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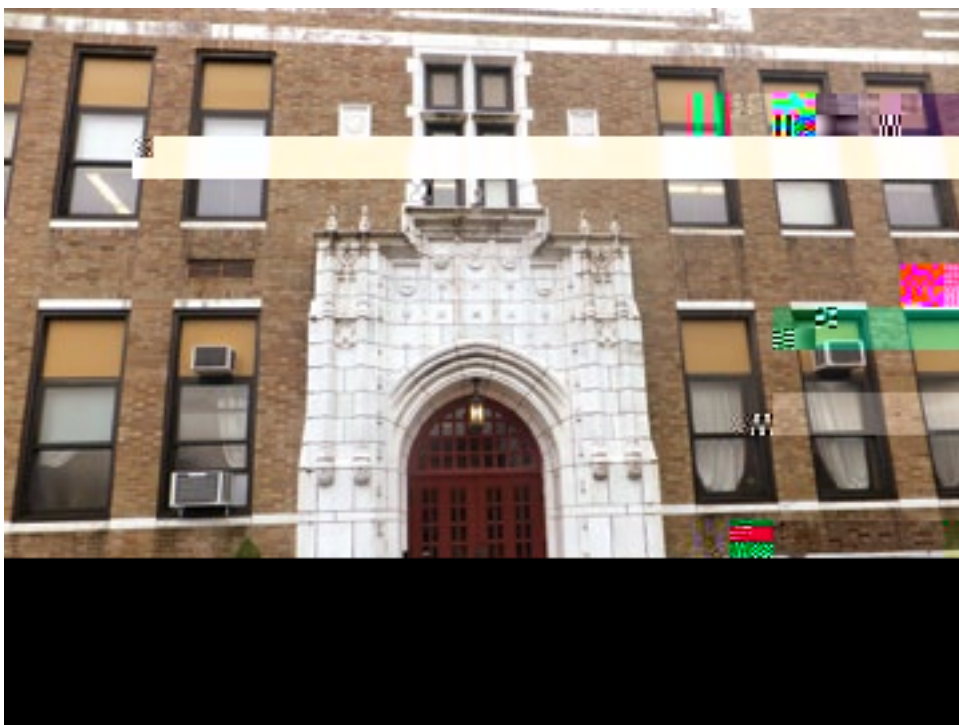
Two people socialize at a table in B110 at the Fall River campus. They both appear at ease, conversing with one another as if partaking in their

side at a computer. One is laughing at something the other person said. The

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BCC Taunton Center Builds Student Rapport in New Building

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The front door of the BCC Taunton Center, located at 61 Summer St. (Photo by Brian Casey)



The Director of the BCC Writing Centers Dr. Genie Giaimo. (Photo by Brian Casey)

Holiday Season Customer Etiquette 101

if you returned the favor. Having worked retail myself during the holiday, I can say nothing kills the holiday spirit faster than crad

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Last August, a police off-
 cer shot and killed an 18 year-
 old in Ferguson, Missouri. This
 event not only outraged the lo-
 cal community, who took to the
 streets in protest, but sparked
 a very controversial and very
 complex conversation.

This incident touches upon
 race, age, police training, and
 many other issues for people,
 but if we take the time to think
 about the situation without
 prejudice, we reach a point
 where all perspectives find
 common ground.

If we take away the context
 of the situation and ask, "Is it
 acceptable that an 18-year-old
 has been killed," most people
 would answer no. It's unac-
 ceptable to kill other humans,
 and Michael Brown was only
 18. That's a bit young consider-
 ing the normal life expectancy
 is 78 years.

Ask, "Should we do what
 we can to prevent 18 year-old
 boys from being killed?" Most
 agree, yes. Our society, com-
 parable to a sick patient, must
 seek a remedy for its illness.
 We should do what we can to
 fix this.

People are going to get angry.
 I would be upset too if a friend
 was shot and killed, no matter
 what the circumstances. At the
 same time, people are going to de-
 fend our servicemen, like Police
 Officer Darren Wilson. Ultimate-
 ly, it doesn't matter if Wilson is
 innocent or guilty. Whether he is
 convicted or not, Brown is dead.

If we can agree that 18-year-

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 and phone number.

This past August, the former

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