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Is HACU for you? Program Places Students in Internships

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Having a four-year college degree doesn't necessarily mean that all graduates will land their dream job. In a competitive job-hunting nation where a bachelor's degree is now standard, how do students gain that competitive edge? One word: internship.

Most college students have, at one time or another, heard that they should complete an internship. John Moriarty, assistant director of Barry University's Career Services, stressed the valuable functions of internships, including opportunities to network and a variety of career possibilities. According to Moriarty, interning provides students with real-life experiences that can be used to decide whether their current career choice is ideal or not.

The prospect of looking for an internship may be overwhelming with so many organizations and corporations to consider, but it does not have to be. The Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) links students with federal agencies and corporations for internships at the undergraduate and graduate level, according to HACU's National Internship Program (HNIP) website.

Although HACU's internship program is targeted toward students from a Hispanic background, students do not have to be Hispanic to apply. The HACU internship provides students with opportunities to network and develop contacts, a very valuable tool when they enter the workforce, agrees both Singletary and Turnier, introduced below.



Kristy Singletary poses in front of the Treasury Department in Washington. Singletary spent 10 weeks at her internship, working directly with her supervisor.

This past summer, Kristy Singletary and Steve Turnier, who are both double-majors in accounting and marketing, completed internships through HACU. Singletary and Turnier learned about the HACU internship program through Moriarty and Amy Diepenbrock, Ph.D., director of Barry University's Career Services. Though these students have the same majors, their experiences during their internships were quite different.

"In some areas, I was able to apply what I have learned in my classes," said Singletary about her internship with the Department of Treasury in the Office of D.C. Pensions in Washington.

She also learned how graduates must present themselves in the workplace. Singletary had regular meetings with her supervisor during which they discussed upcoming projects, her progress, and

assessments of what she had learned.

"I appreciated the honest relationship that I had with my supervisor," said Singletary.

Turnier, who interned in Kansas City, Missouri, at the U.S. Census Bureau, describes a different working environment and experience.

"I learned how to deal with office dynamics, corporate culture and work-mate relationships," said Turnier.

Unlike Singletary, who established a relationship with her supervisor, Turnier felt that he was not guided by his supervisors well.

"I thought I might get to move around and learn about every aspect of the Bureau, but I got stuck at a desk for nine weeks doing the work that no one else wanted to do," said Turnier.

Turnier was assigned to work in The

Partnership Department which he explains, "is responsible for creating and maintaining relationships with local governments, faith-based organizations and local businesses in cooperation with the decennial census."

"With the economy going through the current credit crunch and the labor markets tightening, getting a job in your career field right out of school is becoming increasingly more competitive," said Moriarty. "Students should be asking themselves what can they do to make themselves stand out from the competition when applying for jobs."

Both Singletary and Turnier agree that students should apply for internships. "It is always a great resume-builder. It is always impressive to have a background in fields that you are interested in," says Singletary.

Applicants for HACU cannot choose their internship location. If accepted, there are many benefits to becoming a federal intern, including free airfare and stipends. However, when applying to HACU, there are requirements. According to HNIP's website, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, have completed freshmen year before the internship starts, and have permission to work in the United States legally. Interns must also be participants in community, as well as campus, activities.

For more information on HACU's internship opportunities go to: www.hnip.net

For more information on internships, contact Barry University's Career Services Office.

Global Warming Conference Paints Stark Picture of Earth's Future

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On Oct. 28, Barry University hosted a panel of experts to discuss the seriousness of global warming. A series of sessions were held at different locations around campus, giving students and faculty a variety from which to choose. Each session focused on different topics, but all lead to the program's conclusion with Bill McKibben, the author of *The End of Nature*, which had been selected as this year's common reader for all first-year students. With a huge turnout, the 2008 Global Warming Conference was a success. A series of sessions held in Andreas 111 ranged from the types of chemical

wastes that are in the environment and how to remove them, to the role that consumers in the United States have played in harming the environment. Each session was very informative and even entertaining, thanks to McKibben's crowd-pleasing antics.

"Removing Chemical Wastes from the Environment"

Presented by by Dr. John Bonbus, Dr. Zuzana Zajickora, and Maria Aloya, this session discussed the different greenhouse gases, the evidence of global warming, and the different solutions for reducing these effects. It was mentioned that about 35 percent of carbon

dioxide emissions are from automobiles alone. The speakers estimated that about one gallon of fuel dumps about 18 pounds of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. On average, there are about 20 gallons of fuel for one car, which in total releases 356 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year. They went on to inform the audience that in addition to the massive amounts of carbon dioxide being injected into the atmosphere, but glaciers are disappearing by at least 200 meters a year. Parts of South America that used to be covered in ice sheets are now lakes; polar bears are now living on dry land. Resources for alternative energy sources, such as hydrogen fuel,

wind, geothermal, solar and nuclear power to name a few, are being looked at for solutions to this devastating problem. Also, the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere using carbon dioxide scrubbers may become a plausible solution. Leading geoscientist Wallace Broecker from Columbia University developed a machine that removes one pound of carbon dioxide a day that would cost about \$200,000.

"Operation Green Leaves -- Haiti's Environmental Tragedy"

Presented by Dr. Nadine Patrice, this

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Letter From the Editor

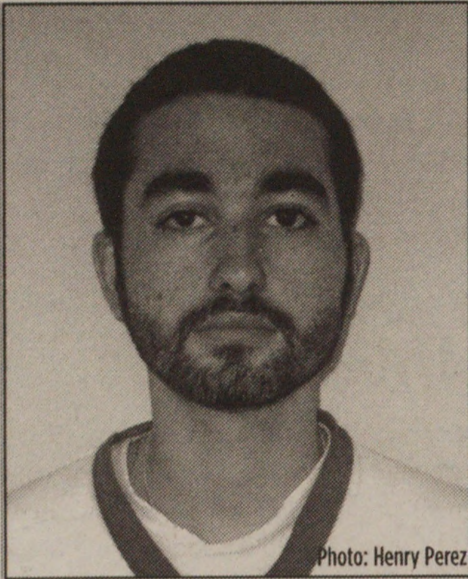


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Like most of you, I have a Facebook profile. And among its many uses, I utilize this online social-networking community to keep tabs on old friends. As the years pass, I continue to look at my friends' interest section to see if their likes and dislikes have changed. Does Janel still watch *The Hills*? Does Fernando still listen to Rooney? But one particular section I frequent the most is the favorite books section.

What do you have listed in your profile? My all-time favorite response is, "Not 2 Much of a Reader Only When I Have 2 Be." I understand that college students are busy, inundated with academic responsibilities and social gatherings, but is there no time allotted for expanding your mind?

I admit that I don't read as much as I should, but I still read. During the semester, I cannot keep up with a novel, but I have improvised by readingshort stories. I keep it quick and sensible, but at least I read.

For many, reading is viewed as a chore, something to be dreaded. In a world connected through interactivity, reading can be seen as isolating, but that's the point. Books can take their readers away from the troubled world and into a different place.

In this issue of *The Buccaneer*, Brigid Cotter writes about a new book phenomenon sweeping the country on page three. Cotter describes how people who were once bothered by books are now constantly reading, thanks in part to one particular author. It's not surprising that book series like Harry Potter and Twilight are so popular; these authors describe a world vastly different from our own. Readers become consumed by these books that separate them from their surroundings, taking readers out of their worlds and into the authors. The fictional characters of Jodi Picoult, however, confront moral dilemmas that are real and relatable.

Speaking of authors, *The Buccaneer* is urging members of the Barry community to submit works exhibiting their creativity, including poetry, short stories, artwork and photos. For more information and inspiration, take a look at Sharna Daniel's poetry on page four. Also, check out the winning entries from the Global Warming Conference writing contest on pages seven and eight.

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A Picoult Phenomenon: Novelist Attracts Loyal Following

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Author Jodi Picoult isn't known for writing that hackneyed happy ending or a light-hearted version of life; her novels address some of the most controversial and thought-provoking issues that many mainstream authors try to avoid. For avid readers who have never heard of Picoult, join the thousands who support and discuss her work with a certain passion and glee.

Picoult has 15 published books, with many landing on the coveted *New York Times* best-seller list. Some of her more popular titles include *The Pact*, *My Sister's Keeper*, *Plain Truth*, *The Tenth Circle*, and her most recent, *Change of Heart*. Her books are known to be page-turners and focus on relevant moral issues such as stem-cell research, date rape, domestic violence, sexual abuse and teenage suicide. Her stories venture into issues most wouldn't dare explore, but Picoult manages to predominantly convey themes of love, family and relationships through these complex works.

A review in the *Washington Post* said, "Picoult has become a master—almost a clairvoyant—at targeting hot issues and writing highly readable page-turners about them. It is impossible not to be held spellbound by the way she forces us to think, hard, about right and wrong."

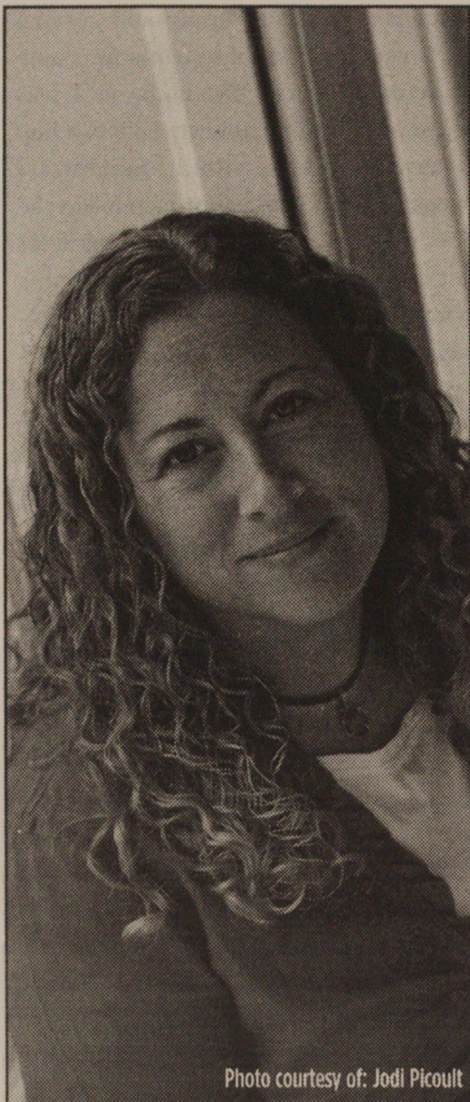


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You don't have to love reading to love one of Picoult's books. Many friends and family members who would prefer

anything over reading have also become enthralled with her books as I have. While reading the literary work of Picoult, you will begin to question your own sense of right and wrong, and issues that you never felt connected to will consume your thoughts and emotions.

If you are still skeptical about indulging in one of Picoult's novels, you also have the option of watching her stories on the Lifetime network. *The Pact*, *Plain Truth* and *The Tenth Circle*, have all been made into original movies for the women-oriented station. One of her more popular books, *My Sister's Keeper*, will come out in 2009.

The first book I read by Picoult was *My Sister's Keeper*, a story that examines what it means to be a good parent, a good person and a good sister, although it would be impossible to give a short synopsis of such a complex story. I have never been so emotionally involved with a story. The ending left me bawling and struggling to comprehend the outcome of the book. This is how I got hooked on Jodi Picoult.

Summer is the time when most students are able to catch up on reading, outside of textbooks and study guides. Over the summer, I noticed everywhere I turned, people were talking about Picoult. Most of the buzz was at the restaurant where I worked. Everyone was exchanging Picoult's titles and dis-

cussing the issues she raised. Not only teenagers and college students, but my extended family and older relatives were also engrossed with her writing. Finally, when I reached my dorm and saw my roommate too was reading a Picoult novel, I understood how amazing her stories are, and now, I have become part of the Picoult phenomenon.

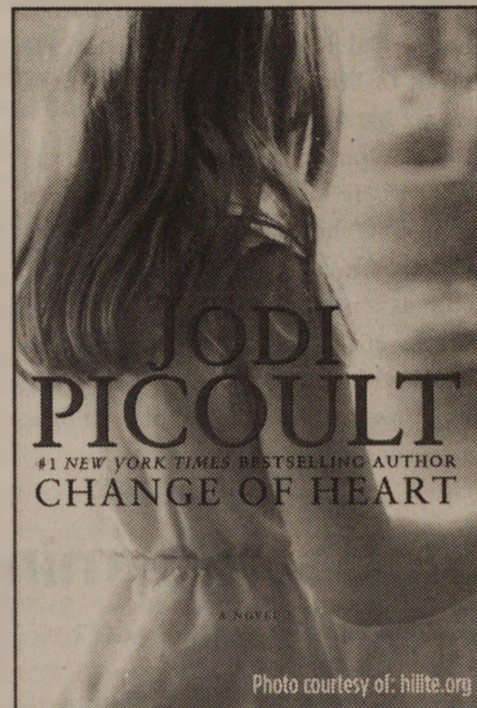


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Change of Heart is Picoult's latest novel. Although her other works were featured on television, this novel is being produced into a major motion picture.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Ms. Baldischwiler and the Barry Community:

First, I want to thank you for opinion piece, "Transfer Students and Barry: Not a Strong Bond" in the October issue of *The Buccaneer*. As the director of the Center for Leadership and Transition Services (CLEATS) and speaking on behalf of those who work in the office, we appreciate your comments regarding the experience you had as a transfer student during StART and orientation. As an office that prides itself on creating outstanding programs for our incoming students, we are cognizant that our orientation program for transfer students needs enhancements. With such a large entering class this year, we were not able to cater our StART III program to the transfer population as we had done in the past. For the first time, our StART III attendees exceeded 430 students for the one-day program, and more than half of those students were first-time freshmen. While this does not excuse the lack of specific attention paid to our transfer population, the CLEATS office has taken immediate steps to ensure that our future StART and orientation programs for transfer students are just that: programs that speak directly to transfers and their specific needs, including academic, financial and career issues.

After our orientation program concluded, each new student, including freshmen and transfers, was emailed and asked to fill out an online evaluation of the orientation and transition process. We hope that all students took the opportunity to share their opinion, for we take this feedback very seriously as we plan for our future programs. Furthermore, in our attempt to enhance our StART and orientation programs, we need transfer-student leadership on our team.

Coming in November, we have a transfer student starting as one of our student directors of orientation, and we will be recruiting all students to be a part of our orientation team for next summer. If you or any transfer student in our community was not satisfied with the orientation experience, then you are exactly who we want on our team. Your contributions and commitment will only ensure that future programs meet the needs of our vibrant transfer population, and you can be a part of the change that you think needs to be made.

If any student would like to share their feedback with us or learn more about our programs, please do not hesitate to contact us at cleats@mail.barry.edu or visit us in Landon 202.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to receiving your application for the orientation team!

Dana Ponsky
Director, Center for Leadership and Transition Services

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DJ Nasty Nate: Off the Record

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Nathan Williams is commonly known as Nate around campus, but professionally, he's DJ Nasty Nate, one of the most known and beloved DJs on WBRY. DJ Nasty Nate is trying to accomplish the goal of "making it" in the music industry.

Born in Richmond, Va. this DJ has always had a passion for music. He moved to Miami Shores, to attend the diverse Barry University.

Nate started DJing informally at the age of 17. He didn't have any turntables at the time, but he knew how to make mix tapes to keep the party going. His debut as a professional field DJ was on July 3, 2007, the very first time he played with turntables at a party. Since then, however, he's played at countless parties and events.

At the age of 20, Nate is now a junior communications major at Barry. He loves R&B and hip-hop, but being in Miami has opened him up to a more eclectic taste in music. With musical inspirations such as Trey Songz, T.I., DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJ Drama, Lil Boosie and Webbie, DJ Nasty Nate is one of the only DJs that you'll hear play Biggie and Pitbull in the same set; he plays a little bit of everything for all the students. If you've ever been to a party where Nate is the DJ, you know that he'll play R&B, hip-hop, techno, rap, reggaeton, reggae, calypso, go-go, house, salsa, and just about anything that's out there.

When did you realize that you were considered a great DJ among your peers?

The first time I realized that I was actually good to other people was when I played at Cameo. Playing at South

Beach is a big deal to an up-and-coming DJ. It was my first time seeing my name on screens around the club, so I was hyped as hell to be honest. This is when I was still working with my mentor, DJ Danger. I had people approach me at the club when I wasn't on the turntables just telling me that they liked listening to me. It was a really great feeling, especially since it was my first big event.

Do you play anywhere regularly?

You can expect me at SoBe Live. I haven't started yet, but that's most likely where I'm going to be.

Do you have a particular message you want to get across to the readers?

A recent loss of one of my friends has made me realize never to take any one or anything for granted. R.I.P.

Krystal. Take advantage of every opportunity, and just live life to the fullest.

DJ Nasty Nate signs off:

My parents are my backbones; they're like my best friends, mentors because they keep me in line, but at the same time, they listen to all my problems and understand me. My brother and my sister-in-law are like my best friends; whenever school and work get too stressful, I just call any of them and get right back to reality. School and work are stressful; I average hardly any sleep. I'd like to thank Barry University, WBRY, all of my friends, and friends who are as close as family, who support me in everything I do.

Music fans can catch DJ Nasty Nate's eclectic mix Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on WBRY 1640 AM.

Global Warming Conference

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session covered the different effects that global warming has on Haiti. She expressed her concern about these effects, noting that the temperature change associated with global warming can trigger elevated sea levels, increased cyclonic activity and flash flooding. Dr. Patrice stated, "Global warming isn't an opinion; it's a scientific reality, and we need to take action." She was extremely passionate about the topic because of her Haitian ancestry, and she was so distressed about Haiti's deteriorating conditions that she was almost on the verge of tears. Patrice formed an organization called Operation Green Leaves to make people more aware of the tough conditions Haiti faces.

"Market Culture, Insatiable Consumerism, and Global Warming"

Presented Dr. Luigi Esposito and Dr. Fernando Perez, this session dealt with the addictive personality that Americans has been known to have. They opened their presentation with a powerful quote from Morris Berman that stated, "Addiction in one form or another characterizes every aspect of industrial society." This perspective, among other quotes such as ex-president George H. W. Bush Sr. saying, "Look, let me just put it bluntly: we are too dependent on oil," and "the American way of life is not negotiable," made the session extremely interesting and relevant. Statistics were presented to illustrate these points: The United States consumes about 25 percent of the world's energy and owns one-third of the world's automobiles. The average American uses as much energy as 13 Chinese, 31 Indians, 128 Bangladeshis and 307 Ethiopians. The United States has about 5 percent of the world's population, yet Americans use more energy than any other country.

A Talk with Bill McKibben

The final session with McKibben wasn't as formal as the other sessions, but it was the most entertaining. He is a man of great intellect and charisma, and had the students laughing at his humorous stories. He connected to his audience on a personal level that some of the other speakers didn't quite match. He discussed the various ways college students have rallied together to make a difference about global warming. Both Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton changed their platforms after these student rallies to cut the carbon dioxide output by 80 percent by the year 2050. He also mentioned that global warming is happening faster than expected, warning that by 2012, it will be too late to reverse the damages that have been done to the atmosphere. He shared scientists' stark predictions: By 2020, there will be no more glaciers. Coral reefs will disappear because they cannot survive the heat being produced. A rapid rise in the sea level by about one to one-and-a-half feet will occur by the end of this century. Barry is 10 feet above sea level; imagine how a such a rise would affect Barry, among other places in Miami and around the country. McKibben used words of encouragement to urge the students and faculty to help try to stop the process of global warming. "We have a narrow window that is closing rapidly, and we should use it," said McKibben. "If we don't solve this problem quickly, then we will never solve it." He was blunt, but told the truth throughout his session, and he was more than just right.

McKibben encouraged Barry students and faculty to join the growing rally against global warming by signing up online at www.350.org.

Calling All Creative Writers

The Buccaneer is launching an initiative to regularly publish creative works by Barry students in the Arts & Leisure section. Please submit your poems, short stories, or personal essays. If you have made any paintings, sculptures, or other works of art, take a few pictures and send them to us. We also welcome your drawings and photographs.

Submit your works to galpizar@mail.barry.edu.

Love Packed Up and Moved Away

By Sharna Daniel

Love packed up and moved away
And left no single trace
It took my emotions with it
That I once in my life embraced

Love packed up and moved away
With my tender heart in its hands
This left a void in its place
A void that I cannot fill in

Love packed up and moved away
And left memories in my mind
Memories I long to forget
But reminiscing is what I find

Love packed up and moved away
And took the wholeness of my soul
On the inside I'm old and worn
But on the outside no story is told

Love packed up and moved away
After its depart I did die
With me it left nothing
Nothing but the tears I cry

Love packed up and moved away
And with it took my life
I became a soulless creature
Who lurks the streets at night

Love doesn't live here anymore
It moved on to its next host
Love can be a parasite
When abused by the one you love most

The Performer

By Sharna Daniel

Come and see the show
Witness her act without fee
See how her emotions fade so
Watch her change instantly

See how she hides behind her smile
Take a peek and the coats will disappear
I promise it'll be worth your while
Listen and it'll be whimpers you'll hear

It is her true self that has now surfaced
The person no one ever sees
In everyone's eyes her life is perfect
But they don't look behind the scenes

Beyond the velvet curtains
And behind closed doors
On her the world burdens
For much she does mourn

Her face conceals her story
Her masquerade fools us all
Happiness for her will never be
'Til death the show will go on

Her dazzling smile feints the crowd
Below her surface are her secrets graves
Her cries not heard among the shouts
With her performance she entertains

With just a quick glimpse
Her pain is revealed
But swiftly she masks weakness
Her composure is regained

Despair will overcome her whole
Her audience evermore oblivious to her misery
Death will soon take its toll
Her story will forever remain a mystery

When God Lost Control: Finding Meaning in Evolution

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Friedrich Nietzsche's famous quote, "God is dead," suggests that God abandoned the modern world, or that we abandoned Him. However, we might take Nietzsche's sentence in this manner: God is strictly mythical, and all spirituality is just rubbish.

We might take his words to mean that faith, morality and value are things outside the realm of truth and certainty. After all, Nietzsche was writing in modern times, times that saw science and philosophy advancing truth beyond the primordial soup of mythology. In the premodern world, philosophy and science had not been as well-developed as they are today; rather, mythology dominated premodern cultures.

Mythology served its purpose to humans thousands of years ago. People carried their bloodlines, their cultures in mythical spoken stories. Mythology delivered truth, meaning and purpose to people's lives. It served to give them both certainty about who they were as a people through the commemoration of time and place, and strength of beauty engraved on the rhyme, rhythm and nature of the words. In a way, mythology was an amalgamation of faith and certainty. It was truth and beauty wrapped up in a primordial ball, prior to our modern understanding of them as quite distinct. Rightfully, truth and beauty were differentiated from each other once modernity swept in, but unfortunately, they also digressed into divorce, and truth won the custody battle, according to Ken Wilber.

Are such things as spirit and beauty indeed dead, and have we killed them as a result of a ravenous modern hunger for certainty petering out into an apathetic postmodern realization that ultimate truth is unattainable?

We might take the line "God is dead," to mean none of the above, but rather, the death of myth coinciding with a death of meaning in the lives of people within this modern and postmodern culture. The lives of people in premodern cultures included prayer, self-sacrifice, devotion, hope for redemption, an ethnocentrically religious form of unity, and ultimately, a hopeful focus on a better (after)life. How do we bring back faith, beauty, spirit, direction, meaning in a world enlightened (and limited) by truth? We may have to locate some really beautiful truths. As Nietzsche implied, we must progress again. We must ourselves turn into gods.

A Blow to the Mythic Worldview

Wide agreement exists on the truth of evolution, and we cannot merely close our eyes to truth. Disagreement may exist, however, as to what extent evolution is happening. An idea on the hot-plate of the contemporary philosophical scene boils down as such: Human consciousness is *directionally* evolving; cultural and historical changes are not flat but evolutionarily hierarchical.

There may be many individuals who accept the reasonably obvious notion that culture shapes and evolves the perception

of the mind; however, evolution does not happen only according to environmental location. It happens in both space and time. The differences seen in cultural and historical behaviors are both domain-specific, based on location, as well as time-based differences that accrue over history.

An Evolutionary Layer Cake

Looking at evolution from the point of view of location is fine: A fish inhabiting the dark of the oceanic deep has different sense-organ functionality than a bird. When looking at evolution from a history-based perspective, however, the beauty of evolution reveals itself.

To identify the changes that are more the result of time than of location, one has to pay more attention to the similarities between species rather than the differences. For example, all life metabolizes food into energy. All nervous systems have arisen, essentially, for the purpose of sensation and motor function, and so on. These history-based constants happen in

important history-based evolutionary advancement: a prefrontal cortex, mammalian cortex and limbic system, a reptilian brain stem, vertebrate spinal chord, animalian sensory and motor function and metabolic processes, cellular protein synthesis and sugar metabolism, molecular chemical reactions, electromagnetic charge of subatomic particles, and so on, right down to the Big Bang. Considering the fact that these transcend-and-include-type evolutions occur in biology, it would be silly to negate them in the mind. Yet exterior-oriented scientists have a difficult time considering this notion.

Unfolding Levels of Consciousness

Postmodernist philosophies and psychologies have long established the radical notion that the world we experience everyday is not truly real in and of itself. The world needs an interpretation of it by a subject for it to become truly real. There is no objective reality, only a plethora of interpretations of reality.

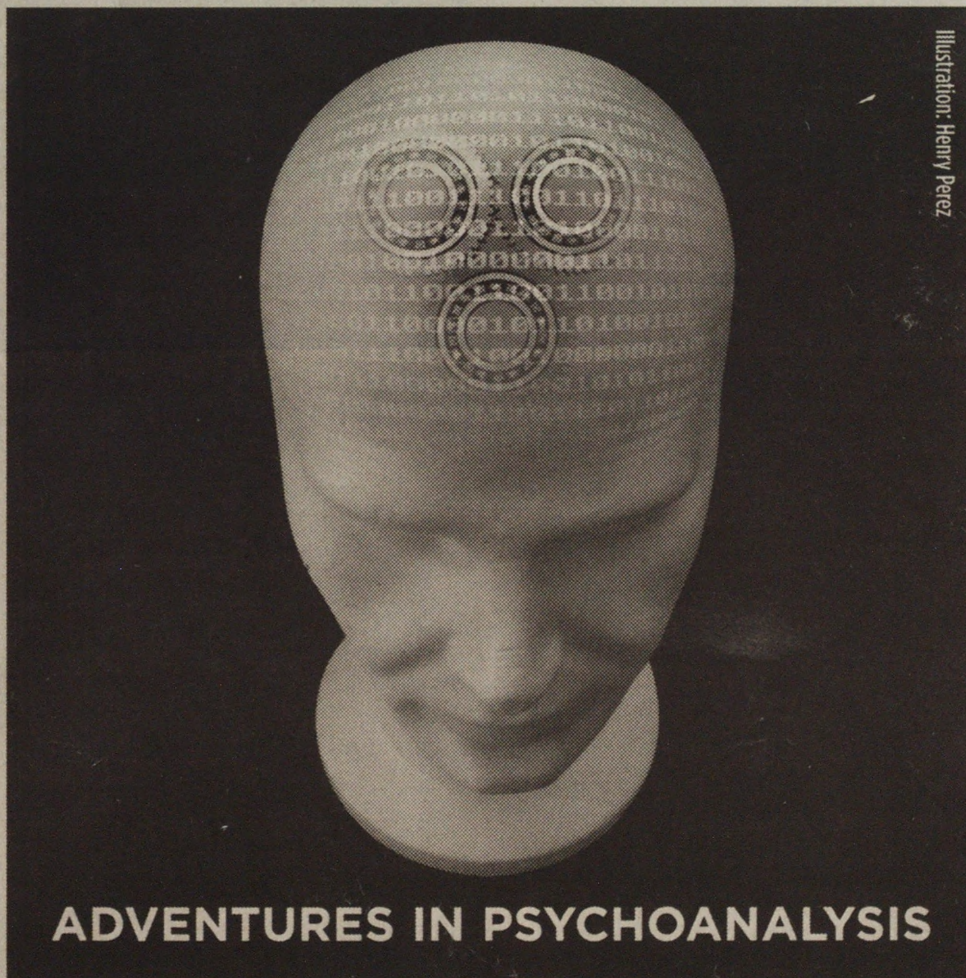
while still including the former in them. They are transcending and including the lower. In the book *Spiral Dynamics*, Don Beck and Christopher Cowan provide empirical evidence from history and surveys of people to support their hypotheses that consciousness is evolving in a transcend-and-include-type fashion; existing levels differentiate into new territory and include the former levels. Beck and Cowan found about six or seven current levels of consciousness, with some of the population at the first and second levels, most of the world at the third level, much of it at the fourth level, and a few people higher. They predict that higher levels will continue to open up and evolve.

Beck and Cowan show a progression in societal values throughout history as blood-line tribes evolved into mythology-based nation-states, which themselves evolved into reason-based republics and democracies. How people interpret the world radically changes at each of those evolutionary points, transcending and including the prior stages. People in democratic societies still love their blood ties, still love mythology, but are at a more evolved point where they can see importance in more broader realms than that, such as: all individuals deserving equal rights and the greater certitude provided by reason and empirical evidence.

The Return of Spirit

Realizing that the highest reaches of human consciousness are differentiating from and including the former—and that this process is still ongoing—radically changes everything we conceptualize about ourselves. It gives us a return to direction, meaning and purpose. Now we can see that: the artist does not only provide a catharsis; the scientist does not only provide better living conditions; the doctor does not only make lives longer and healthier; the philosopher does not only demand we ought to abide by a higher ethical value system. They all are, and always have been, striving to transcend and include what has been done in the past, in order to upgrade the evolutionary level of consciousness in people, where everyone has the capacity to get up to that level of consciousness and thus, everyday perceive their world from a higher point of view. Lovers cannot be left out of this dance either. Procreation is taking half of yourself and combining it with half of what you love, and putting that into the future. Now how can the future go wrong with that?

A New Enlightenment direction, meaning, purpose, and spirit have been revitalized in this culture thanks to the work of men like Beck, Cowan, Wilber and many others. Their work includes the advances made during the eras of ravenous modern and postmodern critiques of truth. Their work has influenced me and led me to communicate their ideas, my launch pad, to you in these last three articles. But where can we go from here? What new evolutionary perspectives can we create? In the remainder of this series, I will offer what I can do. What can you do?



ADVENTURES IN PSYCHOANALYSIS

a hierarchical fashion of increasing complexity. For example, looking at nervous systems over time, one can see fledgling "spinal chords"—clusters of nerves and nerve cords of invertebrate animals—developing into more complex spinal cords of vertebrates. And every increasingly complex species of animal has a spinal cord and brain.

Biologists including Laszlo have noted that biology is building on itself in increasing complexity, and that it does so by simultaneously differentiating from (transcending) and integrating (including) established structures. Wilber theorized in 2006 that the evolutionary universe is a massive pattern of transcendence and inclusion. Starting with the most complex structure in the known universe and tracing it all the way down the evolutionary chain, one immediately can see this pattern: The human nervous system is the most advanced amalgam of matter in the world, and it contains every

Every individual is distinct and brings different interpretations to the world. Two accepted differences in interpretations of the world are: cultural differences and personal differences. Your interpretation depends on your culture, family and upbringing. These elements factor into how you see the world, and typically are seen as domain-specific, or at least flatly (non-transcendently) time-sensitive. But none of these are typically the type of time-sensitive differences that build on each other by transcending and including. Considering the developmental nature of the biological world, it would be silly to not explore the possibility that the human mind is transcending and including as well.

Indeed, human consciousness interprets the world according to domain and advances in time. Unlike domain-specific differences, these advances in time are not flat and hodge-podge, but build on each other, going further than before

Bishop and Knight Reign the Volleyball Court

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In a chess game, many pieces are vital to winning, but two of the most important are the bishop and the knight. The bishop is usually the quiet, resilient assassin that strikes quickly but effectively. The bishop's diagonal movement means it has to make the most out of its opportunities in the game. The knight is a more vocal leader on the board, always charging and leading the way. The unpredictable movement of the knight takes the form of an L, making its presence felt by opponents and often leaving them confused, which helps the knight along to victory.

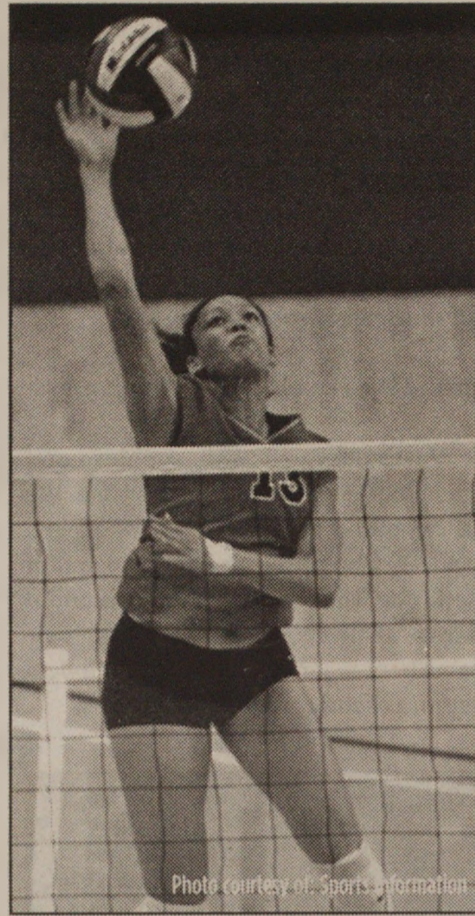
These same attributes could apply to two players from Barry's women's volleyball team. The bishop is none other than Barry's own Danielle Bishop. She takes on the role of the unsung hero, coming off the bench but always effective. "Even though I don't start, I feel I am still just as important to the team," Bishop said.

As a freshman last year, Bishop was a raw talent, but she has since learned the game more and has become even better. Her athletic attributes have now started to catch up to her own game.

Coach Frederico Santos said, "Danielle's physical abilities are very

important to the team. She's an exciting player, and she's coming into her own."

Camilla Pagnan said of her teammate, "She improved so much from last year. She's just getting better and better; she's a



Sophomore Danielle Bishop always keeps her cool, even while spiking the ball.

great surprise. We knew she was good, but she's developed so rapidly we couldn't imagine her learning at this pace."

Bishop strikes often and quickly, and even in the most pressured situations she seems to have a smile on her face and the same swagger in her play. Pagnan thinks this is because "she is always just so cool, she always has the same tone." Bishop explained, "I stay focused and think about what I need to do one play at a time."

She plays an important role to winning as the team's "X-Factor." Off the bench, Bishop sets the tone and usually gets the team ready for a huge momentum swing.

"On the court, she makes a difference. She has been very consistent and great," said Pagnan. "She joined her athletic ability with the maturity of the game."

Behind Bishop from the first serve to the last point, one can usually hear, "Let's Go! Yeah!" so much that one would think it was her song.

Just as the bishop is significant to winning a match, equally essential is the gallant knight. Pagnan is a leader to her volleyball teammates just as the knight is to his pieces. People can actually feel the electricity in her play, which is not said for many athletes.

"The people that come to our games are connected to the way she plays; they see the excitement on her face and her

pumping her fists," said Coach Santos.

Not only does it connect the fans with the thrilling action on the court, but it also kindles the flame in her teammates. Pagnan's display of her emotions often creates a surge of energy that is boosted around the court, raising the bar for her teammates to play even better. She does this quite frequently, spurring her team to try to play at a championship level.

"After every point, she's cheering and stays just as aggressive. Her energy transfers to all of us," said Bishop. "She gives us leadership we need. She's enthusiastic, very passionate, and she picks our team up when we need it the most."

Her jaw-dropping, thunderous kills and amazing aces show just how strong of a player she really is. The senior gives 110 percent all of the time. Pagnan is everywhere on the court and tries to always do better than everyone. "I am a perfectionist," Pagnan said. "Everything I like to do, I like to be the best. As I get better, I want to be even better."

By the end of a game, Camilla has so many kills in the stat sheet that one would think she was a serial killer.

These star players understand that it will take a group effort for the Bucs to be successful. Still, who wouldn't want to have these two on their side?

There's No Time Like the Present for Men's Basketball

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Tick-tock. The fear of clocks and time is called chronomentrophobia. This is the season for basketball teams in the Sunshine State to be afraid of time. The last game that the Buccaneers men's basketball team played was on March 1, and since then, every second, minute, hour, day, week, and month has been withering away until finally a new year is about to begin. The men's basketball team is ready to make a statement to the Sunshine State Conference, and better yet, the whole nation.

Coming into this season, the Buccaneers have a bit of a chip on their shoulders. They were not listed as one of the top teams in the Sunshine State

Conference, according to the Division II National Men's Basketball. A bright spot about last year was that the team reached the 2007 National Division II South Regional. Although the team posted a 10-win season and finished ninth in the Sunshine State Conference, fans should see significant changes.

This season's team should be a very fast-paced, uptempo team. The team is stacked at the guard position, which means that there will be a lot of running and excitement for fans. The future seems bright because the team is also a very young team. Out of the fifteen players on the team, eight of them are underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores), and six of those eight are freshmen. They will have a short learning curve, as Head Coach Orlando Gonzalez

will be asking the younger athletes to play a bigger role, while trying to keep mistakes to a minimum.

"Underclassmen are expected to make a huge impact this year, especially Chris Uz and Willie Whitfield," said team captain Karega Tucker.

Sophomore Willie Whitfield got even better over the summer. In his freshman year, he was the second-highest scorer and the leading rebounder on the team. Displaying his progression in his first game of the season against Florida Memorial University, Whitfield recorded a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Another player who is essential in taking the team to the next level is junior Bryan Chiverton. "He worked out this whole summer, and the change from his game from his freshman year to now is incredible," Tucker said. "We need him to have his best year ever at Barry."

In addition, a new arrival on the team is guard Erick Nsangou, who transferred from Florida International University. He will be called upon to contribute in massive scoring efforts. "Erick is an athletic combo guard who plays extremely hard at both ends of the court," said associate head coach Orlando Gonzalez. "He has a scorer's mentality and has the ability to create for himself and for others."

The team will also be relying on its three returning seniors: Jamaal Madyun, Chad Bishop and Karega Tucker. Madyun will be carrying most of the load in the post, helping with rebounding and defense. Bishop, an all-around player who

can fill multiple positions, will be helping in a lot of ways: he was third in scoring and rebounding last year. Tucker, who topped the team in scoring last season with 15.3 points per game, as well as in assists, will be leading the guards this year.

"Karega shows his leadership all the time, because even in practice or in a game, he steps up and plays intense," said Nsangou.

Tucker explains, "This year, I took a different approach to leadership. I get on my teammates, but I back it up with positive reinforcement. I know that this could be our best year we have."

Tick-tock. The real question is not, "should we be feared as a good team in our conference, but instead, do we give teams a reason to fear us?" The clock runs out on everyone, and this year the team is ready to put up a fight. Tick-tock.



Karega Tucker comes off a pick-and-roll and heads down the court. Tucker, a top-scoring senior, is leading the team's guards this year.

MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME SCHEDULE

November 25 - Barry vs. Puerto Rico Cayey 7:00 p.m.

December 31 - Barry vs. Saint Leo 12:00 noon

January 10 - Barry vs. Florida Southern 4:00 p.m.

January 21 - Barry vs. Lynn 7:30 p.m.

January 28 - Barry vs. Florida Tech 7:30 p.m.

February 4 - Barry vs. Eckerd 7:30 p.m.

U.S. Men's Soccer Team Brings Star Power to Barry

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Barry University has always been home to top-class Division II Soccer. But recently, Barry played host to world-class talent as the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team used Barry's facilities to perfect its trade in preparation for a critical match against Cuba.

The national team, coached by Bob Bradley, is currently enjoying a brilliant run as it leads its group in the qualifying rounds for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. The team has been victorious against Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Guatemala and tied soccer gods Argentina. The next World Cup could be a history-making event for the United States as it looks to field one of the team's strongest squads in history. The roster

has classy, young players like Clint Dempsey and Jozy Altidore along with strong veterans Carlos Bocanegra and Landon Donovan.

The four days at Barry were crucial for many reasons. Firstly, national teams comprise professional players who are U.S. citizens, but most do not play on the same teams. Some play domestically in Major League Soccer (MLS), but others play in the British Premiership, Coca-Cola Championship League, German Bundesliga and the Scottish first division. Due to the fact that 'football' (as soccer is called abroad) is so heavily dependent on teamwork, practices before matches are critical for building team unity and cohesion as players gain a comfort level with their new teammates.

The team spent the majority of their training doing simple and time-tested

drills. Bradley had his team run a series of agility cone drills and work thoroughly on basic soccer skills. The players faced off in teams of six on a short field. After the first three days of training, most of the national team players took the time to converse with Barry athletes, mainly the men's and women's soccer players. U.S. starting goalkeeper Tim Howard gave pointers to both Barry goalkeepers, Devala Gorrick and Daniel Walsh.

The team took full advantage of their training as they went into a very hostile field to play the first game in Cuba since Fidel Castro took over. Clint Dempsey was able to tally, and in the end the lone goal proved to be enough, as the United States beat Cuba 1-0.

Barry University has become a popular destination for sports teams visiting the South Florida area. It has become

commonplace for one of the teams playing in the annual Orange Bowl to utilize the Barry field. Oklahoma, USC, and Penn State have all recently put in time here. The Swiss men's national team even filmed a commercial at Barry in 2006.

The Barry fields experience high traffic aside from visiting sports teams as the both the Buccaneer men's and women's teams practice and play. The practice field is also used for intramural sports and by students enjoying a good kick around.

The pitch is expertly maintained by Barry's crack grounds crew, which explains why the field has become so popular. Last year when the Barry men's team hosted professional soccer team Miami FC, FC midfielder Sean Cameron remarked, "It's a quick field, but these guys are lucky to have it. I have played in plenty of professional games on lesser fields."

STUDENT AFFAIRS COLUMN

The Department of Housing and Residence Life would like to extend their gratitude to all the departments, offices, and student organizations that helped last October 31 with the Halloween Trick or Treat program. After having been absent for a few years, this campus-wide program was reborn stronger than ever and will continue to grow in the years to come. Thank you once again, and we look forward to collaborating again next year!

As the holidays approach, we want to proudly remind you of the Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by our department which will take place in Thompson Plaza on Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m. Everyone in the Barry community is invited to this event which will feature music, food, a live performance by the Gospel choir, and, ultimately, the lighting of the Christmas tree! In addition, each residence hall will be getting its own tree this year! Make sure you bring your friends and celebrate the holidays in this traditional Barry University ceremony which is always so much fun, and not just because of the snow!

As the semester comes to an end, we would like to remind our residents about closing policies and check-out procedures. Residents must be checked out of their rooms within 24 hours of their last final exams unless they are graduating, in which case they are able to stay until 12 p.m. on Sunday, December 14. Please remember that if you do not plan on returning to the residence halls in the spring semester (even if you are returning to the University,) you must fill out a Housing Release Form (available in Reslife, Landon 305) at check-out or perhaps before. You must also remove all belongings when you check out. Those residents returning in the Spring will be allowed to leave belongings in the room but will be required to return their keys to their RAs or Public Safety accordingly; fines will be assessed for those keys which are not returned, as the locks will be changed to protect your belongings. Please make sure all electric appliances and devices are unplugged, including the refrigerator; please ensure that there are no perishable items left over Christmas break so your room maintains its cleanliness until your return. Check-in for returning students will be Sunday, January 11; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. as follows: **Weber Desk** for - houses and apartments, Brown, Sage, Weber; **D&D Desk** for - D&D, MD, Flood; **Kolasa Desk** for - Kolasa, Benincasa. Please refer to the Fall Closing Newsletter posted around the halls for more information, but also remember to talk to your RA as he or she is your greatest resource for information on check-out procedures.

We hope you have had a good fall semester; we cannot wait to see you again in the spring! Good luck in your final exams and on behalf of the Division of Student Affairs and the Department of Housing and Residence Life: have a fun and safe break!

-Alberto Lorenzo

GLOBAL WARMING CONTEST WINNERS

Honorable Mention:

Buanca Numa

Numa was inspired to express her views concerning global warming in a creative way. She hopes all people, especially younger generations, will come together to address this issue.

Did I Hear You Speak?

Buanca Numa

Did I hear you speak? Were you whistling your signs of caution in the wind As the breeze flowed I heard the trash rustle your leaves As your leaves brushed the earth telling me to keep the land beautiful

Did I hear you speak? As the waters crashed against the warm ridden earth It carried with it the creatures that filled its depths Creatures of the water laid to rest

Did I hear you speak? As the heat from the earth slowly melted your polar ice caps The overbearing heat caused the animals to flee their natural habitats Going to where no man has gone before in search of a place to call home

Did I hear you speak? I heard your hindering words I felt your words speak through the wind The rain carried your rhythms The heat motioned your emotion The humid breeze blew words of wisdom To in turn heed caution for a better tomorrow

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First Place:

Danielle Jackman

Jackman was born and grew up in Trinidad and Tobago. She is a senior, pursuing a degree in psychology. She hopes to establish a non-profit foundation to aid the working poor and homeless.

Second Place:

Ronnie Espinoza

Espinoza has been interested in writing since the age of 16, initially influenced by the works of Stephen King. In addition to being a student, Espinoza works as a records processing specialist in the School of Natural Health and Sciences.

Honorable Mention:

Adrian Agarrat

Agarrat is a junior, seeking a degree in English, under the literature track.

Head for the Hills!

Adrian Agarrat

In the pasture head held importantly above the body on a beautiful, long neck like they depict him: Stately, plump Diplodocus was perhaps, gazing out beyond the pastures into the distance

A Comet is coming.

The Pterodactyls are on the move.

Will there be Time for an escape?

Crisis! Panic! Tension! Time!

How do I tell? The ladies? The babies? Even the others?

Armored and horny Laboring long and hard Triceratops will be battling.

Short-armed, big-mouthed, Tiny-eared: Tyrannosaurus Rex. He will be thrashing, wildly killing If he could.

They won't hear.

But even Diplodocus, for all his neck Had a weak tongue And was not one to be interested in drawing pictures

So if he had seen it How would he even tell if...

Diary of A Mad Black-and-White Penguin: The untold story of an emperor female penguin

Danielle Jackman

Day 1: I finally laid my egg and passed it on for my mate to incubate. As I was leaving the Antarctic tundra to forage for food, I could not help but think that things were beyond strange here, and frustration built inside me. It was unusually warm at this time; a little too warm for comfort. The cold, frigid winds were mildly blowing and not violently whipping about as usual. It was unusually quiet. Something was amiss, and I could not put my wing on it.

Many of the other species that frequent this area to breed at this time were absent due to large amounts of grass cover, limiting the space needed for breeding. What on earth is going on? The sun is shining very brightly, promoting puddles to be formed beneath my feet. This is definitely not the norm. I told the other females who were walking back with me that this was nonsense and had to be stopped. If these strange observations affect my young ones, I will assure them I would be one livid penguin.

Day 20: I am finding it very difficult and tedious to find food. The once-bountiful schools of fish that would swim in the area have now transformed into individual survivors, swimming in between plants in order to gain some security. I barely saw any krill either; it would have sufficed my raging hunger. The competi-

tion for food under here is intense. I recently fought with another female penguin for one fish that she first spotted, and fortunately for me, I was the victor. I have but 43 days before I return to the nesting ground for feeding, and I am seriously worried that I will not be sufficiently stocked to feed my young one. This food shortage is getting out of hand and needs to be stopped.

Day 40: I am emaciated and exhausted. Not only am I still unable to find food, but I am now having severe temperature-control issues. Swimming is becoming increasingly difficult due to the difference in sea temperature. Some places are much warmer than others, and I am not equipped to swim in such warm waters. I have lost over 30 pounds, and my blubber is waning. I also find extreme difficulty in breathing for a long time underneath the water. The oxygen level has dropped, or is dropping, and that means I have to surface far more now for air which also limits the depth at which I can go in order to find food. I am also becoming highly susceptible to prey. Last week, I was almost food to another animal. I narrowly escaped, and if it were not for my, I would have not made it. As much as I was angry at this increasing problem, it unnerved me to think that I would not be there for my young when they hatch.

Day 60: I am lying here ashore, far from where I need to be. I can no longer sustain adequate energy to make it back in time for the feeding. I know my time has come and only hope that someone

will take care of my young.

What I have written above is a possible fate of an Emperor penguin or any other species that dwell in the tundra if the issue of global warming persists. There are many factors contributing to the harmful and detrimental global warming effects. In the tundra in particular, a chain reaction occurs, starting with the sun and ending with the potential loss of, or rather extinction of, an entire species.

The Antarctic sea ice promotes plankton growth (Flannery, 2005). This plankton growth encourages krill to feast on them, and thus there is an increase in the number of krill. The promotion of krill fosters feeding for not only penguins, as was previously mentioned, but other great species like whales, seals and sea lions. These animals thrive on krill as their main food source. Therefore one can readily infer how the chain reaction would be broken up if something went wrong.

Due to the increase in climate change and weather, the sea ice is rapidly melting. This obviously demotes the growth of plankton. The fewer the amount of plankton present, the fewer the number of krill that will go to feed on them. This reduction in krill, however, will produce drastic effects for it will lead to their death and may even result in extinction of some species of whales and penguins that are unable to quickly adapt to the changes made to their main food source (Flannery, 2005). The melting of the sea ice in the Antarctic tundra is also

causing another problem that was briefly mentioned previously.

The loss of sea ice results in a reduction of albedo, which is the reflection of light. Snow and ice promote albedo because they are good at reflecting the powerful sun's rays from deeply penetrating the earth. Less ice cover in the tundra would mean that the sun would warm the land faster, fostering the growth of grass, shrubs and trees, and melting the ice. This grassy cover (*Deschampsia antarctica*) unfortunately decreases the number of species who migrate to the Tundra for breeding purposes (Flannery, 2005). There are more than 100 species of birds alone that migrate to the tundra, and thus they will all be affected by this change. Therefore, if the species are not able to breed where they are accustomed to, they may face the same possibility of death and eventually, extinction as the penguins and whales do for lack of food.

It may not seem important to wonder about the effects that global warming has on the Antarctic tundra, but when it is looked holistically, it is very important for participating in the maintenance of temperature balance of the earth. If this ecosystem is disturbed or destroyed, there are dire consequences that will be faced by us all. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we do our best to ensure that we are not contributing to the emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Empire State

Ronnie Espinoza

I woke up late this morning, and I saw that the waters had risen above the 84th floor today. That's another 10 feet overnight. Of course, I'm just estimating from my view on the 86th-floor observation deck. I know I actually have to take a look downstairs to confirm my approximation, but not before breakfast. No, I at least have to have my daily dose of Raisin Bran in the morning before reality sets in once more. According to my calendar, this is Day 156, living here in this place an office space that represented part of what used to be the Empire State Building.

So after my dry cereal, I head down the stairwell at around 10:35. I don't need to go very far. Just one flight down of stairs and I can see that my assumption was right: 84th is already flooded. Well maybe not all the way up just yet, but still close enough for me to start thinking about moving on up again. As I look down, I can still feel the cold air coming off the sea below. In fact, I felt how cold that water really is once or twice don't want to try that again anytime soon. But it's funny how some things still amuse me. I still get a kick out of watching all the desks and stationary float by. Sort of makes me think that I'm on a sinking boat instead of an underwater skyscraper.

First, I've got to move the food. The food always goes up first. It gets easier every time. The higher up I go, the lower my supply gets. Simple math. Nevertheless, I think I kept pretty good stock considering. When we started to get wet feet, I went straight for the canned goods first. Corn, fruit, soup, corn, ravioli, mixed vegetables, some more corn, sardines, etc. Then came the bottled water, sodas, and juices. Didn't bother with the milk for obvious reasons, but since I always ate my cereal dry anyway, it really didn't matter. I took some linens and pillows, an air mattress, garbage bags, towels, toilet paper, soap, batteries, flash-

lights, watches, calendars raincoats. Clothes were kind of the last things on my list. I figured I soon wouldn't have the need to look good for anyone else, so why update my wardrobe? Waterproof boots, now that was a bargain! Surprisingly, there was still plenty of this stuff left on the shelves when I got there. But I guess that's probably because most New Yorkers, unlike myself, had the good sense to evacuate in time. From what I heard, they were told that there would be plenty of resources to go around, but because there were so many "dry zones" broadcasted, it's pretty hard to tell who made it and who didn't. God only knows if they had better luck than I did. I mean, I *hope* they had better luck this is one of those occasions when I prefer *not* to be right for a change.

It's a quarter past one, and I'm still only halfway done. Thank God I was smart enough to bring along enough wristwatches. It's still the best (and only) way to tell what time of the day it truly is. You see, night comes a lot sooner nowadays, so if I'm not done by 4:30, I'm in deep trouble. The moonlight can only help so much. But I tell ya, going up and down these stairs is a mission. It's a good thing that I kept in pretty good shape before all of this, before this building on 34th and Fifth became my new residence. To my credit, I haven't complained that much. I could've ended up in worse places. A lot worse. Come to think of it, this was already a ghost town by the time I first moved into the lobby, so you could say that I had ultimate privacy since day one. Sometimes it would get too quiet if you know what I mean, but I guess that's part of the price I paid for being stubborn. But like I said, it wasn't that bad adjusting. Fortunately for me, there was a lot of history here to keep my mind distracted for a while. It was as if every floor I resided on actually reminded of something, both related and unrelated, past and present alike. Take the 79th floor for example. First night I was forced up there, I slept in

the very same office that B-52 Bomber crashed into back in '45. I believe there was a story associated with that event in which an elevator attendant survived a 75-story fall. I think it's in the Guinness Book of Records or something. Or how about the story of that lawyer who decided to call it quits when he leapt from the 69th floor? That couldn't have been good for business that day. The 10th floor was also a memorable one. I had my last piece of cooked meat there. Even now, I can still taste that last bite of burnt steak. Obviously, some moments are more heart-breaking than others. I remember when I was on the 22nd floor or maybe it was lower than that, I can't remember...Anyway, I was on 22nd and with the help of my binoculars, I could still see part of Lady Liberty in the distance. The upper part of her head and crown were still above water, her torch still the haven for the remaining species of birds that happened to make a rare appearance. That was the day when I first really started to worry.

I've never been much of a religious man, but I sure as hell wish for divine intervention now. It's 3:30, and I've managed to get most of my supplies up on 88th the most important anyway. Some of it I have to leave behind because there's not as much space upward as there is here on 86th. It's a shame really. This is where I always got my best view of my city. Well...what used to be my city it's mostly blue now. Now that I think about it, this is the floor I spent the most time on by far. I've had my best nights of sleep here, even better than the nights I had when I was still on the ground. Hardly any nightmares anymore. But I guess I have to say goodbye to that too, along with everything else. Today I'm on 86th tomorrow I'll be on 88th. That means I have sixteen more to go before I reach the top floor.

I'm starting to worry again. I know it was just wishful thinking, but I never thought it would get like this. Never

thought that the waters would reach this high. Never even realized that there was so much ice on this earth. Go figure. I don't know what will come first. Starvation, complications from malaria maybe, drowning, or most likely death by insanity. So how did it get like this? Or better yet, why did I stay behind? Curiosity, perhaps. I was single by divorce; no children, praise the Lord. According to the orphanage, I had no other relatives on record. The schools were one of the first things to be closed, ending my teaching responsibilities. All I had was my need to know. To know just how nonexistent the ozone really was. To know how fast the glaciers and ice sheets would melt. To know how many species would survive, if any.

However, me worrying doesn't mean I've lost hope entirely. Like I said, I still have 16 floors left. But maybe the new ocean would stop at 85th or 86th. Maybe the waters will recede at some point. But what if they don't? Well I have an inflatable raft here with me, one of the many items I got a hold of from my shopping-spree days. Can't imagine what good it would do me, though. I mean, I would hop onto the next building if I could, but we all know that there isn't anything taller in the Empire State anymore. There's really nowhere left to go. Of course, I'm just assuming the worst. Maybe if I keep afloat, I could find other survivors somewhere. But I'm getting ahead of myself. I haven't reached the top yet. All I'm thinking about now is the 88th floor. As a matter of fact, I should be higher. I tend to be at least six floors ahead of the flood, just in case a sudden monsoon sneaks up on me. But it'll be dark soon, and I'm tired. The 88th will have to do for now. But who knows? Maybe, I could still hold my view from 86th. Maybe, I won't have to move all this stuff up again. Maybe, I won't reach the 102nd floor. Just maybe.