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REVIEWS

FILM

Jim Carrey - next 'king of slapstick?'

By Margaret Claughton

THE BATTALION

"Ace Ventura Pet Detective"

Starring Jim Carrey, Sean Young, Courteney Cox and Tone Loc
Directed by Tom Shadyac
Rated PG-13
Playing at Hollywood USA

Watch out Leslie Nielson! One-man showstopper Jim Carrey is the soon-to-be king of slapstick.

I must admit I was a bit worried that one zany comic straight off a TV series would not be able to pull off a film on his own. But Jim Carrey made his adjustment from "In Living Color" to the big screen and single-handedly kept me laughing the entire time.

He does, however, have the help of a large cast of actors from big names to the pseudopopular. Obviously Warner Brothers forked out some bucks on this one. Granted, Jim Carrey is a well-recognized TV personality, but I was definitely surprised to find him co-starring with the likes of Sean Young.

Young plays a corrupt police chief who Ace Ventura (Carrey) butts heads with from time to time during his rigors as a pet detective;

which brings us to the plot of the film. Naturally, a film with such a dominant personality as its main enticement will not have a top-notch plot.

But it is definitely original, which in any context is refreshing. Ace Ventura is hired by the Miami Dolphins to locate and rescue their kidnapped Dolphin mascot, Snowflake.

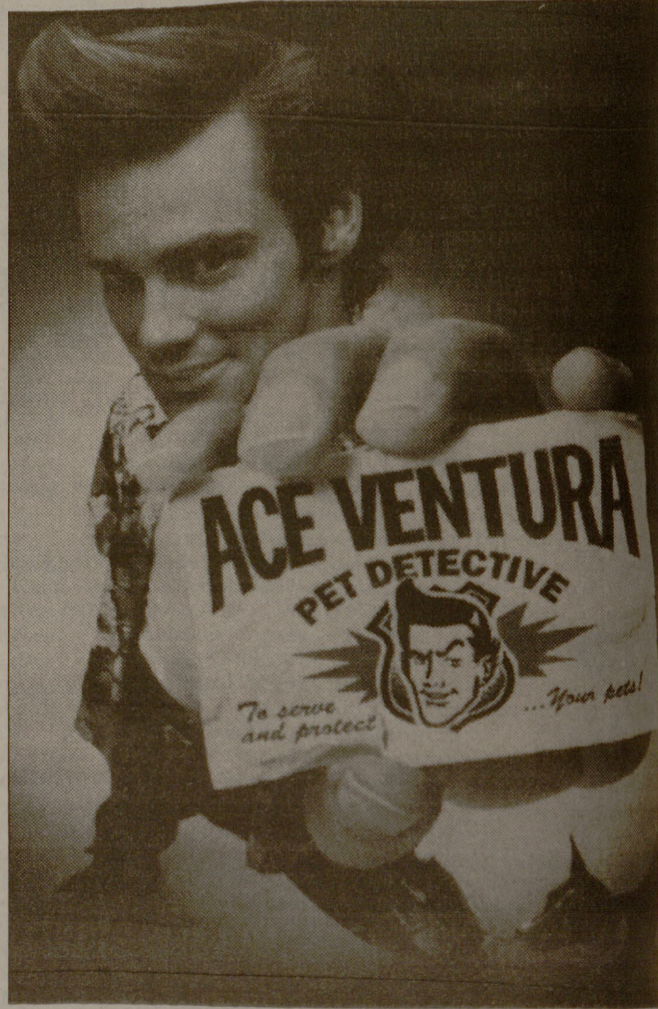
Before his big case, we are introduced to Ace and his daily routine of rescuing household pooches and avoiding the landlord. It seems in the beginning Ace has found being a pet sleuth rewarding, but less-than-lucrative.

As Ace's character develops, it becomes apparent that his style of slapstick comedy is indeed unique. This particular character goes beyond the normal bumbling idiot routine to get laughs.

In fact, Ace is surprisingly smooth, smart and physically able. Not that he doesn't experience more than his fair share of lessons in humility. Ace's character relies solely on Carrey's obviously ingenious impromptu ability.

Through facial expressions, voice manipulation and body language, Carrey succeeds in getting laughs without falling down or breaking more bones than the average adventurous detective.

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Jim Carrey makes a successful move from TV to film in the comedy "Ace Ventura Pet Detective."

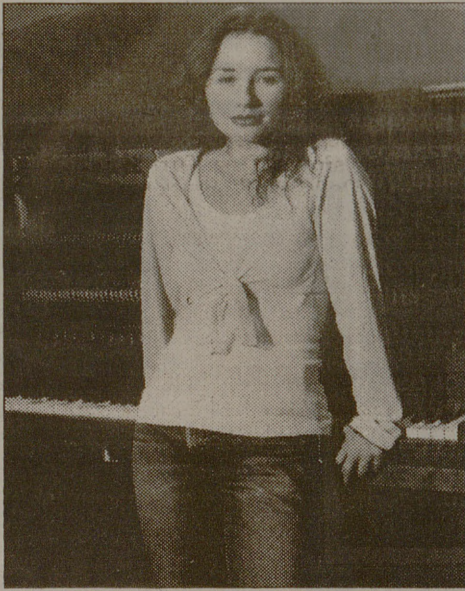
MUSIC

Tori Amos shows true colors in 'Under the Pink'

By Cliff LeBlanc

THE BATTALION

"Under the Pink"
Tori Amos
Alternative
Atlantic Records



Amos

Tori Amos' second album "Under the Pink" shows her sad and personal struggle to understand her life.

"Pretty Good Year" is the first song and one of the best. Backed by a simple piano melody, her touching lyrics are filled with great emotion and precision.

"God" follows with a criticism of religion which talks about the limitations to faith and religion. The song's style is a throwback to the old New Orleans sound of rhythm and blues with piano.

Other simple but striking songs include "Past the Mission," "Cornflake Girl," and "Baker Baker." Unfortunately,

Amos does not stay with the style that fits her best. This is the simple piano/vocal style of music that made her noticeable with her single "Still Crazy After All These Years" and her live performance on MTV.

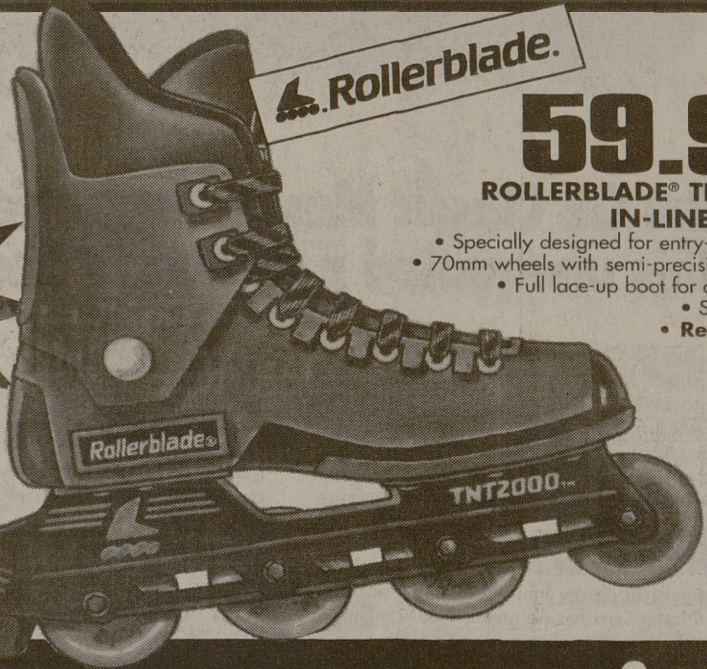
Instead, she experiments with different backgrounds which do not add anything to the songs. She also shifts the tempo in the music quickly, which in some ways hurts the listener's feeling for the song.

Most of her songs are stories of people or feelings that everyone knows. Her beautiful mezzo-soprano voice is clear and understandable to the first listen.

Although the album has its faults, Amos' style is very likable and shows her complete honesty in her songwriting ability. She has the talent to become a very famous singer when she finds her niche in a single kind of music style. She is very close to this plateau and hopefully will reach it soon.

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TIME TABLE: An informational meeting concerning the 1994-95 Fellows Program open to faculty as well as students, has been scheduled for 5:15 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 14, 1994 IN 292B MSC. Research proposals will be due March 24th. Students admitted will be notified during the fall semester pre-registration period in April.

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