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Swoop Girl Interview
By Scott Bailey

Ya'll know that every month we showcase a woman who represents the Swoop attitude. Sure, they're always gorgeous young women, but the photos only tell half the story. They must have a passion for life and more importantly, how they choose to live that life.

This month, we've been blessed with the opportunity to talk with my favorite Swoop Girl of all time, Alexis Jones.

So, here she is: Alexis from Texas

Swoop: Alexis Jones, where are you from?

Alexis: Austin, Texas.

Swoop: What made you want to go to USC?

Alexis: USC is a phenomenal school, it had a great International Relations program, a beautiful campus, and the teachers are passionate about teaching. Not to mention, Los Angeles is such an exciting city to live in when you're young.

Swoop: What was your major at USC?

Alexis: I just graduated in May and majored in International Relations and Spanish. Currently I'm getting my masters in Communication through the Annenberg School at SC but will graduate from that in May.

Swoop: Do you miss Texas?

Alexis: Of course I miss Texas! I don't think there's a Texan away from home who doesn't.

Swoop: Why do you miss Texas?

Alexis: I miss all the intangibles, like the humility and authenticity of the people. Plus, Austin is an incredible town with great live music, fabulous food and phenomenal people. But mostly, I miss my family... and of course I miss the Texas boys, they're such gentlemen!

Swoop: What no boyfriend? No boys to your satisfaction in Los Angeles?

Alexis: (laughing) No boyfriend. Boys are absolute trouble. No but, LA has a ton of great guys, I'm just too busy to really be looking right now (laughing) at least that's what I tell myself.

Swoop: Do you have a plan for the future? What are you working on now?

Alexis: I'm working on sports broadcasting now. I'm such a guy in a girl's body-obsessed with sports. I started a blog with the USC football team where I post articles and do interviews with all the players (www.alexisjones.blogspot.com), it actually takes up a huge amount of my time.

Swoop: Okay, so what's Matt Leinart really like?

Alexis: He's actually a great guy and I mean that. It's weird because unquestionably he's a phenomenal football player (arguably the best in college history) but because he's a good friend I never picture him like that. In fact sometimes I forget he plays football at all... (laughing) I think of him more like a 10 year old playing video games at "The Bean" with Bron, my best friend Kev and the rest of the boys.

Swoop: And Matt is not even up to your boyfriend standards?

Alexis: (laughing) Don't get me wrong, like I said he's a great guy, but not for me. I decided when I started sports broadcasting that I'd never date people in the sports world just because there really is a double standard for girls and I don't ever want people to question how I got where I am.

Swoop: Wow, if the Matt Leinarts of the world don't have a chance with you...

Swoop: Anyway, didn't you do a TV show at USC?

Alexis: Yeah, I hosted a TV show for Trojan Vision called *Doing it for Real* for three years where I went to all the movie premieres and interviewed all the celebrities on the Red Carpet.

Swoop: So who did you meet at the premieres?

Alexis: Pretty much anyone who did a movie in the past three years. I met people like Spielberg and Lucas, Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie, Paul Walker, Ashton, Clooney, Jude Law, Julia Roberts, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Brad Pitt...

Swoop: Did any of those guys hit on you?

Alexis: (laughing) I don't know... no comment.

Swoop: Who did you work with?

Alexis: The last two years, I've hosted it with two of my very best friends, Rob Robel and Trent Olsen. They're in the film school at USC and definitely going to be the Spielbergs of our generation.

Swoop: Who else has helped you along the way at USC?

Alexis: I was in President Sample's Leadership class, and that was huge because it was the first class that really dealt with introspection. He also wrote my letter of recommendation for grad school which couldn't have hurt.

Swoop: In the future, where do you see yourself?

Alexis: I'm really passionate about sports broadcasting and want to cover college football for ESPN, Fox Sports or something like that; growing up with four older brothers I want to be the sports girl who actually knows what she's talking about. But after that, I'd love to work with young girls as a motivational speaker...

Swoop: Do you think that being sooo ridiculously hot has opened some doors for you?

Alexis: (laughs)... and this whole time I thought you wanted to interview me because of my personality and intelligence.

Swoop: But seriously, in the future you'd like to work with young ladies?

Alexis: I just started an empowerment company for girls and women called, I am That Girl. I'm very passionate about being a motivational speaker and instilling confidence in girls/women everywhere. We do work shops, seminars, life coaching and are about to launch a new interactive online magazine at www.iamthatgirl.com. I'm the one of those people who gets to say, "yeah, I can't believe I get paid to do this." I really am so blessed to do what I love, I know that's a luxury!

Swoop: Well, *you* don't have to worry about that. Everyone, be on the lookout for Alexis Jones. She's gonna be huge!