Bits of Memories from the NCR C-TEC

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In 1970 the new NCR Corporate Technical Education Center (C-TEC) opened doors to host, train, and educate personnel from the technical services in the domestic and international company locations. The campus was built at 9391 Washington Church Road at Miamisburg, close to the Dayton Mall. The C-TEC became a very important education hub for the company, spreading the knowledge and the expertise needed to support the NCR products and current technologies of that day.

The whole complex included numerous classrooms and many spacious system rooms where all the new computer products were installed to serve the training needs of those attending classes at the C-TEC. On the ground floor was what we used to call the "Fish Bowl", a very large space surrounded by transparent glass walls and populated with computer systems and peripherals.

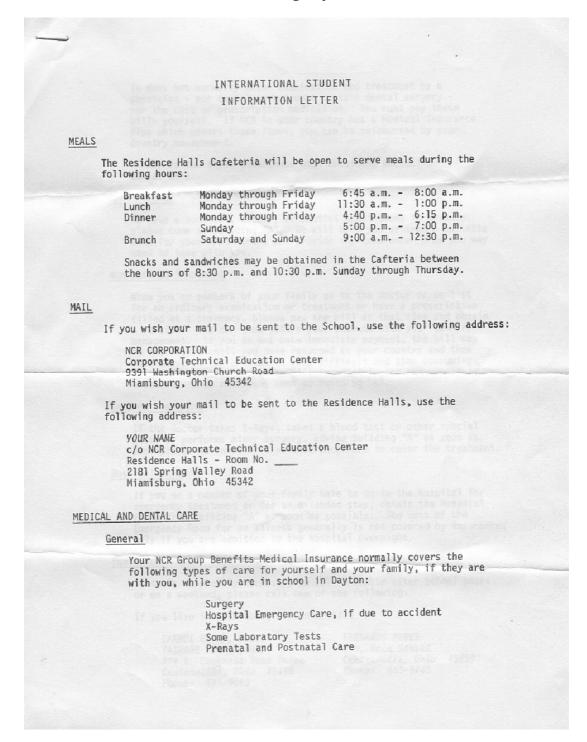


Adjacent to the training facilities were the Residence Halls, a Motel-like structure offering housing for the students, and one could walk from the classrooms to the Halls through connecting corridors without having to exit the buildings in the heavy winter cold when snow was covering everything. Accommodation was quite decent; on the negative side was the single bathroom for every two rooms, and some of us rejected the idea of sharing the same toilet facilities with our neighbor. To wake up some memories, above is a picture of a section of the Residence Halls taken in the snowy winter of 1982. This section is the one close to the parking lot drive next to the main entry at 2181 Spring Valley Road.

Usually the Hall management was posting informative material to everybody scheduled to stay in the C-TEC Residence Halls. To trigger again old recollections, here is the first

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page of a typical information letter with details of the Cafeteria serving hours, mail address details, and instructions for emergency medical care:



It's been quite some time since my last visit to Dayton, and I have no idea if these buildings still exist, or what is their present use. As I read in the press, NCR is now trimming its property profile, and another historic training facility, the Sugar Camp in Oakwood, has already been sold to a private investment group for commercial development. Does anyone know what has happened to the C-TEC Campus?