Scholarship to provide support for students in the liberal arts

For William and Sally Bowen, investing in higher education is a natural — both are liberal arts' graduates and have a strong commitment to higher education. Mr. Bowen, an executive at General Motors, was chair of the Bay County Division for SVSU’s Campaign for Distinction. Mrs. Bowen recently retired from Northwood University after 12 years in the advancement office there.

Demonstrating leadership by example, the Bowens expressed their desire during the Campaign for Distinction to establish the William and Sally Bowen Endowed Scholarship for students majoring in the liberal arts.

"Bill and I really think Saginaw Valley does a tremendous job," Mrs. Bowen said. "It offers such a spectrum of opportunities to students from the area — education, technology, the fine arts. We felt it was an extremely wise investment."

Mrs. Bowen said both she and her husband believe very strongly in providing assistance to students in their pursuit of higher education, and helping them “make a dream come true.”

"Many who apply for scholarships may not otherwise go to college, or get through in a desired time frame, or may somehow compromise their dreams," she said, adding that while technological training is essential, some of its forms bypass the human element.

"The study of the liberal arts keeps humanness in our lives. It opens up a whole new world. It teaches us an appreciation of reading, good literature and art. Both of us were exposed to it in college and continue to enjoy it," Mrs. Bowen said. "We want others to have the lifelong enjoyment of these same things."

The scholarship will provide financial support to students majoring in liberal arts — current or new, full or part time. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.75 grade point average and be enrolled in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, with the intent to major in the liberal arts, including the fine arts. The recipient must be a mid-Michigan resident and exhibit leadership skills.

Scholarships may be renewed if the criteria for initial selection are maintained. Financial need may be considered, but is not a primary determinate for selection.
SVSU students display art work

Three SVSU art students will display their works during the B.F.A. Senior Exhibit at the University Art Gallery Dec. 3 through 18. The students all are candidates for Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

The gallery will host an opening reception from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3 in the Arbuary Fine Arts Center.

The gallery will display the art of Amanda Bublitz, Heather Donnelli and Kathleen Theiler from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The coordinator of the project is student Matt Lewis.

The group exhibit highlights the works of the seniors in the B.F.A. program and marks the completion of their undergraduate studies. The curator is Michael Panhorst, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery.

SVSU adjunct professor to perform “Christmas Meditation”

Mary Anderson, Essexville flutist and adjunct instructor of music, will join Saginaw’s Catherine McMichael for a performance of “A Christmas Meditation,” Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The performance will take place at 12:15 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Bay City. There is no admission charge.

Music for “A Christmas Meditation” is by Massent, Schubert and Mayne, as well as compositions by McMichael.

Anderson performs with the Saginaw Bay Orchestra, Flute, the Traverse Quartet and the Bay Concert Band. She has performed and conducted throughout the United States for the National Flute Association. Anderson is a founder of the Delta Flute Choir and also teaches at Delta College.

McMichael is known throughout the United States, Europe and Australia for her work as a pianist, composer, arranger and teacher. She has performed in nearly every concert setting in the Tri-City area.

Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets to the concert by calling the Department of Music at ext. 4159.

SVSU students plan World AIDS Day projects

SVSU students plan an address by a physician, theater productions and a candlelight vigil to mark World AIDS Day, Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Events begin at 11:30 a.m. with an address by Dr. Del DeHart, MD, FACP, a regional infection and disease control specialist. DeHart will discuss “HIV in the Year 2000.” Besides his work in infection and disease control, DeHart provides medical care through clinics in Saginaw and is an instructor of internal medicine at Michigan State University. His presentation will be in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

MBS, a teen theater group from Midland, Bay City and Saginaw, will perform skits concerning HIV from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Following the teens’ presentation, from 7 to 8 p.m., members of SVSU’s Cardinal CHOICES group will perform Peer Theater.

A Candlelight Vigil will conclude the day’s activities at 8 p.m. by the Julia Edwards Bell Tower in the center of campus.

Admission to all events is free of charge. For additional information, call ext. 4357.

Graduate Programs Open House set

SVSU’s Office of Graduate Admissions will host an open house to share information on the university’s graduate programs. The open house will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10 in Curtiss Hall.

RSVPs may be made to the Office of Graduate Admissions at ext. 1696. E-mail inquiries may be made to gradadm@svsu.edu.

Program coordinators for each of SVSU’s graduate programs will be available to review options and assist with applications.

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Holiday Closing Schedule

SVSU will close for the Christmas holiday break from Thursday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 1. Normal hours will resume Monday, Jan. 4. University personnel not working Wednesday, Dec. 30 will need to use a personal vacation day.

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Professional Profile

- Jean Brown and Elaine Stephens, professors of teacher education, recently were invited to write the research column for *The ALAN Review*, the refereed journal of the National Council of Teachers of English’s Assembly on Adolescent Literature. The column will appear two times a year. In addition, Brown and Stephens have been named to the editorial board of *The ALAN Review*.

- Donald Himmelspach, adjunct English faculty, recently had a short story, “The Great Joe Louis Blues,” published in the fall issue of *bananafish*.

- Jonathan Leonard, professor of electrical and computer engineering, had an article published in *Methods: A Companion to Methods in Enzymology*, 15 (1998). “Calibration and Standardization of Microwave Ovens for Fixation of Brain and Peripheral Nerve Tissue” was written with Gary R. Login (first author), of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and Ann M. Dvorak, of Harvard Medical School. The paper discusses the use of microwave radiation for fixation of brain and nerve tissue for light and electron microscopy. This research was performed while Leonard was on sabbatical at Microwave Medical Systems Inc., of Acton, Mass., and was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

- Karen Selby, assistant professor of teacher education, recently had an article, “Help Celebrate the Carter G. Woodson Book Award Sub-Committee Silver Anniversary,” published in the September 1999 issue of *The Social Studies Professional*. 

Have You Heard?

- Health Services thanks all who donated blood Nov. 11. The Saginaw Valley Blood Program drew 58 pints. The next blood drive is Wednesday, Jan. 20.

- The SVSU Women’s History Month Committee is seeking University participation in the selection of the 1999 honoree. Criteria include evidence of leadership and unique contributions to the university community. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 18. Send nominations to Susan Vorce, Wickes 237, or E-mail: vorce@svsu.edu.

- Dee Storey, professor of teacher education, expresses appreciation to all who donated materials for the Grandparent Support Group of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging.

A total of 1,309 books, 22 cassette tapes and 2 video tapes were donated.

- SVSU’s softball and volleyball teams will host a *Fun Night for Kids* in grades 2 through 8. The event runs from 6 to 9:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 in Ryder Center. Youths can enjoy basketball, volleyball, kickball, racquetball, art and table games and swimming. Pizza ($1.50 per slice) and AllSport ($1.50 each) will be available. Cost is $5 per child.

- The SVSU Employee Assistance Program will present a Stress Management Workshop from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room C. For further information, or to register, contact Tamie Grunow at ext. 4111 or 4108 or E-mail: tgrunow@svsu.edu.
High Five

- Women's Basketball (5-1) — won the White Division of the Grand Rapids Press Tournament with a convincing 93-61 drubbing of Lake Superior State University Saturday in Aquinas Field House. Senior Jenny Rommel earned Most Valuable Player honors after scoring 23 points and grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds in the championship game. Senior Angie Peterson added 24 points to earn a spot on the All-Tournament team, along with junior Sue Karber, who had 18 points. In the first round, SVSU rolled past Alma College 78-52. In the game, the Cardinals forced Alma into making 27 turnovers, leading to 27 points.

- Men’s Basketball (2-2) — dropped a 102-82 decision to an undefeated Siena Heights College (8-0) Tuesday, Nov. 24. Down 46-31 at the half, SVSU scored the first nine points of the second period as junior Rashard Carson poured in 12 of the Cardinals’ first 16 points. SVSU managed to slice the lead to four points with 10:09 left in the game, but the Saints countered with 13 of the next 15 points to pull away. Carson led the Cardinals in scoring for the third consecutive game with 22 points. Jayson Sims added 17 and freshman Terrance Wright had 14 points and six rebounds.

- Women’s Tennis — announced the signings of Jennifer Spence of Saginaw and Jennifer Roy of Georgia. Spence, Heritage High’s No. 1 singles player, recorded 62 wins and three times was voted the Saginaw Valley League’s Most Valuable Player. The Cardinals have one senior returning from last year’s 12-6 team.

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**Cardinals Earn MIFC Honors**

Lamar King tabbed Defensive Lineman of the Year

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Lisa Douglas
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Like many others, Lisa Douglas may have several answers to the question, “W.W.J.D?” (WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?). However, Douglas has speculated on “W.W.J.W?” (WHAT WOULD JESUS WEAR?).

Douglas, a teacher and youth drama club advisor at her church in Saginaw, recently directed a play that was titled “Jesus in Jeans.”

“It was a modern interpretation of the Easter Story,” Douglas said. According to Douglas, placing jeans on Jesus gives the story a more contemporary twist that enables young people to relate better.

In her position as administrative secretary in the Office of International Programs, Douglas must be able to relate to students from other countries.

“In this office, anything can happen and it usually does,” Douglas said with a smile. “Students come from overseas to study at SVSU, and everything is strange to them. I become a familiar face, and they’ll come to me for anything and everything.”

According to Douglas, “anything and everything” could include rides to doctor appointments, academic advising, planning activities for international students to attend and joining students for dinner at their homes.

“I occasionally offer advice on academic advising because I finished my degree at SVSU,” Douglas said. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in English in 1995. During her years as a student, she worked in the Office of Student Affairs.

Douglas joined the clerical staff in August 1995 as a part-time administrative assistant in the Office of Minority Student Services. Her first full-time position was with the Registrar’s Office, where she worked until accepting her present assignment in September 1996.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of her job is the opportunity to meet students who come from overseas.

“I have friends all over the world now,” she explained. “The longer I’ve been here, the more I can understand what students need and what they’re trying to say. You have to be very patient, which is easy for me to do because I tend to be a patient person by nature.”

“A lot of the students, especially those who are in the English Language Program, have such a difficult time getting across what it is they want to say because they’re not confident. Making students feel at ease is very important so that they’ll come to us without thinking that they have to speak perfect English to get help with a situation.”

Douglas, who said she loves to travel, will have her first opportunity to go overseas during Spring Break. She will be among the entourage that will accompany the SVSU Choirs to England.

“I’ve been busy mailing itineraries and collecting money from the 145 people who will be making this trip. I’ve always wanted to travel abroad, but never thought I’d have the chance. So when this came up and Woody (Pelton) asked me if I would be interested in going in his place, it didn’t take me very long to answer his question.”
Return to Journey’s Beginnings

Michelle Johnson grew up in Saginaw, received her education at both large universities – Michigan State University and the University of Michigan – moved on to Wisconsin and now returns to her mid-Michigan roots as an SVSU Visiting Professor of the Humanities. Johnson is on campus through the 4S-King/Chavez/Parks initiative. The 4S Grant Program is Select Student Support Services.

Among her charges while at SVSU, Johnson wants to increase representation of under-represented students and faculty on campus. She hopes to aid in the success of students of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds. This success includes teaming up with faculty from similar backgrounds.

Johnson also hopes to involve faculty and University staff in the communities surrounding SVSU.

"I would like to bridge the gap – real or perceived – between the community and faculty," she said. "The KCP initiative is more than retention within the university, it’s giving back to the community."

One of Johnson’s most ambitious goals is to develop a class with an oral history component. During the course, students would interview family members and find about their own past. Later, they would “contextualize” that information with what has emerged through history. She also is developing a class to discuss slavery and freedom.

Johnson sees her role as an instructor and working with the 4S program as teaching others to invest in one another’s strengths – moving away from discussions of weaknesses or deficits.

"I want students to connect with faculty with shared interest,” she said. "I want faculty to promote their interests to the students.” Then, Johnson said, the program can expand into the community.

The mentoring program would take time, she admits, but Johnson said she would like to see it become peer mentoring for students, as well. “Students need to know one another. This also would be a chance for them to look out for each other.”

Johnson also is involved in helping faculty work with first-generation college students, who face unique challenges and rarely have role models in the home or neighborhood.

"They need someone to tell them, ‘yes, that’s what college is about,’” Johnson said. In addition, they bring new perspectives to the classroom – and help instructors stay in touch with their students.

"It also gives faculty a greater understanding of the challenges that face students and the uniqueness they possess.”

Johnson graduated from Saginaw Arthur Hill, attended Delta College for one year, then received her bachelor’s degree from MSU. She attended graduate school and received her Ph.D. from U of M. Johnson’s appointment as Visiting Professor is for one year. She is on leave from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she is an assistant professor of English. Johnson returned to her “roots,” she said, because people within the Saginaw community nurtured her and gave her the confidence to pursue her goals.

"Here I was in Milwaukee doing things and thinking, ‘this needs to be done back home.’ SVSU has given the opportunity to give back,” Johnson said.