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ing that the lottery has become appealing as a way to supplement educational funding.

The assertion that North Carolinians already are playing the lottery — just in different states — also has won the issue support. Proponents of the lottery say the state loses about \$300 million annually to surrounding states.

"North Carolinians are playing the lottery," Guillory said. "It's just the Virginia lottery, the South Carolina lottery. So why don't we

keep the money here?"

Though these arguments have swayed some in the House, there is at least one senator who is sticking to her guns. Kinnaird said her stance on the lottery remains unchanged.

"I was disappointed to see it pass in the House," she said. "I will not vote for it. ... Not in any form."

The full Senate vote will have to wait until the bill is referred to committee and thoroughly reviewed, a process Basnight will allow to continue as long as necessary.

"However long it takes," Fulk said. "We certainly don't want to rush debate on something as

important as this."

If extensive changes are made in the Senate, the bill will have to be approved again by the House before being enacted. If passed, this bill will end the long battle over an education lottery. If the bill fails, the debate might fade away and remain dormant for some time.

"It would be hard to say," Guillory said. "Another defeat for the lottery, especially in the Senate, would make it very difficult to bring it back up again in the near future."

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Board looks to ease school overcrowding

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The city school board heard ideas Thursday on how to solve overcrowding at Carrboro Elementary School — and how other district schools are managing their capacities.

Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent for support services, presented the board with three ways to deal with the district's most overcrowded school.

Option one involved moving trailers from other schools to Carrboro; option two would move the pre-kindergarten program to McDougale or Estes Hills elementary school; and option three would redistrict three of Carrboro's feeder areas.

No one option was completely satisfactory to board members.

"I think whenever there is overcrowding at one school, there should be as little discomfort for students at other schools," said board Vice Chairwoman Liz Carter. "I don't like redistricting at any level."

Board members showed no interest in redistricting two of the proposed feeder areas but were more receptive to moving students in the third area because it was a more long-term solution.

The board was also interested in moving the pre-K program from Carrboro to Estes Hill or McDougale, the program's original site.

In addition to moving the pro-

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gram, the board would either redistrict or move mobile units.

"If we're looking at overcrowding of 75 to 80 kids already, that's a problem," board member Pam Hemminger said. "One option was not going to solve the problem."

By moving the pre-K program, Carrboro Elementary would increase its capacity by an extra classroom, and capacity would increase by two more classrooms if it got two trailers.

But options to help Carrboro could push McDougale close to its capacity, Scroggs cautioned.

Superintendent Neil Pedersen echoed Scroggs' warning.

"We need to take a view longer than one year," he said. "The overcrowding that is taking place this year and is projected to take place next year will be even worse the following year."

The board must consider long-term implications in its decision because Carrboro is expected to grow even more soon.

"The growth in elementary population in our district contin-

ues to slow, but if you look at the Carrboro district, it's more of where our affordable housing is coming from," Scroggs said. "I think that the growth in the Carrboro area is not going to slow."

Carrboro is the site of the district's dual-language program in Spanish, an innovative program that teaches children in a foreign language and English in the same classroom.

The board also received reports Thursday on the availability of transfers for next school year.

Both of the district's high schools are restricted from allowing transfers, except on an individual review basis.

Other schools were classified as either completely open to transfers or open to transfers when balanced with the flow of students to and from the schools.

Along with Carrboro, Frank Porter Graham and Scroggs elementary schools will not be able to accept transfers next school year.

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to discourse," he said.

Some onlookers said the images were extreme and only created controversy. "I definitely agree with the protest," said Marilyn Lee, a bystander. "I think the display is a pretty poor way to make your point."

Other students came to the event out of curiosity and didn't take either side. "I think it's admirable to protest something you're

against," said Maureen Stutzman, a freshman from Albany, N.Y.

Some of the anti-abortion display participants said the nature of the silent protest against them did not let the two parties engage in dialogue. "They've refused to debate us several times in the last few years," said Stephanie Evans, president of Carolina Students for Life. "They're still refusing now."

Said Lydia Marie Farmer, who traveled from Chicago to participate in the display, "This shows

what cowards they are."

Although they differed in their opinions on abortion, members of both protests said the activism created the debate and discussion that's vital to promoting the marketplace of ideas on university campuses.

"I'm happy to see both sides come out," Stutzman said. "I think something like this can spark good debate."

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UNVEILING

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while enjoying live music from singer and saxophonist Tim Smith.

The eight exhibit locations feature a total of more than 300 artworks from artists ranging from children to seniors — and their art is equally as varied.

The museum display includes collages, paintings, photography, sculpture, drawings, writings and even an Etch-a-Sketch creation.

Viviane Feldman, a 10-year-old Rashkis Elementary School student, submitted a painting that is being shown at the PTA Thrift Shop on South Elliott Road.

The painting is divided in half, depicting night and day. On the daytime side are a purple sun and large flowers, while the nighttime side features unusual creatures, blue trees and dark bushes, she said.

"I thought it would sort of interest people, since I did it differently," Feldman said.

Chapel Hill resident Nancy Ferguson, whose fused glass artwork is in the museum, is pleased that the town funds public art projects.

Town funding of public art has recently been criticized by citizens

helping with the next fiscal year's budget, but Ferguson said art gives a human quality to the community.

"It seems like it's important to fund something like this because it's for everyone. I like to think everyone is an artist at some level."

Artwork will be on display until May 27 at locations that include: the Chapel Hill Public Library, Jack Sprat Cafe, at 161 E. Franklin St., and Chapel Hill Town Hall.

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islators said Broad overcame her obstacles to strengthen the system.

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said he hopes the new president believes in the well-defined role of a public university.

"I think they need to find the most outstanding person in our country who understands and passionately promotes the role," said Rand, a UNC-Chapel Hill alumnus.

Wilson had a more specific list of qualities he hopes the new president will bring to the table.

"(It should be) someone who has had strong administrative experi-

ence, considerable business acumen, who possesses and displays strong leadership qualities and a variety of characteristics that we have seen reflected in all the university presidents in our history," he said.

One name that came up even before Broad's announcement was Erskine Bowles, two-time Democratic candidate for U.S.

Senate. The Republican caucus of the N.C. Senate, in a letter to Wilson and others, supported Bowles.

Wilson said he didn't know the reasoning behind the support and hasn't spoken to any members of the GOP caucus.

Rand, although he also couldn't comment on the GOP support, said President Clinton's former chief of

staff has several desirable qualities. But he stopped short of saying Bowles should be the candidate.

"Erskine Bowles is a wonderful person and extraordinarily confident," he said. "This will just have to be part of the process."

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majority leader, said the process was not unfair.

"They had a ballot with 12 names on it, and it was up to them which eight they voted for."

Rand said he announced on the floor that Senate members could

vote for anyone on the ballot they wished. "The fact that people are whining and complaining about this does not mean it was unfair."

Senate members approved eight candidates, including incumbents Ray Farris, Hannah Gage, Willie Gilchrist, Jim Phillips and Chairman Brad Wilson, as well as new members Peaches Blank,

Phillip Dixon and Willie Smith.

Wilson said the accusations will not affect the board or its image.

"The Senate is responsible for establishing its election process," he said. "We don't have anything to do with it or anything to say about it."

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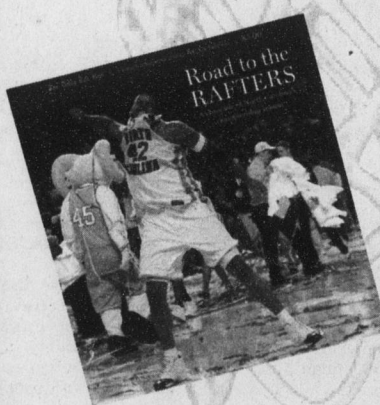
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