

Chicken Little hatches adult comedy

OPENING NEXT WEEK

BANGKOK DANGEROUS
And Nicolas Cage hairy.

PASSENGERS
Anne Hathaway thought this would be scarier than *Princess Diaries 3*.

EXIT SPEED A
biker gang and a bus do battle. We hear Lea Thompson kicks ayuss!

Also: *The Edge of Heaven*, *Mister Foe*, *OSS-117*, *Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired*, *Up the Yangtze*.

Hunter Hawk

The last time most of us saw Kevin Covais, he was a pale-faced, adorably scrawny 16-year-old running the gauntlet of Simon, Paula and Randy on Fox's *American Idol* in 2006.

White scalp shining through a close-cropped buzz, glasses perched on his nose, the Levittown, N.Y., native crowned Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up" well enough to make it to Hollywood, and America came to know him as Chicken Little, a nickname given him by castmate Paris Bennett.

What's Chicken Little been doing since then? Among other things, growing up.

The man — at 19, no longer a boy — is on his own for the first time, sharing a pad with roommates in Los Angeles. In a recent interview he talked about his film debut in the comedy *College*, and it's no kiddie flick.

The R-rated movie focuses on three high school boys who experience a wild weekend at a college campus; the poster shows a young man apparently vomiting into a toilet.

Alongside castmates Drake Bell (from Nickelodeon's *Drake & Josh*) and



Kevin Covais, Andrew Caldwell and Drake Bell have a wild weekend in *College*.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

College

Starring Drake Bell, Kevin Covais and Andrew Caldwell. R (pervasive crude and sexual content, nudity, language and drug use). 94 min. Opens tomorrow in wide release.

Andrew Caldwell (from the Owen Wilson comedy *Drillbit Taylor*), Covais had to shoulder his share of raunch.

"There were quite a few risqué scenes," Covais acknowledged. "I've already

told fans who have asked about the movie, 'If you're as young as I think you are, you should probably wait about five to seven years to see it.'"

Covais still has one more childhood dream to pursue.

He's hoping for a career in broadcast journalism. Not content with acting and singing, Covais wants to be a television sportscaster.

"It was what I'd do as a kid — I'd turn the volume down and start calling the game myself," he said. "Whether it's the Super Bowl or the World Series, I want to be the first guy who gets to sing the national anthem and then go upstairs and call the game."

Newsday

CAMPUS COMEDY

Experimentation, initiation, intoxication — the college experience has always provided plenty of comic material for the big screen. Here are five campus-themed classics:

National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) — Perhaps the definitive college comedy, starring John



Belushi as the raunchiest member ("I'm a zit!") of a slovenly

frat full of social misfits. Hollywood has been trying to repeat its crude, chaotic magic ever since.

Revenge of the Nerds (1984) — It's the skinny eggheads versus the popular jocks — where have we heard that one before? — in this modern classic full of jockstrap jokes, gas-passing and female jiggle.

Old School (2003) — In a twist on the campus theme, Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn are midlifers who try to recapture their college days. Babes, beer and bongos remain the crucial ingredients.



20th Century Fox

Vin Diesel takes aim at the box office in *Babylon A.D.*

ALSO OPENING TOMORROW

A MAN NAMED PEARL Documentary paints a picture of a humble, self-taught crafter of artistic topiaries. Directed by Scott Galloway and Brent Pierson. G. 78 min. At the Dallas Angelika.

BABYLON A.D. A science-fiction story about a mercenary who's charged with transporting two women across dangerous grounds. Starring Vin Diesel and Michelle Yeoh. PG-13. 90 min. In wide release.

DISASTER MOVIE This gag-a-second film attempts to make fun of everything short of other spoof movies. Starring Carmen Electra, Vanessa Minnillo and Kim Kardashian. PG-13. 90 min. In wide release.

IN SEARCH OF A MIDNIGHT KISS This valentine to L.A. takes place on New Year's Eve when wannabe screenwriter Wilson (Dallas' Scoot McNairy) doesn't have a date. His roommate persuades him to take out a Craigslist ad. Directed by Alex Holdridge. Not rated (language, drug use, nudity, mild violence). 97 min. At the Dallas Angelika.

TRANSIBERIAN This film follows an American couple who get involved in international intrigue while on a train trip from China to Moscow. Starring Emily Mortimer, Woody Harrelson, Kate Mara and Eduardo Noriega. Directed by Brad Anderson. R (sexuality, language). 111 min. At the Dallas and Plano Angelikas.