

West Bay Campus Is Transformed

NMC is working to reshape its West Bay Campus into an “educational park” which will contain a new Great Lakes Maritime Academy, the NMC Culinary Arts Program, a Lifelong Learning Center, and activities related to freshwater research. Plans call for the replacement of existing buildings with a single structure, reducing square footage and opening up the bay view.

When the college bought the eight-acre parcel from Cherry Growers in 1967, there were 22 buildings on the site. In fact, what has been called “the freezer building” on Front Street was actually five buildings constructed between 1922 and 1954. Gradually NMC demolished some of the 22 structures and renovated others to make room for technical programs, the Great Lakes Maritime Academy, and various offices.

spring; the remaining structure is being retained to house the Maritime Academy while its new facility is being constructed. Harbor improvements are also part of the plan.

The \$18,050,000 project is being funded by NMC bond funds, a Federal and State grant, and a Foundation campaign which is expected to raise \$2.35 million. Target completion is fall 2004.

“The Great Lakes Maritime Academy has an Internationally recognized program,” GLMA Superintendent John Tanner said “with Alumni who have made an impact not only on the Great Lakes maritime community but on the Nation’s maritime community. We will now have a building that will reflect the soul of our maritime program and its graduates.”



The proposed West Bay Campus, opening views and opportunities.

Buildings designed for “fruit processing and cold storage” never really became effective learning environments, but the view was spectacular. Now, some 30 years later, NMC is taking steps to fulfill the potential of that bayside location. Demolition of the western portion of the “freezer building” began last fall and will be completed this

Fred Laughlin, chair of the NMC Culinary Department said, “The West Bay Campus will enhance the Culinary Arts program by providing students a state-of-the-art training facility. Professional development and extended educational opportunities will also be available to the Grand Traverse community.”

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Local News Anchor Hosts Jazz on WNMC

WNMC presents 52 hours of jazz-based programming every week on 90.7 FM. Dave Walker can be heard on "Jazz from the Tradition" each Sunday from 1-2pm, followed by "Farther Along", presenting a variety of jazz from the fifties to today from 2-5pm. For more information, call WNMC at 231 995-1090.



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Practically everyone in Northwestern Michigan is familiar with the face and voice of Dave Walker, news anchor on TV7&4. Now we're getting familiar with his new identity: Dave Walker the jazz disc jockey.

Walker, whose radio experience dates to his high school days, has been spinning classic jazz on WNMC, the college's public radio station, for nearly six months. Walker's program "Jazz from the Tradition" airs each Sunday from 1 to 2 pm and concentrates on jazz from the twenties through the forties.



Dave Walker

Walker says his love of jazz has deep roots: "As a kid growing up in Ludington, I listened to Chicago's great, 50,000 watt, clear channel giants in the middle of the night. WGN, WBBM and WMAQ hosted overnight shows heavy on jazz and big band music and I loved it."

Before switching to television news in 1984, Walker spent years in radio, presenting, among other things, swing and contemporary jazz. "My ideal time travel experience would be to go back to the 30's and dance at the Savoy in Harlem," Walker says. "You can't resist, the beat starts and you get up and move, your spirit and soul expresses itself through your body's movements. That's what the music does to me."

When Walker got a hankering to share his enthusiasm for jazz with radio listeners again, WNMC "seemed like the only option," he says.

"WNMC is the only game in town when it comes to radio diversity," Walker says. "As a longtime listener of the Saturday morning blues and Sunday jazz offerings, I would occasionally hear some swing band or traditional jazz on WNMC, so I was aware of the possibility that WNMC would consider a show" dedicated to classic jazz.

After proposing the show to the station, Walker quickly found himself back on the radio. "I'm having a blast," Walker says. "I look forward each week to my hour on Sunday. A big thrill is to have listeners call and ask for a song or thank me for a tune or just chat about the music and, possibly, their memories of the times and music. I can't imagine that this won't always be fun, and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

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"The West Bay Campus redevelopment initiative signals new opportunities for University Center programming with a focus on fresh water and the Great Lakes," NMC University Center Director Marguerite Cotto said. "We envision science education programs for teachers that will help them use our extraordinary region as a living

laboratory for the study of fresh water, ecology, and related topics. We also envision new possibilities for educational partnerships between GLMA, the Culinary Program and our university partners in such diverse topics as maritime security and wine production as we seek to play an active and forward thinking role as educational partner of choice."

Alumni Updates

1950's

Gray, Kent L. 1955-57

4194 Hearthside, Traverse City, MI 49684

After studying Science at NMC, Dr. Gray received a BS, BA, MS, and a MA from Central Michigan University, and a Ph.D. from Indiana University. Dr. Gray has been a Public Health Director for 25 years.

Favorite Memory: "The excellence of the faculty; walking and studying under the pines; staking out my one square foot of land N.E. of campus."

Kennedy, John S. 1955-57

4765 Arthur Court, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Mr. Kennedy studied pre-engineering at NMC then earned a masters degree from the University of Michigan. He taught math for 30 years in Birmingham, Michigan.

Favorite Memory: "John Dean, Duane Probst, Ralph Green & I got full tuition scholarships to Michigan. Three of us finished there. It seemed everyone else went to Michigan State."

Kerr, Marjorie "Jeanne" (Underhill)

1951-53

510 West Barnes Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910

Ms. Kerr studied English and Spanish at NMC, and earned a MA from Michigan State University. She retired in 1986 from the Lansing school system and "loves to travel."

Favorite Memory: "Dancing, playing Crazy Eights, etc. in old Quonset hut. The floor would actually bounce with dancers on it."

NMC ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN NEAR GOAL

This year's annual fund campaign is close to its goal of raising \$220,000 for scholarships and other special college needs. One focus of this year's effort was endowing the 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund.

Campaign Co-chairs Chuck Judson and Mark Ribel coordinated a large group of volunteers who worked hard to increase the number of donors as well as dollars. "The Foundation is an opportunity to involve the community in the life of the college," Judson said. New College Relations staff member Teri Hedrich is coordinating the annual fund and said contributions are still being accepted; for more information, call 231 995-1027 or email: thedrich@nmc.edu

Professional Development "Ripped from the Headlines"



Jim Valovick speaks about ethical issues related to human cloning; other panel members, left to right: Fred Tank, Jim Press, Margery Taylor and Ann Ivers.

To demonstrate the value of an interdisciplinary approach to learning, the organizers of "Professional Development Day" for spring semester invited faculty from 11 different disciplines to comment on the controversial topic of human cloning... after members of the audience were asked to write down their own position on the topic.

Some of the discipline comments included:

Biology, Fred Tank: "What is a clone? Nothing new; it goes on in nature all the time. It's a genetically identical offspring."

Medical/Health: Ann Ivers and Margery Taylor: "Therapeutic cloning is different from reproductive cloning... The potential for therapeutic cloning is staggering."

Ethics, Jim Valovick: "If we view this in terms of outcomes, we must ask, 'If we have the chance to increase the degree of happiness in our society and we can do so without sacrificing something of equal or greater benefit, then should we do it?'"

History, Jim Press: "The Nazis assumed power peacefully and conducted horrific 'medical experiments' in the effort to engineer a master race; I offer warnings about going down this road."

Religion, Dave Terrell: "What does religion have to say about this? Not much... but if I can tease metaphors out of Christian scripture, one might be that we are co-creators with God of the universe, with a goal of bringing order out of chaos."

Psychology, Sonja Olshove: "If a mother tried to raise a clone of herself, her attitude would be all-important: not, 'You are me' but 'You are you.' We all have a need to be unique."

Sociology, Diane Emling: "Since material things change faster than non-material things (like values, beliefs), the ethical discussions will lag behind. If we have the technological capacity to go there, it's hard not to."

Literature & Film, Garyn Roberts: "Literature, film, radio and television have featured stories of cloning for many years. Fiction and non-fiction alike have both reflected and predicted real-life advances and issues related to cloning."

Legal, Gary Klotzbach: "This has not been well settled legally and there are 51 jurisdictions: 50 states and the federal government. We may need a regulatory body."

Politics, John Zachman: "Public opinion surveys indicate there is some support for cloning to produce vital organs, to save a life, and to help infertile couples. Thankfully, there is little support for the use of cloning to create superior human beings."

Business, Kristen Stehouwer: "The market for pig parts is \$18 billion and there's already an Investors' Guide to Stem Cells. The mobility of the technology means it will move to where it can continue to develop."

After each faculty member had spoken, moderator Kevin Peek asked, "Can we put the genie back in the bottle?" The consensus was no. "You can only push it underground or regulate it," Zachman said. A final question: "Did this interdisciplinary discussion change your position on human cloning?" Not necessarily but everyone felt better informed and eager to use such an approach in the classroom with other topics, "ripped from the headlines." Bravo!

Foundation Elects Officers and Welcomes New Board Member

At the 2002 annual meeting, the NMC Foundation elected officers: Chair, Chuck Judson; First Vice Chair, Jay Hook; Second Vice Chair, Timothy Nelson; Secretary, Jim Beckett; and Treasurer, Bob Boeve.

New member **Barb Schmuckal-Benson** said, "I'm honored to be a part of this group because NMC is such a treasure in this area." Barb is Vice President and part-owner of Schmuckal Oil Company in Traverse City where she oversees the operations of 28 gasoline and convenience stores in northwest Michigan. A native of Traverse City, Barb graduated from St. Mary's College in marketing and finance.

Barb's community involvement includes membership on boards for the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce and Child & Family Services of Northwest Michigan. She is a charter member and former president of Zonta Club II of Traverse City, a member of the Michigan Petroleum Association and serves | on the Diocese of Gaylord Finance Council. She and her husband Chuck have three sons.

"NMC really impacts people of all ages in our region," she said. "There's so much good that has come out of the college, it's exciting to be part of planning for the future."



Barb Schmuckal-Benson

NMC Doubles Its International Student Enrollment

In the fall of 2001, Northwestern Michigan College welcomed 32 international students to its campus, up from 15 the year before. The reasons for the increase are several:

NMC has stepped up its efforts to bring more international students to campus with a special website;

An "International Students Club" has an active membership;

International students have learned that community colleges are friendly and affordable—and NMC is one of the few community colleges with residence halls;

Some exchange students attending high school in Traverse City decide to stay here for college.

"It's also word-of-mouth," Admissions Specialist Jim Bensley said. "International students who like NMC recruit other students from their countries." For example, NMC has hosted a series of students from Zimbabwe. Bensley is the staff advisor for the International Students Club and an enthusiastic recruiter. "They add so much richness to the learning experience on our campus," he said.



NMC International Students (l to r): Urmila Subedi, Nepal; Marte Jorgensen, Norway; Phillip Schretter, Germany; Lucia Habermayerova, Slovakia; Asela Perera, Sri Lanka; Karolina Jasinska, Poland and Hema Daya, South Africa

During a recent club meeting, students from Norway, Switzerland, Germany, Poland, Latvia, Indonesia, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong, South Africa, Kenya, and Sri Lanka sat around eating pizza and talking about their experiences at NMC and in the USA.

"The NMC staff is very welcoming," Gaves Moyo of Zimbabwe said, "The Admissions team is like family."

"I like the small classes; we get to know each other," Chi "Gigi" Ying of Hong Kong said, "The instructors are very nice and the dorm is fun."

Sandy Falke of Germany said, "It's hard to get to know American students," a comment that was seconded by a student from Poland, then contradicted by a student from Indonesia. About America, most agreed, "It's not like Hollywood or television."

For more information, contact Jim Bensley at (231) 995-1034 or: jbensley@nmc.edu.

1950s

Lawton, Wayne E. 1952-54
8221 West First Street, Lake City, MI 49651;
wclawton@netonecom.net

Mr. Lawton received an AA from NMC. He retired from secondary teaching in Chesaning, Michigan, and "moved back" to be near his hometown of Manton.

Favorite Memory: "Instructors Walter Holland, Velma Brandt, Walter Beardslee, Nicholas Rajkovich... and classmates. Also sitting around the heating stove in the Quonset hut during breaks. As I recall, this was our student lounge."

Richter, Audrey A. (O'Brien) 1953-55
1717 Burke NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

After studying English at NMC, Ms. Richter attended Marquette University and is a paraprofessional in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Favorite Memory: "John McChrystal—great professor and friend to students. Lip Sync group Sha-Boom Sha-Boom performing at school events and on tv."

1960s

Fuller, Calvin D. 1958-61
15517 North Bluff Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

After studying Liberal Arts at NMC, Mr. Fuller received a BA in Education from Michigan State University. "Always attend BBQ & visit/tour campus."

Kleimola, Barbara H. (Hicks) 1962-64
Ms. Kleimola studied business at NMC. She worked toward a BA at Ferris State University through NMC's University Center until transferring to Prudenville. She retired from Consumers Energy in 1999 after a 33 year career.

Favorite Memory: "Overall memory of great instructors who made a lasting positive impression on my life."

LeBlond, Margaret A. (Spencer) 1958-60
12421 Pinecrest Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170;
xenon@primenet.com

Ms. LeBlond studied economics and business administration at NMC. She graduated from the University of Detroit and became an elementary teacher. She was also campaign and finance associate for United Way.

Favorite Memory: "Mr. Rajkovich's afternoon economics class—there were only two students! We certainly had to know the material!"

1970s

Brooks, Dennis S. 1971-73
109 Knapp Street, Allegan, MI 49010;
brooksfoto@hotmail.com

Mr. Brooks studied Law Enforcement and Police Administration at NMC. He is a photography and graphic design instructor for Kalamazoo Public Schools. Mr. Brooks has four children: Lara & Ken, 20 years; and Mary & Alex, 8 years.

Favorite Memory: "1. Law Enforcement "blue book" essay exams every Friday. 2. Escorting our dates on moonlit nights to either West or East Bay Park..."

Drake, Mark E. 1971-73
1071 S. Donnybrook Road, Suttons Bay, MI 49682;
stoneypointorchards@prodigy.net

Mr. Drake received an AA from NMC. In 1975 he earned a BS in Horticulture from Michigan State University, and he attends seminars concerning fruit growing.

Favorite Memory: "Starting the NMC baseball team in 1972. Bill Long's lamp blacking of the microbiology microscopes!"

Fardell, George 1976-78
854 West I Street, Benicia, CA 94510;
gfmedical@aol.com

Mr. Fardell studied math and science at NMC. He is a marketing manager for high tech clinical and research equipment.

Favorite Memory: "Mr. Rudd walking into the lecture hall, adjusting the lights just right & ripping several pages out of his text book."

1980s

Case, Nora J. 1986-89
1441 14 Road, Mesick, MI 49668

Ms. Case earned an Associates degree in Nursing at NMC. She is a registered nurse at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City and is certified in inpatient obstetrical care/high risk obstetrics and neonatal care.

Favorite Memory: "Going out on the lawn on a beautiful spring/summer day for class to enjoy our wonderful weather that time of year."

Fuller, Robin J. 1978-80
Ms. Fuller studied liberal arts and nursing at NMC. She "thoroughly enjoyed BBQ each year."

1990s

Decker, Tobin J., 1987-89, 1991-92
1935 Bridgewater Drive, Avon, IN 46123;
tjdecke@aol.com

During his time at NMC, Mr. Decker studied Biology, Chemistry and Aviation. He works as a commercial pilot and "loves it."

Favorite Memory: "Working with Mr. David Loveland when I flight instructed for NMC. Also taking many check rides with Mr. Buttleman!"

Hampel, Barbara A. (Edgecomb) 1991-99
Ms. Hampel studied elementary education and business at NMC.

Favorite Memory: "The wonderful professors that are at NMC. They are very helpful and take a lot of interest in helping students."

Miehke, Kathleen K. 1994-95
901 East Pine Street, Midland, MI 48640;
miehlkek@hotmail.com

After studying education at NMC, Ms. Miehke attended Eastern Michigan University. She now works in pharmacy.

Favorite memory: "All the friends I made at NMC. Also making cotton candy at the BBQ."

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Social Security Number		
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Tour Irel and with Local Expert, May 2-16

NMC's Extended Educational Services is offering a customized tour to Ireland as part of its educational travel program this spring. This robust vacation with educational perspective will be guided by John McKinney, the Northwest Michigan Sea Grant agent, who will provide a unique emphasis on comparisons between the coastal



communities of Ireland and those of our Great Lakes region. The tour also includes cultural events, castle tours, and shopping and hiking excursions.

For more information, please contact the NMC Extended Educational Services office at 231 995-1700 or email: www.ees@nmc.edu

Thanks For Giving

In the wake of September 11, 2001 many of us have re-awakened to the importance of family, friends and community.

When our nation was established, America was on a course that would include a vital role for organizations such as Northwestern Michigan College that were neither governmental nor business, and would need to receive private contributions to be successful. Now is the time for all of us associated with NMC to be proud of the difference we have made and the lives we have changed.

There are many charitable organizations that are in need of support. That's why we are especially thankful for your gifts. NMC exists today because 50 years ago, someone felt there was a

need. That has not changed. We continue to be committed to quality education for students and our community, keeping learning at the center of everything we do.

Your generosity is an essential ingredient to NMC's success, both now and in the years to come. If you are interested in making a gift of ongoing significance, the following ideas may be of interest.

1. A gift included in your will or living trust is one way to establish a lasting legacy.
2. A gift of retirement assets, such as pension plans or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) may allow you to give more than you thought possible, while eliminating taxes that may otherwise largely consume these assets.

3. Consider gifts of life insurance. Gifts of policies or proceeds you may no longer need offer excellent tax benefits. Life insurance can also be used to "replace" other assets you have contributed, thereby providing more for your family.

4. A life income gift may provide you and/or someone you designate with regular payments for life.

Gifts in any of these forms can be made in memory or in honor of special loved ones.

Please call Kathy Lievense, NMC Planned Giving Officer at 231-995-1855 for complimentary information on gift and estate planning ideas.

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These beautifully-restored vintage wooden tablet arm chairs were featured in the 1950s classroom during NMC's 50th Anniversary and are now available for sale—only 31 of them—for \$50 (with \$25 of that amount a tax-deductible gift to the NMC 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund).

For more information, contact the College Relations Office at 231 995-1830 or email: jcooper@nmc.edu

