

Residents Prepare for Visitors during Mardi Gras

As Mardi Gras Day falls very early this year, February 5, 2008, it's not too early for on campus residents to begin planning for guests to stay with them in the residence halls.

Mardi Gras Day, also known as Fat Tuesday, is the culmination of the Carnival season which gets into full swing when parades start rolling on January 25th. The weekend before Fat Tuesday draws the heaviest crowds for the largest parades. This is also when Tulane's campus becomes the destination for many friends of our residents who invite them to stay in the residence halls during the last days before Mardi Gras.

So, what does this mean for your student? If a resident plans to invite friends to stay with them in their residence hall room, here are some things they need to know:

- Each resident is allowed to register 2 guests of the same gender to stay with them in their residence hall room, beginning Thursday, January 31st and ending on Mardi Gras Day, February 5th.
- Registering guests helps to ensure the safety of all residents and students on campus by helping us monitor who is in the residence halls.
- The cost to register each guest is \$50.00, payable to the student's accounts receivable, by credit card, or money order. We do not accept cash or checks.
- Good news! We have reduced the cost per guest from \$75.00 to \$50.00.
- The registration fee covers the cost of extra Public Safety security coverage in and around the halls, extra custodial services, and extra trash-pick up in and around the halls.
- A guest (s) can stay for one night, or the entire Mardi Gras Guest period, January 31st through February 5th, with most guests staying for only 2-3 days.
- When your student's guest arrives at campus, he or she must accompany them to the Housing and Residence Life office to be checked in where each guest will get a Mardi Gras wristband identifying them as a registered guest.
- Anyone found on campus without a Tulane ID or Mardi Gras wristband will be escorted off campus by Public Safety.
- Students are responsible for the behavior of their guests anywhere on campus and for any consequences resulting from their actions.
- We require residents to inform their roommate if they plan to have a guest(s) stay in their room.
- Guests can only stay in a residence hall room where the host/resident is present (i.e., not out of town).
- Guests must be escorted by their host while inside the residence hall, but are free to walk around the campus un-escorted as long as they wear the Mardi Gras Guest wristband.

We want all of our residents and guests to have a safe and fun Carnival. More information will be available on our website, <http://housing.tulane.edu>, in the upcoming weeks. If you or your student has any questions about Mardi Gras guest policies, feel free to send an email to hrlinfo@tulane.edu.