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North Carolinians optimistic about federal bailout

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The results of the latest Elon poll reveal that 48 percent of North Carolina residents approve of the federal government's efforts to provide assistance to troubled banks and other financial institutions. More than half of respondents think the bailout will have a positive effect on the economy.

The poll was conducted from Sept. 29 through Oct. 2, in the days leading up to lawmakers' recent decision to aid the finance sector with a \$700 billion

bailout package. Several questions asked for respondents' reactions to the country's current economic woes.

Many North Carolinians oppose the proposed bailout, with 40 percent of respondents indicating that they do not support it. Thirty-two percent believe it will negatively impact the economy.

"This is something that people are concerned about," Hunter Bacot, director of the poll, said. "It's affecting even the most basic things."

In comparison to the results of a mid-September poll, state residents

have since adopted a more dismal economic outlook. In the earlier poll, 38 percent of respondents thought the national economy would worsen in the next year. Now, that number has jumped to 45 percent.

"People are basing their opinions on current situations," Bacot said. "Given how the economic conditions have affected individuals, the results aren't surprising."

The number of residents who expect the state economy to deteriorate has increased as well, with 37 percent indicating it will worsen in the next

year, as compared to the 27 percent who gave the same answer two weeks earlier.

"People have been adversely affected and they aren't expecting improvement any time soon," Bacot said. "Food prices have gone up, gas prices have gone up. Even buying pizza for the poll is more expensive than it was at this time last year."

North Carolinians' responses reflect a larger, national trend, as more

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Ever Elon campaign launches this weekend

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This Saturday marks the official launch of the Ever Elon Campaign, a comprehensive program that has been almost two years in the making and will focus on the school's endowment and funding as well as providing funds for the completion of three buildings on campus.

At Tuesday's College Coffee, a preview of the campaign was revealed to educate the community on how it can become involved and help shape the future of the university.

The program, which has been backed by Elon's Board of Trustees, will work to continue building and creating new opportunities at Elon. These include getting more students to study abroad, awarding more research grants for student-faculty collaboration and constructing a larger Convocation Center that will be able to house everyone on campus.

Chuck Davis, director of the Ever Elon Campaign, said the campaign's endowment goal will be released Friday. Elon's current endowment is about \$82 million.

"Our campaign priorities for endowment are very much related to supporting students," Davis said.

Whether this is through merit- or need-based aid scholarships or study abroad grants, Davis said this campaign will impact everyone, even if the direct funds are not going toward student activities.

"Supporting our faculty has a direct correlation on student experience in the classroom," Davis said. "We're trying to endow new professorships to ensure the experience for our students in the classroom is always cutting edge and top notch."

While growing the endowment is the focus of the campaign, Ever Elon will also work to finish building Lindner Hall as well as create a multi-faith center adjacent to the church and a new athletics facility.

Gifts began being counted on June 1, 2006. From that time on a diverse committee, which encompassed students, faculty, staff and board members, worked to create the nuts

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Mexican muralist denied visa



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Senior 2008 Periclean Scholar Erin Shirley, left, and Susan Battie, director of the Schools for Chiapas, right, teamed up with Gustavo Chavez Pavon, middle, during a Winter Term trip the 2008 Periclean Scholars took to Chiapas, Mexico last year.

Plans to bring Pavon to Elon halted by customs

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Gustavo Chavez Pavon was ready to come to America.

He had a place to stay and transportation was lined up. He had a letter of invitation from Elon University and a letter of support from U.S. Congressman Howard Coble (R-NC). Most importantly, he had one remarkable mission: To help unite a community.

But on Sept. 18, the Mexico City muralist who was set to come to Elon as an artist-in-residence was denied his visa.

The official reason cited was section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which states that visa applicants must have compelling ties to their homeland to ensure they will return home after their stay in America is over. A house, family, bank account or job usually serves to prove a reason to return, but

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Cause of student hospitalizations still unclear

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After two students were hospitalized last weekend for internal bleeding, the Health Department said they still have not been able to find any conclusive origin or diagnosis of the illnesses, according to Assistant

Vice President for Student Life Jana Lynn Patterson.

Patterson said after having a phone conference with the county and state officials Friday, there is still no consistent pattern of where the students ate either on or off campus or where they live.

The Health Department said there

is no pattern of food-borne related illnesses, Patterson said. However, the Health Department and state lab are still conducting cultures taken from the students and the results were not available at press time.

After being released from the hospital Sept. 28, juniors Mike Milano

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