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AT HOME AT TIFT: New corrections cadets head to orientation after becoming the first class of new prison guards to move into DOC dorm rooms at Tift College. (Photos/Gina Herring)

Look who's moving in

Gov. Perdue to attend open house on Friday

For the first time since the late 1980s, the Tift College campus is once again filled with students. On Sunday, 165 cadets moved into the newly renovated dormitories. The cadets will spend the next four weeks training at the new Georgia Corrections Academy at Tift College to become correctional officers in prisons all over the state. The three dorms, along with Vinzant Hall, which will contain offices, classrooms, and a gymnasium, and Rutland Student Center, which houses administrative offices and the cafeteria, are among the buildings now open. The academy will train 10-12 groups of cadets each year. This is phase one of the Georgia Department of Corrections' plan to relocate all its administrative offices from Atlanta to the Tift College location over the next two years. The Georgia Corrections Academy will host an Open House from 2-4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22. It will include ongoing self-guided tours and an address by Gov. Sonny Perdue at 3 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.



Earl Topping moves into his temporary home. After four weeks of training, Topping will be working at Smith State Prison.