



# The QC Voice

*A newspaper for the campus community*

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## Black History celebrations offer diverse perspectives

By DOMINIQUE REED  
QC Voice Staff

The Quincy College campus was buzzing in February in celebration of Black History Month.

In its third year of recognizing achievements by African Americans and the central roles of blacks in U.S. history, the school sponsored a record five wide-ranging events.

Amanda Deck, Director of Student Life, worked in conjunction with several campus Clubs, including the first-year Black Student Union (BSU), to coordinate and present the month-long festivities in the Student Lounge.

The leadoff event was the “Roots to Riches” (Feb. 8) panel discussion, featuring Ahfeeyah Thomas, owner of Lady Corporate Inc., Dwayne Anderson owner of L.I.F.E. Health and Fitness and Idris Senyonja, entrepreneur and QC men’s soccer coach.

Each talked about key lessons in their lives and offered tips that helped them climb the ladder of success.

The BSU, whose focus is on promoting the black community, staged the next event, which literally

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Photo: DOMINIQUE REED

The “Roots to Riches” panelists, from left, Dwayne Anderson, Ahfeeyah Thomas and Idris Senyonja.

## Granite finishes first season ranked No. 5 in the country

By AL YOUNG  
QC Voice

Who could blame Doug Scott if he took a few weeks off to kick back, relax and savor his rookie year as head coach of the Quincy College men’s varsity basketball team.



Coach  
Doug Scott

He earned it, after leading the Granite to an eye-popping 22-2 record, the No. 5 national ranking and No.1 in Region XXI, in their inaugural 2017-18 season in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III.

Instead, since the season ended in mid-February, Scott, 27, has spent most nights prowling high school gyms in-and-around Boston and the South Shore, recruiting players to keep



Final NJCAA regular season rankings.

that momentum going.

A year ago, QC men’s basketball was nothing more than an intramural program, led by Scott.

Now, under the tutelage of the energetic Scott, a former Quincy High star, his coaching staff and what had been a bunch of unknown players, the Granite literally came out of nowhere to become an NJCAA powerhouse in Year 1.

Featuring a high-octane, up-tempo offense, they averaged 100.7 points a

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## A lot around QC campus just might surprise you

By SARAH POWERS  
QC Voice Staff

For many of us, coming to Quincy College every day on the Red Line T is a well-rehearsed routine. We get off at Quincy Center, walk along the pathway toward Hancock Street, cross at the light, and head into Presidents Place to begin classes.

When classes are done, we simply reverse our steps.

But how often during that 2-3-minute walk have you ever stopped and took a good look at your surroundings?

You might be surprised at what’s inside those store fronts and buildings in that one-block campus area you pass



Photo: AL YOUNG

The Grandasia Bridal shop literally jumps out at you on Hancock Street.

by daily.

So, let’s take a quick look.

Your first stop is TBarr, a newly opened shop at the

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# President's Corner

*By Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D.*

Seven years ago, I had the privilege and honor of becoming the 7th President of Quincy College.

Despite coming in with more than 38 years of higher education experience, I realize, as do many of you, no one can be fully prepared to become a college president.

Since then, and continuing to this day, I have worked hard to get to know and understand the college and its multiple constituencies, including each of you.

Indeed, I learn something new about the college every day.

From day one, I laid out a vision — our vision — of who we are and what we together, as Quincy College, can and will become.

During the past seven years, I have strived to be a strong and decisive leader. At the same time, I've embraced the belief that a college president holds the position in trust and to be most effective should be the servant to the needs of the institution and its constituent groups, most particularly our students.

Focusing on the primacy of the teaching/learning relationship, the long-term sustainability of the college, and the upgrading of our facilities and infrastructure, together we have transformed, and continue to transform, the culture and operations of Quincy College. Further, we have steadily improved the working conditions of all of our employees.

Without attempting to recite all that we have achieved together, it is important to note, in the past year alone, we have obtained full 10-year accreditation for academic offerings and programs from NEASC, secured legislation to offer baccalaureate degrees, received permission to offer fully

online programs, and once again entered into intercollegiate athletics.

Within this academic year, from a brick and mortar perspective, we also built a new state-of-the art library in Quincy that nearly doubles the size of the previous one and added 10 new classrooms. In Plymouth, we added a new student lounge and computer-testing area, virtually

completing our master plan for a 1,500-student campus.

Yet, while we have accomplished many of our established goals, much more remains to be done. Recognizing that we can achieve our destiny as an institution only by working toward our common goals together, I express my deep appreciation to the faculty (both full time and adjunct), staff and administration.

This is especially true of our Board of Governors, who work tirelessly for the betterment of the college.

I am humbled to be your President at this seminal moment in the history of Quincy College and never forget the daily and long-term implications of this responsibility on the decisions I make on your behalf. I am excited and energized as I focus on what's

next for the college and pledge my total and absolute commitment to each and every one of you in the Quincy College community as we face the opportunities and the challenges that lie ahead.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to each of you for what we have accomplished to date and my very best wishes and warm regards for a productive and successful Spring semester. For 2018 is going to be our best year yet.



## SPRING 2018 GRADUATION DEADLINE MARCH 23

The Registrar's Office announced that the Spring 2018 Intent to Graduate Application period has been extended to March 23. Students must submit a \$150 graduation fee with the application. Applications submitted after that date will be subject to a \$75 late fee and additional penalties. They may apply online through the QC website Student Portal or in person at the Registrar's office on the second floor of Presidents Place on the Quincy campus. Students can also apply at the Front Desk of the Plymouth campus. All students are required to submit the Intent to Graduate Application regardless of whether you will attend the Graduation ceremony. The Spring Commencement will be held May 25, 2018 at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, Mass. For more information, contact Jenny Chan, Registrar Associate, at 617-984-1638 or at [jchan@quincycollege.edu](mailto:jchan@quincycollege.edu).



**May 25, 2018**



# INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER



**Question:** "What did you think of the Quincy College men's basketball team finishing its first season ranked No. 5 in the country and Granite star Deven Palmer being the No. 1 scorer?"

Compiled by SARAH POWERS, HANNAH LASALLE & AL YOUNG  
QC Voice



**Tereze Howell**  
Business major  
Braintree

*"I think that's amazing especially for their first season. A lot of these students were freshman, so they're right out of high school. That means these kids are young, and they've been working and practicing hard . . . and I think they did an amazing job this season. I know a lot of them are leaving, but I hope a lot of them do stay, so we'll have another great season next year."*



**Abdullah Al-hadidi**  
Electrical Engineering major  
Malden

*"I love basketball, and I'm so interested in it. The Granite team is the best college basketball team I've ever seen!"*



**Dr. Kenneth Texeira**  
Professor of Psychology/Sociology  
Plymouth

*"This is wonderful that many are starting to talk about this team. I had spoken to my class about the QC basketball team and only three people knew of the team we have here. These men should definitely be recognized for the hard work they put into this past season."*



**Nicholas Huard**  
English major  
Wareham

*"To be honest, I am not a big sports follower for Quincy College but that is an awesome accomplishment!"*



**Amanda Deck**  
Director of Student Life  
Quincy

*"We're all thrilled, especially myself. We weren't expecting the team to be ranked so high and now that they've achieved that success, we're all blown away. I'm ecstatic we were not only able to get noticed in the community locally but nationally, as well. Deven (Palmer) and Dajour (Dunkley) did a fantastic job carrying the team and getting national exposure."*



**Farnel Etienne**  
Exercise Science major  
& QC basketball player  
Weymouth

*"We put a lot of hard work into this organization, and the fact that we worked and practiced so hard motivated us to be even better during games."*



**Lauren Roy**  
Psychology major  
Duxbury

*"Great job QC's Men's basketball team! That is such an incredible achievement and honor for the school!"*



**Carolyn Collins**  
Education Services Specialist  
Plymouth

*"I think this is terrific for the QC basketball team!"*



**Justin Mograss**  
QC campus Resource Officer  
Hyde Park

*"Well, it a good thing that shines a light on the college and gives the students another positive extra activity to be a part of."*



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## STEPPING INTO SPRING

New and returning students were greeted by a **WELCOME BACK PARTY & CLUB FAIR** on Jan. 22 for the start of the Spring 2018 semester. The Quincy campus Student Lounge was abuzz with music, pizza and free giveaways as students mingled with old friends, made new ones and checked out what the various QC Clubs and Organizations had to offer. Some snap shots from a fun-filled afternoon:

At right, Spray-paint artists Justin Swimm (left) and Sean Petrin, from Fun Entertainment Enterprises, were busy all afternoon working on the knit cap giveaways.

Claire Oscar (insert) was all smiles as she displays her personalized hat.

At center right, Officers Dominique Reed and Abe Hodi man the QC Business Club table in hopes of recruiting new members.

Below, Simon Yip, vice president of the Computer Club, shows off his 3-D Spider robotic roomba in action.

Bottom right, Amanda Deck, Director of Student Life, hands out slices of pizza to hungry students, including Granite men's basketball standout Deven Palmer (in red).



Photo: AL YOUNG



Photo: AL YOUNG



Photo: ONUR BICAK



Photo: AL YOUNG

Spring 2018 **W** April 12

**Last Day to Withdraw  
from Classes  
for Quincy & Plymouth  
campuses**



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## FUN-FILLED FEBRUARY!

The Quincy campus Student Lounge was a happening place in the Month of February, with a variety of fun events. Students (right) had a blast working on their creative skills at the first-ever **PAINT PARTY NIGHT** Feb. 14 and then posed (below right) to show off their finished works of art. And if they were looking to take a sweet-tasting break, the **VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE** was nearby. Below, Dominique Reed (right) and an unidentified friend, manned the table of colorful cookies and cupcakes, with all proceeds going to the Gamma Beta Phi service club scholarship funds. On Feb. 22, the QC International Club sponsored the **LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**, celebrating the Year of the Dog, with food, music and dancing. At bottom right, taking part in the festivities, dressed in traditional Asian attire are, clockwise from top left: Khuyen Tran, Vi Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, TranTruong, Ngan Troung and Sakl Fuluato.



## PAINT PARTY



## VALENTINE DAY BAKE SALE



## LUNAR NEW YEAR



Photos: AMANDA DECK

LET'S  
TALK

ESL Conversation Group

MARCH 22  
1 p.m.

Anselmo  
Learning  
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CAREER

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QUINCY CAMPUS

MARCH 28  
1 to 3 p.m.

3rd & 4th floor  
Presidents Place



# Open Mic night showcases performers — big and small

By YANA SHAMSUTDINOVA  
QC Voice Staff

It was perhaps the most entertaining show among the many events during February's Black History Month celebration on the Quincy College campus.

Open Mic: "Voices in the Dark" showcased performers of all ages, backgrounds and styles at the Student Lounge Feb. 15.

Organized by QC student Rasheeda Brown and Student Life Director Amanda Deck, the first-ever Open

Mic event in Quincy gave participants the opportunity to express themselves, overcome fears and develop confidence in front of a live audience.

After two weeks of lining up performers, more than a dozen took part, including students, family and friends.

Between appearances by Brown, an Open Mic veteran who sang and read poems, two of her friends also stepped up.

Marcus Jade Demery, a full-time musician and artist from New York, played guitar and sang his own composition called "Love Song" while Kendall Wilson gave a motivational speech about believing in one's self.

Among other performers: Sueli Capanzoo, a QC student, hoped to overcome her shyness and did so by singing a song; Joel Valdez Ramirez recited two of his poems, "Earth" and



Photo: YANA SHAMSUTDINOVA

Open Mic organizer Rasheeda Brown performs with guitarist and singer Marcus Jade Demery.

"Great, Great, Great, Great Mother;" and Tara Sanon amazed the audience with her strong voice in belting out "Broken Hearted Girl."

Even some kids got into the act, including Zhaiya Leggett, 10, who read a poem, and Brown's young son, Jezire, who showed off his dance moves.

By the end of the night, everyone had truly bonded and became part of the QC family, and once the mics were dropped, the event ended with everyone getting up and dancing.



Photo: YANA SHAMSUTDINOVA

Zhaiya Leggett, 10, reads a poem.

## Black History Month celebrations

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gave you a taste of black culture. It was the "Soul Potluck" (Feb. 13), where for a \$5 a plate you were treated to a variety of soul food, including fried chicken, rice and beans, baked macaroni and cheese, all topped by a vanilla cake for dessert.

Needless to say, everyone left happy and full.



Photo: DOMINIQUE REED

From left, Master Sandy, Carl Darius, Tara Sanon, Nouselyne Chery and Kymani Pitter enjoy the various dishes at the "Soul Food Potluck" event.

The third event, Open Mic Night: "Voices in the Dark," was another fun fest, with various performers — big and small — showcasing their talent in the form of singing, poetry readings and other personal expressions.

Next up, "The 21st Century Come Up: How Men of Color Achieve Success" (Feb. 21) brought together a trio of panelists in higher education, sharing their stories. They included Marc Abelard, Director, Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Services at James Williams College, and QC faculty members, Daniel Ibarrondo, Associate Dean for Online Learning, and Warren Powell, Adjunct Business Professor.

The fifth and final Black History event was the film screening of "Race." It was the compelling biopic about Jesse Owens, the famed black track and field athlete who endured racial discrimination and adversity in winning four Gold Medals at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany.



Marc Abelard

# QC bookstore more than just books

By **MARILYN SWIFT**  
QC Voice Staff

You probably pass by it every day. You know it's there among the business offices and other retail shops in the spacious first-floor Galleria of Presidents Place, the downtown plaza that is also home to Quincy College.

But unless you have to order textbooks every semester, you may pay little attention to the Barnes & Noble at Quincy College bookstore, located to the left of the revolving door as you walk through the main entrance.

While students know it as the primary textbook supplier and the store to buy QC apparel and merchandise, such as mugs, sweatshirts, hats and T-shirts, it really offers a lot more.

So, we sat down with Assistant Manager Tyler Swain for a closer look.

We learned that Barnes & Noble is the owner and operator, and a portion of the QC store profits go to the national bookstore chain.

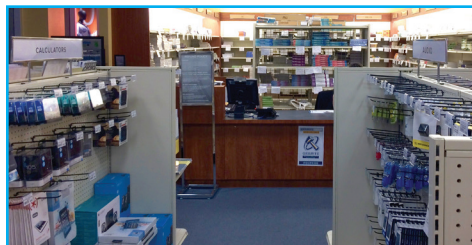


Photo: AL YOUNG

A row of electronic and computer accessories leads to a back wall of textbooks.

Swain said the start of each semester is the busiest time of the year as students take advantage of the opening of the financial aid period. The store then hits a dry spell once that window closes.

According to Swain, while some students buy their textbooks, most choose the cheaper option of renting the books, which can be returned at the end of the semester.

Besides textbooks, there's also a section of New York Times bestsellers and a small comfortable reading area to browse through them. And if that hot novel you want is out of stock, a salesperson will order it, and it'll be delivered to the store within 2-3 days.

But the B&N bookstore is *more* than just books.

There are laptops and tablets and a variety of other computer and electronic accessories, such as headphones, ink and printer supplies cables, keyboards & mice, drives, chargers and more. Office and school supplies are also available, ranging from writing tools to calculators to notebooks.

Need some personal items, like lip balm, eye drops, aspirin and the like? No problem. Skip the convenience store. You can buy those items here, too, at the cash registers along with an assortment of candy and snacks.

And best of all, if you're short on

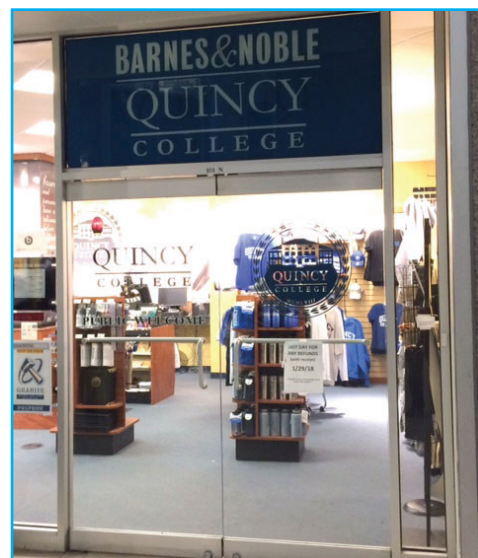


Photo: AL YOUNG

The QC bookstore is located at the main entrance of Presidents Place. Below, snacks and sundry items are also on sale by the cash registers.



Photo: MARILYN SWIFT

cash, your financial aid is applicable to **EVERYTHING** in the store.

So next time you pass by, be sure to stop in and check it all out for yourself. It's well worth it.

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## SPORTS

### Women's soccer, basketball teams are now on deck

By KHADIJAH DOUMBIA

QC Voice Staff

Now that the men's basketball and soccer teams have completed their first season of play in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), what's next on the Quincy College sports scene?

After a brief timeout for the rest of this spring and summer it'll be the women's turn.

Starting in the fall of 2018, the Granite women's soccer and basketball teams will be the newest additions to the NJCAA.

Earlier this year, QC took the first step, with the hiring of Charles Killmain to coach women's soccer and Aron Murrell women's basketball.

Killmain, from Braintree, has more than 30 years coaching soccer at the high school and AAU level. Murrell, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., has coached on the high school, AAU, and junior college level, most recently at Bristol Community College.

"They are both out actively recruiting women student athletes to be a part of the Quincy Granite experience," said Jack Raymer, QC's first-year Athletic Director.

But for Raymer and the Granite, there's more to come.

A women's cross country team is in the works for the fall of 2019, with women's volleyball to follow in 2020.

"I'm excited about the future of Quincy College athletics," said Raymer. "Starting from the ground up in building our program, we're looking ahead to the continued success in all aspects from our student athletes, coaching staff and teams."

### Is Palmer one and done? Granite fans holding their breath

By ALYOUNG

QC Voice

Is he staying or is he leaving? That's the \$64,000 Question for those who followed the Quincy College men's basketball team and the exploits of freshman star Deven Palmer this past season.

Like the Granite, who literally stunned the NJCAA in their first season — finishing 22-2, No. 5 nationally and No. 1 in Region XXI — Palmer also took the country by surprise.

The 6-5, 185-pound forward

averaged a double-double, leading all Division III scorers at 31.9 points a game while adding 11.8 rebounds and 4.9 assists.



Deven Palmer,  
nation's top scorer

The two-time NJCAA Player of the Week not only turned QC into an overnight powerhouse but suddenly got the attention of several four-year schools, now offering scholarships for his talents. Among them: Division I

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### Granite finishes no. 5 in the country

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game — third best in the country — and boasted the nation's top scorer in Deven Palmer. The 6-5 freshman forward averaged 31.9 points, shooting 54.9 percent, and pulled down 11.8 rebounds.

After a season-opening loss to the Community College of Rhode Island, the Granite ran off a 20-game winning streak, bumping their ranking to as high as No. 2 in the country.

"I thought we would be good, but not No. 2 good," said Scott. "The team put in a lot of hard work. The national ranking meant we belong and can compete with the best teams in the country. That's what we want to work for every year."

While Palmer, a two-time NJCAA



Dajour  
Dunkley

Player of the Week, was the big gun, QC had plenty of other weapons, including a trio who averaged 15 points or better.

Freshman guard Dajour Dunkley, who also earned Player of the Week honors, averaged 21.1 points and formed a

dynamic 1-2 Region XXI scoring punch with Palmer, and dished out a Region-high 9.5 assists.

Freshman Ugo Kamalu, a 6-4 forward and ex-Quincy High standout, averaged 16.5 points, shooting 66.5 percent — fifth best in the country — and grabbed 9.5 rebound while sharpshooting guard Jonathan Daviega chipped in 15.1 ppg.

Scott points to the 20-game winning streak as the season highlight.

"It's not easy to get a win every night especially on the road, so I thought the winning streak was amazing," he said.

Undoubtedly, the lowlight was the NJCAA rule which bars first-year teams from participating in the playoffs. But not next year.

While the status of who will return next season is still up in the air, the goal is crystal clear.

"Hopefully, they all come back," said Scott. "We have unfinished business to take care of. The goal is to win a national championship for Quincy College. So, we'll see."



# New semester opens with new Student Lounge

By **GRAHAM ALLEN**

QC Voice Contributor

When students arrived on the Plymouth campus Jan. 22 for the start of the Spring 2018 semester, they were greeted by a stunning new \$150,000 Student Lounge on the second floor of the Cordage Park Building 36.

Construction on the 2,200-square foot facility began in October of 2017 and continued through the winter intersession, with the gutting, refurbishing, redesigning and installing of new technology. The result was an expansive new and more-inviting space to comfortably accommodate the campus' 1,500-student population — a far cry from the old, cramped former Student Lounge, now sitting dark down the hall.

Once students check in at the front desk, via the newly implemented AccuTrak ID scanning system, there are a host of other new amenities to utilize.

Students can choose to sit at a table or countertop, work or print from one of the 15 computer stations or simply relax on a couch, armchair or egg chair. There's also a 70-inch HD TV to watch, a microwave to reheat food, a vending machine for snacks and even a water cooler to quench your thirst.

The new Student Lounge will also be the site for many of QC's upcoming events and activities throughout the year.

So, we encourage all students to stop in to say hello and meet our knowledgeable staff and work studies who are



Photo: GRAHAM ALLEN

Table-top computers and a 70-inch HD TV are among the new Student Lounge amenities.

ready to answer questions, take suggestions and feedback to help improve this new facility.

The Student Lounge is open every day from 8 a.m. until close.



Photo: QUINCY COLLEGE

**AUTHOR TALKS** — Erin M. Byers Murray (front row right), author of "Shucked: Life on a New England Oyster Farm" spoke to about 50 students at an Authors Talks appearance Jan. 25 at the Krovitz Library on the Plymouth campus. She shared her experiences working for Island Creek Oysters in Duxbury Bay. Quincy College members joining her were: (back row from left) Susan Whitehead, QC President Peter H. Tsaffaras, Elizabeth Do, Sene Bostrom, Dean Robert Bostrom, Bob Cronin and Ken Texeira. (Front row from left) Laura Buckley, Julie Mitchell, Holly McLore and Byers Murray.

## CAREER & PLACEMENT SERVICES

### Employer Spotlight

**Mass. Dept. of Correction**

**Plymouth Campus**

**March 21**

**10 a.m.  
to Noon**

**Room  
214B**

## Physical Therapist Assistant prospective students



**PTA  
OPEN HOUSE**

**March 23**

**10 a.m. to  
11:30 a.m.**

**PTA Lab,  
Room 110**

## A walk around campus may surprise you

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start of the pathway that sells a variety of bubble teas, juices, and smoothies.

Rather than just stand in line waiting for your order, you could check out some of the games it has like foosball, Chinese checkers and Mega Man. Not a game-player? Then you could pick up and page through any number of books lying around.

Next is the can't-miss Gandasia Bridal & Fashion, the colorful fashion emporium, on the corner of the pathway at Hancock Street. It offers a wide selection of prom dresses, evening and wedding gowns, and even the traditional Chinese Qipao, along with an assortment of accessories.

To the left, past Grandasia down the long stretch of Hancock, there are several restaurants to grab a bite to eat. Gunther Tooties, a popular sandwich shop with QC students, offers wraps, salads, baked goods, coffee and variety of other drinks. Other options include Soul Ninja, an Asian drinks/snacks cafe, Sher-a-Punjab, Indian cuisine, and, of course, a Starbucks at the end.

In between, you'll find a martial arts

studio, a physical therapist, a dentist and a T-Mobile store.

To the right of the main cross-walk light on Hancock is the city's historic area. Just beyond the huge fenced-off construction area, which one day will become the beautiful "Adams Green" tree-lined walking park, sits Quincy City Hall.

Facing it is the United First Parish Church, with the large clock and bell tower. Inside, the church houses the bodies of two past U.S. Presidents — John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams.

Once you cross the street into Presidents Place — home of QC — you're probably more familiar with the retail shops inside. We all know about Dunkin' Donuts, The Townsend, HMVA Optical, the Barnes & Noble bookstore, Five Guys and Goodie's Mini Mart.

But there's lots more, including the National Park Services, The Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, the Quincy Center Dental Associates and



Photo: AL YOUNG

*Sher-a-Punjab is just one of the many eateries stretching down Hancock Street. Below, this construction eyesore will one day be the "Adams Green" walking park.*



Photo: AL YOUNG

Mass Bay Credit Union, among others.

So, with spring and warm weather just around the corner, it might be a good time for you to take a walk around the corner, too.

## Is Palmer one and done?

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Southeast Missouri State and UMass-Lowell; and Division II Quincy University (Ill.), and Flagler College (Fla.).

But that wasn't always the case.

Palmer attracted little interest and no scholarship bids after a so-so high school career at Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter and New Mission in Boston's Hyde Park, where he averaged 12 points and three rebounds his final two seasons.

Although graduating a year ahead of schedule, Palmer admits he wasn't ready for college and took a year off.

But he kept working on his game and played AAU ball with the Beantown Bulls, coached by Kendrick Jackson.

When Jackson joined QC as an assistant coach on Doug Scott's staff, he reached out to Palmer.

"He asked if I was interested in getting back into school and hooping again," Palmer, 20, said. "He said I could start over here, and it'd be a fresh start to chase my goal of earning a full Division I scholarship to school."

He jumped at the offer, and the rest is history.

But is he one-and-done here at QC?

"The junior college route is very long and tiring, and I only have one more year left of it after this semester," Palmer explained, "My intentions are to leave Quincy College next year. There's nothing wrong with the team next year, because they'll be at the top of Region XXI again."

"But as a player and competitor, I want to experience new states and people and levels of competition. It'll only help develop me into a great player and man."

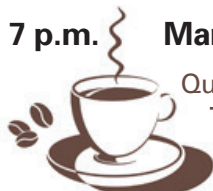
"But you never know what can happen, I could end up at Quincy next year. And if I do, I promise a national tournament appearance."

You can bet Granite fans have their fingers crossed it will be the latter.

**QC COFFEE STOPS**

TAKE A BREAK FROM CLASS TO GET A CUP OF COFFEE  
AND HANGOUT WITH YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS

**7 p.m.**



**March 21 & April 19**

Quincy Student Lounge  
Plymouth Lobby