

## Catching Up with Mary Koehler

*Devon has been interviewing Trinity's college students, many of whom are home for the summer so that Trinitarians can keep current on the fabulous lives of their young adults. This week - Mary Koehler, daughter of Sally Browne, granddaughter of Bill Swarts. Mary has just graduated from St. Olaf College.*



**Devon:** So, Mary, what was the best part of your senior year, and the worst part of your senior year?

**Mary:** I was finally taking some courses that I had been wanting to, but that I either couldn't fit in my schedule before or didn't cover any Gen. Ed. credits. I took a psychopathology course and tennis. I also finally got to do my senior seminar/capstone course for the Studio Art major! The worst part of my senior year was probably knowing that I will not be learning under my role models again, the professors I had at St. Olaf were just phenomenal and truly cared about both their fields of study and the well-being of their students.

**Devon:** What did you miss about home, what you did NOT miss about home?

**Mary:** Ha! Home-cooked meals, my dogs, and my siblings (especially my Leo). What I didn't miss was... I'm not sure... Maybe how you have to work around everyone else's schedule in the house-

that's hard to do when you have a big family and want to spend time with everyone. At school I lived on my own schedule and I controlled my own space, which is liberating after living in a house of 8 over half of my life.

**Devon:** What gave you life at school — extracurriculars?

**Mary:** Not an extracurricular, per se, but being in the studio really fueled me throughout college. I also loved to just be outdoors whenever I could outside of long periods of studying and studio time.

**Devon:** What are you doing this summer?

**Mary:** Nannying, house-sitting, babysitting, this n' that. Also, creating when I can!

**Devon:** What are your post-college plans?

**Mary:** I will be attending Antioch University Seattle in their Clinical Mental Health Counselling with Art Therapy master's program!

**Devon:** Is there anything else you want to tell me?

**Mary:** To future college students: don't take yourself too seriously, but don't underestimate yourself either- and for pete's sake, TAKE AN ART CLASS!!

