

Town residents cast votes for aldermen positions

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More than 1,000 residents throughout the Town of Elon College cast their votes on Election Day Tuesday.

Four elected positions on the town's board of aldermen were up for grabs during this year's election.

After votes were tabulated Tuesday night, incumbents Chuck Gantos, Beth Schmidt, and Lawrence Slade had regained their at-large seats in a four-way race with non-incumbent Tom Dean.

Nell Snyder, running unopposed for an unexpired term, also won in Tuesday's race.

"I am running for re-election because I like serving in this community. It's a good town. I really like serving the community as alderman," Slade said as votes were being tabulated.

Similar sentiments were echoed by the

other incumbents.

"We are very proud of the town and want to serve it to the best of our ability," said Gantos shortly after winning re-election.

Snyder had served as alderman for 18 years. "I've enjoyed it very much. I said if I could get through the first four years I wouldn't run anymore, but I've enjoyed serving the town so much," she said after returns were counted.

Schmidt said, "We are glad that the people of Elon College feel that the board is doing a good job and we look forward to working with the community again."

Residents of the 5,045 town came throughout the day to the Elon College Fire Department to vote. Officials said the voter turnout was better than expected. The unofficial tally was 1,165 voters, despite Tuesday's inclement weather.

"It's been a good response, considering it's just a town election," said Frankie

Hubbard, the Republican judge for the election. She noted that state and federal elections have traditionally brought larger turnouts. State election laws make it mandatory that each party have a judge present during elections.

Hubbard, Democratic Judge Dorothy Greene and Dee Atkinson, chief judge of elections, were present throughout the day as voters came to the polls.

Atkinson said, the judges become familiarized "with rules and regulations of voting procedure, ... help the board of elections select the people to work the polls, ... and pick up the supplies and voting machines" for each election.

The town is governed by a six-member board comprised of the mayor and five aldermen and each serving a four-year term. Elon College Town Manager Mike Dula said the board is staggered: three seats become open every two years with the remainder of the

seats becoming available in the next election two years afterward.

For the 1995 elections, there were four aldermen seats being decided, rather than the usual three. Incumbents Gantos, Slade and Schmidt, and non-incumbent Dean were the candidates for three of the seats. The three gaining the most votes won seats on the board for four-year terms each.

Snyder had been appointed to fill out the remainder of a four-year term after the death of an alderman last year. She ran unopposed for a two-year term.

Mayor of The Town of Elon College Jerry Tolley and Town Alderman and Pro-vost of Elon College Gerald Francis, were not on the ballot this year. Their two terms will be up in November 1997.

The six-member board meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Elon College Municipal Building on Williamson Avenue. Meetings are open to the public.

Sixth candidate interviewed for security and safety position

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The sixth candidate for the vacant position of director of security and safety wants a challenging position at a private college.

Donald A. Kernler thinks Elon College can provide him with this challenge.

Kernler, director of public safety at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, visited Elon for a day of interviews Nov. 7.

Kernler, who has worked for

the University of Wisconsin-Superior since 1991, up-graded the commissioned police force at the university and believes Elon would benefit from a similar system.

"In order to provide the best possible service to the students and staff, a commissioned police force would be the right answer," Kernler said.

Kernler also supports the use of students within the department. "I think students can be a valuable asset to the security and safety department," he said.

"The more eyes and ears you

have out there, the better."

Kernler also said if selected he would support crime prevention and education programs, such as self protection for women and date/acquaintance rape protection.

Other programs Kernler started at the University of Wisconsin-Superior are Operation ID and an electronic newsletter on E-mail that updates students on department events, crime watch, and gives safety tips.

The original four candidates who were interviewed on Elon's campus by several panels of stu-

dents and faculty members are John J. Hackett Jr., director of public safety at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., Sylvia P. Chillcott, director of public safety at the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla., John Garner, director of public safety at the University of Portland and Norman Wallace, assistant director of public safety at Villanova.

Joe Taylor, interim director of security and safety and assistant chief at Elon, was added to the list of finalists in early October for the permanent job.

A committee, headed by Vice President of Business and Finance Gerald Whittington, is in charge of choosing the director of security and safety and narrowed more than 100 applicants to six candidates in September.

Whittington said he is not dismissing the idea of other candidates in the future.

"It depends on the type of candidates that we get," Whittington said. "We're going to keep looking until we find the right person."

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