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## Offices relocate to help students better

By Nick Phillips  
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A total of 12 UNCP offices relocated to other parts of campus on Sept. 23, with some moves as simple as moving down the hall while others moved across campus or just off campus.

In all, 75 employees were moved throughout the 12 offices, as those offices were closed on Sept. 23 and reopened on Sept. 26.

While these moves are in an effort to upgrade student services, students are likely to be a little confused by the new locations until the newness wears off.

“Service to our students is the reason we are all here, and this plan greatly improves the service of an office that is vital to student success,” Chancellor Kyle Carter said.

Several other offices were moved to combine and for budgetary reasons.

Chancellor Carter also noted there will be a second wave of relocations at some time around mid-year, moving departments to the new Allied Health Building as student service offices will move into the D.F. Lowry building.

### Where to find them

The Financial Aid offices will remain on the second floor of Lumbee Hall but are now located down the hall, in the offices that were formerly occupied by



Members of the Armstrong Moving Company roll boxes of files and personal belongings onto a moving truck outside of Lumbee Hall Sept. 23. A total of 12 offices were relocated as part of the plan to better serve UNCP students.

Photo by Nick Phillips

the Office of Student Affairs and the School of Graduate Studies.

“Because of the growth of the university over the last decade, Financial Aid needed more room to deliver quality service to our students in an important area,” Chancellor Carter said.

Student Affairs will move up one floor in Lumbee Hall to the space formerly occupied by the Office of Academic Affairs,

while Graduate Studies will move to Lindsay Hall. Lindsay Hall is located just off the main campus to the east on Odum Street/Prospect Road across from the Chavis University Center and GPAC.

The Office of Sponsored Research and Programs will join the School of Graduate Studies in Lindsay Hall, moving from its former offices in Dogwood Building located just west off the main campus.

### New Office Locations

- Advancement – now at Lindsay Hall
- Academic Affairs – 4th floor of Lumbee Hall
- Student Affairs – 3rd floor Lumbee Hall
- Enrollment Management – 2nd floor Lumbee Hall
- Graduate Studies – now at Lindsay Hall
- Financial Aid – moves on the 2nd floor of Lumbee Hall
- Institutional Effectiveness – 4th floor of Lumbee Hall
- University Communications and Marketing – now at Lindsay Hall
- Sponsored Research and Programs – now at Lindsay Hall
- ROTC – now at the Magnolia Building
- Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship – now at the Dogwood Building
- Engaged Outreach – 4th floor of Lumbee Hall

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## Teaching Fellows on the brink

By Kelly Mayo  
News Editor

The UNCP Teaching Fellows program is in trouble, and one student is doing all she can to save it.

UNCP junior and Teaching Fellow Santana Batten has spearheaded a campaign to save the program from financial extinction. She has collected testimonials from fellow members and written to the editor of her hometown newspaper, the *Tabor City Tribune*, about her plans to save the program.

Teaching Fellows gives four-year scholarships to North Carolina high school

seniors who agree to teach in K-12 schools for four years after graduation. The program exists on 17 North Carolina campuses, including Queens University and Campbell University.

The North Carolina State Legislature voted in summer 2011 to phase out the program, making the Class of 2015 the last of its graduates, according to program director Karen Granger.

Granger said that although Teaching Fellows is no longer actively recruiting members, it will continue to receive financial support from the legislature until the Class of 2015 graduates.

Granger said that 40 UNCP students are currently enrolled in the program.

### Program benefits

Granger explained that Teaching Fellows benefits southeastern North Carolina because most graduates return to their home counties to teach.

She also said that many of the participants would not have had the chance to go to college were it not for the program.

Granger also explained that Teaching Fellows participate in community

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## Fall FTE numbers drop

By Dustin Porter  
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The fall 2011 semester welcomed in 1,028 freshmen, higher tuition, reduced budget and less financial aid, which has led to a lot of change on campus.

### A whole new world

Following the end of the spring semester, UNCP had a new chancellor who was completing his first year at the university, a brand new provost who had to learn fast and adjust quickly and a state budget reduction of approximately \$9.1 million.

These three changes would lead to a very interesting semester for fall 2011.

For starters Chancellor Kyle Carter and Provost Ken Kitts anticipated at least 100 fewer freshmen students than the incoming class of 2010.

Dr. Kitts said he thought the 2011 freshman class would be smaller because UNCP had “raised its standards” by raising the required ACT and SAT scores and GPA to attend UNCP.

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UNCP junior Santana Batten has taken it upon herself to help save the Teaching Fellows program. The North Carolina State Legislature voted this summer to begin phasing out the program.

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