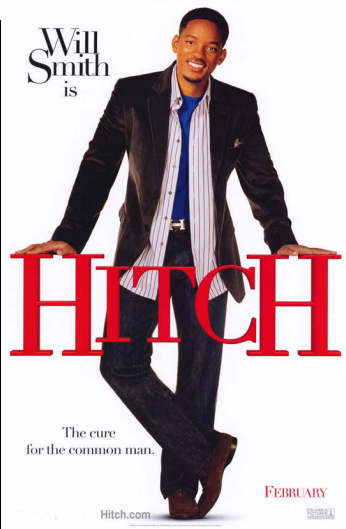


April Group Activity Takes AEP Scholars to Hollywood April 2005

Well sorta...Although AEP scholars did not physically visit the infamous Hollywood, their movie theater experience for the AEP April scholars' group activity was the closest they had ever been to the star-studded city. In fact, only one of the AEP scholars had been to the movies before.

AEP sponsors fun group activities several times throughout the year to foster team building and to expose scholars to new experiences that enhance their personal development and cultural horizons. As the April activity, the group took in a matinee showing of "Hitch" at the Kenya Cinema in central city Nairobi. The romantic comedy stars Will Smith as a Manhattan "date doctor" who helps hopeless men win the hearts of their dream women but has romantic troubles of his own when he meets his soul mate. All the scholars enjoyed the movie which scored a No. 1 debut in the US during its opening weekend.

"We had great laughs together throughout the movie. One thing was outright clear – we all had a ball!" shares Eric Njoroge, AEP Program Coordinator.



"It's always fun having the activities" shares Eric Opiyo, a form four student at Ojafa Jericho Secondary School who has been an AEP scholar for two years.

Wandera Maurice, another AEP scholar, added that "AEP cannot be compared with other sponsoring programs in the sense that AEP is pretty personal."

Other activities that AEP has sponsored in the past include annual awards banquets and a Mount Longonot hiking trip in August 2004.

The group gathered for a cup of tea after the movie. The conversation was filled with recollections about the movie as well as serious topics about life, their future careers and the education system in Kenya. The group looks forward to the next scholars' activity which will be a career-focused activity in August.