

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.”



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

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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;

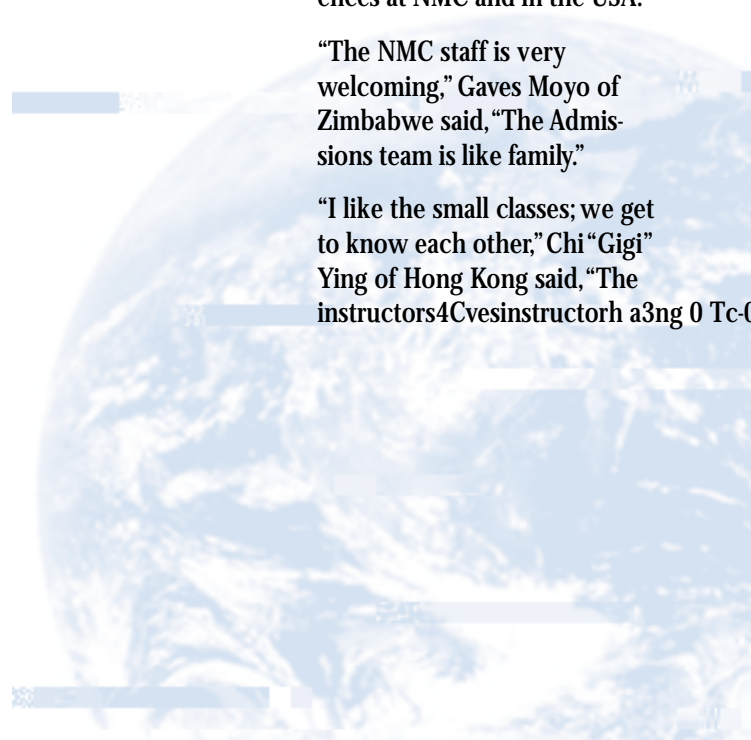
Some exchange students attending high school in Traverse City decide to stay here for college.

"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.

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 helpful."





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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.

Own a Fiftieth Anniversary Chair!

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

