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Dive!

LHU to host film about dumpster diving

“Dive! Living off America’s Waste” is a film by Jeremy Seifert that examines the issues of food waste, poverty, and dumpster diving in America. The Lock Haven University Outreach for Humanity Club will host a public showing of “Dive” in the Hamblin Hall of Flags (Robinson Hall) on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

While food waste statistics vary, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that in 1995 more than 96 billion pounds of edible food was lost by retailers, foodservice and consumers. Seifert and his friends live off the completely edible food that restaurants throw out, and even invite their friends for dinner parties out back.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the official poverty rate in 2010 was 15.1 percent — up from 14.3 percent in 2009. This was the third consecutive annual increase in the poverty rate. Since 2007, the poverty rate has increased by 2.6 percentage points, from 12.5 percent to 15.1 percent. In 2010, 46.2 million people were in poverty, up from 43.6 million in 2009—the fourth consecutive annual increase in the number of people in poverty.

Those attending the screening of “Dive!” are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or items. All donations will go to the Salvation Army’s Food Bank.

A trailer of the film is available on line at <http://www.divethefilm.com/trailer.aspx>

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