

'Pocahontas'

Disney delivers message

By Darryl Dote

Being one who always loves a good movie, I jumped at the chance to see a special screening of Disney's 33rd animated feature, "Pocahontas." So I began my summer with one of the year's most anticipated and controversial movies. According to some of my friends, the film inaccurately portrays the historical facts of the time period, but in the encyclopedias and history books, no one seems quite sure what happened.

What I do know, however, is that I enjoyed the movie thoroughly. With its intriguing plot and believable characters, "Pocahontas" spreads a message of peace and love, not only for others, but of everything in nature as well. This is a message that needs to be portrayed more through Hollywood.

The dramatic and compelling story that the movie portrays is a far cry from the recent efforts of the Walt Disney studio. The film itself lacks the kids' appeal that brought in the money for its earlier blockbuster hits like "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King." Rather, it focuses on magic realism and a rather serious overtone to portray a message that seems to be directed more at teens and adults rather than little children.

Like many of its predecessors, the heroine Pocahontas is aided by some cute and memorable sidekicks, but unlike those movies, these characters don't talk. Traditional Disney or not, I predict that the movie is another classic.

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