

# "Dead Again" Alive With Mystery and Romance

by Kim Peebles

Very few things in life motivate me to think the way that a trip to the movie theater this weekend did. Actually, I had no idea how this one movie would make me think.

Between the suspenseful plot, the mysterious characters, and the overall theme of the movie, I was captivated from the beginning. Kenneth Branagh, a handsome English fellow, starred in the movie playing two different roles (so we think). His co-stars included Emma Thompson, Andy Garcia and Robin Williams.

The basic storyline is about love, reincarnation and REVENGE (and it is good stuff). Not that I believe all of what was in the story, but I did walk away thinking

about my life and the people in it. I will say that you have to get to the movie to see the very beginning—that's where you find all the juicy bits about the plot. But stay tuned... it gets better. Parts of the movie are in black and white, which adds to the essence of the movie. The mystery is not solved until the very end, at which point I was knocked off my feet (it's a true Alfred Hitchcock look alike).

In the August 23 edition of the Weekend (the insert that the N&O put in our Herald), the critics found it to be "one of the most original works to emerge this summer." I disagree. It is one of the all time best movies I have ever seen. I suppose that because it isn't trying to solve any world crisis or make you wonder why you paid five and a half dollars to see it after you go

home. Warning: it will evoke some thought!

I would compare this movie, but by no means make it equal to, past movies that all of you movie goers may have seen. I think "Flatliners" made me think the way this movie did, about all the things in life. How about "Always," where a man got to say goodbye to his love before he left into the sky? And one that I know you ALL have seen—"Ghost." They each have similarities in dealing with life after death, but they don't touch the mystery and the romance the way "Dead Again" does. I hope to see it rake in the awards. And to all of you, I recommend everyone run out and see this flick...after all, there's simply no excuse not to, considering it's right in our backyard at Mission Valley.

## Sports

### Meredith Volleyball Shaping Up For 1991-92

by Hannah Simonds

This year's Meredith volleyball team is taking form, shaping up and perfecting skills in order to compete on a very competitive level. This year's team of players and coaches is working hard both on and off the court to ensure a winning year for Meredith volleyball.

This year, Dr. Chamblee coaches the team, Dr. Bross serves as assistant coach, and Susan Smith enters her third year as team manager. The team consists of three seniors: Jennifer Allen, Kristin Horne and Ann King; four juniors: Diane Forbes, Kristi Narron, Susan Rigsbee and Beckie Hines; three sophomores: Tricia Sparks, Holly Higgins and Carla Raynor; and three freshmen: Jamie Richards, Jenny Reynolds and Jennifer Thompson. Two of this year's juniors are transfers. Susan Rigsbee comes to us from Peace College and Coach Chamblee feels that she "is a good jumper and is a developing hitter." Beckie Hines is joining Meredith from UNC-Wilmington, and Chamblee says that her strengths are "good hands, blocking ability and strong hitting." The coach also commented on the importance of both senior Jennifer Allen and junior Kristi Narron, stating that

Allen is the team's strongest returning hitter and she will be called upon to provide key leadership. Narron has quickness, defensive skills and knowledge of the offense, according to Chamblee, which will allow her to make quick offensive decisions. Chamblee also adds that since the team has only had about ten practices since returning to school, the starting line-up has not been finalized, but she is quite optimistic about a winning season.

Since four key defensive players from last year's team are not returning, Chamblee says, "defense is a focus for us right now." While she feels that this year's team is "hurting defensively," she is quick to add that the team is "stronger in hitting and serving than last year's team." Therefore, she adds, "the focus early on in the season will be on basic skills and offensive and defensive systems."

In addition to doing their best on the court, the team also has to focus on academics. Athletically speaking, Chamblee feels the schedule this season is more challenging than last year, as they will be competing in three tournaments as opposed to two from last year. One positive aspect of this year's schedule is that Meredith has made an effort to stress academics, thus making the schedule less stressful for taking care of academic matters. This effort has been accomplished by changing from tri-matches to dual matches, and all overnight games are scheduled on weekends. The academic considerations that are given to scheduling reflect the commitment of the college and coaches to ensure that Meredith athletes are given every opportunity to excel both athletically and academically.

This year's team has already showed a strong commitment to making this

year's season one to be proud of. Coach Chamblee encourages attendance at all of the matches not only to support our fellow students, but to boost team moral and watch an exciting and intense game. The team invites everyone to come see the Angels in action this week on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 11:00 am.

## CLUB NOTES

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The Astros held their first meeting September 3 in the Chapel Commons Room. The 1991-92 officer are: Abbie Howell, president; Tammi George, secretary; Anesa Hole, treasurer; Carolyn Moyer, publicity chair; and Kimberly Colson, monthly project coordinator. The Astros will be volunteering for a bicycle race September 21-22 in Kinston. The race will begin in Kinston, go to Camp Sea Gull in Arapahoe, and then back to Kinston. They are also designing the sweatshirts for 1991-92.

On September 30, MEA held their second meeting of the year. They will be sponsoring the "Fall Fest" on September 22. The "Bone Shakers" and the "Plain Day" will be playing at this event. The Balloon Gallery is sponsoring a special! You can purchase one mylar and two latex balloons for only \$2.50. Visit the Balloon Gallery, now open in Cate Center!