

Terrifying Tewksbury Hall



A "face" is visible on the microwave screen.

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In late January of the spring 2017 semester, a Facebook post from a concerned student reached my attention. The poster, who we'll call "Candace" and her roommate "Courtney" were having strange experiences in their room when they moved back in from the Christmas break and were looking for anyone who might be able to help them resolve the haunting. I knew them both from patrolling the buildings and knew they were nice girls who kept to themselves and wouldn't go this route to seek attention or validation. So, I messaged Candace and asked for more information about what was happening and offered to see if I could help.

Candace sent me a long message detailing everything that had occurred since they moved into the building the prior August. She said it started very early in their time there, with a gradual intensification as time passed. It started when she saw a dark figure dart around a corner in the hallway and soon escalated to Courtney having a blanket removed from her while sitting on her bed and thrown on the floor. They both felt uneasy and sought other places to spend their nights. Candace remarked that the activity was particularly intense on nights Courtney was out of the room, and vice-versa.

Finally, Candace attached a live photo of a bizarre apparition in the room's tiny microwave oven. See the picture above. The screen of the microwave seems to contain half of a skeletal and smiling face. Interestingly, the live photo contained something else that the still did not. The brief video clip contains a large and clear "orb" move across the centre of the screen and across the area of the microwave with the face. Needless to say, the girls were very scared when I met with them to discuss the situation a few nights later.



While in the room, I didn't feel anything out of place or 'heavy,' but both girls were fidgeting nervously and clearly worried about being there at night. Candace said a Sodexo foodservice worker told them the story of a young man who had taken his own life on campus (see our story on Hollinshead Hall) and she believed he was trying to contact Candace and Courtney. Candace had seen the dark figure of a person on multiple occasions both in the hallway and in the room itself, and felt uneasy but not threatened. I encouraged them to keep religious objects and cameras at the ready, as these two things seem to repel paranormal activity.

Candace and I communicated for several weeks about the situation, but nothing sinister ever came to her or Courtney. Thankfully, the entity did not bother them once they came to terms with its presence and ability to move objects in the hallway. After they moved out at the end of the year, they did not have any further encounters to my knowledge.

Candace told me she had a recurring dream of “a young man about our age who seems distressed.” This may have come from Dee’s story, but if memory serves she told me this before she ever talked to Dee about any of it. If this is true, it holds with the familiar pattern of the lost soul of someone who died an untimely or violent death seeking to be heard by the living.