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Because Lincoln Hall is in the process of getting new laundry facilities, sophomore elementary education major Claire Smith has to bring her laundry to Stevenson Hall, which is part of the same housing complex. Smith said that even though she doesn't have to leave the building to bring her laundry over, it is still a hassle.

New Lincoln Hall laundry room scheduled to open in October

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Lincoln Hall residents have not had a laundry room for the past semester.

During the summer, Eastern renovated Lincoln Hall and is still in the process of upgrading a new laundry room in the basement.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said he is grateful that the Lincoln residents are patient.

"The Lincoln residents have been very patient," Hudson said. "I appreciate the patience."

During the renovation, residents in Lincoln have gone to Stevenson Hall to do laundry.

Serena Loranca, sophomore biology major, said going to Stevenson is inconvenient and causes worries about privacy.

"It's more of a hassle, and I am afraid my stuff is being touched or stolen," she said.

Now that Loranca has to go to Stevenson, she is less likely to do laundry, she added.

Together the Stevenson laundry room has 11 washers and 12 dryers, which have been shared by over 400 residents for the past semester.

On a recent trip, it took Loranca approximately 16 minutes to actually get her load of laundry into the washer.

The only cash-to-chip machine in the Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas complex has been down for the entire

semester, forcing students to go to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to put money on their Panther Card chip.

Loranca said while she was doing laundry this past weekend other people did homework while they waited for a laundry machine.

"I would like for it to be done, and I am glad we are getting a new laundry room," Loranca said.

The renovation started in the summer when both Douglas Hall and Lincoln Hall were being renovated.

Hudson said the laundry room should be completed in the next 30 days.

This project was put off while bigger projects were being completed, Hudson said.

"We have this new room so residents have access to a nice area in the building," Hudson said.

Kristy Young, sophomore accounting major, said the renovation has been a small inconvenience because it's a farther walk than the Lincoln basement.

"Since I have to walk to Stevenson, I put off more laundry," Young said. "I always say 'I'll do it tomorrow.'"

Rachael Wade, resident assistant in Lincoln, said the Stevenson laundry room is bigger, just not big enough for both Lincoln and Stevenson residents.

Jacquelyn Liesin, sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, lives next-door to the old laundry room on the basement floor in Lincoln and is ready for the new room to be open.

"It's more of a hassle because the old laundry room is a foot away," Liesin said. "It seems really busy there (Stevenson)."

Miranda Ambuske, assistant resident director of Lincoln, said she is fine with doing laundry in Stevenson's laundry room because she knows she will be getting a new one in her building.

"Anytime there is a development or improvement, it will be harder at first, but in the long run it will be good," Ambuske said.

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