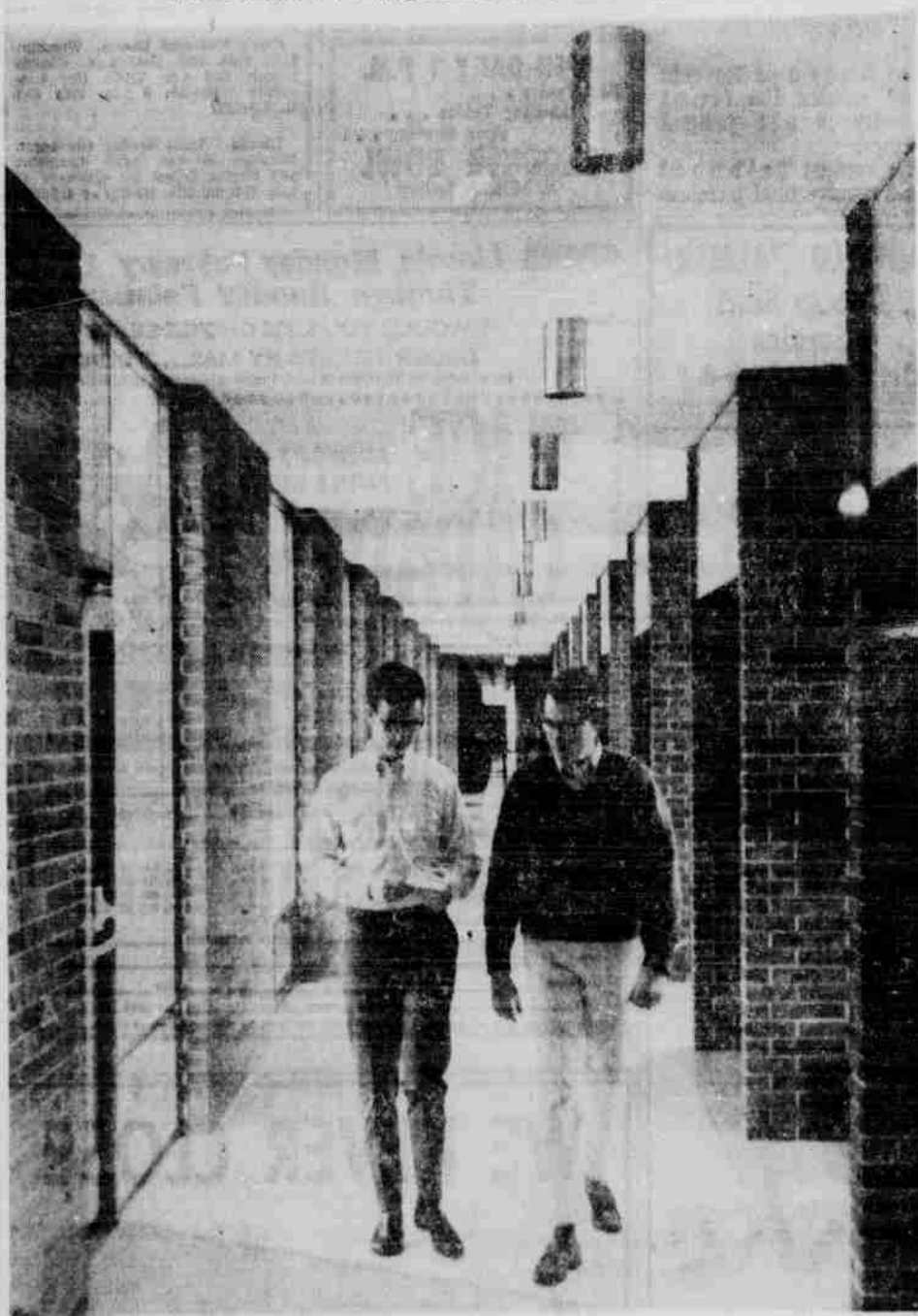




ABEL HALL . . . largest dormitory on campus. Its population of 1032 men is larger than many residents' hometowns.



CONNECTING CORRIDOR . . . Abel men, in search of feminine companionship are grateful for the advantages coed living units provide.



FIRST IN LINE . . . Hungry Sandoz residents await the opening of the cafeteria. Stairs and halls soon will be filled as nearly 1500 residents prepare to eat.



MOMENT OF PEACE . . . Abel man considers the rest of the campus and the role of the student.



SANDOZ LOUNGE . . . provides momentary privacy and relief from "group living."  
Photos By Mike Hayman

## Abel-Sandoz To Be Dedicated

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Formal dedication ceremonies for the George P. Abel-Mari Sandoz residence hall complex will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Abel South main lounge area.

Presiding over the dedication of the 13 story men's residence hall and the 9 story women's residence hall will be University Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin.

The formal program for the University's newest and costliest residence hall complex, will last approximately one hour, according to M. Edward Bryan, University housing director.

The program consists of an opening welcome remark by Wayne Morton, Abel-Sandoz president, who will describe the function of the dormitory government and the achievements the complex has made in its short existence of less than two years.

The Abel-Sandoz choir, under the direction of James Ochsner, will present a short selection and then portraits of George Abel and Mari Sandoz will be presented to the respective hall vice-presidents.

Mickey Brazeal will accept the portrait of Abel for Abel Hall from the family of George Abel, while Jana Miller will accept a portrait that the University has acquired of Mari Sandoz, Bryan said.

After the formal ceremonies both halls will be open to the public, and then, "if the visitors desire they will be taken on individual guided tours of both halls by Abel-Sandoz floor representatives," said Glenda Osborn, Abel-Sandoz publicity chairman.

During the open house, which is scheduled until 5 p.m., refreshments will be served in the lobbies of the respective halls.

"We invite everyone who is interested to join the afternoon dedication ceremonies and tour both buildings," said Morton.

Preceding the dedication, a luncheon will be held for the families of George Abel and Mari Sandoz, the University Board of Regents, University administrators and the residence hall directors of both halls.

University Chancellor Hardin made the following statement concerning the dedication:

"We are very pleased to dedicate these residence halls in honor of two very special Nebraskans—Mari Sandoz and George P. Abel. Both of these individuals made great contributions to Nebraska and the University."

"They exemplify what an individual can do through personal initiative and perseverance. It is our hope that these Nebraskans will serve as a symbol of attainment for the youth who use these living-learning facilities today and in the years ahead."

Richard Arndt, Abel South residence director, praised the progress of the complex.

"Many people have been amazed and pleased at the rapid progress Abel Hall has made in just 1½ years in developing student government on the floor and hall level and in the social activities Abel-Sandoz has planned and held for their students," Arndt said.

Arndt continued by saying that "it seems having the Sandoz girls has had a positive effect on the male student behavior."

Mrs. Jan Hazlett, Sandoz resident director, made the following statement available:

"Dedication Day for Abel and Sandoz will be an occasion for publicly recognizing the contributions made by George P. Abel and Mari Sandoz, the appreciation students have for their residence center and the progress made by the combined student government."

"All parts of the halls, from the individual rooms, lounges and snack bar to the dining hall, practice and study rooms, play an important part in facilitating and complementing a student's education."

Abel Hall, the University's largest residence hall with a student capacity of 1,056 residents opened in Sept. of 1965 at its present location North of Vine facing west of 17th.

The 3.5 million dollar men's residence hall, is situated with its adjoining food service center on a six acre tract of land purchased for less than \$200,000.

In September of 1963, the University Board of Regents authorized purchase of 4.175 acres from the Rock Island Railroad at a cost of \$115,000 and seven lots from the Abel Investment Co. at a cost of \$80,000.

The Board of Regents approved plans for the proposed hall in November of 1963 and the structure was completed in less than two years as it began operations in the fall of 1965.

Abel Hall is 307 feet long, more than a city block; 61 feet from front to rear; and is 140 feet high. Its adjoining food center which also serves Sandoz Hall is a two story structure with a cafeteria on the second floor and a snack bar and other recreational facilities on the ground floor.

Abel Hall actually consists of two residence halls—one on top of the other. Floors two through seven constitute Abel North, while the top six floors are called Abel South. Each floor group is serviced by two elevators and has a separate office and residence director. Abel South residence director is Arndt, while Abel North is served by Bob Muschewski.

The hall was named after George P. Abel, an engineer and contractor, who founded the Abel Construction Co. of Lincoln. Abel, a University graduate, died several years ago.

Both Abel-Sandoz and the adjoining food center were financed by revenue bonds which will be repaid by students with no state funds involved in the project.

Sandoz Hall, with a capacity of 448 students, opened one year after Abel began operations, in Sept. of 1966, and is located southeast of Abel.

The 1.6 million dollar structure is situated on a seven acre tract purchased by the University for \$85,000 from the George Cook Construction Co.

The 200 foot long and 62 foot wide structure, which costs \$3,714 per each student housed, is connected with Abel by walkways both under and overground designed for sharing the dining facilities east of Abel and the other recreational facilities.

Each floor has individual rooms of 224 square feet that are designed for two girls to a room, while each floor has its own informal lounge, study areas, hand laundry facilities and storage room.

The hall was named after Mari Sandoz, a Nebraska-oriented author, who attended the University and received an honorary doctorate degree from the University in 1950.