

Student Life

The following is a brief description of campus life at Union University and the various organizations that contribute to its unique community. A description of academic clubs and professional organizations is given within each academic department listing in the *Catalogue*. A more complete list of campus organizations and fuller explanation of their purpose and function is presented in the *Campus Life Handbook*.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The SGA, composed of all students enrolled in Union University, functions through its executive, legislative and judicial branches. Its elected officers and representatives serve as the official voice of the students in institutional affairs. The SGA seeks to foster University unity, promote student welfare and provide student programs, activities and services designed to meet the needs and interest of students.

University Clubs

Alpha Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership is open to approximately the top ranking ten percent of the junior and senior classes.

Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society, was established to honor scholarship and leadership in adult students. The top 10% of all adult students enrolled and who have completed at least 24 hours at Union are eligible for membership.

Circle K International is the college equivalent of high school Key Clubs and Kiwanis. It focuses on leadership, community service, and fellowship. A branch of the Student Government Association, Circle K's ultimate goal is a betterment of campus, community, and the broader society.

The **International Student Organization** seeks to help international students of Union University in cultural transition and assimilation and to cater to member's individual needs. Members serve as facilitators for educational, social and cultural exchanges between the United States and the student body.

The **Minority Student Association** is designed for students who want to develop a deeper appreciation for minority students and issues. This organization also sponsors the Gospel Choir which ministers through music to the Jackson Community.

College Republicans is composed of students interested in learning the role of political parties in the political process and developing political and leadership skills in preparation for public service.

The **Union Student Association**, composed of students elected to the top leadership position in their respective organizations, meets to share ideas and information of interest and concern to the total University community and to foster better communication between the administration and the students. These students also participate in leadership development programs.

The **Student Activities Council (SAC)** is responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing a large number of student activities. This select group's main objective is to provide a balanced and meaningful program of recreational activities for the Union University family and to serve and support other organizations and the administration.

The **Union University Aikido Club** is to provide our University community with an opportunity to develop useful self-defense skills in a safe, cooperative, and Christ-centered environment. In doing so, the club hopes to foster a lasting and positive bond between all its members, one which will extend beyond the Aikido classroom.

Union University Right To Life is composed of students who believe life to be a gift from our Creator and have purposed to promote the sanctity of human life. Membership is open to all who share this belief and are willing to participate in the preserving of life.

The Union University Student Alumni Association is a link between students, alumni, administration, faculty, staff, friends, and the community. SAA cooperates with the National Alumni Association, local chapters and the National Student Alumni Association. SAA sponsors many activities including homecoming, mudball, and alumni gatherings and events. Membership is limited, however, any full-time student is eligible to apply.

The University Ambassador Program is a select group organized to assist the Office of Enrollment Services and to promote the general welfare of Union University through activities involving student recruitment, public relations and service as student hosts and hostesses of the University.

Social Fraternities And Sororities

Union has six national social fraternities and sororities — Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Kappa Delta. Under the supervision of the University administration, these organizations have their own special activities and functions.

University Awards

The Elizabeth Tigrett Medal, established by the late Mr. I. B. Tigrett in memory of his mother, is presented to the outstanding senior in the graduating class. The award is based on citizenship, character, leadership, scholarship, and school service. To be eligible, a student must have attended Union his/her entire college career.

The University Academic Achievement Award is presented to the student with the highest academic achievement in the graduation class with not less than a 3.75 provided a minimum of 56 semester hours at Union University are completed.

The Class of 1962 Award recognizes the senior who has attended Union University for four years with the highest grade point average.

Fraternities and Sororities Awards

The Chi Omega Award is presented to the outstanding woman in the social sciences.

The Zeta Tau Alpha Award is given to the senior of the May class graduating summa cum laude, with highest rank.

Student Publications

The Cardinal and Cream

The *Cardinal and Cream*, official student newspaper of Union University, is published bimonthly and is distributed to students, faculty, staff, and administration without charge. The *Cardinal and Cream* is written and edited by students of Union University, under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

Lest We Forget

The yearbook, *Lest We Forget*, is edited and supervised under the same general guidelines of the *Cardinal and Cream*. The yearbook is an illustrated account of the University year involving the organizations, events, accounts of athletic season, and a picturing and listing of all students, faculty, administration, and staff.

Each graduating senior will be given a yearbook. Others may purchase yearbooks.

The Torch

The *Torch* is a literary and art annual published under the direction of student editors and an English Department faculty advisor. Its contents are made up of student writ-

ings and art works selected by a group of student editors from presentations in the normal course of classwork and from those submitted directly to the editors.

Christian Life and Activities

Union University is committed to the spiritual growth and development of each person on campus. Understanding that faith development and academic achievement go hand in hand, Union provides an excellent atmosphere as well as ongoing activities that stimulate a Christ-centered world view and lifestyle.

Christian activities are coordinated through the Office of the Minister to the University. Each student is encouraged to grow in personal relationship with Jesus Christ and in service for Him. Ministry to students is an utmost priority. Activities include chapel services; LIFE Groups (a small group ministry for new students involving Bible study, discussion, and accountability); women's Bible study, weekend revival and DiscipleNow teams; off-campus ministries working with children, youth, adults, and senior adults; short-term mission projects (GO "Global Outreach" trips); and auditioned creative communication ministry teams.

The Missionary-In-Residence Program brings a missionary family on furlough from the international mission field to occupy the residence. To expose students to world missions, the missionaries speak in chapel, counsel students interested in missions, and promote the Lottie Moon Christmas offering in West Tennessee Southern Baptist churches.

Christian organizations at Union are actively involved in fostering Christian living and activities of the campus. These include: the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Ministerial Association, Mu Kappa, Young Women on Mission and the Youth, Education, Music and Missions Association. Through these organizations, a strong emphasis is given to local missions as well as home and foreign missions emphases observed annually in Southern Baptist Churches. Full details of these organizations are given in the *Campus Life Handbook*.

Chapel and Lecture Series

Chapel exercises, held a minimum of twice each week, are designed to provide spiritual encouragement, moral guidance, and intellectual challenge through such events as Fall Renewal Week, Jones Lectures, Staley Lectures, Crabtree Lectures, Carls-Schwerdfeger Lectures, Founders' Day, Global Opportunities Week, and concerts. **For regulations concerning attendance requirements see the *Campus Life Handbook*.**

Supervised Ministry—Church-Related Vocation (CRV) Students

Union University accepts seriously the challenge of providing practical guidance and training to students preparing for church-related vocations. Supervised Ministry attempts to integrate classroom teaching with the practice of ministry and to assist students to test personal and professional identity in their growth in ministry. The program is administered through the Office of Church Services by the Director of Supervised Ministry. Each CRV student is offered personal and vocational counseling, instruction, opportunities for Christian service through various supervised ministries off campus, and financial aid.

All students preparing for church-related vocation within the Southern Baptist Convention and receiving the CRV scholarship must adhere to program requirements. Details of the program are fully explained at a special orientation session at the beginning of the Fall Semester.

Intramural Athletics

At Union University, athletics constitute an essential part of the total college program. During the fall and spring semesters, a program of competitive intramural sports is sponsored that opens the way for wide participation for both men and women. Awards are given each year based on a point system.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Intercollegiate athletic programs are an integral part of American college life. Union participates in the TranSouth conference and is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Union University offers varsity competition for men in basketball, tennis, baseball, golf and soccer and for women in basketball, tennis, softball, volleyball and cross country. Union's athletic programs adhere strictly to all university, conference, and national regulations involving sports and academics for student athletes.

Regulations

Union University students are expected at all times to represent the University and the Christian community appropriately. Regulations regarding these expectations, student life as a whole and more particularly resident student life are found in detail in the *Campus Life Handbook*.

The President, the Dean of Students and the judicial system of the University are charged with the administration of discipline. They are empowered to rule in any irregularity pertaining to student life and impose any or all penalties for violation of University regulations as expressed in the *Campus Life Handbook*. The judicial system and the grievance and appeal system are described in detail in that same publication.

Confidentiality of Student Records

The privacy and confidentiality of all student records shall be preserved in accordance to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. The objective of the Act is to provide adult students greater access to and control over information contained in educational records. The law stipulates that each institution is responsible for making students aware of the law and its various ramifications. More information about FERPA can be obtained from the Registrar. Official student academic records, supporting documents, and other student files shall be maintained, only by members of the University staff employed for that purpose, in separate files:

- Academic records, supporting documents and general education records—maintained by the Academic Center, academic departments and advisors
- Records of discipline proceeding— maintained by the Student Services Office
- Financial records—maintained by the Business Office
- Medical records—maintained by the Health Services Office
- Admissions records—maintained by the Admissions Office
- Financial aid records—maintained by the Financial Aid Office
- Teacher Education Placement records—maintained by the Career Services Office

Directory information (student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, academic major, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous educational institution attended) may be made public by the Univer-

sity unless a student requests to the Academic Center in writing that such information be released only upon his/her consent.

Records Not Available for Student Inspection

- Records of instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof, and which are not accessible to other persons
- Records created or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional which are used only in connection with the provisions of treatment of a student and are not available to persons other than those providing such treatment
- Financial records of students' parents
- Confidential letters and statements of recommendation placed in a student's file prior to January 1, 1975, or those received after that date for which the student has signed a waiver of his/her right of access, provided these letters are used only for the purposes for which they were intended
- Placement evaluations for which a student has waived his/her right of inspection

Health Services

It is the mission of Health Services to help the students maintain the highest possible standards of health. Health Services is staffed by a full time registered nurse, part time nurse practitioners, and a part time physician. All visits to Health Services are covered by student fees. There is a nominal charge for lab tests and immunizations. Any charges incurred for treatment at off-campus medical facilities are the responsibility of the student.

Students are strongly encouraged to have medical insurance. Information on student insurance plans can be obtained through Health Services.

Career Services

The Career Services staff assists students needing guidance in defining their academic major and encourages all students to begin career planning in the freshman year. The Career Services Library includes a computer-based career guidance and information system to assist students in relating academic pursuits, personal interests, skills and values to their career goals. The department also houses information regarding graduate schools as well as full and part time employment off campus.

Services are available to all undergraduate and graduate students as well as alumni.

Counseling

The services of a full-time licensed psychologist are available at no charge to students with personal or emotional concerns. Walk-ins are accepted based on the availability of the counselor, or students may make an appointment. Upon referral by the Director of Counseling Services or the Dean of Students, students may also receive limited services from the psychological services provider under contact in the community. Consultation is provided in making referrals to special agencies upon request.

Testing

Union University serves as a National Testing Center for the American College Test (ACT), PRAXIS (NTE and PPST), College Board (SAT I and SAT II), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES SST. The University's English Proficiency Examination is also administered there.