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The lack of pay for the military and a desire to put an end to abortion were among the only political messages during a fun-filled presentation at the University Monday night.

Ben Stein, who is famous for his acting and comedy as well as his political prowess, spoke at Hamilton Hall at 7:00 p.m to a crowd that filled the standing room and was out the doors in the back of the room. He came to the University sponsored by the UNC College Republicans.

Stein combined comedy with advice and some serious messages to keep the crowd laughing and listening.

Stein gave the crowd a list of ways to ruin your life and a list of ways to save your life. He juxtaposed the comedy of the list to ruin your with the list that could save your life that was filled with advice to young people and a few political messages.

The list of ways to ruin your life was simply a series of comedic contradictions to everyday advice. Speaking to the women of the crowd, Stein said, “have a relationship with a man with lots of personal problems, and believe that you can change him.”

The presentation took a more serious turn as he got to his second list and began to give advice to the overwhelmingly young audience. “Enjoy life, you are only young once,” Stein said. He stressed doing the right things, but he said to take time to relax, do nothing and enjoy life.

Stein said, “Approach life with an attitude of gratitude.” This is where he fit in his first political message about treatment of the military. He said it is a disgrace that families

of our military are on welfare while they are overseas and rich folk like himself get tax cuts.

Stein said that he hoped that everyone would value life. He stressed to the audience how his life had been changed by the suicide of friends. He made a plea to everyone to value their family. “Call your family and tell them how much you love them,” said Stein.

Stein also placed a political view in this advice to value life. “Value life when it is unborn,” said Stein. He said that abortion is a bad situation. He acknowledged that it is difficult for many to agree with, but he challenged the audience to begin to think about it.