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## Don't miss the Triangle's fall lineup

This week marks the beginning of the most important season in the American cultural calendar. No, not holiday season or hurricane season or even hippie-hunting season. I'm talking about the new fall TV season!

What you may not realize is that our own little section of the Triangle has been really catching heat (as we insider-types like to say) over the past year as a prime new production hub. Something to do with tax breaks, I think, or maybe union laws. I don't know, stop being so nosy.

Because I have nothing better to do than spend my time making sure you have something to read

on the toilet every Tuesday, here's a quick guide to help you find some of the local flavor coming to your television this week.

Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong stars as a hardheaded local prosecutor, taking on only the most high-profile, emotionally manipulative cases in his determined pursuit of sympathetic press and voter-base support in the latest spinoff of one of NBC's longest-running franchises: "Law & Order: Re-election Unit."

Ty Pennington and company are back for another season to face some of their biggest challenges yet. This week, the design team has seven days to take a historically beautiful university and turn it entirely into a permanent recreation of an abandoned construction site on ABC's newest edition of a hit show: "Extreme Makeover: Campus Edition."

CBS comes out swinging this fall with the most anticipated — and controversial — season of "Survivor" in years. As reported, the contestants will be divided into four separate camps by race ("African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic and White") to compete against each other for one ultimate prize. Each group will live, work, eat, socialize and compete only with members of their own race and face the other groups only during the confrontations. Don't miss a minute of the newest season of the grandfather of all reality shows: "Survivor: Durham."

Regis Philbin joins the prime-time game show front once again, looking to recapture some of that ratings gold. This season, Philbin sits down each week with group of UNC students, all hoping to earn a degree in philosophy, art or political science, to ask them the question, "Who Wants To Be a Hundredaire?"

HBO takes a wild look behind the scenes at what can happen when an overflow of alcohol and hormones collide on a college campus. Each week one young couple will be reunited, nine months after their first encounter, to try to retrace their steps — through stairwells, bathrooms, dorm rooms and bars — to piece together the story of what really happened on that first, fateful night they met, in the adults-only comedy: "How I Met Your Mother."

ESPN spent all last year taping the trials and tribulations of a local star athlete, and is set to air the never-before-seen footage of former Duke star J.J. Redick attempting to navigate his car from Franklin Street back down Tobacco Road in a special edition of their new daily series: "Outside of Lines."

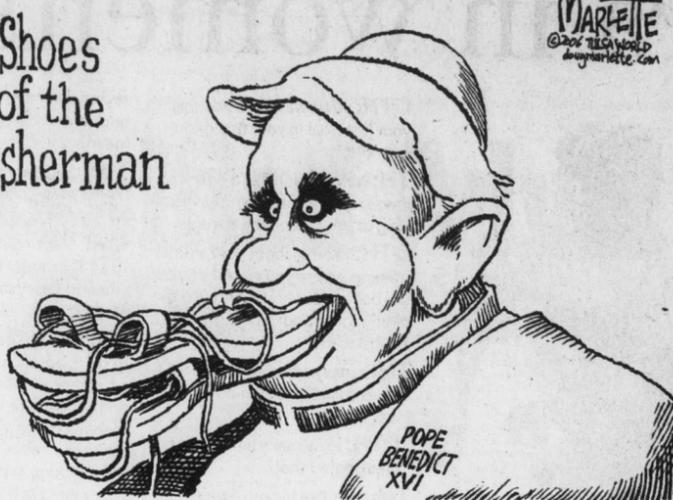
For the busy Tar Heel fan, catch up on all you need to know every week with the new, more concise, postgame wrap-up show set to air immediately after most UNC football games this season: "Lost."

And be sure to catch the beginning of one of HBO's most popular returning series, in which a mouthy local columnist accidentally ends up in the middle of Tar Heel Town one Saturday afternoon and is finally made to answer for his smarmy insolence, in the shockingly graphic, yet oddly satisfying, season opener of the hit series: "Six Feet Under."

I imagine some of you might want to TiVo that last one.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Doug Marlette, Tribune Media Services

## Shoes of the Fisherman



## No point in trying

While a noble idea, a giving kiosk just isn't feasible

Not all noble ideas turn out to be practical. The recently killed plan for a giving kiosk on Franklin Street is a case in point.

The plan, conceived last fall by an anonymous donor, was for a kiosk to be set up downtown, perhaps near the Bank of America building. People walking from shop to shop could drop in their spare change, or maybe even a bill or two, instead of giving money to panhandlers. By putting their change in the kiosk, they would know that the money would help a worthy cause.

The kiosk idea sounds great, especially when you consider that the anonymous donor was willing to pay the entire cost of construction and installation. The only problem is that, well, it wouldn't solve the panhandling problem. That's the reason the Giving Kiosk Task Force gave last week for turning down the plan, and unfortunately, the

task force is right.

It would be great if panhandlers would see the giving kiosk and decide, all of a sudden, "Look at that! I guess I don't need to ask for money anymore," but the presence of a metal box on the sidewalk would not keep people from asking for money. The type of person who asks for money isn't the type of person who would be just as happy if you decided to donate to the Inter-Faith Council instead.

Chris Moran, executive director of the IFC — which runs a soup kitchen and a men's shelter — told the Downtown Partnership that he knows one panhandler who lives in a house in Hillsborough. That fellow definitely wouldn't want to see money redirected away from him and toward a worthy cause.

The task force decided that a public education campaign about panhandling would be a

better idea than a giving kiosk. It's true that incoming college students could always use information about the realities of panhandling and about local organizations that deserve their money, but there are bigger concerns than the public perception of panhandling.

For one thing, perhaps Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the IFC should come together to find a solution to the problem of where to put the homeless shelter. Talks have been going on forever, with sites being proposed and then shot down on a monthly or bimonthly basis. The communities claim to care about their homeless population — indeed, they care enough to seriously consider erecting a giving kiosk. But where's that care when the IFC wants to put its homeless shelter down the street?

What's that we hear? Crickets?

## Stand up for yourselves

If you don't speak up, the administration won't listen

College students have a long history of protest. Students of decades past have protested against war, for civil rights, for workers' rights or, more recently, for higher teacher's assistant wages. What do we have?

About 25 — yes, 25 — people showed up to the Pit for Friday's scheduled protest of the new online basketball ticket distribution policy, in a move intended to show campus athletic officials that students wouldn't just take the change lying down.

The problem is that even if 500 students had shown up to protest, it wouldn't have changed anything. Faced with constant ill-informed, knee-jerk reactions from a vocal minority of students — and total apathy from the rest — the administration has decided that getting our input on things before they're decided is a waste of time.

Like the online ticket system, the printing limit and the new class registration system were both introduced with little input from students outside of the James Allred administration.

That's not to say that Allred and company aren't looking out for student interests — they are — but it's still a sad statement when the University treats the rest of us like children.

It makes sense from the game theory point of view: They know that, no matter how common-sense a proposal is, there will be about 10 to 20 percent of the student body who will vehemently oppose it either because they suspect the administration of having a secret plan to screw students or because it's not the way it used to be.

They also know that the rest of the students will be apathetic. Short of student government leaders who eat, sleep, and breathe the University policy — and a few people who actually read the news — most people won't take the time even to find out what's going on.

The students eventually will go along, so there's no point in talking to them.

That's not the way things should be. As the Great Leap Forward taught us: No matter how smart or well-inten-

tioned decision makers are, they can't make the best calls without input from people on the ground.

If there had been more student input into the ticket distribution system, for example, the athletic department wouldn't have been caught off-guard by the issue of group seating.

There are other issues coming up that need student input, like fee increases. Unfortunately, the few student voices tend to be limited to either the Allred administration camp or the "all fee increases are bad" camp.

If the UNC administration can't trust ordinary students to understand nuance, then we're failing in our mission.

While we'd love to see the University soliciting informed student opinions, we'd also like to see more than the dozen or so of the usual suspects giving it.

The Allred administration and Student Congress don't have a monopoly on ideas, after all. They shouldn't have a monopoly on interest, either.

## Mind your manners

The line judge's mom doesn't actually do that

Many thanks to our football team for finally pulling out a win last Saturday against Furman. The Tar Heel boys played hard, and although it was barely a three-point win against a lowly I-AA school, we're still kind of proud.

And while our defense still needs work — actually, it would be nice if our defense existed — what really sucked was the behavior of some of the fans at the game.

So it's time for a quick lesson in football etiquette.

■ When you're angry at the officials and letting the expletives fly, be creative. There are only so many four-letter words you can repeat before you start to get on everyone's nerves.

■ As you're yelling, keep in

mind that no one cares. That's right: no one. John Bunting can't hear you. The ref has heard it before. The only person you'll get to is the person in front of you, and that's because you're spitting nacho cheese into her hair and spilling beer on her seat.

■ Yes, the pompoms are there — and free — but please use them with caution. A fun afternoon of football can quickly turn into an ugly affair when someone loses an eye during the fight song at the hand of an overzealous fan.

■ The fight song ends with "Go to hell, Duke!" unless we're playing N.C. State. Yes, we know the football tradition is to say "State." But it's time for a change.

■ Be nice to the Boy Scouts who run the snack and beverage bars and sell drinks in the student section. They're nice boys and they're out there every Saturday — in the hot sun, all game long — which is more than we can usually say for most student fans.

■ Finally, don't get too angry at the team. Sure, they mess up, but don't we all? And if you were down there, you wouldn't be doing any better.

No, you really wouldn't. Hate to break it to you, brah.

We're really glad there was such good turnout at Saturday night's game and that everyone stayed until the end. But now that we have attendance under control, let's work on our manners.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"We need to arrive at a system where on Election Day, the election is over."

ALEX ZAFFRON, CARRBORO ALDERMAN

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Controversial speakers are worth inviting to UNC

TO THE EDITOR:  
To respond to Noah Savage's letter on September 18th, asking who had the audacity to approve \$10,000 in student fees be spent on John Ashcroft: That would be Student Congress.

I once thought as Savage does. In 2004, I wrote to the DTH announcing that I would vote against appropriating \$7,000 for the Federalist Society, which also co-sponsored Ashcroft, to bring Alan Keyes, another controversial right-wing speaker.

But then I learned two things. One, \$7,000 was a standard amount which Congress set as an informal ceiling for most major speakers, and \$10,000 isn't out of the question if other factors increase the value of the specific funding request.

Two, Congress is required by state law, federal case law, and now the Student Code to be content-neutral; that is, we cannot vote on appropriating public money based on political whims or other personal biases.

Like Keyes' event, Ashcroft's speech ended up contributing, both through his own words but perhaps even more importantly through the responses of students to him, to the campus political dialogue.

While I strongly oppose Ashcroft's record as Attorney General and his general principles, I was actually quite impressed with both Ashcroft's ability to respond directly to hecklers and students' creative protests.

It was certainly worth \$10,000, or roughly \$2.70 per student. It's up to the Federalist Society, Young America's Foundation, and Committee for a Better Carolina whether he was also worth the balance of more than \$15,000 they privately raised.

But I'd wager they'd agree that events which only confirm one's own beliefs and which invite no dispute or controversy are the least interesting and least worthy of student fees.

Dustin Ingalls  
Speaker Pro Tempore  
Student Congress

#### Robinson pursues office anywhere that'll have him

TO THE EDITOR:  
An article in yesterday's paper correctly noted both that Vernon Robinson lives in Winston-Salem and that he is running for Congress in North Carolina's 13th District.

What the article fails to mention is that Winston-Salem is not in the 13th District. Robinson has, in fact, filed to run in three different Congressional districts during the last two election cycles.

In 2004, he lost the Republican primary in the 5th District. This year he filed to run against Mel Watt in the 12th District initially. Republican higher-ups convinced him to run in the 13th District.

In 2002, Brad Miller was initially elected with only 51 percent of the vote. In theory the 13th could be one of the more competitive districts in the country.

The fact that the best Republicans can put up is a nutcase carpetbagger bodes poorly for their performance both across the state and around the country this year.

Tom Jensen  
Class of 2006

### SPEAK OUT

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#### Coach Bunting sends thanks to Tar Heel fans

TO THE EDITOR:  
On Saturday night our football team won a close, hard-fought football game versus Furman. The support in the student section was terrific.

I want to personally thank the student body for coming early, cheering hard and being loud throughout the game.

Your support has been great all year, and this team and I appreciate it very much.

Singing the alma mater with the team, the student body and the band at the end of the Furman game was an outstanding moment.

Go Heels!

John Bunting  
Head Coach  
UNC Football

#### UNC students historically fought unfair legislation

TO THE EDITOR:  
Imagine if it were an avowed communist speaking at Memorial Hall, rather than former Attorney General John Ashcroft.

What would student opinions be about protesting a communist speaker?

My guess is that these voices crying out, saying "Ashcroft deserves our attention because, like him or not, he's a part of our history" would probably be in the chorus of those who would be crying to "shut the communist up."

Actually, I need not imagine this scenario, because it happened, right here on this very campus.

In 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the Speaker Ban law, an effort to keep communists from speaking on state-owned college and university property.

Student leaders stood up and challenged the law, until it was ruled unconstitutional in a Greensboro federal court.

Many of the personal stories, documents and photographs documenting this period in our history can be found at our very own Wilson Library.

I agree that there are more productive ways of opening a dialog, but I think this time it was warranted, because, these voices were speaking up against the chief shadow behind a bill that was immensely more intrusive on intellectual freedom than the North Carolina Speaker Ban.

A little disruption on the man's thoughts, a little intrusion on the man's time, even imposing on him a little taste of insecurity, is fine with me for a man who engineered a regime of sneak-and-peak that has no qualms about a little disruption on those subject to the long arm of the PATRIOT Act.

The man has earned a bit more than the brunt of a few jeers.

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