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2001 Summer Movie Review

'AMERICAN PIE 2' ...TASTES GOOD AGAIN

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College life, summer, guys, girls and partying are all of the elements that were in one of this summer's largest blockbuster hits. "American Pie 2" opened on Aug. 10, grossing \$12 million. This movie was definitely on millions of college students "to see" lists this summer.

The entire crew comes back in full force for their summer break from attending college. The central character Jim (Jason Biggs) is still very shy and embarrassed. The jock of the group, Oz, believes that having a steady girlfriend is the way to be and Kevin is still one of the shyest guys. The rich and perverted Stifler a.k.a. "Stiffmeister" also returns, and the tantric-minded Finch has a total new outlook on life. Of course Sherman, or "The Shermanator," Nadia the bombshell, flutist Michelle and Heather (Oz's girlfriend) are still friends with all of the guys. Along with these crazy characters, you can't forget cynical Jessica and blonde haired Vicky. However, there are two new girls that are added to the group - the "so-called" lesbians,

Danielle and Amber.

Sequels are either hilarious or horrible. This sequel definitely is a smash.

The movie begins with one of the most embarrassing moments that any college student can ever endure. Nerdy dad surprises his son early on moving day only to find him experimenting with a girl.

The embarrassment on the screen can definitely be seen in the audience's faces as well. Several spectators around me looked to have felt the same way at one point in their lives as well.

From partying with girls, to being hospitalized, to breaking and entering, these five college guys definitely have a summer to remember. Jim, Oz, Stifler, Kevin and Finch, who share a summer beach house, all have set goals for themselves to accomplish throughout their summer. Jim wants to be able to be a wild and crazy boyfriend when Nadia arrives. However, Jim gets himself into a sticky situation shortly before Nadia's big arrival is expected, he superglues himself and has to be hospitalized, which was one of the funniest parts of the movie.

Oz plans to remain faithful to his girlfriend Heather, and Stifler is planning to obtain as many women as he can in the short period of twelve weeks. Kevin is trying to forget his old girlfriend, and is coping with being her friend and not boyfriend. And, of course, Finch is awaiting a reuniting with Stifler's mom.

At the end, the four college guys do achieve their goals in one form or another. Seeing each character go through obstacles and setbacks is an experience that left the audience's stomachs hurting with pain from laughter.

The sequel is definitely ten-times better than the first movie. This is probably due to actually understanding all of the jokes better because I was acquainted with the characters and their personalities. I can not believe how everyone in the theater laughed for a continuous hour and forty-five minutes.

The last scene clenches the entire movie together, and can only be seen, not talked about. If you are one of the few college students who have not ventured out to see one of the most perverted and realistic movies of the summer, this one is waiting for you.



Jason Biggs returns with the original "American Pie" crew for the tasty sequel which opened on August 10.

'THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS'... NOT JUST FOR THE GUYS

by Danielle White
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I'm a pretty easygoing person, but when it comes to spending my money, I like to consider my options, especially with movies. The prices at theaters these days turn me off everytime a trip to the movies is mentioned; renting is something I much prefer.

So this summer, when my friends were talking about going to see "The Fast and the Furious," I imagined a plot with bunch of cars and some high-testosterone males (definitely not worth my money). Needless to say, I was surprised. "The Fast and the Furious" was not just about high-speed automobiles and the men that drive them. Unbelievably, I am glad I spent the \$6 to see this one.

In the movie, one of the best drivers in Los Angeles is Dominic (Vin Diesel). He spends his days working on cars, and his nights are saved for racing his own super-powered machine. Brian (Paul Walker) is an undercover cop playing the role of a mechanic, trying his best to fit in with the other racers.

Brian is on the search of a small group of fantastic drivers that hijack trucks. These criminals distract the driver, steal the shipments inside the truck and make money selling the stolen goods.

Here comes the twist- Brian falls in love with Dominic's sister, Mia (Jordana Brewster). After winning Dominic's friendship and becoming closer and closer to Mia, Brian has to decide what he should do about the undercover case.

What suspense! I can not remember the last time I was holding onto my seat (literally!) when watching a movie. At one point, I covered my face with my hands. After I realized what I was doing, I felt really stupid; nonetheless, it happened. I am hoping that I was not the only person in the theater gripping my arm rests and hiding my eyes.

"Not only is this movie for guys, but the directors try to make sure that women/girls will like the movie too. There is a twist between the love of cars and the love for a female whether

it be family love or relationship love," said Melissa Sollon.

Pretty much what it comes down to is this: "The Fast and the Furious" is NOT just a "man's" movie. In the same train of thought, it is no chick flick either. The cars and beautiful women attract the males' attention-but there is enough "girly" action for the females as well.

For those of you tightwads out there looking to save a dime, go to the dollar theater and check this one out. Who knows, maybe some other idiot will be tearing the seat covers when the action is out of control.



L to R: Walker, Brewster, and Diesel.

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'The Animal'...DEFINITELY HILARIOUS

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Those who saw "Duce Bigelow: Male Gigolo" will know what to expect with "The Animal."

This is yet another comedy starring Rob Schneider. He plays Marvin, an aspiring police officer who sees more action on "The Animal Planet" than he ever had with his desk duty job. Marvin's only goal in life is to follow his deceased father's reputation as a police officer.

Marvin finally gets his chance to show he can do more than just sharpen pencils when a burglary in progress call comes in. The entire precinct is busy picnicking, so Marvin must answer the call of duty. His hope as a hero is cut short when he gets into a near fatal car wreck, which renders him useless.

But not to despair: Dr. Wilder (Michael Caton) finds Marvin and takes him to his barn laboratory, where he has cracked the genetic code. To save Marvin's life, the doctor performs numerous transplants using a wide array of animal organs.

Having amnesia, Marvin remembers nothing, and upon returning to work he finds some

peculiar abilities he attributes to a new energy drink. Marvin finds himself being promoted rather quickly due to sniffing out drug dealers and saving a boy from drowning. Flipper-style. The instincts also have their downfall, because Marvin has to control his appetite and he starts thinking about using a goat to release some sexual frustration.

To add to the story, "Survivor" sweetheart Colleen Haskell plays

Marv's love interest, Rianna. She brings a little unexpected twist to the last scene that sheds a new light on the film.

This film is a lighthearted comedy that will definitely crack a smile. With Adam Sandler as a producer, laughter is definitely in the recipe. Go and see it after a stressful day and you will never look at a goat or a mailbox in the same way again.

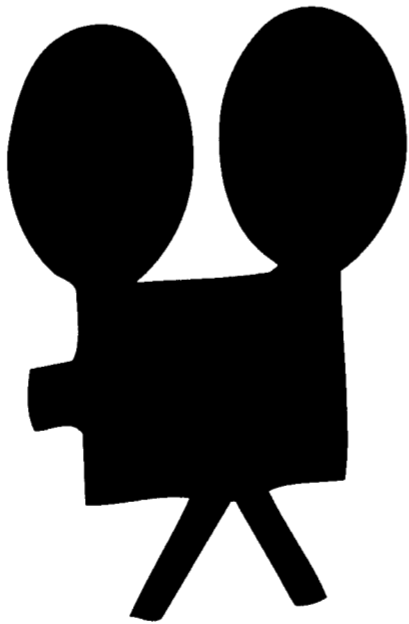


Rob Schneider in "The Animal"

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