A new building on Tulane University's New Orleans campus officially opened on Aug. 26, providing the student population with expanded gathering, studying and dining space, as well as a new home for the Newcomb Institute. Read more about The Commons here.
Students and friends of the university help themselves to free Tulane gear during the event. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Student Sophie Lazear takes a souvenir cup from Tulane cheerleaders Anna Rodriguez, Tori Isaacson and Megan Spilmann. (Photo by Sally Asher)

Decorative cookies sweeten the celebration. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Friends enjoy the Commons event, which included giveaways and prizes. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The 610 Stompers whip the crowd into a frenzy with their fearless dance moves. (Photo by Sally Asher)
President Mike Fitts, with a signature 610 Stompers-style accessory, greets the crowd of students. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
A festive atmosphere prevails as President Fitts addresses the audience. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)