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Armatures on display in Marshall M. Fredericks Museum

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is displaying armatures of the late Michigan-based sculptor. The exhibition, "The Armature Revealed," will remain on display through Saturday, Sept. 24.

An armature is a framework that serves as a support core for a clay sculpture and comprises most of the sculptural form's mass. With an armature, a minimal amount of clay can be used and the sculpture is more physically stable.

Fredericks' armatures are composed of various materials. The large scale armatures are composed of wood laths attached to a wooden framework, and shaped polystyrene foam. The smaller armatures are wire skeletal forms wrapped around piping.

Dominating the central area of the gallery is Fredericks' full-scale armature of *Black Elk: Homage to the Great Spirit*. Composed of wood laths on a framework, it stands over 13 feet high, the largest of the armatures on display.

Fredericks was commissioned to design a small sculpture of *Black Elk*,



Black Elk: Homage to the Great Spirit, which stands over 13 feet high, is one of several armatures on display through September in the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

which was used to raise funds to construct the *Tower of the Four Winds* in Black Elk-Neihardt Park on the high bluffs west of Blair, Neb. He enlarged the sculpture to full-scale in the late 1990s.

Also included in the

exhibition are armatures of some of Fredericks' well-known public works, such as *Star Dream*, *Juggler Clown*, *Baboon with Baby Chimpanzee*, and *God and the Rainbow*.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located

in the Arbury Fine Arts Center. Summer hours (through Labor Day) are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the museum at ext. 7125 or visit the museum's Web site at www.svsu.edu/mfsm.

Resource Grants awarded to faculty and staff

The SVSU Foundation recently announced Resource Grants, totaling \$19,085:

- **Ryan Fewins**, assistant director of the Student Life Center, received \$10,804 to fund the International Alternative Break Program.
- **Richard Leininger**, professor of management & marketing, received \$1,000 for SVSU student participation in 2005-2006 Manitoba Intercollegiate Marketing Competition.
- **Gretchen Owocki**, associate professor of teacher education, and **Susie Emond**, professor of teacher education, received \$5,000 to start a library at the College of Education for on-site assessment and instruction of K-12 student reading, and to expand the home book collections of these students, all of whom show low achievement in reading.
- **Marcia Shannon**, assistant professor of nursing, received \$1,246 for student attendance and presentation at the 38th Bi-ennial Convention of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.
- **Judy Youngquist**, ESL Specialist, received \$1,035 for an international fair hosted by students in the English Language Program (ELP) and the related community outreach program based on a partnership between the ELP and Saginaw Public Schools.

Monday, Aug. 1 is the final deadline to have a new portrait taken for the 2005-06 Faculty/Staff Directory. Contact the Office of University Communications at ext. 4086 to make an appointment.

Gladwin student wins SVSU science award

Kelly Keen, a pre-secondary education major from Gladwin, has been awarded the fifth annual Saginaw Valley State University S.K. Yun Science Award, which recognizes natural science students who demonstrate an enthusiasm for learning. The award carries a \$500 prize.

Marian Shih, SVSU associate professor of physics, recommended Keen for the award.

To be considered for the award, a student must have received an "A" in one or more natural science courses during the preceding year. In addition, a

student must have a demonstrated enthusiasm for and interest in subjects represented by the natural science courses and have a written recommendation by a science instructor.

The award is named after the late S.K. Yun, who served as professor and chairman of physics at SVSU from 1969 until his untimely death in 1994. He was particularly well-known for his research in theoretical high energy physics and his teaching of a broad range of courses, including a natural science course for non-science majors called "Beauty in Order."

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Professional Profile

- **Eric Gardner**, associate professor of English, published "The Complete Fortune Teller and Dream Book: An Antebellum Text 'By Chloe Russel, A Woman of Colour,'" in the current issue of *The New England Quarterly* (78.2, June 2005: 259-288). The piece shares the text of a c.1824 chapbook (discovered and authenticated by Gardner) that represents one of the earliest extant texts to take African American divination as its subject and one of the earliest texts to be attributed to an African American woman.
- **Paul Munn**, professor of English, presented his paper "Political Ashbery, Aesthetic Hikmet" at Veliko Turnovo University, June 8, for the Politics and Aesthetics International Conference sponsored by Veliko Turnovo University, Bulgaria, and Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Condolences

- To **Betty Papajesk**, retail director for Campus Dining Services, on the loss of her mother, Cecilia Douponce, who passed away June 11.

Transitions

Please note the following changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

New Staff

- Todd Carter – Assistant Football Coach
- Penny Allen Cook – Compliance and Academic Services Coordinator
- Constance Grimmer – Administrative Assistant, Development and Alumni Relations
- Karen Rasmer – Senior Secretary, Marshall Frederick Sculpture Museum
- Marwan Wafa – Dean, College of Business and Management

Promoted/Transferred/Title Change

- Timothy Burke – Director, Adjunct Faculty Support
- Sharon Chenette – Senior Secretary, Academic Planning and Program Assessment
- Jennifer Jackson – Assistant Director, Student Life
- Ron Trepkowski – Chief, University Police
- Doris Wenglikowski – Interim Custodial Manager

Left/Leaving

- Connie Barber, David Mrozinski, Tesfa Smith, Robert VanPelt

Retiring

- Vivian Wressell

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Submission Deadline:

Noon on the Friday before the publication date.
Please send items by e-mail to: tmi@svsu.edu.

Health and safety focus of new campus department

Everyone benefits when activities are safe as well as enjoyable.

To avoid turning fun activities into unnecessary tragedies, the Office of University Health and Safety has published a series of safety tips.

Currently listed online under "Campus Services" at www.svsu.edu/newsevents are articles titled "Play Safe at the

Pool or Beach," and "Tips for a Safe Boating Season."

The Office of University Health and Safety strives to promote environmental protection and health safety in teaching, learning, campus living, special event and sports related activities, and employee and administrative activities.

University Health and Safety provides safety-related

support service to the SVSU community, and endeavors to ensure compliance with federal, state, and other regulations to achieve control or reduction of hazards and exposures which are detrimental to people, property, and the environment.

Established in the summer of 2005, the office is located in South Complex A. For more

information, contact Craig T. Maxwell at ext. 4251 or email maxwell@svsu.edu.

Prizes given away at annual PAC party

Approximately 150 supporters attended the 2005 "Friends of SVSU" PAC Party Wednesday, June 15. The party raised \$3,000 for the PAC, or Political Action Committee, to continue its efforts in supporting regional legislators.

In all, 287 tickets were sold. Those in attendance enjoyed brats and other snacks and beverages.

Attending legislators included state representatives Roger Kahn and Jeff Mayes.

Several prizes were given away at the party. The top prize, two tickets to the Oct. 16 Detroit Lions game, was won by biology professor Sally Shepardson. Overnight lodging for two at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel was included. Other prize winners included:

- Jack Rummel, father of a former SVSU cheerleader, winner of a mini-case (six bottles) of fine wines
- Ernie Paulick, Board of Fellows member, who received four "top grade" New York strip steaks
- Mark Smekar, alumnus from Bay City, who was given 10 yards of screened top soil
- Ken Burzynski, husband of Alumni Board member Cheryl Burzynski, winner of a football autographed by Lions fullback Corey Schlesinger
- Maureen Kozumplik, administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, who won the 50/50 raffle.



A brief informal groundbreaking was held Monday, June 27 for the establishment of the new SVSU greenhouses on North Michigan east of SVSU's campus. The greenhouses will be the central research facility for the aquaculture and nutrition research and education projects that will be carried out by SVSU researchers. These facilities are the result of a generous endowment from The Allen Foundation of Midland. The nutrition research will be linked to the alternative energy initiatives headed up by Chris Schilling, Strosacker Chair of Engineering, and David Karpovich, associate professor of chemistry. George Puia, Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, and Diana Lawson, Harvey Randall Wickes Chair in International Business, will head up several financial and business model developments surrounding the nutrition and energy projects. "We hope to make this a University-wide venture," said David Swenson, H.H. Dow Chair in Chemistry, adding, "and we invite people from all disciplines to participate in making these projects work for the people of the region."

Pictured above from left to right are Harry Leaver, Director of CBED; Dorothy Shinkel, an SVSU summer student; Danielle Brzezinski, Battelle Summer Research Intern from Denison University; Swenson; Schilling; Ryan Thomas, ACS Project SEED summer researcher; and Jordan Cotton, a high school research intern. Not pictured are other members of the research team, including Trace Lopez, a high school research intern; along with Karpovich, Puia and Lawson.

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The SVSU Theatre department continues its first-ever “Summer Studio Season” with “Waiting for Godot,” followed by “The Star-Spangled Girl” and “Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me.”

Janet E. Rubin, SVSU professor of theatre, sees the series as a way to keep the Theatre department involved in SVSU and the community.

“We’re really excited to be doing this,” she said. “It will be nice to be able to involve both the community and the campus in the performing arts throughout the summer.”

“Waiting for Godot,” written by Samuel Beckett, is directed by Steve Erickson, professor of theatre. A final performance is scheduled for Thursday, July 7

at 7:30 p.m. in the Lillian R. Zahnow Amphitheatre. In the event of inclement weather, the play will be performed in the Studio Theatre, also known as the Black Box Theatre.

“Godot” portrays the dogged resilience of man’s spirit in the face of little hope. Two bums fill their days as best they can as they wait for Godot – a personage who will explain their insignificance, or put an end to it.

Rubin will direct “The Star-Spangled Girl,” written by Neil Simon. The show will be performed in the Studio Theatre Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Rubin says the play is a fast-moving, hilarious comedy that deals with two earnest young men struggling to put out a

“protest” magazine, while the all-American girl who moves in next door manages to send both of them into a romantic tailspin.

In the final show, SVSU assistant professor of theatre Ric Roberts will direct “Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me,” written by Frank McGuinness. The play will be shown Tuesday, August 9 through Thursday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.

The 1992 drama is about three men – an Englishman,

an Irishman, and an American – who are held hostage by a nameless Muslim terrorist organization in Beirut, Lebanon. It focuses on the men struggling to understand the causes and consequences of their incarceration.

According to Roberts, the play was written in an earlier stage of the ongoing struggles between Arabs and Westerners.

Tickets, which are \$5 for seniors and students and \$7 general admission, are available through the Box Office, or by calling ext. 4261.

SVSU residential students awarded for diversity program

Three SVSU students have been honored for a residential life cultural awareness program.

Allison Sheppard, Bryan Sutherland and Nicholas Tereck received a prestigious “Top 44 Program” award at the National Association of College and University Residence Halls Inc. annual conference at Syracuse University May 26 through May 30. Some 400 programs were judged at the conference.

It is the first time SVSU has received such an award.

Sheppard, a sophomore majoring in communication and sociology; Sutherland, a senior music education major; and Tereck, a sophomore sociology major, presented “The Albatross,” a diversity program that explores cultural differences.

Students are not allowed to speak as they attempt to participate in a ceremony from a culture foreign to them. Afterward, the students share their experiences and discuss their impressions before being given an actual description of

the culture.

SVSU students submitted three campus programs and conference organizers accepted all three for presentation.

“This in itself was a great honor, because some schools don’t get any programs accepted,” Tereck said.

Sheppard was a presenter in all three programs. She and Jennifer Pelc, a junior elementary education major, presented “Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Missy Elliot,” a leadership development program.

Nicole Nagy, a freshman international business major, co-presented a team-building program, “Breaker Breaker 19.”

In all, 10 SVSU students attended the conference, spending the week with some 3,000 other student leaders from college campuses around the nation.

The SVSU student-delegates attended programs that focused on leadership development, diversity, wellness, and student affairs.

Briefly Speaking

- Faculty and staff may present the Alumni Scroll to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22. Call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 to make arrangements.
- Faculty and staff are reminded to place regalia orders. Orders are due by July 11. For more information, contact Suzette Zimmerman at ext. 4384.
- University Housing is hosting an open house Tuesday, July 12. Tours are available at 9 and 11 a.m., and 3 p.m. In case of rain, the event will take place Thursday, July 14. The tours include a look inside the First Year Suites, Living Center North, University Village, and Pine Grove Apartments. Light refreshments will be provided.

Summer Hours for Dining Services

All locations are open Monday through Thursday only.

The Apple Slice (located in the REC)
July 5 through Aug. 20 • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Einstien’s Eatery (located in Science East)
Through Aug. 20 • 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The C-Store and Java City (located next to the bookstore)
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.