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DINING from cover

meal equivalencies which we've never had before," Ellett said.

With the addition of the swipe method, if the dining hall is too crowded, students can go to another location such as the Bobcat Den and get an equivalent amount of food, which would equal one swipe, according to Ellett.

Sophomore nursing major Olivia Gravatt explains how she hopes the new dining hall will improve the dining experience for students.

"I had such a poor experience with the dining team, dining hall and meal plan last year that now, because of my dietary restrictions and my allergies, I am exempt from the dining plan," she said. "Although dining is no longer a part of my Quinnipiac experience, I hope that the new dining facility is positive for the rest of the student body and enhances their experience on campus."

Gravatt says she believes that students without dietary restrictions still complain about the dining hall. She hopes the new facility will help people enjoy the food with portion sizes that suit them.

Gravatt notes that she also hopes the new facility will be more inclusive.

"I am looking forward to (seeing) if the new dining facility will allow for more options for students who have allergies and dietary restrictions," Gravatt said. "I am looking forward to seeing if the team in charge of making decisions of what is served will (talk to) the students and find out what they need and cater the options in the dining hall to fulfill students wants."

Students with severe dietary restrictions or allergies need to be heard, according to Gravatt.

"People with allergies have very few options currently in the dining hall, and even the options available aren't completely safe for someone like me who has Celiac disease," Gravatt says. "It is so challenging to eat in the dining hall with such serious restrictions and most of the time it's frustrating."

Gravatt hopes the new facility will allow for more updates to the way food is prepared, handled and served. She also explained how this will help with long lines in the dining hall.

"If the new dining hall is just a swipe in, it will eliminate the long checkout lines that oftentimes consume the entire dining hall and are impossible to move around, especially at prime lunchtime and dinnertime," she said.

For other students, like sophomore sports management major William Platt, excitement is building up for the new AYCTE dining facility.

"I am excited for this new facility to open," Platt said. "I am curious to see what the food options are going to be and how they will differ from the current dining options."

Platt said he is looking forward to the buffet-style process.

"It seems as if things are going to go smoother and make it easier for students to be able to grab their food and go," he said. "This facility is going to make it much faster for people to get their food and limit long lines."

Quinnipiac University professor conducts study offering insight on AI Grief Support in Chronic Illness Care

By CHLOE GRANT
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Assistant Professor of Business Analytics and Information Systems Jasper Jia launched a new study proposing an "Ethical Roadmap for AI Grief Support in Chronic Illness Care," per a press release from Quinnipiac University.

Jia's study offers insight into the ways artificial intelligence is serving a purpose for those experiencing grief associated with chronic illness. Focusing on interactive AI Chatbots, the study also hopes to offer guidance to developers, healthcare providers and policymakers as AI continues to be utilized in the patient care space.

Jia was prompted to conduct this study after his grandfather was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. As his mother has become his grandfather's primary caregiver, he hopes having resources like AI Chatbots can help with the emotional load she and other patients, caregivers and clinicians undergo. He emphasized how the use of Chatbots is especially feasible for those battling chronic illnesses as patients often battle these diseases for many years.

"Alzheimer's is a long journey- two to three or five, or even 10 or 15 years," Jia said."So, if they can use the AI Chatbot to talk with them, interact with them, I think it's a better way for them to cope."

Jia and his team analyzed 85 peer-reviewed studies, evaluated representative healthcare and grief-support chatbots and validated their findings through interviews with geriatric psychiatrists, a grief counselor specializing in dementia care and digital health researchers, according to the press release.

The study takes human values throughout the technology design process and combines them with the dual process model of grief, a healthy model of grieving involving shifting back and forth between confronting the pain of loss and focusing on everyday life.

The framework identified seven human values that act as guidance for AI-enabled grief systems. These values include autonomy, calmness, informed consent, privacy, courtesy, human welfare and trust. Researchers have found that very few systems address all seven values.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JASPER JIA

Assistant Professor of Buisness Analytics and Information Systems Jasper Jia launches a new study analyzing AI chatbots and how to can assist with grief as a result of chronic illness.

"We found that especially for the patients, sometimes they really want to have a 24/7…helper to support them," Jia said. "You cannot see the human 24/7 (to help or support them). Like sometimes (at) 2 a.m. they really want to have someone to talk to, and someone who can listen, and also someone who does not judge them. They really can relieve their emotional stress here, and can support the interaction."

Making a point to emphasize that AI could never replace interactions between human doctors and patients, Jia also touches on how there could be potential security breaches with the sharing of private information with the Chatbots.

Some other limitations within his study included a general lack of patients, caregivers and doctors.

"We don't have the real data; we don't have the real patients, caregivers, perspectives, values, and experiences," Jia said. "And for our next study we will have the clinical trials to have more patients and caregivers to give us more direct and first-hand data."

As Jia and other researchers continue conducting research on AI Chatbots and its use in coping with chronic illnesses, some questions still remain unanswered.

"We just want to have more data from the real patients, real caregivers and doctors," Jia said. "We don't. Also, we want to have a longitudinal study. So, for example, six months is the year or the two years to see how the AI Chatbots can effectively influence the patients, the caregivers and doctors. We just want to say this is like the one-time choice that you interact for one time, or for several months. We just want to make this as a really good tool for you to cope with stress (in your) chronic disease journey."

Outlining a rough estimate for the timeline of this study and how long it will take to gather accurate results, Jia suggests it may take anywhere from five to 10 years.