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Kerry ... maybe

Lion's Eye poll finds many students aren't sure; economy viewed as nation's most pressing issue

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Indecision may have been the biggest winner, but ultimately, Penn State Delco students say John Kerry would be the choice as their next president.

That's according to a poll the *Lion's Eye* conducted during February. The poll was a random sampling of students and was not a scientific sampling.

Kerry was the choice of 38 percent of students in a potential fall match with George W. Bush. But a large percentage, 16, is still undecided.

Another 14 percent did not care.

"Now that the Democratic nomination is up for grabs between Kerry and Edwards, I really don't care who ends up with the nomination," said Prince Awo, a psychology major. "I would just like to see a change of president."

Jennifer Williams, an animal science major, summed up the opposing view.

"Bush is willing to stand up for righteousness and Godliness in this country," she said. "He is not afraid to do what is right, no matter what the cost."

More, Kerry's vote and

the undecided vote drew dead even when students were asked to pick their choice of the Democratic candidates for president (some of whom have dropped their candidacy since the poll was conducted).

their No. 1 concern. Terrorism and security placed second at 16 percent and health-care availability and the war in Iraq tied for fourth at 14 percent.

"They need to concentrate more on domestic issues such as schools and health care, malpractice in surgery, corporate corruption and pollution," said James Blocksom, an education major.

When asked if President Bush's invasion of Iraq was justified, a large majority, 64 percent, said it was not.

NO MATTER WHETHER THE INVASION WAS JUSTIFIED, SHOULD WE REMOVE OUR TROOPS IMMEDIATELY?

No.....58 percent
Yes.....42

DID SADDAM HUSSEIN HAVE WMDs AND/OR WAS HE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE U.S.?

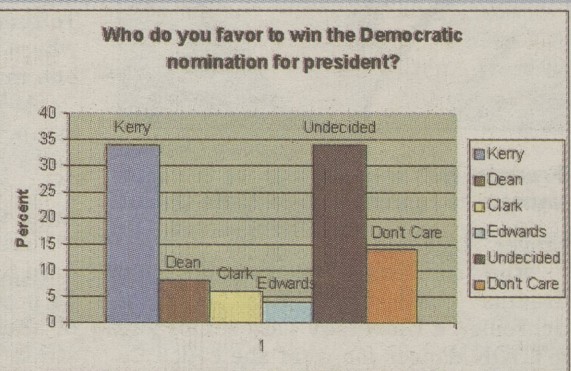
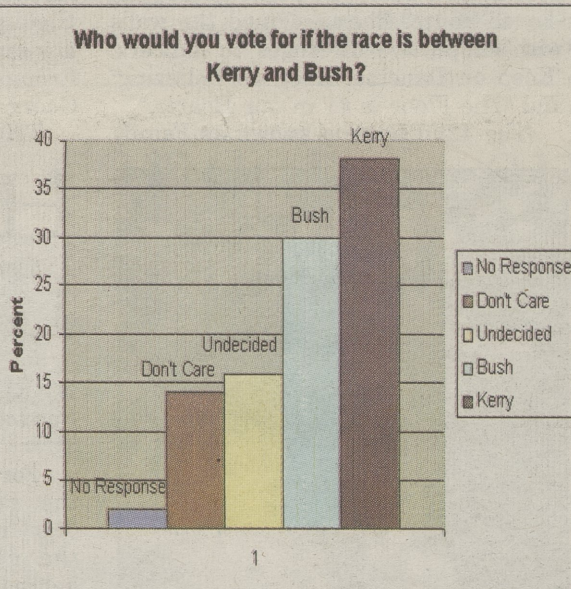
Yes.....52 percent
No.....46
No response....2

Some 34 percent believe it was. The majority of the students, 58 percent, said we should not remove our troops from Iraq immediately, no matter whether the invasion was justified.

More than half of the students thought Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and/or was an imminent threat to the U.S.

"I believe Saddam and his regime posed no threat to our security as a nation," said Charles Sandor, an English major. "America illegally invaded a nation and violated several treaties within the United Nations that it is a signature of."

"Osama bin Laden posed more of an imminent threat and Iraq was just a ploy used to justify our imperialistic ideals."



WHAT IS THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE FACING THE U.S.?

Economy...40 percent
Terrorism/security..16
Health care.....14
Iraq War.....14
Other.....8
Social Ills.....6
No response.....2

WAS THE U.S. INVASION OF IRAQ JUSTIFIED?

No.....64 percent
Yes.....34
No response.....2



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THON dancers do Delco proud

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The entire Penn State community gathered in University Park for THON, and the Delco campus was well represented.

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