As the first summer semester comes to an end, so will the first phase of a sweeping space reallocation in the Curry Student Center (CSC).

Designed to accommodate incoming student groups and new administrative offices, the project will involve a reshuffling of the offices of most of the 40 student groups currently located in CSC and has generated mixed feelings among some student leaders.

The reallocation, which will bring 21 additional student group offices into CSC, is slated to be completed by Sept. 1.

The project comes after the controversial relocation of 13 student groups from the second-floor of the CSC to the fourth-floor in October after Student Government Association Vice President for Student Services, Susan Dye, approved it.

"This process has been going on for almost a year, and what we've done is look at the best way to bring efficiency to the building," CSC Operations Director Bob Grier said. "We have a lot of benchmarks to meet, but the outcome will be beneficial."

A key component of the reallocation project will be the consolidation of several student programming and advising offices, including the Campus Activities, Scheduling, Business and Leadership and Engagement offices, into a single suite.

The suite, which Grier and others involved in the reallocation have called the "one-stop-shop," will occupy room 434, where The News is currently located.

The News will begin moving to room 232 starting this week. The reallocation represents a loss of more than one-half of the newspaper's current production space.

The first of a series of relocations to accommodate the suite occurred in October 2006, when thirteen student groups were forced to move their offices from room 232 to the narrow, windowless space in room 420. Of those groups, many condemned the move, saying they hadn't been given adequate notice.

Beginning Friday, groups with desks in room 420 will move to room 240, where they will receive new desks and storage space.

Renovations for the "one-stop-shop" will also begin Friday, as The News and other groups on the fourth floor begin the first wave of a phased move into new offices.

Marina Iannalfo, dean of campus Life, said the concept for the suite was modeled after the Residential Life office, which was created in 2004 to bring all university housing services into one complex.

"We've created a one-stop center for students to get things done in one place, rather than going floor to floor," she said. "It will bring lots of life to the fourth floor, and fully utilize all the floors in Curry."

More general renovations and reorganizations will take place in other parts of CSC and will include:

• The renovation of room 240 to expand the number of student offices there from 13 to 27.
• The creation of a media suite for Spectrum Literary Arts Magazine, the Times New Roman, the Onyx Informer and The Northeastern Patriot in rooms 328 and 330.

• The consolidation of eight fraternities and sororities into a Greek suite in room 236.

• The creation of a scholarship suite in room 228.

• The creation of an off-campus student center in room 236.

• Cosmetic changes and the installation of new high-definition TVs in the game room.

Christopher Bourne, middler political science major and CSC building manager, helped coordinate the reallocation project since its inception, meeting regularly with university administrators, student groups and the Student Government Association (SGA).

Overall, Bourne said the project will benefit student groups, most of which will see an increase in space.

"Right now the student center is too small for the campus population," Bourne said. "Since we can't make any major additions to it now, we addressed that by reworking the space we have. The transition will be positive."

Several student groups, however, will move into smaller offices than those they occupy now, and worry the reallocation will bring more problems than benefits.

Bruno Germansderfer, executive vice president of NUTV, said negotiations for a space large enough to accommodate his group's equipment had reached an impasse.

"We want to be in a semi-professional studio," Germansderfer said. "We don't want to be crammed into a corner where we have to worry about privacy and our stuff being stolen. With all of the university's resources I feel like this shouldn't be that big of an issue."

Keith Cardoza, president of the Northeastern Huskiers and Outing Club (NUHOC), said he wasn't opposed to the reallocation, but said NUHOC will likely suffer from a loss of space.

"We're upset because we were using the space we had to its fullest, but a lot of it has been cut back to make more space for other groups," Cardoza said, referring to NUHOC's desk in room 240. "What we had in our shelves, overhead spaces, filing cabinets, we used a lot. It's a tough transition."

Among other groups losing space are the Northeastern Cauldron Yearbook, which will temporarily share an office in the art gallery.