ResLife changes lottery procedures

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The lottery for suites and modified suites in the Alumni and Carlin residence halls is an annual practice that has often, according to popular student opinion, led to feelings of anger, jealousy, and resentment. This year was no different as many students were disappointed with how the lottery was conducted.

One of the chief sources of dismay for students was the decision of the Residence Life office to make changes to the room selection system in order to make the process fairer for all.

Residence Life noticed a problem with the lottery system when frequent complaints were received about twelve sophomores living in the Quad while over forty juniors were living on the Hill in Healy. The office decided that it was unfair for people who entered the lottery dishonestly to gain rooms in the Quad while those who played by the rules were relegated to the other dorms.

Changes to the system came “admittedly late,” says Michael Morrill, Residence Life Community Development Coordinator. But he added that the changes were made to try and promote “a good faith effort to not hurt classmates” on the part of those enrolling in the lottery.

The lottery for four and six man suites in Carlin and Alumni is highly competitive, with preference going to upperclassmen, leaving the underclassmen with suites to live in with the students of their choice. The seniors would then back out to live off campus, leaving the underclassmen with suites to live in with the students of their choice.

Residence Life made an effort before this year’s lottery to find out which students had already signed leases to live off campus and question them when their turn to pick came up in the lottery. The Residence Life office learned of some students in the lot

The rumor that the late change to the system would soften the workload for the Residence Life staff was also quickly debunked. A quick visit to the ResLife office, where students stream in steadily with housing questions and problems, reveals that the new policy has not lessened the workload for staff members.

While complaints about the housing lottery are unavoidable, Residence Life is taking steps to improve the process so that it will be more efficient and fair in the future. Next year, the lottery will be held later in the year, most likely during the last two weeks of April, so that students waiting to hear about their Study Abroad and Washington Semester applications know what they are doing before they enter the lottery. Also, Residence Life, in conjunction with the SGA, is forming a committee to improve the process. ResLife hopes that improvements in housing, such as the renovations of the Healy study and social rooms, will provide students with more options for on campus accommodations.

Commenting on the office’s plans, Ryan Moore ’03 said, “The lottery system definitely needs to be improved but it was impractical for Residence Life to try and make the improvements so late in the cycle.”

**Campaign finance bill passes Senate**

Legislation that would ban soft-money contributions by individuals to political parties passed by a vote of 59-41 in the Senate, the New York Times reported on Tuesday. The bill, sponsored by Senators John McCain (R-Arizona) and Russ Fein

Donations made to a political party for use on a specific candidate are considered “hard-money donations,” but raises slightly the current caps on direct funding.

There is strong opposition from groups that fear their political influence will be reduced by the proposed finance reform. Groups such as the AFL-CIO and the American Civil Liberties Union plan to challenge the bill, if passed, in the courts.

Many argue that the bill’s restrictions on television commercials prior to elections violate the First Amendment.

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**Students serve community on HC Cares Day**

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