

# Students Choose Top Films

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According to a recent poll taken by the *Serpent's Tale* staff members the following have won in their respective categories. While South Miami students picked out some of the outstanding films of the year, the Oscar heavyweight, *Gandhi*, was not in the top five, and edged out *E.T.* which grossed over \$300,000,000 and *Tootsie* in most of the major categories. Instead, students enjoyed *An Officer and a Gentleman* which tied for first with *E.T.* in our poll. Students also chose Goldie Hawn as best Actress even though she did not earn any Oscars or nominations. Meryl Streep and Jessica Lange, however, received the Oscar as Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress, respectively

## MOVIES

- ✓ *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*- 33%
- ✓ *An Officer and a Gentleman*- 33%
- 48 Hours*- 19.5%
- Rocky III*- 19.5%
- Tootsie*- 6%

## BEST ACTOR

- ✓ Dustin Hoffman- 30%
- Richard Gere- 23%
- Paul Newman- 19%
- Sylvester Stallone- 13.5%
- Burt Reynolds- 13.5%

## BEST ACTRESS

- ✓ Goldie Hawn- 48.5%
- Meryl Streep- 22%
- Jessica Lange- 15%
- Debra Winger- 8%
- Mary Tyler Moore- 8%

# After 15 years, the *Odyssey* continues

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In 1968, millions of moviegoers were dazzled by Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey*, written by Kubrick with the prolific Arthur C. Clarke. The film told a rather complex tale of a ship, its human crew, and HAL 9000, a supercomputer that mysteriously turns on its human crewmates. At the end of *2001*, astronaut Dave Bowman abandons his ship, the *Discovery* while orbiting Jupiter, lands on one of the planet's many moons, and then is transformed into the Star-Child, an almost god-like lifeform.

Nearly fifteen years after *2001*'s release, Clarke continues the *Odyssey* in his new novel, *2010: Odyssey Two*. Published late last year, it has remained on the top ten bestsellers' list for over 22 weeks.

Nine years have passed since the strange occurrences aboard the now abandoned *Discovery*, and a team of Russian and American scientists have been sent to salvage it. The team is made up by Dr. Heywood Floyd, a respected American Scientist who was in charge of the *Discovery* project; Dr. Chandra, HAL's creator, who plans to restore the computer to its old reliable "self"; and Walter Curnow, a systems specialist who will attempt to salvage *Discovery*. The rest of the crew is Russian, and the ship is commanded by Cosmonaut Captain Tatiana Orlova.

*Odyssey Two* is masterfully written; its plot is chock-full of nerve-tingling suspense as the tiny starship *Leonov* crosses the solar system to find the answers to some questions posed by *2001* such as -What is the Star-Child? Why did HAL 9000 go berserk? The answers are as intriguing as the questions. *2010: Odyssey Two* is one of Clarke's best.