Kyle Henshaw writes: “I really enjoyed the game. Here's a picture for the website. I'm proudly wearing my authentic lederhosen I purchased while studying abroad in Germany. I'm representing Germany at Kilroys Sports pub here in Bloomington. I couldn't help but pose with a disappointed Argentina fan tho and rub it in a bit.”
Azalia wrote: “Hallo :) also ich war die ganze zeit schon in Deutschland (Bayern) und hab mir die ganzen Spiele natürlich auf einer Fan-Meile angesehen! Das Halbfinale war eh das aller aller geilste Spiel überhaupt und das wir Weltmeister geworden sind ist einfach traumhaft!!!”

Azalia wrote: “Yesterday at 3:07 PM · 🇩🇪

Mia San Weltmeister 2-ball 14!! 😍🏆❤️”

Azalia wrote: “Tuesday at 10:29 PM · 🇩🇪

Who is Brazil ?? 😅 This is GERMANY's year !! 🏆🇩🇪❤️ — 😎 feeling amazing.”
Andrew Hamilton writes from Italy: I wore an "home-made, anti-corporate outfit I made for myself to wear at the World Cup final. It was a gathering of all the Germany fans in southern Piedmont -- a few Americans, one Israeli, and a whole gaggle of Germans. The tension was unbearable, but we all had the feeling that Germany was getting closer and closer, while Messi was handcuffed. This was not an easy world cup to win -- Schweinsteiger's bloody face said it all. At one point, a table was knocked over (not by me, I promise!), and as soon as the final whistle blew, we sprayed prosecco all over the piazza, then went to grill up some sausages and drink home-made wine. It was a little piece of Germany on the other side of the alps.“

Giles Hoyt writes from Indianapolis: Dolores [Giles Hoyt's wife] and I are very much Fußball fans. Also I played goal keeper in college years ago. We watched all of the games involving the US or Germany. Since we spent three weeks in Germany during June we watched a fair number of the games with friends there, especially the US-Germany game where we had to root for the US while our friends rooted for Germany. It was quite ok ultimately because both teams got out of the “Group of Death”. This was a most exciting and surprising tournament given the early departure of a number of supposedly power teams and then the utter destruction of Brazil’s team by Germany. One thing is clear namely soccer is very much catching on in the US. We have season tickets to the new Indy Eleven and all the games are sold out. The enthusiasm is palpable. Go Fußball!
Professor Marc Weiner writes from France (where he got to watch the final with his daughter Madeleine): Madeleine and I watched the game in the lobby of the hotel we are staying in in Cannes, surrounded by fans of the Argentinians. They looked at us strangely at our reaction to Germany's goal==and to winning the world cup. (smile)

Kalah Gallapoo writes: I recently got your email about reactions to the German and Dutch games of the World Cup. In response to that, I was wanting to share my blog post (in German and with pictures) about my experience here in Freiburg. Thanks for the opportunity to share! The link is here: http://look-at-all-the-fu-s-i-give.tumblr.com/post/91869389001/das-beste-erlebnis-meines-lebens.

Friederike Schläfer schreibt: Ich habe mit meinen Nachbarn, mit denen ich fast jedes Spiel geschaut habe, das Finale in München gesehen... Während alle um mich herum vor Nervosität gegessen und getrunken haben, war ich 113 Minuten wie erstarrt... Herzliche Grüße, Immer noch fußball(Weltmeister)glücklich!
Maresa James writes from Freiburg (where she spends the term with the IU study abroad program!): I was fortunate enough to be in Germany (Freiburg) for the WM Finale!! It was one of the most amazing things I have experienced! I had been hoping that my favorite player (Mario Götze) would score the winning goal somehow, and I was lucky enough to have it happen! As soon as Götze scored the goal, the crowd at the public viewing stood up, jumped around, and erupted into cheers and chants. Me and all of my friends hugged in a giant circle while jumping up and down chanting "Götze!!" a few times. Many people were on the verge of tears due to the happiness when we won. After the win, we all sang along to "We Are the Champions" by Queen, and then went out into the streets to celebrate. People everywhere were waving the German flag, honking their car horns, dancing, or singing.

I am including a few pictures from the WM Finale viewing and celebration in Freiburg as attachments. I am so incredibly thankful to IU for selecting me to study abroad here in Germany; it has truly been the best experience of my life, and Germany winning the World Cup has just been the cherry on top! DEUTSCHLAND IST WELTMEISTER!!
Erik Troske schreibt: Servus und herzlichen Glückwunsch der deutschen Mannschaft für diesen aufregenden Erfolg, den wir alle so viel genossen haben!
So lässt sich Leben!
I was unfortunately stuck at The Tap for the WM Finals, which was full of Argentina fans. It was bordering on maddening but at least there was plenty of Weihenstephaner to drink, and when Götze scored it was all worth it, the collective groans of Argentina fans were almost as glorious as finally hearing the other Germany fans in the bar cheer. I had trouble believing it even happened for a bit. In part because I've held onto the bitterness I felt over the 2010 WM defeat against Spain and in part because of the beer. It was pretty much the best day of my summer, though, I can say that much!
Weltmeister Feier mit Austin Feather!