

The STEMIA Scoop



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MUSIC of the Month: April

By: Shewa

Welcome to Music of the Month, where I rate music and recommend my favorite top three songs. If you've been looking for new genres to try, look no further! Your comprehensive guide has arrived.

This month's genre is ROCK. The rock sound relies on rhythmic beats and the heavy integration of guitars. Since the genre is comprised of countless subgenres—from punk and metal to classic rock—it tends to vary greatly in sound from one artist to the next, making it difficult to define.

Let's get into the ratings!

3. Numb – Linkin Park

Numb is about being trapped by the unrealistic expectations created in toxic relationships (whether romantic, parental, or platonic). Overall, it's unexpectedly catchy and surprisingly relatable. However, it's repetitive and a little basic, landing it at 6.5/10.



2. Brutal – Olivia Rodrigo

Brutal is a bold, unapologetic song that explores the teenage experience in a raw and relatable way. As it dives headfirst into the struggles and stresses of adolescence, it uses demanding and repetitive sounds to recreate the same hectic atmosphere that seems to take place in every teen's head. I give it an 8/10.



1. Bringing It Down – Starset

Bringing It Down is dark and heavy, resonating with the listener long after it ends. During the song, the singer watches someone close to them deteriorate emotionally; the detrimental effects of poor mental health eventually destroy the relationship. Encompassing a near ethereal vibe, the song is immersive and pretty awesome to daydream to. 10/10.



Tres Leches

By: Gaargi

Hailing from Mexico, Tres Leches is a fixture in all Latin-American cuisines. It is a spongy, light cake soaked in an ultra-sweet mixture. Tres leches means three milk, which shocker are the main ingredients in this dish. Happy baking folks!

Ingredients:

1.5 Cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon of baking powder

0.5 cup butter

1 cup sugar

14 ounces of sweetened condensed milk

2 cups whole milk

12 ounces of evaporated milk

1.5 cups whipping cream

1 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit

Grease and flour your baking pan

Sift flour and baking powder together in a separate bowl; set aside

Beat 1 cup of sugar and butter together in a large bowl until it is light and fluffy. After this add the vanilla and eggs.

Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture



until it is fully blended.

Put the blended mix into the cake pan, and place in the oven to bake.

To ensure that the cake is fully baked, insert a toothpick in the center and check if it comes out clean. This should take approximately 30 minutes.

Pierce the cake with a fork and leave to cool.

Mix the whole milk, evaporated milk, and condensed milk in a separate bowl

Pour this mixture over the cake after it has cooled. Allow the milk to soak into the cake.

Whip the cream and the 1 cup of sugar in a chilled glass until thick.

Spread the cream over the cake.

Keep the cake refrigerated until serving.

Enjoy!



Helldivers

By Knox

In 2015, Helldivers was an exciting game with a fresh idea of what a third person shooter could be. Helldivers had a small cult following, but everything changed with the release of the sequel in early 2024, when servers crashed because of an overload of new players joining this game.

With so much hype around Helldivers 2 getting a PS5 makeover, with 4k graphics and 1080p, Helldivers 2 thundered its way up the ladder to the #1 spot on Steam's most purchased game list.



The game's basic premise is loosely based off the 1997 film Starship Troopers. Players can join a party of up to four, and travel to the Cantolus Sector, where they can face large insectile beings, or to the Celeste Sector, where one can face large metallic automatons. Loaded with guns and ariel bombardment, the basic premise of the game is to kill enemies, so that you can spread democracy to these war-torn planets, and therefore, liberalize them. How Helldivers differs from similar games is that all players, from around the world, are all working together to liberate zones as a worldwide team. For just \$45, you can join this team!

Overall, I would rate this game a 9/10, because aside from how groundbreaking this game is, it lacks in the number of diverse game modes that other games, such as Apex Legends, have several of. Other than that small nit pic that I had, this is the perfect cheap and fun game for everybody to play!

Ai: Boone or Bane?

By Aliza

Canadian students are embracing AI, with over half (52%) using generative AI tools like chatbots and writing assistants for their schoolwork, according to a recent Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) survey. While 60% of students using AI feel it's cheating, many claim it to be a shortcut to good grades. However, many agree that blindly trusting AI-generated content can lead to factual errors and plagiarism. The survey also revealed a gap in awareness: only 38% of students knew their school's policy on AI use. Schools can help by teaching students to evaluate AI and develop ethical writing skills.



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AI and the Law

According to Global News, lawyer Chong Ke from British Columbia is facing a lawsuit and an investigation for giving fake legal cases to the court. Ke used a program called ChatGPT. Not only is her career destroyed, but the opposing lawyers discovered the fabricated cases and are suing for compensation. The Law Society of BC is investigating the incident. While AI can be a powerful tool, it's important to remember that it's not a replacement for human judgment and critical thinking, which is why major leaders and celebrities like Elon Musk have started taking a stand on this. They believe AI should be used to supplement our skills, not supplant them. Using it in unethical ways and calling someone else's work yours-is that okay? Let's keep the conversation going – is AI a friend or foe not only in the classroom- but in the world?