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## Residence hall vandalism raises concern for students

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In the past week residents of two dorm buildings received notices of violations to campus property and consequences to follow.

The emails sent to students in The Grove and Dana English Hall immediately circulated on YikYak.

In The Grove, several peepholes were removed and stolen from bedroom doors.

“This behavior is considered vandalism and poses a serious safety concern for our community. Peepholes are an important security feature that allow residents to see who is at their door before opening it,” Residence Hall Director Mike Collins wrote in an email to residents in The Grove.

This has raised a concern for safety among students.

“That would make me feel unsafe if my (peephole) was removed,” first-year health science major Madeline Bredaln said.

With the email having circulated on YikYak, the issue has alarmed students beyond The Grove

as well.

“I think that is definitely a concern that can increase uncomfortableness and it would make me feel less safe,” third-year applied business major Brianna McCarthy said.

In Dana English Hall, students were informed of vandalism taking place in the building’s communal bathrooms. Students received an email from Residence Hall Director Danny Riley.

“It has come to the attention of Residential Life that individuals are placing items in the community toilets that do not belong there. Please keep in mind that everyone utilizes these shared spaces and it is important to not trash or damage the property. If a member of the Residential Life team or facilities sees anyone throwing anything other than toilet paper in the toilets, you will be documented and reported to the office of student conduct. No exceptions.”

Residents in the building found these acts to violate respect.

“I feel like people should know the boundaries

of living, like in this kind of situation with all these different people sharing the same space,” first-year psychology major Julia Laudano said. “I get it if you have a private bathroom, but there should be respect with this kind of bathroom situation.”

For some students, they were unaware of this taking place until receiving the email. This caused confusion for what specifically was taking place.

“I guess I’m more confused and shocked on what it could be that’s going in the toilet,” first-year nursing major Brynn Caetano said.

In both cases, disciplinary action will be taken. Any acts of vandalism will be addressed through Student Conduct and could result in disciplinary action. Residential Life is working with Facilities to restore any damages.

“I think Res Life is doing a pretty good job,” McCarthy said. “They’re trying to instill trust in all the residents and make sure that people know that that’s not acceptable. I think that what they can keep doing is having constant contact about the situation and just make resi-

dents know that they can come to them and it’s always a safe space.”

Students are urged to report any acts of vandalism to Public Safety or by submitting an anonymous report at <https://www.qu.edu/report>.

“We are aware of recent incidents of vandalism in our first-year residence halls and take these matters very seriously,” John W. Morgan, associate vice president for public relations, wrote in a statement to The Chronicle. “Such behavior is unacceptable and does not reflect the values of our community. Our facilities team is addressing the damage, and Public Safety, along with Student Conduct and Community Standards, is investigating. Students found responsible for acts of vandalism face disciplinary action, which may include sanctions such as restitution, probation or suspension. Anyone with information about those responsible for the vandalism is asked to contact Public Safety at 203-582-6200. All calls will be kept confidential.”

*Chloe Grant contributed to this report.*

## Long lunch lines plague the new common hour

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The new common hour, while implemented for the benefit of students, has affected their ability to get lunch in a timely manner, leading to frustration among the student body.

Common hour is a regularly scheduled block of time in which no classes occur. During these times, various community events are held for both students and staff to attend. This is Quinnipiac University’s first year of implementing the practice.

Quinnipiac’s common hour is scheduled

for every Tuesday and Thursday, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. However, this also falls with traditional lunch times. With no classes, many students will use this time to get something to eat.

This influx has resulted in increased wait times, negatively affecting many students.

“I actually don’t get lunch anymore,” Eliza Farinhas, second-year nursing major said. “This is a very rare occurrence that I can get lunch because I have classes back to back, and then when I come here, the lines are so long that I just go back to my dorm.”

Alison Hares, a junior 3+1 computer science major agreed with Farinhas’ sentiments.

“I go to class and then I go eat, but now I have to wait maybe another half hour depending on where I go... that (Sushi Do) line’s the longest I’ve ever seen it in my three years here,” Hares said.

Catie McCarthy, a junior physical therapy undergraduate in the direct entry program, also commented on the increased wait times.

“They were a lot longer than normal,” McCarthy said. “I think you know, the activities are good and all, but like most people, realisti-

cally, are not going to that. That’s their time to grab lunch.”

These increased wait times have also disrupted the schedules of many students.

“I think the common hour has affected my ability to get lunch because there’s increased wait times,” Gianna Robinson, first-year biomedical marketing major said. “I definitely do like to spend my time studying or just being able to do things throughout the day... So it has changed my schedule a little bit, and I have to work around that now.”

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