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May 3, 1994

SVSU to Recognize Campus Fund Raiser, Past Alumni Association President at May 7 Commencement

THE UNIVERSITY'S most prestigious acknowledgement, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, will be conferred upon William J. Edwards as part of the 29th Annual Spring Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 7. The Distinguished Alumni Award also will be presented during the 1:30 p.m. event in O'Neill Arena.

Some 450 members of the 1993-94 graduating class will participate in the ceremonies. About 700 students completed requirements for baccalaureate and master's degrees.

When Saginaw Valley College was chartered as a private college in 1963, William J. Edwards was among the community leaders to provide active support for the school's establishment. He chaired a capital campaign seeking \$4 million to purchase a campus site and construct facilities. The drive ended successfully on June 29, 1965 with \$4,240,755 raised. A month later Gov. George Romney signed a bill making SVC part of the state system of public colleges and universities.

Edwards began his career in broadcasting as an announcer at radio station WBRC in his hometown, Birmingham, Alabama. Over the next several years his career advancement entailed moves to Jacksonville (FL), Cincinnati (OH), Fairmont (WV), Indianapolis (IN) and Hollywood (CA).

In 1947 Edwards founded

the Lake Huron Broadcasting Corporation based in Saginaw. In addition to establishing a distinguished business record, he became actively involved in community service here, which included serving on the University's Board of Fellows from 1968 to 1975.

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Timothy L. Lipan, is a 1974 graduate of SVSU with a B.B.A. in marketing. As a student he took an active part in campus life and served on the Student Senate.

His commitment to the University continued after graduation. He was instrumental in founding SVSU's present Alumni Association and served as its president from 1980 to 1990. During his tenure he worked to strengthen the Association by developing a regular meeting schedule, adopting bylaws, developing short- and long-range plans and creating guidelines for establishing constituent societies.

Lipan has been employed by the American Red Cross for nearly 20 years and currently is the Executive Director of the Muskegon-Oceana Chapter.

A Muskegon area resident, Lipan is active on many local boards and committees. He is a founder of the local AIDS Forum, an active member of Rotary International, and current chairman of Muskegon's summer festival. He also is deeply involved in United Way activities.



William J. Edwards



Timothy L. Lipan

An Ecumenical BACCALAUREATE Service

Friday, May 6, 1994
7:00 p.m.

Kochville United
Methodist Church
6030 Bay Road
(South of SVSU campus)

The campus community
is encouraged to attend
the one-hour service
(refreshments follow).
Contact Mary Jane
Craves, ext. 4052, with
reservations.

*Guest tickets
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Commencement
may be picked
up at the
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up at the
Bookstore.*

Literary Award Established by Stuart and Vernice Gross

Stuart D. Gross' byline appeared regularly in the *Saginaw News* for 31 years. Gross also is the author of several books, including *Saginaw: A History of the Land and the City*, *Indians, Jacks and Pines*, and *Where There is a Will*, which details the history of higher education in the Saginaw Valley. Following his retirement he wrote a play, *Let's Have Lunch Sometime*, which premiered in the SVSU Theatre.

Now Gross and his wife, Vernice, want to encourage and recognize literary achievement by others. Through a gift to the SVSU Foundation, they have created an endowment to fund the "Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature." Earnings from the endowment will provide awards to be administered by SVSU.

Gross' link with SVSU began in 1967 when he started a second career as director of public affairs for Saginaw Valley College. He served in various roles for the growing institution, retiring as assistant to the president in 1979. Establishment of the Award for Literature is yet another example of his continuing interest in SVSU, which includes membership in the Board of Fellows.

In accord with the endowment agreement, policies regarding the selection of award win-

ners will be determined by an award committee. The committee will be chaired by the dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences and will include representation from the departments of Communication/Theatre and English.

Award recipients may be any resident of Michigan, but preference will be given to residents of Bay, Genesee, Gratiot, Huron, Midland, Saginaw,

Shiawasee and Tuscola counties. Awards are limited to one category (book or play) each year.

The award is open to original works of prose non-fiction, prose fiction and drama. While subject matter for books is not specified, preference will be given to regional history or historical fiction. There is no subject limitation for drama, and winning plays may be produced by the SVSU Theatre Department with production funds made available from endowment income.

For more information about the award or procedures for nominating a literary work, contact Judy Kerman at ext. 4062.

Legislation Protects University Research

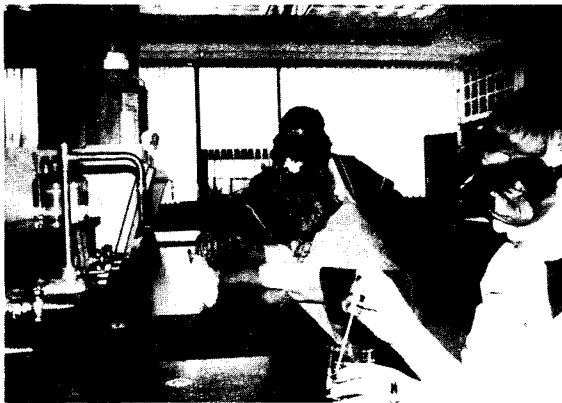
Michigan's public universities gained protection for research contracts and research in progress through Public Act 55 of 1994, enacted in April by the Legislature and signed by Governor Engler. The act brings Michigan law governing the release of commercial trade secrets or other proprietary information by public universities in line with other large industrial states.

Public Act 55 protects trade secrets with possible commercial value. Plans for a process or machine until patented and original research until copyrighted also are now protected. Prior to the act, such information was subject to potential disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the new law, confidential information furnished by private parties to public universities may be exempted from disclosure when the information is used exclusively for research. Such information must be clearly designated as confidential before it is received by the university, and the university must enter into an agreement to keep confidentiality. Other conditions also must be met.

Intellectual property in which the university holds an interest, owns, prepares, uses, retains or is in possession of also may be exempt from disclosure. Included are patentable information and trade secrets, original works of authorship used for research or education, patentable processes and trade secrets with potential commercial value.

For a more complete description of the legislation, contact Marilyn Frahm at ext. 4055 or John Fallon at ext. 4096.



A DAY AT THE OFFICE — As part of "Take Our Children to Work Day," April 28, youngsters of SVSU employees were able to gain exposure to various careers. This photo, which was shot by Kathy Nowczyk, shows her daughter, Kasey (center), performing an experiment in the Science Lab. The event, which was sponsored by the Ms. Foundation for Women, included lunch in the Ryder Center Dance Studio.

Bilingual Program Graduates Eleven, Receives Renewal/Increase in Funding

Nine undergraduate and two graduate students have benefitted from a federal grant program at SVSU that helped prepare them to teach Spanish in elementary and secondary schools. The 11 students were honored April 29 at the College of Education's Eighth Annual Bilingual/Bicultural Awards and Recognition Ceremony at the Sheraton Fashion Square Ballroom.

Gladys Hernández von Hoff, director of the Bilingual Education Center at SVSU, announced the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs has renewed and increased the award to SVSU for 1994-95, the program's third year of operation.

For further information about how students can qualify for a Title VII Bilingual Grant that would cover the cost of tuition, fees and books, contact von Hoff at ext. 4487.

Corporate Challenge Committee Seeks Participants

The SVSU Corporate Challenge Committee will host a brown-bag lunch at 12 noon, Thursday, May 19 in Lower Level Doan Center to provide SVSU employees with an opportunity to sign up for this year's Corporate Challenge.

The Corporate Challenge unites Mid-Michigan businesses and their employees in the pursuit of good health, personal fitness and company spirit. Last year, 27 teams competed in the event, including two teams from SVSU.

The 1994 Corporate Challenge will be held on the SVSU campus, September 9-17. A video from last year will be shown at the May 19 luncheon. Anyone interested in participating who cannot attend the lunch should contact Mike Holliday in Pioneer Hall, room 136; or call ext. 5696 for an entry form or further information.

SVSU Conference to Emphasize "DiverSimilarity"

A two-day conference on "DiverSimilarity: The Paradigm for Workforce 2000" is being presented by the SVSU College of Business and Management. Designed for managers, human resource directors, consultants and academic researchers, the conference is scheduled from 8 a.m., Thursday, May 12 through 4 p.m.,

Ryder Center Building Hours Spring/Summer Semester Beginning May 2, 1994

DAY	BUILDING	POOL	FITNESS CENTER
Monday-Friday	8:00am-9:00pm	11:30am-1:30pm 4:30pm-6:00pm	11:30am-8:00pm (M-R) 11:30am-6:00pm (F)
Saturday	12 noon-6:00pm	1:00pm-4:00pm	12 noon-5:00pm
Sunday	12 noon-6:00pm	1:00pm-4:00pm	12 noon-5:00pm

Friday, May 13 at the Bay Valley Resort.

Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, lead conference organizer and associate professor of management, said, "The diversimilarity paradigm places equal emphasis on both commonalities and differences in the workforce.

"With increasing minority populations in the U.S., the growing presence of a global economy and recognition of the bottom-line value of a multicultural workplace, it is critical that today's managers begin addressing the need for a paradigm shift," Ofori-Dankwa said.

Keynote speakers at the conference will be the Honorable Gary Loster, mayor of the City of Saginaw; Charles Ford, executive with the Equal Employment Opportunity Programs for the Michigan Department of Transportation; and William Barnett, professor of sociology at SVSU. President Eric Gilbertson will deliver opening remarks.

For more information on the conference, call Ofori-Dankwa at ext. 4181, or the Conference Bureau at ext. 4162.



Thomas Renna, professor of history, and James L. Rodriguez head the procession of graduates through an honor guard of SVSU faculty and staff at the Honors Convocation, held April 21 in the Theatre. The graduates heard Dow Corning USA President Burnett S. Kelly deliver the convocation address titled "Your Values will Lead You to Your Destiny."

Did You Know?...

- **The Housing and Residential Life Office** has relocated to Suite D-2 in the Great Lakes Complex due to renovations in Doan Mall. The telephone extension still is 4255. The Information Desk, Game Room, TV lounge and game tables will not be operating during the summer months. The office will relocate again in late summer to the current location of the Bookstore.
- **Health Services** will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. beginning May 10. Normal hours will resume in the fall.
- Anyone interested in hosting an intelligent and personable English-speaking, 16-year-old boy from Russia for a year or semester beginning this fall should contact Woody Pelton, Office of International Programs, at ext. 4473. The young man, Andre Levchenko, is from a suburb of Moscow and will be sponsored by Youth for Understanding.

Professional Profile

- **Diane Brimmer**, associate dean of student life and counseling, recently gave a presentation, titled "Involving Commuting Students in the Extracurriculum," at the Michigan College Personnel Association's annual conference held in Ann Arbor.
- **Steven C. Erickson**, associate professor of communication and theatre, will be portraying John Barrymore in Paul Rudnick's *I Hate Hamlet*, opening at the Pit and Balcony Theatre in Saginaw on May 5. The show runs for three weekends. Erickson also designed lighting for the World Premiere of *Calder's Universe*, which was performed March 12 by the Saginaw Symphony at the Heritage Theatre.
- **Barbara McGregor**, assistant professor of social work, conducted a workshop titled "Intensive Day Treatment: An Alternative to Hospitalizing the Addicted Adolescent" at a meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers annual conference, May 13 in Detroit. Co-presenter at the conference was Lea McGregor. The workshop delineated a family systems and environmental model for working with addicted adolescents and their families.
- **Alexis S. Olds**, assistant professor of communication and theatre, presented a paper titled "The Social Reality of Visual Communication in an Intercultural Setting" at an academic conference examining "The Role of Mass Media in Intercultural Settings," hosted by the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque (NM).
- **Altaf-Ur Rahman**, professor of electrical engineering, attended the North Central section of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) conference held at Grand Valley State University on April 8. He participated in the discussion of the software available for use in classroom presentations.
- **Tirumale Ramesh**, associate professor of electrical engineering, presented a paper titled "A Digital Design Integration Model for EE Curriculum" at the North Central ASEE annual conference, April 8 at GVSU.
- **Janet E. Rubin**, professor of communication and theatre, conducted workshops titled "Creative Drama and Music: Partners in Developing Affective Learning (Getting Started and Developing Lesson Plans)" at a meeting of the Department of Elementary

Education at Ball State University in Muncie (IN) on April 9. Margaret Merriion was a co-presenter.

- **Matt Saeger**, electrical engineering technician, presented a paper titled "A Logic Compiler for Combinational Digital Design" at the North Central ASEE annual conference, April 8 at GVSU. The paper was co-authored by **Tirumale Ramesh**.

- **Gail E. Sype**, assistant professor of management, presented a paper titled "Measuring Prejudices Against the Obese: Results Using a Modified Video Camera" at the April 14-17 meeting of the Midwest Academy of Management, held at DePaul University in Chicago (IL).

Across Campus

- **Ted Nitz**, retired personal counselor and coordinator of handicapped services, expresses his appreciation for being presented the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement.
- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to **Ron Trepkowski**, police officer in Public Safety, on the loss of his father, James.
- **Rosalie R. Troester**, professor of English, expresses her appreciation for being presented the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement.
- The campus community sends condolences to **Bruce Winslow**, adjunct art faculty, on the loss of twin infants on April 9.

High Five

- **Baseball**: Lost to Grand Valley State University, 7-5 and 3-0, on Sunday. The team has a 28-12 overall record, 11-7 in the GLIAC.
- **Golf**: Tied for sixth place in a 17-team field after the first round on Sunday of the NCAA Division II, District IV tournament at Deer Track Golf Course in Auburn (IN).
Also, tied for second place with Oakland University in the 21st annual Bay Valley Intercollegiate, hosted by SVSU and played at Bay Valley Golf Club last Friday and Saturday.
- **Softball**: Defeated Lake Superior State, 5-4 and 8-0, then lost to Grand Valley State, 4-0, on Sunday. The Lady Cards finish the regular season tied for first place in the GLIAC with a 13-5 record, 26-9 overall.



Gallery to Show Fredericks Video Documentary May 22

A new one-hour video documentary about Marshall M. Fredericks will be shown at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22 in the Arbury Fine Arts Center lobby. The video, which was produced by Southfield Cable 15, will be followed by a reception for Fredericks and the filmmakers. The affair is open to the public, thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery.

Summer Show Features Chinese Calligraphy

The University Art Gallery will display a collection of contemporary calligraphy from the Republic of China from May through August. The exhibition is the first of a two-part series organized by the National Museum of History in Taipei.

"The series surveys the major trends in current traditional Chinese painting using brush and ink on paper," said gallery director Barron Hirsch. "Calligraphy will be featured from May through August and painting will be shown from August through September 28.

"Although landscape is historically the primary subject (of Chinese artists), plants, animals, human figures and buildings are well represented. In the literati tradition most works also use calligraphy in poetic form as a major compositional element." Artists whose work has been selected come from mainland China as well as Taiwan, Hirsch said.

During the spring and summer months, the exhibit is open by request, although a schedule of summer hours may be established later. Presently arrangements for viewing may be made by contacting Hirsch at ext. 4391, Sara Clark at ext. 5684 or the Fine Arts office at ext. 4159.

Campus Happenings

- **Auditions:** 10-15 men and 10-15 women are needed for an SVSU Department of Communication and Theatre presentation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Auditions are at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 12 in the University Theatre. Performance dates are June 24, 25 and 26. For further information, call ext. 4031.
- **Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop:** May 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Studio K Cafe on Bay Road across from the 7-11. Local poets invited.

Transitions

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

PROMOTED/TRANSFERRED

- **Keleen M. Marciniak:** promoted to Scholarship Manager, Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid (replacement).
- **Debwin Roberts:** promoted to Student Loan Manager, Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid (replacement).

DIRECTORY CHANGE

- **Christine Oiler:** change phone extension to 4057.



ONLY YOUR ENGINEER KNOWS FOR SURE — Michael Wiznerowicz, a senior electrical engineering major from Saginaw, readies his senior design project for an April 22 presentation to a jury consisting of two engineering industry professionals, three Electrical Engineering (EE) Department faculty and two non-EE faculty. Wiznerowicz' project, titled "Direct Video Readout Device for Tensile/Compression Experiments," measures the strength of a variety of materials, from hair to polymers, and displays data on a video screen. The video will record the point at which the test material begins to crack or break. A device like this can, for example, determine whether hair conditioners actually perform on split ends as the manufacturer of the product might suggest.



INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

A Decade Later

Rwandan toll could climb past 100,000. Hundreds of thousands flee bloody Rwanda. Rebels appear gaining as provisional leaders evacuate city.

Such are the headlines on news bulletins these past weeks.

But the summer of 1984 was much different. In June that year Tom Hearron and his wife, Patricia, left the Saginaw Valley to spend a year in the tiny African nation. Tom had been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach American literature at the National University of Rwanda in Ruhengeri, a northern Rwanda mountain city.

There they found a peaceful, agrarian society and a simpler lifestyle than the one they left behind. Comparing the National University of Rwanda to SVSU, Hearron noted in a letter home that the African campus was "truly a community. Everyone—faculty and families, administration, students and staff—lives on the campus."

He also explained to those State-side that "The borders of Rwanda have remained unchanged through various changes in the ruling order, and its culture has been relatively unaffected by political and social changes that took place in Africa." He outlined the transition from dominance of the Twa, through Tutsi control to emergence of the Hutu in the 1950s.

Commenting on today's bloody civil war, Hearron says, "In retrospect, there was an indefinable tension then. For example, you did not ask people about their ethnic origin."

Hearron explains that the Twa ethnic group represents only about one percent of the population. They are pygmoid; very short and traditionally were hunters and gatherers. The Hutu represent the most numerous group, making up about 85 percent of the population. They are middle-sized people, he says, who are farmers; they displaced the Twa and pushed them into remote, mountainous areas.

The Tutsi (or Watusi) are tall, slender aristocratic herders who came from Ethiopia in about the 13th century, ruling Rwanda until they were overthrown by the Hutus. While there has been some blending of the ethnic groups, for the most part the heritage of an individual is apparent, Hearron says.

He notes that Rwanda's size (comparable to Vermont), its mountainous terrain and almost total lack of mineral resources made it unattractive to European colonists that exploited many other African nations, although it came under Belgian rule along with neighboring Burundi following World War I.

In 1959 the Hutus rose up against the Tutsis, deposed the king and set up a parliamentary form of government. The nation became independent in 1962, Hearron explains.

He feels that President Juvenal Habyarimana, who along with the Burundi president was killed in a suspicious plane crash early in April, was "a very principled man who was working for national reconciliation. During the 70s he stopped the massacres, pulled back the armies and opened the nation to a quota system (based on population percentages)."

While Hearron decries the human devastation and is concerned for former students, he also worries about the effect of war on the mountain gorillas made famous by Dian Fossey's research. He and Pat often visited or observed the animals, who had developed a trusting relationship with humans. "There were some that we knew," he comments.





STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

Beverly J. Salay

Administrative
Secretary, Office
of the Registrar

May 1994

For nearly 25 years, Bev Salay has worked behind the scenes to ensure that Commencement is a happy experience for SVSU graduates. She has earned the unofficial title "Diploma Lady" for her work in preparing the documents for those who complete graduation requirements each semester.

While diploma preparation is an exacting process requiring careful proofreading, Salay's Commencement-related duties begin well before the certificates are ready for printing. As students near graduation, they submit degree applications to the Registrar's Office. Salay receives the applications and checks individual student records to begin the senior audit process.

"I review the records and complete the Basic Skills audit," she says. The application files then go to Registrar Paul Saft, who verifies that General Education and other degree requirements have been met. The last step is an inspection by department chairpersons for each major, which Salay coordinates.

The auditing process has been aided by the new computer system, Salay says. "The computer printouts help department chairs review audits more effectively. We bring up students' transcripts on computer during the

audits. We also note whether they are planning to come to Commencement."

If graduates do not attend Commencement, Salay mails the diplomas or holds them for pickup, depending upon the individual's preference. "I try to personally greet those who come to the Registrar's Office for their diplomas," she says. "Since they did not participate in Commencement, they did not have anyone to say 'Congratulations' to them, so I let them know we are proud of them."

Work on degree audits and Commencement preparation often overlaps with Salay's other responsibilities. "Right now we are working with people who will be graduating this May. We will start the summer semester reviews (for graduation) soon, and we will be working on fall audits by the end of June," she notes.

During this same period, summer and fall class registration has been taking place. The entire office staff is involved in registration. "Among the things that I enjoy about my job are my co-workers," Salay says. "We all get along really well and all help each other. I really depend on them to help me when I am in a peak period."

Salay notes that the present computer system makes course registration a lot better than it had been when everything was done manually. "On-line registration is one of the nicest things so far. Now we are preparing for phone registration." She believes that will be helpful both for students and staff.

Her other duties include ordering office supplies, supervising student employees, tracking vacation schedules and preparing certificates for Deans' List and President's List scholars each semester.

As a long-time employee, Salay has observed the development of the campus. "It is so pretty now," she smiles.



Saginaw Valley State University

Melvin J. Zahnow Library

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Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May 9 (Classes Begin)

Regular Summer Hours

Exceptions to the above schedule

May 2-6 (Mon-Fri)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
May 7 (Saturday-Commencement)	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
May 8 (Sun)	CLOSED
May 30 (Memorial Day)	CLOSED
July 2-4 (Independence Holiday)	CLOSED
August 20-28 (Between Terms)	Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CLOSED WEEKENDS
August 29 (Begin Fall Term)	Regular Fall Hours
September 5 (Labor Day)	CLOSED

Reference Desk Hours (phone 4242)

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Audio Visual Services Hours (phone 5657)

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	(closed at 5:00 p.m. after July 4)

FINAL EXAMS: AUGUST 18-19



BOARD PROFILES

PROFILING THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROL

**Elias J.
Escobedo,
Jr.**



Elias Escobedo is an advocate for strong family values. As a newcomer to the SVSU governing board, he has been pleased to find a sense of community at the University.

"The people here are very warm," he says. "It is an environment that has almost a familial type of atmosphere, which I think is fantastic. We are here to provide students with an education and with support throughout that educational process. To the extent that there is a strong support system in place, we insure the success of our students."

Escobedo's concern, however, stretches beyond the academic success of SVSU students. He believes that educational institutions carry a responsibility to practice and teach positive values. He perceives a disintegration of values upon which the U.S. was founded—"Hard work, honesty, integrity—not only what you can get from this system, but what you can contribute.

"The big challenge that Saginaw Valley—all of education—faces is, How are we going to reaffirm the values that helped make this country great? At this particular juncture we have only to look at crime statistics, what is shown on TV, what we read, what we hear, to realize there is a problem.

"Saginaw Valley can hope to accomplish change by engendering the student with those critical values—with the anticipation that those students, when they leave here, will go out and manifest those values to the people they come into contact with."

He notes that his concern is shared by other Board members.

"When the Board of Control was on its retreat, we talked at length about instilling values and how those values relate not only to the Saginaw Valley family as a whole, but how values become transmitted to the community that we serve. It is important to talk about living those values. We should not only 'talk the talk' but we should 'walk the walk.'"

Those who know Escobedo will testify that he indeed 'walks the walk.' A decorated Marine veteran (National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, Purple Hearts), Escobedo continues to serve his country and community in ways less dramatic and often less noticed. In his private practice, he represents a large number of clients on a *pro bono* basis. His contributions are based on the conviction that lawyers have significant opportunities and training that should be used to improve society.

He believes that society has not fulfilled its obligation to the less fortunate and wants to contribute to positive changes.

A high school dropout, Escobedo earned his diploma through evening classes. After his military service, he worked as a letter carrier and enrolled part-time at Indiana-Purdue University. He completed his undergraduate degree at Oakland University following his relocation to Michigan in 1976, and then pursued a law degree while employed as a Pontiac General Hospital administrator.

Unlike several other Board members, Escobedo comes to SVSU with little prior knowledge of the institution. "I am still developing my vision of SVSU," he says. "I enjoy the opportunity to serve without any preconceptions. I find that SVSU is a very dynamic institution. It is developing a very strong foothold throughout the State of Michigan as a public institution.

"I have been on the Board a few months, and I find it quite exciting. I enjoy the people I am working with. It is a fantastic opportunity for me to be affiliated with the SVSU family. It has been a real positive experience."

Personal

Residence:	West Bloomfield
Education:	B.A., Oakland University J.D., Wayne State University
Position:	General Law Practice Waterford, MI
Professional/ Community Organiza- tions:	Board of Directors: Oakland County Bar Assn. Hispanic Bar Assn. of Mich. Trustee: Oakland Bar-Adams Pratt Ftn. Puerto Rican Cultural & Educa- tional Center Member: Mich. Assn. of Trial Lawyers Medicolegal Problems Com., State Bar of Mich. Criminal Defense Attorneys of Mich.