

## The secret is out: Harry Potter sequel is a must-see

**Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets kept Holleman and Evans spellbound.**

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Ghosts, house elves, gigantic snakes and spiders and magic all intertwine to make *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, the much-anticipated sequel to last year's *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, a huge hit at the box office.

In this year's sequel, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) returns to Hogwarts despite warnings for him to stay away. Once he arrives, mysterious attacks begin in the halls of Hogwarts. Being in the wrong place at the wrong time makes Harry the prime suspect. Along with the help of his friends, Ron and Hermione (Rupert Grint and Emma Watson), he must battle ghosts, large spiders and a gigantic poisonous serpent to save the school

from closing and to prove his innocence.

Harry's attempt to save the school he blames another student for opening the Chamber of Secrets.

Radcliffe, Grint and Watson improve their acting abilities in this second film. They bring their characters to life and allow the audience to fall in love with Harry, Ron and Hermione. Their eagerness to draw the audience into the storyline helps to make this movie sensational.

The professors at Hogwarts are portrayed by a plethora of brilliant actors and actresses, including Maggie Smith (*The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*), Alan Rickman (*Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*), Kenneth Branagh (*Dead Again*), and the late Richard Harris (*The Count of Monte Cristo*). Their unique acting styles work together to create a magical team.

Harris, who played the part of Professor Dumbledore, died in October of Hodgkin's Disease. He was a veteran American and British film

star. Harris only agreed to take the part of Dumbledore because his granddaughter threatened never to speak to him again if he didn't.

"I'm not interested in reputation or immortality or things like that. I don't care what I'm remembered for," Harris once said.

He may not have cared what he was remembered for, but the public will remember him as an extraordinary actor who made the big screen real to the audience.

Harris, along with all the other acting talents present in this film, helps make *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* a movie that will make you laugh and even put you on the edge of your seat. The special effects, the music, the acting and the screenplay work together to make this film absolutely delightful.

Our recommendation is if you have a wild imagination, you should definitely make the time to see this film on the big screen.

Our ratings:

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E: \*\*\*\*

## World News Brief

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**North Korea:** The Bush administration will stop financing oil shipments to North Korea but will not require the return of the current shipment. The Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization met in New York and voted unanimously to cut off future oil shipments until the nuclear weapons program is completely dismantled.

**Western Europe:** In England, the Queen announced an agenda focusing on the fight against crime. In Italy, Former Prime Minister Andreotti was sentenced to 24 years in prison for his role in the 1979 murder of an Italian journalist.

**Yugoslavia:** In Kosovo, two Serbian Orthodox churches were destroyed by explosions. No one was harmed. This marks the first attack in over a year according to UN officials.

**Eastern Europe:** In the Czech Republic, former Communist Party leader Karel Hoffman was charged with treason for cutting off access to radio and television as Soviet troops invaded Prague in 1968. In Ukraine, President Kuchma

fired his government and nominated a new prime minister. Parliament has to vote before he is officially instated.

**Southern Africa:** AngloGold, a mining giant, started giving its HIV positive employees anti-retroviral drugs. The Zimbabwean government has declared price freezes on certain goods in the country in an effort to stop the country's economic crisis.

**Middle East:** Students protested for five days against the death sentence of Hashem Aghajari, an Iranian professor who mentioned separation between church and state once in a speech. In Yemen, British special forces have shifted focus of the search for bin Laden from Afghanistan to Yemen. A senior al-Qaeda official was arrested in Kuwait.

**Chechnya:** A new prime minister has been appointed, illustrating Russia's campaign to return stability and peace to Chechnya.

**Venezuela:** President Hugh Chavez sent out the National Guard to take over in several police stations in the capital after demonstrations last week killed two people. The police, who are against Chavez, did nothing to stop the demonstrations.

## Thanksgiving fundraisers underway

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There are many opportunities for Meredith students to volunteer their time to help others in the community. The Office of Volunteer Services at Meredith College can help students find opportunities for volunteering through projects implemented at the College as well as by other members of the community.

The holiday season is a special time for volunteering, and students often find

that they have more time to volunteer during their winter breaks. Perhaps students can put their lounging time to better use by helping others. In addition to having more time to volunteer, individuals may have a need to be needed by someone else, want to meet new people or desire to give back to the community by sharing with those who are less fortunate.

There are several projects underway on campus, and each of the freshman, soph-

omore, junior and senior classes are heading up their own service projects.

Lynne Wheatley, director of volunteer services, said the Service Council decided to do a campus-wide holiday food drive.

In addition to the food drive, the senior class and junior class have teamed up to organize a project with Operation Christmas Child, a service of Samaritan's Purse.

According to Su-Anne Ward, senior class service

co-chair, students at Meredith can fill shoeboxes with gifts for underprivileged children worldwide and place them in drop-off locations in the first Barefoot parlor and in the Chapel office by this Friday. Brochures are available outside 105 Barefoot, in the Chapel, and in the Cate Center.

The junior class even organized a hall social last Tuesday for the entire class to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Freshman Service Co-Chairs Sarah Lynn Joyner, Kelly Friend and Amy Pleasant are spearheading the service project for their class. The class has decided to focus on the elderly for its holiday project.

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