The residence halls on campus could be divided into two areas: East Campus and West Campus. Between East and West were significant differences, but also similarities. First and foremost were the different atmospheres. East campus was considered to be wild, constantly partying, and busy while West campus reflected a quieter atmosphere with a more intense study ethic.

East campus residents had several eating establishments to choose between. If you wanted to eat on campus, there was Britannia Hall for your convenience. You could also consider Wendy’s, Junior’s Grill, or the Varsity when you became tired of ARA. Another advantage to living on east campus was the close proximity of the stadium. Students could simply roll out of bed a half hour before kickoff and still make it to the game on time. A disadvantage to living on east campus was The Hill. Walking up the Hill was initially a tiresome experience for most residents, but after a while, students gradually got used to the trek. Fraternity and sorority houses were close to east campus as well, giving students the opportunity to actively participate in greek life.

On West Campus, you could drop in at the Couch building or simply stand outside, and listen to the band play. West campus dorms have several advantages in that they are fairly new, have more available parking spaces, and generally have larger rooms. On this side of campus, students also have the Student Athletic Center (SAC), several outdoor tennis courts, and an outdoor volleyball pit all within easy reach. For dinner, you were always welcomed at Woodruff’s Dining Hall, where they offered a variety of delicious ARA food. The shoe tree between Folk and Caldwell offered a unique sight.

Although east campus is closer to most lecture halls, west campus is closer to SAC. You could choose to live on either side based on your preferences. Usually it was hard to choose between east or west campus. You could try and stay where you wanted, or you could just go wherever the Housing Department placed you.

by Kristian Widjaja

Students on East Campus had to brave “The Hill” to get to class. Those who were less adventurous could always ride the Stinger.

West Campus parking was much more relaxed than the parking in the East side of campus. Students who lived on both sides of Tech complained about the lack of “good” parking spots, though.
People who eat in Brittain Dining Hall are able to take advantage of the "all-you-can-eat" food. Brittain was a favorite place to eat, especially for students who lived on East Campus.

Sitting in the Woodruff staff office, Lawanna Burre, a senior industrial engineering major, studies while serving as duty RA for the evening.
Helping Students Live With Tech

The Residence Hall Association has been instrumental in helping to provide a better living environment for the students who live on campus. Through the Resident Assistants, this department helped students adapt to life at Tech. The RA's in each residence hall were assigned a certain number of students to “watch over.” Their jobs included managing check-in and check-out procedures, making sure that all rules were followed, and serving as the link between the students and the RHA executives.

All RA's have taken a special class (RATS) to prepare them for the job they hold. As a group, the RA's also participated in many activities such as retreats that were described by one Resident Assistant as "a real learning experience."

by Danny Carwile

This RHA member takes notes in a big way. He's not sure that the pen really is mighter than the sword, so he went and found the biggest pen he could (just to make sure).
Representatives from Area II, Patrick Waldenfels and Marcella Cherry pay careful attention to the RHA meeting. The RHA met regularly in order to keep in tune with what the residents and the Housing Department required.

A group of people take advantage of the refreshments at the Winter Reflections semi-formal dance. Many people enjoyed this RHA-sponsored activity designed to help students meet each other.
Providing Tech Students with a Home Away from Home

The Housing Department's goals this year were, as always, to provide clean, safe accommodations, to provide for the academic needs of the students (by putting desks in the rooms, creating study lounges, etc.), and to provide an environment where students could develop and improve their interpersonal skills.

Because of the fact that there are more students who would like to live on campus than there are places for the students to live, the Housing Department has had a difficult time deciding where (or if) students will live at Tech. Although they have been requesting additional housing facilities for a number of years, the Housing Department has been unable to build even the residence halls that have been approved because of the recent budget cuts. Two new buildings have finally been financially approved, though, and construction began on the new graduate dorm in the first week of January, with the other scheduled to begin in June. Additional housing is expected to be built to satisfy the needs of those participating in the Olympic games in 1996.

For those students who would like to live on campus, a lottery system has been established. First priority is given to new students who complete the required forms by May 1 (for undergraduates) or August 25 (for graduate students). Returning students with special needs (co-ops who work outside the Atlanta area), staff members, and some students affiliated with the athletic association are given the next priority. Regular returning students are placed next, and, finally, students who applied after the deadline or who didn’t participate in the lottery are assigned housing.

The Housing Department tried to make each resident's experience with living at Tech as pleasant as possible by providing services to residents as well as buildings that suit the needs of a Georgia Tech student.

by Danny Carwile
This student takes a minute from her busy schedule to sit down and ponder the meaning of life. Residents sometimes like to return to their rooms during the day for a quiet place to rest between classes.

Q: What do you do late at night in your residence hall?
A: Sleep.
Run through the halls and knock on all the doors.
Always thinking of someone else, I order pizzas for all the RA’s in my hall.

Three Active Halls Joined As One

BHH was the abbreviation of the tri-hall group of Brown, Harris, and Howell. The BHH hall council was always busy planning events and programs, so there was no excuse to be bored. It was exciting to take part at their parties where free food was available.

Although its residents took their academics seriously, the residents of BHH “lived college life to its fullest extent.” These three East Campus residence halls formed a close community that was a basis for everlasting friendships.

by Kristian Widjaja
They Did It All

Besides being the largest area of residence halls on the Georgia Tech campus, consisting of the Field, Hanson, Hopkins, Matheson, and Perry halls, Area II was also an active group at the school. Trips to places such as Stone Mountain were common, as were backpacking and hiking excursions. Sports activities were supported too, with ice skating trips and an area-sponsored soccer club. Perhaps most important, though, were the occasional slide shows, cookouts, cultural discussions, community service projects, and (of course) parties that kept everyone in the area entertained.

The Area II hall council enhanced the environment in the halls by maintaining a good working relationship with the Resident Assistants, making the residents feel right at home with the rest of the people who wear the Area II T-shirt.

I lived in, played in, slept in, partied in, puked in, studied in, ate in, showered in, tried to steal cable TV in, watched the Braves in, tried to park in, and had my car towed away from, AREA II.

Four students take interest in a computer program. Although computers are available for student use on campus, many students enjoy the convenience of having their own computers in their rooms.
Q&A

Q: Why did you choose to live on campus?

A: Tech is too far from home. My parents don’t live on campus.

I thought that I would not be fully involved in the “college experience” unless I lived with people who were trying to accomplish the same thing that I was.

Wet Carpet and Celebrity Impersonations

Folk Residence Hall was known to be one of the most active halls on campus. Although its budget was small, Folk was able to offer some of the most extensive programming at Tech. Folkaholics (as they preferred to be called) enjoyed their weekly movie nights and meetings.

On Bobby Cremins Appreciation Day (a day to honor the basketball coach), the residents had a Bobby Cremins look-alike contest with some students mirroring the coach quite well.

Folk sponsored several top teams in all intramural sports. The frisbee and volleyball teams were especially triumphant during the school playoffs. After victories, the residents celebrated because Folk was the place "where the party never ended and the carpet never dried."

by Kristian Widjaja

West Campus’s own shoe tree stands tall between Folk and Caldwell residence halls. Many barefoot people can attribute their loss of footwear to friends or roommates tossing their shoes up to the lofty branches.

by Kristian Widjaja
Returning Residents and a Feeling of Closeness

Perhaps the thing that most separated Cloudman from the other residence halls at Georgia Tech was the closeness of the residents. Most students who live in Cloudman return year after year. Because of this, the residents of the hall continued to develop their friendships throughout their years at Tech.

Cloudman was very involved in sports. Getting block seating for football and basketball games was customary. The residents also excelled in intramural sports, especially football, softball, and soccer. The intramural club saying was "show up and play." Emphasis was on having fun rather than winning.

If you were looking for a hall where you could roll out of bed every morning to start your day, Cloudman wouldn't be your first choice -- the loft beds loomed six feet over cement floors, and provided a shocking awakening to anyone rolling over one time too many. If you were looking for a small residence hall in which to make lasting friendships, though, Cloudman was the place for you.

by Danny Carwile

Q&A

Q: How does your RA make your stay in the residence hall a better experience?

A: When I need advice or just someone to talk to, my RA is always locating with words of wisdom to get me through troubled times. He helps me figure out where my classes are and occasionally helps me study.

My RA often takes me out to Lenox or Kroger when I need to buy something.
Several people crowd into a room to find out why all the people are crowding into the room. Often, West Campus residents would meet each other to socialize in the rooms rather than the commons areas.

A Mixture of Work, Fun, and Friendship

Caldwell is a residence hall at Tech whose members work hard in both academics and sports. The residents of Caldwell prided themselves in excelling in both of these areas.

The residents felt that they were close to one another. Most agreed that they got along well with their neighbors, and the hall participated in many activities as a group.

Students who lived in Caldwell attempted to get the most out of life that they could. Their residence hall was a place to live, sleep, party, make friends, study, and generally experience Tech.

by Danny Carwile
Women's Hall Offers Fun and Friendship

You have not lived life to its fullest until you have lived in a residence hall. Glenn was one of the most exciting women's residence halls on the Georgia Tech campus. Fun-filled sleepless nights and loud, blaring music prevailed. Room doors were left wide open so that you could get a peek at either sloppiness galore or a neatness nut's work. Glenn always offered once-in-a-lifetime sights.

In Glenn, students made so many new friends that some found it hard to remember all the names. Many life-long friendships have originated in the hall. Living in Glenn often included late-night studying. Many times when you were studying, you came across another girl perched over the same book and realized that it might be beneficial to study with her. This usually led to one of three things: a) the girl was a "brain" and helped you with some of the problems you've been worrying about for the past two weeks, b) she had word, and your test came straight from it, or c) both of you understood a little of the work and, by the time the sun rose, you both knew enough to pass the test.

There was always someone in Glenn Hall to give you advice or to listen to your troubles. Glenn made you feel right at home as soon as you moved in because the entire hall was just one great big family of women.

by Laureen Hobbs

Q&A

Q: How do you find the studying environment in the residence halls?

A:

I could get more studying done at the Library.

It's not so bad as long as you kick out your room-mate.

The study lounges smell funny.

One of the Glenn residents gets help on her homework from her special friend. Although stuffed animals aren't the smartest of creatures, and it is nearly impossible to find a teddy bear that can integrate, sometimes it helps to have them around.
A few residents of Smith hall used to have an interesting slogan -- "If you want to get hot, come to Smith."

Until recently, this statement was quite literally true because Smith was the last residence hall on campus to have air-conditioning installed. Now all residence halls have heat and air-conditioning in each room.

Smith was in an exciting place last year. Residents once again admired the excellent view of either "Howell Beach" on one side of the building, or North Avenue traffic on the other. Smith also fit well into the partying spirit of the other East Campus residence halls.

by Kristian Widjaja

Two Smith residents sort through their chaotic room on a quest for an important item. Most students found it much easier to put things away in their rooms than to find them when they were needed.

Q & A

Q: If you could change one thing about your residence hall, what would it be?

A: I’d make the rooms bigger, put in elevators, install cola fountains next to the water fountains, have private bathrooms, and have the hall move from place to place in order for it to be right next to whatever class I go to next.

I’d want a fireman’s pole outside my window so I wouldn’t have to go down the stairs all the time. There should be a maid service that would clean up the room whenever you put a sign on the doorknob and a free room service - just like any fine hotel.
Q: How do you get along with your roommate?

A: We got along splendidly - it was like living with myself.

As long as we weren't in the room at the same time, we got along just fine.

by Kristian Widjaja
Q: What is the best advantage to living on campus?
A: Convenience to Tech. You get to meet people. It's not living at home.

When you ask Woodruff residents what floor they live on, you might get an unexpected reply like “Fifth floor crooked” and “Fourth floor straight”. Students who live on the ‘crooked’ hall must pass through a series of bends before reaching their four-person suite. Separate men's and women's towers contain nine halls and over five hundred residents. Each suite contains two rooms and a shared bath and sink. In actual square feet, the Woodruff rooms have no equal making them prime choices for all students. Other advantages include the Woodruff's dining facility and the mini-laundromat both of which are located on the ground floor.

Although a large community, a core group of dedicated students and staff participated regularly in all RHA events. These students organized several hall-wide activities including a Sunday lunch sponsored by Picadilly and a spring band party.

Two students in Woodruff enjoy a break in their schedules and take the opportunity to catch up on some current events.