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Movie buffs, theater owners

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Like the upcoming movie "The Expendables," this summer's movie line-up has been rather "expendable," compared to previous summers.

Anthony Smith, general manager at Premiere Theatre College 9, 3031 Carnegie Drive, said ticket sales this summer are not as high as they have been in previous years — partly because of the weather, but mainly because of a lack of high-caliber movies.

"It's been beautiful weather compared to last year...but the quality movies obviously drives the box office," Smith said. "Last year we had a couple \$400 million films like 'Harry Potter,' 'Transformers' and 'Up.' This year there are not as many blockbusters than there were last year."

Film student Anthony Wastella said there have not been any "outstanding movies" this summer.

"It seems like a lot of people are trying to start new franchises, but there seems to be a lot of big flops," Wastella (sophomore-film and video) said. "The Last Airbender" direc-

tor M. Night Shyamalan tried to reboot with a new blockbuster, but it didn't really work."

Ariel Siegelman said she was looking forward to seeing "The Last Airbender," but also was not pleased with the movie.

"I was incredibly disappointed," Siegelman (sophomore-communications) said. "The movie itself was not cohesive. Not only was it disappointing to the fans but the people who just saw the movie were also disappointed because they were not only confused, but they felt that there just wasn't a plot."

Smith said the only movie that has brought in a lot of sales thus far is "Toy Story 3."

"Toy Story 3" is tracking in sales to be the biggest this summer," he said. "Inception" could possibly dethrone "Toy Story 3," but right now it looks like it will be the biggest. ["Toy Story 3"] is a Pixar film, so it's no surprise to anybody."

Though Joseph Mayo, Class of 2009, is not a big moviegoer, he said he's noticed those who are have not particularly enjoyed this summer's movie season compared to those past. "Toy Story 3" is the only "mainstream film" he has seen this summer, he added.

Wastella said "Toy Story 3" was well done.

"My generation grew up with a sort of the final chapter, and I was sad to see it end but happy to see it go."

But Smith said he is going to be his favorite movie.

"I've been looking for a good movie, and [there's] a lot of buzz around it."

Aside from "Toy Story 3," no movies have generated as much buzz in previous summers.

"Twilight" has done very well, but this summer just hasn't clicked as well as previous years."

But Ben Forrest said there has been one movie that has been particularly good.

"The thing with summer movies is that film studios push out special effects, and they just want the special effects," Forrest (sophomore-communications) said. "There's always that one movie that really good plot line, good effects and acting, but it's not the one you've seen one."