'High School Musical'

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Monique Coleman are the lone African Americans in the cast and what I can appreciate about "High School Musical" is that Coleman and Bleu are given meaty roles in the concert and for at least two hours, race doesn't seem to matter. My niece and I sat next to a white family that also lost their minds over Bleu.

"He really is the best one in the bunch," the mom said to me over the din of screaming girls.

After the ringing in my ears stopped, I had to agree.

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The late Ida Kohlmeyer, who lived and worked in New Orleans, in "Monotype #9" presents a very colorful, celebratory print with what looks like an airplane, a heart and "XXX's that seems to say Happy New Year," "Happy Mardi Gras."

The show has an extra special moment. From 1960, Wolf Kahn who was later famous for his bold pastel landscapes has the most subtle small painting "Two Sailboats," a combination of abstraction and his emerging realism. The peace we feel from looking at this picture is a fine way to end 2006

The exhibit continues through Feb. 3 Gallery hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For additional information, call the gallery at (704) 365-3000.

'Over the Hedge'

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ing. Talk about typecasting. Sykes is a smack-talking skunk who finally finds love (although she claims she's not looking). Carell is the hyperactive red squirrel Hammy who's lovable but so annoying. Yeah, he's the one who saves the day.

The animation is top-notch and Ben Folds' music is just the right touch. A plethora of extras make this a well-rounded DVD for the entire family.

Much to do to ring in the New Year right

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that it wouldn't be the same old party," Vincent said. "Going into the new year, you want to be comfortable."

Vincent said it doesn't get better than being in PJs. "It's a great idea when you have so many people dealing with change when they go into the New Year," he said. "Instead of going out and buying that gown, you can go out and buy a satin pajama set."

This $35 party includes a free buffet, bonfire, giveaways, old school music and cash bar. Vincent said this isn't a lingerie party, adding that a nice pair of satin PJs will get you in the door just like a lace teddy would.

Admission limited to people 21 years old and up. For tickets, call (704) 377-8989 or stop by Real Eyes Bookstore at 3306-A North Davidson St.

Other places to party this New Year's Eve.

- Want to beat the party rush? Cuznicity presents its fourth annual Pre-New Year's Celebration, a masquerade affair for partiers 21 and up at the Southend Brewery. The dress code is formal and though masks are not required, they are highly recommended. Advance tickets are $20. For more information, call (704) 837-1115.
- Time Lounge is hosting $2 New Year's Eve, with $2 drink specials all night long. The event kicks off at 9 p.m. Sunday and general admission is $50. The club is located on 514 N. College St.
- Six Degrees Inc., and Hairkeepers II Salon and Spa present the first New Year's Eve Casino Ball at the Grinnell Waterworks Building uptown. Tickets are $75 in advance. For more information, call (704) 599-7048.

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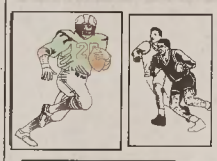

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