



City of Cambridge

R-21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: In an attempt to break the ice with a boat on the Charles River so that her teammates could do some rowing, a Boston University student fell into the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: A successful rescue was made by members of the Cambridge Fire Department Rescue Dive Team; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record commending Sean White and Tom Cahill and other members of the Cambridge Fire Department Rescue Dive Team on the rescue of the Boston University student from the Charles River on Saturday; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Sean White, Tom Cahill and the Cambridge Fire Department Rescue Dive Team on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 12, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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~~MAYOR GALLUCCIO~~

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record commending ~~Shawn~~ ^{Sean} White and Tom Cahill and other members of the Cambridge Fire Department Rescue Dive Team on the rescue of the Boston University Student from the Charles River on Saturday; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk ^{Sean} be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to ~~Shawn~~ White, Tom Cahill and the Cambridge Fire Department Rescue Dive Team on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Commend Shawn White & Tom Cahill

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Rescue dive - y - y - y - y - y - y - y

BU - y - y - y - y - y - y - y

Councillor Gormey

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Cambridge firefighters rescue BU rower stuck in ice

By JOSE MARTINEZ

A Boston University student's attempt to break through the frozen Charles River so her teammates could get in some rowing led to an icy rescue for Cambridge firefighters yesterday, authorities said.

The student, who was not identi-

fied, had ventured out onto the mostly frozen Charles with a rowing team motor boat when the tiny vessel became stranded on the ice across from the university's boathouse about midmorning, Cambridge Fire Lt. Galvin Murphy said.

Firefighters in exposure suits scooted out to the stranded boater on

surfboards but still fell through the ice, Galvin said. Neither the woman nor her rescuers, firefighters Tom Cahill and Sean White, were injured.

"It's an exhausting scenario," Murphy said. "On the boards, you go right across the ice like a rocket but if you go through, it's huff and puff time. It's just murder."

The firefighters still managed to get the BU student back to shore "and keep her dry and warm," the lieutenant said.

Firefighters used ropes to pull the student back to the riverbank before Cahill and White tied another line to the motorboat, which was hauled back to shore with one of the fire

truck winches.

Earlier in the day, the woman had ventured onto the ice and became stuck but managed to free herself and return to shore. During the second trip out, the boat's engine died.

"Thank God for the college students around here. They keep life exciting," Murphy said.



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**Councillor Toomey and entire
membership**

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