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the open positions, and Young said he hopes to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.

Although student elections are still months away, Cabinet resignations are the first sign of how the field is shaping up.

Juniors Daum, McKinney, Brad Overcash and Michael Woods have confirmed their intent to run for president. Halton, vice president of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments

and another potential candidate, decided Tuesday not to run even though he had already started his campaign. Halton said he decided not to run because he wants to remain involved in the ASG.

No formal announcement of candidacy can be made until next semester, but the four potential candidates said they are presently planning their campaigns. Until the Jan. 15 announcement date, candidates recruit staff and form their campaign platforms. Elections will be held Feb. 5.

All the candidates said they believe the campaign is going to be competitive. "It's going to be fun and a very close

race," Overcash said. McKinney also said the race would be tight. "Everyone is very qualified." Daum said the well-rounded pool of candidates will make the race interesting. "We will just have to see what the student body wants."

Woods, who was a candidate for student body president last year before dropping out of the race for personal reasons, confirmed his intent to run but declined to comment further on the campaign.

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GPSF Passes Child-Care Resolution

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The Graduate and Professional Student Federation unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday night asking the University to address the issue of child care for graduate students.

Among other things, the resolution proposes a 75 cent increase in student fees for child-care services.

"The best thing, I think, would be to first send out this message," said GPSF President Mikisha Brown. She added that obtaining additional student fees would be a long process, probably including a referendum vote in February's campus elections.

Marc David, a member of the Chancellor's Childcare Advisory Committee, said the campaign for accessible, affordable child care for graduate students has been going on for years.

"Child care is not a new preoccupation for GPSF," David said. He said for-

mer GPSF president Lee Conner worked on the issue during 1999 and 2000, but it has taken a back seat since then.

Brown said one of the main problems is that the limited number of child-care facilities on campus are too expensive for graduate students to afford. "Victory Village exists, but not a lot of graduate and professional students utilize it because of the cost," she said.

The additional money from student fees could help subsidize these costs, which range up to \$1,000 per month for infant care, Brown said.

David said the lack of child-care options on campus is an example of the University's lack of respect for graduate students.

"As employees, we think that it is a matter of equity and justice that we are fairly compensated," David said.

The main problem for graduate students is that they have classes and jobs in addition to their family lives, while many employees only have their jobs,

Brown said. "The lack of on-campus child care is affecting our recruitment and retention of graduate students and preventing those graduate students who do have children from progressing in an expedient way," she said.

But some debate among GPSF members focused on the proposed student fee. Some raised concerns that the fee would not benefit enough of the people that would have to pay it. Despite this issue, the resolution passed unanimously.

Karie Morgan, a graduate student studying anthropology, compared the proposed fee to other fees that help enrich the University's environment. She said additional child-care options would allow more students to adequately prepare for and attend their classes.

Morgan said, "The idea behind these kinds of fees is that we all want that kind of intellectual environment."

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THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Enjoys a novel
 - 6 Type of diving
 - 11 Star Wars letters
 - 14 Separate
 - 15 Went wrong
 - 16 Possessed
 - 17 U.S. symbol on a bed?
 - 19 Blowup of a pic
 - 20 Small snakes
 - 21 Distressed
 - 22 Dole (out)
 - 23 Big hit
 - 25 Wind-blown toys
 - 26 Withdraw formally
 - 29 Brothers of fairy tales
 - 31 Olfactory offenses
 - 32 Cranesbill plants
 - 36 Wrong; prof.
 - 37 Settling down
 - 39 Put in position
 - 40 Source of natural gas
 - 42 "Common Sense" author
 - 44 Like Cheerios
 - 45 Esophageal spasm
 - 46 William Howard and Robert
 - 48 Bob Hope film,

- "Call Me ___"**
- 50 Overabundant
 - 51 Old World finch
 - 53 Call a chicken?
 - 57 Clay, today
 - 58 Seasonal restlessness in bed?
 - 60 Mo. winter begins
 - 61 Relaxed
 - 62 In with
 - 63 Needle hole
 - 64 Ingress
 - 65 Units of force

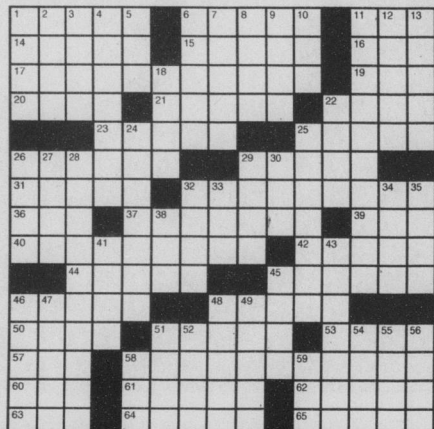
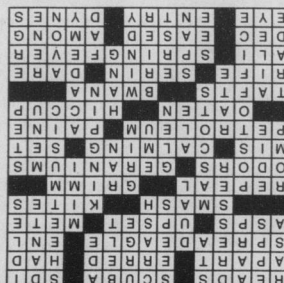
- citizens
- 4 Bedroom piece
- 5 RR stop
- 6 Oozes
- 7 Dash to pieces
- 8 Yen
- 9 Big swig
- 10 Fruit drink
- 11 Conductor's guide in bed?
- 12 Italian poet
- 13 Loafs
- 18 Binary
- 22 Actress Rogers
- 24 Good luck charms

- 28 Mail drop in bed?
- 29 Dismal
- 30 Took off
- 32 Valley
- 33 Cassowary kin
- 34 Carte before the course
- 35 Stairway element
- 38 Libation station

- potation
- 41 Cost per unit
- 43 Private school
- 45 Suspend
- 46 Exchange
- 47 Choreographer
- 48 Thorny patch
- 49 Like Chicago?
- 51 Extend across
- 52 Formerly, for-

- merly
- 54 Stratford's river
- 55 Russo of "Rocky and Bullwinkle"
- 56 Work units
- 58 Go out with
- 59 Passing craze

- DOWN**
- 1 Tabula
 - 2 Actor Omar
 - 3 Org. for senior
 - 25 VIP
 - 26 Frolic
 - 27 Falco of "The Sopranos"



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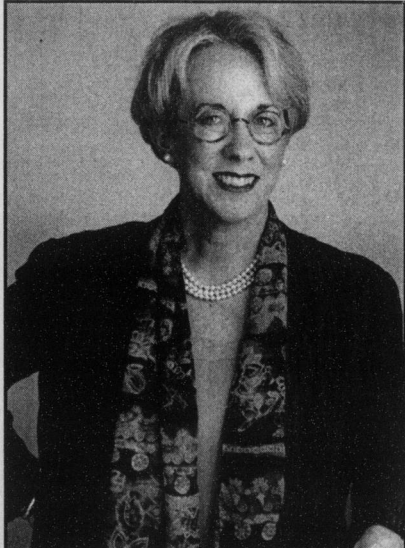
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House OKs Senate Map Redistricting

House members narrowly agreed to the Senate map, even though it includes only 2 majority-black districts.

The Associated Press

RALEIGH - New district boundaries for the Senate received final legislative approval Wednesday as the House narrowly agreed to the map despite familiar complaints from black members and Republicans.

The House agreed 57-55 to the Senate plan, which now must be approved by federal law officials before it can be used for the 2002 elections.

The map was tentatively approved by an eight-vote margin Tuesday. Afterward, GOP leaders put more pressure on party colleagues to reject the plan because House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, refused to accept amendments for the Senate and House plans.

Black said he has been fair, and he used the rules to keep months of work on the maps intact.

A defeat likely would have further delayed adjournment in this record-long session and raised the ire of Senate Democrats.

"We wound up a major part of our business today," Black said after the vote.

Members of each chamber have approved the other chamber's map as a formality. But some black Democrats were unhappy with the Senate map because it reduced the number of districts with a population of at least 50 percent black from the current four to two in the new map.

These Democrats delayed final passage of the state House map until last week because they believed an earlier map would reduce minority influence. The Senate plan would do the same thing, said Rep. Alma Adams, D-Guilford.

"I want to voice my objection one more time," said Adams, who also complained about the unusual Wednesday morning floor session. "I am opposed to this. I don't think it's fair."

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remain in Congress," he said.

Hill said that after the forum the committee will consider public input and make any necessary amendments to the Democratic plan. He said he expects a full House vote on the proposal by the end of next week.

Alfred said he expects all Republican committee members will be present for the committee vote and will vote as a bloc. He said this would result in a tie - causing the Democratic proposal to fail and forcing a compromise between the two plans.

But Hill said he does not expect the congressional redistricting process to be as drawn out as the plan to redraw state House districts.

State redistricting was held up for more than a week by a group of black Democrats who urged for more minority representation.

"With only 13 districts, it would be hard to single out any particular race," Hill said.

But he added that it is important for legislators to agree on the best plan because it will last for 10 years.

"I want to see a plan that people will be happy with," Hill said. "We want to draw maps that will be what people want."

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