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A selection of the best stories from local college papers



Bentley's Campus Police opens new substation

BY MATT WAGNER
The Bentley Vanguard

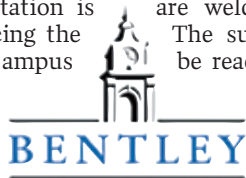
This year, Campus Police joined several large area schools in opening a police substation on campus. Situated on Lower Campus in the basement of Orchard North, the substation is aimed at enhancing the visibility of Campus Police, as well as facilitating better connections with students.

It exists as part of Campus Police's commitment to community policing, a philosophy aimed at proactively preventing crime.

The substation is currently in its trial phase, operating from only 7-9 p.m. on most days of the week. Students are welcome to drop in.

The substation can be reached at (781) 216-2985.

Read Wagner's entire article online at BostonNOW.com/BentleyVanguard.



Background checks

BY ANDREW FITZGERALD
The Daily Free Press

College admissions officials selecting this year's freshmen not only judged their by GPAs, test scores and extracurriculars, but also asked how much time applicants may have spent behind bars.

The widely used Common Application requested high school seniors' disciplinary and criminal records for the first time last year, information that was previously not required by schools using the form.

The Common Application, which serves as the primary admissions

form for more than 315 colleges, including Boston University, added a section to its main application asking if applicants have received disciplinary action in high school or been convicted of "a misdemeanor, felony or other crime." The form asks applicants who check "yes" to elaborate on the details of the infraction on a separate paper.

"The highly selective colleges have already been asking this question on the supplement," said Common Application Membership Association Executive Director Rob Killion. "As always, counselors have been free to answer or not answer whatever they want for years."

Read FitzGerald's article online at BostonNOW.com/DailyFreePress



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Early applications increase

While Harvard and Princeton have nixed their early admissions programs, MIT has seen a 13-percent increase in early admissions applicants this year. MIT keeps its admittance of early admissions applicants to 30 percent of the incoming class, but those not admitted early still have a chance in the regular action round. Read more online at BostonNOW.com/TheTech



Brandeis mulls ad strategies

Brandeis is a well-known liberal arts college in the Northeast, but with a shift of college students toward the West and Southwest, Senior Vice President of Communications Lorna Miles thinks the school needs to be more visible. Miles said she would like to start advertising on the radio again, and also include advertisements on Facebook and YouTube.

Read more online at BostonNOW.com/TheJustice



Students dispute trip costs

The Undergraduate Student Senate at UMass Boston approved a \$13,320 trip for 40 students to New Orleans to continue building 200,000 homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Some students feel the money for the trip should be used for local projects.

Read more online at BostonNOW.com/MassMedia



Frog ponding

By Bart Brooks

With the onset of winter comes one of Boston's great traditions — the Frog Pond skating rink in Boston Common. Open until mid-March, admission is \$4 and if you need to rent skates, it's an additional \$8. For \$12, Frog Pond is all yours.

While chugging hot chocolate on a winter's day after

skating around might seem like a cliché, it's darn fun anyway.

The good thing about skating at Boston Common is the proximity of plenty of places to grab a hot drink. There's the usual suspects, like Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks and Finagle a Bagel. That can set you back around \$5.

And while you're in the area, take the time to stroll through some of the hundreds of shops in Downtown Crossing. You can



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pick up a great Eddie Bauer sweater or some cool jewelry for a great price.

OFF-CAMPUS EATS

Bring on that sweet tooth

Yes, you nearly bit the head off the saccharine-smiled sales clerk at Benetton, but no, you are not a bad person — just "holiday-cranky." So sweeten your disposition with decadent treats at **Finale**. Start with a flight of dessert wines while nibbling on savory bites from the prelude menu — the tender petite duck confit is a must. For a flourishing sweet finish, consider sharing the Chocolate Paradise plate — a veritable choco-copia of milk chocolate coconut cake with pineapple sauce, a white chocolate Florentine cup with pineapple sorbet and many other delectable morsels. You'll leave smiling, and sales clerks around the city will thank you.



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