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## Why the Military Buildup

by John Boyer

Little boys and girls were coughing up blood. Blisters were turning yellow. This was the scene in the Southeast Asian country of Laos shortly after the United States gradually began to withdraw its troops from Vietnam during the early 1970's. No one protested, few even noticed. The insensitive slaughter of these few Laotians, who resisted the North Vietnamese — Soviet sponsored — Army, was appalling.

Right now the Soviets are using more potent chemicals against the desperate and overwhelmed people of Afganistan. Cruel, inhuman, startling? Yes.

Few Americans, and probably fewer college students are interested in current events. So many of us think in terms of the pre-Pearl Harbor isolationists. The fact is the Soviet Union wants to dominate the world. "Oh yeah, I learned that but it went out the other ear." The Soviets are more threatening to us, The United States, than ever before. They are presently surrounding Saudi Arabia intending to cut-off our oil, oil which we can live without — for about two weeks. The Soviets are doing more than challenging our interests — they're threatening freedom. Already they've suppressed freedom by means of supporting terrorism, Cuban troops, and East German "advisors" in countries such as South Yemen (which is on the Arabian Peninsula),

Angola, Mozambique, and Ethiopia.

It's ironic that during a time when more and more Americans are getting educated fewer know what's going on around the globe. In fact, while experienced prestigious Western generals cry out desperate need for more defense, 43% of our public think that further budget cuts should come from the military. (Time, October 5, 1981.)

Where budget cuts should be made is not the only place our public has been misguided. Partially because of the media, most american perceive Alexander Haig as a belligerent "hawk" — a man sure to cause trouble. Few realize the degree of respect that forceful men, like Haig, can command from their adversaries — specifically Soviet opportunists. As one former president points out "You have to be able to stand up to the Soviets before you can sit down with them."

We must learn from experience, in U.S. — Soviet relations, that nice guys really do finish last in the game of international politics. At the same

time we must learn not to over-react to the bait they set. The Soviets are expansionists who intend to expand at every chance. The only real way we can protect our allies and interests is by a position of strength. This, if anything, increases our chances of averting war.

With the present Soviet intentions graphically spelled out for us, the Republicans claim that "Military spending is the most important social service we can provide" becomes ominously relevant.

We should back our President's proposal to rebuild our military forces, realizing that his intentions are to make the United States, once again, a worthwhile ally but a dangerous enemy. In terms of deterrence, this method works better than trying to intellectualize the use of non-violence. Ronald Reagan has "Said Goodbye to Hollywood." Now its our turn. We can do so by reacting in a realistic way to prevent the spreading of communist tyranny — in other words by supporting a stronger U.S. military posture.

## Welcome From The Dean

All of us in Student Affairs welcome you to the Delaware County Campus! I am pleased to send greetings once again to those of you whom I have met and to you students I have yet the pleasure of meeting, as you embark on one of the most memorable periods of your life, your college career.

Congratulations are also in order to you for being chosen to attend the University. Naturally, this speaks well of your academic performance up to this time. However, I should like to point out that the years you are in college will probably be the last time in your life you will be able to devote most of your energies toward self-improvement. So choose your

academic and social activities wisely as you move forward on the road to professionalism by being a "thinking doer" not a "wishing hoper". The future is yours ... go get it!

Once again, I hope that this experience will be a happy one for you, full of fond memories and pride at being able to call yourself a student of The Pennsylvania State University. Take advantage of what is here. In the Penn State tradition, work hard, play hard, and most of all, contribute something of yourself to the life of the Campus.

Best Wishes To All of You  
 Edward F. Linder, Jr.  
 Dean of Student Affairs

## Letter From The Editor

It is my privledge as editor of the Lions Eye to introduce you to our first newspaper publication of the 1981 - 82 school year. The "LIONS EYE" has always been a quality tradition at Penn State. With the constant flow of important news stories, organizational activities, and services offered by nearby businesses, the newspaper is a vital part of your campus life. Because of this, the LIONS EYE staff is even more determined to better the tradition set before them. I would like to encourage dedicated students who are interested in journalism, photography, and newspaper production to join the LIONS EYE staff to help us with our goal.

In closing, I wish all of my fellow students the best of luck in this school year. I hope you enjoy reading the LIONS EYE and, as always, your comments are welcome.

Donna Larsen  
 Editor - in - Chief

## Karate Club

Bruce Lee flying gracefully through the air, crashing feet first into a gang of criminals, sending them all painfully biting the dust beneath them.

For most people that is the definition of Karate, but here at PSU Delco there is a group of men and women who much more clearly know what karate is all about.

Karate in the athletic sense is a physical sport of grace, precision and discipline. Here at PSU it is taught to beginner through expert. Steven Scicione who himself is a black belt is in charge of the club. Steve is certified to teach and ad-  
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## Careers

A continuing series of career news and information by Career Development and Placement Center (CDPC) Counselor Stephen M. Sciscione.

The process of choosing or deciding on a college major can be a frustrating time of indecision and stress. The starting point for making this type of decision is an examination of yourself.

The first Career Station in the CDPC is designed to help facilitate this search by focusing on personal interests, values, and abilities. The self-assessment is accomplished through reflection on past experiences (for example: What are your accomplishments? Skills? Interests?). The use of references and programmed instruction booklets that are self-administered and self-evaluated, as well as an occupational view deck, can help in the search.

Self exploration is thought of as the first vital step in Career/Life planning and consists of such elements as short term goal setting, determining what your values are, lifestyle choice, and techniques for effective decision making.

Five-week career exploration workshops will be offered in the CDPC during Winter Term. If you are interested in a self-exploration as part of your career decision-making, contact CDPC Counselor Stephen M. Sciscione. The Career Development and Placement Center is located in the Student Affairs Modular Building.

## Spirit Week

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 when the Drama Club invaded the Granite Run Mall dressed in their best Halloween attire. Scratching up all their artistic talents, the club members painted the faces of children and adults, turning them into clowns, witches, ghosts and goblins.

If you missed the excitement of Spirit Week, there is still a

chance for you to join the fun. On Friday, November 7, SAC will hold a Rubik's Cube Contest. Any studious scholars who can unlock the secret to one or more sides of the cube are welcome to enter. Strive for higher achievements — today the Rubik's Cube, tomorrow the world! The first prize winner will receive tickets to the Genesis Concert.

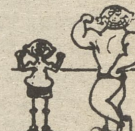
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