
UNION BOARD

History of the Union Board

The Louisiana Tech University Union Board was established in 1940 as the Student Union. Its goal was “to promote a well-rounded campus program, to assure personal development for every student, and to build campus spirit for a great Tech.” Since then the Union Board has grown to be a respected and influential student organization.

The Union Board is allocated a budget of \$10 per student per quarter, received from the Student Assessment Fee. It uses this money to provide Tech students with quality entertainment, concerts, the Miss Tech Pageant, Spring Fling, its annual Talent Show, comedians, dances, and many special events. The Union Board consists of 80 members. Any member that attains five quarters seniority automatically becomes a Lifetime Member.

Union Board’s members have diverse interests and backgrounds and work for the benefit of the students. UB not only provides entertainment, but also presents opportunities to its members so they may acquire the skills necessary to achieve the highest limits in their personal and professional lives.

UB operates each year with a budget of approximately \$210,000. The Union Board consists of Tech students and is subdivided into different committees: Special Events and Movies, Publicity, Miss Tech, Midnight Magic, Fall Fling, Spring Fling, & Talent Show. The Union Board also has SGA and KLPI representatives. The following activities are sponsored and hosted by the UB:

Concerts UB provides concerts for students at discount prices. Performers in the past have included top names such as Stroke 9, Tonic, Stavin’ Chain, The Goo Goo Dolls, Run DMC, Cowboy Mouth, Robert Bradley’s Blackwater Surprise, Trace Adkins, Better Than Ezra, Brooks and Dunn, the Eagles, ZZ Top, Cheap Trick, Chicago, Rick Springfield, Billy Squire, Vanilla Ice, Chicago, Alabama, Amy Grant, Martina McBride, Clay Walker, Ricky Van Shelton, Nickelback, The Wallflowers, Three Doors Down, Saliva, and Michelle Branch, Switchfoot, and Ben Folds.

Talent Show UB’s annual Talent Show showcases Tech’s campus talent who compete for a \$500 first prize.

Special Events Union Board sponsors numerous live acts each quarter. Past entertainment has included Chris Rock, Jordan Brady, Andy Andrews (Campus Comedy Entertainer of the Year), Lance Montalto, Carlos Mencia, Mike Estime, Rich Ames (hypnotist), Tracy Morgan, and Mitch Hedberg.

Miss Tech The Miss Tech Pageant is also produced by the Union Board. On this special evening Tech’s representative for the Miss Louisiana Pageant is chosen from an array of beautiful and talented young women.

Spring Fling Spring Fling is an annual carnival held on campus. It includes a midway of games, prizes, boiled crawfish, and live music.

Christmas in the Plaza Christmas in the Plaza is an annual event to celebrate the holiday season. Games, caroling, holiday food, and a special appearance by Santa himself highlight this program.