

# Slusher



Slusher Hall is named for **Clarice Slusher Pritchard**. Pritchard was among the first women to graduate from Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute. A member of the class of 1927, she earned a bachelor of business administration degree. She also received her master of science degree in 1936. She served her alma mater long and faithfully, first as assistant registrar and then, for about 29 years, as registrar, retiring in 1963. She was named *registrar emerita* upon her retirement.

She once said that she had fond memories of polite students who “never failed to say ‘Yes, ma’am,’ or ‘No, ma’am’” when she asked them a question. Being one of the few women working on campus was not a problem, Pritchard said, but others remember her as a pioneer who paved the way for women who followed her.

**Residence hall built:** Construction started on Slusher Hall in fall 1971 and the building opened in 1972. Slusher Tower is a 12-floor high-rise with beautiful views of campus and the surrounding community. Slusher Wing has a lower, more traditional profile.

**Construction firm:** Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc.

**Dedication date:** 1974

## Slusher Hall Today

**Community:** Drillfield

**Type:** Tower: Single-sex (female), traditional-style  
Wing: Co-ed, traditional-style

**Theme Housing Programs:**

The Wing (first-year experience)

Hypatia (women in engineering)

**Number of residents:** Tower: 324, Wing: 305

**Staff:** Tower: Complex director: 1

Resident advisor coordinator: 1

Resident advisors: 11

Wing: Graduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: 6



### References:

“Heroes and Heroines Set in Stone,” by Su Clauson-Wickerand Netta Smith, in the fall 1995 issue of *Virginia Tech Magazine*.

University Archives of Virginia Tech, *Historical Data Book*, Section 6.5.

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