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ing real money did mean work and preparation for Synn and his students. To the semester, they had to be a stockbroker. Throughout the course, each has had to conduct his/her research and present it to the class. The class size was dropped to allow for optimum interaction and discussion among students. A majority vote was used to decide which stockbroker and stocks to choose. "Because we were using real money instead of play money we were pretty conservative with our investments," said senior Susan Synn. "I didn't take risks with the money that we probably would have with the pretend money," she said. Three months later and with the \$30,000 invested, Synn's

class has achieved his goals. "I think they've done a very good job. They've been very responsible and very serious," Synn said. "I'm really happy and I think the students have learned a great deal."

Synn said the students felt they were an important part of the college's money management process. He said they concentrated on diversifying their investments.

Overall, Synn said his students bought stocks in eight companies, slowly increasing the number of shares and the number of companies. The students bought stock in Walmart, McDonald's, Coca-Cola, Bausch & Lomb, Campbell's Soup and others.

Synn said \$2,200 of the \$30,000 has not yet been invested. Synn also said that the stocks have been doing well. They have increased their investment earnings to \$1,581.

The feedback Synn has received from the Board of

Directors has been positive. Any money made will go back into the Love School of Business.

Howard said she has also been pleased with her investment experience.

"The class has helped me out a lot. Before, I wouldn't have known how to research stockbrokers," she said.

"Now I know how to do everything myself. I know more about stocks and money as a whole," Howard said.

The investment courses' future with the real money is uncertain. But Synn said he hopes the stocks will roll over to the spring semester and allow the same students to continue with following the stocks.

"I hope the course does continue," Howard said. "I think the same group should follow the portfolio the whole year. Then you could really see the benefits."

Concerns over weapons exports

To The Editor:

Your Thanksgiving editorial "Discouraging headlines can point out our blessings" made good points about what we personally have to be thankful for, but it seems too much to say that "While warring and bloody fighting continue throughout much of the world...our country is now in peace."

Even though we have been able to keep war off our shores, we export violence by leading the world in arms sales. [Internal gun sales are also high and make us the most violent of all industrialized nations.]

It is a blessing to live in the tranquility of Elon College and not in war torn Somalia where people are starving to death at the rate of 5,000 a day. This tranquility gives us the chance to study what America is doing to promote peace and violence.

In Somalia, for example, relief efforts are undone by the armed and violent anarchy that followed the fall of the dictator Siad Barre. Americans generously want to send aid, but how many know that the U.S. armed Siad Barre with \$292,900,000 in military loans and grants and \$146,556,000 in weapon sales

from 1981-1990 fueling the violence and starvation that rack Somalia now. (Center for Defense Information)

Unfortunately, this is not a isolated example of U.S. policy to trade weapons for influence and profit. Iraq and Iran immediately come to mind as further examples. In fact, the U.S. has supplied weapons, military assistance and economic aid during the last three decades to every country now at war except two. Currently, we are supplying weapons to 59 authoritarian governments. (CDI)

The U.S. is not alone in selling arms around the world; other countries too find it to their short term economic benefit to trade weapons.

But we are the major power in the world today and the major arms exporter, so a leadership role is ours for peace or for violence. Following the Persian Gulf War, there was heightened interest at the U.N. in an international agreement to curb weapons sales.

We have a new Congress and President; why not let them know your questions and concerns about America's role as an weapons' exporter?

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Student asks, why no shuttle?

To The Editor:

As a senior of Elon College I am once again disturbed. I was under the impression that the student activities office was here to give a valuable service to us students.

Well today I telephoned the office to inquire about a shuttle to the airport. I was informed that Elon was only sending shuttles to Greensboro airport.

My flight was out of Raleigh/Durham airport, and they told me that they did not know of any shuttle services to RDU airport. I would think that this office would be knowledgeable on

shuttle services to the other airport. RDU isn't much farther away if at all, than the Greensboro airport.

So why don't they go to RDU? Students do fly out of there, also! I am now having to resort to a taxicab which will probably cost me between 70 and 95 dollars.

As a student to the student activities office I would recommend to find out how to get students to the other airport in this area, or to run a shuttle of their own for us, the students of Elon College. Thank you!

Steve Felt
Student

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To The Editor:

I'm writing in response to the article from Kevin Flynn and Bob Corrotore that appeared on your issue of the November 18, 1992 issue of the Pendulum.

Mr. Flynn and Corrotore expressed concern that Playboy magazine no longer ranks us among the top 10 party schools, as they did back in 1978. They encourage our freshmen to work to become more of a party school, but I don't think it will be worth the effort to become an alumni.

As a faculty type person, I don't know what I say? I was bothered by the article, and the supportive comment that followed it. Do you expect?

I admit I'm biased. Since I've returned to the private sector to return to teaching at some cost to my wallet, I find it easier to like teaching than to have our students work with me in a partnership seriously. I don't really have much to say about parties, I've been to more

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that a few in my time. It's just sad to think of them as a way of life.

Have you ever known people who only live for parties? Outside of parties, they don't really know much about politics, or the discussions in class; they don't really have much to talk about at

lunch or dinner; they don't ever know what's going on around campus except for parties. The party-animals that I knew in college; you never hear much about them.

I enjoyed a lot about college when I was in it, and in some ways I've never left. I enjoyed interesting conversations with intelligent people. I enjoyed many kinds of music, theater and political debates. I liked and loved people who cared about things enough to

work for them.

If Playboy, one of the many publications dedicated to the principle that women are worthwhile only when they shut up and take their clothes off, fails

to include Elon their list of Top 10 party schools, my life will still go on, and Elon College will still be a wonderful place to be, full of exciting women and men who make my job fun.

Come on guys, get a life.

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