# GOP Pans Lottery in Radio Ad

By Holly Neal
Staff Writer

The N.C. Republican Party began an ad campaign this week criticizing the proposed statewide lottery and Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker's support of it.

Republicans are not supporting the push for a lottery because it would create a larger state government, said Mark Fleming, communications director for the N.C. Republican Party.

In addition, opponents say they are against a suggestion to put the lottery issue to a public referendum, which they describe as unconstitutional.

"We're opposed to taking money out of the private sector and putting it into the public sector," Fleming said.

The 60-second radio ad targets Wicker because he once opposed the lottery, and he now supports it.

"In 1992, (Wicker) was a strong lottery opponent," Fleming said. "Six years later, he has changed his position because his pollster told him it was an issue.

"It just shows that Dennis Wicker has no principles, and he's willing to do anything for political expediency."

But Bob Phillips, press secretary for Wicker, said Wicker changed his mind for two reasons.

"He has recognized people really want to have a say and vote on (the lottery issue)," Phillips said. "But most importantly, it would be the opportunity to help education."

But opponents of the lottery have said the money generated would not go toward education improvements.

Don Carrington, vice president of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative think tank in Raleigh, said states without lotteries allocated 36 percent of their budget for education compared to the 32 percent in states with lotteries.

Fleming also said a statewide lottery would not benefit education.

"We don't think we should be gambling with our children's education," he said.

But Phillips said Wicker wanted lottery proceeds to go to specific educational programs that were new, such as Georgia's HOPE scholarship program that grants money to students who meet a grade point average requirement.

In that way, dollars targeted for public education would not be taken away and given to other government programs as lottery monies increased, a phenomenon that is occurring in other states with lotteries, Phillips said.

The ad, which is running in metropolitan areas across the state, tells listeners that lottery money won't go to education and encourages them to inform Wicker of their opinions.

Carrington said the ad's focus on Wicker was an appropriate tactic.

"I think it's important the lieutenant governor has flip-flopped on the issue," he said. "I don't really know what he thinks either."

But Phillips said Wicker would continue supporting the lottery despite opposition.

"The Republican Party perhaps doesn't have any ideas to help enhance public education," Phillips said.

"He will continue to fight to improve public education despite the Republican Party's attacks on him."

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Advisory Board, the Historic District Commission, the Human Services Advisory Board and the Greenways Commission also presenting their concerns to the council.

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"We're doing it now because it's going to be fun."

Brandau said it was important for the members of the group to help out the University as well.

"We all are now, or were, students here," he said.

Pez said he became involved with the event partly out of respect for journalism Professor Chuck Stone, who supports a freestanding BCC.

Pez said he played at the show last year and enjoyed it.

"Last year, it was packed with people, and we got a really good response," he said. "I feel like (this year) it's going to be a really good show."

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Watered Down by Brad Christensen

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# Officials: Kosovo Peace Still Possible

Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France – Despite Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's defiant "no" to the chief mediator at the Kosovo peace talks, the British and French foreign ministers said Wednesday they detected some progress.

With less than three days to go to the Saturday noon deadline for reaching a three-year interim agreement between Serbs and Kosovo Albanians, Foreign Ministers Hubert Vedrine of France and Robin Cook of Britain said both sides are showing signs of moving closer to a deal.

"It seems things are moving a bit," Vedrine said on the steps of the 14th-century chateau in Rambouillet, outside Paris, where talks have been taking place since Feb. 6. "But there is only a little time left."

Key to any Kosovo peace agreement is the deployment of a 30,000-strong NATO force in the province to ensure the deal is implemented.

Belgrade's refusal so far to consider allowing such a force on Yugoslav territory has been a major roadblock in the talks.

Christopher Hill, the American who heads the international mediating team at the talks, flew to Belgrade on Tuesday with a message for Milosevic: Sign a deal by Saturday or face NATO missiles.

## SEATS

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Heather Faulk said the bill would help because, in the future, special elections would occur more frequently to fill vacancies more quickly.

She said she had been unaware of the provision because it was not in her job description. As a result, vacant seats remained open longer than they should have, she said.

But Student Body President Reyna Walters, who said she supported the bill, said seats remained vacant too long because the Elections Board did not have enough members to run special elections early last semester.

The provision was not strictly followed this year because no one asked Walters to set a date for special elections, Schlitt said.

"Student Congress members could call for a special election, and it would be the student body president's responsibility to follow through."

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## THE Daily Crossword

By Gerald R. Ferguson

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1 Enthusiasm
4 Soft drinks
9 Sweetheart
14 "You __ My Sunshine"
15 Texas shrine
16 Work
17 Time period
18 Security device
20 Lasso
22 Annoy
23 Moscow moolah
24 Atolls
26 Transmit
27 Midpoint
29 They went __!
33 Incited
34 Plumbing problems
35 Arab robe
36 Dugout stack
37 Qverly sentimental
38 Mishmash dish
39 Late starter?
40 Wandering calf
41 Twinned crystal
42 Moderated
44 Struck with crushing blows
45 Shoshones
46 L'chaim, e.g.
47 "Citizen Kane" director
50 __ goo gai pan
51 Hindu discipline
54 Satellite surveillance
57 Break the tape
58 Arctic goose
59 Host
60 Put a stop to
61 Marsh plant
62 Lion's plaints
63 Beam

**DOWN**
1 Jack of talk-shows
2 Cogito __ sum
3 Voyeur
4 Cleveland cager, briefly
5 "JFK" director Stone
6 Loads up
7 Visa rival, for short
8 Jack of "Barney Miller"
9 Exhibits ostentatiously
10 Greek letter
11 One of Adam's sons
12 Additional
13 Memorable times
19 Like old stairs
21 Rob of "Silk Stalkings"
25 Was first
26 Contour
27 Noah's ark measurement
28 Eradicate
29 Lukewarm
30 Guard's post
31 White poplar
32 Swerved off course
34 Theater sections
37 Most achy
38 Impudent
40 Period of peace
41 Lamb's lament
43 Whimpering
44 __ T. Washington
46 Puccini opera
47 Insect snares
48 "Jane __"
49 Get the __ out (hurry)
50 Office note, briefly
52 Actress Lollobrigida
53 Gibb or Williams
55 His companion
56 Affirmative response

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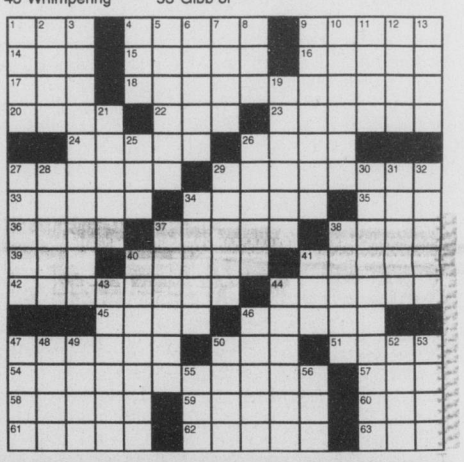

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