

'Red October,' international film series highlight movie lineup for Aggie Cinema

By Don Atkinson Jr.

"The Hunt For Red October," the suspense-filled techno-thriller starring Sean Connery and Alec Baldwin, will be the first fall semester film shown by Aggie Cinema.

"Red October" will be shown this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. at Rudder Theater.

Penny Ditton, program advisor for Aggie Cinema, said this semester will see the implementation of several new ideas for the organization. Among them, a greater emphasis on bringing in film directors and screenwriters to lecture at A&M.

Ditton said Aggie Cinema will also be involved in co-sponsorships with campus organizations, such as presenting the film "Glory" with the Black Awareness Committee. "Glory" is a film about a black battalion trying to earn respect during the Civil War.

She said Aggie Cinema also plans to expand its showing of international films. Aggie Cinema's Spring International movie series featured films from Japan, France and Mexico.

The organization will continue matinee showings of family movies — an idea introduced last semester which turned out to be very popular.

Among the matinee films scheduled are "Sleeping Beauty," "Charlotte's Web" and "The Sound of Music."

On October 18-21, Aggie Cinema

will present "The 22nd International Tourney of Animation," featuring two academy award nominees, "Balance" from West Germany and "The Cow" from the U.S.S.R.

Other films that will be shown this semester include "The Princess Bride," a romantic fairy-tale directed by Rob Reiner ("When Harry Met Sally," "Sure Thing") and "The War Of The Roses," a vicious black comedy starring Kathleen Turner, Michael Douglas and Danny DeVito.

"Driving Miss Daisy," the 1990 Academy Award winner for best picture also will play. Jessica Tandy won an Oscar for best actress for her performance as Miss Daisy.

Aggie Cinema is a student-run organization made up entirely of volunteers. Current membership is close to 135.

Ditton describes the members as dedicated and close to each other.

"They're really neat," she said. "I want to work with them for a long time."

Admission to all Aggie Cinema features is \$2, except for international films, which is \$2.50.

For more information concerning film dates and showings, call the MSC Box Office at 845-1234 or the Aggie Cinema Movie Information Hotline at 847-8478.

For membership information, contact MSC Aggie Cinema at the Student Programs Office, MSC Room 216, or call 845-1515.



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"War Of The Roses," a dark comedy starring Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito and Michael Douglas, is one of Aggie Cinema's feature films.

Cable company adds Fox affiliate on channel seven

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Aggies returning from the summer break will find a new television station and network.

Channel seven on the TCA Cable system is now a Fox affiliate, KWKT in Waco. For the first time since the Fox Network was founded two and a half years ago, viewers in Bryan/College Station will be able to receive its programming.

Fox currently has three shows in the top 10: "The Simpsons," "Married...With Children" and "In Living Color."

Mark McKay, director of programming and marketing for KWKT, said that Texas A&M students especially should enjoy Fox's programming since the network targets a youth audience between 18 and 34 years old.

"They have really taken a bold step in programming to that audience," he said. "Fox is defining the cutting edge of television."

McKay added that Fox will soon be expanding their programming to five nights a week instead of the current three nights.

"The Simpsons" moves to Thursday nights at 7 p.m. opposite "The Cosby Show" on NBC, and it is followed by "Babes" — a new comedy show about three overweight sisters who live in a cramped New York apartment.

McKay said that of all the new shows being introduced by Fox this season, "Babes" is probably the best.

Concluding the Thursday night programming is "Class of Beverly Hills" — another comedy about three teenagers whose family has just moved to Beverly Hills, and the problems they face coping with the new lifestyle.

On Friday nights, "America's Most Wanted" expands to an hour-long format between 7 and 8 p.m., and is followed by "D.E.A.," a semi-fictional show about officers for the Drug Enforcement Agency. The show uses actual footage of drug arrests and interweaves a fictional story with it.

Saturday nights will see the expansion of "Totally Hidden Video" to an hour-long format from 7 to 8 p.m. The show, a precursor to "America's Funniest Home Videos," is followed by "Cops" and "American Chronicles," a new show from David Lynch, director of "Twin Peaks."

"True Colors," a new comedy about an interracial marriage, starts off the new Sunday night programming at 6 p.m., followed by "Parker Lewis Can't Lose," a Ferris Bueller-style comedy about a crafty high-school student.

McKay said that KWKT also gears its programming towards a younger audience. For example, "The Arsenio Hall Show" is a nightly feature.

KWKT has been broadcasting since March of 1988, and services Waco, Temple, Killen and Bryan-College Station.

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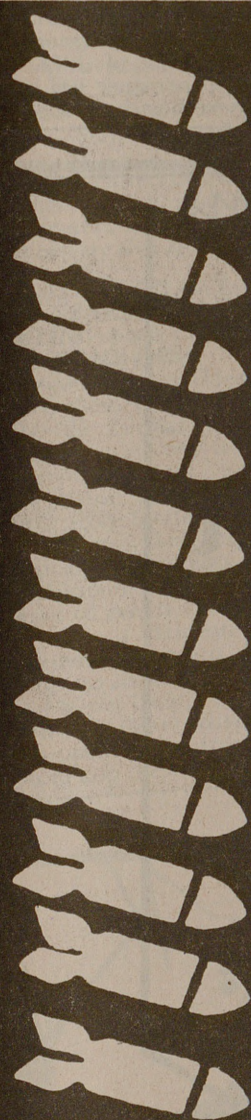
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