

ISTLC Opens as Health and Science Building

Last summer we previewed the new classroom building which was taking shape at the center of NMC's main campus. This fall the building opens for business—and boasts a shorter name. Starting out as the Integrated Science and Technology Learning Center, this wonderful new facility has become, simply, the Health and Science Building.

Attached to the Biederman Building at one end, the Health and Science Building creates a single expansive unit of classrooms, offices, and student interaction space. Replacing the old science and health labs, this new building has up-to-the-minute laboratory space for both NMC and University Center programs.

"With the opening of the Health and Science Building, our UC partners will be able to bring upper division science courses to Traverse City," University Center Executive Director Marguerite Cotto said. "This will enhance our offerings in teacher education and environmental science—and create new programs in engineering. Eventually, we'll see programs in veterinary technology, surveying, and water quality testing."

It hasn't been easy getting from there to here, since almost every academic area has been asked to move to new quarters. As the Old Science Building becomes general classroom space and faculty offices and the Communications Building becomes administrative offices, there are transitions galore.



Connecting to Biederman.

"People have been very good sports about this," Construction Projects Director Ed Bailey said. "The renovations we're doing across campus have improved the working environment, so the temporary disruption is worth the effort."

New Labs



New Entrance

Keith Overbaugh is a Biology instructor at NMC who will be moving into the new Health and Science Building. "Students have been very patient over the past years, working in out-dated facilities," he said. "We are grateful to the community and the State of Michigan for providing this new state-of-the-art building. A positive laboratory experience is critical for our learners as they prepare for the professions in an increasingly technical workplace."

A public open house and dedication for the Health and Science Building is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. with tours to follow. For more information, call the NMC College Relations Office at 231 995-1019.

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Alumni Updates

1950's

Whiting, Richard G. 1954-56

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Mr. Whiting received an AA from NMC. In 1965 he received a BA from Michigan State University "with four sons and two bassett hounds." Before retiring, he was a real estate appraiser for 20 years in Traverse City.

Favorite Memory: "Helping start ski club. Winter party at Twin Lake Lodge. First Barbecue. Moving to present campus. Basketball games."

1960s

Maddy, Barbara L. 1951, 1963-65

10945 SW Bayshore Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684

Ms. Maddy was in the nursing program at NMC and has retired from her career as a registered nurse.

Favorite Memory: "I remember Mrs. Ernestine Johnson, NMC Instructor and RN, encouraging 'older students' and Les Biederman's tribute to me at graduation."



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1970s

Gustafson, Bonnie L. 1968-70

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Ms. Gustafson was in the Medical Assisting Program at NMC. She received a BS in Psychology from the University of Southern Florida, and has worked for 15 years in the Human Resources field.

Favorite Memory: "Working on the switchboard with Evelyn Durga and observing all the comings and goings in the front lobby."

Kapusta, Andrew H. Jr. 1971-73

42530 Terry Street, Clinton Township, MI 48038;
kappy1984@msn.com

Mr. Kapusta studied law enforcement at NMC, then received a BS in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University. He has been a Road Sergeant with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department since 1979.

Favorite Memory: "Classes, first apartment, and having a good time earning my degree at NMC."

Katafiasz, Laurie E. (Deitz) 1973-75

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Ms. Katafiasz was in the Medical Assistant program at NMC. She now works in child development. In addition, Ms. Katafiasz is a member of the Girl Scouts Council board and is a leader for three different troops—Daisy, Junior & Senior.

Favorite Memory: "Our Circle K group borrowed one of the NMC vans to attend a leadership conference. On our return trip we stopped for gas and found we had a nearly empty tank, a locked gas cap and no key. We required a locksmith to get home, in the wee-small hours."

Priest, Elizabeth A. (Bogedin) 1973-76

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eapriest@aol.com

Ms. Priest earned an AD in nursing at NMC. She has lived in Florida since 1989 and still works as an RN. Her three children are all college graduates.

Favorite Memory: "Bob Warner in Admissions and Financial Aid was instrumental in helping me attend college. His sociology course was excellent also."

Shetterly, Greg 1971-72

Mr. Shetterly studied Aviation Technology at NMC. In 1997 he received a BA from St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a pilot for American TransAir Airline and a designated pilot examiner.

Favorite Memory: "Flying over the bays in the spring after a long winter!"

Warren, Lorelie J. 1973-75

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lorrie@pentel.net

Ms. Warren studied Liberal Arts at NMC and then earned a degree in Legal Assisting from Ferris State University. She has been a paralegal with the same firm for 23 years.

Favorite Memory: "Meeting lifelong friends!"

Welling, Candy R. (Fagley) 1973-75

1812 Oxford Street, Saginaw, MI 48602

Ms. Welling was in the Medical Assisting program at NMC. She received a BA in elementary education from Saginaw Valley State University, and teaches first grade at Mosaica Academy in Saginaw, Michigan. She is working towards a Masters in Early Childhood Education.

Favorite Memory: "All the people I met during that time. The fun we had and all the funny things we did."

1980s

Humphrey, Verna L. (Turcotte) 1978-80

11950 West Muskrat Road, Greenville, MI 48838; humpy@pathwaynet.com

Ms. Humphrey was in the Commercial Art program at NMC. She is working at Knap & Vogt Manufacturing in Grand Rapids, Michigan and taking classes in machine operations.

Favorite Memory: "Graduation Day!! Also my favorite memories reflect back to great friends I had and some I still have from those years."

Inman, Larry C. 1972-74, 1984-88

8971 Crockett, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Mr. Inman earned an AS in Law Enforcement from NMC, a BS from Northern Michigan University, and returned to NMC to earn a Banking and Finance Certificate. He continues his education through the American and Michigan Banking Associations, and is currently Vice President and Senior Business Banking Loan Officer at Huntington National Bank in Traverse City, Michigan. Mr. Inman has been involved in a variety of community organizations and has been a Grand Traverse County Commissioner since 1993.

Favorite Memory: "All the social activities on campus."

Nurmohamed, Hassan "Sun" K.H. 1980-82

5810 Woodruff Drive, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Mr. Nurmohamed was in the auto service program at NMC. He worked for Buick Motor Division for 11 years and now owns Frontier Chevrolet, Inc.

Favorite Memory: "Met a lot of great friends and my wife."

Nurmohamed, Lisa A. (Worden) 1977-80

5810 Woodruff Drive, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Ms. Nurmohamed was in the nursing program at NMC. She worked as a nurse for 16 years and now works in her husband's car dealership.

Favorite memory: "Meeting my husband and the unique experience of the Nursing Program; especially the closeness of the class."

1990s

Fuller, Rick D. 1983-91

15517 North Bluff Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

Mr. Fuller earned three degrees from NMC—AA in Liberal Arts, AS in Science and AA in Broadcast Communications. He also earned a BA from Spring Arbor through NMC's University Center. "I think I must have taken almost every class offered. Thoroughly enjoy Dr. Scharf with our trips to the islands—Fox, Manitou and Gull! Since I worked in TC, the U. Center made it possible for me to get BA degree!"

Alumni Updates

Gauthier, Gilbert "Dale"

1971 & 1995-98

254 East 9th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684;
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Mr. Gauthier earned an AA in Nursing at NMC, a BA and certification in Geriatrics from Spring Arbor.

Favorite Memory: "Dissecting animals in Anatomy & Physiology class lab."

Hahnenberg, Deborah L. (Teesdale)

1992-95

After receiving an AA in Social Work from NMC, Ms. Hahnenberg received a MSW from Grand Valley State University through NMC's University Center. She currently works for the State as a Program Coordinator.

Favorite Memory: "Being on campus every day for class."

Lane, Marian J. (Knapp)

1984-85, 1991-93

6543 Cedar Run Road, Traverse City, MI 49684;user8@coslink.net

Ms. Lane studied music education and medical assisting at NMC. She continued her education at Spring Arbor College through NMC's University Center. She has participated in the NMC Jazz and Community Bands, and was a brass player on the MSU Cherry Festival float.

Favorite Memory: "Medical Assistant Candle Lighting Pinning Ceremony, 1993. Opening of Milliken Auditorium and Dennon Museum. Biology class campus tree identifying tour (1992)."

Snow, Julie L. (Spetebrook) 1990-93

201 East Chapin Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

Mrs. Snow studied Communications at NMC, earning a Divisional Scholarship in Communications in 1992. She and her husband, David have three children. For the past 10 years, Mrs. Snow has been employed with T & L Precision Lathe, L.L.C. of McBain, Michigan.

Favorite Memory: "Rob Hamilton, English professor at NMC-Cadillac. Need I say more?"

Zinzow, Julia (Myre), 1990

N11 W29677 Southampton Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188; jrfmz@wi.rr.com

Ms. Zinzow studied Medical Transcription at NMC, becoming certified in 1990. She transcribed for a podiatrist and for a multi-disciplinary rehab clinic in Cadillac. She married in 1998, retired and moved to Wisconsin.

Favorite Memory: "Honors Convocation was a thrill for me to be a part of. It was a dream come true to be selected outstanding student in my field."

Message from the President

Dear Friends of NMC,

As you can see from this issue, things are changing on our campuses. You and members of our community have made these physical improvements possible. As you may remember, in November of 1999, the residents of Grand Traverse County approved a \$34.7 million bond to fund numerous campus improvement projects. We have been successful in securing an additional \$22 million in State of Michigan, federal and local funds. I thank each of you for your support.



All four NMC locations in Traverse City have undergone changes and renovations. Whenever change occurs, there is a risk of losing cherished characteristics—and to make sure this didn't occur, we engaged members from all parts of our campus community in extensive planning processes. We believe these physical upgrades will enhance our ability to serve students. We will continue to have face-to-face exchanges with students, a focus on learning and the highest quality faculty and staff.

Higher education nationally and in Michigan faces some challenging times. Even as we complete many capital projects, State and federal funding levels for operations are under severe pressure. We at NMC are evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of everything we do using a process called Program and Service Prioritization. Using this process, we will ask tough questions and confront hard choices. It is a way of making sure that we continue to be effective stewards of your resources and your college.

I invite you to visit campus and see for yourself that we are preserving the legacies of the past while growing into the future.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy J. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background that features a faint, stylized map of Michigan.

Timothy J. Nelson
NMC President

NMC Selects 2002 Outstanding Alumnus

Maurie Dennis, Vice President of UBS PaineWebber in Traverse City, has been named NMC's Outstanding Alumnus for 2002. Dennis graduated from NMC in 1964 and went on to complete his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, and a master's degree at Central Michigan University.



Maurie Dennis

NMC wasn't Dennis' first choice of colleges. "I tried Western Michigan University first," he acknowledges, but didn't do very well. "When I tried to move back home again, my mother said I didn't live there anymore and recommended

a new college up in Traverse City." Dennis grew up in Ludington, Michigan.

"The turning point was a Music Appreciation class at NMC," Dennis remembers. "I got an A on the first test and finally got interested in studying." He realized that, "attending college was a job. If you worked from 8 to 5, you could do well and also have fun."

Math turned out to be his best subject and Dennis was inspired to study accounting by NMC instructor Glen Anderson. "He was very patient, rather formal, and a good role model. He made me feel, 'I can do this.'" In 1996, Dennis and his wife Diane started a scholarship at NMC in Glen Anderson's name.

Dennis remembers NMC with much affection and appreciation. "There was a feeling that this was a real college, a community," he said. "And the campus is so beautiful."

Dennis received his CPA in 1970 and started his own business, Dennis & Gartland, in Traverse City in 1973. In 1983 he became a Certified Financial Planner and joined A.G. Edwards in 1991, transferring to PaineWebber in 2000.

An active community participant, Dennis has been President of the Traverse City Rotary Club, Treasurer of the Michigan Association of CPAs, President of the National Cherry Festival, Chair of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, Treasurer of Dakoske Hall, and Treasurer of the NMC Wigwam Club.

As 2002 Outstanding Alumnus, Dennis will be honored at a dinner on October 5, 2002.

For more information, contact the NMC College Relations Office: 231 995-1027.

Faculty Excellence Award Winners Are Recognized

At Commencement in May, the college named maritime instructor **Mike Surgalski** as the recipient of the 2002 Imogene Wise Faculty Excellence Award and astronomy instructor **Jerry Dobek** as the recipient of the 2002 Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award.

The criteria for both awards are the same: Teaching excellence, rapport with students, innovation in the classroom, and a sense of dedication.

Mike Surgalski has been at NMC since 1995 and teaches in the Great Lakes Maritime Academy program. A 1979 graduate of the Academy, Surgalski spent 2 years on Great Lakes oil tankers and 11 years with the Bob-lo Steamship Company as captain of a ferry boat. About the switch to teaching, Surgalski said, "I like it a lot. On a ship you develop a routine, but there's nothing routine about teaching."

"My students have such varied backgrounds and I like the challenge of trying to reach them," he says. "It's rewarding to see what they've accomplished at the end of three years."

In nominating Surgalski for the award, students said, "To say this instructor has rapport with students is an understatement!" "He always uses practical situations whenever possible, mixing them with real-life anecdotes and sea stories." "He has an infectious sense of dedication to the Great Lakes shipping industry." In addition to his Maritime Academy degree, Surgalski has a teaching degree from Wayne State University.



Mike Surgalski

Jerry Dobek

Jerry Dobek has taught part-time at NMC since 1987 in the field of astronomy and in 1995 became the Observatory Specialist at the NMC Rogers Observatory. An NMC graduate, Dobek has worked in construction

and automotive service, but astronomy has been his passion since he was a boy. "When I see a question in my students and can help them find the answer, that's learning. We're here to learn all we can and pass it on to the next generation. Astronomy sparks the imagination because most of it is still theory!"

In nominating Dobek for the award, students said, "He is great about accommodating the various learning styles of the students." "His rapport with students is built on fairness... and if we need to, we can stay after lab and get help." "He had the greatest ideas for hands-on learning."

The Imogene Wise Faculty Excellence Award has been given each year since 1971; the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award began in 1999.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Planned Gift Gives Back

When Mary Ann Bush graduated from Buckley High School in 1958, she knew she was headed for Northwestern Michigan College. "That's where I was going," she said, "I didn't know what for." Like most of NMC students, she was "undecided," but by the time she

transferred to Central Michigan University, she wanted to major in home economics and science.

NMC gave her an excellent start, she said, and so she has named NMC as the beneficiary of her life insurance policy.

"I got a scholarship for \$100 both years I was at NMC," she said, "and it paid the tuition for all three terms." Her planned gift is a way to give back.

Among her memories of NMC is being the only woman in Art Moenkhaus' Physics class. "When I got 100% on a test, he told the class I couldn't have done it on my own because I was a female," she said, but she wasn't bothered. "I enjoyed the class," she said with a chuckle. While at NMC, she was also President of the Associated Women Students and on the yearbook staff.

After graduating from CMU, she taught school for a few years, then attended Western Michigan University where she received a certificate in Occupational Therapy and taught for 26 years. "NMC wanted students to be able to transfer to any four-year college," she said, "and they've done a wonderful job."



Mary Bush in 1960 (standing, third from right) with the NMC yearbook staff.

Alumni

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West Bay Has New Boat, New Building (Almost)

Hard to believe, but the great hulking cement wall along East Front Street in Traverse City—called “the freezer building” at NMC’s Technical Campus—is mostly gone. The western end of the structure has been demolished and the Great Lakes Maritime Academy has moved into the rest of it—just ahead of the demolition of their own building.

Of their new/old location, Academy Superintendent John Tanner said, “It’s amazing what a coat of paint and new light bulbs can do. And it’s just for 18 months.” Besides, Tanner has a really exciting event to manage—the arrival a new ship.

The State of Michigan (pictured above) is a 224-foot training vessel which has been assigned to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy of Northwestern Michigan College by the federal Maritime Administration (MARAD). During the first two weeks in August, Academy staff and graduates sailed the ship from New York City to Traverse City.

While in TC, the boat was toured and christened before being sent on to Wisconsin to be “fitted out” as a training vessel. It will return to the Maritime Academy in October where it

will be used as a “dockside laboratory” and then for cadet “sea time.” Public open houses will be scheduled at that time.

Until now, the Great Lakes Maritime Academy has been the only maritime academy of seven nationwide without a ship of its own. “With added responsibility for meeting international standards for training mariners, we needed our own ship,” Tanner said. “It will be a wonderful training aid. It’s modern and has the same complexity as the ships our graduates will work on.”

In addition to the Maritime Academy, the new building at West Bay will include the NMC Culinary Arts Program, Freshwater Studies programs, and a conference center. The NMC Foundation is launching a campaign to raise \$2.95 million to complete the \$18.05 million cost for the West Bay project.

“The Foundation is committed to this project,” Foundation Chair Chuck Judson said. “We view this as a significant step forward for the college and the community in realizing the potential of this waterfront property.” The new building will open in the spring of 2004.

For more information about the State of Michigan call the Maritime Academy Office at 231 995-1200.



The State of Michigan training vessel has been assigned to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy of Northwestern Michigan College by the federal Maritime Administration.



Great Lakes Maritime Students Pen Dallas, Rebecca Hancock and Ruth Riordan (left to right) use the deck simulator.

Annual Campaign Helps Students

NMC’s annual campaign has set a goal of increasing donors by 7 percent for 2002 and has targeted two special areas for support. In addition, matching gifts are available for new donors and for donors who increase the amount of their gifts.

The Commitment Program began in 1993 as a way to encourage at-risk middle school students to complete high school and attend college—by offering them a full tuition scholarship at NMC. Since 1999, we’ve welcomed four classes of incoming Commitment students... and continue to welcome support for this worthy program.

The Adopt-a-Student Program invites donors to sponsor an NMC student for one week or more by contributing an amount that will cover estimated expenses for tuition, fees, and books. This year, we’re targeting these funds to support students from the Great Lakes Maritime Academy and Culinary Arts programs to coordinate with the West Bay Campus redevelopment project.

Last fall, the NMC College Relations Office welcomed a new staff member to coordinate the Annual Campaign, Teri Hedrich. To contact her about the Annual Campaign, call 231 995-1027 or email: thehedrich@nmc.edu