FAQ: Fridays, New Orleans-style

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Fridays at the Quad (FAQ) usually mean live bands for students to enjoy while passing a good time on the Tulane uptown campus. (Photo by Sally Asher)

For most people the abbreviation "FAQ" means "frequently asked questions," but at Tulane it means "Fridays at the Quad."

Quickly becoming a new tradition, FAQ began in 2011 and features free live music and food almost every Friday afternoon of the academic year from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on the Lavin-Bernick Center Quad on the uptown campus.

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Whether you want to relax or rock out, the FAQ series offers options. Past events have included everything from a rock-climbing wall to a dunking booth to a bounce house.

The band 5 Finger Discount kicks off this year"s FAQ this Friday (Aug. 29).

"Yell for Yulman" follows the next Friday, Sept. 5, with Dwayne Dopsie and the Zydeco Hellraisers and brass funk band Bonerama. FAQ on Sept. 5 will run until 7:30 p.m. and will include a pep rally featuring the Tulane University Marching Band and cheerleaders, an appearance by head football coach Curtis "C.J." Johnson and the football team, the new Tulane float, commemorative giveaways and opportunities to buy new Tulane gear and Yulman Stadium tickets. The event will end with a fireworks show.

Each FAQ program that precedes a Tulane football home game will be highlighted by a pep rally.

This academic year, the FAQ schedule has changed slightly. FAQ will not be held during the months of November and January because the weather is not always conducive to outdoor events, Haley says. But on each other Friday, FAQ will bring the fun right to the heart of campus.

Check out the <u>Tulane University online calendar</u> for upcoming Fridays at the Quad programs.

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