Letters To The Editor:

Students Reflect on Timothy Palmer

Dear Editor,
I read the article on Timothy Palmer. I thought it was very sad. I have heard of him, but never really met him. The article was very descriptive. It told when he was born and when he died, what schools he attended, and what he loved to do. It sounds like he was a bright, young boy who had a dream to do wrestling. But one thing about him that you didn't say is how he died. I understand if it's so bad you couldn't say, or his family didn't want you to put in there. But if it wasn't a good reason to put it in there, I think you should of.
Sincerely,
Jessica Roberts

Dear Editor,
The article on Timothy Palmer should have had more of his brother and sister's quotes at the bottom with Mrs. Boggan, Mr. Laboe, and Tamara because his family knew him better.
Then the albums to check out, well not everybody likes or even knows the artist of the albums. You should put in albums that some people know who the artists are and actually like them. Also, I think that there should be more articles about freshmen.
Sincerely,
Dechelle Jones

Loy Norrix Freshmen Speak Out About AAC

Dear Editor,
I agree with Lauren McGlinn, about the after school Academic Achievement Center. I agree with her because freshmen athletes should not be forced to go. I also think they should have taken our middle school grades into consideration. We did not get a lot of work done, and it was not very beneficial. Most of the students there did not need much help and it was mostly just a social hour. I am glad that I no longer have to go to AAC.
Sincerely,
Haley Pfeil

Dear Editor,
After reading the article about AAC, I completely agree with Lauren McGlinn. She makes a very good point. Why don't they just look at middle school grades? If a freshman had a high GPA all year in 8th grade, that should kind of give a clue as to how they might do in high school. I think AAC would be more helpful if it were offered, but not required.
Sincerely,
Emma Mclaren

Dear Editor,
I read through the first issue of "Knight Life" and thought it had some pretty good articles. I thought it was good how there was an article on AAC, however I think that the writer needs to check on the spelling of people's names. I also did not agree with the caption under the picture in this article. The caption says that the two often attend AAC for extra help, when we were really there because we had to for our sport.
Other than the various spelling errors throughout the paper I thought it had some good opinion articles. I am looking forward to the next issue.
Sincerely,
Hannah Fleming

A Loy Norrix Student Voices her Opinion On Downloading Music

Dear Editor,
I did not like the article on downloading music. Now-a-days people can't afford to buy a bike or a car or live too far to walk. It is a lot easier on kids and adults to just download or just burn a CD. And now-a-days kids are lets say crazy and might break a leg, can't walk or ride a bike, don't own a car and wants to listen to music and have no radio (I know those chances are slim) then he could download music.
I also did not like the front cover. Many kids from Norrix went into war you should have put how Norrix actually won a game on the front. Norrix never wins a game.
Sincerely,
Jazmin Demink

Students Respond to the Freshman Academy Article

Dear Editor,
I read the article about the Freshman Academy. I was fairly pleased but I did have some doubts. I guess I am a strong believer in destroying the Freshman Academy so I really don't get why the school decided to do this to the incoming freshmen. If we designed this to be just like middle school then why do we really have it... I guess I just want more answers, and this article didn't really give them. Yes, I know some people think high school is this big, scary place. But scary places are things we have to adjust to and get used to. Its not like that upperclassmen are going to hurt us. I know from taking Latin and having a couple of upperclassmen that it's not so bad.
But other than this they are separating us from them, it's not fair. They are supposed to be preparing us for college but by doing this it's really no help at all. So I guess what I'm trying to say, is that instead of telling us what the Freshman Academy is, maybe you should make an article about all the good things, and what it's really trying to do. I just think this because I think we are all a little lost on what the whole point is from isolating us from the rest of the school.
I also read the article about the former student that went here that passed away. I'm really glad that this article did that. It made me realize that this school cares about the others that went here. It really shows how much our school cares, and you should keep it up.
Keep up the great work and please keep all of my suggestions in mind.
Sincerely,
Ryan Jaworowski

Dear Editor,
I agree with Tressa Greschack in the story about the Freshman Academy. She said, "I didn't like the academy because I was cut off from the whole school, and it felt like middle school." I feel like this too because the only time we see other people is at lunch and our elective. Even then the kids are mostly freshmen. I also agree with it being bad because we only get 6 credits instead of 8.
Sincerely,
Brianna Pfeil

Dear Editor,
I read the article "Loy Norrix Freshman Academy Generates Mixed Results" by Madison Kay. I think this is a good article, but I think that she should have interviewed more freshmen. I personally do not like the Freshman Academy. I feel like I'm stuck in a box, I feel like I got more interaction on my first day of eighth grade. I also do not like the grading system.
I like this newspaper, it tells people what's going on, and other people's opinions on school subjects.
Something I would want to read in this paper is maybe some interesting facts, or maybe some horoscopes. I also would like to see what students think about the US presidential election, and who they want to win.
Sincerely,
Bri Merrow

Loy Norrix Student comments on Teachers with Guns

Dear Editor,
I was reading the article about teachers bringing guns to school. While I was reading it, I felt that I wanted to say how I felt about the issue. After reading what other students and teachers said, I was amazed at some of their answers. Some said yes and some said no. Some were good answers, but it wasn't the point, it was but it was nothing I would have said.
I would have said no because not only is it dangerous, it's really scary. Imagine going to school everyday being scared. Not only do students have guns but teachers too. I wouldn't want to go to school. What if teacher was threatening a student and accidentally pulled the trigger and shot someone? Do you know how scary that would be? It's not safe at all. If teachers were allowed to bring guns, I would transfer. School is supposed to be a safe environment. How safe is it knowing your kids are in danger everyday. I hope that clarified how I feel about the subject. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Amy Youngs

Readers Respond to "Knight Life" in a Positive Way

Dear Knight Life
Congratulations on the first issue! The paper looks really great and I was very impressed with the layout improvements and especially with the articles. The front page story about Shaun Larimer was one of my all time favorite articles in Knight Life. I thought the quotes were great and it told a lot about the mind-set some have while entering the service. I was definitely surprised at some of the motives he had but it just goes to show how unknown the entire thing is.
I also loved the article abut the closing of local music venues, it's so sad to see them disappearing but it's nice to know why. Emily's article on positive behavior systems was also really informative. You should write a follow up later to let us know how it's working!
Overall it as a really great issue, keep up the good work! Hope everything is going well in B 10. What are the plans for taking over the world this year? Can't wait to hear all about it!
Take care, Miss you all!!!
Sincerely,
Ellie McIvor-Baker
Knight Life Alumni

Dear Editor,
Bravo, to everyone who worked on the November 2007 edition of "Knight Life." With your engaging writing, interesting topics and thoughtful opinions, you drew me in and I read almost every article. Your pertinent, good-quality photos and thought-provoking drawings were great additions to the text.
In the four years that I have been reading "Knight Life," this issue is one of the best - better than some city newspapers I have read. Congratulations on a great start to your year. Keep up the good work.
Sincerely,
Judy Jones
Freshman Academy
Secretary

Dear Editor,
I thought the newspaper was pretty good. I liked it a lot. At my old school we had a newspaper, but it was more in book form. I like this because it was a newspaper. Very impressive. I liked it; can't wait for the next one.
Sincerely,
Jared Eckley

Dear Editor,
When I read the paper I thought it was pretty cool. It was the first "school" paper I have ever read. It didn't really grab my attention when I first looked at it, but as I started turning the pages it became more of an "attention grabber." I really enjoyed reading the comics, and the "LNHS Freshman Stars in the Disney's High School Musical." From an educational standpoint, I think the articles and quotes on bringing guns to school was cool to read about.
Sincerely,
Natalie Johnson

Dear Editor,
I believe that the first edition of "Knight Life" this year was a very good paper. It was full of things that were helpful and touching to me. The only problem was some word choice and punctuation. The article about remembering the soccer players and the golf article were both well written. Keep up the good work!
Sincerely,
Spencer McKee

Dear Knight Life Editor,
I liked the newspaper a lot because it had different types of stories and a big variety. For example the soldier stories that were added in and how they actually went to our school, Loy Norrix.
It was also nice how they added the natural disaster that was the California wildfire they just kept in touch of something everybody would be interested in.
I liked how they surveyed kids too, for the "should teachers bring guns to school" that everybody wanted to read more to see who shared their opinion.
I liked everything about the paper, but they could have highlighted more of their students and that's about it.
Sincerely,
Izamar Zuniga

Loy Norrix Students Respond to Entertainment Articles

Dear Editor,
"Why Watch Television" is a great example of something I've been saying for a long time. There is too much on TV that can rot our minds and not enough that can help us. I'm not saying that we all need to sit and watch a documentary on D-Day, but little kids shouldn't be watching shows where people dressed like super heros are throwing each other through walls, then getting back up to fight more unrealistically. Then people wonder why kids hurt each other! At least in old shows with crappy graphics, the kid might be able to see it's fake. And I'm not saying all TV's bad. The shows I used to watch like "Rocko's Modern Life" and "Ren and Stimpy" were stupid, but funny. Not just plain stupid. Well, I hope you see where I relate.
Sincerely,
Jeremy JC Peterson

Dear Editor,
I thought "Knight Life"` was well done. I really liked that one of the featured albums was by Ride. Ever since I heard of them in "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," I've loved them. Also, I enjoyed the article by the foreign exchange student. I thought it was cool to see how America was different from her country.
Sincerely,
Mathilde Moyet

Dear Editor,

I like the fact you included video games in the newspaper. Proving, just because it's a school newspaper it can have video games and an article about them too. No offense, but those are very dull comics and some don't even make sense like the one that says "munnies." Overall it wasn't bad, but nothing really peaked my interest except that teachers and guns story.

LN Student Voices Opinion of LN Soldier

Dear Editor,
I was really disappointed with the article you had in the paper about the LN grad who served in the war. In the article the LN grad said that one of the reasons he signed up was because of the money. He also said, "I don't really like America that much, so I'm not going to get all patriotic." I feel that it gives other kids the idea that signing up for the army just for the money is OK. I feel that the army is about serving your country and having pride in your country. I feel that the article would have been 10 times better without that quote.
Sincerely,
Abbi Schreck

Freshman Responds to Newspaper Content

Dear Editor,
What I would like to see most in the paper is people who have good grades. I think it's great to share about news like how a football player of Loy Norrix High scored many touchdowns in a football game. But if you interview them about their education it would be more interesting to know how their grades really are. I would also recommend someone to step out and create comic cartoons for the paper. That would bring more people to them also.
Sincerely,
Dominique Essix

LN Student Speaks About Multicultural Learning

Dear Editor,
I really liked your article that was written by Cristina Flocea. Not all of us may have heard of Moldova. The article can offer us some insight. By reading it, we may be more understanding of other cultures. I can only imagine how much courage it would take to travel the ocean to another country, especially America where everything is huge. We all get into our routines, and sometimes forget how many other customs are out there. In my opinion, we should all try to educate ourselves on different traditions, but also make an effort to experience them. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Brighid Morse

"Knight Life" Reader Contradicts Knight Life on LN football information

Dear Rachel Stuut,
I like that you take an acknowledgement to the football team's win over Benton Harbor. I am a freshman linebacker and right end for the freshman team. I also like how you asked Brett and Kyle some questions because we are friends. Thank you for making it look like the Loy Norrix football program is turning around. I think I should let you know what actually happens at practice.
I don't like the fact that you said that practice was 3-6 p.m. because we started at about 3:20 and ended at like 5:30. The practices were not in contact unless it was a scrimmage, and working as a team and not splitting up does not work to our benefit as a team. You need to get close to people at the same position so you can help each other out and both know what's going on. We did not have study hall for the last three weeks and no film for the last 2 weeks. We only beat Benton Harbor because they beat themselves by making mistakes. We do not have a building program unless you look at the freshman team.
Also, I don't like the fact you are talking about the win over Benton Harbor and you have a picture of a horrible lost game to Portage Northern. The picture should be changed. The practice schedules and the team-building drills should both be changed. Also, varsity does not get better by scrimmaging freshmen. You should change the part about rain, snow, and blazing heat practices because 1) It never snowed 2) We stopped early during the season sometimes due to heat and 3) When it rained practice ended early.
In the article you should have stated how many yards Earnest Williams had (206 yards) and the 65 yard fumble return by Derrick Scott. You also should have the score of the game. You should have the name of the coaches and the JV and freshmen records. Maybe you could mention the way freshmen are improving the program at Loy Norrix High School.
Sincerely,
Scott Markley

"Knight Life" Readers Respond to the Volleyball Article

Dear Editor,
After reading the article, "LN Volleyball at the Top of its Game," I'm reluctant to say that I was not at all impressed. If the idea behind it was to capture the team's efforts throughout the season, I think it went in the wrong direction. Some of my peers, and myself, found many flaws in the article. Not just with spelling errors but with the content of the section. At one point it was said that our new coach's name was Coach Snow which isn't even close; it's Russ Frey. I think that there could have been more effort put into this article.
However, I am very impressed with the article I read, "Put down the Money and Pick up a Paintbrush." I thought this particular article was very well written; although I didn't entirely agree with what was being stated. I agree with the statement saying that we as Americans, spend too much time worrying about the media, but the part I'm hesitant on is the statement made about money being a negative motive. I believe that any motivation to do better for yourself is positive, unless of course it is illegal.
I am looking forward to reading the next issue of Knight Life.
Sincerely,
Christina Brown

Dear Editor,
I am commenting on the article about volleyball. I really think it is a good article that tells a lot about the volleyball team. It shows how the volleyball girls get along well and work together as a team. The one thing I would say is bad was I am pretty sure the coach's name is not coach Snow. I thought it was a good article though.
Sincerely,
Karylle Hillard