

# Editor's Mail

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## Time Change

Sir:

Added to the multitude of things we already have to argue, protest and riot over is the question of what time it is.

Time was when we were permitted to save up an hour in the morning and have it to spend in the evening.

The government seems to have come up with an 11th commandment of "Thou shalt not save."

I hear tell they are considering monkeying with the calendar. The fact that it is still working good after nigh unto two millennia, most likely will not be taken into consideration. The change in time may suit some peoples' purpose. I prefer to go along with Ben Franklin, Gen. Forrest and the early bird who believed it behooved one to get knocking early. Old Ben maintained that early rising promoted wisdom.

We are in no position to overlook or ignore anything which might help us to wise up.

RUSSELL McLEOD  
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## Reply To Takala

Dear Sir:

Reply to Mr. Takala's letter of Nov. 1 Mining Journal:

Some citizens of the State of Michigan seem a bit confused as to the situation now existing at Northern Michigan University. A number of students and faculty have shown their disagreement with the decision to terminate an instructor's contract. They have shown their disagreement in a legal and orderly manner and are now attempting to have that decision overturned and create an atmosphere in which such a ter-

mination will not occur again. I find it hard to believe that any of the people involved in these activities are "Moscow and Hanoi and Peking-inspired," as was implied in this column previously.

Furthermore, I view with disgust the implication that any of these students or faculty are "just trying to instigate trouble and force communism of us."

It's unfortunate that Dr. McClellan's name had to be included in a letter with such rash and unfounded statements as have been quoted. I think people would be wise not to draw an analogy between "anti-draft, anti-war, anti-etc. movements." Those students and faculty members concerned with the situation at Northern are not anti- or against any institution. They are not trying to destroy. They are trying to create.

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Northern Michigan  
University.

## American Freedoms

Dear Sir:

I, for one, would like to add my name to those who fail to see any humor in the abuse of American freedoms.

Since they have capitalized "poor taste," things have gone from bad to worse.

If these students carry a grudge and harbor a rebellious attitude, maybe Vietnam would cure them — seeing as how they are deferred for educational purposes. It appears to me like they have a lot of guts to even show their face — it should be in a book. The only thing about higher education seems to be the cost; intelligence is just something they consider.

And it's about this rat bill. Either I'm ignorant or poorly informed, for I fail to see the connection between the needs of Baraga County and the rats in New York City. If they lack elbow grease and common