FURNITURE UPDATE
University commits to sustainable practices within residence halls

The Refinishing Touch. Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Harrisonburg, Va., recently completed the first phase of a large-scale wall unit modification project at Elmwood residence hall, which houses 88 students.

The second phase of the project is scheduled to be completed this summer at the university’s Maplewood residence hall, which houses 86 students and is one of the oldest buildings on campus. In total, the project will see the refinishing and re-manufacturing of 75 wall units, each comprising wardrobe, drawers, mirror frame and sliding doors.

The Refinishing Touch used LEED-approved finishes on the project in order to adhere to all LEED specifications. The project was completed on-site where non-toxic lacquers with low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were used, which promotes indoor air quality and safety.

“EMU recognizes the environmental impact and benefits of refinishing as a terrific option opposed to purchasing new furniture,” says Eldon Kurtz, director of physical plants. “The project was completed quickly and economically, and has resulted in beautifully refurbished wall units in the Elmwood residence hall.”

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Device latching system
Corbin Russwin. The FE5400S Multi-Point Exit Device Latching System is a three-point auto deadlocking system designed to help protect lives by securing shelters. Its extra-heavy-duty steel components secure the door to the frame—at the top, bottom and center latch points—to withstand extreme wind speeds and flying debris. All three latching points are activated automatically when the door is closed.

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