Residence Halls
What went through the mind of a freshman entering the residence hall system on the first day he checked in? Saying good-bye to his parents, turning his back to them, taking a step towards independence, self reliance, and growth, a whirlwind of thoughts erupted, both good and bad, major and trivial.

Although these steps were an abrupt change for most people, the opportunities opened were worth the transition. The initial shock of the size of the room, sharing half of it with another person and sharing showers, sinks, and mirrors with thirty-five strangers eventually subsided and progress began. The Resident Assistant held the first hall meeting and those strange faces became new friends.

Four times as much time was spent in the residence hall as was spent in the classroom. Significant learning took place here, whether it was spending time with a buddy three doors down, adjusting to neighbors that were not as friendly, learning about room personalization from the R.A., or just cramming for calculus. Hall council afforded opportunities for exercising and developing leadership abilities. Being a hall council officer required responsibility, time, and nerves.

The number one worry at the end of the year was the lottery. As the Department of Housing made room for a thousand incoming freshman, upperclassmen gambled at a shot for the remaining spaces. Of those that missed the cutoff, some left the system happily, while some regretted the passing of what was a very influential part of growing up.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill the Cat and Opus have it out with a couple of rebellious guerrillas. Resident Hall action in intramural football. Techwood pumping their winning display. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Howell trick-or-treaters. Barbara Reier presides.
The Department of Housing served its residents in a variety of ways. Through room assignments and changes, custodial and preventative maintenance services, fall quarter and in-service training for student staff, and working with the Residence Hall Association, the Department strove to give the resident a learning and growth experience while providing a clean and safe environment at the lowest possible price.

Changes in the system this past year included the inevitable closing of the downtown YMCA while the opening of a new 560-bed residence hall on West Campus was frustrated by construction delays. The department rounded out the year by finalizing plans to convert Armstrong residence hall from female to male use, and the air-conditioning and renovation of three of the Area II buildings.

Since the student spent around three quarters of his time outside the classroom, the Department of Housing recognized the importance of the residential experience and thus served to augment the academic education of its residents.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: The professional housing staff includes Sheila Smith, John Cambell, Gary Schwarzmueller, Terry Sichta, Bill Smith, Frank Kelly, Mari Osetek, Pat Brown, and not pictured, Carra Sergeant. Rosa and Mari are at home in the East Area office. Frank Kelly is humbled as he takes a dunk in support of RHA week. BOTTOM: Bill Smith extinguishes dangerous flames during fall staff training.
RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA Week Tops Year of Activities

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Made up of its Legislative, Judicial, Programs, and Improvements Committees, the Residence Hall Association is the second largest student organization on campus, second only to SGA in size and budgetary resources.

The legislative committee served as the students’ voice in the residence hall system. Through its elected representatives from each hall council, RHA made recommendations to the administration on issues such as visitation hours, housing priorities, telephone and cable TV service. In addition, RHA coordinated, programmed and legislated for residents.

Major activities of RHA this past year were RHA Week, a Thanksgiving Day banquet, a Dinner Theater, and various inter-hall contests. Representatives from RHA also attended SAACURH ’83, the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, at the University of Tennessee and became only the second school to win top honors two years in a row.

RHA continually worked to make life better in the residence halls for the 4200 students it represents.

National Residence Hall Honorary

The Georgia Tech chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary, established in 1983, honors students who have contributed to the residence hall system. Membership, limited to thirty annually, is selected from student staff, hall councils, and other residents.

Joe Driscoll
Amory Gabel
Jack Hartwein
Karen Martens
Jim Mayberry
Mariane Mayberry
A. B. Maynard
Tom Mergens
Shannon Scott
Eileen Webb
Elaine Webb
Marc Zionts
WOODRUFF AND IMPROVEMENTS

Fall 1984 Becomes Revised Date for Woodruff Opening

The big news in the Housing Department this year was project C-71, which finally took the name of Woodruff Residence Hall. Tech's newest structure, located at the end of west campus and overlooking Northside Drive, is a modern living facility capable of housing 560 residents. A new dining hall, which conveniently served all of west campus, separated the co-ed residence hall into two wings. Initially scheduled to open in the fall of 1983, housing officials announced a new date in the spring of 1983 for a spring '84 opening. With that in mind, the Blueprint devoted two pages to the much awaited building. However, due to construction delays in December '83, fall of 1984 became the projected first quarter for occupancy by Tech students.

The new hall promised to provide the most luxurious accommodations available from the housing department. Living arrangements were suite style, that is, two rooms accessed by a common door and sharing a common bathroom.

No more running down the halls in the cold of winter to the showers! Also, included are beautiful study lounges on every floor enclosed by glass walls and convenient kitchens which make Woodruff a most desirable place to live.

Other than the opening of the new building, Housing gained more aesthetic improvements around campus. For example, landscaping of several locations including the Brittain courtyard, the Techwood courtyard, and the slope behind the Commons building on west campus all received a thorough beautification and maintenance program. Then of course, the renovation of Harrison Residence Hall capped the list of improvements. The dramatic transformation of this building swelled its waiting list as students clammered for quality housing.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Construction of Woodruff Residence Hall continues throughout the year. Vince Castiglione cooks in one of Harrison's Kitchens. BOTTOM: Students stroll through Brittain courtyard going to and from class.
Buildings Unite Under One Council

The five residence halls in Area II are Matheson, Perry, Hanson, Hopkins, and Field. These halls shared a single Hall Council and participated together in intramurals and other hall activities.

The Area II Hall Council greatly improved throughout the year. Working under an updated constitution, the council effectively organized and presented numerous activities. Some of these activities included the traditional Area II Spring Party, a haunted house and Halloween party in Brittain Dining Hall, Homecoming activities, home game hot dog roasts, a Holiday party, and weekly ski trips to Scaly Mountain. The halls also upheld the tradition of strong participation in Residence Hall Week activities.

In intramurals, Area II entered male, female, and co-rec teams in almost every sport. The women’s volleyball team succeeded in winning the league championship. Three basketball teams also provided recreation for the area.

The students of Area II, who were spirited, enthusiastic, loyal and hardworking, made the year fun for all residents interested in becoming an active member in Tech’s social community.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Residents gather at the Blueprint group shot cookout. Indexing another cassette. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Freemont challenges Area II. Bobby Lane, Mike Armour and friends relax to music and a game of cards.
Parties, cookouts, and other activities kept Armstrong and Fulmer residents busy for another year. The year began with the “Slimelight Party” sponsored by Armful and most of the other residence halls on west campus. Punked out in minis and leather, everyone was treated to a night full of dancing. As everyone got settled down for another year, hall representatives met with officers and resident assistants every week to discuss activities like the Halloween Party, a pre-Virginia game mixer, Secret-Santas, and a host of other activities as well as improvements for the two halls.

Everyone involved in intramurals put forth great efforts to make their teams strong and spirited. Armful started off the year right with league and school championships with Freeman in co-rec football. The volleyball team had strong showings in both the women’s and co-rec divisions. In addition, a strong basketball team was fielded.

Armstrong-Fulmer had everything to offer this year as well as offering a quiet place to study and make friends.
"One Techwood Place" became the new theme for Brown and Harris Residence Halls this year. Along with the new theme came some physical changes. Harris got a "facelift" over the summer with an extensive repainting of walls as well as some room furnishings to more "aesthetically appealing" colors. The sprucing up was needed since there had been a few years of wear and tear since the major remodeling which allowed Harris residents to enjoy "the suite life" instead of the standard residence hall design.

Harris-Brown Television, better known as HBTV or Warrenvision, provided private cable television for Brown-Harris residents which always proved entertaining. HBTV expanded this year to include sound and lighting for parties and special events.

Various activities went on during the year including some post football game mixers and a steak dinner cookout before the Virginia game. There were several movie nights with Glenn and Fitten, Trick-or-Treating and a Christmas Party with Glenn.

Over Christmas, temperatures plummeted to the single digits and resulted in the bursting of water pipes all over campus. Harris, however, sustained the most damage. Many residents returned to damp carpets, water damaged belongings, and a generally musty smell that lingered for several days.

This disaster was forgotten later in the quarter when Brown-Harris celebrated winter mid-terms with a weekend hot tub party and dinner. As temperatures again fell to below freezing, residents were able to relax comfortably in the outdoor tub.

In intramurals Brown-Harris performed well in flag football, volleyball, and co-recreational volleyball with Fitten. Basketball teams in the regular division and a co-recreational team with Howell, took to the courts with competitive enthusiasm.

This Tub Warms Winter
Lively Social Functions Add to Intramural Reputation

A never ending brainstorm of programming ideas swept through the minds of hall council representatives every Monday night in the Caldwell lounge. Rational decision making, however, led the council to offer the most reasonable activities to its residents. Of course, Caldwell helped the rest of West Campus carry off the opening “Slimelight” party at the beginning of fall quarter. The successful and delicious pig roast filled the appetites of residents. Caldwell kept the momentum rolling by hosting a successful party in Fitten lobby. Showing weekly movies, offered dependable entertainment while collecting the proceeds to aid the building’s “slush fund.”

In intramurals, this year just as any other, Caldwell proved a powerful force in anybody's league. The football team enjoyed great victories, massively outscoring their opponents. The volleyball team also played well. With increased emphasis on social activities, in addition to already aggressive intramurals, Caldwell residents found a friendly place to live.
Located in Area I, between Brittain Dining Hall and Glenn Hall, lies a building that exhibits its own special character. Size, decor, and social environment join to set this character. Due to the small capacity of around 115, residents established a friendly living climate. Remodeled kitchens and handy built-in skyracks, contributed to the pride its residents took in Cloudman.

Just as any other building in the residence hall system, Cloudman experienced high turnover. Despite the fact, however, the general feeling of the hall has remained constant for many years. Although interrupted by streaks of rowdiness, the feeling could best be described as relaxed, if not sedate.

To motivate residents, hall council met every Tuesday night at 10:30 and brainstormed ideas and planned events for the hall.

Among the activities offered throughout the year was a fundraising movie night to collect money for a new pool table. The table joined a ping pong table and dart board in the recreation room. Tournaments were planned for these sports and offered activities suitable to Cloudman residents.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Terry Danner rides the Caldwell wreck in style. Cloudman resident relaxes under his skyracks. BOTTOM: It's taco time in the kitchen.
Fitten Hall was a home-away-from-home for over 140 girls this year, and the closeness of the residents made the adjustment from home to school life much easier.

In intramurals, the volleyball team was fielded in the co-rec division with Brown-Harris and played admirably. Fitten’s flag football team, known as the “Hairy Brown Cats” was coached by residents of Brown-Harris.

Residents were kept informed through the newsletter known as the “Fitten Flush.”

Fall quarter started off with a bang at the “Slimelight” party with the rest of the West Campus Halls. Then Fitten got together with Caldwell to co-sponsor the wild “Flashdance” party during the quarter. Later was a fabulous costume party on West Campus in celebration of Halloween. A great Christmas Party with special gifts for everyone helped top off another busy fall quarter.

What do you mean, “Halloween’s tomorrow?”

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Paulette Ossi and Lisa Early play the Roommate Game. Spooky punch receives grimaces. Fitten women exchange gifts at Christmas.
Actively participating in intramurals, parties, fundraisers, and Homecoming, Folk Residence Hall had a successful year. The Hall Council sponsored several parties, including barbecues and a spring dance with a live band. Funds for these and other activities were raised by selling doughnuts and tee shirts. Selling tee shirts was practically an effortless task because of Folk’s popular “Folk is it!” campaign.

In intramurals, Folk participated in football, volleyball, and other sports. For their labor at volleyball practices, Folk’s team made it to the playoffs.

An energetic Homecoming committee achieved a high degree of involvement in Homecoming contests. For their effort in the display contest, Folk was recognized as creating the Best Mechanization for residence halls. Also, the residence hall’s group of tricycle riders came in tenth in the Mini 500.
Active residents and a hard working staff produced a full year of activities for the Freeman-Montag Residence Hall. During spring quarter, Freemont, as it is better known, held its Third Annual Freemont Mud Extravaganza. The event was the creation of a 60 foot water slide down the hill behind the building as well as a full scale bar-b-que. An excellent time was had by all. Freemont also participated in several other activities including cookouts, a Halloween Party, with the other residence halls on west campus, hot chocolate and doughnut breaks, a "DeLorean Party" complete with Coke and white powder doughnuts, Coke sales, and t-shirt sales.

The intramural program began with a successful soccer season, having a regular season record of four wins and one loss. The football team, finishing with five wins and no losses, was the Curry League Champions. During that stretch, they outscored their opponents 137 to 19. Both the soccer and football teams finished second in the dorm division and went on to compete in the school championship playoffs. The co-rec football team with Armstrong-Fulmer compiled a record of six wins against no losses and ended the season as league and school champions. Freemont also sponsored teams in ultimate frisbee, basketball, softball, and volleyball.
Glenn Girls View Films at Brown-Harris

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An attentive hall council drew from over three hundred residents to assure success of Glenn’s many parties and intramural teams. Fall quarter’s ice cream party celebrated the arrival of drop day. There soon followed a Halloween bonfire where ghost stories chilled the spines of many listeners. Throughout the quarter Glenn and Brown-Harris got together for several movie nights thanks to HBTV video capabilities. As one of their Homecoming events Glenn helped East Campus sponsor Amory Gabel, their ARHD, for Queen. The two hall councils also collaborated on a Christmas party before exam week. Party goers also enjoyed winter and spring quarter at Glenn.

As if this were not enough, intramural involvement increased. Among the sports that Glenn participated in were football and volleyball, both women’s and co-rec, gaining the championship title in the latter division. Glenn also fielded a good team in basketball winter quarter.

Glenn Hall Council produced innovative programming and managed to break the monotony of school work whether it be socially or athletically.
The newly renovated Harrison Hall, home to 150 Tech students of which 148 are upperclassmen, is physically the finest dorm on campus. It sports brand new kitchens and ice machines on every floor as well as new bathroom fixtures and carpeted hallways. However, not all was perfect in Harrison as the sometimes possessed fire alarm system enjoyed a good buzz more than it should have.

Last spring Harrison held its annual Beach Party complete with two dump truck loads of sand. Other activities included an ice cream social with Glenn, doughnut study breaks, and Coke sales to raise money for future parties. Throughout the year Harrison showed its spirit by participating in pep-rallies, attending home games and holding pregame parties during football season.

Harrison’s intramural softball team advanced to the playoffs during spring quarter capping a fine regular season. In the fall, they fielded a highly competitive football team, narrowly missing the playoffs. Their basketball and soccer teams provided stiff competition for their opponents in winter quarter.
HEFNER

Forsyth Women
Brighten Lives

Through the efforts of an enthusiastic hall council and hard working staff, Hefner Residence Hall planned a wealth of hall activities. Hall council, which met each Sunday night, kept residents informed of various events through the publication of a bi-weekly newsletter called "The Free Press." Subjects such as "The Abduction of the Mool," "Mid-Georgia Mania," and "Apathy" were also included in the letter.

The year began with a sixteen man excursion to an all female institution in Forsyth, Georgia. The men sought to expand the horizons beyond the Tech campus and were successful at Tift College. Hefnerites and the Tift women participated in a west campus "Slimelight" Party and held the fifth annual Armful-Hefner Barbecue the next weekend. Other activities included a Halloween party and a pre-game mixer before the Virginia football game. Several parties and mixers took place winter and spring quarters as well. For the "broke" and/or bored Hefnerites, hall council showed movies in the TV lounge every Saturday.

Continuing its tradition of athletic prowess, Hefner fielded excellent volleyball, basketball, and ultimate teams, complementing the other activities and completing a very active year in Hefner Hall.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill the Cat gets threatened by a terrorist. A Halloween demon is mesmerized by a video game. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Hall Council has everyone's attention. Howell Trick-or-Treaters invade Cloudman.
Evening Tuck-In Service Leaves Many Women Smiling

One of the advantages of living in a residence hall is always having someone or something nearby to help temporarily escape from the rigors of academics. Whether she is socially or athletically inclined there was someway every Howell resident could get involved.

Among the activities enjoyed this year was a Halloween trick or treat. Being the closest residence hall to Brittain had its advantages also. Arrangements were made for several social activities in the Tea Room, among them a successful square dance with Smith Hall in November. An intimate "good-night" was shared with the men of Towers when the two buildings had a tuck-in service together. To cap off fall quarter a Christmas party was held in December just before exams for a last opportunity to have a good time before settling down to prepare for finals. Winter, while cold and dreary, as usual was brightened by social activities and study breaks.

Plenty of sports kept the Howell girls busy this year. Everyone had a chance to participate in volleyball, both co-rec and women's leagues. Also, a fierce football team took to the field fall quarter. Winter offered Howell residents a shot at the hoop in basketball. Thanks to the hard work of an enthusiastic hall council president, Howell offered numerous ways to get involved in residence life and campus activities throughout the year.
Beginning the academic year with a totally relandscaped courtyard and three new kitchens, Techwood continued to improve. Techwood's Hall Council continued to be one of the most active, working hard to provide more activities.

The "To Hell With Georgia" party at the end of fall quarter was a blast for everyone who attended. The big party of the year, however, was in the spring. Techwood, with the help of other hall councils, hosted two bands from four in the afternoon until midnight in the courtyard. The party was an unforgettable experience for residents and administration alike.

The enthusiastic residents, mostly freshmen this year, showed their spirit at all the pep rallies and won the loudness contest. During Homecoming Week, residents worked feverishly to complete their display. The sacrifices were worth the efforts as Techwood won best overall display for residence halls.

In intramurals, the 'Wood sponsored several successful teams. Wrestling and softball proved to be favorable. The volleyball teams, however, proved to be powerful, capturing both the residence hall and co-rec championships for the second year in a row.

TOP: A Techwood running back avoids tackle. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Smith tosses. A couple swings at the square dance.
SMITH

Active Residents Enjoy Millertime

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Led by an active hall council and Residence Hall Director, Miller Templeton, the second largest residence hall on campus finished a great year. Through the dedicated work of the council, Smith began a remodeling plan which included the acquisition of a new television, and the construction of a kitchen.

Hall council also offered athletic and social opportunities to Smith residents. A skillful team charged to a championship in water polo. The football team performed well throughout the season as well. A successful square dance co-hosted by Fitten and Howell gave residents a spin as the caller instructed the dance steps. "Smith, Where It's Always Miller Time" became the hall's new motto, setting a new image. Through the concerted efforts of Smith's hall council and involved residents, the hall became an interesting and enjoyable place to live.
The members of the Towers Residence Hall participated in many activities during the year including parties, fundraisers, Homecoming, RHA Week, and intramurals.

The Towers Hall Council sponsored activities such as the infamous Bare Ass 500, a tuck-in service, a cookout with other residence halls, and a variety of parties. In order to fund these and other activities, Towers had hot dog sales before football games.

For their involvement in intramurals, Towers continued to dominate many sports. This was highlighted by the Flag Football team winning the Residence Hall Championship.

Towers Hall was also active in Homecoming activities. They participated in the Tacky Tourist Contest, built a mechanized display, and entered a team in the Mini 500.
The most unique residence hall at Tech for the past six years was definitely the YMCA on Luckie Street. Because of the lack of space in the residence hall system, Tech contracted with the Y in 1978 to lease all rooms for students. Students located at the Y enjoyed the only hall with private rooms. Hall phones kept out unnecessary interruptions and aided in the privacy enjoyed by residents.

Since it was located several blocks from campus in the heart of downtown, at the foot of the Peachtree Plaza, residents were furnished with MARTA transcards to travel to and from the campus. Although the locale was a little inconvenient, residents enjoyed full use of the Y's gym facilities located in the building. Residents also enjoyed the view from the roof — the lights of the surrounding buildings above and street muggings below.

There was a great deal of interfloor competition in athletics which helped contribute to good showings in intramurals. As proof of this, the Y's football team did well and made it to division playoffs. The basketball team had an equally strong showing in winter quarter's competition.

A friendly, open atmosphere existed which was conducive to meeting new people and an unusual sense of togetherness. This togetherness was exhibited at the successful party thrown by residents at Good Ol' Days eatery during fall quarter.

But, alas, all good things must come to an end. With the announced closing of the downtown Y, the residents had to be absorbed into every available space on campus spring quarter. With the closing of the YMCA, a unique era in residence hall history at Tech came to a close.

TOP: The YMCA provides each resident with an individual space to live. This senior architecture major uses his limited amount of space to organize his job hunt. BOTTOM: The Towers Residence Hall Intramurals Basketball team goes for a layup over the smaller, more inexperienced, Smith Hall team.