

Hullabaloo Rated "All American"

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The staff of *The Tulane Hullabaloo* will start the semester with pride thanks to an impressive rating received from the American Collegiate Press, the nation's oldest and largest membership organization for college student journalists.



The Tulane student newspaper has received a top rating from the American Collegiate Press. (Photo by Tracey O'Donnell)

Based on articles written during the 2010-2011 school year, American Collegiate Press has rated the [Hullabaloo](#) as “All American” ? the highest above its first-class, second-class and third-class categories.

In addition to the All American rating, the paper received marks of distinction in the areas of coverage and content; writing and editing; photography, art and graphics; and staff leadership.

Leah Askarinam, editor-in-chief of the *Hullabaloo*, was thrilled but not surprised to receive such a high rating. Askarinam says the staff utilizes the critiques offered by the American Collegiate Press to help hone their journalistic skills.

“Since we don't have a journalism school, the *Hullabaloo*'s editors are responsible for gathering information about how to produce an excellent newspaper,” says Askarinam, a senior from Bethesda, Md. “In addition to producing the newspaper weekly, the editors dedicate immense amounts of time to researching and seeking help from experts on how to run a newspaper.”

Tel François Bailliet, assistant director of student programs, has served as adviser to the *Hullabaloo* since 1998. Bailliet, who has some experience in newswriting, says she does not review the paper prior to print, but does offer her advice when asked.

“This recognition is based on the students' work alone,” says Bailliet. “No one really sees how hard they work to get the paper ready each week. They truly deserve this.”

American Collegiate Press awards previously received by the *Hullabaloo* include a [2009 Online Pacemaker Award](#) and a [2002 Newspaper Pacemaker Award](#).