



# The Reporter

## Emily Sweeney goes where life leads

Emily Sweeney spends her days chasing down leads and writing articles. When this Boston reporter isn't beating the streets, she goes home to Dorchester, the neighborhood where she was born and raised, and she writes some more.

**How did you get into writing?** Well, I've always liked writing, but I wasn't sure what I wanted to do until college. I worked at *The Boston Globe* as a student and that kind of sealed my fate.

**You have an unconventional look. Do you find that it affects your career?** It's never affected my job negatively. In fact, just more positively. There have been times I've been covering meetings and somebody will know that the chick with the spiky hair is the reporter, and they'll come up and tell me something.

**Have you had a favorite story?** Back in '99, I covered Clinton coming into Massachusetts for a fundraiser. So that was kind of exciting to shake the president's hand. And then I also did a story on a Miss Gothic Massachusetts pageant. I got a lot of feedback from readers, and it was cool interviewing the contestants and the hostess.

**And you write different kinds of stuff at home?** Yeah, I've been working on a screenplay about journalism and politics for about a year. And it definitely needs a rewrite. I guess I'm just glad to get it done.

**Do you plan to submit it to studios?** Obviously, I think anybody who writes a script wants to see it come to fruition on the silver screen, just like anybody who writes a book would like to see it finally bound and on a bookshelf. I have lots of ideas for books and stuff, but first there are all the ideas I have for articles I want to write for the paper.

**What's your pleasure?** I guess... writing and running around. And when I say 'running around,' it's not that I'm a marathon runner, but it always seems like I'm running somewhere on assignment. ■■



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