

# EDITORIALS / LETTERS

## Editorial

### We want to know . . .

- Inquiring minds want to know:
- Why the shower heads in Heilman and Barefoot were designed to aim no higher than the neck?
  - Why does the water always turn scalding hot in the middle of a lukewarm shower?
  - What are the two glass globes beside the TV in Cate Center?
  - Why are the electrical outlets arranged in such a way that you create a fire hazard plugging everything in?
  - Why is it that the class you have to have for graduation meets at the same time as "General Hospital"?
  - Why are the only empty parking spaces always at the end of the dirt lot?
  - Why does the post office open at 3:00 and close at 3:10 for five minutes?
  - Who picked out the colors for Harris Hall?
  - Why do Meredith girls always get obscene phone calls?
  - What is KC 83?
  - Why do all major tests always occur on the same week?
  - Why is the elevator always slower than the stairs?
  - Why do we carry towels with us during fire drills?
  - Why is the change machine always empty when you get ready to wash clothes?
  - Why do they have something good in the cafeteria the night that you order a pizza?
  - Why is the weather cool until you get your winter sweaters, then the temperature rises to 90?
  - Why do you always have to walk the farthest when you are a senior?

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## Prof fired from NMU

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tary science department.

After introducing himself and lecturing students for several minutes, Powell left the room and came back carrying a live chicken.

"According to the students, he was just walking around with the chicken, explaining things like what happens if you attend class out of uniform, when all of a sudden he extended the neck of the chicken and bit it off," Taylor says.

Then, as horrified students looked on, Powell held the chicken up over his head and let the blood run into his mouth.

"I was shocked and disgusted when I heard about it later that afternoon," Taylor says. "I checked all the facts and concluded that there was absolutely no justification for

what had been done, and that it simply could not be tolerated."

The following morning Taylor met with university officials and decided to relieve Powell of his teaching post and reassigning him to nearby K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.

"Nobody had any knowledge this thing was going to happen," Taylor explains. "(Powell) had taught a number of classes like Land Navigation and Marksmanship for over a year, and we'd never had any trouble with him before."

Other faculty members have expressed "shock and revulsion" at what happened,

says Faculty Senate Chairman Roger Barry, a NMU chemistry professor.

"But," Barry adds, "we do not think Col. Taylor handled the whole thing quickly and properly."

Powell's case is now being reviewed by U.S. Army officials, Taylor says, who may take additional action against the 40-year-old career soldier.

"He still doesn't understand why I and the other university officials have reacted so strongly to what he did," Taylor says. "He still feels it was an acceptable technique to get students' attention."

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### VOLLEYBALL OFF TO GOOD START

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match of the year.

"Their play was outstanding. As a team we really played together. Our serving was impeccable. Nancy Ratcliff, a sophomore, middle hitter, played her best game ever. She was all over the court and her spiking was unbelievable," said Coach Marie Chamblee.

After losing three straight, the team is back on the road to success. This past weekend they won the Seven Hills Invitational Tournament winning all four matches. They defeated Roanoke and Randolph Macon Women's Colleges in three games, and took Ferrum and Lynchburg Colleges in two games.

Paulina Leroux and Grace Akers set extremely well, according to Coach Chamblee. "This really gives our team a lift. The setters are the key to getting a good hitting game and they really came through this weekend."

Ginger Ratcliff and Lynn Ward hit extremely well. Dalinda and Paulina's serving was especially strong. Susan Beck, a freshman, has good defensive skills, and really helped

the defensive game. Drs. Bross and Chamblee were extremely pleased with this weekend's effort.

"We hope this intensity, enthusiasm, and teamwork will continue. Beginning this

Saturday we start an extremely difficult part of our schedule, and if we play well, every match will be close. I hope this gives us the confidence to continue to play well," said Coach Cynthia Bross.

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10. **Lace**, by Shirley Conran. (Pocket, \$3.95.) A jet-set journey through the lives of four women who share a guilty secret.

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