



Newbie News

Tulane's First-Year Student Newsletter

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Dear New Students,

At the Office of Orientation and Student Transitions, we understand that as a first year student you may still have questions as you continue to adjust to life at Tulane. For this reason, we will be sending you Newbie News, a monthly newsletter highlighting helpful resources, upcoming events and important deadlines.

At this point in the semester, after dealing with mid-term exams, papers and projects, you may realize that you could use some assistance with particular skills or academic subjects. Take advantage of the **Tutoring Center's** free, individual tutoring sessions in typical first year courses including biology, math, physics, chemistry and numerous foreign languages. Trained peer tutors conduct the sessions and no appointments are required. Sessions are offered Monday—Thursday, 1—9 pm and Sundays, 1—5:30 pm. Consult the [online schedule](#) for a list of courses offered. The Tutoring Center is located on the first floor of the Mechanical Engineering Building within the Center for Educational Resources and Counseling ("ERC") and can be contacted at (504) 865-5113.

We would like to thank all of you who took our online **Orientation Survey**. Your feedback about Welcome Week activities, Orientation staff and your initial adjustment to Tulane will be very valuable as we plan for the future. Congratulations to the winners of the random drawing for \$50 bookstore gift cards: Stephanie Mock, Calvin Shaneyfelt, Jennifer Triplett and Cody Van Voorhis.

If you have any questions or suggestions for **Newbie News**, please send them to orientation.tulane.edu.

Sincerely,
Penny Wyatt, Director of Orientation and Student Transitions



Important Dates

November 2— Daylight Savings Time ends.
Set your clock back one hour!
November 10— Priority Registration Begins for Spring 2009

Health and Wellness Notes:

Friday, October 24th, LBC Quad, 7 pm: **X-box, food and fun!**
X-Box tournament sponsored by The Office of Wellness Services and Intramural Sports.

Tuesday, October 28th, McAlister Auditorium, 7 pm, "**Last Call**" presented by Brent Scarpo sponsored by The Office of Wellness Services. Students will be given the necessary tools of responsible drinking behaviors and how to engage their peers who abuse that responsibility.

On Tuesday, November 11, 2008 the Student Health Center will administer **flu shots** from 10 am - 4 pm in the LBC Pedersen Lobby, which is next to the Bookstore. The vaccine **cost is \$20** and everyone is welcome.

Don't forget to [complete part 2](#) of the **AlcoholEdu** requirement. It will only take 15 minutes.

Campus Event Spotlight:

On the Future of America: Election 2008

McAlister Auditorium
Monday, Oct. 27, 2008
7—8 p.m.

Combining different viewpoints with a strong friendship, **Governor Mike Huckabee** and **Congressman Harold Ford, Jr.** have joined forces to explore the issues facing every American this election year. Together they enlighten audiences with a positive message on the future of America and why we must unite to persevere through turbulent times. This free, public event is being hosted by the [TUCP Lyceum Committee](#), and is sponsored by the student-run Direction Lecture Series.

For more information, e-mail Matt Simmons at msimmons@tulane.edu.

Personal Safety and Crime Prevention Resources will be reviewed at mandatory

floor meetings next week. Check with your RA for the day and time of your meeting. You've probably noticed the new "Safe T" signs around campus. You will receive a wallet-sized version at your floor meeting. Keep it with you and be sure to program the emergency numbers into your cell phone.

Travel in groups on well lit, busy streets – **don't go out alone**
Utilize escorts and Safe Rides by calling (504) 865-5381
Locate **blue light** phones around campus
Always **pay attention** to your surroundings
Note where you are going and **plan your route**
Emergencies are to be reported by calling (504) 865-5200

