

# Features

## Students Assemble to Review Age of Ultron

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On May 1, the Avengers assembled for the first time since saving New York and possibly the world in 2012. *Avengers: Age of Ultron* is the second to last film in phase 2 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

**\*\*Warning: This article contains spoilers for Avengers: Age of Ultron\*\***  
In the sequel to the highest-grossing Marvel film ever, Tony Stark and Bruce Banner try to jump-start a dormant peacekeeping program called Ultron, things go horribly wrong and it's up to Earth's Mightiest Heroes to stop the villainous Ultron from enacting his terrible plans.

Returning to the big screen together are the original four Avengers: Captain America, Iron Man, Hulk and Thor along with two pretty super non-super heroes Black Widow and Hawkeye.

Also there are four new Avengers in Quicksilver, Scarlet Witch, the Vision, War-Machine and Falcon.  
The hype for this movie was more than even the Mayweather vs. Pacquiao fight, which did not live up to expectations for anyone but maybe Floyd Mayweather.

Unlike the fight, fans were satisfied with the sequel that left Marvel fanatics buzzing since Captain America ended S.H.I.E.L.D. last spring.

However, the film to many didn't leave them begging for more as many claimed it lacked plot which would've most definitely added an extra buzz to the air when the word "Avengers" came into a conversation.

Junior Brandon Meyers said, "It wasn't as good as I expected it to be but it was still pretty good."

There were many factors that made this film unlike anything Marvel has ever done. For one, S.H.I.E.L.D. is no longer together which limits the Avengers' resources to strictly Tony Stark's bank account and a later revealed Hawkeye's home.

Also the Avengers went without their leader Nick Fury who has seemingly fell off the grid after his presumed death in the last Captain America movie along with his usual multitude of assets and resources.

This is the big movie Marvel is putting out there to make as much money as possible before rival company DC Comics releases *Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice* next March.

The difference between DC and Marvel is that the DC movie universe is starting with the team films and branching off into each hero after the Justice League while Marvel started with individual movies that connected into forming the Avengers.

*Age of Ultron* ran 2 hours and 21 minutes after the original cut ran three-and-a-half hours.

"I feel as if the plot was lacking enough. Though it was more than two hours, it seemed like there were a lot of plot holes though," said Meyers.

Also, many felt as if this film was just a set-up for the third and final Captain America: *Captain America: Civil War*, debuting in May next year, which features Captain America and his followers going against

Iron Man and his followers after the events

in *Age of Ultron* which leads the government prohibiting superheroes.

Meyers said, "Iron Man is the best Avenger, which is why he's my favorite because he's rich and he's also awesome."

*Civil War* is also most likely the reason that the two heroes, Cap and Iron Man, had the more than 45 minutes on screen, which was more than anyone else in the movie.

Speaking of screen time, a surprise for this movie was that Thor, one of the first four Avengers, had fewer than 15 minutes on screen.

One fan favorite, Black Widow, also known as Natasha Romanoff, debuted her all of a sudden love interest with Bruce Banner who is better known as the giant green rage monster Hulk.

"The Hulkbuster scene was definitely the best one; it was

awesome how Iron Man had Veronica giving him new parts each time the Hulk would destroy one," said Meyers.

Another aspect of this movie that was enjoyed by most was the humor that took place throughout the film, most of it being wisely-cracked jokes throughout along with the Avengers mocking each other quite often.

"The humor in Marvel movies is what makes them better than other movies, because it just adds to the action that's in every Marvel film," he said.

A large part of the Marvel films, as of late is because of Stan Lee and his signature cameos in every Marvel film that makes audiences chuckle.

It is obvious that *Avengers: Age of Ultron* has been a homerun, having accumulated over \$300 million dollars in just over two weeks.



Watch the Avengers in action in theaters now.  
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## Music at Graduation

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"We have practiced everyday in class for about an hour."

Although, just because the ceremony is coming up quick does not mean they are nowhere near finished with these practices.

The Band will be practicing one last time on the day of the ceremony giving the seniors of the Richmond Band one last drumroll and the Choir one last note to throw at their graduating class.

The RHS Choir will also be performing one last time together. They will be singing "100 years", by the band Five for Fighting.

Senior Chyanne Bastian will be one of the few seniors singing at the cere-

mony.

"I like the song," Bastian said. "I feel like it's a good last song for remembering each other."

However, what is the hardest part is knowing its the last time to perform with this group.

"I'm going to miss it," Bastian says. "But I'm happy I was able to spend my year of lasts with this group of people in Choir."

Many of the Seniors have not played in front of a crowd with this many people before.

"I'm a little nervous but I shouldn't be," Bastian said. "I just have to make myself believe it's one last practice."

# WOULD YOU RATHER...

See every muffin as a baby or every baby as a muffin?

Senior Ryan Wilkerson would rather see every muffin as a baby.

Have school Friday through Sunday or school only in the summer?

Senior Beth Beindit would rather have school Friday through Sunday.

Be terrified of the sun or terrified of seeing cars?

Junior Haleigh Beedon would rather be terrified of cars.

Be an insomniac or be a narcoleptic?

Mr. Rineer would rather be an insomniac.

