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## Forgery topic for new library display



The Weinburg Memorial Library is home to some of the most famous forgeries for the next two months. The exhibit, titled "Harmless to Homicidal: A Collection of Hoaxes and Literary Forgeries from the Library of Stephen R. Pastore" will open Monday, Feb. 12 and last until Sunday, April 22. Please read the full story on page 3.

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## University, community celebrates Black History

BY MATTHEW J. CALVERT  
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To celebrate Black History Month, The University will host programs honoring the contributions of African-Americans on American culture.

United Colors planned most of the events, although the Multi-Cultural Center and Performance Music will also sponsor programs as well.

Friday, Feb. 16, United Colors will show of the movie "Amistad" at 6:30 p.m. in 228 Brennan. The movie is based on a true story about a ship of slaves brought to America after slave trade was made illegal early in the country's history. Saturday, Feb. 17, United Colors and Multi-Cultural Affairs will host a dinner and scholarship reception in 509 Brennan. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship will be awarded to Lawrence McIver, a freshman from Scranton. Joe Rogers, former lieutenant governor of Colorado and only the fourth African-American to hold that position in U.S. history, will give a presentation during the program.

A discussion meeting titled "Ignorance is Not Bliss" will be held

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## New students called to serve University

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Two new faces joined the ranks of Student Government at last week's meeting.

Mary Beth Schluckebier, sophomore counseling and human services/philosophy major from Willow Grove, and Melissa Miguens, junior marketing and Spanish major from Rutherford, N.J., were nominated

and approved to replace two student senators studying abroad this semester.

Miguens replaces Katie Prizeman, junior from Mineola, N.Y., as Resident



SCHLUCKEBIER

Senator. She is a member of several organizations, including the Women's Business Honor Society, the Debate Society, the Pre-Law Society and Colleges Against Cancer. She also volunteers for organizations such as the Jane Kopas Women's Center, the University Player and University Ministries.

"I see [this job] as an amazing opportunity to do my part for The University community," Miguens said in a Student Government press release.

Miguens is working with Residence Life and the Dining Services Committee on allowing students to use their meal swipe in Hyland Hall.

"My job as a representative will never be taken lightly," Miguens said. "I am responsible, committed and confident and have no doubt I will excel at this position."

Schluckebier replaces Matt Lecours, sophomore from Westatogue, Conn. as Sophomore Senator. She is the president of the justice club and a member of the women's crew team. Service activities on campus include involvement in campus food drives. In January 2006, she took part in the Katrina

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MIGUENS

## Student Government approves new process for club funding

BY ROBERT SWINTON  
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Robert Swinton Student Government Vice President Joe Casey introduced a bill during the Senate meeting Thursday, Feb. 1, to initiate discussion about possible changes to the club allocations process.

This process allots certain amounts of different monies to be distributed, upon request, to officially chartered clubs and The University Programming Board.

According to Article V, Section 3, of the Bylaws of the Student Government of The University of Scranton Programming Board and all officially requesting chartered clubs are funded out of the Student Government Expenditure Account in addition to major Student Government Expenses." Funds for these programs and clubs come from a portion of the Student University Fee, currently \$150 dollars per semester for full-time students as well as other sources.

Students are reminded of their contributions to USPB and clubs when seeing the phrase, "Funded by the student activity fee through

your student government," as prescribed by the Student Senate Resolute Approving Club Allocations for the 2006-2007 Academic Year. This phrase appears on promotional material and event programs for Student Government-sponsored events throughout the year

During Intersession, Joe Casey chaired a review committee regarding the club allocation process. Amy McKiernan, treasurer of the Student Government, sat on this committee with members of the Appropriations Committee of the Student Senate. At last week's Senate meeting, senators did not vote on the bill but were asked to both consider it and solicit feedback for the next meeting on Feb. 15.

When considering amending the allocation process, Student Government spoke with the USPB and the Senate to gather both feedback and suggestions. Realizing the profound effect of a revised bill on The University community, Student Government has collaborated with Student Activities and Orientation with the upcoming Leadership Roundtable. This gathering will serve as an

open forum for club leaders and treasurers, welcoming their feedback and concerns about the current allocation process and how it might be altered. Amy McKiernan and other members of the Student Government will be present to discuss important issues.

"I, along with other members of the Student Government, am eager to discuss the funding process," said McKiernan.

McKiernan wants to assure students and club administrators that no changes have been made to date.

The amount of approved allocations has been steadily rising in the last few years. For the 2004-2005 academic year, approved club allocations totaled almost \$77,000 and was the largest in University history to that date. For the 2006-2007 academic year, club allocations totaled almost \$138,000, unanimously approved by the Student Senate.

The Leadership Roundtable will be held this Monday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. in Eagen Auditorium. Club leaders are encouraged to bring their spring schedules in the spirit of club collaboration. Pizza will be served.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE | "Without love, what are we worth? Eighty-nine cents! Eighty-nine cents worth of chemicals walking around lonely." - Hawkeye from M\*A\*S\*H

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# Famous forgeries on display in library

BY MARIE FINNEGAN  
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The University Weinberg Memorial Library will display "Harmless to Homicidal: A Collection of Hoaxes and Literary Forgeries from the Library of Stephen R. Pastore" in the library's fifth floor Heritage Room.

The exhibit will open with a reception on Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. and will remain at The University until Sunday, April 22. The collection will be on display during normal library hours.

Stephen Pastore, book collector and bibliographer, will loan the collection to The University. He is the author of "Sinclair Lewis: a Descriptive Bibliography: a Collec-

tor's and Scholar's Guide to Identification," and "A Collector's Guide to the Works of Thomas Hardy: A Bibliographical Study."

The exhibit will include forgeries such as a titulus allegedly used at the crucifixion, an early printed book documenting the forgery of Mary Queen of Scots' treasonous letters, one of the only William Ireland forged Shakespeare letters in private hands, a Revolutionary war pass "signed" by George Washington, a letter of Lord Byron forged by Wilkes-Barre resident and purported Byron descendent Major George Byron, an Emily Dickinson poem forged by master forger and Mormon murderer Mark Hoffman, Joseph Cosey's forgery of "The Black Cat" by Edgar Allan Poe, and

many others of noted literary and historical figures.

A more contemporary forgery, Clifford Irving's imitation of the Autobiography of Howard Hughes, will also be on display. The manuscript of the "autobiography" was auctioned off to an unknown buyer in 1989. This book, purportedly only 1 of 95 copies printed, is likely a piracy, and possibly a hoax itself.

In addition, the display will include literary hoaxes like the Spectra Hoax from 1916. Romantic poets, disillusioned with early modernist poetry, created a literary magazine with purposely obtuse poems intended to mock T.S. Eliot and other modernist poets. However, they unintentionally

created a new poetry journal that was praised by critics.

Another hoax in the display involved the creation of what turned out to be the best-selling novel "Naked Came the Stranger" supposedly written by Penelope Ashe in 1969, but actually composed by various members of the staff of Newsday in a successful attempt to create a purposely horrible novel to show how far standards of taste had fallen in America.

A catalog that discusses the historical context for each of the forgeries and hoaxes will be available. The catalog also contains a preface by Pastore, where he explains that the most common motives of the forger and the hoaxer are greed, politics and religion,

and the expert as target.

"Examining and understanding how people have been deceived in the past helps you become more aware and critical and a little less likely to become the victim of a scam," Michael Knies, associate professor and Special Collections librarian at The University, said.

A current resident of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Pastore contacted The University to display his collection because of The University's large and active Special Collections department. The University plans to display more of Pastore's collections in the future. For additional information, please contact Michael Knies at 941-6341.

# New interdisciplinary major combines biology, chemistry

BY SHANA LOVEN  
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A new undergraduate interdisciplinary major in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology program will be coming to The University in fall 2007.

The biology and chemistry faculty will offer courses in genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics for the new major. It will be the first program at The University to combine courses in proteomics and genomics.

"It can give students who are planning to attend graduate school a head start in these areas," says Dr. Dwyer, professor of biology and co-director of the program.

According to www.epa.gov genomics is the study of genes and their function. Proteomics is the study of the full set of proteins encoded by a genome and bioinformatics is the field of science in which biology, computer science, and information technology merge into a single discipline.

"I think that one of the strongest points that our program has to offer is that it is an interdisciplinary program with participation of the Institute for Molecular Biology and Medicine," says Dr. Joan Wasilewski, associate professor of chemistry, who co-directs the program with Dr. Dwyer. "The opportunity for students to take courses in proteomics and genomics at the undergraduate level is worth noting. Equally significant is the fact that they will have experience with the research instrumentation at the IMBM."

Students in this new under-



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**A LAB in the Institute for Molecular Biology and Medicine, where many of the classes in the new discipline will take place.**

graduate program will have the opportunity for hands-on experience working with proteomics in the laboratory at the IMBM.

The IMBM is dedicated to the molecular biological research, chiefly in the field of proteomics. It contains the most advanced proteomics laboratory in the region. The facility has been chosen as a reference lab because it is the only one in the United States to contain the Genomic Solutions entire product line.

"The decoding of the human genome has led to an enormous amount of data concerning the nature of genes," states Dr. Wasilewski. "Biomedical science

is now presented with the seemingly overwhelming task of understanding both the expression under various conditions, such as disease, and function of the ribonucleic acid and protein products of genes within cells."

Upon graduation from the interdisciplinary program students will be able to seek immediate employment as technicians in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries and in government laboratories. They will also be able to pursue advanced degrees in biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology and related areas of life sciences, or professional degrees in medicine and dentistry.

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Relief Service Trip. Other on-campus involvements include University Ministries and Cura Personalis. Schluckebier also made the Dean's List for the spring and fall semesters of 2006.

"I truly enjoy being in a leadership position and having the chance to affect change for others," Schluckebier said.

Prizeman and Lecours were unable to continue serving on student government this semester because both are studying abroad. Prizeman is studying in Spain and Lecours is studying in Ireland.

Student Body Vice President Joe Casey remarked that both Miguens and Schluckebier "seem to demonstrate an excellent sense of confidence and leadership."

"We're excited to have them serve on the Senate for the remainder of the semester," Casey said.

# Residence halls foster recycling, good energy use

BY MATTHEW J. CALVERT  
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Residents in Gavigan and Redington halls are competing in a program meant to emphasize sustainability.

The program, called the Gavigan/Redington Conservation Program, will attempt to promote recycling and reduction of energy usage.

The program's sponsors, Physical Plant, Residence Life and Student Government, hope the conservation competition will show students how easy it is to save money and reduce the amount of energy one consumes on a regular basis.

"The energy and recycling competition is intended to bring awareness to students and the campus community on how much we use as individuals and how much we can do as individuals," Mark Murphy, The University's assistant director of utilities, said in a Student Government press release. "Can a single person use 200,000 gallons of water in one year? Is your away message costing \$200 per year? Can a \$1.23 compact fluorescent light bulb save \$20 a year?"

The competition began Jan. 30 and runs until April 22, when the United States celebrates Earth Day.

The initiative is not the only program The University has implemented since it began promoting sustainability in 2004. Many class-

rooms were outfitted with sensors that turn off the lights when the room is empty. Bathrooms and showers have been upgraded to versions which conserve 11 million gallons of water in one year. The University replaced about 2,800 incandescent light bulbs with the energy-conserving fluorescent bulbs. The bulbs are expected to save \$160,000 in energy costs.

Many of these initiatives are not seen by the casual observer. The Gavigan/Redington Conservation Program is one way the campus is trying to get the students involved in sustainability on campus.

"Many students are still unsure of what [sustainability] means," Student Government President Vinny Solomeno said. "Through the Gavigan/Redington Conservation Program and educational programs in residence halls, it is our hope that we can help students understand the tangible benefits of seemingly small actions such lights, computers and water faucets."

Through the residence hall competition and other initiatives, The University is attempting to integrate the campus into policies that will, in the end, result in less waste.

"By reducing our energy usage, we reduce the amount of electricity that has to be produced," Murphy said. "In doing so we reduce significantly the pollution that would have been made to produce the electricity."

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in Gonzaga House on Thursday, Feb. 22., at 7 p.m. All interested are welcome to attend.

To wrap up Black History Month, a semi-formal dinner will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The Black History Commemoration Dinner requires a reservation by Feb. 15, but is open to anyone. The dinner will include a performance titled "Odyssey" by Charles Kennedy, Jr. "Odyssey" will include music from many genres, spanning from African tribal music through slavery and into the present, including jazz and hip-hop. The dinner, whose theme is "Honor, Acknowledge and Respect," is limited to 100 people.

Performance Music and The Jazz Museum in Harlem, with support from a University of Scranton Diversity Initiatives Grant, will host "Harlem Speaks: Duke Ellington," in honor of the jazz artist. The program will take place

Sunday, Feb. 11 in the Houlihan-McLean Center. According to a University press release, "Harlem Speaks" is a nationwide series celebrating jazz greats like Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong.

Black History Month was founded in 1976 by The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, according to their website. Its earliest incarnation was founded in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson and called Negro History Week. The week he selected in mid-February was chosen because President Lincoln and Frederick Douglass' birthdays are also celebrated that week. By the 1960's, many African-Americans advocated a month-long celebration instead. In 1976, the national bicentennial and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Negro History Week, the celebration was lengthened and renamed Black History Month.

## - University Notices -

Because the AQ Briefs have been discontinued, the *Aquinas* staff has added the University Notices section on page 3. Space is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. To get your event posted here, please e-mail the information to calvertm2@scranton.edu

Leadership Roundtable, Monday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. in Eagen Auditorium, hosted by Student Activities and Orientation - Clubs and organizations are invited to share event calendars, and discuss the appropriations bill in the Student Senate. Pizza will be served!