

## Parsell to keynote fund raiser

# 'Save Our Guns' rally invites POA leader

By BOB ERICKSON

Michigan Police Officers Association Executive Director Carl Parsell, a Canton Township resident, has been invited to speak at a "Save Our Guns" fund raising rally at the Lansing Civic Center on April 20.

Sponsors of the anti-gun law rally include the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the National Rifle Association of America, the Sportsmen's Alliance of Michigan and the Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association. The groups will use the funds obtained from the rally to fight an attempt at a constitutional amendment whereby the state would attempt to buy up all the handguns now in the hands of private citizens in Michigan.

Parsell, who is billed by the group's press release as one of "the state and nation's leading conservationists," said he does not believe the release meant to bill him as a conservationist, but that, at any rate, he will be attending the "Save Our Guns" rally because he is "not for any type of gun control ... until the courts take up their responsibility. Before we need gun control," he said, "we need criminal control and judge control."

Parsell said that he has taken a stand which "differs a little from their (the sponsoring groups') particular stand."

"I am not ultra-conservative," he said. "I'm not a member of the NRA (National Rifle Association), the Birch Society or the KKK. I don't own a dozen guns myself. I have one gun that I carry and that I carried when I was a police officer for 25 years."

Parsell said that he thought he had

been invited to the rally because of his statements about the need for judicial responsibility and control of criminals before ineffective gun control measures are irresponsibly enacted.

He criticized Detroit Police Commissioner Philip Tannian's recent an-

nouncement of a constitutional amendment petition drive which would require citizens to sell their guns to the state.

"I'm not convinced that Mr. Tannian is not working his way up to be the czar of all the guns that would be bought up," Parsell said.

Parsell, formerly the president of the Detroit Police Officers Association, also attacked previous gun control efforts in the Detroit area. "The amnesty program (whereby citizens

were allowed to turn in illegal weapons without any fear of prosecution)

was a failure," he said. "Nobody really put records out on the amnesty program in Detroit because it didn't get results."

"It is folly to take guns from law abiding citizens when the courts won't take guns from those who have them illegally," he continued. "I think it's a

smokescreen. Police officials in large cities are using the absence of gun control laws as an excuse for their inability to control crime."

Tickets for the rally at which Parsell and other anti-gun control figures will speak can be purchased for \$15 from any of the sponsoring groups.

## O&E managers join WSU workshop

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are furnishing three persons for the 7th workshop of the Wayne State University Press Club which will be devoted to "The Electronic Revolution and What It Means to Journalists."

Paul Hart, electronics systems analyst for O&E will be a panelist for the first session on May 3, and Tim Richard, Wayne County editor for O&E, will participate in the second session.

The first session, which opens at 9:30 a.m., will deal with a discussion, and demonstration of the Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) and Optical Character Reader (OCR) and the weekly operation from computer to offset printing.

Other panelists will be: Mike Mahary, superintendent of editorial telecommunication, Detroit News, and Neil Munro, managing editor, Oakland Press.

The second session, beginning at 11 a.m., will discuss the effects of modern technology on the content and quality of newspapers.

Other panelists will include: Paul Poorman, managing editor, Detroit News; Richard Oppel, bureau chief, Associated Press, and David Dolsen, Sunday editor, Detroit Free Press.

Richard, vice president of the WSU Press Club, will serve as moderator of the first session. Michael Marcellino, Oakland County editor of O&E Newspapers, will serve as moderator of the second session. Marcellino is second vice president of the WSU Press Club.

The workshop will be held in the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on campus. Registration and luncheon fee are \$7.75 per person and reservations may be made by calling the WSU Journalism Department.

Luncheon speaker will be Frank Wylie, manager of public relations, U.S. Automotive Sales and Service for Chrysler Corp. He will talk on "Ethics, Junkets and the Public's Right to Know."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has one of the most modern offset newspaper plants in the midwest and is now using the OCR equipment as part of its computerized type-setting process.

## Eastern changes academic calendar

Eastern Michigan University will return to a past Labor Day opening for the fall semester this year. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 4. For the past three years, classes have started during the last week of August.

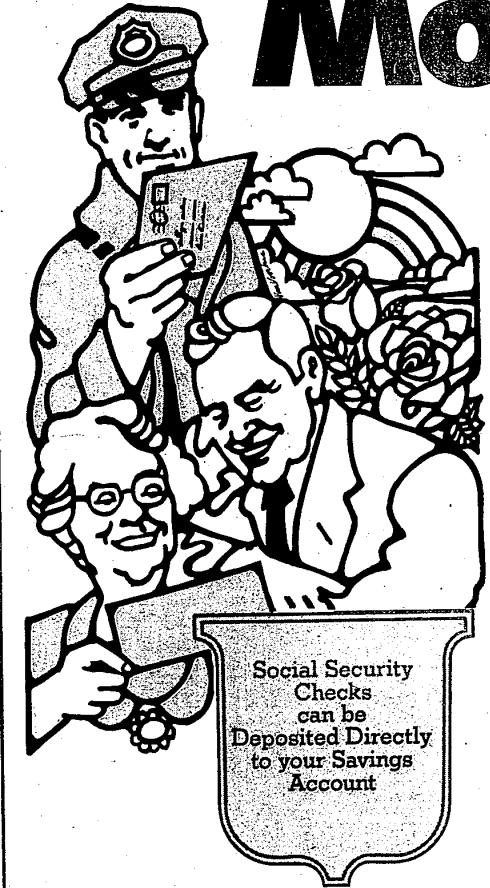
Officials explain the academic calendar is set up as to provide 15 weeks of classes before the semester break. The later in the week that Christmas falls, the later the semester opens.

A later opening will help many students with full-time summer jobs. Employers, especially at resorts, want men and women who can work through the Labor Day week end.

The new schedule provides for a shorter semester break and holiday recess. The fall semester ends on Dec. 21 and classes resume Jan. 6. This is 15 days as compared with 18 days last year.

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