



# Editors’ picks: Movie edition

Even though winter is coming to a close it is still a great time to put in a bag of popcorn and head to the couch to watch your favorite movie. If you need something new to watch or want to revisit an old favorite check out the editors’ list of some of their all-time favorite movies.

**RENEE BORCAS**  
“**Star Wars: The Force Awakens**”

If you have not watched it in awhile or have yet to dive into the sea of “Star Wars” movies, I recommend checking out “Star Wars: The Force Awakens”. I’ll be the first to admit Episode VII is not my favorite “Star Wars” flick, but it is the one that I find myself watching and rewatching the most. While some may complain that it is just a rehash of “A New Hope”, it still adds so much to the story. The reboot brings fresh characters, bigger threats, and more diversity to the cinematic universe, which, let’s face it, “Star Wars” really needed. This movie pays respect to its history, while excitingly opening up the floodgates to the hundreds upon thousands of “Star Wars” movies that Disney might make over the next 500 years.

“**The Wizard of Oz**”

If you are tired of laser blasts and stormtroopers, maybe check out “The Wizard of Oz” instead. I have been in love with this classic film since I was a child and even today it is my go-to sick day movie. This film is more than just singing and dancing munchkins— although that does make up a lot of the fun. It tells a fantastic story with themes of friends, feminism, and leadership while being a marvel of music, special effects, and comedy. So next time you are looking for a movie to watch, consider taking a walk down the Yellow Brick Road.

**BEX HUNTER**  
“**Get Out**”

“Get Out” is what I like to call a modern day “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” with a twist. A really messed up twist that really gets you thinking. It is a movie that brings up topics of race and racism in some of the most messed up, but relatable ways. It makes people uncomfortable and makes people realize some of hard truths about how America looks at and treats black people. I do not want to give any spoilers about the movie, but if you like thrillers that keep you on the edge of your seat the entire time while calling out a whole lot of society’s problems, this is the movie for you.

“**Black Panther**”

“Black Panther” came out just a few weeks ago and already it has made the top of my movies list. It is so much more than just your average superhero movie. Unlike most movies in Hollywood the cast is mostly black and stars several strong female characters. It is a superhero origin story like no other, showing the struggles of an African King trying to protect his people while also learning from his father’s mistakes. It has action, romance, comedy, and the Dora Milaje AKA the coolest all female special forces team I have ever seen in my life. This is the kind of movie for everyone because there are so many different things that make it so appealing.



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**NOAH CLOONAN**  
“**Moneyball**”

If you are a baseball fan, odds are you have probably seen this movie and it does not disappoint. Based on a true story, “Moneyball” tells the story about the 2002 Oakland A’s and their record setting winning streak and how they got there in the most untraditional manner in the sport. Brad Pitt is the main character and Jonah Hill adds a much needed comedic effect to how the A’s used statistics and numbers to build their team and get them into the postseason.

“**Finding Nemo**”

On a less serious note Nemo is one of the classics. Nemo is one of the all-time great movies that defined many of our childhoods. This is most likely a movie that you have seen time and time again. Why do we continue to watch it? Because it is so good!! There are highs and lows as a Marlin journeys across the sea to find his lost son. He ends up making friends along the way and eventually finds his son. You want a good laugh and a throwback to your childhood? Put Nemo on and it will take you back to a simpler time.

**BREE GANNON**  
“**The Dark Knight Trilogy**”

My all time favorite movie is actually a trilogy and it is “The Dark Knight Trilogy”. I do have a “favorite movie” from the trilogy which is “The Dark Knight” because Heath Ledger is phenomenal. The trilogy is one of my favorites for two reasons, one being Christian Bale. He is a great actor and is not bad to look at either, I think he does a great job playing the Bat. The second reason is the cinematography of the movie, the shots and camera angles that are used to make the movie are strategically done. Definitely a much watch if you are big into action and superhero movies like me.

“**The Breakfast Club**”

My second all time favorite movie is “The Breakfast Club”. You can never go wrong with the 1985 classic movie that follows five high school students that come from different backgrounds. The movie does a good job of depicting the five characters and the people they portray such as a rebel, princess, outcast, brainy and jock. Judd Nelson and Molly Ringwald are fantastic in the movie and the movie itself is amazing. Plus it features Simple Mind’s ‘Don’t You (Forget About Me)’ and who does not like that song? I would call you crazy if you have never seen it before and then highly suggest you go watch it.

**KAITLYN MOORE**  
“**How to Train Your Dragon**”

My favorite movie will always be “How to Train Your Dragon.” I love anything that has to do with flying, and dragons have always been an interest of mine, so when I saw this movie in theaters years ago, I fell in love with it. Once, before I found it on DVD, I rented it on Amazon for a day and watched it three times in a row. I will never get sick of it. The music, animation, dragons, scenery, and character development are all things I hold near and dear to my heart: that is what happens when you find your favorite movie or book. I enjoy many movies in general but I am proud to say this is my favorite. I also received the second movie on DVD for Christmas last year and I am very, very excited for a third one. I have watched the television show on Netflix and I am awaiting more episodes, they ended the season on a cliffhanger. Will Hiccup and Toothless ever find another Night Fury? The suspense is killing me!

“**Florence Foster Jenkins**”

Florence Foster Jenkins is a real person. She lived from 1868 to 1944, and historian Stephen Pile ranked her as the world’s worst opera singer. She was known to give free concerts, even ones in Carnegie Hall, and wear lavish outfits, but her voice was not exactly suited for what she did. She loved it. The movie is a biography and a drama but also a comedy. It is rather funny at times, but as a musician, it pained me to listen to that terrible singing. But I fell in love with Florence anyways, just like her husband did, and I was mad for him when that terrible woman started making fun of her during a concert. The bit at the end with the newspapers was heart-wrenching. This movie feels different from a lot of other movies I have seen, and I highly recommend it to anyone looking for something out of the ordinary.

Scan for the answers to this edition’s trivia questions.



Collegian bi-monthly trivia		
Where is the DII National Championship take place?	How many thousand pounds of items has AU Cares donated?	When is the Ashland University’s Day of Giving?
-Sioux Falls	-13	-March 22
-Columbus	-33	-March 30
-San Antonio	-35	-April 7

## WHAT’S COMING UP?

**Friday Mar. 16:**  
Maplerock Jazz Festival  
7:30 p.m., *Hugo Young Theater*  
CAB: Free Movie: Star Wars, The Last Jedi  
8 p.m., *Student Center Auditorium*  
**Saturday Mar. 17:**  
St. Patrick’s Day  
*All Day*  
CAB: Grocery BINGO  
9 p.m., *Redwood*  
**Sunday Mar. 18:**  
Music Ashland Co. Middle School Honors Band Concert  
4 p.m., *Hugo Young Theatre*

**Monday Mar. 19:**  
Commuter Break - Macaroni & Cheese Bar  
11:30 a.m., *Commuter Lounge*  
Res Life Greek Housing Lottery  
9 p.m.  
**Tuesday Mar. 20:**  
First Day of Spring  
*All Day*  
**Wednesday Feb. 21:**  
International Club World Cafe  
4 p.m., *Eagles Landing*  
**Thursday Mar. 22:**  
The Well  
8 p.m., *Chapel*

**Friday Mar. 23:**  
CAB: Hypnotist, Chris Jones  
9 p.m., *Redwood*  
**Saturday Mar. 24:**  
CAB: Free Movie: Coco (Matinee)  
3 p.m., *Student Center Auditorium*  
Theatre 24-Hour Theatre Project Performance  
7:30 p.m., *Studio Theatre*  
CAB: Free Movie: Coco  
8 p.m., *Student Center Auditorium*  
**Sunday Mar. 25:**  
Music Winter Choral Concert  
4p.m., *Jack and Deb Miller Chapel*