

ENTERTAINMENT

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Movies coming soon to a theater near you

The spring '04 line-up boasts laughs, thrills and battles

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Meaghan Groves, a freshman special education major, believes that going to the movies is no longer a cheap and inexpensive thing to do.

"I think that since there is only one theater in town, they definitely try to charge as much as they can," Groves said.

Even though theater prices in College Station are up to \$6.75 for adults on weekend nights, Groves does not let that deter her when she plans an outing to the movies.

"I'm probably going to see seven to 10 movies this semester," Groves said.

Among the ones she looks forward to watching the most include the recently released "Along Came Polly," "The Butterfly Effect" and "Dirty Dancing 2: Havana Nights."

Groves said that although movie sequels are not normally her cup of tea, she is willing to make an exception for an 80s classic.

"I don't like it when they make a sequel that tries to be like the original and fails," Groves said. "(But) I saw the preview for 'Dirty Dancing 2,' and it looked good," Groves said.

This spring, Hollywood will offer a buffet of different cinematic cuisines. From light romantic comedies to religious dogma, this season's bill of theatrical releases promises a wide array of choices for theatergoers. While college students work on their economic cost budget, they may find it helpful to take a peek at the coming attractions at their local cinemas.

JANUARY

According to movies.yahoo.com, the remaining weeks of January will have two stars of Fox's "That 70's Show" release a movie each on the same day. Jan. 23 will see the release of "Win A Date with Tad Hamilton," a romantic comedy starring Topher Grace, and "The Butterfly Effect," a science-fiction film focusing on time travel starring Ashton Kutcher.

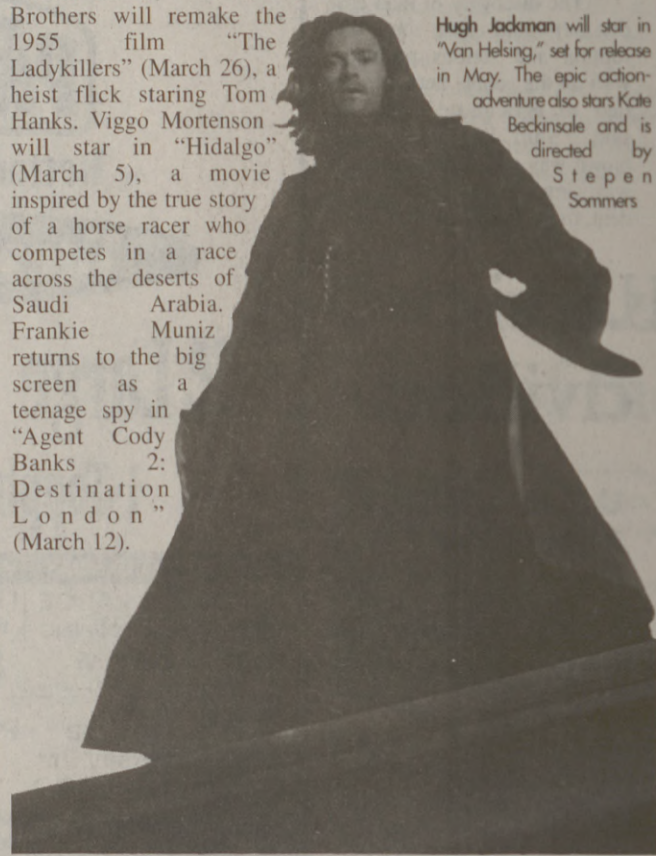
FEBRUARY

This month's attractions include the release of two sequels: "Barbershop 2" (Feb. 6) and "Dirty Dancing 2: Havana Nights" (Feb. 13). "Dirty Dancing 2" will feature a brief cameo from the original dirty dancer, Patrick Swayze. Other February releases include the true story about the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team coached by Herb Brooks, "Miracle," starring Kurt Russell (Feb. 6), and "Fifty First Dates," which will reunite "The Wedding Singer" co-stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore (Feb. 13).

On Feb. 25, Mel Gibson will unveil his much-anticipated and highly controversial film, "The Passion of The Christ." Several work prints have already been screened for critics around the country. Film critic Harry Knowles of Aint-It-Cool.com stated on his Web site "this work print that Mel (has shown) is truly a remarkable and brilliant film as is."

MARCH

March: This month will witness the release of two remade cult-classic films. "Dawn of the Dead" (March 19) updates the 1978 zombie classic, while the Cohen Brothers will remake the 1955 film "The Ladykillers" (March 26), a heist flick starring Tom Hanks. Viggo Mortenson will star in "Hidalgo" (March 5), a movie inspired by the true story of a horse racer who competes in a race across the deserts of Saudi Arabia. Frankie Muniz returns to the big screen as a teenage spy in "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" (March 12).



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