2009 EVOLUTION SEMINAR WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Attention First-Year Students:

As you know, we require all students to read *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell as a part of our Summer Reading Program. Themes from the book will be incorporated not only during Orientation, but throughout the *evolution Seminar* which is our required 4-session experience that will occur during the weeks of August 31, September 7, September 14 and September 21. Taking into consideration your reading *Blink* and in preparation for the seminar discussions, you are asked to write the following 3-page (double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1” margins) paper in response to the following questions:

- What are three words that best describe you? Why did you choose those specific words?
  - Given your background and experience, what are some of the ways in which you have been “thin-sliced.” How does “thin-slicing” work to your advantage and disadvantage?
  - How have you been "primed" to think about what the college experience is like and, more specifically, what Lehigh is like? What do you hope to gain from your Lehigh experience?

Your paper will be due at your first evolution Seminar session during the week of August 31. Please be sure to include your name, Lehigh email address and Group Number (to be provided at Orientation) on your paper. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the First-Year Experience at 610.758.1300 or fye@lehigh.edu.