Letters To The Editor

There must always be room for constructive criticism in this academic setting. As a department we welcome it. However, as director of this department I neither welcome nor condone what I see as a lack of respect for service workers whose intentions and actions were truly heroic in many instances. I have spoken with a number of them. They are confused and offended, and they have a right to be.

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Director
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Grounds Services Provides Safe Conditions

The winter of 1994 is special in everyone's mind. While the sound of back-up alarms and snow storm sirens may be disconcerting to some, it is our hope that the efforts of our department will prove otherwise. It is our goal to keep parking areas, roadways, and walkways open for the entire community. During this process the Medical Department, Campus Police, handicapped ramps, emergency telephones, fire hydrants, parking areas, and the main buildings are the first areas to be opened up. While these areas are being cleared, we open general access areas, walkways, stairs, and adjoining city areas if we know they will not be cleared.

Once the campus is opened up, there is an ongoing process of making sure emergency areas and handicapped ramps are kept clear. After a storm we begin the process of pushing back snow to make room if another storm should develop. At this point, if good weather continues, we begin to haul snow piles away. Areas that are critical to keeping the Institute open and operating to the Institute operating are done first. Then we proceed with less critical areas and handicap ramps are kept clear. And because they can also run on batteries, you can even take them to the park.

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