

# Senate Moves Toward Campaign Reform

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WASHINGTON — The Senate bestowed its blessing Tuesday on the soft money ban at the heart of campaign finance legislation, delivering a crucial victory to Sen. John McCain and others bidding to reduce the influence of big money in modern-day elections.

On a vote of 60-40, the Senate rejected a move by Sen. Chuck Hagel to limit the loosely regulated donations — customarily five- or six-figure sums given to political parties — without outlawing them.

“Our principal goal has been for a long time to get rid of soft money,” Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., exulted afterward. “This was the vote that got rid of soft money.”

The vote was one in a series of tests

confronting McCain, Feingold and others as they struggle to bring their legislation to a final vote in the Senate this week.

Backstage negotiations continued on proposals to increase the size of allowable donations to candidates, political action committees and other organizations. The current restrictions have been in place since 1974, and while there is widespread support for an increase, some Democrats express concern that too big a jump could help Republicans and damage their own campaign prospects.

Separately, a fight loomed over an attempt by critics of the legislation to require an all-or-nothing review by the Supreme Court when the inevitable legal challenge is filed to the bill. Most supporters prefer that the court review

each provision on its own merits, and Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said he was working to “persuade every member of my caucus” to come around to that view.

The vote on that issue is a pivotal one, particularly following the passage Monday night of an amendment that restricts political advertising by independent groups such as the Sierra Club. Many senators say that provision is of particularly dubious constitutionality and, as a result, expressed concern during the day that the entire legislation could be invalidated if judged as a package.

Overall, the legislation would ban soft money, which refers to unlimited donations to the national and state political parties. It also would place restrictions on certain paid broadcast advertising in

the weeks leading to elections.

Soft money has become an important ingredient in campaigns in recent years, as political parties use it in ever escalating amounts to pay for hard-hitting advertising that stops short — but barely — of advocating the election or defeat of specific candidates.

The two parties collected more than \$480 million in such donations for use in the 2000 election cycle, money that critics say contributes to the unseemliness and appearance, at least, of corruption in the modern-day money chase.

Hagel crafted his alternative with the encouragement of President Bush and others who have been seeking an alternative to the broader campaign finance measure advocated by McCain, Feingold and others.

# Lone Candidate Hunter Has High Hopes for DTH

By SARAH SANDERS  
Staff Writer

For junior journalism major Katie Hunter, obtaining the job of editor of The Daily Tar Heel would be the culmination of a college journey.

When she first arrived in Chapel Hill from Newburgh, N.Y., Hunter said, she was a freshman lacking direction.

“I knew practically nothing about UNC, what to get involved in or what I wanted to do with my life,” Hunter said.

She stumbled upon the DTH at an interest meeting early in the fall, and it has been her road map ever since.

“I got hired without ever having written a news story,” Hunter said.

But inexperience proved no obstacle in Hunter's path. She delved into the world of professional journalists, covering midterm congressional elections during her first semester as a staff writer for the State & National Desk.

As she matured as a reporter over her next three years, Hunter explored the workings of the paper, steering her way to positions as State & National assistant editor, desk editor and her current post as DTH managing editor.

And now, after almost six semesters of learning by others' example, Hunter, who is running unopposed, believes she is ready to be the guide.

“I feel I have done everything there is to be done and learned everything I can in other positions,” she said. “It's a natural progression to want to be editor.”

Hunter said the DTH, as one of the best college papers in the nation, already does an admirable job reporting the news but that there is always room for improvement.

As editor, Hunter's focus will be on identifying major stories early in the year to allow for more in-depth coverage.

“I really enjoy taking issues that affect the entire state and nation and showing readers how they affect the University,” Hunter said.

But there is more to the DTH than chasing sources and meeting deadlines. For Hunter, it's also about forming friendships with a group of “driven, ambitious people who also have a lot of fun.”

Which is why Hunter tries to keep things fun in the midst of newsroom madness.

One day, she sang encouragement, in the form of Julie Andrews songs, to reporters lacking confidence.

She tries to remind everyone, especially herself, to keep work in perspective and know that the DTH is a step in a larger journey.

With the editor selection to be held Saturday, Hunter said she has enjoyed her trip so far and is excited about her possible future at the DTH.

She said, “It's amazing to me what can be accomplished when such a huge group of people come together for a common cause.”



DTH Managing Editor Katie Hunter said she wants to attain higher levels of communication among the DTH staff.

The Features Editor can be reached at features@unc.edu.

# Bush Speaks, Promotes Tax Cut in Michigan

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KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Rejecting criticism he's been too gloomy,

President Bush told Midwesterners who endured the Rust Belt recession a decade ago that tax cuts are vital to reversing recent layoffs and the stock

market slump. “The need for action is urgent,” he declared Tuesday.

Bush made his case in a city that took an economic beating on his father's watch.

He called the economy “winded but fundamentally strong” and predicted it would “come roaring out of its doldrums” if taxes are cut by at least \$1.6 trillion over 10 years as he has proposed.

Bush, in what aides billed as a major economic address, dismissed a new Democratic alternative for a one-time \$300 tax rebate as a mere “pick-me-up.”

He embraced Republican lawmakers' plans of backdating tax cuts so Americans would get an injection of

spending money this year.

And he traced the roots of the sputtering economy and energy shortages to President Clinton, hoping to pass the blame in one of the more partisan speeches of his brief tenure.

“I strongly believe that meaningful, real tax relief can ignite another generation of growth,” Bush said.

He broke no new policy ground in his 30-minute speech but addressed Democratic criticism that his dour assessments have helped lower consumer confidence and weaken the economy.

“It's the president's job to look for warnings of economic trouble ahead and to heed them,” Bush said.

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## Campus Calendar

Today

noon — Today, more than 300,000 children are taking part in hostilities in more than 30 countries. **Child soldiering** is a common yet shocking phenomenon occurring throughout Africa today.

Come hear UNC's **Diplomat-in-Residence Ambassador Brenda Schoonover** at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center for an **Around the Circle Discussion on Children's Rights in Africa**. This event is sponsored by the Globe Committee of the Campus Y and is a part of Human Rights Week.

6 p.m. — An **AmeriCorps Information Session** will be held in 308 Hanes Hall. Come learn about the different opportunities to help a community in need and earn money for school or to pay off student loans.

6 p.m. — UNC's second annual **Anti-Hate Crimes Vigil** will be held in the Pit. It will include speakers and discussions in addition to the **candlelight ceremony**.

6 p.m. — The **Wesley Foundation** will have dinner and a worship service.

7:30 p.m. — The annual **Take Back the Night March** will start at the steps of South Building. Join in the candlelit march around campus in protest of sexual assault. Refreshments will follow the march and sharing circle.

Thursday

11 a.m. — **Minefields in the Pit?** Look out! As part of Human Rights week, UNC's **United Nations Organization** along with Globe, a committee of the Campus Y, is creating a mock minefield in the Pit. Learn about the **dangers of active mines** and what action you can take to stop the **violence against innocent people**.

5 p.m. — **Become an activist!** Join the UNC chapter of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** at a meeting in Union 206. This week's topic is ways to increase your level of student activism.

Friday

1 p.m. — Robert Pollin, professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts, will speak on **"Economics and the Living Wage: Are the two compatible?"** in 211 Gardner Hall. All may attend.

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