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Abel Hall lounge furniture temporarily removed



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Although most Abel Hall residents have returned residence hall furniture to respective lounges, the main north lounge is still vacant because "borrowed" furniture hasn't been returned.



Photo by Scott Svoboda

Finding a chair became a real problem last week for Abel Residence Hall dwellers when lounge furniture was removed from floors two through seven.

Craig Ullom, Abel Residence Hall director, said the furniture was placed in a storeroom Wednesday until an agreement could be reached with residents.

He added that most of the floors had regained their furniture by Saturday.

Ullom said the furniture from these floors had been removed at the beginning of the semester while building maintenance workers reupholstered it.

A problem arose when students took the furniture into their rooms after it was returned to the floors, Ullom said.

The furniture was "intended for use by all the residents," he said, and Abel Hall program staff members decided to have the furniture stored until a method could be found to keep it in the lounges.

The furniture was returned after student assistants and floor representatives met with Ullom and agreed to accept the responsibility to keep the furniture in the lounge, he said.

The "nice" appearance of the reupholstered chairs prompted students to take them, Ullom said. He added this was the first such incident this year but said he has been told the lounge furniture has been a problem in past years.

Sherry Helmke, seventh floor Student Assistant, said residents had been anxious to get the furniture back.

She said she did not know if the problem had been solved and speculated that "a lot depends on the policy" which she said has not yet been formally set.

A \$5 maintenance fee will be charged to students who do not return furniture found in their rooms, Ullom said.

Ullom said Saturday that fifth floor residents have made no response concerning the furniture removal.