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If it matters to you, it matters to The Pendulum.

Students bridge the gap



Tim Rosner / Photo Editor

The Residence Life diversity team displayed statistics on the lawn in front of Moseley Center Tuesday as part of Bridge the Gap, a celebration of diversity. The team also held a diversity forum Tuesday night. For more about diversity, see p. 15

University raises honors graduation requirements

Matt Belanger
Reporter

In the 25 years Registrar Mark Albertson has worked at Elon, the academic standards regarding graduation with honors had only changed once—until this year.

Earlier this semester, the Academic Standing Committee, comprised of a group of faculty members and administrators, voted to raise the requirement for graduation with Cum Laude honors from a 3.4

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Colleagues reflect on life, death of professor

Lindsay Porter
News Editor

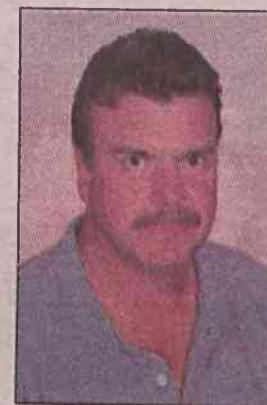
Some people may argue too few people in the world are able to touch lives. George Sleek was one of the lucky ones.

Sleek, an associate professor of physical therapy education, died April 16 at his home in Leesburg. Sleek, 48, died from a massive heart attack. His wife, Rachael, is pregnant with the couple's first child.

"I believe we can all take comfort knowing that George died in one of his favorite places—a clearing he had created in his own backyard—in that 110 acres," said Elizabeth Rogers, associate dean of physical therapy.

Rogers said Sleek had a passion for nature, and spent many hours hunting, canoeing and hiking. Sleek was working on

trails he was cutting in the woods when he died at his Caswell County property, where he had moved four years ago.



George Sleek
1955-2003

"He was in his element, in a sense," said Chaplain Richard McBride.

Sleek has been part of the Elon faculty since 1997. He began teaching anatomy just as the physical therapy education program was getting started. At the time, Sleek was finishing up work for his own physical therapy degree and commuting to Duke University with students to teach anatomy in a

lab with cadavers, as McMichael Science Center had yet to be built.

"When he wasn't teaching, he was in the hospital getting in his clinical time, week-

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Students study effects of money on education

Adam Smith
Reporter

Several freshman education students this spring have realized that their assumptions and stereotypes can easily be proven false.

Professor Melinda Rice and her Introduction to Education class, with the help of a Project Pericles grant, have traversed the state this spring to observe schools with varying socioeconomic levels and discuss whether monetary levels effects the quality of education.

"We are exploring the differences between schools with a higher clientele of

students versus schools with poorer students," freshman Renee Overcash said.

Students have been to schools in Burlington, Tarboro and Princeville in Edgecombe County, and will visit schools in Chapel Hill and Carrboro in the next week.

According to Jennifer Lowers, student, this project is important, "because all schools are supposed to get the same funding." But students said that this is not often the case. In reality, schools do get similar funding, but choose to use it in different

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