HASS-D Lottery Experiment

Was Successful

As the director of the Avenue side of the new Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Distribution lottery system, I would like to thank Daiji Takamori's latest letter to the editor [HASS-D Lottery Is Unfair, Jan. 19]. It is true that the January 5th cut-off for making selections would have required many students to make last-minute choices during finals week, because they were not returning to campus for IAP. However, because we provided enough students to the departments the day early, they were able to add five new sections. There is a tradeoff between giving early results and having enough time to act on the responses; as Dr. Takamori notes, having 12 instead of 55 added to the most popular classes shows that we made the right decision.

It is somewhat surprising to have two lotteries in an area that is open for the inevitable untransmit-
ted. For example, in our first lottery on April 20, 50 percent of the seats had been drawn, and while we talked to Takamori that the advantages of a single lottery out-
weigh the disadvantages, and consequently, in the future we will hold a single lottery on reg-
istration day. Students make their registrations early enough, we will still be able to provide
this information to the departments in time for them to add new sections before the lottery.

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LA Quake Displays Need for Mass Transit

There is no question that freeways changed the way we live today. Instead of sticking roots-
ning to specific areas, people can build up "suburbs" in the marketplace by "voting" in ways that produce more for the whole. Better still, the folks who didn't gain "votes" still live as there are better prod-
ucts for the whole to partake of. Supporters of proportional representation should concede that the best vehicle for majority empowerment is in fact a free mar-
ketplace of both products and ideas. Res-
olute support of the Bill of Rights and limi-
tions of government intrusiveness will go a
lot further towards that end than new voting
schemes.

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