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Mayor Koch, President Asquino set sights on new QC home, 2021 budget

By **ROBERT A. CERASOLI**

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During his 2020 inaugural address in January, Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch announced the proposed purchase and demolition of the Munroe Building (site of the current Grandasia Bridal, Prom & Fashion Emporium) across the street from Presidents Place.

In its place, he envisions a brand-new Quincy College in a 15-story state-of-the-art education facility.

The 200,000-square-foot building will also serve as a new City Hall for city employees. Quincy College would occupy 140,000 square feet for its exclusive use.

Koch sees the college as an essential piece of Quincy's economic future, with a

presence at the doorstep of the refurbished Quincy Center MBTA station.

Quincy College is city owned, but funded strictly through tuition. Under Koch's plan, the cost of the new building would be partially defrayed by the rent paid by the college, which will be capped for at least 25 years, thereby, benefitting the city and the college at the same time.

Koch said the present 50-year-old glass version of City Hall requires substantial



Mayor Thomas Koch



QC President Daniel Asquino

refurbishment and updating in coming years, including a new roof, elevators, fire suppression systems and replacement of glass windows.

Under his plan, this part of City Hall would be demolished and replaced by a performing arts center for the city.

The recently refurbished Historic Old City Hall will remain to serve the functions it presently meets as the City Council Chamber and public meeting space.

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QC lands first playoff bid, finishes third season 16-8



Photo: QUINCY COLLEGE

QC Coach Doug Scott (center) and his team faced a season of ups and downs.

By **AL YOUNG**

QC Voice

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . . it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness. . .

With apologies to Charles Dickens, it was a tale of two seasons for the QC basketball team.

The Granite opened the first half of their 2019-20 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III campaign like an unstoppable boulder, rolling to a 9-1 start and a No. 9 national ranking and a possible national championship waiting at the end.

But then the bottom fell out. QC lost six of its final 13 regular-season games and limped into its first-ever NJCAA Region XXI playoffs, losing to UConn-Avery Point (102-85) Feb. 26 in the opening round.

"We went through a funk," said third-year Coach Doug Scott,

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Comings & Goings

Since the start of the 2019-20 academic year in September, Quincy College has undergone several changes in its administrative staff with new appointments and job title changes. Here is a recap since the start of the Spring 2020 semester:

■ Interim President **Michael Bellotti** left the college in October of 2019 and was replaced by new Interim President **Daniel Asquino**.

■ **Chris Bell** was appointed Vice President of Operations and Chief of Staff.

■ Provost **Gerald Koocher** left the college in early 2020 and was replaced by **Servet Yatin**, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

■ **Tina Cahill** was appointed Director of



Servet Yatin

Enrollment Management.

■ **Jessica Cherry** is serving as General Counsel.

■ **Katherine Collins** was appointed Director of Library Services.

■ **Jennifer Luddy** was appointed Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Planning.

■ **Catherine Maloney** was appointed Dean of the Plymouth campus.

— ROBERT A. CERASOLI

Asquino also looks to future during QC 2021 budget talk

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Interim QC President Daniel Asquino shared the Mayor's optimism for the college's success moving forward.

"I have a belief that Quincy College has a bright future with an increase in grants, increase in tuition, tightening belts, and with a balanced budget," Asquino said during a Feb. 21 staff and faculty meeting.

During his presentation of the fiscal year 2021 draft budget, he said: "QC just received a half-million dollars in

scholarships, and there is a lot of support out there within the business community for Quincy.

"We also have great opportunities to generate about \$3-\$6 million in grant activity per year. We are also developing new relationships with local high schools."

Asquino said because this is a July 1, 2021 fiscal budget proposal, it was scheduled to be presented to the QC Board of Governors this March and probably be returned to him with additional suggestions and



Quincy College may be moving across the street to a new permanent home on the proposed site of where the Grandasia Bridal, Prom & Fashion Emporium currently stands.

revisions.

He added the Board must pass a budget by its next meeting April 23, 2020 to be implemented by July 1.

Asquino cautioned that the state is closely perusing the financial liability of educational institutions, and this necessitates a 2021 balanced budget.

And QC is faced with the same reality that all institutions of higher education are facing in an economy of full employment: declining enrollment.

"QC faculty served 100,000 credits per year to attending students in 2015," Asquino said. "Now QC faculty is only serving 68,000 credits per year, and this is slated to decrease to 65,000

credits per year in the next fiscal year. This accounts for a 6 percent decrease in enrollment in the last five years."

Asquino has already reorganized QC's enrollment management team, led by Director Tina Cahill. In addition, he said there are other huge opportunities available here to encourage the addition of more students, including the expansion of online-course development and the acceleration of the timetable to award baccalaureate degrees, which was approved by the state in January 2017.

"If this budget is adopted," Asquino said, "I am convinced we can use creative ways to increase enrollment."



INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER



Question: "Where were you when you heard the news that NBA star Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna, were among nine people killed earlier this year in a helicopter crash, and what was your reaction?"

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Susan Landry

Academic Advisor
Salem, N.H



"I found out Monday morning in the office. I felt sick because I have four children. Whenever I hear something tragic happening to kids that's what I think of, not so much Kobe, but it was such a tragedy."

Mary Jane Knox

Financial Aid
Advisor
Quincy



"I was here in the office and felt sad that nine people were killed. I was upset because so many people were just talking about Kobe and his daughter, forgetting that seven other souls were taken, too. But I understand; he was a fantastic basketball player and role model. I feel bad for the whole family."

Trei Hobson

Business
Management
Boston



"I was on my way to play basketball and it was shocking because I grew up watching him. He was like my Michael Jordan. His killer instinct on the court, I instilled in myself and everything about him. I wanted to be like him."

Kelly Murray

Professor of English
Quincy campus



"I was home watching TV and didn't believe it. I was hearing horrible stories that it was all four of his daughters. The first thing I thought was how terrible it must've been having to tell your daughter that it's going to be OK as they're going down. It's just heart wrenching as a parent."

Anthony Peacock

General Studies &
QC basketball team
Braintree



"I was in the kitchen with my family when my mom looked over and said, 'Kobe Bryant died.' At first, I didn't believe her. When I saw it was true, I called my teammate Jerome (Stephens), and we just sat there on the phone in shock."

Gary Wallrapp

Retired QC Director
of Career Services
Foxboro



"I was watching the Sunday morning news show and there was this breaking news flash— shocking to everyone. There was a bit of significance for me, because the crash happened in Calabasas, and my son lives in the town over in California and I thought of him."

Kristen Topalli
General Studies
Quincy



"I was studying for a test when my phone started blowing up. I couldn't tell if it was real or fake. Then everyone was posting on Instagram and social media. It was sad because whenever I saw him playing basketball or on TV, he always had a great personality and was very inspiring."

Doug Scott
QC Head
Basketball Coach
Quincy



"I was in church when the news broke. I was in disbelief at first. I realized you can't take life for granted. I also thought how awesome he and his daughter were so close and had the same love for basketball. I can relate because my daughter just started playing. I could never miss one of her practices or games. It's a blessing to watch her play."

Tina Cahill

Associate
Vice President
Enrollment
Management



"I was home with my husband who happened to glance at his phone and saw a news alert about a helicopter crash Kobe Bryant was in. At that moment, I thought you could have everything in the world, and then, you can have nothing. Life can change in a minute, and you have to be thankful for where you are at the moment."

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Welcome Back Party & Club Fair

Quincy College students got the 2020 Spring Semester off to a rollicking start with a Welcome Back Party & Club Fair in the Student Lounge on both the Plymouth and Quincy campuses, Jan. 29 and 30, respectively. It was a festive atmosphere as new students and returning ones mixed and mingled during an afternoon of food, music and fun giveaways. Several QC Student Life Clubs & Organization were also represented to provide information and, hopefully, gain some new members. Some snaps from Quincy:

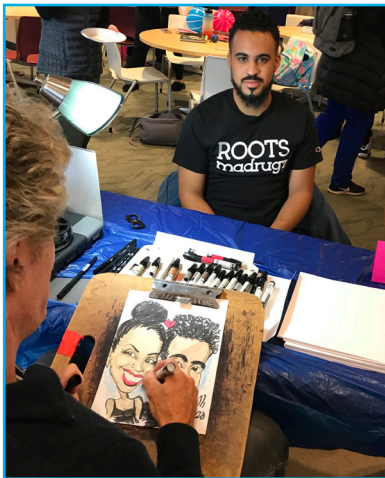


Photo: AL YOUNG

Clockwise from above: Artist Dave MacDonald puts the finishing touches on Rafael DeMacedo's caricature sketch; caricature drawings weren't the only giveaways at the Welcome Back Party. Airbrush artist Tom McGrath shows off his handiwork — personalized baseball caps; Chara Campbell mans the Dance Team table, one of many QC Student Life Clubs & Organizations on hand.



Photo: LEV LASKAVYY



Photo: AMANDA SENYONJO



Photo: AL YOUNG

Above: Amanda Senyonjo, Director of Student Life, and Bill Finn, Registrar Outreach rep, stop by the popcorn machine for a quick snack.



Photo: AMANDA SENYONJO

Above: Felix Daily (left), President of the Gay Straight Alliance, and Lori Earl, Student Success Coach, are all smiles.

“IN THEIR SHOES” — The documentary film about the opioid crisis College was screened on the Quincy campus Student Lounge Jan. 30. The film told the story of several incarcerated men whose lives intersect in a prison re-entry and addiction recovery creative writing program. The film included interviews and appearances by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Congressman Joe Kennedy III, and former Quincy College interim President Michael Bellotti, seen in his role as former Sheriff of Norfolk County. Following the public screening, the filmmakers, from left: Stephen Crivellaro, Cheryl Buchanan, and Zachary Alonzo conducted a Q&A.



Photo: QUINCY COLLEGE

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



Photos: AL YOUNG

Left: Students tested their knowledge of black history with a Team Trivia contest Feb. 12 in the Quincy Student Lounge. Moderating the event was Amanda Senyonjo (seated, Director of Student Life). Standing behind her, from left, are Kristine Noailles, Oksana Asllani, Jaylen Lee, Angelo Dorsainvil and Patrick Joseph. Right: Team Trivia contestants gather around the scorer's table to check their final results.

Celebrating Black History Month

Quincy College celebrated Black History Month with a variety of diverse events, including Black History Team Trivia, a Paint Party and a Talk by Dr. Kerima Lewis, QC Director of Academic Improvement, on "Little Known African American Inventors." Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month as an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. Some snaps:



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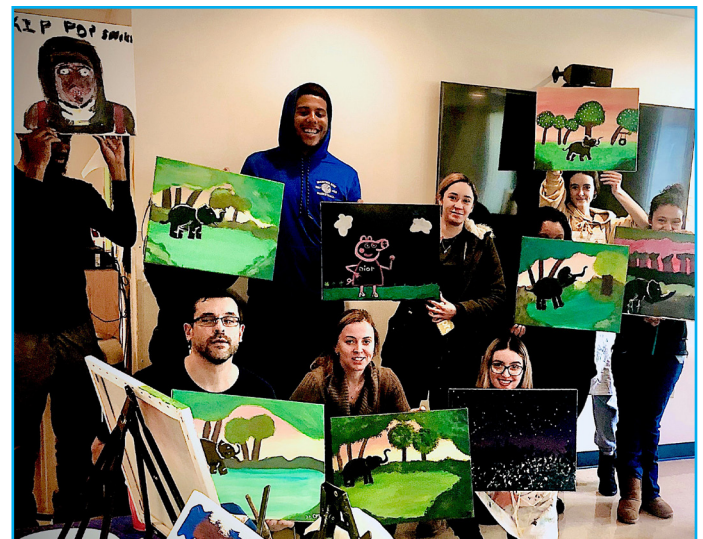
Left: More than 40 students took part in a fun afternoon at the Black History Month Paint Party Feb. 19 in the Quincy Student Lounge. Fun Enterprises of Stoughton provided the paint instructor, whose theme for the party was "Jungle." The student artists were then told to paint an elephant in the jungle. Below: Students gathered for a post-Paint Party photo to show off their "masterpieces."



Photos: STEVEN NGUYEN



Right: Dr. Kerima Lewis, Director of Academic Improvement at QC, addresses the audience during her Black History Month talk on "Little Known African American Inventors" Feb. 18 on the Quincy campus. Left: Dr. Lewis's lecture featured a slide show of many obscure African American inventors in U.S. history. Among them was Lewis Latimer, a native of Chelsea, Mass. Who was a draftsman best known for his contributions to the patenting of the light bulb and the telephone.



'A Night of Comedy and Mystery' in the works for Drama Club

By JOHN "JJ" DOYLE
QC Voice Staff

There is no better way to close-out your school year and honor Quincy College than to check out the Quincy College Drama Club's upcoming production of "A Night of Comedy and Mystery," based upon the Tony Award-winning works of Christopher Durang.

The show, produced and directed by Steven Dooner, Professor of English/Humanities, is scheduled for May 1 and 2 in the Presidents Place's basement auditorium. The curtain will rise both evenings at 7 p.m.

The show includes a "double-bill" of two plays; one focuses on comedy and the other presented in a murder-mystery format, with subtle humor spread throughout.

The production is funded by the college, with no admission charge, although the Drama Club gratefully accepts any supportive donations.

With showtime less than two months away, Dooner, the long-time advisor to the Drama Club, is still welcoming students who are interested in playing a role as a member of the cast.



Photo: JOHN "JJ" DOYLE

Paul Chandler (left), Abby Joyce and Professor Steve Dooner rehearse some of the dialogue for the Drama Club's upcoming production.

Auditions take place every Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Room 417 on the Quincy campus..

This is a great opportunity for aspiring actors and actresses, and those who simply are looking for a great experience with some great people this Spring.

See you at the show!

QC News & Notes

By QC VOICE STAFF

The Quincy College Community was saddened by the recent passing of former long-time faculty member **Josephine Fay**, 76, and three other family members in a tragic multi-vehicle accident Feb. 18 outside of Orlando, Fla., near Disney World. Fay of South Weymouth, taught Early Childhood Education between 1993 and 2011, when she retired. Fay was killed along with her daughter and two grandchildren. Four other family members in the van in which Fay was a passenger survived. . . . The college also mourns the Feb. 22 passing of **Joyce McDonough**, an adjunct professor teaching Medical Terminology, from Hingham.



Josephine Fay

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Hats off to Advisor **Elena Heineke** and the QC Math Club for a second-place finish in the New England Region in the Student League competition for American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) . . . Another tip of the hat goes to **Amanda Senyonjo**, Director of Student Life,

for being named 2019 Event Planner of the Year by College Power Performers, a national entertainment bureau that helps students and campus activities programmers in putting on their events.

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Quincy College Library Clerks **Julie Mitchell** (Plymouth) and **Katie Jennings** (Quincy), in conjunction with the American Library Association (ALA), would like to remind the QC community to join in the March 16 celebration of Freedom of Information (FOI) Day and the birthday of our fourth U.S. President, James Madison, widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and the foremost advocate for openness in government. Each year the ALA marks the occasion with the James Madison and the Eileen Cooke (former ALA Director) State & Local awards to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know. The holiday is a yearly reminder of the importance of transparency in the American government and the public's right to information. It is only natural that libraries, which promote open access to information of all, join in the celebration.

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SPORTS

Granite hoop team lands first playoff bid

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whose team finished 16-8 after their second-half slump. "I think we stopped trusting each other; the ball wasn't moving like it was in the beginning; and I also did a poor job coaching during that stretch. I needed to do better."

But the Granite did improve overall, bouncing back from a 13-16 mark the year before and landing in the playoffs.

"I was excited," Scott said of QC's initial postseason appearance. "But we compete for championships every year. Anything short of that is disappointing."

Despite the ups and downs, three players performed as solid as Granite throughout the season — newcomers Anthony Peacock, Jerome Stephens and Damani Scott-Hankerson.

"Those three were great all year," Scott said. "Teams would throw different defenses at us on those guys each night, and they handled it well."



And their season stats proved it.

Peacock, a 6-7 sophomore forward from Braintree, led the Big 3 and became the third straight QC player — behind

'Those three were great all year. Teams would throw different defenses at us on those guys each night, and they handled it well.'

DOUG SCOTT, QC Basketball Coach, on the play of (from left) Anthony Peacock, Damani Scott-Hankerson, and Jerome Stephens.

Deven Palmer & Darrius Hypolite — to lead Region XXI in scoring, averaging 23.6 ppg. He shot 72.6 percent from the field — also tops in Region XXI and No. 2 nationally — and his 14.7 rebounds a game was fourth best in the country.

"Being the leading scorer in the region is a nice accomplishment," said Peacock, a transfer from Harford CC in Bel Air, Md. who also had back-to-back 40-point games and was NJCAA Player of the Week (Jan. 22-Feb.5). "But I had my eyes set on winning a region championship, then bringing home a national championship."

Scott-Hankerson, a 6-1 freshman guard from Mansfield, and Stephens, a 6-3 freshman forward from Dorchester, weren't that far behind. Scott-Hankerson aver-

aged 20.4 ppg (6th in Region XXI) and shot 63.2 percent (4th) while Stephens averaged 17.0 ppg. and was deadly from 3-point range, shooting 65.9 percent, tied for 10th nationally.

Also finishing strong was veteran 6-0 sophomore guard Cam Mason, who averaged 9.0 ppg, including a late-season scoring burst of 20 or more points in the last five games of the regular-season and 19 in the playoff game. He also shot 57.1 percent from 3-point range.

With Peacock and Mason now gone, the Granite's future still looks bright for next season, with the return of Scott-Hankerson, Stephens and guard Korvonne Whitehall, a starter who averaged 9.2 ppg., forming the nucleus for another run at a championship season.



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