Summer heats up with new movies

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Although some of this summer’s sequels, like Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines, Bad Boys 2 and The Matrix: Reloaded, may not be too off the mark, this summer’s line-up, oversaturated with doomed-from-the-start sequels, may not be as entertaining as previous summer film rosters.

With films like Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd and Freddy vs. Jason on the way, this summer’s biggest movie recommendation might just be to spend less time at the theater.

Bruce Almighty — Jim Carrey and Jennifer Aniston star in this comedy about Carrey’s character Bruce Nolan, who is endowed with the powers of God when he complains that he could do the job of the big guy in the sky better. The film is set to release on May 23 and, if expectations are any indication, Bruce Almighty could wind up being a huge hit.

2 Fast 2 Furious — Paul Walker reprises his role as undercover officer Brian O’Connor, trying to redeem himself since his fall from grace in the last film on June 6 without Vin Diesel in the sequel to The Fast and the Furious. Instead, Walker will be joined by Tyrese Gibson (Baby Boy) in a film about the Miami street racing circuit.

Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd — Let’s not dignify this with a paragraph. The two principle characters are not returning, it’s a prequel and it’s coming out on June 13.

The Hulk — One of the most anticipated films of the summer continues the comic book adaption craze with the big green alter ego of Bruce Banner (Eric Bana), the incredible Hulk. The film, to be released on June 20, will feature major special effects and lots of action, perfect for a summer blockbuster.

Charlie’s Angels: Full Throttle — June 27 sees the trio of Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu and Cameron Diaz come back without Bill Murray (to be replaced by Bernie Mac) in the girls-jumping-on-trampolines movie of the summer. This time around, the Angels do battle against a former partner (Demi Moore), but then again, with a movie like this, nobody’s going for the plot… enjoy.

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Rider Choir Spring Concert, 3 p.m., Gill Chapel
SEC Film:
Catch Me If You Can, 7:30 p.m., SC Theatre

Saturday, April 26 —
 Delaware Raritan Canal
Clean-Up, Noon, Front of Student Center
SEC Film:
Catch Me If You Can, 7:30 p.m., SC Theatre
The Children of Fatima, 8 p.m., Yvonne Theater
Want to announce your club’s activities or programs? Contact Dana at x. 5256.

Friday, April 25 —
ASAR Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Student Center Theater
The Children of Fatima, 8 p.m., Yvonne Theatre

Wednesday, April 30 —
RU Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Yvonne Theatre

Tuesday, April 29 —
Brownwater, 8 p.m., SC Pub

Monday, April 28 —
RU Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Yvonne Theatre

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