Name: Karmini Sampath
Hometown: Holliston, MA

What would you tell your parents that you learned in the English department?
I would recite the first sixteen lines of the Canterbury Tales...and I’m pretty sure they would be unresponsive.

What’s the meanest comment you’ve ever received on an essay?
Answer the question.

What three words would you choose to describe your Carleton experience?
Surprising, educational and ridiculous.

What do you think you missed from a freshman Carleton year?
An adequate timeline.

What are you most worried about for next year?
Transitioning. And not having enough time to read...

Any last Miscellany shoutouts?
I think next year’s comps format is an upgrade. Also I will very much miss my comps group next year.

Name: Justin Patrick Smith
Hometown: Crossville, TN

What from the English department are you going to take to TFA next year?
How to make scathing paper comments from Connie, lots of good reads and how to keep a sense of humor when talking about dead white men’s writing.

What’s the best advice an English professor has given you?
Once Adriana braced me for a particularly heavy episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

What’s the meanest comment you’ve ever received on an essay?
On a paper about Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, I was basically told that I was completely wrong about women’s roles in the 17th century. And the grade wasn’t so hot either.

What are you going to do with your distinction?
Explain it to my parents.

Any last Miscellany shoutouts?
I still have a deep hatred for Moby Dick, and answering questions is a lot harder than asking them.
“We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon! This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon, The winds that will be howling at all hours, And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers, For this, for everything, we are out of tune;”

Congrats to Bethany Schimmel (winner) and Maureen Barradas (runner-up) for correctly identifying last week’s quote from “The Dead” by James Joyce. To try your luck this week, call Carolyn Soule at X4322.

**Word of the Day**

*Graduation, n.*
The action or process of dividing into degrees or other proportionate divisions on a graduated scale.

**Example sentence:** Hey everybody. Congratulations on graduating!