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REEL CRITIQUE

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Kenneth Branagh, Richard Harris
Directed by Chris Columbus

Harry Potter is back in this adaptation of J.K. Rowling's second novel. Harry is joined again with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger for their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Strange events unfold as Harry (Radcliffe) is warned not to return to Hogwarts by Dobby, a demented house-elf who indulges in self-punishment. Harry does not heed Dobby's warning and returns to Hogwarts where things quickly go awry. History repeats itself as someone opens the hidden Chamber of Secrets again and attacks the "Mudblood" students, or those who are born to non-magically-endowed parents, such as Hermione. Harry must depend on the help of a magic diary and the spirit Tom Riddle, who was a student at Hogwarts more than 50 years ago, to unravel the mystery. Along with Hermione's wit and Ron's loyalty, the threesome finds out what is terrorizing Hogwarts.

Even with brilliant special effects and new characters added to the line-up, most of the spunk from the first movie is lost. *Chamber of Secrets* depends more upon a fury of action than character development. Every time Harry and his friends get into trouble, he doesn't rely on wit or resourcefulness, but on a flying car that pops up out of nowhere to save him. Or the time he is aided by the power of Professor Dumbledore's (Harris) pet phoenix. Either way, *Chamber of Secrets* is all about eye-candy from special effects. After more than two and a half hours, though, the audience has to wonder if that is enough to save

Even a hot date and Junior Mints can't wait to see it on video. Catch the matinee. Buy tickets online. Bust out your tent and camp out five nights in a row.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rapper Jay-Z's latest record tops the charts
NEW YORK (AP) — Jay-Z once again proved he has the blueprint for reaching the top of the album charts. The rapper's latest disc, *The Black Album 2: The Gift & The Curse*, debuted at No. 1, selling about 545,000 copies during its first week in stores, according to industry figures released Wednesday.

A year ago, his album *The Black Album* debuted at the top spot and stayed there for three weeks.

Jay-Z bumped the *8 Mile* soundtrack down to No. 2, the disc which contains music from rapper Eminem's movie of the same name, sold another 400,000 copies for a total of 1.6 million.

Another rapper, Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, debuted at No. 1 with her latest, *Under Construction*. It sold nearly 259,000 copies.

And *Riot Act*, the first studio album from Pearl Jam since 2000, reached the fifth spot during its first week in stores, selling about 166,000 copies.

Letterman tapes show with special guests
NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman invited 494 people from the upstate community of Schoharie — a large segment of its population — to be his audience at a special edition of the "Late Show."

Letterman poked fun at an exalted rural life in several comedy bits that took up half of Monday's show.

"Tonight would be an excellent night to knock over the liquor store," Letterman said, noting that those residents not in Manhattan were probably out on the opening day of hunting season.

The show's Top 10 list, read by village Mayor John Borst, contained 10 reasons why being Schoharie's mayor is the best job in the world, including No. 2, "Dude, I'm the most powerful man in the free world."

For their part, the citizens of Schoharie declared Nov. 18 "David Letterman Day."

Schoharie is both a village and surrounding town, about 100 miles west of Albany. About 3,300 people live in the town, about one-third in the village.

The CBS show had taken out an ad in a local newspaper, infuriating residents to the taping.

The Texas A&M University Student Media Board is accepting applications for

Editor THE BATTALION
— Including radio and online editions —
Spring 2003
(The spring editor will serve from Jan. 6 through May 9, 2003)

Qualifications for editor in chief of *The Battalion* are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (4 if a graduate student) during the term of office (unless fewer credits are required to graduate);
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) in the semester immediately prior to the appointment, the semester of appointment and semester during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (4 if a graduate student) must have been taken for that semester;
- Have completed JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society), or equivalent;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable daily college newspaper,
 - OR —
 - Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper,
 - OR —
 - Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Dell Bomskie, Student Media business coordinator, in room 011A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Tuesday, December 3, 2002.

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