## Post-holiday season offers movie goers variety

Well hey! Welcome back to another stimulating semester here at Meredith. I trust everyone had a good holiday and are, so far, having a good year.

I had a great holiday, and a lot of the good times I had were at the movies. I'm sure many of of you went to the movies over the holidays since you had some free time. For those of you who didn't get a chance to get out I'm going to give you a run down of the flicks I saw, and since most of them are still out, you may want to check them out.

First on the list is The Muppet's Christmas Carol. I saw the preview for this when I say Aladdin and right then I knew I had to see it. I took the two children I babysit t see it and they loved it. Basically the Muppets put on their verison of Dickens' A Christmas Carol with Gonzo as Charles Dickens, Kermit as Bob Crachitt and Michael Caine as Scrooge. What impressed me about this movie was the way Caine and the Muppets acted together. Caine's performance led the viewer to think that he didn't realize he was acting with puppets. If you have any small



children or you just love the Muppets it is a fun film to see.

Next on the list Forever Young with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. This is the story of a test pilot, Mel Gibson, who has himsef frozen in 1940 (Cryongenically) to escape the pain of losing his girlfriend in a car accident. Mel's scientist friend (George Wendt) dies before he can wake Mel up, and when Mel is unfrozen it is 1992. The rest of the film deals with Mel's search to find our what wrong in 1940 and the discovery of his lost love. It is romantic in idea, but the ending is predictable. Of course

you get to see Mel's buns and that alone is worth \$5.

Toys with Robin Williams was strange to say the least. Toys is about the struggle between Williams, character and his military man uncle over control of Williams' toy company. Williams' uncle tries to get Williams to create and manufacture war toys, which is against Williams' principles. The uncle begins to secretly create the war toys. When Williams finds out, a battle of the toys ensues. If you like the surreal see Toys.

Probably one of the best flicks I saw was A Few Good Men. A Few Good Men is a gripping courtroom drama starring Tom Cruise, Demi Moore and Jack Nicholson. Cruise and Moore are Navy lawyers who try to free two Marines accursed of murder. The two Marines did commit the murder, but by order of Jack Nicholson, their commanding officer. Nicholson gives a great performance as the slick, underhanded Marine Corps leader. Cruise does an okay job with his performance, as does Moore, but his beautiful smile is flashed so much it undermines his

attempt to appear doggedly determined. All in all though, *A Few Good Men* is incredible -- a must see!

The final flick I saw was The Bodyguard with Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston. When I saw the preview for this I wasn't sure if I wanted to see it or not, but may my curiousity got the best of me and I went. This film is about Houston's character, Rachel, a rock stare, being stalked and Costner, the bodyguard, protecting her. Predictably they fall in love, and it makes Costner's job protecting her difficult. There are a lot of gripping actions scenes and quite a few tearjerkers as well. Of course you also get to hear the Whitney-Dolly song, "I'll Always Love You," and see how it ties in with the movie. I wouldn't say this is a must see, but if you love love stories you may want to go see it.

Well I don't know if I've inspired you to run out and see any of these, but if I have I hope you enjoy them. Hopefully after the Oscars we'll have some good flicks to look forward to, and I'll have a reason to keep going to the movies. See ya!

## Campus celebrates King holiday with variety of events

by Beth Lowry

The Association for Black Awareness (ABA) and Meredith Christian Association (MCA) sponsored a Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer breakfast this morning. The breakfast is part of a week-long celebration of King's birthday and is a time for students to honor King.

Neasha Bryant, vice president of ABA said, "It is important not only to support King's life and work, but to recognize the accomplishments made up to 1993 ... to recognize how much more we will have to make to get more equality for all people."

Eleanor Nunn, African-American student advisor, and Grace Dalton, Associate campus minister, spoke at the breakfast. Dalton said the breakfast provided her with the opportunity to comment on the contributions King made "to the whole world, not just the black community."

In the past students and faculty, as well as the environmental serivces staff and ARA staff, have attended the breakfast. Melanie Horne, MCA President, said that it is special to sponsor the event because it brings everyone together, which was King's purpose.

The theme for the week's celebration is "Capture the Vision." At Wednesday worship, Margaret Pollard, Director of Public Health and Wellness Education for Wake County, will speak.

SGA and ABA will sponsor a forum on cultural diversity on Thursday, 6 p.m., in Kresge Auditorium. This forum will be a time to raise student awareness to the issues of diversity on campus.

Jeaneen Logan, ABA president, said the celebration provides her with the "opportunity to recognize an American hero."

## City of Raleigh Celebration and Planned Events Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- Jan. 18, 1993

7:00 a.m. Wreath laying Ceremony, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

8:00 a.m. King Interdenominational Prayer Breakfast Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Research Triangle Park

10:45 a.m. Governor's Bell Ringing Ceremony, State Capital Building

11:30 a.m. King Memorial March

12:00 p.m. King Noon Ecumenical Service, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

3:00 p.m. Young People's Forum and Workshop, Lucy Hunter Elementary School

7:00 p.m. Evening Musical Celebration, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium All activities are free and open to the public

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Tuesday, January 19
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