



What is AB Tech?

"AB Tech is the subcommittee of the Carnegie Mellon University Activities Board charged with handling the technical production aspects of all Activities Board sponsored events. In addition, the Committee provides professional-level sound and lighting production to the Carnegie Mellon community."

Right. If you want to know what we do, we make lots of noise, light up stages across campus, and use more power than small towns in the process. We buy cool sound and light toys, and make them work miracles. If you work for us, you work behind the scenes at everyone's favorite events. Mix bands. Run stage. Hang lights. Awe the audience with your magic. Yadda, yadda, yadda...

Let there be light...

We're the ones that get to say that around here. A dance in the old gym? Yeah, we can light it. Kill every circuit in the building. Bring in our own instruments and illuminate everything in glorious primaries. You did lighting in high school? Bastard Amber? Surprise Pink? Not for no rave, my friend. We're talking about ambient & trance. You'll have to go through our crates of gels. Program intelligent lights that are smarter than the performers on stage. Hang some sexy downlight. Block and tackle a half-ton of pre hung truss up to the ceiling and hope it stays. Just get the angle. Does it look good? Aw, yeah.

Make a little noise

So you wanna work on sound? During a good show, you can hear us all the way from Shadyside to Oakland and everywhere in-between. Cable up 45,000 watts of Crown amps, learn to love our EAW speaker stacks, and make your ears bleed. Like music? How about popping in your CD, sliding up the faders, and blowing away the room? If it makes noise, we've got the compressors, gates, reverb and E.Q.'s to make it sound good. You can run the board, run the snakes, run the show. That sound good to you? Join up. Never set up a huge sound system before? You'll learn, just like the rest of us did.

Perks

Did we mention we did tech for Soul Coughing? Almost hit Norm Macdonald in the head with a Frisbee? Hung every single light we owned for They Might Be Giants' crazy lighting designer? Ran 23 events in 3 days during Spring Carnival 2000? Come work for us and get a few good stories of your own. Look for us at the Activities Fair, e-mail abtech@andrew.cmu.edu, hit our website (www.abtech.org), or find us running events all over campus (like the big tent, during Orientation...)

Quickies

Fastest setup. 25 minutes. ("Uh...guys...we need sound for the movie that's starting in an hour...")

Quickest strike. 20 minutes. ("Does it look like it's going to rain to you?")

Longest cable run. Half a mile for Fiesta Primavera 2000, with a half-ton of cable. ("The power disconnect is *where??*")

Longest single event. Over 24 hours for a rave in Skibo Gym. ("I want a nap...")

FLY BY NIGHT SOUND AND LIGHT.