# Why You Should Like "Tim and Eric's Awesome Show Great Job!"

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Guest Writer

Are you getting tired of the same old reality television shows that just give you drama but accomplish nothing with plot? Are you tired of shows that were funny four years ago? Do you need a show that is so funny that every time you think of it you'll laugh? Well you're in good luck sir/madam, for there is such a show, and it is called "Tim and Eric's Awesome Show Great Job!"

"Time and Eric's Awesome Show Great Job!" is a show that is composed of a bunch of funny skits put together to make some of the best 15 minutes of your weekend. In the show, Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim play as many different characters in each sketch they make. These sketches are deliberately very bad quality, such as that of Public Cable Access. The show has had a great run on cartoon Network's Adult Swim, and has already gone through two seasons. Because of the success of the show, a third season is in the works.

Critics of "Tim and Eric's Awesome Show Great Job!" call the show robust, hilarious, and groundbreaking, while others said the show's skits were aimless and that they seem to try too hard for quick laughs.

The hosts of the show, Tim and Eric, have said that their skits are purposely like this to throw the viewers off of what they think will happen. They have also said that their skits are to "make fun" of idiocy, not glorify it.

When asked why they use this kind of quality in their skits, Tim and Eric said that they wanted the skits to be such a bad quality because they can make "even a serious thing funny." You can see this by the actors randomly pausing between what they are saying, over the top surrealism, gratuitous vomiting, and video glitches in the sketch, which show that they are using very old equipment.

Since the quality is usually very bad, the budget of these sketches is said to be very low. The show has a very humorous way of pointing this out. Since the budget is very low, a very small crew of people does every episode. In the warehouse that Tim and Eric usually do their filming, half of the area is filled with props that are used in the sketches.

The sketches that Tim and Eric record are of every genre that you could think of. They range from love stories to commercials from toy companies.

My favorite sketches from "Tim and Eric's Awesome Show Great Job!" are the Cinco Toy Company sketches. Cinco Toy Company is a fictional company that produces the craziest toys that you can think of. One of the Cinco Toy sketches that I like showcases a toy called "My New Pep-Pep," which is a life sized, hard candy giving dummy that is made to look like a grandpa. The Pep-Pep toy also has smell dispensers so that you can make the toy have different scents. Also the commercial for the Pep-Pep toy showcases easy "stow and go" storage.

Another funny sketch for Cinco Toys would have to be the commercial for "D'Ump," the digital umpire. D'Ump is the supreme rule maker in every sport that you do, and he is as quiet as a "churched mouse." Also, D'Ump protects your family by alerting you if there are bears nearby, because D'Ump shuts down whenever there is one in your vicinity.

"Tim and Eric's Awesome Show Great Job!" is definitely not for everyone though, because some people might think the skits are too boring or too stupid. To see the show yourself, go to www.adultswim.com, click on the video section of the website, and search Time and Eric for whole videos and clips of the show.

# IDK..... A Headline!?

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"IDK… My BFF Jill?" The cell phone commercial from which this now notorious statement comes from highlights the issues with the average teenager's vocabulary. Online vocabulary is not-so-slowly leaking into accepted English.

Every year, the Merriam Webster online dictionary publishes a list of the top ten words of the year. In recent years this list has been topped by words such as "quagmire," "democracy," and "integrity." In 2007, the top two words were "w00t" and "facebook." The term "w00t" is a popular exclamation originally confined to the gaming world. The term "facebook" references the widely popular online community web site, and has evolved into a verb. According to M-W, there are nine different uses of the verb "facebook," including adding friends, pictures, comments, or looking up someone's information, via this popular social network.

It is apparent that online gaming communities and social networks such as facebook are extremely trendy and only growing in popularity. Instead of providing social networking, as the web sites claim, these online devices only serve to extend the social disconnect between teens.

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Teens talk via text messaging, facebook, and instant messaging more than ever. The backlash of this is the inability of many teens to speak to each other face-to-face. If teens cannot talk to one another in person, how will they become functioning, assertive members of society?

Another popular trend arising from facebook is the user-created groups dedicated to worldwide crises, nationwide problems, and local issues. These groups seem to create awareness for such issues as the genocide in Darfur, social and legal inequities, and saving the neighborhood playground. However, usually the commitment to the problem at hand ends on facebook. Gone are the days of large, politically charged protests. Gone are the days of the Million Man March. Teens are leaving behind their right to the freedom of assembly and protest the government and only using their right to argue political ideas online.

While new technological means of communicating have their place, if teens continue using these networks as their main source of interaction, we will soon be filled with a world of people glued to their cell phones and laptops, text messaging their friends across the room. We will be filled with a world of people who make facebook groups about changing an unfair law, but do not press the matter further. Have we already reached this point? IDK… ask my BFF Jill!

## The Internet Widens the Social Gap

**Todd Dozeman**
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It's easy to lose ourselves in the convenience of modern technology like instant messaging, e-mail, Facebook, and Myspace. In this new day and age we can communicate faster and more easily than ever. But are these new technologies bringing us closer together or farther apart? We talk more because it's faster and easier but in this new age we're really just sending words with no expression, aside from the occasional smiley or exclamation point.

A lot of the power in what people say comes from the tone in which they say it. For example, if you were to read any of the great speeches of all time you would realize how important tone is.

Take Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech for example, you may become bored halfway through reading it. However, if we were to listen to that same speech from the man himself, it has a more powerful and moving effect.

At the other end of the spectrum, if we were to read one of President Bush's speeches he might seem knowledgeable and literate as opposed to the bumbling, sputtering mess he presents himself as while speaking. The way we say things has a profound impact on not only what message gets across, but also on how the person communicating the message is perceived.

One other disadvantage of online social programs is impersonation. So much of the person is lost online that someone can easily be impersonated when another person acquires their password. Such an incident can lead to significant social disarray between friends.

When you don't have to actually talk face to face, you become a lot bolder and can make yourself seem foolish, or like a jerk. People are willing to say a lot more on online blogs and in chatrooms than in real life. Filled with the boldness of impersonality, people often say things online that they regret soon after. Jokes can easily be taken the wrong way online because people only see what you said not how you said it, because smileys and other 'emoticons' can only go so far.

While technology does make it easier and faster to communicate with one other, it also eliminates that oh-so-important human factor. While it's acceptable to take advantage of this new technology, the dangers and disadvantages should be taken into account as well.

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# Letters to the Editor:

### Students Comment on the Sports Section

Dear Editor,
I really enjoyed the article about college basketball with Cetera Washington. I think it's truly amazing for her to go to the next level to play college basketball, especially as a freshman. Cetera sets a good example that says Loy Norrix students can be successful in sports and college.
Sophomore
Shana Bell

Dear Editor,
I am writing a response about varsity basketball. The way Coach Covault brought the whole team together to play and get a better record was great. It was a fun team to watch. Next year they'll have the biggest student section to be really loud.
Sophomore
Cer Bolton

Dear Editor,
As a member of the Varsity basketball team I liked the article in the paper. It showed how positive our team was and how important that was to our success. Without Coach Covault having confidence in us and pushing us to the next level, we wouldn't have been where we were at the end of the season. Maybe next year the student section will be bigger and louder.
Junior
Andrae Greer

Dear Editor,
I like that you put the Junior Varsity basketball team in the school paper. I liked how you had all those quotes in the paper. One thing I did not get was why you have a senior in there when it is about J.V. and freshmen basketball? I think that you should have more quotes from freshmen to see their point of view and what they needed to do to get ready for J.V.
Sophomore
Paul Williams

Dear Editor,
I love the sports section of Knightlife. It tells me who won the games. One suggestion I have is that you talk about all the sports from a season in the same issue instead of just one at a time. If you do that it would be a good change.
Freshman
Joe Turner

Dear Editor,
I think that you should have more articles on men's basketball. We had a winning season this year for the first time since 2004. In one game we broke a school record of 14 three pointers. Maybe you could talk more about stats and things that those who follow sports are interested in.
Junior
Quinntrai Lampkins

Dear Editor,
I think you did a good job on this issue. I really liked the whole sports section, it was fun to read. I liked the Moving VP the Hierarchy of Basketball because I liked what the Junior Varsity said about them being a freshman. So whoever did the sports section did a really good job.
Freshman
T.J. Simpson

### Students React to "Storytime with Sihji"

Dear Editor,
I am writing about "Story Time with Sihji". I do not feel highly about this article, I feel it was not thought out enough. I did not understand anything from this article. I couldn't tell if it was a joke and I couldn't comprehend any concept from this article.
Junior
John Thurman Simpson Jr.

Dear Editor,
The story I am reading and writing about is called "A Story Time With Sihji". He talked about how he and Tracy Turner went to McDonalds and ordered a lot of food and they didn't have any change so they gave the lady a hundred dollar bill. She was staring at the hundred dollar bill for like five minutes so Sihji got mad and started talking stuff to the lady about her staring at the bill and so they threatened her and said they were going to go to Burger King. So she threw in an extra fry and an extra shake with their order. Yes I think the story was true because he told me about it after I had read it in the paper.
Junior
Lazell Sterling

### Students Applaud Kalamazoo Central's Product of "The Laramie Project"

Dear Editor,
The article I am writing about is Central's production of "The Laramie Project." This article caught my attention because I saw a story on T.V. about it. I think it was good that they [Kalamazoo Central] remembered him and didn't hate gays. I would see this play because I want to know more about it and I think it would be a good play.
Sophomore
Jared Glomski

### Students Encourage the Improv Troupe "IT"

Dear Editor,
When I read about the Loy Norrix improv group, I didn't even know our school had their own little comedy group. I'm pretty sure I wouldn't want to be in that group, but I'm sure that it would be really interesting to watch them do their little comedy show. I would be in their group if I didn't have to perform in front of all of those people that watch them. I think it would be fun to watch and listen to what kind of jokes or what they say to each other. It would be nice for them to have a comedy group while they're young because you never know, they could be a comedian when they grow up. I want to see how good they are at making people laugh at their jokes and things that they do. It would be interesting. Another good thing is you could learn new jokes and interesting facts about them also.
Sophomore
Ontrell Williams

### Students Speak Positively About the G.E.S.S. Club

Dear Editor,
G.E.S.S. Club Seeks to Increase Student Success. In my opinion this club was really good. It helps out people who are failing to ge a better grade and it helps them want to learn more. G.E.S.S. makes students really want to focus and increase their grades. Mr. Atkinson is really doing something good for them. If they sell candy and stuff he is is taking them to Cedar Point so I think it's a really good program to help the students at Loy Norrix.
Freshman
Katie McDaniel

Dear Editor,
My opinion of "G.E.S.S. Club Speaks to Increase student success" is that it's a good idea for struggling students. It helps everybody so they can move up a grade and then graduate.
Freshman
Analesa Olvera

### Students Reflect on the Violence in our Community

Dear Editor,
As students we really need to think about violence and how it takes away those we cared about. One year ago we lost a very special boy named William Berry on March 29th, 2007.

William Berry was a wonderful person. He had a lot of friends and he was a fun person to hang around. All of William's family and friends loved him very much. William left a lot of family and friends behind. He also had many brothers and sisters. All of William's friends and family miss him a lot.

William was a good student; he had straight A's in school. One thing I will never forget about William was his nickname, "Turtle/" Another thing that I won't forget about William is that he was a loving and caring person. I also know that William's birthday is September 11th. I've known William for four years, since 7th grade.

I think that as students we should stop the violence because we are losing too many loved ones. The violence needs to stop. We all miss William.
Sophomore
Cindy Foreman

Dear Editor,
Why don't the freshman have fun like the seniors do? We want to go and have fun at Cedar Point or Michigan's Adventure. I think, why we can't have a freshman prom?
Freshman
Demetrius Greer

### Students Discuss Activities at LN

Dear Editor,
I read, "Change 4 Change." I think it was a good story. The goal was 100 dollars but I think they raised more than 27 dollars. I like the story about my team.
Freshman
Matthew Demereck

Dear Editor,
School violence is most common in high schools. Some teens today are in gangs, and being in a gang causes a lot of trouble. For example, more gang members are in jail from doing wrong things, but it is not only gangs that are bringing the violence against other teens. Teens that are not in gangs can be in trouble too. Many teens are being pressured by their friends.
Freshman
Taniesha Murray

Dear Editor,
Thank you for the quiz bowl article. As part of the team it felt good winning the quiz bowl for a second year in a row. It was really fun to work with all my friends. We worked really hard for our victory. I hope we will repeat again for next year!
Sophomore
Helen Anemone

Dear Editor,
I really like the article about how the bilingual club offers opportunities for students. The bilingual club offers an opportunity for students in Loy Norrix to meet with other people from different backgrounds and cultures than their own. The bilingual club isn't only for Hispanics, but it is also for students who are learning another language, like people who are learning English as their second language.
Freshman
Yeakmey Wong

Dear Editor,
I think the changes they're making in Loy Norrix High School are good. Most of the students in this school are good, but a few are bad. I think the reforms are good. One problem I think there is in this school is that the bathrooms are very dirty. Also when we try to speak our mind, no on wants to listen to us. I think you should have a group where students can talk to the principals would be good. The biggest change I think you should do is change the food lines. Some people are getting tired of eating the same food over and over again.
Freshman
Tanisha Phipps

### Students Discuss the 2008 Presidential Election

Dear Editor,
Teens should have a right to vote for president. We should be able to pick of president. I want Obama to will because he will make history as the first black president. I like Obama a lot, he is cool.
Freshman
Cle Jackson

Dear Editor,
I enjoyed reading on the presidential candidates. Even though we can't vote I still enjoyed reading about it for the next election. If I were of age I would vote for Mike Huckabee.
Freshman
Dre Smith