

Idling for one minute only

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Here is a sign that surely reflects  
the Puritan heritage of our college.

For though it is meant for the coaches

that pull up to the curb, disbursing  
limbs of basketball players

who loiter at the back of the gym,

I always think it applies to me,  
standing here in the new warmth

of the winter sun, watching

the first green tips of grass emerge  
from the dampness of the ground.