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Drummer Alex Weiss enjoys the sunshine as he beats out a soothing tune for onlookers in the Pit last week. DTH/BRAD SMITH

# Republicans lead Democrats in money race

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 WASHINGTON — Sure, Bob Dole trails in the presidential polls. But the Republican Party already can claim victory in at least one crucial '96 contest — the ever-accelerating money race. The GOP's flagship committee brought in an eye-popping \$92.5 million during the last three months, out-raising the Democrats by 2-to-1, according to election finance reports released Sunday.

Since the election cycle began in January 1995, the Republican National Committee has raked in \$239 million, mostly in contributions from individuals or corporations. Although they lag behind the GOP, the Democrats are breaking their own records, too. The Democratic National Committee took in \$46.5 million last quarter and reported receipts of \$177 million since the start of last year. Campaign financing has become a hot issue in the presidential race — particularly "soft money" donations to the political parties that commonly reach six figures or more. On Sunday, Dole, whose presidential campaign has benefited from GOP funding, called for abolishing the use of such "soft money" in

the future and endorsed other campaign financing reforms. "If we're going to preserve the American people's confidence in the system, we need to return campaign finance to the front burner," Dole said in Nashua, N.H. The Republican nominee has seized on hundreds of thousands of contributions to the Democrats from an Indonesian conglomerate to attack President Clinton's ethics. Clinton also has called for campaign financing reform, and his campaign aides said Dole had come late to the issue. Even as candidates talk of further restricting contributions, reports to the Federal Election Commission show the Democrats have doubled their fund raising during the 1993-94 season, when the national party brought in \$83.1 million. And the Republicans also are on track to double the \$133.5 million in receipts they reported in 1993-94. Much of the money raised by the national parties is farmed out to the states. Some goes straight to the candidates, and millions are spent on advertising. Going into the final month of campaigning, the Republican National Committee reported \$3.8 million in cash on hand and no debt. It's

Democratic counterpart, in contrast, had only about \$100,000 left when its \$4.7 million in debt was balanced against \$4.8 million in cash. But millions more is rolling into both parties this month to finance the final rush of spending. The parties detailed their receipts and expenditures through Sept. 30 in reports to the Federal Election Commission. In its latest report, filed Sunday, the RNC reported \$29 million in receipts for September. In addition to direct RNC fund raising from individuals, political action committees, corporations and unions, the receipts include transfers from other branches of the party. It also raised \$16.5 million from individual donors and \$26,500 from political action committees last month. And the Republicans trounced the Democrats even in soft money donations from corporations, unions and wealthy individuals — the fund-raising area where Democrats have been most competitive. The reports don't include additional money raised by separate party committees devoted to congressional races, such as the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The GOP leads there, too.

## Campus Calendar

**Monday**  
 5:30 p.m. — **Red Ribbon** will have a meeting in 202 Dey Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering should attend to find out the dates for training.  
 7 p.m. — **The UNC Ballroom Dance Club** will meet in 26 Woollen Gym. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a third lesson on cha-cha, and at 8:30 p.m. there will be a first lesson on tango, after which there will be music to practice these and other dances. For more information contact the faculty advisor at 929-5673.  
 7:30 p.m. — **The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies** will debate "Resolved: The discipline of history is a search for objective truth" on the third floor of New West. Guests are welcome.  
 7:30 p.m. — **Students for Creative Anachronism** will be working on banners in the basement of the Chapel of the Cross. Contact Tom at 967-6525 for additional information.  
**Items of Interest**  
**United Jewish Appeal** will hold an interest meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Union 218. The meeting will provide information about the mission trip to Israel that is available for the upcoming Winter Break.  
**The African Students Association** will be hosting a forum on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. in the Great Hall. The topic will be "Man made disasters and their effect on the

political, economic and cultural developments of West African Countries." Speakers include Hafsa Abiola, professors and ambassadors.  
**The Sierra Club** will be featuring Richard Franks at a science and technology program for children on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at The Depot. Call (910) 578-3106 for additional information.  
**The N.C. State University Department of English** is sponsoring a poetry reading by graduate students on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in G109 Caldwell Hall on the campus of NCSU. The reading is part of the Guy Owen-Tom Walters Creative Writing Series. Free and open to the public. For more information call 515-3866.  
**The N.C. Crafts Gallery** will be sponsoring a show titled "Triangle Weavers" from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, featuring works by Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh residents.  
**The Crafts Gallery** is located at 212 W. Main St. in Carrboro. For additional information contact Mary Ellen Goyer at 942-4048.  
**The N.C. Arts Gallery** will be showing rustic furniture by Wayne Hall from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. The Arts Gallery is located at 407 W. Weaver St. in Carrboro. Call 942-4048 for more information.  
**The Duke Art Museum** is having an exhibit entitled "Chaika: Preserving the Images of Ideology" from

Oct. 24 through Dec. 29 as part of a growing collection of contemporary Russian art. The museum is also sponsoring an "After Hours" with the artist at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the North Gallery. Admission for the general public is \$3.  
**The Duke University Department of Music** continues its lecture series on Friday at 4 p.m. in Room 104 of the Mary Duke Biddle Music Building.  
**Paul Berliner** of Northwestern University will speak on "Learning, Transmission and Creativity in the Mbari Music Community of Zimbabwe." Admission is free and the lecture is open to the public.  
**The Fall 1996 Duke Jazz Series** will have a show on Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. featuring David Schumacher, baritone saxophone, and the Duke Jazz Ensemble. The performance will be in Baldwin Auditorium on Duke's East Campus, and general admission is \$10. For more information call 660-3333.  
**N.C. State University's African-American Advisory Council, African-American Student Advisory Council and Nubian Message newspaper** are co-sponsoring a book signing and reception on Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. at NCSU's Witherspoon Student Center.  
**The author** will be Andrew Young, former Atlanta mayor, United Nations Ambassador and Committee for the Olympic Games co-chairman. It is free and open to the public. Call 515-2841 for more information.

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