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Bookstore lines remain long but are moving quicker

Bookstore lines improve, still not up to students' satisfaction

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The Book Gallery opened last week with new computerized registers in hopes of satisfying students but found it still has to make adjustments.

"I still feel the bookstore was better the way it was before," said junior Stacy Boswell. "It was customer service oriented. It was our responsibility to get our own books, so if we made a mistake we couldn't blame anybody else."

Elbert Pritchard said the new registers have helped a lot and from Tuesday when the Book Gallery opened until Friday afternoon it only took students from 5 to 20 minutes to buy their books.

"I only had to wait 15 to 20 minutes and besides the prices the Book Gallery has improved," said freshman Joe Beckhan.

"It was hard for us to have the exact number of student helpers needed, because they had to go to classes too," Pritchard said.

Willie Williams, manager of the Book Gallery, said he thinks the Gallery is doing better.

"It isn't taking the students as long to get their books, although they are having to come back more often because books aren't here or they were given the wrong one," Williams said.

Senior Kelly Adkins said she noticed there were more workers and it only took 30 minutes to get her books, but then she had to wait an additional 30 minutes to pay for them.

Williams said since they only received the new registers two days before students arrived they didn't have time to get accustomed to them which might have saved them some time.

"Some of the waiting was because of students exchanging books, switching of classes and adding 'X' more students to a class that was supposed to be closed out at 20 students," Pritchard said. "We have got to get used to the new machines too."

"Once we can get things better organized, so the student helpers that come in can find all the books quickly, I think it will be a quicker process," Williams said.

"We are not stuck with this method," Williams said. "But we are not the ones who make that decision."

"The Campus shop is losing money with this setup as well," Boswell said. "Students used to be able to pick up notebooks and cards while they were waiting in line. Not any more."

Not all bad is coming out of the long lines though. David Haddad, owner of Discount Records said the lines are doing his business more good than bad.

"Students get to know the store and it gives the store exposure to students who might not come to this side of campus," Haddad said.

Dick Mills, owner of Brown and Company, said so far the lines See Bookstore, Page 9

Study Abroad moves on despite gulf crisis

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Despite the War In The Gulf and constant threats of terrorism in the United States and abroad, the Elon College study abroad programs are moving full speed ahead.

Fourteen of the 44 scheduled to participate in the spring semester abroad cancelled their plans. Most were afraid of the threat of terrorism and their safety.

Thirty students are spending the Spring semester in London. They arrived on January 29, only 13 days after war broke out. The group plans to return on May 13.

April Craft, a sophomore and teaching fellow, said she had a hard decision to make. Other teaching fellows, including Craft are required to spend a semester in London -- either the spring of their sophomore or junior year -- as part of their scholarships.

"It was a hard decision to make. Even though they told me that security would be tight, I

didn't think it could be that tight in London. Also, I knew my parents would be really worried about me," Craft said.

Ted Toomer, a junior, also cancelled. "After thinking it over, I didn't think it was too wise to go over there. Especially when I saw the burning of the flags in front of the American Embassy on TV," Toomer said.

Marilyn Doss, a sophomore, said her mom was worried. "My sister has been abroad when there was terrorism in Germany. I know what it's like. I didn't want to go through that," Doss said.

"I heard we had to be real inconspicuous over there. I didn't want to do that," Carla Handrinos, a sophomore, said.

Dr. Bill Rich, dean of academic affairs and director of international programs, said that he is in constant contact with other universities from Michigan to Virginia about the study abroad programs and the current world situation. "So far, there have been See Abroad, Page 9

Memorial scholarship set up in memory of Miskelly

A \$10,000 scholarship in memory of the late Robert Rodgers Miskelly has been established by family and friends. Income from the endowment will be awarded annually to a deserving student.

Miskelly, a member of the freshman class, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Elon College on Nov. 13, 1990.

"In the few months he was here, he made many friends and had begun a successful career. His legacy will continue now as other students are assisted in their college careers through the generosity of the Robert Rodgers Miskelly Memorial Scholarship Fund," said Dr. Jo Watts Williams, vice president of



Robert Miskelly

development for Elon College.

Miskelly was a graduate of Old Mill Senior High in Millersville, Md. He was active in intramural football at Elon. He was also interested in pursuing studies in business.