

{Nam et ipsa scientia potestas est.}

{ YOL. 7 }



First OTC student to study abroad for a year, see article by Wade Southwell (2nd from right) on page 6.

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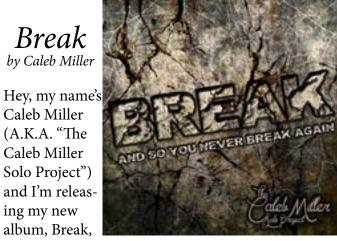
Charcoal by Lauren Sweet

Editor's Notes:

A huge '*Thank You*' to all who contributed to this volume of our newsletter! We have some great articles and beautiful art and it is very much appreciated. Also, we had enough content to start on the next newsletter which will be coming up in November. Remember, that without all your input, there would be no newsletter. A special thanks to my proof-readers; Frank Giddens and David Lian, I appreciate it very much!

Editor-in-Chief:KatSheldahl

ART by HONORS



on October 3rd

of this year. This will be my third released work and my first full length alternative rock album so I hope you'll all give it a listen after the release. About My Music: The Caleb Miller Solo Project is a dual sided approach incorporating both alternative rock music and a unique take on folk rock. Major musical influences include pop/rock groups like Coldplay, U2 and The Fray as well as folk rock groups like Mumford and Sons, the Avett Brothers and Passenger. Not only a singer-songwriter I'm also a multi-instrumentalist, playing as many as 8 different instruments. I write, record, and perform all my music solo and perform with my folk rock band, Vagrant (if you want to see us live sometime, visit facebook.com/vagrantfolkrock for show dates).

I'll be kicking off my release tour on October 3rd and Break- which features 12 songs plus 3 bonus trackswill be available then (along with show dates) from my website: thecalebmillersoloproject.com and Band-Camp page (caleb-miller.bandcamp.com). Thanks for reading and enjoy the music!

Other Links:

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Three witches, casting a spell ...

Round about the cauldron go; In the poison'd entrails throw. Toad, that under cold stone Days and nights hast thirty one Swelter'd venom sleeping got, Boil thou first i' the charmed pot.

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Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Fillet of a fenny snake, In the cauldron boil and bake; Eye of newt, and toe of frog, Wool of bat, and tongue of dog, Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting, Lizard's leg, and howlet's wing, For a charm of powerful trouble, Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble.







Chasing Robin A tribute to Robin Williams, 1951 - 2014

Mork my friend, where have you gone? "Hunting good will in the Vietnam sun, fishing for kings in the dreams that may come, washed up on shores of being human." Through childhood's decades you sprinkled much joy,

Doubtfire, Popeye, Áladdin, and Toys. Remember the smiles Jumanji brought? And Hook! Good lord, I almost forgot! How was it, Peter, that you lost your way? Perhaps, deep inside, you were always this fey. When you cracked us up with your improvised hits,

Was it simply to mask the depths of your pits? We may never know how your heart suffered, But we'll continue to laugh at your antics in Flubber.

According to Garp love never dies, Reflected inside awakening eyes, The poet's death won't burn out the spark, Of the lamp Genie lit in each of our hearts. As survivors we'll cherish the best of times, That rapid-fire delivery of comedic lines, That smile, that candor, those pale blue eyes, O captain! My Captain! Arise Arise! Patch the broken birdcage, the empty perch that you left, Trapped now forever in celluloid death...

Trapped now forever in celluloid death... to smoochy.

> ~jrj~ 08/16/2014

STORIES OF WAR WWII By Kaitlyn Schumacher

Throughout our lives we have had to take one history course or another. We are accustomed to hearing about the various wars and the major events that came with them, but what about the other stories? The ones that aren't written in the history books, talked about in class, or aired on the news? Back in March I had the opportunity to interview Don Smith, a WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Navy.

Two days after completing his training there was a knock at his front door. It was the skipper informing Don he needed to be on the ship in two hours. The destination was to remain unknown. Don packed up and said good-bye to his family and still did not know where he was going. About thirty minutes into the voyage Don was nominated by members of the crew to ask again where they were headed. The captain informed them that they were sealed orders and they could not be opened until the ship was two hours out. When they were finally told of their destination, they were going to Honolulu, Hawaii There they continued with training before their next stop; Iwo Jima. The crew was sent for rescue after the battle to pick up any survivors. "The water was so thick with bodies that you couldn't tell where the water began and ended" Don explained.

After completing their mission it was time to move out. The only problem was that they were about to sail right into one of the worst typhoons in history. As they moved forward the storm continued to get worse. By about midnight they knew they were going into the water.

"We were being tossed about in the ocean during the storm. We didn't know if we were going to

make it or not. We were in the water for twelve hours before the storm passed and we could get to land. Once we did make it to land there was a troop of Japanese soldiers waiting for us on the shore." What they didn't know was that a peace treaty had been signed between the US and Japan two days prior on the USS Missouri. They were finally safe. It took about six weeks before a ship would come in to take them back home. During the time they were stuck in Japan one member of the crew noticed something floating out in the water and wanted to go get it. Of course they couldn't risk letting him do that, so they sent out a young man who was assigned to retrieve items from the ocean.

When he returned, the item they saw floating was Don's dress blues, still in the package; they weren't even wet. It was the only thing recovered from the ship wreck. Don returned home two days after his deployment was up, December 24, 1944. He was never deployed again. He now lives in Southwest Missouri with his family.





Photo by Kaitlyn Schumacher

Word of the Month

Logolepsy – (*n*.) pronunciation low-go-lepsee Greek Origin - Logos is Greek for "word", -lepsy is Greek, for "to seize" a fascination or obsession with words Ex. If you spend 8 hours a day looking for Words of the Month, you might have logolepsy!



Once when a Lion was asleep a little Mouse began running up and down upon him; this soon wakened the Lion, who placed his huge paw upon him, and opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Pardon, O King," cried the little Mouse: "forgive me this time, I shall never forget it: who knows but what I may be able to do you a turn

some of these days?" The Lion was so tickled at the idea of the Mouse being able to help him, that he lifted up his paw and let

him go. Some time after the Lion was caught in a trap, and the hunters who desired to carry him alive to the King, tied him to a tree while they went in search of a wagon to carry him on. Just then the little Mouse happened to pass by, and seeing the sad plight in which the Lion was, went up to him and soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

Moral: Little friends may prove great friends.



Arsop's fable

~Aesop's Fables~

(The Pinnacle: Destination Known) (5)

Uhambo Lami eThekwini:

The first in a series of four essays from OTC's first study abroad student.

Sanibona,

I'm writing this essay from my bedroom in Durban, South Africa, in between grammar lessons in the IsiZulu language at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. You may be wondering what an OTC student is doing studying a foreign language at a South African university. You aren't alone. I'm still wondering what I'm doing here. But what I can tell you is part of what brought me here, on a full-ride scholarship that's paying for everything from my tuition and airfare to my health insurance, rent and food. A lot of it goes back to a strong desire I had to study abroad when I came into community college. I understand not everyone shares this desire, so I'm hoping you can find the common elements in my story and relate them to your own goals, and find more similarities than differences.

Please bear with me while I indulge in a bit of historical background. I'm sure you already know this, but just to refresh your memory; Africa is a continent with 54 countries. South Africa is just



one of these countries, located at the southernmost tip of the continent. South Africa has provinces, whereas the U.S. has states. What initially attracted me to Durban was the province in which it's situated, called KwaZulu-Natal. The KZN province was home to the Zulu Kingdom and to this day over 80% of its people speak IsiZulu, the language of the Zulu people, as a home language alone. Many more speak IsiZulu as a second language. After spending a month here, I would have to say that Durban is basically the California of South Africa. It's situated on the coast and is home to the busiest

port on the entire continent. The Gateway Theatre of Shopping, the southern hemisphere's largest shopping mall, is also found here. The mix of old and new, of cutting edge and ancient tradition is striking. After all, just north of South Africa, in modern-day Namibia, is where anthropologists agree that all of humankind was born. That's where you'll find the Khoisan people, from whom genomic studies have found are the oldest population of humans on Earth.

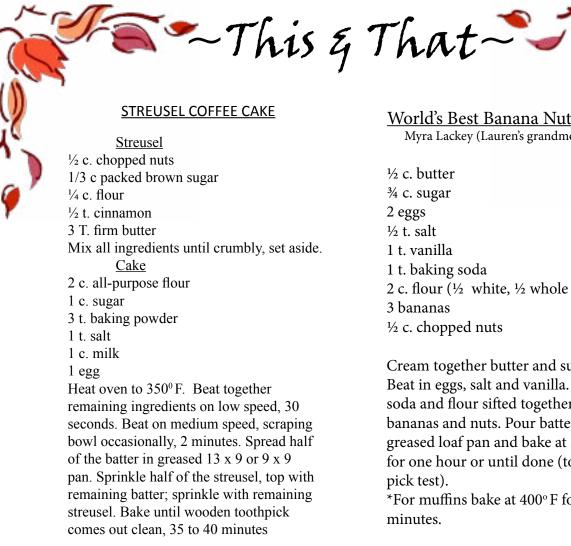
Indigenous languages of southern Africa are unique in that they contain click consonants. My name in IsiZulu is Xoxani. The x's are pronounced by clicking the sides of your tongue against the insides of your teeth. Some languages of southern Africa, for instance those of the Khoisan and surrounding tribes, contain over forty click consonants, made by popping various parts of the tongue, cheek and teeth. Lucky for me, I'm studying IsiZulu. We only have three clicks. Just a little further north into Africa and the clicks disappear altogether. For me, learning IsiZulu has been a trip back into prehistory.

One of my favorite pastimes when I started at OTC was browsing university websites all over the world. I would let myself believe, for just a few minutes at a time, that I could study whatever I wanted and that I could do it anywhere in the world. Never mind I was a high school drop out with no money surviving on my Pell Grant and food stamps. I wouldn't worry about which credits might transfer or how I would pay for it. I would just let my imagination go wild. This would prove useful later.

As I entered my second semester at OTC I decided I was actually going to try studying abroad. I applied for the OTC Trip to China and was accepted, but wasn't able to come up with \$3500 to pay for the weeklong trip to China. I applied for an outside scholarship to cover it, but didn't receive the award. So my Plan A was a fail. It was time to get creative. Having performed strongly at OTC, being a member of the Honors Program, PTK, and a couple other extracurricular activities, I had a bit of confidence in myself as a student. I made an appointment with the director of Study Abroad at MSU. During our appointment I explained my successes at OTC and asked if I could study abroad through MSU while still a student at OTC. I was told this wouldn't be possible, because even MSU students have to study full-time at the university for at least a semester before they can apply to study abroad. Furthermore,

funding for study abroad is hard to come by, even for full-time university students, and is usually paid primarily by the student's family.

It was recommended that I wait until I finish community college; that I stick with the tried and true formula; that I color inside the lines. She could tell I wasn't satisfied with that answer, so she told me about a few scholarships I could apply for if I really wanted to pursue study abroad. There was one in particular which she mentioned that pays for everything for a student for up to a year of overseas study. That was the one I wanted. I was told not to get my hopes up, because MSU students have applied every year for this scholarship and no one has ever gotten it. I would later learn that there has never been a student from southwest



Missouri to receive this scholarship. The idea of a first year community college student receiving the Boren International Scholarship was absurd, but the more I learned about the scholarship the more I realized that it was a perfect fit for me.

Lizoqhubeka ekusaseni... (to be continued...)

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World's Best Banana Nut Bread Myra Lackey (Lauren's grandmother)

> $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter ³⁄₄ c. sugar 2 eggs $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt 1 t. vanilla 1 t. baking soda 2 c. flour ($\frac{1}{2}$ white, $\frac{1}{2}$ whole wheat) 3 bananas $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped nuts

Cream together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, salt and vanilla. Add soda and flour sifted together. Add bananas and nuts. Pour batter into greased loaf pan and bake at 300° F for one hour or until done (toothpick test). *For muffins bake at 400° F for 20 minutes.

Submitted by Lauren Sweet

by Cameron Flatt



able losers is so masterful that they become the shining point of the film and you will find yourself cheering or crying along with them (who can't love a dashing space bandit and his large, nonverbal communicating alien friend). This talent for flesh-

ing-out characters is apparent from start to finish as it spreads to all of "The Guardians" (including a mystery as to the hidden identity of Starlord's father and the front-and-center conflict with Gamora's evil dad). All the action is also finely executed and insightfully varied (albeit a smaller portion of the run time than normal and awkwardly edited at times).

The lack of knowledge about the original comics' setting is also a draw back as the story takes place out in a universe full of aliens and civilizations that have never before been shown, which is a bit jarring and it can be hard to keep all this new information straight. And I don't think I was being too subtle with all of the "Star Wars" reference through-out this review and that is because there are a lot of parallels to be drawn, from the whole evil daddy thing to the Rocket/Groot relationship to the villain's plot. These drawbacks don't completely bog down the movie, but coupled with a rushed romance and some clunky pacing/editing, there are enough problems to keep "Guardians" from reaching its full potential.

The point of today's lesson is that the actual "Guardians of the Galaxy" themselves are a lot of fun to watch, they're easy to care about, and they are all extremely funny. This is one comic book/ action movie that is a breeze to enjoy without having a lot of prior knowledge on such films, but it will definitely be easier to follow for those that do. This is the best blockbuster movie I've seen this summer and I mostly recommend it if you enjoy sci/fi adventure or humorous, zany characters.

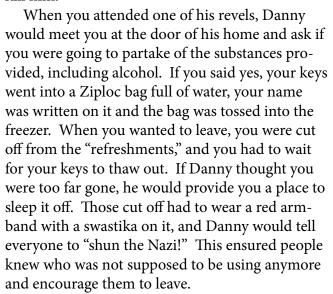
On an ending note, you don't need to stay after the credits if you aren't a big comic book nerd. If you are, however, it isn't a big reveal for "Avengers: Age of Ultron", but it is worth sticking around for a good laugh or slap to the face (depending on your predisposition to this little surprise).

Death and Consequences

by Brandon Perkins

My friend Danny Cole died six years ago in a sadly ironic affair. Danny would throw extravagant parties; the kind of parties you only see in movies. There would be copious amounts of alcohol, and though there were illicit drugs avail-

able for those that wanted them, somehow no one ever got hurt. This was because Danny was a conscientious host. Danny would remain sober the whole time, floating between rooms talking to all of his guests, making them feel welcome. Despite all of this, Danny always said that he knew the drugs were going to kill him.



The night Danny died; he had gone out to drink. He was preparing for another one of his parties; it would have been his birthday. He wanted to have some fun and blow off a little steam the week beforehand. Ever mindful of the dangers of driving under the influence, he recruited a designated driver, an acquaintance he had met where he worked. Unfortunately, Danny had entrusted his life to the wrong person; once Danny was too impaired to notice, his driver started drinking, too. A short time later, they were both killed when their vehicle ran a red light and it was struck in a side-impact collision with a garbage truck.

The day of his funeral, I borrowed a friend's car so I could attend. I tried to attend the funeral

Playbook") Grade: B+

Recreation")

The current Marvel movie universe (all those connected to "Marvel's The Avengers") is a shining example of how to build stand alone movies upon each other, bring them together for one film, and then send them back out again to continue further advancement. The fact that the comic book characters and setting from a galaxy far, far away that inspired "Guardians of the Galaxy" are so far outside that of the normal Marvel-verse is both a blessing and a curse at the same time.

Cameron's Classroom: "The Anthropomorphic

Today's lesson: how to correctly construct solid

group dynamics and accumulate sympathy for

Starring: Chris Pratt ("The Lego Movie", "Parks and

Bradley Cooper ("The Hangover", "Silver Lining

Director: James Gunn ("Super", "Slither")

Tree That Stole My Heart" (a film analysis on

'Guardians of the Galaxy')

seemingly ridiculous characters.

Title: "Guardian's of the Galaxy"

Zoe Saldana ("Star Trek", "Avatar")

The story is of Starlord (Chris Pratt), Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Drax (Dave Bautista), Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper), and Groot (Vin Diesel), a group of galactic criminals who break out of space prison together under individual and selfish motivations that all center around one radical dark lord and the planet destroying weapon he seeks. Over time, though, the unwilling team finds that they all have a lot more in common than what dwells on the surface and that they all might have to look out for someone else for a change. The source material being a completely unknown entity to most people (myself included) will serve as a strength to allow the movie to surprise the audience with a completely new story that they don't already know and don't already have expectation for (unlike say Spider-Man or Superman movies).

The best of this being Groot, a talking tree alien, and his best-pal relationship with Rocket, the talking raccoon alien; most people would be thrown off by such silly creatures (especially when the speaking, walking log can only say the phrase "I am Groot"), but the writing and animation on these two lovof the driver as well, but his family had decided to make it a closed affair, aware of the fact that their son had been drunk and driving. I guess they feared Danny's true friends would show up angry; they were right. I was sitting at a stop light in the borrowed car with Erin, the woman I was interested in at the time, thinking about Danny and how much it bothered me that he had died due to someone else's



stupidity; in that moment, I smelled the strong scent of the clove cigarettes he had smoked. The scent was heady and close; as if he was sitting right next to me.

We arrived at the funeral home where the services were to be held a short time later. I saw many friends I had not seen in months due to my schedule, life just getting in the way. Danny's passing had made me acutely aware of how important these people

were to me. Danny's favorite music was playing, and there were pictures of him everywhere, scattered amongst the wreaths and flowers sent by those who could not attend. I spoke with some of our mutual friends; everyone was angry and sad at the manner of Danny's passing.

I went in and looked upon the face of my friend for the very last time. There was so much make-up on him; he looked artificial, like a wax mannequin. The wreck was in his face; oddly, it could not mar the smile that his joy had indelibly sunk into his skin. It was affixed, permanent, a part of him.

The service started, and a man I did not know was delivering Danny's eulogy; it quickly became apparent he knew nothing of Danny and was using the moment to tell us how we needed to turn to God in our sorrow. About Danny himself, he had little to say. I became incensed, and I felt the rising anger and deepening despair in the room as this man, who knew nothing of our friend, prattled on upon his pulpit of opportunity. "Danny was a Buddhist," I found myself thinking. "So why is there an ignorant Baptist blowhard talking about his idea of what we should be doing with our grief?" The curtain to the area where the family sat was open, and I could see from their faces they were expecting something more, too, and were saddened further by its absence.

(to be continued in volume 8)

~ Honors student council officers ~

Lacy Adamson

Hey everyone, my name is Lacy Adamson, I am very excited to be one of your new officers this semester. Feel free to talk anytime about anything. I hope we all have a great semester!

Sierra Welch



Sierra Welch is a gifted writer and has been published the the Honors Newsletter *The Pinnacle*; Destination Known. She is currently serving her first semester as an officer

of the Honors Student Council.

Hi, I am a fourth semester student. I am also an avid puzzle-solver and a hobby data scientist and look forward to utilizing my skills to the best of my ability.



Gena Flores



I will be graduating in May with an Associate in Arts and will then be pursuing a Communications degree with an emphasis in corporate event plan-

ning. I am also the Business Manager for the National Aesthetic Spa Network

This is my first semester at OTC. I graduated high school as a junior with a 3.97 GPA this last year (May 2014). In high school, I was an officer in National Honor Society. I am looking forward to a great year here at OTC!



Sarah Gutzke



name is Kat Sheldahl, and this

is my first semester as an HSC

Officer (although I've spent a

My name is Sarah Gutzke. This is my first semester at OTC. I am pursuing an A.A.156837 degree and I hope to graduate next semester. I have not decided my major yet, but I am interested in the medical field. I'm excited to be a part of the

community here. Good luck to everyone for the rest of this semester!

Kat Sheldahl Hello fellow Honors Students! My prodigious amount of time in the

Honors Office). I have worked for the past two semesters as the Receptionist/Office Assistant for the Honors Office under the Federal Work-Study Program. This semster I was promoted to permanent part-time status (YAY!) as a Recruitment Specialist for the Honors Program. I look forward to meeting more of you and reconnecting with those of you whom I already know. Let's have a great semester!!



Delia Justice





Gwendolyn Brooks was a leading pioneer in African-American poetry. She won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, was appointed Poet Laureate of Illinois and Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. She got her start at her local

community college, Wilson Junior College, and had a career spanning 70 years until her death in December of 2000. Her honors and legacy stretch across her decades-long career and consist of dozens of awards and honors, including an invite from President John F. Kennedy to read at the Library of Congress poetry festival.

in Good Company By Wade Southwell





Jim Lehrer was a news anchor for the PBS NewsHour from 1983-2011 and is currently its executive editor. He is also the author of many critically acclaimed books. He earned his associates degree from

his local community college then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri. He began his career in Journalism in 1959 with The Dallas Morning News and later The Dallas Times-Herald. He went on to a career as a TV News Anchor with Dallas KERA-TV, serving as director of public affairs, on-air host and editor of the nightly news, before beginning his career at PBS. He has been awarded many medals and honors over the course of his career, as well the respect and admiration of countless Americans.

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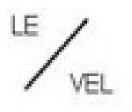
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Optical Illusion

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Across

- 2. Halloween month.
- 4. Need a bandaid? Go ask your ____
- 5. Look both ways before you cross the _____
- 7. She catches bugs in her web.
- 8. Rides a broom in the moonlight.
- 12. Something to carve.
- 13. Trick or
- 14. Are you going to make it or buy it?
- 16. Someone who turns into a wolf when the moon is full.

Down

- 1. Ghoulies and _____ and long legged beasties.
- 3. You find these stones in a graveyard.
- 5. Mr. Bones
- 6. Things that go bump in the
- 9. Spooky house with ghosts.
- 10. black
- 11. Flying nocturnal mammal.
- 15. Wise, old _

