The Cardinals finished the season 22-20-1. Bourcier (Montrose) each earned all-conference honorable mention honors. Freshman Katie Albert and senior Becky error (200 chances).

Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Junior Kelly Martin was tabbed as the all-conference second team catcher. Martin had her best offensive season as a Cardinal, setting a personal best in average (.327). She also finished the year without committing a fielding case.

The Interior

Dow CEO Popoff receives honorary degree from SVSU

Frank P. Popoff, retired chairman and chief executive officer of The Dow Chemical Co., received an honorary doctor of laws degree from SVSU during its spring Commencement ceremonies, Saturday, May 11. SVSU’s Board of Control approved a resolution to grant the honorary degree to Popoff during its May meeting, Friday, May 10.

Popoff addressed SVSU faculty, staff and more than 500 graduating students and their friends and families during the Spring Commencement ceremony in O’Neill Arena. A career of more than 41 years culminated in Popoff serving as CEO from 1987 through 1995, and chairman from 1992 through 2000. Popoff is a director of American Express Co., Chemical Financial Corp., Michigan Molecular Institute, Quest Communications International Inc., ShinEtsu Chemical Co. Ltd., and United Technologies Corp. He is past chairman of the American Chemistry Council, The Business Roundtable’s Environmental Committee and a founder of The Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Popoff is a member of The Business Council, the American Chemical Society, a director of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Indiana University Foundation and director emeritus of The Dow Chemical Co. He currently is visiting professor at the Indiana University School of Business, from which he has a master’s degree in business administration and a bachelor’s degree in chemistry.

He retired as CEO on his 65th birthday in 1989, the Queen of The Netherlands bestowed on him the title of Knight Commander in the Order Orange-Nassau. Popoff received the Leadership Award from the United States Council for International Business in 1992 and the Palladium Medal Award in 1994.

Popoff has been recognized internationally as a leading proponent of sustainable development, which seeks to reconcile economic growth with environmental protection. In 1991, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the President’s Commission on International Cooperation and Quality and as chairman of the Committee on International Cooperation. Popoff also received the René DuBos Environmental Award in 1993 for his outstanding contribution toward developing significant strategies for dealing with the social and humanistic aspects of environmental problems.

He is a past chairman of the Chemical Manufacturers Association and a member of the Business Council for Sustainable Development. The Business Council, the Council for Competitiveness and the American Chemical Society.

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- SVSU's Bay County Volunteer Committee will assist the Bay Arts Literacy Council at the Pig Gig, Aug. 2 through 4 in Bay City. Volunteers are needed as ticket sellers, name checkers, T-shirt sellers, etc. Participants do not need to reside in Bay County to join in the activity. For further information, contact Marie Rabideau, administrative assistant for Student Affairs, ext. 4294.
- The SVSU Cardinal Racing Formula SAE Team is competing again this year at the Silverdome, May 15 through 19. For further information, visit www.svsu.edu/students/ formula.htm.
- SVSU Information Technology Services has set aside approximately 35 used Gateway computer systems for “registered students” (employees are exempt, unless they are registered for classes). Students can purchase a low cost ($25) low-end Pentium computer system for personal use. Due to the few systems available, a computerized random lottery will be held to pick submitted entries. The deadline for submissions will be the morning of May 16. Winners will be contacted via their SVSU “CardMail” accounts about instructions for payment and pickup. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/it and click on the PC Lottery button.

Transitions

Note the following changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

Promoted/Transferred/Title Change
- Stephen Barbus, Dean, College of Education, E119, ext. 6067
- Gloria Hansen, Director, Health Services, W267, 4271
- Carlos Ramet, Executive Assistant to the President, W349, ext. 4042
- Bethany Rutsch, Sergeant, Public Safety, ext. 4133
- Tony Thomson, Director, Student Counseling Center, C112, ext. 4228
- Ron Tepkowski, Lieutenant, Public Safety, ext. 4285

New Staff
- Troy Deuscher, Custodian, Campus Facilities, ext. 7317
- Bethany Montgomery, Custodian, Campus Facilities, ext. 4279
- Kim Rynalski, Custodian, Campus Facilities, ext. 4279

Left/Leaving
- Jude Rariden

Alumni Association honors John M. Kunitzer as 2002 Distinguished Alumnus

John M. Kunitzer was presented the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award by the SVSU Alumni Association. A 1973 SVSU graduate, Kunitzer is president and chief executive officer of Yeo & Yeo PC, CPAs and Business Consultants.

Kunitzer majored in business administration while earning his bachelor’s degree from SVSU. He is a longtime Saginaw resident with an extensive list of personal and professional accomplishments.

Kunitzer leads Yeo & Yeo’s Auto Dealers Service team and is a member of the Health Care Services team.

As President and CEO of the Michigan CPA firm, he assumes responsibility for nine offices located in Alma, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Flint, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marlette, Midland and Saginaw. In addition to managing the CPA practice, he is the CEO of Yeo & Yeo Affiliated Medical Billing, LLC and Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, LLC. Kunitzer joined Yeo & Yeo in April 1973. He is a board member for the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, serves on the St. Thomas Aquinas Church finance committee, serves on the Saginaw Diocese Investment Committee, and is a member and past president of the Saginaw Valley Rotary Club.

Kunitzer also served on the board of directors of the Saginaw Community Foundation.

His service to SVSU includes service as chair of the alumni division of SVSU’s “Creating the Future” capital campaign – the most successful alumni fund-raising initiative in the University’s history. Kunitzer also is a member of SVSU’s Board of Fellows and a former member of its Annual Fund Committee. He also served on the search committee for the Dean of the College of Business and Management at SVSU.

Fredericks Museum receives grants, offers sculptures

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum recently received grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Heritage Preservation and the American Association of Museums. The Museum was awarded 2002 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) and Museum Assessment Program (MAP) grants. CAP provides funds for a general conservation survey of the museum’s collections. MAP is a cooperative program between IMLS and the American Association of Museums designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and plot a course for future improvements.

Opportunities to obtain commemorative sculptures from the limited edition of posthumous bronze casts authorized by the family of Detroit sculptor Marshall Fredericks are still available. The commemorative sculptures are offered as a gift to donors who contribute over $5,000 to the museum’s capital campaign. The selected sculptures, among the most popular of Fredericks’ work, include the Spirit of Detroit, Circus Clown, Too Bearly, The Thinker, Leaping Gazelle, Boy and Bear, Siberian Ram, Flying Wild Geese, and the Ann Arbor Eagle. All 10 commemorative sculptures can be viewed at www.svsu.edu/mfsm/campaign.htm, or for more information, call 964-7125 or 964-4052.

Sponsored Programs grants received

Tim Clark, director of the Center for Manufacturing Improvement, received three grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to strengthen the skills of Michigan’s workforce. A grant of $100,000 was received to provide economic development job training for Dow Corning. A second grant of $100,000 was received to provide these same services for Randell Manufacturing. The third grant of $12,757 will provide training to Brinks Machine Co. Inc. George Puia, Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, was awarded a two-year grant for $88,770 from the U.S. Department of Education Business and International Education Program. The project, “SVSU Global Business Initiative,” will accomplish three objectives. The Global Business Initiative will create and expand international business activity among small- to medium-sized firms in the Saginaw Valley region; increase the number of students who receive exposure to international perspectives and training and skills preparation for positions engaged in international economic activities; and improve the competencies of SVSU faculty to teach international business to the student population and business community.

Janet Rentsch, assistant director of Grants Administration, and Diane Boehm, director of Instructional Support Programs, secured $28,000 from the National Writing Project to continue with The Saginaw Bay National Writing Project. SVSU has received this grant annually since 1993. The Saginaw Bay Writing Project has developed a network of effective teachers who share their successes, foster a community of teachers who are also writers, encourage personal and professional growth in the teaching of writing, and work to improve the writing of Michigan students at all levels. K-16.

Tony Thomson, director of the Student Counseling Center, received a $28,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy in Conjunction with Prevention Network: Campus Social Mentoring Grant Program.

Gary Johns, professor of mathematical sciences, received a $10,000 grant from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium for his summer space camp program for children and educators at Beecher School District and an elementary school in the Flint Public School System.

James Lening, Carl A. Gerstacker Endowed Chair, received a $5,000 grant from the Fordham Foundation to produce a white paper titled “Reclaiming the Social Studies: Where the Current Orthodoxy Went Wrong and What Needs to Be Done.”

Deborah Huntley, associate professor of chemistry, was awarded $2,500 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium for her project “Development of New Equipment for Surface Analysis of Thin Films.”

Also, Huntley and two students, Brianna White and Rodney Valliere, each were awarded $2,500 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium for research projects. Hunley will mentor the students in their research of the use of derivatized fullerences for material science applications, and to develop a non-destructive evaluation method for detecting failure in ceramic components, respectively.