Tips for **THANKSGIVING BREAK**November 22-30, 2008

BEFORE you take off on Thanksgiving break, PLEASE:

- I. Don't shut off the heat in your apartment! Thanksgiving break can get cold in Central Illinois, which can lead to frozen pipes and major destruction. Check your lease or with your landlord for what temperature you should maintain; leave the thermostat at least 2° higher than what the landlord recommends. Tenants in the past have been billed as much as \$14,000 for frozen pipes and the resulting damage!
- **2.** Lock all doors and windows. Double check before you leave! Using a pass key is a common means of breaking in, but locked doors keep some honest.
- **3.** Get renter's insurance and/or take your valuables with you. Fall break is a prime time for burglars. If you can't afford insurance, take your valuables with you! Do not leave your laptop, I-pod, camera, X-box 360, etc. in your apartment!
- **4.** <u>Inventory your personal items which have a quick sale value.</u>

 Keep a written list of serial numbers of TVs, stereos, CD player, etc. If a theft takes place, this information can help police investigate. Brand your CDs!
- 5. Don't leave your car on the street while you're on break.

Streets are routinely plowed/cleaned during breaks. Your car will be towed and/or ticketed and unavailable when you return to campus. You can expect a minimum charge of \$100 to rescue your vehicle, plus daily storage fees.

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