SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JOSH KIRSCHENBAUM

1) If you could take the place of a character in a novel, who would you be and why? Milo from *The Phantom Tollbooth*. I think the only reason I ever enjoyed school is because it’s as close as I’ll get to being Milo. The Carleton English department could use more talking watchdogs.

2) What is the single best English class you’ve taken at Carleton and why? Post-colonial Novel. Because I’m pretty sure the meaning of life is in *The Satanic Verses* somewhere, and because “Rottenborough Groundflesh Shitland Narrow Ismus Joint Stock Brown” has to be the best character name of all time.

3) Tell us something that most of the other English majors don’t know about you. I have seen every episode of Sex and the City at least once.


5) Six words describing your experience as a Carleton English major: Could’ve used more dead white males.

6) Who is your literary crush? Vivian Sternwood from The Big Sleep. Though I may be biased by my love of Lauren Bacall.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Who knows but that, on the lower frequencies, I speak for you?”

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This term, literary trivia took a cue from the annual English Department Softball Game and pitted the seniors against the world. The seniors, named Team Hand Sanitizer (don’t ask), with heavy-hitters Connor Lane, Rachel Porcher and Aditya Menon making stunning appearances, kept the game close against the formidable world, Team Destroyer. Many professors, including Connie Walker, Arnab Chakladar and Tim Raylor flexed their intellectual muscles alongside underclassmen such as sophomore Sam Braslow and junior Hannah Neville. Kofi Owusu served as the dependable and consistent keeper of the tallies.

The questions, curated by our lovely and talented SDAs (below) consisted of three rounds of longer quiz-bowl style questions (see red box for example), lightning bonus rounds (see green box for example) and one visual round (no example for you). It was a very close quiz, but Destroyer ultimately lived up to their name in the visual round to clinch the win.

But the only real loser that afternoon was the pizza, which was thoroughly annihilated.

In one of this author’s stories, a game of marbles i played with hydrogen atoms, while another sees monthly voyages to the moon done by Mr. Vhd Vhd. In addition to The Non-Existent Knight and Cosmicomics, this author created a man who spies on a cheese shop, Mr. Palomar, and in another work a cannon ball halves Merdada. “Without Fear of Wind or Vertigo” is a chapter in a book by this author that begins with the reader returning a book. For ten points, name this author that imagined conversations between Marco Polo and Kublai Khan in his Invisible Cities and wrote If on a Winter’s Night a Traveler.