

Every so often people have to take stock of their decisions in life. University faculty and students are no different, and it has been said that “English professors are culturally, if not essentially, addicted to self-scrutiny.” And it seems that in recent years our “~~rs~~QB3H1qÉS7

This past spring, two of our students, Journalism and Spanish major Brianna Nightingale and English major Cheryl Ehorn, spent a semester in Spain on the Study Abroad program. Here is what each of them had to say about their experience:

#### Brianna Nightingale

This past spring semester, I studied abroad in Spain with eighteen other WIU students. I had been to Spain twice before, but had never experienced as much as I did during the three months I recently spent there. The students, the teacher from Western Illinois, and all the people I met were amazing. We traveled to many other countries, took classes, shopped, and did a whole lot of exploring. The classes, chosen by results on a placement test, lasted four hours each week day. On some weekends we took small trips with the group, and other weekends we planned on our own. The ability to say things such as "I'm going to Italy this weekend" was great.

The family stay was also a unique experience. Almost everyone in the group liked the family they were originally put with, but if not, it was easy to change. The families were friendly and so were the other people I met through them. This experience as a whole was wonderful. If given the opportunity, I would definitely do it all over again. I will never forget all the fun I had while improving my ability to speak a foreign language.

#### Cheryl Ehorn

The three months I spent in Spain was a wonderful experience that I wouldn't trade for the world. It helped me expand my horizons, not only academically but personally as well. I became nearly fluent in Spanish, I met some wonderful people, and I got to see and do things I never thought possible. For tg

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critic Dave Marsh moderated the session, which was very lively. Clemons argued that the *Human Touch* and *Lucky Town* albums represented Springsteen's most soulful work of his career, along with *The Rising*, and that those three works also shared a thematic connection which could not have been anticipated when *Human Touch* and *Lucky Town* were released in 1992.

Chris Iwanicki presented a paper entitled "The Revelations of 'Logology': Secular and Religious Tensions in Burke's Views of Language, Literature and Hermeneutics" at the 19th Penn State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition: "Kenneth Burke and His Circles" on July 10, 2005 at State

talked. It is an experience like few others. And in case you're interested, my last lett