# FINAL EXAMINATIONS:



## Matt Tepper student body president

The student body has not had a great stuspeech before the UNC Board of Trustees student body president.

And while he faltered in front of the BOT, dent body president since Nic Heinke, whose this batch of trustees might not be dissuaded by any student leader. Tepper has worked stopped a tuition increase. Matt Tepper was tirelessly to improve the nuts and bolts of one tuition victory away from being a great UNC life, both the big and small things that will make students' lives better every day.

## **ISSUES**

### **PROGRESS**

## COMMENTS

Improving communication and accessibility

Maintained a clear channel of communication with campus media and has set a new standard in running an accessible student government.

Tepper's term was far more open than any in recent memory, and his "Meet the Press" media guide will help student organizations and future governments succeed in this area.

Implementation of all platform goals in a timely manner

Followed through on many of his platform planks during the first half of his term and has focused on making good on as many of his promises as possible.

The early completion of goals freed him up to devote a significant amount of time and effort to informing students about the impending tuition crisis.

Dealing with unexpected challenges

Although past student body presidents have used unexpected controversies as excuses not to accomplish platform goals, Tepper's administration has taken surprises in stride.

Throughout the second summer reading controversy and steady criticism over out-of-state enrollment cap talks, he remained focused and delivered on platform promises.

Publication of the Student Wish List

Created the wish list to help connect donors to the Carolina First campsign to needs of students on campus. The list accurately reflects the priorities that are important for students.

While the ultimate success of the wish list remains to be seen, it is indicative of Tepper's overall approach to improving student life in gradual but measured steps.

Registering students to vote

Made a superb effort to register voters by using the existing structure of student organizations and provided active followthrough by calling students and reminding them to vote.

While the voter registration drive did not have a huge impact on recent municipal elections, Tepper has set the groundwork for greater student involvement in local politics.

Consolidating a single University voter precinct

Tackled a near-impossible obstacle to student participation and, with an endorsement from the chancellor, persistently worked to turn it into a winnable battle.

A precinct centered around UNC would be a huge step toward promoting student involvement in town affairs and, possibly, winning a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Working with an often difficult UNC-system **Association of Student Governments** 

Made commendable efforts to reach out to an institution that, at times, has been unfriendly to UNC-Chapel Hill.

After Tepper's frustrations with the ASG were made public, he wrote a letter with several recommendations for improving the association. Several key points were implemented.

Battling tuition increases as a trustee

Was caught out of the loop in the construction of a new tuition philosophy for the University and was let down by key allies in an attempt to stop out-of-state increases.

While he failed to stop the tuition hikes, he was left out of important decision-making meetings and probably couldn't have swayed any of the already-decided BOT members.

Battling tuition increases as a student

Organized informative, well-attended tuition teach-in, attracting media attention and educating undergraduates and graduate students alike on the intricacies of tuition proposals.

Overall Average:

teach-in informed students, aroused ire and showed a t of Tepper's term: his function as the fact-reliant foil to resident Rebekah Burford's impassioned arguments.

GRADE SCALE: A - excellent, B - commendable, C - average, D - lacking effort, F - failure

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