



Danielle Hickey Emerald

David Wagner (left) talks to Brandon Kurzenberger during the weekly Tertulia meeting at Pegasus Smokehouse Pizza.

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students eager to get extra credit. Students are given 10 points every time they attend a meeting and can receive a maximum of 30 points per term.

Spanish GTF Dani Marsh has been running Tertulia, which means "group that meets for conversation," for two years. Marsh said the foreign language conversation groups are a welcome change to most students because it's a more comfortable setting.

"People aren't forced to do any-

thing here," Marsh said. "If you want to just come and listen, that's OK."

Marcos Ungar, a third-year Spanish student, has been going to Tertulia for a year and a half and said the meetings were instrumental in increasing his Spanish comprehension and conversational abilities. He added that there are students of all ages and speaking levels at Tertulia, so people should come to the group regardless of their language ability.

"With most people, there's a hesitancy to speak because they don't want to look foolish," Ungar said.

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**Dani Marsh**  
Spanish GTF

"Informal meetings like this are a good way to overcome those psychological obstacles."

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