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"Operation Move-In" to welcome nearly 4,000 students

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Fall semester classes won't begin for a few more days, but Georgia Southern University will still be a very busy place the weekend before students begin their studies.

Some 3,800 campus residents along with their clothes, comforters and computers and clock radios will arrive at the University's 10 residence halls on Friday, Aug. 10, and will be greeted by 'Operation Move-In,' an annual event sponsored by the Department of University Housing.

In keeping with a Georgia Southern tradition, dozens of administrators, faculty and staff from across the University will lend a hand with Operation Move-In, assisting the University Housing staff by greeting students and their parents, giving directions and even carrying boxes and suitcases.

Operation Move-In begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 10 and continues through 5 p.m.

"We've taken a number of steps to make sure that everything goes smoothly," said Housing Director Vickie Hawkins, who is coordinating the event. 'We've shared pertinent information and directions with the students and their parents through a presentation we made at Orientation and on our Web site.

'We've also been working closely with the Office of Public Safety and the Transportation Services people to plan for the flow of traffic on campus," Hawkins said.

In addition to individuals, Georgia Southern organizations offering to chip in include Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Tau Delta fraternities, Southern Ambassadors, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, the Black Student Alliance, the Volunteer Involvement Board, Minority Advisement Program sponsors and Peer Mentors.

'Operation Move-In has gotten rave reviews from students and parents in the past," said Hawkins. 'The Housing personnel are always well-prepared, and the volunteers are a huge help, too. We are simply trying to continue Georgia Southern's niche as a caring institution."