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process will cost York money and will no doubt inconvenience many people in the President's office and the University Administration, the damage to the reputation of the institution over the long-term will be immeasurable.

In the past, Arthurs has expressed concern about human rights and social issues. I hope he is now willing to act on that concern when the matter concerns staff, students and faculty at the school where he was once Dean. Otherwise I suspect most people will believe the President is avoiding this critical matter.

Finally, I ask Arthurs to raise the issue at meetings of the Board of Governors and Senate of York and deal with it in a forthright manner.

David McRobert

Deterrence better than surrender

Editor:

I would like to address Mr. McNamee's claims in last week's Excalibur that the Soviets appear to be "much more serious and reasonable" about disarmament than the Americans and that the "peace" movement is justified in being anti-American. It is too bad that Mr. McNamee has fallen for Gorbachev's propaganda stunts that are directed at those whom Lenin

referred to as "useful idiots." Determining who is more "serious and reasonable" about disarmament requires that one take an objective look at the history of the nuclear era and the actions of both sides rather than just focusing on some empty rhetoric and ignoring everything else. How reasonable was the Soviet refusal to allow for on site verification? Jane's military journal reported several months ago that the Soviets have at least 10,000 scientists working on the Soviet "star wars" project. Yet, at Iceland Gorbachev insisted that all disarmament be conditional on the US abandoning SDI. So when the Soviets have a defensive system, according to Mr. McNamee that's reasonable, but when the Americans have it, that's unreasonable. It's a good thing Mr. McNamee does not teach logic.

How about the Soviet refusal for so long to even sit at the table in Geneva and negotiate. The Soviets had already deployed their SS-20s with three times as many warheads and twice the range of the former missiles. On the other hand, the US had not yet even deployed any Cruises or Pershings. Soviet logic: you abandon your deployment plans, and then we'll talk. So, they could threaten us, but we couldn't deter them. The Soviets also refused to discuss keeping space weapons free in Vienna when the US proposed to include Euromissile talks. What is

so reasonable about these positions? Of course, nothing the Soviet Union does could ever be "unreasonable" to Soviet sympathizers; they even find excuses to justify the Nazi-Soviet alliance of 1939 and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Mr. McNamee suggested that the US is not seriously interested in disarmament. Although I disagree with this claim, if Mr. McNamee knew any history he would realize that the US has very good reasons not to trust the Soviets and to be hesitant about signing any agreement with them. Not only have the Soviets violated SALT I, the ABM Treaty and SALT II, but the Soviets have made a joke out of the Helsinki and Yalta agreements. The Soviet Union still worships its founder, Lenin, and has never rejected his phrase that "Promises are like piecrusts, made to be broken."

Mr. McNamee did state in his letter that "the West can easily afford to boost up our conventional defences to prevent a Communist invasion of Europe or elsewhere." Although it is not clear from his letter whether Mr. McNamee actually supports the beefing up of our conventional forces, I hope that someday before it's too late, he, and others like him, will come to see that deterrence and defence is more reasonable than appeasement, defenselessness and surrender.

Andrew Kavchak



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