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"We decided they would be stupid B.Q.s — just as Adams said.

"The point I am trying to make is criticism that we can do," Adams said. "We are great at leaders here, but unfortunately not great at growing leaders. I think being a leader means being the time."

"These are lessons that we learn and lessons that if we are in the business of growing leaders to fix these kind of problems," Adams said.

Adams compared the problem to bonfire with a tragic ending.

"We are faced with an opportunity we can draw the curtain on another bonfire, or we can try to fix the things — the things that led to the tragedy in the past," Adams said.

One student pointed out to Adams that if the University had bonfire next year, it is likely students will still undertake themselves and construct off-campus.

"My door will remain open to all just as it is all the otherland said.

Melissa Lovoi, a senior geologist, encouraged Southern students to think about their decisions they act.

"Think of the students Aggie has touched and the lives that have forever changed," Lovoi said. "Please think about what you do, because I don't want to stand before my [bonfire] and tell them that the fire is the path to their future has been lit."

"We know where we need to go, where we need to be," a student said. "I think we will get there."



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## Cool Films for the Hot Summer

Summer movies show excitement, diversity

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The summer is a time most students welcome a deserved break from their academic existence. So it should come as no surprise that movie studios line up their best movies in hopes of breaking new box-office records during the summer.

In fact, summer is the time of the year when most movies are released, and blockbuster movies are stacked up often, two to a weekend.

The summer is also generally the time reserved for big-budget action movies. This summer could be the biggest of recent years with several action flicks sure to blow audiences away.

When addressing summer movies, one first has to mention *Mission Impossible 2*. John Woo directed *MI2*, the summer's most anticipated action flick due in part to its trailer, which is one of the best in years. This Tom Cruise movie is sure to be the early box-office champion of the summer.

Do not expect this movie to hold on forever as box-office champ because yet another Jerry Bruckheimer/Nicolas Cage production will be out in early June.

The past two Cage/Bruckheimer movies (*The Rock*, *Con Air*) were among the biggest summer blockbusters of previous years, and do not expect *Gone in Sixty Seconds* to break the streak. This remake of the '70s cult classic is anything but of the cult genre, featuring great cinematography and a hip supporting cast that includes Angelina Jolie and Giovanni Ribisi.

Also to be released at the end of June is another action extravaganza, but with a historical setting — Mel Gibson's *The Patriot*. An American Revolution action/drama, this movie is definitely attracting some attention because some people wonder if director Roland Emmerich can bounce back from the debacle of his last film, *Godzilla*, with this outing. Chances are, *The Patriot* could be one of the most enjoyable treats of the summer, especially since Gibson has been saying that he thinks it is better than his own movie *Braveheart*.

Riding closely on the heels of all of these action flicks is *The Perfect Storm*. *Storm* reunites *Three*

*Kings'* George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg. It also boasts top notch Computer Graphic Imagery (CGI) coupled with a true life story based on the best-selling novel of the same name. It is directed by Wolfgang Petersen, who recently found summer success with *Air Force One*. Even though the trailers look great, one has to hope that Petersen's CGI work is much improved since the dismal final shot of the plane crashing in *Air Force One*.

Another eagerly awaited action film is *X-Men*. Directed by Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects*), this movie is a special effects extravaganza with an all-star cast featuring Patrick Stewart, Halle Berry and Ian McKellan. Most movies based on comic books seem to do well in the summer, cashing in on all of the little kids out for the summer.

Eddie Murphy plans to get large again with his sequel, *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps*. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the scene in which Eddie played the entire family in the first film, this film will focus on the Klump family. Hopefully, Eddie has gotten some of his mojo back after several box office disappointments since the last *Professor*.

Although these films are almost guaranteed to be big-draw movies, there are several other films coming out this summer which may have less hype and smaller budgets but should be just as high in quality.

The Farrelly brothers, who had a huge summer success a couple of years ago with *There's Something About Mary*, will return to the summer lineup with a Jim Carrey movie titled *Me, Myself and Irene*. The wacky trailers and Carrey's presence mean this movie will probably be one of the summer's funniest films.

Samuel L. Jackson is also appearing in a pseudo-remake of *Shaft*. He will play the original *Shaft's* (Richard Roundtree) nephew, Isaac Hayes, who won an Oscar for his theme song for the original *Shaft*, has been brought in to provide music for the new film, helmed by John Singleton (*Rosewood*, *Higher Learning*).

The trailers for this film reveal very little about the actual movie, but with Jackson in the lead role, it is sure that this film will not lack attitude.

Harrison Ford badly needs a hit movie following *Random Hearts*, as does Michelle Pfeiffer. The two are starring together in Robert Zemeckis' supernatural thriller, *What Lies Beneath*. Zemeckis, who ruled the summer a few years back with *Forrest Gump*, insists that great characters, not special effects, drive this film. Hopefully, Ford can score a

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