Quinnipiac's new printing system sparks discourse amongst students

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With the fall 2026 academic semester comes yet another new addition to Quinnipiac University. A "new printing solution" has replaced what was formerly QCash, sparking some debate amongst students.

According to the Quinnipiac support page, the new printing system goes by the name of WEPA and ensures "intuitive and flexible," use for students across all three campuses. In order to print, students are required to download the WEPA Print app, then set up their account and wire however much money they wish to use on printing.

Quinnipiac's Mount Carmel Campus is home to 15 WEPA printers, with the York Hill campus having one and the North Haven Campus having four.

Students are happy that the introduction of WEPA has brought colored ink to all printers and not just some around campus. However, they have expressed concern regarding the increased price to print both in color and black and white.

With the cost to print one sheet of paper with black and white ink being 10 cents and the cost to print one sheet in color being 40 cents, the price increase is evident.

In an article published by The Chronicle in the spring of 2026, the university discontinued QCash across all three of its campuses as a way "to modernize campus operations and improve the overall community experience," according to Chief Experience Officer Tom Ellett.

"It just seems a bit more complex than it has to (be), and (has) a lot of parts to it that I think are a little unnecessary," said first-year nursing major Sarah Esposito.

There has also been discourse on social media platforms, like Facebook, from parents and families of Quinnipiac students arguing that printing costs should be included in the school's tuition.

"My daughter text me to send her $10 so she can print, this should be all included. I think we all pay enough money for our kids to go to this place and I thought this is ridiculous. And I think $10 to print. It's a little ridiculous expensive!!! what happens if a parent cannot afford it then what!!," one parent said.

It's not the effectiveness of the WEPA system that students and parents are frustrated about, it's more so the exponential price increase. As stated on the WEPA support page, transactions of under $5 will come with a fee, so it is advised that students wire at least $5 or more to avoid this.

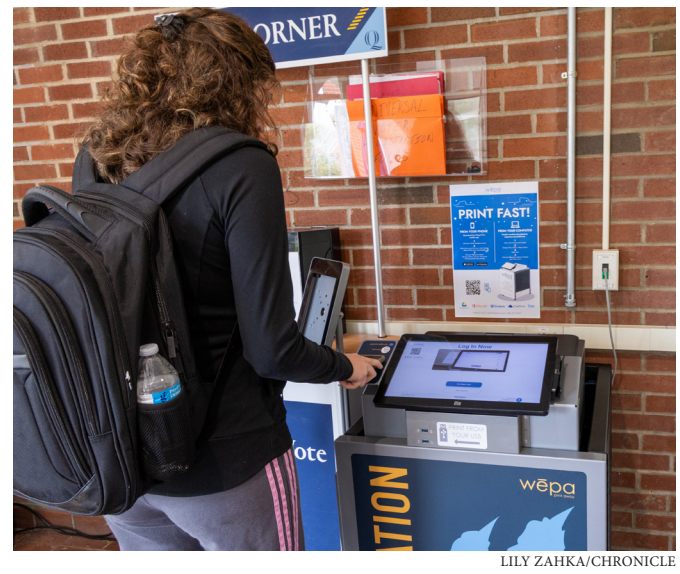
"Unfortunately, everything is going up in price these days. We had to adjust pricing to cover the costs of paper and toner," said Associate Director of Telephony, Cabling Infrastructure and Administrative Services, Kevin MacDougall.

Despite this, MacDougall emphasized that prior to the discontinuation of QCash, printing costs have stayed the same for the past eight years.

First-year nursing major Bella Overstreet feels this expense should be included in student's tuition, especially given the level of note-taking health science majors require.

"I feel like there's a lot of stuff that our professors have us print out, or like sometimes I'll print my note slides before class and bring them in and annotate them while I'm in it," Overstreet said. "So if I'm doing it anyways, I'd rather just have it included."

If students have further questions regarding the printing system, they are encouraged to contact the Quinnipiac printing support page for more information.



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Quinnipiac University student utilizes new WEPA printing system in the Carl Hansen Student Center, one of the many locations students can access printers.

Quinnipiac housing nears full capacity as senior housing selection begins

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With Quinnipiac University residence halls at 98.5% occupancy, rising seniors are beginning the housing selection process earlier in the academic year as demand for on campus housing continues to remain strong.

Director of Housing Melissa Karipidis said the high occupancy rate reflects continued interest in the university's positive residential experience.

"We are very proud of the residential community we have, and we love seeing Bobcats thriving on campus," Karipidis said.

Although housing demand can change from year to year based on class sizes, retention and number of commuters, the statistics reflect the strong interest and positive experience students are having on campus.

"We are confident in our ability to house all of the students required to live on campus, along with seniors, transfers and some graduate students," Karipidis said.

Quinnipiac has released no information about possible housing or renovations for the upcoming year. The Office of Housing continues to reevaluate and track available inventory and occupancy plans.

The university can make adjustments based on projected enrollment and changes in the number of students choosing to live on campus.

Third year 3+1 advertising major Maria Keegan has yet to find herself experiencing the senior housing process. She also notes that people tend to have strong inputs on the topic. Keegan currently lives on York Hill campus as a third year student and intends to live off campus for her last year

"I feel like housing has been viewed as a controversial topic the past years," Keegan said. "People either think it's neutral or negative but never positive"

Keegan has chosen to live off campus next year and it has made her process easier. Without seeking off campus housing, her process would have been more stressful.

"Yes we started the senior process," Keegan said. "We recently signed a lease and put in our security deposit and the off campus rental process has been incredibly simpler than the on campus process has been."

The process takes place during the fall semester for rising seniors, while housing selection for rising sophomores and juniors remains in the spring. The earlier timeline for rising seniors is partly due to the local rental market, where many students choose to live off campus starting the fall semester of their senior academic year.

To this point, Karipidis noted that the university has successfully hosted all rising seniors who have participated in the senior housing program since it began in 2009.

"The senior housing process takes place in the fall because that is the timeframe when many local rental properties are leasing to students," Karipidis said. "That timing creates a sense of urgency for rising seniors planning to live in university housing."

While the process can feel time-sensitive, students will have several resources available to help them navigate the housing selection process.

"We know housing selection can feel stressful, which is why we will continue to offer information sessions, open houses, roommate socials and one-on-one assistance throughout the process," Karipidis said.

The Office of Housing plans to continue providing resources to students throughout the process.

"The process will be easier for students if they engage early, attend an information session, stop in to the office and ask questions when you have them," Karipidis said. "Come to the open house and see the housing options."

For rising seniors preparing to select housing, Karipdis said the staff is prepared to help lead seniors into their last year of housing selections.

"Most importantly, know that our team is here to help students through every step of the process, and it will be okay," Karipidis said.

As the housing selection approaches and deadlines quickly appear, the office of housing is encouraging students to pay attention to dates and seek help when needed.

"Read all of the information, pay attention to the deadlines and ask questions," Karipidis said. "We are committed to helping students through the process and making sure they have the information they need to make informed decisions."



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Housing options for rising Quinnipiac University seniors are scarce as residence halls on campus remain at 98.5% occupancy.

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Reese stated that he was used to paying high gas prices and he doesn't view them as much higher than what he has paid before.

"I get premium (gas), so (I) know I'm going to pay high prices anyway regardless of what it is," Reese said. "Whether it's five dollars, five fifty, six dollars or whatever."

While recent trends in gas prices have impacted drivers across the world, other industries have had to increase their prices as well.

"Eventually the consumers will end up paying more," Elahee said. "So there will be price escalation in almost everything that we buy."

Other modes of transportation have also been impacted by rising oil prices. The price of jet fuel has increased by more than 100% over the past year, leading to an increase in plane ticket prices. Elahee states that as the end-of-year holidays approach, flyers will have to face steeper prices.

"Thanksgiving is coming, in about two months," Elahee said. "People will be flying. The airlines' tickets, they are exorbitantly expensive right now."

While domestic gas prices are prevalent in American headlines, these increases can be seen throughout the world.

"It is an international problem, and it is much worse in other countries than in the U.S.," Elahee said. "We might have created this problem, but others are suffering more than us."

Quinnipiac commuters and drivers around the world continue to pay high gas prices, as international wars perpetuate harm for the oil industry.