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Molly Broad, president of the UNC system, speaks at a press conference about her plans to retire by the close of the 2005-06 academic year.

Search for leader to start

BROAD'S DEPARTURE CREATES A VACANCY THAT'S HARD TO FILL

BY KAVITA PILLAI
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UNC-system President Molly Broad's announcement that she will retire next spring leaves the Board of Governors with about a year to determine who will take her place.

In response, board Chairman Brad Wilson said he will begin to put together a search committee that will include a few members of the board.

"That committee will come together to decide a number of

process issues," he said. "And then we will be about our work to identify the best candidates in America who are interested in being considered for the presidency."

He said he doesn't know if the board will be soliciting applications using a search fund or just accepting them from those who come forward. But the process likely will involve a combination of both.

"This is one of the most prestigious jobs in higher education in America," Wilson said. "I'm confi-

dent there will be plenty of willing volunteers."

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, said Broad's replacement needs a basic understanding of many issues, especially those specific to the Tar Heel state.

One of Broad's biggest challenges has been the fact that she is not a native North Carolinian. She worked in the California State University system before taking her post at UNC.

"We are clearly operating in a

complex environment," Davies said. "And it takes an understanding of the North Carolina economy, the commitment of the voters and legislators to the university, and the educational arena both locally and nationally," Davies said.

"President Broad's job, as much as she loves it, is probably one of the most complicated jobs in North Carolina."

Several system leaders and leg-

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BOG election process fair, senators say

Others call vote, withdrawals rigged

BY LAURA YOUNGS
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Controversy about the N.C. Senate's election of UNC-system leaders Wednesday won't affect voting down the hall on the same issue, House leaders said.

The debate centers on a tiff between Senate Republicans, who say the elections process was rigged, and Democrats who say the system functioned the way it should.

Despite the tensions, Rep. Margaret Dickson, D-Cumberland, chairwoman of the House Education Subcommittee

on Universities, said the issues surrounding the Senate are not going to affect House BOG elections.

"We don't try to get into their business, and they don't try to get into our business," Dickson said.

Things heated up in the Senate when Jeanne Lucas, a Durham Democrat and co-chairwoman of the Senate's higher education committee, announced that four of the 12 candidates for the board had withdrawn without reason.

The Senate will choose eight of the 16 members being appointed to the BOG this year, and the House will choose the rest.

The candidates whose names were withdrawn are Luther

Hodges, Michael Brader-Araje, Robert Kennel and John Spotswood, according to the N.C. General Assembly clerk's office.

Hodges, the only Republican on the list, said he did not withdraw nor hear about it until The Daily Tar Heel contacted him Wednesday.

Sen. John Garwood, R-Wilkes and co-chairman of the higher education committee, called the process rigged.

"We were given a ballot with 12 names on it, and four were marked as having withdrawn," he said.

"We were led to believe after talking to a couple of (the candidates) that they were removed from the ballot by the Democratic caucus. They told us they did not request to be removed."

Garwood said he was among those who voted eight times for Hodges in protest.

Lucas did not return repeated calls by press time.

Sen. Edward Goodall, R-Mecklenburg and a higher education committee member, said the ballot should have been done by cumulative voting. In that system, voters can cast ballots for one candidate more than once, though they don't have to.

"If the majority party only offers us eight candidates, then there is no real election," Goodall said.

Both Goodall and Garwood said their criticism is not a reflection of the candidates but of the process.

But Cumberland County Democrat Tony Rand, the Senate

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Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand dismissed criticism of the ballot process.

THE BODY IS A BATTLEGROUNDS



DTH/BRADY NASH

Abortion rights and anti-abortion activists show signs in Polk Place on Thursday. A display of graphic photographs prompted student protest.

Display sparks silent protest

BY RACHEL BROCK
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Two days of heated debate reached a head Thursday when a procession of UNC students turned their backs on a graphic anti-abortion display.

The students led a five-minute silent protest in response to the display, which was set up in Polk Place on Wednesday and Thursday. The display juxtaposed pictures of mass murder and lynchings with aborted fetuses in order to make the point, supporters said, that abortion is genocide.

Participants on both sides of the issue said their

actions were meant to fuel debate.

"We're just trying to help create a dialogue," said Menaka Kalaskar, former co-chairwoman of student government's Women's Affairs Committee who also helped organize the protest against the display.

She said the anti-abortion images exploited historic cases of genocide, such as the Holocaust and the 1990s genocide in Rwanda that killed millions.

But Fletcher Armstrong, director of the California-based Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's southeast region, said the display shows the

true facts about abortion.

He also said that while it isn't popular, it's effective in answering questions about abortion and engaging the community in debate. "We usually experience opposition," he said. "We recognize that we're a counterculture."

The center organizes similar displays at other college campuses and avenues across the country. It brought a display to UNC in 1991, Armstrong said.

"We like this campus because there are a lot of people here open

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Locals set sights on dreams

BY KATHRYN REED
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Rhesa Kallam's children dream in color.

A yellow lion, red flowers, a beehive, a fish, a rainbow, a face and stars decorate the blue pillowcase Kallam, her husband and their two children painted as a

piece of public art.

They used a marshmallow-roasting stick and twine to hang the work in an exhibit at the Chapel Hill Museum, one of eight locations that will showcase local artwork during the next two months.

"It's about as folksy as you can get," Pittsboro resident Kallam said of the

painted pillowcase, which illustrates the lyrics of a song about dreams she wrote for her children.

"I think that part of the spirit of the community is reflected through its art," she said.

Kallam's family's effort was part of a Thursday reception and kickoff for the Chapel Hill Public Art Commission's second community art project. The project is an exhibition of works submitted by the public and centered on the theme of artists' dreams.

"We're hoping it will become a tradition," said Erica Rothman, chairwoman of the project, of the community project.

"This is an opportunity for Chapel Hill and Carrboro to show each other who we are, what's important to us, how we interact as a community," Rothman said at the reception, which took place at the museum.

"To create a more livable community: that's the purpose of public art."

The kickoff allowed guests to browse the eclectic array of artwork and chat with some of the artists, all

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DTH/PERRY MYRICK

Jackie Helvey looks at a new community art display at the Chapel Hill Museum on Thursday. Art will be showing at eight locations until May 27.

Senate gives few clues to its stance on lottery

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER
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Five years ago, Gov. Mike Easley came to Raleigh with a mind to be the "education governor."

Armed with ideas for new programs and with a focus on reform, he sought to create an education lottery to make his dream of a better school system a reality.

On Wednesday, after years of deliberation and study, it looked like his funding option just might be realized.

The House passed a lottery by the narrowest of margins — only two votes — but provided that all-important first step.

The lottery has been a hot-but-ton issue throughout this legislative session. With a total of seven different lottery bills introduced in both chambers, the issue would not be ignored.

But it has yet to be seen if the second chamber of the General Assembly will arrive at the same



State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird said she will never vote for the lottery bill.

verdict.

"I am hopeful that it can pass, but I think we are all aware in the Senate how difficult it was to put together that kind of majority," said Sen. Doug Berger, D-Franklin.

The House bill passed Wednesday allocates monies to building projects for schools, scholarships for higher education and funding for other educational programs — a package Berger said helped win over legislators.

But before any votes are cast, the Senate will debate how exactly it wants the bill to be worded. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said changes in the text are very likely.

Amy Fulk, spokeswoman for

Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, said he wants to get the process started. "He does plan to appoint a special committee to look at the lottery sometime in the next few days," she said.

The Senate's voting record on a lottery does not offer any clues as to how its members might swing on this bill. Since 1983, the chamber has failed at least two and passed three bills on the subject.

The timing of the House's passage of this bill is tied to the state's budget deficit, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC-Chapel Hill's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

"Legislators have already asked agencies, including the university, to come up with budget-cutting options, so legislators cannot respond to all of the needs of the state as they might want to with available revenue," he said, not-

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