feedback

The long and the short of it

To the Editor:

I found Stephanie Pollack's article on being short amusing and it has goaded me into writing this letter which I have been meaning to write for a long time. I can really empathize with her because I am four feet tall. The reason I am writing is because of a common practice in most public buildings, of which MIT is not exempt. This practice in most public buildings, writing is because of a common practice is that it is so unnecessary. I realized that most people therefore making it impossible for me to reach or jump for them. I am sure this is a problem that affects other dwarfs and people of limited reach (for example people in wheelchairs). The thing that bothers me so much about this practice is that it is so unnecessary. I realized that most people never thought about the problems of dwarfs and it is up to people like me to bring it to their attention.

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Tennis should be open

To the Editor:

As a member of the MIT community I am appalled at the casual manner in which athletic facilities are, at the beginning of each new semester, wrenched from the hands of the general user and given, carte blanche, to the elite. How is it possible that the physical education establishment should deem it proper to close all tennis courts for general use from 9am until 7pm (when it gets dark) from Monday through Thursday, as well as most of prime time on the weekends? Is it true that gym classes and team play occupy all of those hours? Having attended a university of similar size and with fewer tennis courts than this one, I doubt it—for the courts were open for general use most of the time there.

It is clear that the athletic administration cares little for the general fitness and peace of mind of the people who work, go to school, but do not have the time or opportunity to play organized sports at MIT. Why not open the courts, at least for a few hours a day, to students and staff in this category?

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