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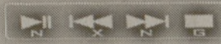


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Hannibal maintains No. 1 spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An Elvis-impersonating thugs and a cartoon monkey were no match for Hannibal Lecter.

"Hannibal, the sequel to *The Silence of the Lambs*, held the top box-office spot for the third straight weekend, taking in \$15.8 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The serial-killer flick has grossed \$128.5 million in 17 days.

The new movies *3000 Miles to Graceland* and *Monkeybone*, both poorly received by critics, had meager debuts.

Graceland, starring Kevin Costner and Kurt Russell as casino thieves disguised as Elvis impersonators, opened in fourth place with \$7.1 million. Playing in 2,545 theaters, it averaged just \$2,802 a cinema, compared with a \$4,800 average in 3,292 locations for *Hannibal*.

"I think it might have been partly due to the reviews," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released *Graceland*. "But actually, considering it's a very crowded marketplace, we got opened all right."

Monkeybone, starring Brendan Fraser, had a dismal debut of \$2.6 million, finishing in 11th place. Fraser plays a comatose cartoonist tormented by his simian creation.

The movie averaged \$1,530 playing in 1,722 theaters. "It's disappointing," said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which released *Monkeybone*. "With animation and live action, it's risky. It's an ambitious attempt. It's an original. But it doesn't look like anybody's coming."

The overall box office, which has increased for 19 weekends, was virtually dead even with the same weekend a year ago. The top 12 movies grossed \$75.5 million.

So far this year, Hollywood's revenues are at \$1.2 billion, 32 percent ahead of last year's.

1. *Hannibal*, \$15.8 million.
2. *Down to Earth*, \$11.6 million.
3. *Recess: School's Out*, \$7.3 million.
4. *3000 Miles to Graceland*, \$7.1 million.
5. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, \$6.3 million.

DIVERSITY

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ideal setting, but, it is also not a hostile environment.

"Texas A&M has such a small population of diverse members it is hard to determine whether or not diversity is accepted," said Ja Rhonda Tealer, a senior animal sciences major. "Among instances I've been involved in, I feel like diversity is accepted here to a certain extent."

Broussard said the University is 25 to 30 years behind where it needs to be in the area of becoming a culturally accepting society. Brooks said he agrees.

"I was astonished when I arrived here from New York City by how white and homogeneous the campus student body is," Brooks said. "It does the students a real disservice to give them a false cultural reality that won't prepare them for the increasingly multicultural world. In fact, I believe that many students come to A&M because they know about and feel more comfortable in such a false reality. If you don't examine yourself now, and make decisions about who you are with respect to others who are different from you, then you're very unlikely to do it once you graduate and begin working."

Many students also feel that the campus could improve its cultural sensitivity. Joshua Earl McWilliams, a sophomore business administration major, said he became more aware of

the situation of minorities when he was the only non-minority in alternative school during high school. He said many minorities at his school were very poor and had a pessimistic view about changing that.

"I am appalled at the racial demographics of this school because they are so dissimilar from Texas' racial demographics," McWilliams said. "Blacks are under-represented here, but the Hispanic percentage is extremely underrepresented."

In the last few decades, the country has been unsettled on issues concerning affirmative action, a process involved in the acceptance of minorities into institutions of higher learning. A 1978 Supreme Court ruling allowed for institutions to consider race as a factor to admit students. This ruling was enacted to counteract the discriminatory past of the United States. However, recent lawsuits have minimized the use of affirmative action, which has significantly reduced the minority population of many universities.

The University of California has explored various ideas for alleviating the underrepresented minority population such as outreach and preparatory programs, reaching out to the poor ethnic neighborhoods and rural areas, and educating the potential minority community about financial aid and campus jobs. The University of California also looks to the community colleges for qualified transfer students.

Broussard said A&M has come a long way, but still has room for improvement.

"It starts at the top, and I've to every dean that's been stand still long enough," Broussard said. "The leaders start at the top; the leaders and administrators know the kinds of behavior are not acceptable. Certain kinds of activities are acceptable."

The importance of diversity reflected in the work field. Brooks called a study conducted several years ago at A&M where he claimed that A&M students were weak in the area of understanding other cultures. Brooks said he knew about other cultures, and University that's not a pluralistic and tolerant environment, different ideas, different thoughts," Broussard said. "What we believe in. Not a good thing to do, but it's not ethically the right thing to do."

Siraj said that while A&M be as racially diverse as other campuses, the students seem to be interested in thinking about race.

"I really want to insist that A&M students might not be as worldly as they could be," Siraj said. "They might not have as much national and international exposure as they could have, I find them to be thinking progressively about

People in the News

Shatner opens new home to recovering women alcoholics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Star Trek" actor William Shatner has purchased a home for use as a "sober living" facility in honor of his late wife, who drowned in the couple's swimming pool 18 months ago in an alcohol-related accident.

The Nerine Shatner Friendly House will provide a residential home for 11 women recovering from alcoholism.

The actor discovered his wife's body at the bottom of their pool in August 1999. An autopsy revealed that the former model drowned after hitting her head on the pool's bottom while diving. She had a blood-alcohol level of 0.27 percent, more than three times the legal limit for driving.

"I wanted to salvage some meaning out of all that experience," Shatner said. "I thought the best way to do that would be in Nerine's name to help other people."

Shatner, 69, recently costarred in the beauty-pageant parody "Miss Congeniality." He married his fourth wife on Feb. 13.



SHATNER

Houston's hearing for drug charges postponed one week

HILO, Hawaii (AP) — A hearing in the drug case against singer Whitney Houston has been postponed one week.

The hearing, which was scheduled for next Friday, is now scheduled for March 8.

Prosecutors are asking the judge to set aside a plea agreement on a misdemeanor charge. They said Houston to submit a substance abuse assessment as required by the agreement.

Houston's bag, which allegedly contained less than half an ounce of marijuana and a partially smoked marijuana cigarette, was seized at the Keahole Kona International Airport in January 2000.

Houston was not arrested. Prosecutors say she did the bag and boarded a flight to San Francisco with her husband, singer Bobby Brown, before police arrived.

Houston entered a no contest plea in the case in November and was ordered to pay \$4,025.

Judge Joseph Florendo Jr. agreed to dismiss the charges if Houston stayed out of trouble and completed the agreement.



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