

## Poll finds 38 percent of N.C. residents support Bush, military intervention

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Reporter

There are many students on Elon's campus interested in government, public policy and research experience. For those people, Elon has created an opportunity for student polling.

The Elon Institute for Politics and Public Affairs conducted the second poll of the year Oct. 1-4. The Elon Poll consists of statewide telephone polls that gather information about public policy issues from the residents of North Carolina. The issues are of public concern and in some way affect and have a direct relationship with North Carolinians. The topics polled range from whether or not there should be a state lottery to whom should fill the

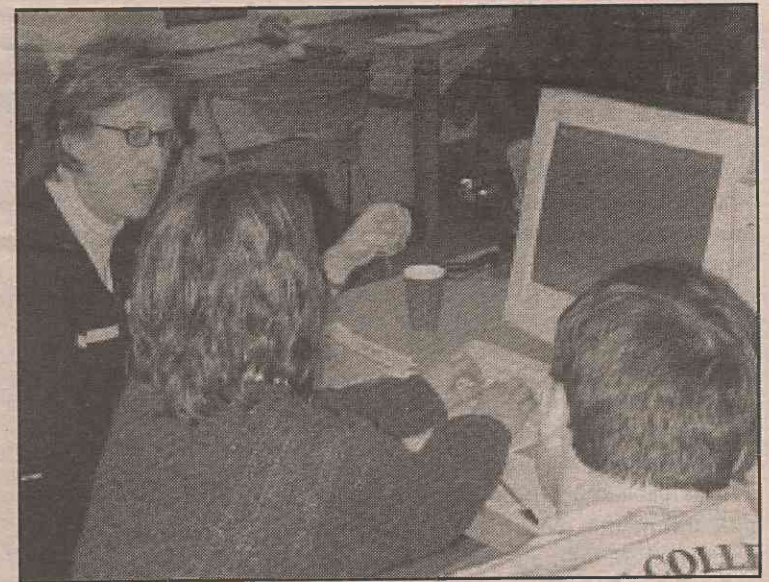
open Senate seat currently held by Republican Senator Jesse Helms. Last week's poll, however, mainly dealt with how residents felt about the recent terrorist attacks on the United States.

Six hundred thirty-four residents were polled to find out their thoughts on whether military action against terrorist organizations should be taken or if they should try to settle the conflict peacefully. "I haven't seen the results yet, but it will be interesting to see how the residents of North Carolina think," Erica Stanley, a poll participant, said. "Considering we already started bombing, it will be extremely interesting."

Information from the News Bureau Director of Elon, David Hibbard, revealed that 74 percent

of North Carolinians have full confidence in the Bush administration in terms of dealing with the attack. The results also show that 38 percent of residents favor military intervention, whereas 43 percent favor criminal trials for those involved in the attacks. Seventy-seven percent of North Carolinians have demonstrated their patriotism in some form since after the recent terrorism attacks.

If the idea of student polling appeals to you, Dr. Sharon Spray, political science professor and Director of the Elon Poll, is also offering a two credit polling class. "In this class, students learn how to formulate and design questions and analyze results," Spray said. Stanley, also a student in the polling class, said, "I took the class because I am



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Dr. Sharon Spray, assistant political science professor and director of the Elon Poll, started the polling operation nearly two years ago.

interested in working on a political campaign. It's a good way, if you're interested in politics, to learn how to formulate questions in the most unbiased way so you get accurate results." If you are interested

in getting involved in student polling, the next Elon Poll will be held on Oct. 22-25. Students can sign up on second floor Powell or contact Dr. Sharon Spray, director of polling at x6430.

## Elon to host Hometown Heroes in early November

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Reporter

After sorting through 51 applications, Chaplain McBride, his office, and members of the Freshman SGA class have selected the 2001 Hometown Heroes.

"The Hometown Hero program gives the opportunity for a member of your hometown to connect with Elon," Rene Summers, of the Religious Life office, said. "This is a great chance to honor the unsung hero of a town."

Sept. 27 was the deadline for submission of nominees for Hometown Heroes. On Oct. 2, the selection committee met to choose five Hometown Heroes with three alternates to invite to campus. The names of the Hometown Heroes have not been released because the Hometown Heroes are in the process of responding to the invitation to come to campus.

All Elon 101 groups were invited to nominate one person to be a Hometown Hero. Students were asked to write a brief essay addressing the primary ways the nominee

has benefited his or her home community, how the nominee has exhibited moral courage or a commitment to moral ideals, how the nominee inspired others to reach out and make a positive difference, the relationship between the nominee and the student nominator, and how the nominee has influenced the student nominator.

The Chaplain's office believes that a Hometown Hero should be a moral exemplar. The office offers five criteria by which to identify such a person: a sustained commitment to moral ideals, a disposition to act in accord with one's moral ideals and principles, a willingness to risk one's self-interest for the sake of one's morals; a tendency to be inspiring to others, and a sense of realistic humility.

Elon will host a breakfast for the Hometown Heroes on Nov. 5. A campus-wide celebration and dinner will also occur that day. During the day, the student nominators and Elon 101 sections will host the honorees by providing a tour of the campus and a possible visit with classes.

## Elon offering fall break airport shuttle and activities for students

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Reporter

Fall break is right around the corner. Classes will end at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12 and will resume at 8 am on Wednesday, October 17. Many students will be returning home for this break, but some will remain at Elon. Elon has offered helpful options for all students, either going home or staying on campus.

As the students begin their travels home, Elon has offered transportation to and from both the Raleigh/Durham airport and the Greensboro Piedmont Triad airport. The shuttle to Greensboro costs \$25.00 and a shuttle to Raleigh/Durham costs \$35.00. Sign up for these shuttles is necessary and should be done at the front desk in Moseley.

For students that will be remaining on campus, there are still many activities going on that will keep them busy. The Office of Student Life has planned three activities for the weekend of fall break. These activities are as follows:

Sat, Oct. 13 – Movie Run (\$3.00)

Sun, Oct. 14 – free trip to Crab Tree Mall in Raleigh

Mon, Oct. 15 – Bowling Trip (\$5.00) includes soda, shoes, and two games

If you have any questions about the activities offered contact Student Life at x7200.

Campus Recreation is offering a white water rafting trip for students. The trip will take students to the New River in Virginia where they will spend three days white

water rafting, hiking, learning the ropes, and camping. Payment for the trip is \$95.00 and that covers equipment, guides, food, and all the trips included. To sign up or get more information go to Campus Recreation in Koury or call x7529.

Many of these options are still available while others are filled. Be sure to contact and sign up as soon as possible to ensure that you can go. With all these options, all students can have a fun and safe fall break.

### Shuttle Service Schedule

#### Greensboro Piedmont Triad International Airport:

Oct. 12	8 a.m.	Oct. 16	2 p.m.
	12 p.m.		6 p.m.
	4 p.m.		10 p.m.

#### Raleigh/Durham International Airport:

Oct. 12	8 a.m. CLOSED	Oct. 16	2 p.m.
	12 p.m.		6 p.m.
	4 p.m.		10 p.m.