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826michigan to host advance screening of 'The Five-Year Engagement' and Q&A with crew

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Last year it seemed everyone (of legal age) had a bar tale revolving around their beer-fueled interactions with the actor most likely to be found on a college campus drinking casually: Jason Segel.

Why “most likely?” Because, in the majority of his films Segel plays the sort of guy you’d expect to find enjoying himself in a bar, bringing a sort of life to the occasion but never shoving himself into the center of attention. These are just assumptions based off his roles, but upon hearing the stories told about Segel in those weeks he was in Ann Arbor, his personality doesn’t appear to stray far from the characters he plays. Relaxed, dude-like and fun-loving; he seems like someone worth *hanging out*with.

Of course, as much as we might like to believe Segel came up to Michigan for some quality time with a bunch of students, the truth is he came to film scenes for his latest film, “The Five-Year Engagement.” The movie tells of the trials faced by a couple’s five-year engagement, one of which is Emily Blunt’s character receiving a position at the University of Michigan, forcing a long-distance move.

Written by Segel and Nicholas Stoller (“The Muppets”), “The Five-Year Engagement” is one of the select few films that have chosen their setting to be Ann Arbor (alongside “Answer This!” and perhaps less obviously, “Jumper”).

Because our campus is of major importance, the Michigan Theater will be hosting an advance screening tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., with a Q&A session afterwards with director Stoller and producer Rodney Rothman. If you want to see how our town will be represented (the trailers provide shots of a beautifully lit Main Street), Jason Segel’s character working at Zingerman’s Deli, or are just looking for a good romantic comedy, you can purchase tickets starting at \$20. As an added bonus, proceeds will be given to the local nonprofit organization 826michigan, which provides creative writing workshops and after-school tutoring to local students aged 6-18.

Take a break from exams to check out this very special event, and check out the Daily next week for our interview with Stoller.