



# Newbie News

## Tulane's First-Year Student Newsletter

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Dear New Students,

November can be a challenging time of the academic year. You're in the middle of fall semester coursework, yet you have to begin thinking about **registration** for [spring semester courses](#). This time around you probably have a better idea of what you're looking for in terms of courses, professors and class formats and it may be easier to choose courses. Be sure to talk with resources like Resident Advisors, Orientation Coordinators and other upperclass student friends for suggestions. [Make an appointment](#) with your academic advisor if you have questions.

Some of you may be leaving for the **Thanksgiving Break** since there are no classes Wednesday—Friday, November 26—28. Don't forget that you can make an [online reservation](#) if you need shuttle service to and from the airport.

We realize that due to the unexpected extra expense of Hurricane Gustav evacuation or the fact that the Thanksgiving holiday falls so late and close to the end of the semester, a lot of students may be **staying in town for the break**. If you're concerned about where you might eat Thanksgiving dinner or what you will do for the long weekend, don't be. We've organized lists for you of [campus service hours](#), local [restaurants with Thanksgiving dinner specials](#) and suggestions for inexpensive, fun ways to [explore New Orleans](#) that weekend, including a [day-by-day itinerary](#) you can follow..

The Office of Orientation and Student Transitions and Housing and Residence Life have teamed up to offer a [special Thanksgiving outing](#) that weekend to City Park. We'll visit the [New Orleans Museum of Art](#) and the annual [Celebration in the Oaks](#) holiday lighting display in the Botanical Gardens on **Friday, November 28, 3:00—7:30 p.m.** Transportation is free. Bring \$6 for admission to Celebration in the Oaks. Admission to the museum is free with your Tulane student ID card. You must [register online](#) to reserve a spot on the bus. If you're staying in town for the weekend, we hope you'll join us.

Sincerely,  
Penny Wyatt, Director of Orientation and Student Transitions



### Spring 2009 Course Registration

It's already time to think about the courses you'll take next semester. Priority registration begins this week. To provide extra assistance, the [Academic Advising Center](#) will have extended hours until 7pm through Thursday, Nov. 13.

### Community Event Spotlight:

#### [New Orleans Po-Boy Preservation Festival](#)

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, 10:30 am—6 pm  
Oak Street at South Carrollton

Don't miss this great festival that's just a short walk or streetcar ride from campus. There will be 25 [po-boy vendors](#), 2 stages with excellent [live music](#) like Amanda Shaw, Rebirth Brass Band and The Iguanas, and 50 [artists](#) selling their creations. This festival started last year as a celebration of the role this storied sandwich has played in New Orleans' culinary culture—and 10,000 came to eat, look, listen and have fun. The proceeds of the festival go to Oak Street Association's work to promote, preserve, and revitalize Carrollton's historic Oak Street neighborhood and commercial corridor. A portion of proceeds will go to benefit and further the restoration of Ladder 7 Fire Station at 2430 S. Carrollton Avenue.

Want to get even more involved? [Sign-up](#) to volunteer!



### Campus Event Spotlight:

#### Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
5:30-9pm, Qatar Ballroom, LBC  
Free!

This long-standing annual event is free and open to the entire Tulane community. Our Sodexo dining service will provide the roasted turkey and stuffing. For the "potluck" part of the dinner, participants are encouraged to bring a favorite dessert or vegetable side-dish. Our campus Religious Life organizations will present a short program.

This special holiday event will be a first time experience for many members of our international student, faculty and scholar community. So come share a traditional, American feast with your Tulane family.

