

The Best Movie You Never Saw...

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Review of *Donnie Darko*

So, last fall the ol' ball and chain and myself sat down to watch *Donnie Darko*. We were, quite frankly, not optimistic. I mean, the cast boasts Patrick Swayze, Noah Wylie and Drew Barrymore; need I say more? We had, however, rented just about everything Juneau has to offer, and it was a "Sundance" offering, so we took a gamble and hit cinematic paydirt. I now find myself endorsing *Donnie Darko* with a near religious fervor- and am constantly amazed that so few souls have found their way.

Directed by Richard Kelly and starring Jake Gyllenhaal, *Darko* is basically a black comedy disguised as science fiction, or is it a black comedy disguised as a coming of age standard? Or, is it all satire and none of the above? I've now watched it multiple times, and I still couldn't tell you. I do know it is certainly one of the most overlooked offerings of the past few years, and the catalyst of our home's burnin' love for lil' Gyllenhaal. A few highlights without revealing too much:



- Schizophrenic teenager
- Plane crashes
- Time travel
- Scary monster rabbit
- Slow motion teen dance scene set to Tears for Fears
- Jake Gyllenhaal

It's rare, as a blabbermouth, to find myself at a loss for words. As someone with an English degree, it's even stranger. I just can't find myself doing justice here – I can only say trot to your local video retailer and *RENT THIS MOVIE!*

Why You Should Rent This Movie: It's seriously quirky fun.

Standout Scene: Tears for Fears dance sequence
Illegitimate Lovechild of: *Heathers, 2001: A Space Odyssey*

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will allow the discipline to be much more intensive on those issues," Ashley Ahrens, professor of social science said. Out of all the B.L.A. degrees offered, students were most attracted to social science issues, said Ahrens. This will give students the chance to get a more specified education and be better prepared for graduate school.

The Bachelor of Science in Information Systems degree (B.S.I.S.) is going to be offering three emphasis in E-commerce, Networking, and Programing. All the programs will be kicked up in the fall to add to the UAS menu, according to Paul Kraft. The programs will also be a used to entice students from around the state and country that UAS has a lot to offer. How to get attention drawn to UAS will be the job of the new Director of Admissions, who is said to be hired in the next few weeks.



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was not seeing Phillip in a romantic way *at all*. Maybe I was having so much fun with him as a friend that no cute boy vibes were coming my way. All this time, Phillip was totally checking me out and trying to send romantic vibes *my way*. Apparently, when a mutual friend introduced us in the cafeteria, his presence in there was not to talk to that mutual friend, but to get introduced. So on the drive back, he asked how the boys on the Juneau scene were treating me, and I told that I had been asked by only one measly boy on a date (whom I had no intention of going out with again). He had the perfect response. "I can't see why no one would ask you out. They'd be a fool not to. Well if no one's going to ask you out, I will." So we made a dinner date and I would be cooking. It was my turn to suffer from lack of telekinesis interpretation. I thought he was asking me out just to be nice; I still had no idea that he was even slightly interested.

It wasn't until after the dinner, after Phillip had chopped every vegetable we needed, after he had repeatedly washed dishes when we needed utensils while we were cooking, after he had set the table, done taste-tests and offered to get his barbecue grill when ours wasn't working, that I started to look at him in a different light. He's one of those people who become increasingly beautiful the more you know him. I experienced this tenfold as the days passed and we spent more and more time together. It was the most comfortable first stages of a friendship I have ever experienced. After a few drinks at Squire's one night, I made him crash with me on my spacious twin bed. He did nothing. No token squeeze of the boob while pretending to be asleep, no strategic placement of the face so that I'll turn and our lips would touch. Nothing. Trust me, I almost did the token boob squeeze, to make the first move on the way to satisfying my sexual drought. But he was such a gentleman. And he continues to be. I'm so used to those horn dogs who undress you with their eyes that I thought something was wrong with him.

Anyway, this definitely has potential but if it doesn't go anywhere, I know I'm going to at least have a friend for life. He is truly a unique individual and I'm really happy I fought the urge to stay in bed after a night of alcoholic fun and went on that hike.

There is only hindrance in the whole beautiful Michelangelo fresco: the ex-girlfriend. Yes, ladies I groaned too. Now, unfortunately she's not the psycho freak I wished she was. She's a delicate-one-of-a-kind butterfly that he agreed to break up with, i.e. he misses her and is still emotionally attached. This is also, unfortunately, understandable. I, among countless females, have been there myself. You don't turn off love overnight. In addition, the night is young. Things are looking like the Garden of Eden right now but who knows? Though there is enough sexual energy to make my fleece crackle with static cling, there really have been no wedding plans and naming of children. Phillip may realize that he wants something or nothing or I may wake up tomorrow and realize I'm gay. Hypothetically speaking! I'm just watching this like a wanderer watches the wind. I'm ready, however. I'm ready for whatever this Phillip thing or life brings. Bring it! Bring it on like an avalanche!

Phillip and I haven't had that 'Dixie's cooking' date, but they do say that the fastest way to man's heart is to give him a strip tease. I'M KIDDING! I'll cook him some really good food and see if the fastest way to his heart is between the fourth and fifth rib. I'll tell you all about it next week. Promise.

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The loss of these brilliant people has hit the country hard as we all mourn for the families and friends involved in this tragedy. President Bush sent his condolences to the country stating "these men and women assumed great risk in the service of all humanity." It is important that the country understand and appreciate the sacrifices made everyday by people just like these seven astronauts. They sacrificed their lives in the end to give extensive knowledge to America about the universe that surrounds us. We as a country are forever in debt to their loved ones who are left behind to live with the memories of what might have been.

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contacted for donations contributed gifts that were put into a take-home canvas bag for each contestant. Some participants were big winners, of course, with the third prize in each category set at \$500, second prize \$1000, and first prize \$2000. Between the oratory contests held at all three UA campuses this year, over \$31,000 for educational purposes will be given away.

Even the audience members, though they didn't go home with money or a gift certificate, left with an indescribable special sentiment. Clarissa Booth, mother of contestant Karla Booth, said, "Just being an observer, I feel I'm walking away with something."

Alaska Native Oratory Society Contest Results:

Dramatic Declamation:

4th place recognition: Vivian Mark

3rd place: Kecia Medina

2nd place: Karol Dixon

1st place: Ekatrina Oleska

Storytelling:

3rd place: Yarrow Varra

2nd place: Karla Booth

1st place: Crystal Swetzo

Oratory:

4th place recognition: Rose Natkong

3rd place: Hans Chester

2nd place: Wes Roberts

1st place: Marsha Hotch