PEAK PERFORMERS in the ARTS

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It seems that every year more and more outstanding Loy Norrix art students go unrecognized for their artwork. Loy Norrix has many young, talented artists, but few seem to notice them.

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Senior Kelsey Klug plays the viola for the Loy Norrix Orchestra. Klug started playing the viola in the 4th grade at Lincoln Elementary because of her grandmother's influence.

"My grandmother purchased my viola, and I started playing because I love her a lot," said Klug.

She has been playing in the LN Orchestra for four years and has gained a lot of memories.

"I will always keep playing."
-Kelsey Klug

Klug says that her favorite part about the LN Orchestra is that, "Everyday is awesome and Mr. Roach is very funny," said Klug.

Klug's worst memory is of one particular day during practice. She dropped her viola onto the ground and everything broke and scattered everywhere. In order to repair it, Klug had to pay $200!

Even though Klug will not play her viola professionally, she said,"I will always keep playing."

This really shows that she has a lot of commitment and passion. Klug is undecided about her college career but said, "Whatever college I attend, I will probably find some orchestra to play in."

Klug also added, "If anyone has ever played a string instrument, join the Loy Norrix Orchestra."

Junior Raymond Oliver has been a member of the Loy Norrix Drumline since his freshman year, which is when he started playing the snare drum. Most people want to play the snare drum after they have seen the movie "Drumline," but unlike most people, Oliver was inspired by someone else.

Oliver said, "Elliot Wallace [Loy Norrix Alumni 2007] inspired me to play. He was a really good snare drummer, and he was smooth at playing it."

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-Raymond Oliver

Oliver's best memory of playing in the LN Drumline is playing at the basketball games and pep rallies.

"It is always crazy and there is always a lot of energy from the crowd," said Oliver.

His worst memory is when he dropped his sticks during a performance in his freshman year. He picked up his sticks and kept on playing.

Oliver is not sure about college or his drumming career but said, "I will see where it will take me beyond high school."

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Senior Catrina Brooks has been singing since she was five. She has sang in the community for around six years and has also been in numerous choirs such as Martin Luther King Jr. Choir, Kalamazoo Community Choir, Auxiliary In Ministries Choir. Brook's biggest influence in music is her grandfather, Lavern Smith Sr.

Brooks said, "He taught me to work hard and to do my best. He also taught me not to let problems appear on my face while singing."

Brooks' said her best memory has been, "Performing at the civic with the professional vocalists who were all great."

Brooks said her worst memory was when her wig was pulled off. Though embarrasing, she thought the whole incident was funny.

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Brooks said, "I plan to pursue a musical theatre degree at WMU and hopefully pursue [a career in music] further on Broadway."

Brooks' future looks very bright and she is definetly on the right path. She is currently working on the music for our Christmas concert which is on December 18th. Brooks said,"It will be awesome,

HOOPTY

state-of-the-art AIR CONDITIONING

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Ms. Pankop exemplifies how her state-of-the-art security systems keeps her out of her car.

We've all seen some of those cars on the road that you look at, and try to get away from as soon as you can because it doesn't seem safe to be anywhere near them. English teacher Tisha Pankop drives one of those. Her 1995 Chevrolet Cavalier is well on it's way to becoming a "condition 5" car, also known as a parts car.

Bought brand new, Pankop absolutely LOVES her car, often calling it her "Cavvy," as opposed to the more common "Caddy." When she bought the car, it had state-of-the-art AIR CONDITIONING and working windshield wipers, at this point, the 12 year old Chevy is not quite so up to date.

The AC went out on the car 3 years ago, but when Pankop went to fix it, she found out that fixing the AC would cost $300, half of what the entire car was actually worth! For this reason she has been driving for 3 years, without the convenience of air conditioning.

Some features of the car are customized mirrors, which wobble while driving, making checking blindspots a much more difficult task. Also she has a security system for the winter that is so good, sometimes she can't even get in.

Pankop has considered putting her car down in style, by entering the Cavvy in a demolition derby, and living her dream of being like Pinky Tuscadero, of "Happy Days."

Despite pressure from many friends, Pankop is determined to hold on to her "baby" until the day it dies.

"The more my friends pressure me to get rid of my car, the more I want to hold onto it until it reaches 'classic' status," stated Pankop.

So if you ever see Ms. Pankop crawling into the trunk of a "Hawaiian Orchid" (also known as purple) Cavalier, don't call the cops, and don't worry, she's merely bypassing her top of the line security system.

G-WAGON

Red Speedster, Real Babe Magnet

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Mr. Burch chillin' on top of his 2003 BMW 325i.

Next time you go flying by a red BMW on the road thinking you're sweet, you may want to think twice. That BMW might belong to Ron Burch, Loy Norrix's resident "robot" dance champion and English teacher.

Ron Burch owns a bright red, 2003 BMW 325i. The car has a 5-speed manual transmission and would be considered a real babe magnet. Despite the statistics that show how red cars are more likely to get pulled over, Burch maintains an almost flawless driving record, receiving his first ticket in his beamer last year.

When Burch bought his car, it wasn't what he was expecting to get. He went to the dealership planning on purchasing a Volkswagen Passat but after test-driving the 325i, his mind was made up. He says that he has never regretted his decision and that he absolutely loves his car.

"It's still as smooth and tight as the day I got it," stated Burch.

At only 36,000 miles, Burch plans on keeping his car for at least 14 years, which is how long he had his last car, a VW Golf.

While Burch wouldn't divulge just how fast he has gone in his red speedster, he did mention that the speedometer goes up to 155, and he's "confident" that it'll do it.

Oh and one last thought… that ticket he got, it wasn't a good old speeding ticket, no, it was for not coming to a complete stop in his neighborhood. Very MACHO if you ask me.

LOY NORRIX TOP 10

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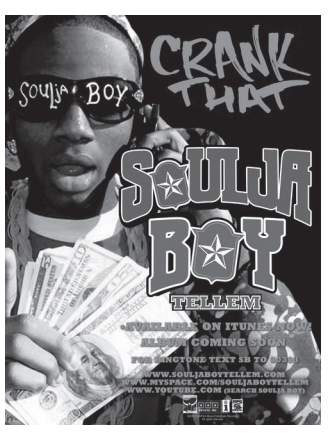
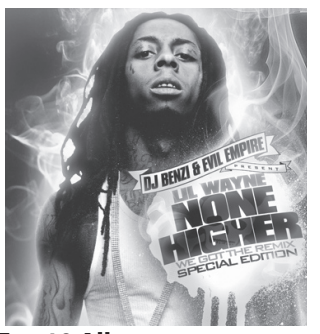
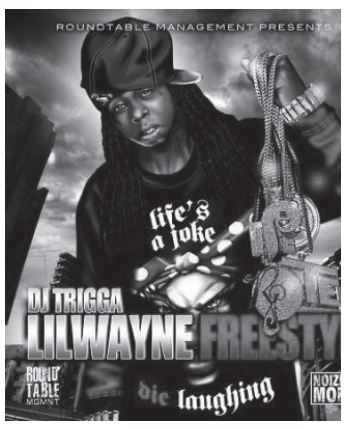
In 2007, there were many hits and misses. Motion City Soundtrack and Lil Wayne had much success from mainstream and mixtapes. We have seen comebacks from Britney Spears, and Spice Girls. Some bands that have disbanded this year are Audioslave and Matchbook Romance. Gym Class Heroes made it big with their song "Cupids Chokehold." New comers such as Paramore and Soulja Boy gave music icons a run for their money. We have had a few one hit wonders such as, Hurricane Chris with "Ay Bay Bay".

I know it's been hard deciding on your top songs, artist and albums. So thanks to everybody who participated in our survey. Here are your results...

Top 10 Songs:
1. Soulja Boy "Crank That"
2. Alicia Keys "No One"
3. Soulja Boy "Soulja Girl"
4. Plies "Shawty"
5. Timbaland "Apologize"
6. Kanye West "Good Life"
7. Kanye West "Stronger"
8. Lil Wayne "Pop Bottles
9. Lloyd "You"
10. Colbie Colliet "Bubbly"





Top 10 Albums:
1. Lil Wayne (has had many mixed cd's in 2007 we added all of his albums and he became number one)
2. Chris Brown "Exclusive"
3. Pretty Ricky "Late Night Special"
4. Kanye West "Graduation"
5. J. Holiday "Back of my Lac"
6. Soulja Boy "Soulja Boy"
7. Paramore "Roit!"
8. Taylor Swift "Taylor Swift"
9. T.I "T.I vs. T.I.P"
10. Alicia Keys "As I Am"

Top 10 Artists:
1. Lil Wayne
2. Soulja Boy
3. Pretty Ricky
4. Plies
5. Alicia Keys
6. Keyshia Cole
7. My Chemical Romance
8. Chris Brown
9. Kanye West
10. T.I.