

BOARD EDITORIALS

WRITE A NEW CODE

The mess with this year's special election just goes to show that efforts to revise the Student Code largely have failed, and a fresh start is needed.

It's a new academic year, but student government still is facing the same ordeals and setbacks as always. Every year the Student Code comes into question, and every year the solution is the same futility revision of a section here or an article there.

Congress should not attempt to create a new Code on its own, though. What we need are nonstudents writing a solid and durable Code. That process might take a while, and students come and go; should Congress write the new Code, it would only become as confusing and superfluous as the old one.

GETTING RIPPED OFF

Many students were unable to purchase Homecoming Concert tickets while organizers are hogging more than their fair share of free seats.

After years of disappointing acts, the Carolina Union Activities Board and the Carolina Athletic Association pulled off an impressive feat — getting rapper Common to come to Memorial Hall for Homecoming.

bringing Common here simply shouldn't be entitled to a ticket. Or two. CUAB President Jonathon Benson said in an e-mail that it is policy to reward members up to two tickets for their work in the process and for their overall involvement with the organization.

WORK IN PROGRESS

While the town is doing a decent job with some projects to revitalize the downtown area, there are some aspects that are being neglected.

Most reasonable people will agree that Franklin Street is in need of revitalization. The number of empty storefronts is a testament to that fact. But it requires both a more business-friendly climate and a more secure feel.

at the same time. All the retail space in the world won't do any good if people can't find a place to park before they shop.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above editorials are the opinions solely of The Daily Tar Heel editorial board and were reached after open debate.

Orange County Sheriff's Dept. CHECK PLUS

Guys are robbing folks in their cars late at night in Hillsborough? Well, the local law enforcement knows where in Hillsborough to wait to nab the crooks.

New distribution bracelets are weak CHECK

Bracelets that people can't take off and give to their friends are a good thing. So are bracelets that might not cost as much.

Low early voter turnout at polls CHECK MINUS

Quite frankly, the lack of interest in early voting doesn't bode well for student issues in the elections.

READERS' FORUM Only the BOE knows bylaws enough to run the elections

TO THE EDITOR: Lately, the Board of Elections has received merciless press in the DTH. The criticism is a little absurd coming from journalists who have never decisively studied Title VI Student Government General Election Laws.

to make it clear that the board has never and will never favor one student group over another. The board's interest is in running elections, not the partisan make-up of Student Congress.

Mary Boyd Harris Vice Chairwoman Board of Elections

At least Carolina coaches have some sense of loyalty

TO THE EDITOR: In another shameless attempt at self-promotion, the dirtbag from Durham has signed on to lead Team USA in the 2008 Olympics, forgetting all about the poor individuals he tricked into attending the worst place on earth.

McKenzie Sumner Freshman Biology

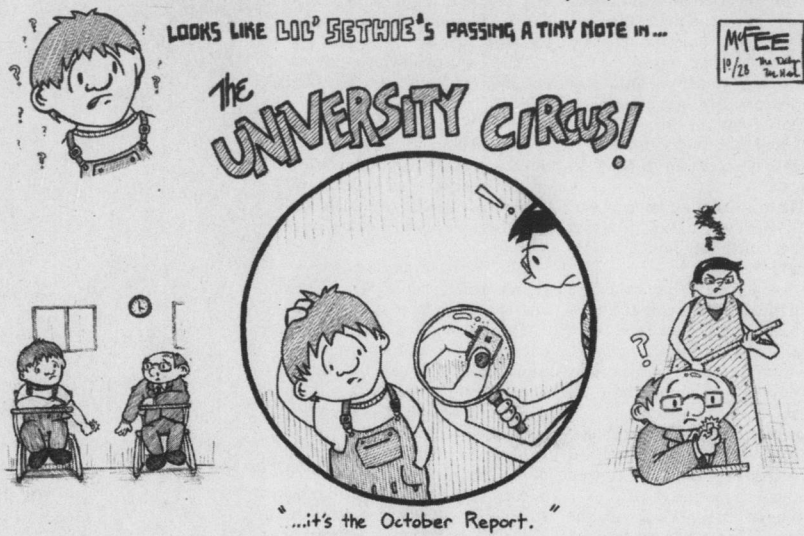
FROM THE DAY'S NEWS

"I don't know that it was a totally fair election."

PABLO FRIEDMANN, STUDENT CONGRESS CANDIDATE, ON INVALIDATED DISTRICT 2 RESULTS

EDITORIAL CARTOON

By Philip McFee, pip@email.unc.edu



COMMENTARY

Fall, food and fun for that chilly cold and flu season

More than once this week, I left work with the thought, "Hey! It's cold enough to use the heater on the way home!"



AMY ROSSI LIFE OF SPICE

a veritable throne of tissues. And it stinks. While you're supposed to feed a fever and starve a cold, sometimes what can be most helpful is some comfort food.

Car trouble aside, fall is finally here. Every year I am convinced it never is coming, that it will be 85 degrees and humid forever.

For me, the ultimate soothing food is homemade macaroni and cheese, baked in the oven with bread crumbs. Do not attempt if you do not have the energy to stand and stir:

It's a simple recipe and you can do a lot with it. Toast it and butter it for breakfast, slice a loaf up as a side dish for dinner, or serve it as a dessert.

Baked Mac and Cheese

- 1 lb macaroni
3 tbsp margarine
3 tbsp flour
2 cups milk (skim is fine)
About 1 lb shredded cheese
Salt and pepper
Bread crumbs (optional)

Granny's Pumpkin Bread

- Beat together:
4 eggs
2 cups cooked pumpkin
1 cup vegetable oil
2/3 cup cold water

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cook the macaroni as directed and drain. Melt the margarine in a double broiler and stir in the flour. Slowly add the milk.

- Sift the following together, then combine with wet ingredients:
3 1/4 cups flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
3 cups sugar

Bake in greased 8- or 9-inch loaf pans for 60 to 75 minutes. It makes two loaves.

If you have any favorite fall recipes, please send them along. I'd love to try them and share them in the coming weeks.

A Mountain of Kleenex

While I am wicked happy for the season change, the amount of sniffing, sneezing and coughing is that peppering campus classrooms suggests that another season is upon us well.

And if you make it with a cold, feel free not to share. Hopefully that will help some of you battling the cold season feel a little better.

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