

A marvelous movie about monsters

By Ava Gruchacz

When I heard that there might be a sequel to the Monsters Inc franchise, I honestly was not looking forward to it. I feared another movie would sour my fond memories of my favorite Disney-Pixar characters, Mike and Sulley.

When I finally saw the previews and realized it was actually a prequel, I started to become a little less skeptical.

As a proud fan of Mike Wazowski, I made sure Monsters University was a blockbuster I would definitely be paying an overpriced ticket for this summer.

The movie started with little Mike and his big dream to become a Scare-er for the infamous Monsters Inc and go to the best scare school, Monsters University.

You watch little Mike (voiced by Billy Crystal) work throughout his childhood and adolescence to be the perfect candidate for his dream school and eventually is accepted.

He heads off to school where he is confident he will be best in his class. Unfortunately,

Mike is the farthest thing from scary and is constantly reminded by his teachers and fellow students, especially the

members of the Roar-Omega-Roar fraternity.

James Sullivan, aka Sulley (voiced by John Goodman), is the son of a famous scarer and believes working in college is useless since he is already naturally terrifying.

Both, however, are kicked out of the scare program after upsetting the President of the school and the only way to be readmitted is to win the Scare Games. They join the outcast "freaks and geeks" fraternity, Oozma Kappa, in order to compete.

They are definitely the underdog but Mike uses his scare knowledge to train them all to become the best

competitors. They only problem is, Mike still is not scary.

During the last challenge of the Scare Games, Sulley cheats by turning down the level of scariness needed to set off the stimulator. Their team wins but when Mike discovers what Sulley has done, he is determined to prove he really is scary.

He enters the Human World via the doors made at the University and soon finds out he does not have what it takes to be a true Scare-er. Sulley comes to the rescue but the two are officially kicked out of the University for breaking several serious rules.

The two then decide to remain a team and work for Monsters Inc as janitors. They are promoted through several jobs and finally make it to the Scare Floor, Sulley as the Scare-er and Mike as the manager.

The movie exceeded my expectations and I was very pleased with the creativity of the plot and the humorous script.

The film received great reviews from critics and Rotten Tomatoes reported 85% of audiences were pleased as well claiming it was "funny and thoughtful family entertainment".

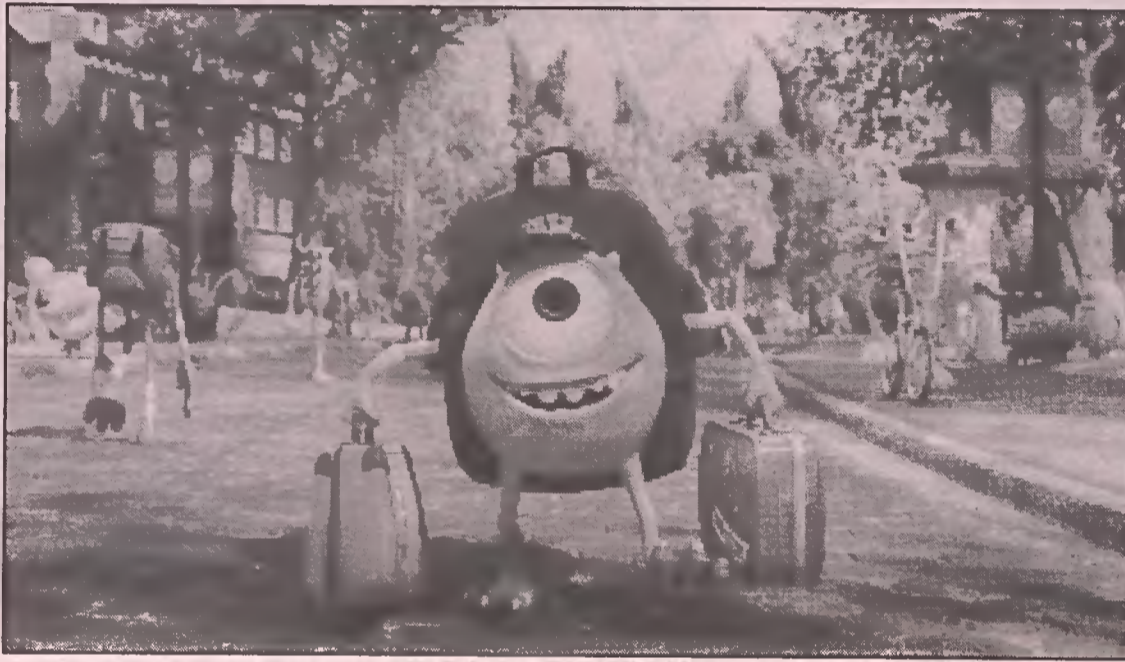


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The beloved Monsters Inc. characters go to college in this prequel.

Glossary of NCSSM

NCSSM students have to learn a lot of acronyms fast in order to figure out campus. Here is a quick guide.

- ASG = Association of Student Governments
- BBR = Bryan-Beall-Reynolds
- ETC = Educational Technology Complex
- GRL = Ground Reynolds Lab
- HHR = Hunt-Hill-Royall
- MPC = Multi-Cultural Peer Counselor
- PCC = Peer College Counselor
- PDA = Public Displays of Affection
- PEC = Physical Education Center
- PFM = Perkins Food Management (Cafeteria)
- RLA = Residential Life Assistant
- SAB = Student Activities Board
- SGA = Student Government Association
- SLI = Student Life Instructor
- SPL = Sustainability Project Leader
- TA = Teacher Assistant
- TLA = Three (occasionally Two) Letter Acronym
- TTS = Third Tri Senior

Subject of the summer: Babies

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This summer there was no ridiculous media scandal of stars cheating, eloping, or anything worthy of the cover of People. There were, however, two very famous, very exposed celebrities who gave birth to their firstborn. The first is Kim "Why is she famous again?" Kardashian and Princess Kate.

The media definitely scrutinized Kim these past few months such as comparing her pregnant body to a killer whale. Poor Kim. Recently divorced from her 72 day husband, Kris Humphries, Kim claimed her pregnancy with the rapper Kanye West's baby was "tough at first but all worth it when I felt the baby kick". Thank you for that very descriptive statement, Kim.

On June 15 she gave birth to a mere 4lb 15oz baby girl. Kim gave birth about 5 weeks early but the baby was born with no health concerns. Naturally the public was dying to hear the baby's name. Rumor was that it would start with a "K" but the parents feared their family would be known as the "KKK". Therefore, they decided to name the baby none other than...North West. Yes that's right, the baby's first name is North.

Honestly, I thought it was a joke at first and they wanted the media to look idiotic for

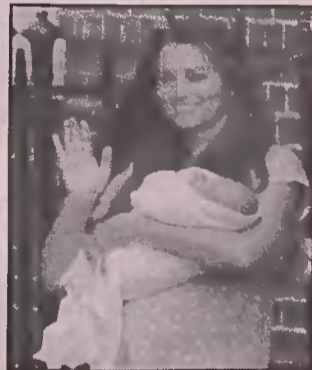


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The Royal Baby

believing it. Sadly I was wrong. Baby North now lives with Kim in the Jenner household and they are allegedly moving to Paris to spend time with baby daddy Kanye.

The second and more significant birth this summer was "the Royal Baby". The lovely Kate Middleton, wife of Prince William, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on July 22.

I read several articles stating the people of the United Kingdom were so anxious to see the baby that they camped out in front of the hospital where the future king was born. Kate stated that she had a wonderful pregnancy and I think she looked fabulous doing so. Though I secretly hoped they would name the baby something modern and less traditional, the couple decided on George Alexander Louis. I don't think it can get any classier than that.

RLAs spend week learning to be leaders, preparing for juniors



The 2013-2014 RLAs during the RLA training week

Photo courtesy of NCSSM

The RLAs of the 2013-2014 school year moved in on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013 and have been having a busy and fun week preparing the residence halls for the new school year. The RLAs were selected from over 200 applicants based on maturity, knowledge, and responsibility. They have been participating in team building activities, leadership and diversity training, planning hall activities for the new year, and decorating their halls. As they have been working hard, they look forward to meeting their new juniors and being reunited with their beloved senior friends.