On-Campus Tree Relocation: From Dibner Garden to E32 Park
In an effort to preserve established and healthy plants from the Dibner Garden in front of Building E56, the Facilities Department saw an opportunity for reuse at the recently demolished Building E32 site. On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, two mature pin oaks traveled down Main Street under MIT and Cambridge police escort. Contractor D. Schumacher expertly moved the trees for about the cost of purchasing a single new tree of the size relocated.
Making a 12’-diameter root ball
Deeper and deeper...
Drum lacing a root ball—a work of art
Crane at the ready; early morning shadows
...free of the ground
A tree in the air southeast of E53
Looking toward E55. Was anyone looking back that early on a Saturday morning?
Notice the flex in the steel plate
Your chariot awaits
Some of the D. Schumacher crew that accomplished the moves and built the park
Moving in December—holiday ornamentation included
Beside E53 with E52 in the background
Parading through the Sloan Lot toward Main Street
Wrong way on Main Street
(Cambridge Police escort not shown in photo)
Before the oaks, the paving, the benches…
four dogwoods were transplanted on the site
One of the four dogwoods that was moved earlier
Flying again to re-enter the ground
Instant park at the former site of E32—all trees, paving stone and benches were relocated from the Sloan Project construction site
A big tree needs a big hole
Now, an open space amenity for MIT and passersby
Once Spring arrives, the leaves open on the successfully transplanted tree.