

Beefy Mac 'n' Cheese Casserole

1 pkg. macaroni & cheese *2 C. cheddar cheese, shredded,*
1 lb. ground beef *divided*
1 C. green pepper, chopped *1 C. french-fried onions*
1/2 C. onion, chopped
1 can Italian diced tomatoes,
drained

Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare macaroni and cheese according to package directions. In large skillet cook the beef, green pepper and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add to prepared macaroni. Stir in tomatoes. Spread half of mixture in 3-qt. baking dish; sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Top with remaining half of mixture and sprinkle with remaining cheese and french-fried onions. Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes or until heated through.

