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What is a Smoot?

- An imprecise unit of measurement originating from famous MIT hack
- 1 smoot = 5 feet and 7 inches
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Questions and Answers

Want to know more?

- Browse http://web.mit.edu/smoot/history.htm.
- Smoot's Legacy http://alum.mit.edu/news/AlumniNews/ Archive/smoots_legacy.
- Smoot Salute! http://web.mit.edu/spotlight/smoot-salute.

