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Participating faculty: College of Engineering, College of Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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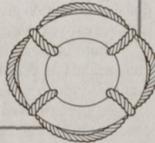
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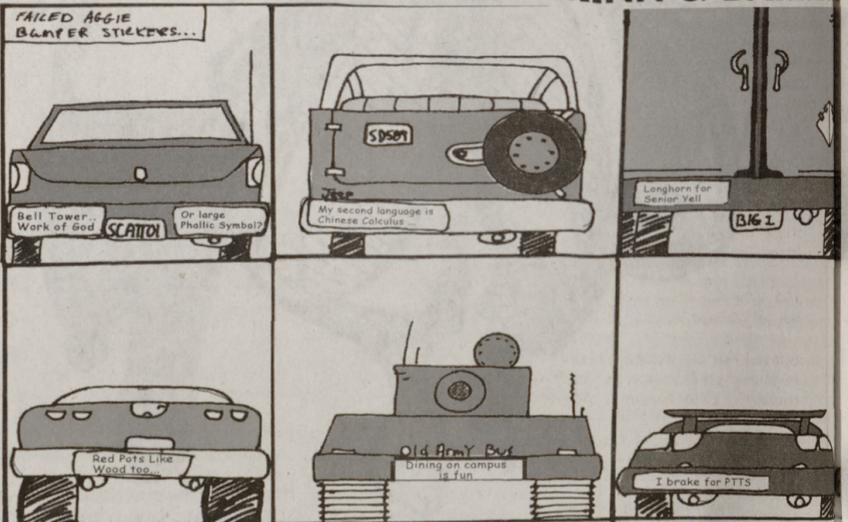
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Oscar buzz increases ticket sales

LOS ANGELES (AP)— *The Cider House Rules* doubled its money. *American Beauty* climbed past \$100 million. *The Sixth Sense* is creeping toward the all-time top 10.

Just what are the Oscars worth? Tens of millions of dollars at the box office for some top nominees.

Many moviegoers are in their annual Oscar mode, scrambling to see best-picture contenders and other films with big nominations before they watch the Academy Awards this Sunday.

"Mainstream audiences across the country look for reasons to see a movie that maybe they haven't felt compelled to see yet," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks movie admissions.

"Oscar nominations are de facto word of mouth from a source they trust. Rather than a friend saying you've got to see this movie, it's the Academy saying, 'Go see it,'" Dergarabedian said.

DreamWorks pulled *American Beauty* from all but a few theaters the weekend before Oscar nominations came out in mid-February, with plans to re-release it right after. The movie received a leading eight nominations, and is now in its widest release yet, 1,650 theaters. It has added \$28 million to its gross, hitting \$103 million last weekend.

American Beauty was a record 20th movie released last year to top \$100 million, a figure it probably would not have approached without its best-picture and other nominations.

"I would love to tell you I knew this was going to happen, but when the movie came out, it would have been difficult for me to think it would do more than \$35 million to \$50 million," said Jim Tharp, DreamWorks' head of distribution.

Smaller movies also benefit from the Oscars. With acting nominations for Hilary Swank and Chloe Sevigny, arthouse favorite *Boys Don't Cry* has risen from

\$3.7 million before the nomination to \$6.8 million as of last weekend.

With seven nominations, including best picture, *The Cider House Rules* quickly cashed in. In fairly narrow releases, *Cider House* had grossed just \$22.7 million before the nominations, but distributor Miramax has more than doubled theater count to 1,738 since then.

Like Miramax' best-picture contenders last year, *Shakespeare in Love* and *Life Is Beautiful*, the Oscar nominations have helped double the ticket sales. *Cider House* to \$45.8 million, a year's surprise blockbuster *The Sixth Sense* is on the verge of moving into place all-time at the box office. The quadrupled the ghost story's theater count to about 800, the weekend before the nominations. Since grabbing six nominations including best picture, *The Sixth Sense* has rung up an additional \$6.5 million, a total of \$288.5 million, just \$1.8 million shy of *The Empire Strikes Back*.

People in the News

MTV's Tom Green battles cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP)— A weather removal of a cancerous testis MTV shock-comic Tom Green went back in surgery Tuesday to make certain all the cancerous cells were successfully removed.

Green, 28, was "in excellent health" and is expected to make a full recovery soon, said his publicist, Leah Leslie.

The comic, known for playing practical jokes on his parents and friends, announced his cancer diagnosis during an interview on "Entertainment Tonight."

Green learned the diagnosis March 9, following a doctor's exam. He has halted production of "The Tom Green Show" while he undergoes treatment.

Hopkins to reprise Lambs character

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Actor Hopkins will reprise his Oscar-winning role as Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter in the sequel to *The Silence of the Lambs* and Julianne Moore will star as FBI Agent Clarice Starling.

In confirming the cast, Metro-Gwyn-Mayer said Ridley Scott will direct the thriller.

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