Snow emergencies

With the arrival of winter, motorists are reminded that snow removal operations often require removal of automobiles from certain areas so that plows can operate effectively. Snow removal parking regulations, which are enforced as a matter of public safety, are generally as follows:

City of Cambridge

Cambridge "snow emergencies" are declared by the city manager, and are then announced over most local radio and TV stations. Parking is then prohibited at designated emergency areas. Permanent street signs indicate the existence of an emergency area; many streets in the MIT area are emergency areas. Any vehicle blocking snow removal equipment may be subject to towing and/or towing at the owner's expense.

On campus

Recognizing that the circumstances of each snowstorm differ as to the day (business day vs. weekend, or holiday) and the hour (12 Noon vs. 12 Midnight) of the occurrence of the snowfall, information and guidelines from the Institute may vary. During periods of heavy snowfall, information concerning on-campus snow removal operations may be obtained by calling Campus Police Headquarters (x3-1212). Note that after heavy snowfalls, parking in large open parking lots (Slon, Tang, Westgate, Krone and Ailey Open) may be temporarily prohibited to allow for snow removal. In such cases, "Snow Removal" signs will be posted eight hours in advance of plowing.

Storage of cars

Though facilities are very limited, persons who wish to store their cars on campus while they are away during the vacation IAP period may in certain cases obtain special "dead parking" permission from parking personnel at Campus Patrol. Information concerning this permission and certain requirements, which must be met may be obtained by calling Headquarters (x3-1212) during regular business hours. Cars left dead parked on campus without display of the special permit may be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

Christmas/IAP Storage

As in past years, the Campus Police will make available storage space for students absent from the campus over the Christmas vacation and/or IAP who have small, movable property to store (T.V.s, stereos, etc.). Due to a serious storage space shortage, the following guidelines will be observed:

- Items to be stored must be reasonably small.
- They must be completely contained in sealed boxes or cases - the boxes or cases must be clearly marked with the owner's name, term address, and expected date of return.
- Articles to be stored may be brought to Headquarters (Army, 2nd floor) Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

River ice dangerous

With the onset of long periods of cold weather, sooner or later ice is bound to appear on the surface of the Charles River. The community is reminded that, due to the peculiarities of the Charles River, some ice never freezes in depth sufficient to safely support much weight. Consequently, despite how solid the surface may look from shore, it is always extremely dangerous to walk on river ice. We urge everyone to admire the beauty of the river in winter from the safety of terra firma.

Eyglasses in Lost & Found

Nearly thirty pair of prescription eyglasses, some in cases, have been turned in to Lost and Found over the past few months. Anyone missing a pair is invited to view the collection at Campus Police Headquarters (2nd floor of Armory).