

arrests, while the Police Service Officers or P.S.O. do. The P.S.O. is a well-trained group of men and women. They all have excellent credentials including Bachelor of Science degrees and Masters degrees. These officers are required to take regular police training courses.

One of the major arguments on this issue is the fact that the safety of these officers is in question. Since they are sworn by duty to respond to any trouble the officers often must go unarmed to a car or room with no idea as to what could be inside. Criminal acts with weapons have occurred with increasing frequency at Main Campus.

On the other side of the argument many people feel that by having guns the guards may feel free to use them at will. This could result in serious injury to any innocent bystander.

The Faculty Senate is going to make its decision on this issue between October 31 and November 2nd. A poll has been taken at each of the branch campuses. The results of the poll here at Delco were as the following. Out of 36 interviewed only 13 were aware of the attempt to arm the guards. When asked if they favored the move to arm the guards the majority of students said yes by a count of 22/for, and 14/against. However the majority did not believe that this move would have any significant affect on them if they visited friends at Main Campus during the weekend. When the 28 students who said they would be attending Main Campus within two years were asked if they thought the arming of the guards would affect them a majority of 18 said yes. Most students felt that an alternative weapon should be considered such as mace, teargas, and electricity guns. Hopefully by the time this issue is out the Faculty Senate will have decided the matter. We'll let you know what happened in our next issue of The Lion's Eye.

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Happily Delaware County is fortunate enough to have people concerned about their quickly diminishing natural-areas. There are certain sections of land set aside, free from development, where the public can go to enjoy the outdoors without venturing far from home. The John J. Tyler Arboretum is such a place. It's only about a half mile from this campus, easily within walking distance. At the Arboretum thrives a vast variety of wildlife and vegetation (An arboretum is a collection of unusual trees). Twenty miles of well-marked trails ranging from a little over a mile to the ten mile wilderness trail wind through the fields, woods, and gardens of the Arboretum. It is not unusual for a hiker to see white-tailed deer walking through the pine woods or chipmunks battling in the dried leaves of the forest floor. Birds of every description, including the endangered Bluebird, rest and nest in this 700 acre tract of land..

There are many points of interest throughout the Arboretum. Perhaps the best known is the majestic Giant Sequoia located along the north side of Painter Road. There is also Black Hawk Spring located along Barren Road. It is the only place in Delaware County where one can get drinkable spring water. Early in the year Dismal Run Creek has an operating trout hatchery which also happens to be located along the 10 mile wilderness trail. There are numerous remains of long abandoned buildings dating back to other times. There is a fragrant herb garden for the blind, Painter Library and Museum, and an old stone barn called the Learning Center. For the curious there is much to see.

Now is one of the best times to go to the Arboretum. Fall is now in full bloom and there is nothing like the sun slicing through the bright reds and golds of the trees, or the essence of clean, dry, autumn air to clean your head after a test or rough weekend. Visit the Arboretum and treat yourself to a taste of nature, Take RT. 352 North and turn right on Forge Road. Go to the stop sign and turn on Painter Road. You can't miss it.

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