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Greetings Tulane Fans,

Welcome to the first installment of the “CJ Chat,” my new bi-monthly newsletter. I believe it’s important to communicate regularly with our fan base so here we go. In addition to this newsletter, I have joined the world of Twitter, so please follow me: @TU-CoachCJ.

It’s hard for me to believe it has been eight months since I was hired as your head football coach. Since my press conference last December, I have assembled a tremendous staff and we put the final touches on this fall’s recruiting class and installed our system during spring practices. But now it’s time to get down to business and play some football!

On Sunday, Aug. 5, our 2012 team reported to campus for preseason camp and we went through our first practice on Monday, Aug. 6. For all of our practice times and dates, please check out our website: [www.TulaneGreenWave.com](http://www.TulaneGreenWave.com).

As many of you know, I have a big family and I believe it’s extremely important for a family to support each other. So, I would like to invite the very heart of the Tulane family— our fans— to our practices during pre-season camp and throughout the 2012 campaign. Our practices are open and I would love to see you in the bleachers supporting our student-athletes and the program. Don’t forget to come say hello when practice is over. I look forward to meeting as many Tulane fans as possible.

Our team has been working extremely hard in the weight room and in individual workouts, and I am very proud of their efforts. During the summer we had 90 percent of the team on campus taking classes and going through individual workouts with our strength and conditioning staff and on their own as well. In the second summer session, we had 100 percent attendance from our returners and newcomers and I am told this is the best participation by our team during the offseason.

When I was named head coach, I stood before you, our student-athletes and our administration and stated we would make it a priority to recruit within the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana to create the “State of Tulane.” As a staff, we feel like we are off to a great start in this regard. To date, we have 17 talented verbal commitments for the class of 2013 with the majority of the group coming from the state and local area. Obviously, NCAA rules do not permit me to go into details, but I can say I’m very excited about our future.

Finally, we are less than a month from our first game against Rutgers on Sept. 1 and I hope all of you will be at the Superdome cheering us on. I can promise you we will be better this season and we will have a team our fans can be proud of, but we need everyone in the city, state and region to come support us. So, get your tickets now by calling (504) 861-WAVE (9283), visiting the ticket office in the James W. Wilson Jr. Center or by logging on to [www.TulaneGreenWave.com](http://www.TulaneGreenWave.com).

Until next time, Raise the Bar!