**Fifth Suspect Surrenders to Police**

*By Erik Landers*  
The Breeze

The fifth suspect in the Hunters Ridge shooting, 21-year-old Ricky Parrish of Ruckersville, turned himself in Tuesday night. He has been charged with assault and battery and gang participation.

**Group Petitions Supreme Court to Hear Title IX Case**

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On Tuesday evening, Equality and Diversity, a student advocacy group with the United States Supreme Court, filed an amicus curiae brief appealing the U.S. Court of Appeals decision upholding JMU's 2006 axing of 10 athletic programs in compliance with Title IX.

**Safety Tips For Property Over Break**

*By Jacqueline Quartroccii*  
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> WITH Thanksgiving Break mere a day away, many students’ minds are filled with thoughts of Turkey, sleep and getting out of Harrisonburg as quickly as possible. However, don’t let get-home-itis take over just yet.

All the empty apartments and dorm rooms make easy targets for criminals, and students often come back and find their homes broken into and valuables missing.

Through a call, both the JMU police and the Harrisonburg Police Department give some tips that can prevent students from becoming victims.

Because apartments and dorm rooms are the only places that students can secure before going home, the Police also reminded them to secure any bicycles or vehicles left behind.

These prevention tips alone go back to the basics.

**Before You Leave Harrisonburg:**

- Lock all apartment and dormitory windows and doors.
- For those living off campus with sliding glass doors, place a wooden dowel in the door’s track.
- Take small valuables such as jewelry, DVDs, iPods and laptops home.
- For larger electronics left behind, like televisions and stereo, write down their serial numbers.
- Leave a small light on, like the one over the shower. But lamps and halogen bulb should be turned off.

**If You Leave Cars or Bicycles:**

- Place all valuables out of sight, such as the steering wheel.
- Make sure your car doors are locked, trunk.
- Park your vehicle under a streetlight.
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**FOR The Drive Home:**

- Blankets, jumper cables, a first aid kit and a flashlight should all be in vehicles.
- Check the air in tires.
- Lock bicycles up in your dorm room, apartment or bike rack.

**Staff Report**

Zsabriela Williams, a 20-year-old Richmond woman, was convicted in September of robbing and killing Virginia Commonwealth University student Tyker Brown at Mount Saint Jackson earlier this year. She was sentenced Tuesday to life plus 13 years for four counts of robbery.

Williams entered an Alford plea to the count of murder, which means that she did not admit guilt, but acknowledged that there was enough evidence to convict her. She also pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery.
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JFK has grown to 29 members, from its original 12 "Founding Fathers" in fall 2016. "For the demographers among the audience you've done really well with your numbers," said Collin Nathan, androgynous governor for AEPi in Virginia and North Carolina. "We've had our ups and downs, but we've got Jesus!"

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John Gruver, bottom right, has his office on the ground floor of Harrison Hall covered with political cartoons, comics and his new video sound set up. "It's not so much me expressing my opinion, although I'm happy to do it," Gruver said. "It's to see if I can get the other side from some- body, because if you just sit and listen to yourself you haven't learned anything."

Gruver encourages people who pass his office to respond to his post- ings, even leaving a note on the wall for people to use. Responses have ranged from adversarial to apologetic. One note had an apology to Gruver for certain people giving Christianity a bad name. Another begged him not to omit the other side of the political spectrum from his postings.

"The best part is when people come by and leave me a note so I can see what they think," Gruver said. "Then I can lip off in return." Gruver's newest addition, which hangs on his door, is a video screen. At the moment it only shows still pho- tos but will play video once it gets the sound set up.

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LADIES: Generational Differences Contrasted

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CHAPTER: Board of Governors Attend Ceremony

For a fraternity to be recognized as a chapter, it usually takes about three years to prove that they’re worth handling the responsibility on their Board of Governors said that the Board of Governors eval about 50 to 52 members who is eligible and JMU’s chapter has a chapter fellowship advisor that has a risk management problem and “I have really yet to meet a group that connects with each other the way those guys do” Stuker who has visited about 40 chapters and said it was a “no-brainer” this group would get chartered quickly. He believes that in this particular group “it wasn’t hard work, it was together the charter weekend and planned the ceremony. Although they recognize the chapter will never be extremely large, they hope AEPi’s presence on campus will make a difference and that they will be further recognized not only by the school, but also by the community. “At lots of times when people are choosing a school, parents and kids look at the school and see if there’s any programs for Jewish people,” Schwartz said “Now there’s a point that they can notice.” For others, it’s having a family legacy that makes the fraternity so important. “My dad, my grandpa, every male in my Jewish heritage,” said Green, who also acknowledged that this group is more socially focused than spiritual-based. To bring this chapter to campus, Schwartz spoke to nationals who sent letters, director of organizations at the time, to JMU and within a month was sending out Facebook messages and attending Hilid events, the Jewish organization on campus, to find interested people. Then known as a colony, AEPi had to establish itself, but now it will be around forever. As a new member, Green said the greatest factor of being part of something new is “you get to see the immediate contrast from where you first come and the stages it goes through to where you end up.”

SENTENCE: Victim Shot In the Back

Sentence, from front and three of using a firearm in a felony Seventeen-year-old Howard R. Scott III entered an Alford plea to six charges. However, Scott’s sentencing date is proposed to Jan 15. Twenty-year-old Leeanthony Austin, who is accused of driving the getaway car, faces a single count of conspiracy to com robbery. Scott agreed to turn over evidence to the police that would help connect Austin if the police licensed his sentence so aditional charges could be brought against him. At the trial, Brandon’s girlfriend, whose name has not been released, and Brandon’s twin brother, Seth, a JMU junior and as asistant photo editor at The Rome, both testified. On March 27, Brandon and his girl friend were in Byrd Park, where Wil laine and Scott confronted them. They took their cell phones and the girlfriend’s car keys, and then ordered them into the trunk of her sedan. Brandon refused, slammed the trunk shut and walked off with his girlfriend. Williams then fired a single shot at Binsted, hitting him in the back and killing him. The sedan belonging to Brandon’s girl friend was found four blocks from Scott’s house, burned and destroyed. Brandon was 19 years old.
Band and University National Exposure for PARADE:

Provides want to get back into the current space, ’a while there where I was leaking out into a ment. “ said Steven Anderson, director of SMAD. “It has not been an issue in the department. “ Anderson seconds Gruver’s opinion. “I had somebody leave me a comment once saying that I didn’t do a lot of opinions and that there didn’t think it was appropriate for me to be blathering on about them,” said Gruver. “It’s a college and the whole point of a college is that they didn’t think it was appropriate for me to be voicing political opinions, Gruver strongly disagrees. While Gruver has received some quizzi-
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title IX: Legality Being Questioned

Title IX, from farm previous courts which is, Do we deserve to be reinstated? Joseph does not expect to hear from the Supreme Court until after the conclusion of the similar case Fitzgerald v. the Barnstable School Committee, which starts on Dec. 2 and is expected to conclude in the spring. Integrated is the Barn-
stable School Committee makes the question of whether Title IX can be appealed under the consti-
tution. According to Joseph that case appeals to previous decisions in which a court ruled that there were no grounds to sue under the Constitution. Joseph argues that Title IX must be subservient to the Constitution. “Because you have a Title IX ruling that displaces your right to

new century at JMU!” Rikkers said. “Because two of our top priorities as a program are to promote JMU both locally and nationally, as well as promote our fine music program and community, we cannot think of a better venue. “ Rikkers said that when applying, “What the Appeals Court in our case said was it is impropos-
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Dear Santa Claus,

All I want for Christmas is a good title IX. I hope this year you bring me a game that is arguably different in theory because the Constitution should prompt Title IX.

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Religious Rhetoric Can Cloud Political Discourse

Win the Presidency, Lose the BlackBerry

Recently, news sites and the collective Internet blogosphere have begun to comment, to speculate and perhaps even to “pund” on many of our public figures. With the possibility of a change in presidential administration, many have spoken out on the potential loss of the presidential BlackBerry. With the promise of a new administration comes the threat that the president’s BlackBerry may be turned in to the Woe-Wise White House stewed into the Wise-Home White House stew. Or, as President-elect Obama suggested, he may lose his “puppy.”

In short, losing a BlackBerry, a cell phone or some other personal item can be like losing a pet — a puppy for instance, and one can imagine the Obama White House swiftly turned into the Wise-Home White House, where that precious puppy may be taken away.

What’s interesting (and perhaps merciful) about the situation however is that there seems to be a potential loss of the presidential BlackBerry. To some, the fear of a de-BlackBerification may take his BlackBerry away. For many, the phenomenon of de-BlackBerification is a horror that one can never recover from. Losing a normal cell phone is one thing, but losing a presidential BlackBerry is quite another.

Perhaps what is most disturbing about the notion of someone’s (and no less a leader from a nation) digital existence being removed is that it serves to undermine the seeming refuge provided by namelessness and anonymity. As such, all of the texts, e-mails and cleverly phrased communications are open to public perusal. As such, all of the texts, e-mails and cleverly phrased communications are open to public perusal. For many, these comments have been weighed in the balance of modernity and the digital age.

For many, the misapplication of religious rhetoric and doctrine to political affairs creates this hostile, polar environment and even gradually alienates the religions. Religious and political affairs are complex ideologies, far more intricate than simplistic moral absolutes that tend to rear their heads in the political sphere. Ironically, this means that, even in a climate of opposition, the secular and religious camps really ought to be able to agree on one thing: to preserve their separation.

Given this environment, it seems unsurprising that, more and more, these polemics are succeeding. To a limited extent, those polemics are succeeding. To a limited extent, those polemics are succeeding. To a limited extent, those polemics are succeeding. To a limited extent, those polemics are succeeding. To a limited extent, those polemics are succeeding.

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Astronautalis' "Closet Genius"
Rapper's third album, "Pomegranate," a mix of melodies

By CORY KURKUCK
contributing writer

Astronautalis is abut a maniac. Then again, you have to be in order to ring da-
bits of hip-hop, folk, spoken word and
American into a comprehensible form of
music. While his style and tone are not
definable, "Pomegranate" still flows like
a book, with Astronautalis as the man
walking the page. Many critics say that
closet genius is not far behind.

A storyteller and rapper at heart, As-
tronautalis has been molding and shap-
ing his music since his first album, "You
And I" Good Ideas," which he self-re-
full-length album, is a complete hybrid,
drawing as much upon hip-hop as it
does American roots music. It is a work
of complete fiction and poetry, and the
books with words to fill the album and
how the composer to turn them into song.

"Pomegranate" begins with "The
Wondermother and His Son," with As-
tronautalis wearing a cape of a chanting
man, murder and love. The song is a bar
room funeral, full of composed swagger
and orchestral precision, passion and cel-
loosely following.

A few songs later, "Secrets of the
Universe Index" shows the first real hint of
Astronautalis' hip-hop background as he
automatically and comfortably raps through
the song. As grandiosely as "Pomegranate" can
seem, it owes much of its effectiveness
to its minimalism and simplicity. "17 Summers" features guest singer Sarah
Lafayette delicately streaming throughout
the whole song with only a piano as her back-
drop. Importantly, Astronautalis not present un-
til two minutes into the song, his sing-
ing holding it up upon spoken word.

"An Episode of Sparrows" then follows with an airy feel about it as it is a
dreambeat and the sound of chirping birds control the song. As "Pomegranate" pushes forward,
the songs flesh out and realize every
potential path for its minimalism and simplicity.

"The Story of My Life" is more
drace and paced Astronautalis has to offer. "The Trouble
Hunters" is the most raucous and paced
song on the album, with a lively drum
beat and triumphant chorus exemplify-
ing the fighting nature of the song.
The last song on the album, "The
Dream of Life," is the album's best
song. Minneapolis rapper POS lends his
flame to "Shalom" and the other, "Y o, " repre-
tends starkly different ghettos.

"It's like my own

dissociated symbolic...so it
may not make sense
to anybody else.

— DANE CALLIS
MU senior

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around the 'Burg

What: Concert featuring rock artist
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Where: The Pub
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Professors and students examine the functions of the art of doodling

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Dane Callis has been working on this ultimate doodle all semester. The facades that make up the drawing represent things that are important to him. Other students also doodle to help keep their minds from wandering during class.

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Who: Marching Royal Dukes
What: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
Where: New York City;
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When: Between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Doodle, from page 9

all kinds of images on an individual’s psyche. She suggests there are situations where zoning into the world of doodling impedes attention and situations when its calming effect can help students concentrate.

Rogers said that when a student absentmindedly draws during class it’s because he or she isn’t really paying attention to the doodling; it’s not distracting and can be calming.

JMU aesthetics psychologist John Bradshaw made a claim about doodling being one of the “nonutilitarian human drives manifesting today as graffiti ‘ornamentation’ of an otherwise plain surface.”

Whatever the function or drive behind doodling, students like Callis have made it a regular part of their classroom routine. He maintains his good grades, the respect of his teachers and a high participation rate in class, challenging the notion of doodling as a thorough distracter.

“I still participate… my teachers see it too and they say, ‘oh, that looks nice… how do you participate too?’” Callis said. His drawings, being far from simple, tie a calming technique and a forum for expression all within the walls of his academic life.

“Doodling, in my own thought process and it’s how you judge things,” Callis said. “You can cognitively create something to whatever symbolism you want.” Callis’ complicated drawings might recommend the habit to newcomers in need of doctor prescribed stress relief or self-expression.

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“There are a handful of elite teams each year,” JMU coach Dave Lombardo said. “Portland’s name is usually in that grouping. They’re kind of soccer royalty; they’ve won national championships and they go out every year and find ways to get deep into the NCAA tournament.”

Still, the Dukes approach that challenge with confidence. “They have one loss on the season,” said Julian, the CAA Player of the Year. “But they haven’t played us yet.”

The talent Portland has on its roster will actually work to JMU’s advantage Saturday. JMU’s 19th-year coach said that three of the Pilots’ “big-time starters” will be playing with the U.S. Women’s Under-20 National Team in Chile over the next couple of weeks. “It should help us a little bit, and change what they do a little bit,” Lombardo said.

Sophomore goalkeeper Diane Wszalek was huge for the Dukes last weekend, even as JMU was outshot 36-16 through its two matches. Wszalek had a career-high 11 saves in JMU’s first-round victory over UGA. She came back two days later to shutout host Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C., and earn her sixth shutout of the season.

“Diane did some things that you hope a goalkeeper can do,” Lombardo said. “She made the routine saves and then against Georgia she came up with four or five circus saves that really changed the game.”

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This is tacky and pointless.

**Socks**
This gift is just a lack of effort. Everyone needs socks but they're something to buy on one's own time.

**Fruit Basket**
Another gift that shows a lack of effort as well as a lack of thought, and could contain some fruit the recipient doesn't even like.

**Bathroom Scale**
Why not just give the person a card telling him he's fat? It would probably save you a little money if you just called him fat to his face.

**Candles**
They may smell good and set the mood but it appeals to the broadest audience possible and shows no real knowledge of the person you are buying for.

**Umbrella**
It's cheap and everybody already has one. Buy someone something he doesn't have and isn't going to be used only when the weather is depressing.

**Generic Perfume/Cologne**
This says you're cheap and don't care if your significant other smells good. If you're going this route at least drop some coin on a brand name.

**Neck Tie**
Sure, a man could always use more ties but this gift shows a lack of knowledge about the person you're buying for.
Ways to go ‘Green’ in Gift Giving

By ERIK LANDERS
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The Gadgetshop Wind Up Phone Charger:
$12.00
Out and about with a dying cell phone? By cranking the Wind-Up Phone Charger, you can quickly add 25 to 30 minutes of battery life without having to plug your phone into a socket.

Ecoist Handbags:
$22 - $188
These fashionable handbags are crafted from misprinted candy wrappers and food labels. Go “green” by reusing misprinted materials.

Empire Water Powered Alarm Clock:
$12.99 and up
Get up in time without plugging in an alarm clock or cell phone. No need for batteries or a socket, just fill with tap water to get two months of power. Display shows both date and time.

Trevor Baylis EcoMedia MP3 Player:
$199.95
Wind up this MP3 player and get more than 40 minutes of music. This MP3 player is capable of playing music and video with its 2 GB of memory and is compatible with Windows-based PCs.

Roadrunner Low Flow Showerhead:
$39.95
Gallons of water are wasted each day as people wait for the shower to heat up. Put an end to this with a smart showerhead that automatically slows to a trickle until the water reaches 95 degrees.

Show the Earth some love and give a friend or family member one of these presents!
It's that special time of year again. The holiday season is that beautiful time where we all pretend that it's about spending time with loved ones, when all we really want is presents.

Presents, presents, presents.

You know that's all you really care about. It's fine, we're all adults here and there's nothing wrong with materialism. I'm sure when you imagine your Christmas morning, you're thinking "Hey! This is going to be a great day of spending quality time with the people that I love! Who cares about the presents? They're just things! There is much more to life than what is tangible!"

Don't lie to yourself; it's time to grow up and stop living in your fantasy world where material possessions can't bring happiness. Of course they do! All this talk about life being about the people you meet and the relationships you create is a lie constructed by people who don't have the money to buy an X-Box 360.

Things — not people — make me happy, and the holiday season is a great opportunity to get several things that I want for free. People get so touchy when you treat them like objects. The only good thing about people is that they have the ability to give me things or give me boosts to things I can't reach (a problem which I'm looking into, see No. 3 below).

I remember hearing some BS that went something like "giving is better than receiving." Yeah, paying for something and giving it to someone else really beats getting something you wanted for free. I feel like such a better person now.

In light of the upcoming holidays, I'd like to provide you with a gift guide of products that I would be more than willing to accept as a symbol of the feelings that you have for me (which of course can only be expressed through material things).

1. Nothing from Abercrombie & Fitch

We're not in middle school anymore, OK? Every time I go into an Abercrombie & Fitch they're blaring techno music at 2:30 p.m. and some 15-year-old kid is trying to sell me jeans that are covered in paint and holes. I'm not a big sleeveless-tee guy either, so let's just steer clear of this place.

2. A Gun

What better way to celebrate the birth of J-to-the-esus than a firearm? I'll be 21 when Christmas arrives, and this is clearly the most American thing I could ask for besides obesity or apathy. (I would prefer if you bought this illegally, or it's really not going to be the same for me.)

3. A Stool

I'm short and I will probably keep my gun somewhere high up, so I will need the stool to reach it.

4. A Lion

I just watched the Lion King, and I believe a lion would be the most responsible pet choice. I don't have a car, so the lion will also serve as transportation. I'm also very excited about singing "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" when the lion... sleeps... at night. That was actually a really bad joke. Kind of stretch to be honest. Sorry.

5. An HD Television

The quality of HD TV's are so good that it's almost depressing. It looks better than real life. An HD television can make even a Natty Light look like a golden sea of alcoholic deliciousness as opposed to a watered down "we can get like 90 of these for $3" light beer.

6. Money

Money is generally used as a way to pay for things, and I could probably use the money to buy things that I want, specifically the stuff listed above. Money is the most personal gift you could give someone. It's a gift that says "Hey, when you talk I stop listening, so here's some money to buy whatever it is that you said you wanted."

Don't let anyone make you feel like wanting things makes you a bad person. Even if it does, the New Year is approaching — you can be a better person next year. That's what Christmas is about: letting whatever the original purpose of the holiday was slip away as we commercialize the crap out of it. So for now, suck up your pride and buy me all this stuff. Merry Christmas.
**Holiday Gift Guide**

**The Gift**
**By Joel Kleinbaum**

..."A gift? C'mon, there's no such thing."
..."But I received the same gift."
..."You're making it up."
..."I can't deny it...
..."You're deluding yourself."
..."I received it."
..."There's no such thing as a free lunch. There must be a hitch."
..."It cost me nothing, except to serve the giver in gratitude."
..."There is no giver! No such thing, d'ya understand? And even if there were, I'd never serve him. I'd never be grateful to him, not for anything. Never!"

..."A gift? But I don't need a gift like that."
..."But you do need it. Everyone needs this gift."
..."Come on. I have everything I need, and the things I want -- your gift won't help me get them."
..."Maybe you don't want the right things."
..."What are you talking about?"
..."This gift is priceless."
..."Priceless! To me it's worthless."
..."If you think it's worthless, maybe you just don't want the things that have true value."
..."Right things, wrong things. Who are you anyways, to tell me what I should or shouldn't want? Why don't you just mind your own business and keep your nose out of other people's lives? Now beat it!"

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"A gift? For me? Really? Why, thank you!"

"...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."
*(Romans 6:23)*

Two thousand years ago, God became one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. If you would like to discuss this incredible event, please ask one of us or see [http://faithatjmu.com/](http://faithatjmu.com/)

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Can you smell the cinnamon and pine needles from here? There's Thanksgiving, two more weeks of academic responsibility and then one of the best times of the year: winter break. Because I live in Virginia, my traditions must steer away from white blankets and Frosty and more toward the silver screen.

To prepare for the upcoming free time, here are my top 10 holiday movie picks. If you have rules about acceptable dates to start watching these movies, this Christmas in July lover is here to tempt.

1. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: More relatable than ever, this film's 1930s setting puts a man versus himself mirror to the viewer and provokes raw emotion. "It's just very iconic... it encapsulates the idea of the holiday season," JMU student Carmen Bolding said.

2. A CHRISTMAS STORY: "My roommate has a leg lamp... it's pretty epic," junior Sara Aultman shared about the movie. It is a household tradition to watch this flick every holiday season, particularly to Generation Y kids. The catch phrase-saturated film steps into the eager bunny ears of a young boy and gives the perspective that so many of us recognize. I'm convinced watching this movie preserves the link between childhood and today's responsibilities, at least when it usually airs all day long on Christmas Eve.

3. WHITE CHRISTMAS: Bargain shop for quality with this movie: learn to dance, practice your singing, sip on some Christmas eggnog and admire two of the most iconic talents. Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney act in this classic and return many to a familiar time.

4. ELF: The title alone provokes chuckles as visions of sugar-hooked Will Ferrell dances in one's head. Bells and pointed-toe shoes don the feet of one of America's most famous funny men. The movie manages to be "very funny and very warm-hearted... it's a classic," freshman Kane Yoder points out.

5. LOVE ACTUALLY: The British did it again. They made a very respectable romantic comedy adapt to a holiday theme, while also spinning a touch of the "six degrees" game through this relatable modern holiday tale. I can recommend from only my own point of view, but I happen to know several guys who love this movie, as well, making it one of this century's break-out holiday films.

6. THE SANTA CLAUS: Tim "the bowl-full-of-jelly-man" Claus marks the beginning of movie-watching for many at JMU. At that age, we could begin to understand the jokes (I'm sure there are hidden off-color ones that I look forward to discovering next time). It's Tim Allen's physical comedy at its best. A popular scene includes "when he...goes through that phase when he keeps trying to take off his beard and it keeps growing back and growing back," junior Treadonia Morris said.

7. MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET: This presents one of a few cases where the remake may be mentioned with the original without shame. Both conjure lessons of winter's holidays, wrapping in a tragedy of childhood non-imagination. However, they do so independently, but for each generation of movie watchers.

8. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: In its original, shaky claymation, this early version of Pixar-like imagination sprawl must be appreciated for the time put into it. The message of the oddball speaks to us all, in this case in an awkward reindeer voice, reminding us that perhaps being a misfit is not as uncomfortable as we like to think. No man is an island, but maybe we are all on one with other misfit toys.

9. CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS: Often a catalyst for screeches when I mentioned the title, this film illustrates many a holiday heart. "It's the greatest story ever, all told through Peanuts," freshman Casey Cavanagh said. The beloved child-sized adults will never grow old to the majority of us and that's the way we prefer it.

10. A NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS: Unconventionally pertinent, this modern classic warrants its popularity. The Halloween-meets-Christmas oddity apparently appeals to viewers who grew up watching it. "Nightmare is a different take on the [traditional] view of Christmas, which is really nice in contrast," Bolding said. Claymation wins again as unusual marries old school in the beloved misfit of misfits.
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