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Six-year resident continues to stay despite Abel food

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Clay Statmore has lived more than one-fourth of his life on 11th floor Abel Hall.

He has lived through four rooms, ten semesters and six roommates.

Statmore, 22, is a second-year law student. This is his sixth year in Abel Hall, and he says he plans to stay there until he graduates in May of 1979.

"I don't hang out anywhere else, I hang out here," Statmore said. "All my friends live here so if I visit someone it's usually only a couple of doors away."

When he came to UNL from Clifton, New Jersey, he felt like an outsider, Statmore said. But since then, he says, he has made some good friends and has never considered moving.

Apartment living is out because of the cooking and inconvenience, he said. "I'm a good cook, but it takes too much time," Statmore said.

He said he chose the residence hall because he likes to have people around, but added that he doesn't need the "contrived brotherhood of a Greek House." "We have it (brotherhood) right here," he said.

Statmore said it is important to have a good roommate in a residence hall. If you don't you have a bad opinion of dorm life, he said.

Statmore said he likes the corner room he has had for three years.

"But I can't stand the food at Abel Hall," Statmore said. "I didn't eat here once last year." He said he eats almost every meal at the East Union, where residence hall meal tickets are accepted.

The elevators at Abel are Statmore's "Pet Peeve," and he said he thinks the whole system needs revamping. He said recently 18 people were trapped in an elevator. When the firemen came to rescue them, their elevator stopped too.

What about the residence hall hours and the noise with 80 men on the one floor?

"You learn to work around the security guards," Statmore said. "The people who live by me soon learn to keep their doors shut when playing their stereo."

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