

Letters

Keep SDI

President Reagan's courageous stand in Iceland should be applauded by free peoples everywhere.

Liberals may think that an exchange of handshakes and signatures on some flimsy paper translates into "peace in our time," but let's get serious. Neville Chamberlain made that mistake with Hitler — Reagan won't make the same one with Gorbachev.

The diabolical and oppressive regime currently dominating Jews, Afghans, etc., have cheated on numerous treaties with the United States (ABM, SALT I, etc.). As a matter of fact, I can't think of a treaty which the Soviets have signed that I've liked.

The Strategic Defense Initiative is a non-nuclear defense. It is not a weapon in space as liberals like to paint it. SDI is no threat to the Soviet Union whatsoever. It is merely an insurance policy against a risky client (the Soviets are notorious cheaters).

Initially, both sides agreed to slash long-range missile and bomber arsenals in half in five years and eliminate such weapons by 1996. So why are the Soviets against SDI? If they wouldn't have any missiles in 1996 then SDI would be obsolete.

But there's the catch — the Soviets want us vulnerable to a nuclear attack because they will always have nuclear weapons in stock pile. The Soviets are not serious about arms control. If they were then they would have

accepted Reagan's generous offer, and SDI would have served as a "just in case" purpose against the Soviet Union and any other aggressive nation.

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Drinking

An open letter to students:
It is only the third week of fall term, and I already have a parade of "incident" reports across my desk which describe assaults, living unit disruptions and very serious accidents involving our students. In every case, alcohol abuse has been involved. These incidents will be dealt with under the student conduct code or in the criminal justice system; these incidents are only symptoms of the intensity of alcohol abuse in our community.

Drinking alcohol is a part of the society we live in, but drinking to get drunk is dangerous and often life-threatening. Drinking under 21 years of age is against the law. When you provide alcohol to those who are under age you assume heavy liability risks that could affect you and your families for the rest of your lives.

Since last spring, many staff and students have been participating in training sessions to help us understand and cope with the increasing abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs. We learned that some of us are more adversely affected than others by the consumption of alcohol. We also learned that each of us must love and care enough to protect each other from

dangerous situations.

Let's work together to make a difference. Take responsibility for your own conduct and care enough about your friends to protect them from demeaning or dangerous situations. Please help make this campus free of substance abuse.

Shirley J. Wilson
Dean of Students

Sy's slices

Back when Sy retailed his triangular-shaped slices for a dollar, Philip Mitchell had talked me into buying him a slice on the way over there. Well, to make a long story short, as we neared Sy's I'd agreed to a 50 cent topping on his slice, and then when we walked through the door, it was to be two 50 cent toppings. That would have been fine as I had been enjoying Phil's company. But as we ordered, Phil changed his selection to two triangular-shaped slices — with no toppings, which is the way everybody eats Sy's anyway.

Now, I don't mind buying a friend a slice or a Coke or whatever, but when somebody pulls the old topping-switcher-for-more-slices bit, I get a little suspicious.

As far as Mr. Stamm is concerned, and having been a work-study employee with the English department for over a year, I can attest to Mike's professionalism and friendly character. He never treated me like an underling.

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