

It's Not Your Granddaddy's Rat

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Students coming in for a quick dinner or a study-break snack may find themselves hanging around Der Rathskeller for a lot longer these days. Located in the basement of the Lavin-Bernick Center, Der Rathskeller, affectionately known as "The Rat" by many students, has recently seen a number of upgrades.



Two new pool tables as well as video games are bringing students to Der Rathskeller for a break from studying. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

This semester, two pool tables have been installed, as well as the classic arcade games Madden Football, Golden Tee, Ms. Pac-Man and Galaga.

It seems that students are enjoying the addition of more entertainment options on campus. "The students are very excited about the changes and the feedback I have received has been overwhelmingly positive," said John Coleman, marketing manager for Sodexo Campus Services, the company that operates [Tulane Dining Services](#).

[The Rat](#), which is a WOW Cafe and Wingery outlet, also has seen changes to the

menu. An express menu is now offered from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., when it switches to the full-dinner menu. The Late Night Bites menu is available from midnight to 4 a.m.

Students are enjoying Monday Night Football programming on flat-screen TVs hosted by [Tulane After Dark](#), and taking advantage of a number of food promotions.

The "Punch @ Lunch" rewards card and WINGO, or Bingo for WOW, allow students to earn free food or enter into monthly prize drawings.

For junior Tyrone Scott, discounted food items have been a big draw. He appreciates the \$1 off coupons that are being printed on receipts in the food court of the Lavin-Bernick Center.

"If you are eating at the LBC two or three times a day, that savings adds up," he said. When Scott found out about the 49-cent chicken wings promotion, he said he "will start eating there more."

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