Senior Spotlight: Helen Grossman

1. Which literary characters would you most want as a) your wingman/wingwoman, b) your only companion on a deserted island, and c) your cool aunt or uncle? a) Richard Katz from Freedom b) Don Quixote, obviously. c) Satan OR Timofey Pnin

2. If you could take the place of a character in a novel, who would you be and why? Vladimir Girshkin from Russian Debutante’s Handbook because he is this shlubby, pretty unambitious guy who becomes an expat in “Pravda,” starts a ridiculous literary journal for obnoxious expats and a crazy drug ring, and takes over half of Europe (“albeit the wrong half”). That seems like a pretty great post-grad plan for me right now.

3. Tell us something that most of the other English majors don’t know about you. I know every single line of the 1998 version of The Parent Trap (including songs), and mine and each of my siblings’ rooms at home is named for one of the cabins from Camp Walden - Navajo, Arapaho, and Isolation Cabin. (Mine is Arapaho.)

4. What is the single best class you’ve taken at Carleton and why? That’s a tough call... the Nabokov seminar opened my eyes and my heart to a new way of thinking about reading, books, mortality, art, etc. But Kim Smith’s Constitutional Law II challenged some of my longest held beliefs and personal convictions and showed me that Supreme Court opinions can be more fun to read than most of the stuff assigned to us in English classes.

5. Six words describing your experience as a Carleton English major: “A-minus / B-plus, Try Harder”
Quote of the Week

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

STUDENTS! Call in to ext. 4322 with the author and the name of the work. The first person to correctly name the quotation will win a special package of cookies with a faculty signature! Last week, Mara Kilgore guessed correctly ALL THE WAY FROM RUSSIA! The quote was from William Faulkner's As I Lay Dying.

Seniors-

Don’t forget to register for the Senior Banquet! This year’s banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 11.

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