA study abroad and exchange programs. After an extremely informative PowerPoint presentation, Ashley offered valuable information and even debunked some of the myths to convince the skeptical members to go study abroad!

Afterwards, ABSA's own members, Stephanie Fang, Jeffrey Li, Angela Huang, Patrick Chen, and Emily Kong, shared about their experiences in their respective countries abroad. Members were able to see personal pictures from Australia, Hong Kong, and Copenhagen. Who wouldn't want to go study abroad and play with wallabies, hike in New Zealand, and tour Europe?

Overall, this GM offered insight for members, especially underclassmen, regarding study abroad procedures, personal experiences from upperclassmen, and a renewed interest for upperclassmen that have not gone yet.



GM 16

FAMILY GM FRICANOS



by Sherry Zeng

Five shoelaces! Ten rewards cards! Four dollars in change! As many socks as possible!

This Family GM started with an icebreaker introducing each family with a unique gesture. After a while, it just began circulating between Ravenclaw, Mac N Cheese, and DTF. Immediately after the icebreaker, a string of tasks followed for each family to gather specific items to bring up to the front or the back of the room. After rounds of running, the scavenger hunt ended and everyone headed out to Fricano's, the location of benefit night.

Shortly after GM, ABSA piled into Fricano's and enjoyed each other's company. An evening of family bonding and benefit night was truly successful!



GM 17 ConocoPhillips

by Jerry Chang

ABSA had the pleasure of hosting ConocoPhillips at the 17th general meeting on February 23rd. Both representatives from ConocoPhillips were McCombs alumni, including ABSA's very own alumna, Nathan Chiang.

Even though the meeting was held in Mezes, members made an effort to come out and listen to the representatives speak. To begin, they discussed what ConocoPhillips does as a company; it is one of the world's largest refiners (the largest in the United States!).

However, despite having such a huge presence worldwide, both speakers attested to how much ConocoPhillips cares for each of its employees. Amenities for employees include huge gyms, matching donation programs, and paid trips to various locations around the United States!

Furthermore, ConocoPhillips widely publicizes opportunities for undergraduate students. Among those opportunities include the SPIRIT Scholars Program, integrative summer internships, and full-time careers with fantastic benefits packages. If ABSA members were uninterested with ConocoPhillips before, they surely are paying attention to the company now.

The speakers from ConocoPhillips were calm and collected and spoke candidly about their jobs. Because of that, the members who attended felt at ease when listening to them talk, and both presenters were willing to stay after the meeting to clear up any questions that members had.

ABSA members learned about a giant in the oil and gas industry, the perks of working for that company, and the professional development that undergraduates can explore with ConocoPhillips. Of course, free swag and delicious VERTS in the end doesn't hurt, either.



Building a Leader from the Ground Up

LAUNCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

by Jaclyn Nguyen

Launch was created in the summer of 2005 by a small group of UT students with a vision that would bring together Asian American students from across the state. In November 2005, over 100 participants from several universities assembled to listen to keynote speeches, participate in a case study, and attend workshops emphasizing professional development. After Launch was brought back last year, Launch 2012 was no exception. Revamped into a multicultural event, Launch brought in a diverse group of UT students to the SAC and McCombs, ranging from a member of the Freshman Business Association to a physics grad student!

Held over a span of two days from February 17 to 18, 2012, Launch allowed students to exchange ideas on leadership within the business world, discuss current events in a professional environment, and engage in interactive activities that foster the concept of active change. Our theme for this year's Launch Leadership Conference was "Leaders in Crisis" and how the young leaders can emerge from 21st century problems.

This year, our keynote speaker was Mr. Yogi Patel, co-founder of Pratham USA. His dedication helped Pratham USA to become a \$10 million-a-year organization and his speech offered nothing less than "conviction, compassion, with zeal of a missionary." It was a great start to Launch, which led up to Saturday's activities. Francis Kit Webster, entrepreneur, spoke about networking and dealt with the crisis of "The Risk of Happiness: Is it Worth It?" Mark Murell, Vice President of JB Goodwin Realtors Westlake Division, talked about taking initiative within the crisis of "The Housing Bubble and Creating a Competitive Advantage in Business and Life." Ockhee Bego, founder of OckHee Clothing, TXA Faculty Lecturer, emphasized integrity with the crisis of "Blinded by Suits: Beating the Business Stereotype," and Susan Strausberg, CEO of 9WSearch, went into entrepreneurship and "Economic Troubles: The Value of Business." With all the successful workshop speakers, Launch gave students an opportunity to develop professional and social relationships that can be retained beyond their college careers.

Ultimately, the Launch Committee's goal for the conference was to help students discover a better understanding of who they are and maximize their potential to become influential leaders. As a freshman who didn't know what to expect out of Launch, it was an experience that I was so glad to be a part of as Project Manager. I hope those who attended truly got something out of it and will tell others to attend in years to come.



SCORING CAREERS

by Mei-Lynn Hua

A stream of students in business casual attire made their way to the San Jacinto Multipurpose Room in an attempt to network and secure an internship or job. ABSA and HBSA partnered up to put together a unique career fair in which the participants interacted with recruiters in a more relaxed, casual environment. This gave an opportunity for underclassmen to refine their speaking skills and prepare for future professional settings. The career fair welcomed UT students from all backgrounds.

Students were asked to participate in a scavenger hunt to encourage greater interaction between themselves and recruiters. An example of something to find was a recruiter who “cried while watching *The Notebook*.” This fun element added to the more personal atmosphere. The students roamed the room, resumes in hand, in search of a company representative to introduce themselves to. Companies such as General Electric, Ernst & Young, and Accenture were in attendance. Participants were also entertained with a cultural performance and provided free food. ABSA co-hosted a wonderful event that was both informative and enjoyable!



E-BUSINESS

WITH ANITESH BARUA



by Jessica McCarthy

On Tuesday, February 28th, 2012, ABSA members met in the UTC building for the E-Business Workshop. Speaking at the workshop was Dr. Anitesh Barua, a nationally-recognized upper-division Management Information Systems professor and research director at McCombs.

The subject matter of the workshop was nothing entirely unknown to us. Electronic business has completely integrated into our society; nowadays, most people visit online stores and firms several times a day. However, Dr. Barua demonstrated that whatever we knew about e-business only scratched the surface. During his speech, the professor touched on a broad array of information, citing examples ranging from daily business behavior to widely criticized scandals in order to strengthen his points. He broke them down completely to show the role the electronic economy played in each. As an added bonus, Dr. Barua peppered his examples with detailed information that could not be found through the regular news or searches on the Internet—in some cases, it seemed that he knew more about the industry than the companies within it did!

Still, the best part of the hour came at the end. As the students got up to leave, many chatted about the presentation excitedly. Several attendees expressed the desire to talk with Dr. Barua again, and others started to consider taking his class. The point of workshops is to teach; seeing people become enthusiastic about the subject is a success in itself!



Office Hours WITH Professor Hasler

By Jason Watt

As an OM professor, Dr. Michael Hasler knows the importance of guiding his students with the Socratic teaching method. His jobs depended on it in the past.

That's why, in his OM classes, he encourages inquiry and debate among classmates to stimulate critical thinking and to illuminate ideas. This teaching method, as he believes, really allows students to think on their feet, a skill necessary for any management position in the real world.

This valuable piece of advice was one of a handful he offered at Academic Branch's first event of the semester, Office Hour. Having served as operations and supply chain executive, Dr. Hasler walked us through his professional experiences in the auto industry. He touched on his successes and failures on a variety of topics that ranged from managing a large corporation with a partner he despised to conducting business abroad for Nissan in Japan.

Dr. Hasler also advertised his CIBER Supply Chain Management program in Hong Kong, which sparked a lot of interest from attendees. He claimed of being more than just a professor because of the amount of fun students had with him outside the classroom.

Indeed he was more than just a professor when he offered valuable advice at Office Hours. Although the discussion ran for over an hour, Dr. Hasler encouraged attendees to visit him anytime for questions.

Men's White Basketball

By Jason Watt

A heavy hush blanketed the Gregory courts. The ABSA fans stood excitedly, shoulder to shoulder under the UT bannered roof, as the ABSA men's team prepared to open the season with a jump ball. The team was hyped to put on a show in its first game.

Hitting jumpers from beyond the arc to high flying alley-oops, the ABSA men's squad in fact put on a show throughout the season. Clearly the team was more talented than its record, which, after losing by one point to the best team in the league and beating the second place team by eleven points, finished the season even at two wins and two losses placing third.

On the court, first-year coach Jeff Su rebuilt expectations especially after last year's losing season. Practice was

held every weekend, running drills and the dreaded "suicides" while finishing with pickup games. Upperclassmen like Nook Truong, Bang Truong, Denny Ku, Will Ruy and Davis Nguyen provided a strong complement to the new batch of incoming freshmen, Jackson Pei, Jason Watt, and Luther Fan, who had a significant impact.

As the team came short of one game from the playoffs, it was a learning experience for the players and their development. The season was a rollercoaster ride on the courts but its memorable moments left a mark off the courts.

ABSA COED BASKETBALL

By Denny Ku



There is no better way to start off the spring semester than with ABSA basketball! It was a tough division, but ABSA's skill level was too high and was able to seal play-offs with just 3 wins. The first game was against the Longhorn Band. It was a close battle, but ABSA was able to pull away, 39-32. After a good start, ABSA used its momentum to carry into the second game against

PCT coed. Now these girls meant business; they were reigning 3's like Ray Allen. However, with some crucial possessions ABSA was able to pull away with the win. The final score was ABSA 51 – PCT Coed 44. The third game was all about the ladies. It was a straight-out shoot-out, with ABSA girls shooting 3's, making layups, and jump shots trying to break Wilt Chamberlain's 100pt record. Final score, ABSA 74 and Basketball Wives 20. With those crucial wins, ABSA was able to seal playoffs! Another great season for ABSA coed sports!



By Loren Wang

HIKE! That is me grabbing your attention. The 2012 Super Bowl Watch Party was an amazing event where all had a good time. We watched the game on a huge screen. All the families brought delicious treats for their little sibs. Sherlley Loo ate almost all my food. Louis Yu brought somewhere in the ballpark of almost 8,000 McNuggets. Speaking of ballparks, did you know that Lucas Oil Stadium, where Super Bowl XLVI was played, has a capacity of nearly 70,000? That's a lot of capacity!

If you watched the game, you know that the New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21 to 17. But did you know that the Giants, who were led by Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning, set the record as the team with the lowest overall season record (9-7) to ever become Super Bowl champions? I like that Oreos commercial where Eli Manning and his brother competitively licked Oreos in an Oreolicking competition.

In the end, we all enjoyed the Super Bowl Watch Party because we were able to spend time with some of the people we cherish the most. TOUCHDOWN!

Paintball



By Denny Ku

Get the guns loaded, because ABSA is about to go to war. On February 11th, 30 daring individuals went into the trenches. Now this was not any normal paintball arena, it was X-TREME paintball! When we got into the arena, it was ABSA vs. TiSA. After three grueling rounds of flying paint, rolling in the dirt, and ink splatters, we went into the fourth and final round. This arena was filled with tanks, trees, mini-forts, dugouts, etc. Each round was 15 minutes and the goal was to capture the opponents' flag. There were five minutes left, and the opponents were advancing on us. With ammo running short and time winding down, it was not looking good. Patrick Chen turned to us and said, "I'm just going to run and get it." We all laughed. He was serious. He went to the middle of the field, with Vincent Nguyen following him while we all watch in awe. In a blink of an eye, he sprinted at full speed! The opponents were caught off guard and rapidly fired their ammunition at our Internal Vice President. Within 10 feet of the flag he got shot in the arm; however, Vincent Nguyen ran past him, leapt, and captured the opponent's flag! ABSA won!



BLAZERTAG

By Cassandra Chew

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, old and new members alike gathered at Littlefield Fountain for a night of playing laser tag at Blazer Tag! It was nice to see familiar faces and to mingle with new members.

For those of you who don't know, Blazer Tag is not your ordinary laser tag arena. It is the largest in Texas and made of three stories which are accessible by a variety of ramps. Gems are also part of the game. These gems have special powers ranging from extra energies to a power that tagged everyone within the range. The gems and three stories of the arena added to the excitement of the game.

When we arrived at Blazer Tag, we were told to select nicknames. Showing off the cleverness of my ABSA family—Ravenclaw—I decided to use Pikachew as my nickname. Other nicknames included the names of the hilarious gang from *How I Met Your Mother* and favorite foods. I remember being tagged by Barney and Riceball. Red team was the team to be on. We girls—along with Louis and Josh—fought against the so-called “men” of the Blue and Green team. Although we may not have won, we gave it our best effort. Some of us even ranked higher than the boys! Afterward, members celebrated their wins at Burger Tex, where we all chowed down on delicious bulgogi burgers and tempura-battered fries.



THE NEXT IRON CHEF



By Helen Lee

Unlike Iron Chef on television, ABSA's annual family event, Iron Chef took things to a whole new level. This year's secret ingredient was salmon and each family was required to make three different types of dishes with it: Asian, Italian, and Mexican. Taking up the difficult challenge and watching out for expensive costs while being innovative, all the families duked it out the entire Saturday to come up with menus that would gain their favor with the judges. Close to 6PM, all the families scrambled to finish up, garnish their dishes, and deliver them to McCombs. Unfortunately, due to time constraints and the length of time between cooked dishes and the actual tasting, some of dishes' quality was lost. However, all the judges gave good comments to each family and enjoyed everyone's overall hard work!

Seven families, 21 dishes, who will be the winner? During the tasting, we saw many pasta dishes, salmon tacos, rice, tortilla chips, a broken down dumpling, and several other savory and delicious foods. Our judges, who included alumni Andrew Ma, Michael Liu, Karen Shih, and Linda Nguyen and family directors Hannah Kang and Emily Kong, all gave nods, praises, as well as critiques on how to make each dish presented by the families. In the end, Oh Snap! won first place, Mac & Cheese won second, and Ravenclaw won third. Good job, Internal Branch and family directors, for organizing another successful family competition! Thank you to alumni, who came back to help judge for the event!



MR. MCCOMBS PAGEANT

By Sherlley Loo

What better way to spend a Friday night than supporting the Capital Area Food Bank and our very own Taehoon Kim at Mr. McCombs?! The Mr. McCombs Pageant is an event that unites all major business school organizations to compete in a male beauty pageant in which each organization sends one representative. The event raised over 4150 canned foods and \$759. And this is how it goes:

The lights dim and the crowd settles and all eyes turn to the stage. Sound systems blast LMFAO's "Sexy and I Know It" and out come all the men of McCombs from each respective organization to do an opening dance routine. Front and center is Taehoon Kim, executing every dance move with power and charisma. After this number, the crowd goes crazy. Before the cheers could die down, the first round of swimwear and Q&A commences. When it's Taehoon's turn, he struts his stuff with the lovely Grace Kim and then playfully sets a beach volleyball into the crowd. In the second round, the talent portion, Taehoon sings and plays on his guitar a medley of songs that strikes

heartstrings and makes the whole crowd, not just ABSA, swoon.

After a night of dances, a romantic proposal, a stand-up comedy, a McCombs organizational roast, and more, the second round comes to a close. Then lastly, all the representatives come out in their evening wear (and might I say Taehoon looked stunning) to hear the results of who would be crowned Mr. McCombs. The name is announced and although Taehoon does not receive the title, he will always be our own ABSA's Mr. McCombs. Way to make us proud, Taehoon!



Ice Cream Social

By Sherlley Loo

It was January 20th, a beautiful "almost" spring day. As the warm afternoon sun shined on the center of the university campus, ABSA had its first social of the semester with ice cream! There was plenty of ice cream to go around with the classic flavors vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry and various toppings to choose from—chocolate syrup, sprinkles and many more. Located in the six pack, the social was filled with jokes and laughter, old members mingling with the new members, and old members catching up with each other after winter break.

What a sight—to see the old relationships still going strong among the old and the forming of new friendships and bonds among the new. I do not see how it can get any sweeter than this. But it does. It is only the beginning of

the year and there will be many more times and chances for everybody to get closer to each other and grow together as



Keep Austin Beautiful

By Loren Wang

When writing an article describing an event with a long and rich history such as KAB, it sometimes becomes hard to separate fact from fiction. For instance, legend has it that long ago, the ABSA gods of yore were still deciding whether there should be three pillars or four when one young officer decided that there should be a repeat event in which members would clean up trash along Guadalupe to bring glory and honor to the organization. Another tale

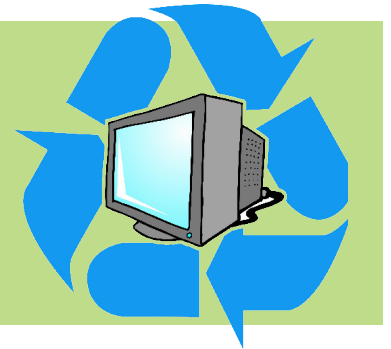


recounts the time when an officer panel from 1994 somehow ended the year with a \$1,300 budget surplus and decided to bury the funds somewhere between Five Guys and YaYa Café, should ABSA from the future ever run out of money for IM shirts or the like.

This semester, we continued to uphold the valiant tradition set forth from the beginning. We donned our gloves. We puffed out our trash bags. We reached for trash with our reachy-thingies. Then afterwards, we went to Kinsolving and feasted upon the brunch, just as the old gods intended.

Today, when we clean up trash along 30th-38th Street, if you listen closely, and if there is not too much traffic, you can still hear the souls of past members thanking you every time you pick up a cigarette butt.

Greenworks



By Frank Cheng

Yes, finally a volunteering event that is not as early in the morning. The fact that volunteers could sleep in for an extra two hours compared to other volunteering events is definitely a plus. But even more so, attending this event was especially rewarding to MIS majors and potential MIS majors because we worked with computer hardware.

This was ABSA's first time to volunteer at Greenworks and it certainly did not disappoint. First we explored their museum of ancient (and I mean prehistoric in technology years) machines created by man and had a few rare glimpses at typewriters and machines that I cannot name. That was just the warm up; Greenworks had a large inventory of old computer desktops as well, so much that the whole second story is devoted to storing and processing computer parts.

This is where the fun began. After going through some precautionary rules, we got down to business. Physical business. Armed with screwdrivers and a lack of MIS experience, every volunteer received an expired desktop computer to disassemble. The point was to take out all the removable parts and eventually reach the heart of the machine: THE MOTHERBOARD. For some people, the technology was just too physically hard to understand, thus some ABSA bonding time occurred. For some people, the dust was just too dirty so they sneezed. And for some people it almost felt like a chess game... killing the screws (pawns), removing the ram (knights), pulling out the hard drive (rook), pushing out the floppy reader and CD player (bishops), unplugging the graphics card (queen), and finally capturing the motherboard (king). Yes, checkmate.

If ABSA comes back to Greenworks in five years (sorry MIS majors, but for all those potential freshman MPA candidates) and when technology advances, I have a feeling we will need much smaller screwdrivers to break apart soon-to-be old artifacts such as smartphones.

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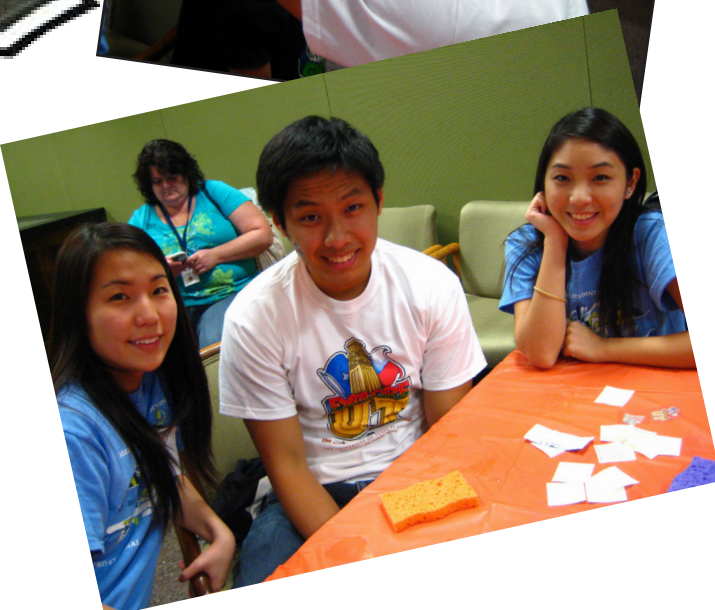
By Frank Cheng

I woke up to 37 degrees F. The toughest of the early birds of ABSA were ready to go reach out to the community. Out of the 38 brace souls who signed up, 28 proved to be committed morning warriors. We arrived at Mendez Middle School of Dove Springs twenty minutes after departure to check in and receive a bright white shirt, ready to get dirty. After an inspirational speech, ABSA's energized volunteers headed to their assigned site: a recreation center! This was an excellent opportunity to get fit, help the community, and meet new friends. Unlike traditional weight lifting and cardio on boring old machines, ABSA embraced Mother Nature. We lifted paint buckets, poured paint into painting trays, and did left and right repetitions on the fence, basketball courts, and much more with the paintbrushes. Another straining workout required both the legs and the arms. With gloves at hand, ABSA volunteers dug deep into Mother Nature and aerated and fertilized the soil around some big strong trees with mulch. The toughest of our members battled the toughest of the weeds. They found the root of the problem and destroyed the weeds. Doing all these workouts meant a lot of energy was exerted, which combined with the sun to give us vitamin D. The H2O and snacks put into our bodies what we put out. Even with all the energy we started with, spending six full hours at the Recreational Center is no easy task. However, ABSA got big and could proudly say they spent half a day at the gym. Our volunteers have the heart of giving and we stayed the full shift until 2 pm. Traditionally, ABSA did not do Project as a big group, but this year, not only did we have one of

the best turnouts out of all the organizations who attended, we also helped increase the height of ABSA's pillar of philanthropy.

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By Betty Wang

You know what they say—everything is bigger in Texas, including open houses! As the biggest open house in Texas, Explore UT is a day full of celebration and exploration for students from all over the state. This is truly a sight to see. The entire campus is filled with booths, events, and activities for the entire family. Kids of all ages are scattering around, taking in all the excitement that UT has to offer.

This year, ABSA helped out with the tattoo and face painting booth. Explore UT tattoos and paints of all colors covered the tables in the CBA Events Room as eager kids lined up to have their faces decorated with Longhorns, flowers, butterflies, and whatever else they could think of. I think I speak for all the volunteers when I say that getting to talk to the kids while we were painting their faces was probably the best part of the whole experience. Being able to learn about their backgrounds and their future aspirations definitely made my day.

Explore UT was also a great way for us to share what

amazing opportunities there are at such a prestigious university. The kids were more than excited to interact with us and learn what the future could possibly hold for them here. I can't wait to see what volunteer opportunities they have in store for us next year at Explore UT

Lady Bird Lake

By Helen Lee

On a chilly Saturday morning, about 20 brave ABSA members woke up early for an exciting event: kayaking! Well, kayaking to volunteer at Lady Bird Lake! A once-a-month event hosted by Keep Austin Beautiful, ABSA members were required to clean up trash around the shorelines, but instead of walking by foot, everyone got to kayak on the lake. To help encourage members to work in the freezing cold morning, a competition was made that awarded the team who found the most unique item with a prize. With freezing temperatures and splashing waters, the majority of us had trouble focusing on our task. Some of us eventually raced each other after getting stuck within tree branches

while reaching for trash; others paddled further down the river—continuing to scout for any litter thrown around the lake.

About an hour and a half into the event, many of us pulled into shore and to our cars because some of us were wet and cold due to the paddles splashing water while we paddled. In the end, Josh Hu's team was deemed the most unique with a backpack and got the grand prize. On the other side of things, one of our boats also tipped over and put two ABSA members into the water. Overall, kayaking while volunteering at Lady Bird Lake was a wonderful event! Minus the cold temperatures, all the members enjoyed the event and had fun with each other on an early Saturday morning.

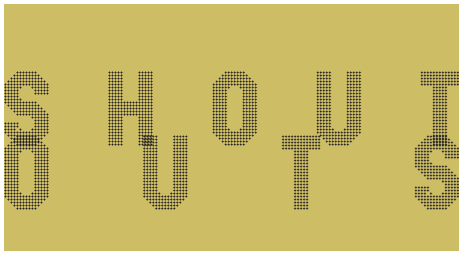


By Jane Tedjajuwana

On Saturday morning, January 28, 2012, we had one of our favorite volunteering events, graffiti cleanup! It got a whole lot more exciting with UBC joining in. We early birds met up at Littlefield Fountain at 10AM and headed to two different sites. One was around Shoal Creek and the other one was near Main Event Entertainment. We split up both ABSA and UBC members so we had an even number of people at both sites. Upon arriving at our sites, each of us got a roller, and some got a bucket of paint. While the other site started off with some icebreakers, we kick started the event with a funny incident: Frank spilling paint all over his leg! (Oh, Frank...) I think it was quite worthy of being the highlight of the day.

Moving on, we all had fun painting and meeting new friends. With tainted outfits yet fresh mind and body, we wrapped up the event at around 11. The supervisors were pleased with our fantastic paint job and granted each of us a certificate for community service. How nice!





Connie Han

Betty Wang –I hope you'll like KPMG this summer! I haven't had to copy/fax/shred paper!

Cassandra Chew –I still think you are nice despite what Loren said!

Cathy Shen –I freak out every time I heat something in the microwave now after your plant story.

Cecilia Leon –I'm soo happy that we celebrated your birthday with you.

Chopin Chen –Wicked was sooo good! Haha also please remember Stephanie Qin's name!

Daniel Chao –Welcome back. You were missed. I actually missed complaining with you! I LOVE YOUR DOG!

Dar Iamsuri –You have the best suggestions for concerts! I'm sad that we missed The Script. I hope you liked that Kate Spade! Can I borrow that from you sometime? Just kidding!

Diana Meng -306 misses you, but I think 202 miss you more. It's still your fault lmao, but I'll choose your side.

If you are wondering, I wrote these shout-outs before winter break and edited them to be more relevant hehe.

Douglas Wang –Dougie Doug! "Hey Connie and Diana, why is my water fizzing?" I was actually concerned about you! Hey Doug, do you want to be our top model for ABSA? Eh?!?

Elaine Cen – If you are a baby Connie (you aren't), you are a way better version of me. I promise I'll work on the step-dad problem eventually!

Enoch Tsai –Thanks for fixing my computer! Engineers are so much more useful than business majors hehe.

Eric "freaking" Tsang –I'm still grateful that you never actually slapped me, you heartless soul! Let me know what car you ended up getting

since I spent so much time giving you useless/uneducated opinions! Also, Mr. social butterfly, hurry up and plan Europe so maybe we'll see you before I forget your name.

Eric Allen –I really want to tell you that I'm so proud of what you've accomplished! Thanks for dealing with all the drama this summer for me! Hahaha you never sung the Josh song to me :P

Eugene Hsiao –I can't guarantee that I'll always be there, but I'll try to be there because you were there. Also, don't call us whores when you are the biggest one of us all! Attention whore, food-whore, Apple-whore, colored pants-whore, cardigan-whore, mustache-whore, warmth-whore, pillows-whore... etc. <3

Frank Cheng –Did we tell you that you are a mini-Josh Hu and Rocky Bae combined?

Grace Ko-Rain check on happy hour! Thanks for coming to J2 most inactive ex-officer/lil sib! Hehe just kidding, I hope you can live on-campus next year!

Heather Ha –Let's stomp those puddles with our rain boots! They've been sitting in a box for long enough!

Hyungoo & Yinni -Momo is the chubbiest & cutest dog I've ever seen! I just want to bite him! Actually, I still love my dog more, but he's second in line!

Jaclyn Nguyen –A toast to my fellow stingy shopaholic buddy! We should be the most stylish family Hehe mama Nguyen, we should raid each other's closets! Sorry Art House was such a fail!

Jane Tedjajuwana –I'm sorry that I didn't feed you at 3 AM! Rain check on Bali and Jakarta if you are providing a place for me to crash! I promise you, I'll get the time zone difference right by then: P

Jeanna Yu –As Johnny would say, don't eat where you poop! (That's why I cut my hair :P) Keep your pants on! Haha welcome to the craziness of 306!

Jenny Tseng –I miss seeing your pretty face! Traitor, for not running

The Color Run with us!

Jess Tew –You are hilarious! I hope you stay at UT, but best of luck in Australia! I'll definitely miss seeing you and Josh chow down ANY food ANY time!

Josh Hu –Joshie Hu! Who would think that little boy that I met at camp will turn out to be one of my really good friends in college! Thanks for running through so much with me, Mr. trying-too-hard db hehe. You crack me up! HAVE MORE EVENTS WITH OUR LIL SIBS!

Josh Yap –Sneaky sneaky Josh! What are you going to do if I actually fell in love with you huh? Where's our GOOD "couple picture" again? All I see is a "couple picture" of you and someone else :P

Julia Chuang -Welcome to the fam :)

Kathy Van –Thanks for trekking all the way from the Domain to attend our family events! We'll definitely have an event at the Domain so we'll be trekking to you!

Kimberly Lin –Thank you for not ditching us for those boys mama Lin ALL the time meaning you do most of the time :P I probably won't be in Austin for elections, but I know you'll do great!

Lee Wang –Haha you know there's an actual website call Laddertheory.com? Doesn't make it true though... Anyways, you owe me a shopping trip. Don't try to forget!

Loren Wang –Every time I see you, it's at karaoke. Sorry for freaking you out at Juicy Tart!

Louis Yu –Thanks for letting me mooch off you all the time! Tell YOUR cat to not miss scratching me too much and make sure MY cat doesn't get another ear infection. You owe me Milanos when I get skinnier, mdb/adb/obdb!

Lucy Lian- Be more active! We love seeing you! Haha I hope you know who the officers are now!

Luther Fan –Stop playing Tetris and fantasy basketball! I hope you enjoyed your brief stay on our ultra comfortable couch. Thanks for being awesome

as one of the few males in our family. You should feel lucky to be surrounded by so many pretty girls!

Matthew Lau –Welcome to the fam. The baby Tim comments will stop, no worries!

Minsu Kim –You are from Maryland! I got it now! I hope you like Texas so far! I miss seeing your face!

Nate Aniekwu –Thanks for being such a good lil sib Big Mac! You are such a troll! I hope everything worked out at the end. Sorry I couldn't of being more help!

New MacNCheese- New lil Macs, sorry I haven't had the chance to meet you! Welcome to the fam!

Richard He – Keep smiling and sleep more, canto buddy! Start looking and stop complaining about feeling lonely! Can we talk about something of substance instead of gossip? K thanks.

Sandy Duong –Haha my goal in life for senior year was to be exactly like Sandy! Not to be as smart as her, but to slack off as much as she did if not more! You and Eugene really should have a dinner party together. I'll drive to Austin for that even though I've too lazy to drive back even with only 40hrs/week.

Sherley Loo, Stefan Lim, and John Chen –I really hope the old people at that nursery home didn't have a heart attack... tsk tsk.

Stephanie Ham –Hamster hamster! You are always sooo thoughtful and cute! I'm glad that you joined our family. Thanks for stepping up! You should have told us that you painted those cups; we'll totally believe you! Diana and I are so gullible.

Stephanie Qin –Hello baby Stephanie! We still need to be like old ladies and have our afternoon tea time! El Taquito is so good! Good luck on what's left of your CPA exams!

Tina Lin –I'm glad you joined our family! Did you have fun in Leadershape?

Victoria Cheng –I'm sorry you missed EOS! I'll see you at the NEXT EOS!

Winnie Guo –Stop snapping all the

time! You'll be more adorable! I think you have more princess sickness than I do lol.

Ye Jin Oh -Good choice girl! Haha first MnC then Hunny Bunny lmao!

Sherry Zeng

Special Events Directors: Jester fries. Guac. Pre-GAM dinners. Visiting EOS venues. Drooling over menus. Meeting pictures. Love you two so much =>

Ariel Kao & Denny Ku: You two are the best auntie and uncle evarrrr

Cari Pak: My left side will always be warm, hehe. We shall survive these cold events together.

Christine Lau: Your hugs always make my day <3

Eric Tsang: STAR METHOD. Thank you =>

Emily Kong: When's our internal girl sleepover ever gonna happen?!

David Wang: I like to filter out the wonderful things you talk about during ADP meetings.

Douglas Wang: Accounting never fails to defeat us

Frank Cheng: Don't forget to send that picture out to your brown bag dates!

Hannah Kang: Mama Lenovo, thanks for taking care of your Baby Lenovo <3

John Chen: I got yo back =>

Kevin Chu: Potluck #2 please

Kimberly Lin: I owe you about 15 dinners by now, all the times you've been right... love you <3

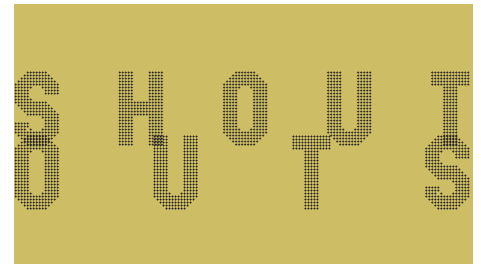
Klevrin Sitohang: That one day when you stalked me to no end... #AD-P4LYFE

Louis Yu: Vodka pasta... FAIL. Nevertheless, HEB shopping speed was Iron Chef worthy.

Luther Fan: Hope you find the phone of your life soon!

Mei-Lynn Hua: HI BEAUTIFUL! Must have more Verts lunches & walks back and forth between bschool and Quad... hehe.

Patrick Chen: BIG MOMMM-MAAAA. You da best VP



Nook Truong: Thanks for always looking out for me, and don't worry, the age topic will never come up again =P

Sean Zhou: Has it been 100 days yet?

Stefan Lim: Quit falling asleep in MIS!!

Stephanie Tchen: We still need to get lunch!

Terence Ko: "Would you prefer to sit and watch, or..." Good times.

Vincent Nguyen: Burnt chocolate and scalded plastic. Whoops

Yiwen Xu: It's nice to know we're the same size => closet swap for broom-ball!

Josh Hu

Officers – I can't believe that we are almost done with our officer year (it's been 10 months? Whaaa?) Thanks for all the good times during OM. "Girl Talk" will resume when we are less busy. Love you guys.

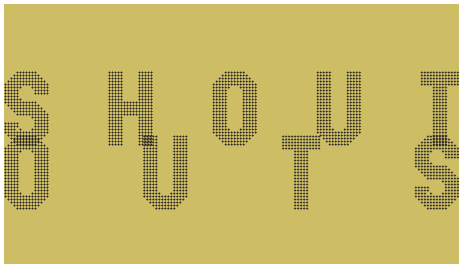
External Branch – I LOVE our branch! I PROMISE. More branch outings and late night Kerbey adventures to come! I am amazed by your passion and dedication to your work. Keep it up. We are almost done with the year

Alexander Nguyen – Thanks for all your hard work on Marketing Team!

Amy Cui – Thanks for all your work with Admin! I know entering Merit Points can get kind of tedious sometimes.

Angela Chow - My hands are so tired after every day in Accounting! Looking forward to EOS. Those cake balls were good!

Ariel Kao – ARIEL! Hope you are having a great time in New York right now! Great job with all the socials this year! I'm looking forward to the



Barton Creek Social!

Armon Khorrani – PDA PDA PDA. I'm glad you keep Stephanie in check. Thanks for the help on the Stats homework. BHPriends for Life!

Betty Wang – Super awesome job with Mahjong Mixer! Thanks for being so on top of things and for contributing so much to External Branch. It's been great having you in the branch for a second year! Looking forward to the future

Cari Pak – Thanks for being supportive of everything ABSA does. You are definitely a basketball star! It's fun watching you play!

Cassandra Chew - I am SO proud to have the director who has attended the most number of events out of all the members in ABSA. You currently are sitting next to me on the airplane, and you are chatting with the nice lady. Thanks for all your hard work this whole year. That volunteer database is kickass!

Cathy Shen – Cathy! I'm so excited for you for Study Abroad! Will be super envious of you while I'm still in Austin.

Chopin Chen – Thanks for taking pictures at all our events! O the Color Run was like the Mud Run!

Chris Wong – THANK YOU SO MUCH for helping me with the cans! You are an awesome guy to talk to and just an overall great guy.

Christine Lau – Thanks for sharing your ideas and looking at ways to improve ABSA!

Cindy Kuang - Can't wait for the last two informers of the year!

Cindy Lin – We better be grabbing lunch before the semester ends. Thanks for all your hard work as Marketing Head!

Connie Han – Can't wait for you to

be back too! Go San Antonio trip!

Dar Iamsuri – Hope your second semester of your sophomore year is going well!

Daryle Utama – Glad you are able to handle that crazy workload this semester. I don't think I could do all those classes! Congrats on that internship offer!

David Chen – Thanks for being a great member and for always being willing to drive!

David Wang – Hope you are enjoying Consulting Team! Glad you are on the team this semester!

Denny Ku – Denny, 3rdYear MPA and still one of the most active directors. Thanks for the time and hard work that you put into ABSA both through socials and IM sports. Good luck with recruiting, although I know you will rock it!

Diana Meng – WOOT for making \$\$\$\$. Can't wait for you to get back!

Douglas Wang – You are an awesome guy. I know you will go on to do great things. I am always here for you any time you need advice. Hope to see you at more family events. Mac N Cheese loves you!

Elaine Cen – Is the Quarters your new home? LOL jk. Most flirtatious little sib/ABSA member. But I am glad you are my little sib. Couple Picture!

Emily Kong – Like I told Hannah, can't wait for Top Model! Come out to some of our Family Events! Thanks for doing Junior Achievement again!

Enoch Tsai – Thanks for helping with cooking for Iron Chef!

Eric Allen – You are amazing for helping us make copies of the invitations! Really awesome that you have so much passion for ABSA!

Eric Tsang - I appreciate everything you do for me. You are such a great friend, and it saddens me that you are graduating this semester. Your graduating shoutout will be much more heartfelt. SNOBEACH!

Erica Tsao – When are we going to get lunch again? I'll text you!

Erin Sun – Congrats on Member of the Month! You deserve it. I miss our

trip. We should do another one sometime in the future! Thanks for helping with the cans. GO MIS! GO MIS! GO MIS!

Eugene Hsiao – EUGENE! Thanks for coming up with the menu for Iron Chef and for always being a good friend!

Frank Cheng – You are awesome. I really admire the effort you put in getting to know members! Thanks for working so hard and being so receptive to feedback! You did an AWESOME job with Faculty Appreciation Week. I am always here for you any time you need advice or a friend to talk to.

Grace Kim – Must do our fun activity sometime + biking (bout to expire!). 2 months until you are done with school...ahh

Grace Ko – MIS BUDDIES! It's always a joy sitting next to you during class.

Hannah Kang - You should come out to some Mac N Cheese events! I'm really excited for Top Model. Let me know if I can help you guys in any way.

Helen Lee – It's so great how active you still are in ABSA. Thanks for working so hard as Media Director and for coming out to so many events!

Henry Shi – Thanks for coming out to broomball! Glad that you will be back at UT soon!

Isaac Wu – Thanks for doing Junior Achievement. I hope it was a worthwhile experience!

Jackson Pei – BASKETBALL STAR AND MAJOR TROLL. I will be at the next Project Reachout. You are such a great member, and I hope that you will continue to be a part of ABSA for many years to come. Thanks for always driving and for being a genuinely awesome guy!

Jaelyn Nguyen – Great job with Launch! I REALLY enjoyed it! Thanks for being a great little sib as well!

James Song – Mr. Picture Man. You take some high quality pictures. GO ACADEMIC!

James Yang – James! Glad we grabbed lunch. I enjoyed our conversation, and I hope you continue to enjoy ABSA. That cashier was weird... Also, MIS is so miserable!

Jamison Soybel – Welcome to the family! So excited for the events we have planned this semester.

Jane Tedjajuwana – Wendy's Fish Sandwich is healthier than the Vanilla Frosty. Yeah right... Sorry theatre is harder than expected... Thanks for all your hard work this year!

Janet Zhou – You are still the best when it comes to the drawings on the board at GM. Thanks for all your hard work!

Jany Xu – Thanks for all your hard work and for going above and beyond in everything that you do. It's awesome how much you do for both ABSA and AISEC. **Jason Watt** – You were for sure the best player during Broomball! It's awesome that you come out to so many ABSA events. I'm really excited for the Dell Workshop! We should go to Twin Peaks sometime for sure!

Jason Wu – Always great seeing you at so many ABSA events!

Jeanne Feng – Thanks for being so understanding about these shoutouts! Also, appreciate you helping with the cans!

Jee-Ho Kang – So proud that you are starting up the Lion's Club in Austin! I know will go on to do great things. Keep up the good work in both ABSA and Lion's club!

Jeff Su – Basketball was a lot of fun this season! Thanks for being such a great coach and teammate! Keep up the good work!

Jenna Lin – Congrats on getting on Marketing Team!

Jenny Chau – Jenny! Seen you a lot in Reliant recently, I feel like. It has become my new home lol

Jenny Che – Great seeing you at Broomball! We need to hang out more!

Jenny Li – Can't wait for the last two informers of the year!

Jenny Tseng – Jenny, hope second se-

mester of freshmen year is going well for you! MIS 301 woot!

Jerry Chang – BROWNBAG. One of the best ones yet! I really enjoyed our conversation! Congrats on Blazers!

Jess Tew – Your mouth is so inappropriate, but I like how you keep it real!

Jessica McCarthy – Great job on the E-Business Workshop! It was awesome. I love how you always are so cheery and nice all the time. Need to come visit New Orleans sometime!

Jessika Wu – Thanks for helping our family out with cooking! See you at more Mac N Cheese events!

John Chen – Enjoyed the Google Apps workshop a lot! Can't wait to see what else is in store from the Professional Directors!

Julia Chuang – Glad you have joined the best family in ABSA this semester!

K.S. Shreyas – Welcome to Mac N Cheese! Can't wait!

Kathy Van – Where art thou? Mac N Cheese misses you!

Ken Nguyen – Hope your internship is going well, even though I have heard the work is boring! See you soon!

Kevin Chu – K.Chu, it was fun playing basketball with you again this semester. Super awesome job with Launch! I REALLY enjoyed it!

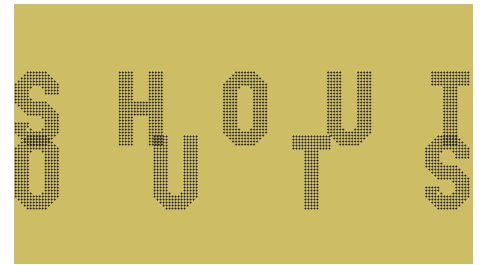
Kimberly Lin – SUCH A GOOD LITTLE SIB I'm so happy that you come out to all our family events. I can't wait for the benefits nights to come. You know how much I like food.

Klevrin Sitohang – Congrats on placing in Rodens! I'm glad you have joined the best family in ABSA!

Kristeen Chan – Also a superstar when it comes to basketball! Thanks for coming out to so many things!

Kyle Kong – Good job with Financial Team! Those market updates are awesome!

Lee Wang – You are AMAZING for taking such an active role on both consulting team and finance team. Thanks for all your hard work. Nicole and Vaibhav tell me a lot of great things about you!



Linda Ye – Have heard a lot of great things about your work on Consulting Team. Keep up the good work and keep my roomie in check!

Loren Wang – RECRUTING SEASON IS BEGINNING. Super excited for you! More Kerbey excitement to come!

Louis Yu – Hey Stepfather! Thanks for being such a good little sib...o wait...BTW I love stalking all those cheesy posts on Diana's wall. "I'm Your Rocket Man" LOL

Lucy Hu – Glad you are on marketing team! I hope my answers for the directory helped!

Maggie Zhang – Former floormate! Wish I saw you more. We need to catch up!

Matthew Lau – So glad you are in Mac N Cheese! Thanks for helping with cooking!

Mei-Lynn Hua – Great job on everything you have done for Exec Branch and ABSA! I really admire your ambition, and I know you will go on to do amazing things. Let's grab lunch sometimes soon! You were my first brownbag.

Michael Gu – Congrats on Rodens!

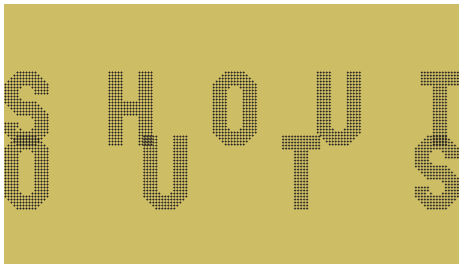
Michael Yan – Oldest person in Mac N Cheese! Thanks for playing broomball with ABSA!

Nate Aniekwu – Glad you are in Mac N Cheese! ALWAYS LATE. Lol jk. Hopefully next year we can actually do the Color Run and not Warrior Dash!

Nicole Ferraro – BASKET BRAWLER. They came from the streets...

Patrick Chen – Let's go shoot some hoops sometime! So sad I couldn't go to Rudy's...I haven't been there at all this semester.

Richard He – Glad we went to the classiest restaurant in America! Next



time we can go to the other pone (logo = owl). You can always be my wing-man ;)

Sandy Duong – Congrats on winning Iron Chef with your family! You totally deserved it! Ahh your last year is coming to an end.

Sarah Zhou – Nice meeting you at Launch!

Sean Zhou – The Finance Internship Panel was great. Keep up the good work!

Sherlley Loo – I'm so glad we grabbed Chick-fil-A! You are very cool to talk to, and I'm glad you are enjoying ABSA so much. You are a rock star for doing Junior Achievement by yourself. Major props! Keep up the good work!

Sherry Zeng - Really looking forward to EOS this year? Looks like I will have to get a mask soon....Keep up the good work!

Stefan Lim - Always great seeing you around campus/J2! Hope you are enjoying second semester funny guy!

Stephanie Ham – HAMSTER. HAM and cheese sandwich. Thanks for being a great friend and one of my go-to people to talk to. RELIANT FOR LYFE. WE ARE NOT BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND. LOL.

Stephanie Qin – Glad we grabbed lunch at the best fast food restaurant on campus! You are so supportive and a great ex-officer! Thanks for helping with the cans!

Stephanie Tchen – We should just speak how we feel all the time. SAY IT LIKE IT IS. I seriously enjoy all the chats we have (even though Loren may not). Thanks for doing your job as Volunteering so well and all the stuff you did for Faculty Appreciation Week.

Stephen Chen – Seriously, some time

this semester, we are going to grab food, my treat.

Taehoon Kim – MIS Buddy! So glad you are with me in that class. Must not fall asleep...lol. Such a bad habit...I love your yelling during Broomball (just like me!)

Tammy Tran – Congrats on Alumni Director! Thanks for teaching by yourself at Junior Achievement. I know it was a bit challenging.

Terence Ko – <3! Haha thanks for taking me to the Sprint Store and making it back in time to eat that nice dinner after McDonalds! I don't mind being one of the two fatasses on the panel with you. I love how we never have filters around one another.

Thuy Do – Great job with all the promotion stuff on Marketing Team!

Vaibhav Agarwala – ROOMIE. I doubt you will read this hehe

Vincent Nguyen (freshman) – Best of luck getting into BHP and studying abroad as well! Sounds like a great plan!

William Ruy – Athletics has been a lot of fun this year! Great job!

Ye Jin Oh – I heard through the grapevine that you are bad at parking! You should come out to more of our family events!

Yiwen Xu – Thanks for all your hard work with Scoring Careers and CFT! You totally deserved Director of the Month! Keep being a rock star! Hope your second semester has been a blast so far!

Zifeng Wang – Excited that you're on Marketing Team this year! Apparently you are a huge Starcraft

Sherlley Loo

James Song: Late night PCL sessions. Oh what fun. POKE

Jee-Ho Kang: When are we going to have a real one-on-one? ;)

Winnie Guo: Why are you always so cute? :P

Elaine Cen: WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? KENS KENS

KENS?!?!?!?!? For breakfast of

course.

Frank Cheng: J2 EATING CONTEST IS SO ON.

Jeanne Feng: Pineapples.

Eric Tsang: honey butter is delicious. GOES GREAT WITH BREAD AND JAM

Jessica McCarthy: We will celebrate by eating a TON of Kerbey Pancakes. :D

Hannah Kang: Yo, hey excuse me miss, I'd like to get to know you better~ ;)

Grace Kim: Coffee Shop adventures soon?

Jason Watt: AYO BRO, we never got to go on our self-searching adventure out into the great wilderness in Austin.

Heather Ha: Hey "Half-Chinese" sista, let's hang out without Jason trying to ruin our plans. Kk? kk.

Mei-Lynn Hua: How is it that all our meals are getting interrupted by random people? HOW?

Eric Allen: Yo big sib!! Spend some time with yo lil sib, won't cha?

Stephanie Qin: sooooo. Can I get some Momma Qin time?

Taehoon Kim: Walking me to the Law Building was fun, huh? Quite the adventure. LET'S HANG OUT MORE.

Jordan Naumann: MM CHE MM CHE. Let's just say the music was bomb diggity.

Jany Xu: Thanks for always being so caring and breakfast with you was absolutely delightful.

Stephen Chen: Your white snowboarding gear made you look so legit. Our ski lift conversations were awesome.

Alexis Nguyen: I love our conversations girl. YOU KNOW HOW TO KEEP IT REAL, GURLFRAN. **Louis Yu**: BOOM. Thanks for one of the most interesting New Years and thanks for coming out to Course-Aid!

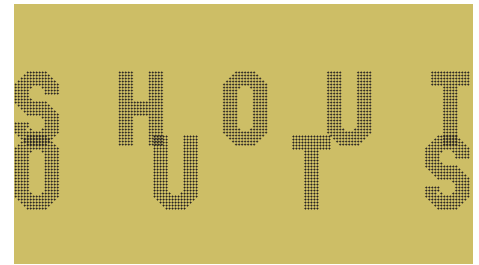
Loren Wang: No. You are too ugly to be a mainlander. CLIMAX PLAY COUNT: 157 and counting

Emily Kong: HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Isoken Omoruyi: Dropping your backpack from one floor above is kinda dangerous. Just sayin. :)

Hyun: BIG SIB! WHERE YOU AT?
Gong Chen: Your expressions are the best and can't wait for our brown bag!
Christine Lau: Hey Christine jie jie, teach me your ab workout ways~
Jane Tedjajuwana: Fancy seeing you in places of food. First J2 and then in Dobie Food Court haha
Josh Hu: Thanks for always being so encouraging and you sing Backstreet Boys very well!
Luther Fan: Luther! I expect lunch soon. :P
Daryle Utama: I still haven't heard you sing. Let's go karaoke and sing Justin Bieber. C:
Richard: Hey. Let's go get lunch
Jackson Pei: painting longhorns on little children's faces is SO manly
Kimberly Lin: EARLY MORNING RUNNING BLAST LEGGO
Cari Pak: Skiing buddy! You have mad snowboarding skills and you will do well this semester. I believe in you!
Patrick Chen: Four words. Replace the first one. You know what it is. Butt in the snow.
Jenny Che: OMG BIG SIB. We will talk more this semester and I miss hearing your laugh every week hahaha.
Kevin Chu: We still haven't taken ultra cute pics to make the branch jealous. We goin' make that happen.
Stephanie Ham: You are so adorable and your face always lights up my day.
Yiwen Xu: I admire you so much in all that you do and great job planning NY CFT. IT WILL BE A BLASTTT-TUH
Sherry Zeng: You are so sweet and let's eat an early dinner again!
Linda Ye: You always catch me studying in front of a laptop. EIN-STIENS IS DELICIOUS
Michael Gu: Hey Master Gu Heart-breaker. Take me in as your disciple.
Sandy Duong: Mama Duong! Teach me your culinary ways~
Chopin Chen: YOU ARE THE BEST SECRET SANTA EVER. So. Many. Snacks. :o
Parry Ying: ni hao ke ai! :D
 Justin Lee: Working out is good for

carrying H.E.B. groceries.
Erin Sun: KAYAKING WITH YOU IS THE BEST. Findings, chats, and best of all who we hit with our kayaks!
 n_n
Cassandra Chew: Kayaking at Lady Bird was a blast!!! And thanks for the water.
Jenny Tseng: OH YAH WOLVERINE.
Helen Lee: YEA PROJECT 2012. You work that shovel and we should do another brown bag!
Sharon Chung: YO TWIN. LET'S HANG.
Jeff Su: Thanks for the BEST first brown bag of the semester. n_____n
Brian Li: Why do you never come to events when I go to events? o.O
Janet Lee: OMG. EARMILK IS LIKE THE BEST THING EVAR.
Stephanie Fang: TAKE ME SOMEWHERE COOL
Sarah Zhou: I enjoy hearing what you have to say on subjects and Launch was fun!
Alex Nguyen: you finally remember my name haha
Angela Wu Li: You are so nice and thanks for coming out to Course Aid!
Kristen Van Hoosier: CHINESE CHOP DUO WITH POLAR BEARS
Betty Wang: Thanks for introducing the sweet potato at J2 to me!
Steffi Soewito: meow. ^-^
Sally Fang: Congrats on Feed Your Mind Committee and I hope you are having fun in ABSA!
David Sun: Thanks for coming out to ABSA!
Terence Ko: LEVEL 99 SCUMBAG. hahahahahahaha
John Chen: Raquetball!
Cindy Kuang: I always like seeing a familiar face at the gym!



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