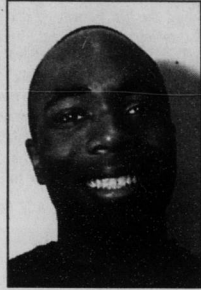


# Opinion

## End-of-Year Report Cards Young Struggles With Difficult Year



Justin Young has officially finished his term as student body president and passed the torch to Jen Daum. His year in office started out promising, but as the year progressed, combating parking and tuition battles became overwhelming and diminished the chances of addressing platform issues. But in spite of shortfalls, the Young administration's work on LGBT issues and diversity awareness will have an impact.

### REPORT CARD

Subject	Progress	Teacher's Comments
Create the Student Empowerment Endowment to allow easier access to student government resources	Young did donate his salary to several student groups, including Carolina Lobby Corps. But the proposed Student Empowerment Endowment flopped.	By donating his salary, Young set a bad precedent for future student body presidents who might not be able to do the same. The endowment was not a feasible or long term way to get funding for more student groups on campus.
Establish Carolina Lobby Corps, a group of students to advocate student issues in the N.C. General Assembly	In the fall, the corps became an officially recognized student group. The group of about a dozen students wrote letters to BOG members to fight tuition increases.	While small, the corps must grow under Jen Daum's administration to become an active, successful lobbying tool for students' interests at the state level. But more could've been done with the corps this year.
Fight against tuition increases	Poorly organized and attended tuition increase protests were held. Young crafted alternative proposals and recommendations. Students sat on the tuition task force.	Young needed to communicate better with students about the scope of tuition issues this year. Tuition increases were partly inescapable, but Young needed to realize that negotiating rather than protesting could've been more successful.
Support the creation a LGBT Resource Center and increase awareness of LGBT issues	Tentative plans are slated for an LGBT Resource Center, and the LGBT task force has made the administration and the community more aware of LGBT issues.	The task force did an excellent job of working with the administration to represent LGBT issues. The foundation set this year will undoubtedly help in the future.
Increase student involvement in Qatar negotiations	In the fall, student government co-sponsored a forum on the Qatar negotiations and suggested several seminars to promote student involvement in the issue.	Young's administration successfully proved to the chancellor that student involvement in the issue was important and that Moeser made a mistake by not allowing Young to go on the Qatar trip with the BOT.
Fight night parking permit system proposals and keep parking for on-campus residents	A protest was held to fight the elimination of on-campus resident parking. Student government encouraged the restructuring of TPAC and fought against night parking, as well as urged students to voice their concerns via e-mail.	To the credit of both Young and Daum, they successfully negotiated with the BOT to get night parking voted down, a great victory for students.
Improve communication between students and the administration, especially the chancellor	The Young administration worked hard to represent students concerns to the chancellor with success in both the Qatar negotiations and parking.	In his sophomore year at Carolina, Moeser didn't start out as receptive to students concerns as he should have been. The Young administration helped open the doors of communication for a better working relationship for Daum.
Reform campus construction policies to ensure student safety and convenience	In the fall, student government was involved in Development Plan workings, but little progress was made to make campus construction less of a burden on students.	Young's administration should've worked harder on communicating with the construction officials so that dealing with campus construction was easier on students.
Provide reliable off-campus Internet and technical support for all students	Young met with Marian Moore, vice chancellor for information technology, to discuss this issue last semester, but no deal has been made.	Offering off-campus internet has been tossed around for several years now, hopefully Daum's administration will have success, especially because many more classes are requiring Internet-based resources.
Establish a minority affairs division to address minority recruitment and increase awareness	Young's diverse Cabinet did include a Minority Affairs Committee, and it worked with groups including the BCC to promote programs and awareness.	Great strides were made to include the LGBT community in the definition of minority and to work with other groups to promote awareness of campus minority issues.
Create a safe ride designated driver program to combat drunken driving	A Safe Ride program was created that expanded P2P stops and printed up business cards promoting taxi services available at local bars.	Young said that liability issues made establishing the program difficult, but the progress made this year is a solid start. Hopefully, students will have more options in the future.
<b>Midterm Grade:</b>		<b>B+</b>
<b>Final Grade:</b>		<b>C-</b>

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##### TO THE EDITOR:

Are you concerned about budget cuts? Want to make sure higher education remains a state priority?

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The next five classes will be similar in format, with a different group presenting at each session.

Lecturers and presenters include Democracy South, former and current university relations directors, former Student Body President Nic Heinke and others.

It promises to be informative and interesting and will educate us on how to best preserve our education in these times of budget crisis.

Dates for the class are Tuesday, April 16; Thursday, April 18; Tuesday, April

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All classes will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 301 Bingham Hall.

All students are invited to come to as many sessions as they would like.

You must attend five of the six sessions to receive one hour of academic credit.

There will be no final papers or presentations, but you are invited to come this summer and help student government with its lobbying efforts!

For more information, contact Jen Daum at daum@email.unc.edu or at 260-3051.

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Applications for the fall 2002 editorial page staff are now available at the front desk of The Daily Tar Heel in Suite 104 of the Student Union. Back-page columnists, editorial board and cartoonist positions are all available.

The DTH editorial page staff is composed of the DTH editor, the editorial page editor, the assistant editorial page editor and eight board writers.

The editorial board is responsible for

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Columnists write one column each week. Columns should be timely, newsworthy and relevant to the DTH's readers.

Cartoonists are responsible for one editorial cartoon a week. Students studying abroad may e-mail requests for applications.

No other e-mailed applications will be considered.

Journalism experience is not required, but members of student government are not eligible to join the DTH editorial page staff.

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