Thieves hit dorms

A series of larcenies from unattended dormitory rooms over the past week has resulted in the loss of hundreds of dollars of cash, checks and equipment such as cameras, lenses and tape decks. In nearly all cases the rooms in question had been left unlocked and were unattended.

We always suggest that residence take care to protect their possessions, at this time of the year with special vigilance is very much in order. Thieves of opportunity, taking advantage of the inevitable confusion engendered by the arrival of thousands of students for the new academic year, are present now in especially high numbers.

Everyone is urged to be particularly careful to lock their possessions. At this time of the year the risk of larceny is still high. All motorists are reminded to lock their cars and to consider installing either an alarm system in their vehicles or a security measure such as cameras, lenses, or an apparent security dormitory bicycle storage room. We suggest that they be locked whenever possible in an additional security measure.

Motorcycle ripped off

A 1969 Honda CB350 motorcycle was reported stolen from the steps of the Westgate high-rise apartment building early this week. The owner had left it there, secured by a fork lock a week earlier, only to find it missing on Monday.

Bicycles taken

In a separate incident a 1972 Mercury Monterey was stolen from the area of Mass. Ave. and Ambrose Street in the early morning hours Wednesday. The car contained the belongings of a transfer student newly arrived from the midwest, who, failing to appreciate the risk involved, chose to ignore Campus Police warnings addressed to him earlier in the evening and left the fully loaded car on Mass. Ave. overnight.

At 9am he discovered the auto to be missing. This incident points up the danger involved in leaving autos overnight on the city streets in the MIT area, especially those left with valuables in plain view. Even though the reported auto theft rate in Cambridge has dropped about 25 percent in the past year, the risk of larceny is still high. All motorists are reminded to lock their cars and to remove valuables from view every time they park, and to consider installing either an electrical cut-off switch or an alarm system in their vehicles.

Army ROTC

Lt. Tom Strat, 77, Course VI-3

An ROTC Scholarship winner, Tom entered MIT in September of 1973. Tom is a member of DKE, played in the MIT orchestra, was cox’n for the Heavyweight Varsity Crew, and commanded the Army ROTC Cadet Battalion during his second year. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Regular Army in the Military Intelligence Branch in June 77. Tom was awarded an Army Fellowship and will be on active duty here at MIT pursuing a graduate degree in Computer Science. As a Fellowship student, Tom receives full Army pay ($12,000/year). He will be assigned to Fort Huachaca, Arizona upon graduation.