

# *Editor's Mail*

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## **Board's Power**

To the Editor:

Marquette, Oct. 26: A question of semantics?

"The board is equally aware of the need, at all times, for preserving the integrity of its administrative power." This is a curious statement. Rarely is the word integrity blended with power. With truth, right, moral or artistic values, but rarely with power.

Integrity itself means merely adherence to a code. Does this imply that the code of the Board of Control for Northern Michigan University is based primarily on power? This, according to the board's statement, appears to be the case. The board referred not to a code of justice, not to a code of truth, but to a code of power.

The faculty, too, is acutely aware, at all times, of the board's power. In this institution where many departments have only two to six tenured people, the board's power can be awesome indeed.

Before there were administrators, there were educators. Administrative boards exist, not to display power, but to enable the faculty to function at its highest potential in the search for truth.

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