



IN THE CENTER of the music area, a battered American Flag flies upside down marking the location of one group's camping area. The upside down flag is a signal of distress and according to photographer Gerald Gauda, the rock festival was just that -- distressing.

2 Colleges Get Labor Mediators

Both Observerland community colleges are currently embroiled in faculty negotiations that have required the assistance of state labor mediators.

Mediator Leo Cadwell is assisting with bargaining between Oakland Community College and Community Association. Mediator Harry W. Reinfelder is assigned to the Schoolcraft Community College. Faculty from the SC Faculty Forum.

Schoolcraft negotiators are eyeing an Aug. 24 deadline, the date classes are slated to begin. Instructors, by informal agreement, have indicated they are unanimously against returning without a signed contract.

The OCC talks have a little more leeway, with classes not beginning until Sept. 8, but the Faculty Association announced this week has formed a strike committee.

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emanating from the closed-door sessions at both schools have the faculty teams asking administrators of failure to bargain in good faith and the administrations denying it.

The OCC faculty once, accepted the concept of job-related pay, allowing administration stalling, but dropped the charge when the administration agreed to grant summer school instructors retroactive benefits.

At Schoolcraft, major disputes have been over an administration proposal to replace faculty members as area chairmen with six new administrators to be called division chairmen at the head of each department; the complex item of salaries and benefits; and the academic freedom clause.

Neither side has announced the specifics of the wage-benefit stand-off.

SCHOOLCRAFT's chief bargainer, W. Kenneth Lindner, vice president for business, said mediator Reinfelder said the call for a mediator was premature after reviewing progress on Monday, Aug. 3.

He indicated that in his opinion no impasse has been reached. He suggested the teams continue to meet without benefit of mediation to resolve as many items as possible, and to bring to the table a number of topics which have not been discussed at all, to date," said Lindner.

Reinfelder said he would return Tuesday, Aug. 11. Negotiations were to continue between principals daily, meanwhile.

AT OCC, FACULTY Association President John Homelius attributed formation of the strike committee to the

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Wayne County Clerk-Register Merger Sought

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners is seeking a non-binding general opinion on whether to merge the offices of county clerk and register of deeds during their present terms of office.

The commissioners, meanwhile, have asked Circuit Court not to appoint anyone to the vacancy created by the recent death of County Clerk Edgar M. Brangin pending issuance of the attorney general's ruling.

The county board acted at its Aug. 6 meeting.

The Board of Commissioners has requested its intention to merge the two offices when the present terms expire at the end of 1972.

In a 1953 case, the Michigan Supreme Court held that the

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two offices could not be merged during their terms.

However, the board of commissioners decided to seek a new ruling because the new state constitution has been adopted since then.

Merger of the two offices is contemplated as a step toward streamlining the county structure and promoting efficiency. State law empowers the 27-member Circuit Court bench to fill the clerk's vacancy.



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