

# The Texas Union

## FY2008-2009

### Mission

The Texas Union is the community center for the University, offering activities, programs, services and facilities that complement the academic mission and focus on student development.

### Vision

The Texas Union is more than a building. It is a well-balanced system of people, services, programs and facilities organized to:

Provide goods, services and facilities that support the daily lives of students and other members of the University community;

Provide a place to gather for both formal and informal association and interaction outside the classroom;

Complement the academic experience through a well-planned program of educational, cultural, social and recreational activities and events;

Serve as a learning laboratory of citizenship, community service, leadership, and social responsibility;

Serve as a unifying force in the quality of campus life by fostering a sense of community, emphasizing collaboration, and cultivating enduring regard for the University of Texas.

### Core Values

**Student Development:** Provide programs and services that enhance the University's academic mission and facilitate the social, emotional, intellectual, moral and career development of its students.

**Critical Inquiry/Active Learning:** Engage students in active learning, and foster dialogue among the various segments of the University community.

**Excellence:** Provide high quality programs, services, facilities, and assess effectiveness through periodic evaluation.

**Diversity:** Recognize, respect and celebrate individual and cultural differences, practice inclusiveness, and demonstrate civility in all discourse.

**Stewardship:** Act with integrity and be a good steward of fiscal and human resources; the Union's physical facilities; and the history and heritage the Union represents.

### **Strategic Goals**

Union staff are guided by their commitment to achieving and maintaining excellence in these areas:

1. Promoting and facilitating optimal use of the Union facilities and services;
2. Sponsoring and presenting comprehensive programs to enhance the quality of campus life;
3. Enhancing student development;
4. Supporting student recruitment and retention;
5. Fostering campus and community relations and positive regard for The University of Texas;
6. Providing optimal fiscal and managerial support for the Texas Union; and
7. Maintaining and upgrading as warranted facilities to provide a safe, attractive and functional environment for the University community.
8. Conducting formal assessment and evaluation of programs and services for continuous improvement.