Provide way to shut off heat in warm weather

To the Editor:

It's a typical MIT winter morning: you get up (if you can) do the usual (or unusual) things and you're off to class. If you're one who's taking maybe 18.01 or 18.02, among others, you may have a recitation in Building 2, on the first floor (2-19), maybe 2-147, wherever. You'll walk down the hall to the door, open it to go into the classroom and get hit smack in the face with an incredible (seemingly 100 degree) heat wave!!! Yes it's winter, I know. It's a bit cold out, there used to be snow on the ground and more may come. But why can't the heating system in the classrooms have some sort of regulation that works? Every time I've walked into a classroom or opened the door on the first floor of Building 2 (and others), the heat seems to be on full blast! And when you try to turn down the thermostat, the dial just spins around and around, broken as usual. Then, when the warm weather comes, someone forgets to turn them off from the central office, making even the most faithful of sun worshipers a bit hot under the collar. I'm from Southern California myself, and I admit, I'll take all the sun I can find even if it means wearing shorts when it's sunny and 30 degrees out... wait, no, it's worse. But sometimes the heat, especially in an enclosed area, is just too much! Even some professors have wanted the windows open in such situations, which means I'm not the only one who's too hot. This is a plea from a warm-weather native to please get the thermostat fixed and/or enable us to shut the heaters off when it gets too hot.

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Members of the MIT community have to learn to recognize satire

To the Editor:

We wish to thank David Israel-Rosen for raising a critical issue which has long been in our hearts and in our minds. His response to a German House letter exemplifies an important deficiency in some MIT students' education. We are not agreeing or disagreeing with the German students' views, and we are not even going to mention that horrid eleven letter word, ——. The root of the problem is this: The majority of MIT students are unable to recognize satire. Perhaps if people read columns carefully before responding, this misunderstanding could be avoided. However, until people do this, we suggest that The Tech implement the following proposal. All satire should be printed in italics.

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