Senior Spotlight

1. Name: Arika Garg
1.5. Any nicknames? Rik, Garg, and most recently, Arika Paprika (...?)
2. Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia
3. What quote from all of literature do you most want on your tombstone?
   "And dreaming through the twilight
   That doth not rise nor set
   Haply I may remember
   And haply may forget."
   - Christina Rossetti, Song
4. The animal question: Pick three Carleton English professors and say which animal they would be if they were an animal. Explanations optional. Tim would be a hedgehog, Greg a giraffe, and Susan a swan.
5. Cast yourself and Jessica Leiman in a film adaptation of your favorite Gothic story, and tell us which one it is. I'm not really a fan of Gothic literature (sorry, Jessica!) but if I had to pick, it would be Northanger Abbey, in which I would play Catherine and Jessica would be Isabella (just because it would be absolutely hilarious to meet a flirty, gossipy Jessica).
6. So you're caught stealing onto the Laird roof and leaving the window open so that bats start to roost in Tim Raylor's office. Carolyn is furious. As punishment, she tells you to get in the English department time machine, and either (a) have a chat about politics with Ezra Pound ca. 1940, or b) track down J.D. Salinger in the 1980s in New Hampshire and pester him about why he doesn't publish more. You will have to write a 20-page report on your findings in either scenario. Knowing that both of these will be very unpleasant experiences, which do you choose? J.D. Salinger, without a doubt! Thought I don't know about being able to write a 20-page report for Carolyn. Chances are, Salinger will have sued or arrested and I'll spend the rest of my (time-warped) life in a 1980s jail.

The Eric Breindel Memorial Foundation

Submissions are now being accepted for the “2010 Eric Breindel Collegiate Journalism Award,” the nationwide undergraduate competition whose winning prize is:

- A cash prize of $10,000
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- Residential housing in New York City, if necessary

The award will be presented to the undergraduate columnist, editorialist or reporter whose work best reflects the spirit of the writings by Eric Breindel: Love of country and its democratic institutions as well as the act of bearing witness to the evils of totalitarianism.

Submission requirements: No more than 2 editorials, columns or news stories per person. Articles specifically produced for and published in a newspaper magazine, or web site will be accepted. Internet exclusive material and blogs (articles published online, but not in a corresponding print source of the same name) may be submitted if the web site is accredited by a college or university at the time of the submission's postmark. If a team was involved in the writings, only one name should appear on the entry form. There is only one category. There can be more than one participant from a publication. "Letters to the Editor" are not eligible.

Two copies should be submitted: (1) The original article with the name and date of the publication, or a photocopy of such. (2) A copy must be submitted on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper, which can be taken directly from your computer or typewriter. Complete entries require an original and photocopy or online version of the article as it appeared along with the entry form. Mail submissions postmarked by 4/23/10 to:

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Department t-shirt designs wanted!

A message from Mandy and Lingrr: “Do you know a great quote that would look stunning on a t-shirt? Or maybe a caricature of your favorite literary figure that you want to see the whole department wearing? Now is your time to submit those t-shirt ideas! Designs must include the words "Carleton College English Department," as well as the date: 2009-2010 or '09-'10. Email submissions to zoche by April 23rd!”
Quote o’ the week

"On awakening he appeared to himself to have a distinct recollection of the whole, and taking his pen, ink, and paper, instantly and eagerly wrote down the lines that are here preserved. At this moment he was unfortunately called out by a person on business from Porlock, and detained by him above an hour ..."

STUDENTS, call in to ext. 4322 with the artist and the name of the work for this quote; the first to name the quotation correctly will win a “beautifully wrapped” Pepperidge Farm cookie package and a hand-made card from Carolyn with a special faculty signature! Congratulations to last week’s winner, Steph Strother, and the runners-up Mandy Zoch and Clare Jones.

Word o’ the week

longueur /lon-GUHR/, n. a dull and tedious passage in a book, play, musical composition, etc.

Example sentence: The prospective student made the unfortunate move of dismissing Moby-Dick as “boring and full of longueurs” during his visit to the American literature class.

Opportunity for Seniors

For graduating seniors, Carleton alum Bessie Schwarz ’08 offers an opportunity for next year. She works at Environment America in Washington DC, which is a non-profit, non-partisan environmental organization. Environment America speaks out and takes action at the local, state and national levels to improve the quality of the environment and lives. For more information about employment, see: http://www.EnvironmentAmerica.org/jobs

Samantha Chadwick, who is in the fellowship program at Environment Minnesota, is taking applications and interviewing seniors from Minnesota colleges right now. Her email address is: schadwick.environmentminnesota.org

Song lyric o’ the week

Well Shakespeare, he’s in the alley
With his pointed shoes and his bells
Speaking to some French girl
Who says she knows me well

STUDENTS, call in to ext. 4322 with the song title and artist for this week’s dubiously literary lyric. The first person to answer correctly will win absolutely nothing.

Fiction reading today with John Jodzio and Peter Bognanni

The Carleton College English Department is pleased to announce the arrival and subsequent demonstration of human reading skills by Minnesota authors Peter Bognanni and John Jodzio.

Bognanni will be voicing an excerpt from his acclaimed debut novel The House of Tomorrow, which features (among other things) an artful juxtaposition of the teachings of futurist Buckminster Fuller and the popular musical form known as punk rock. Jodzio will execute whole stories from his debut collection of short fiction, If You Lived Here, You’d Already Be Home, which contains recurring instances of the swallowing of various foreign objects. Visiting Instructor Dennis Cass ’90 will be on hand to make introductions and smoothly effect transitions. Refreshments will be served. And consumed!

When: TODAY, Friday, April 16th, 2010
Time: 3:30 pm
Where: Leighton 305