

# Welcome home, department of corrections

**W**elcome to Forsyth, Monroe County! My family relocated here just under two years ago from Newnan but I feel like I have lived here all of my life.

Forsyth, Monroe County offers an outstanding public school system, great people and an outstanding quality of life. When I'm conducting business around the beautiful town square, I'm not dealing with nameless corporations but people I have come to know and trust as individuals. With Macon 20 minutes to the south and Atlanta just an hour to the north, we have access to any activity we desire, but at the end of the day it's nice to come home to Monroe County!



**Brian Owens**  
Commissioner,  
Georgia Department of  
Corrections



DOC employees tour the Tift campus in May.

More than 400 DOC employees will begin working at Tift next year.



## Pending move in 2010 will change Forsyth

An increasing number of people will be calling Monroe County home in coming years as the state Department of Corrections' (DOC) administrative offices relocate to the Tift College campus in Forsyth.

The state has already approved more than \$50 million to design, engineer and complete renovations to the historic Tift Campus for the DOC. The first building, the cafeteria and student center Rutland Hall, has already been completed. Three dorms are expected to be finished this summer and training cadets will take up residence there in the fall.

Finally, the entire department is expected to move in October 2010. This will bring 400 jobs to Forsyth and an operation the size of a Fortune 500 company. The DOC has more than 13,000 employees and with 60,000 inmates, operates the fifth biggest prison system in the country.

Forsyth and Monroe County are proud to say "Welcome Home" to our newest residents.

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