

ENTERTAINMENT

AUMILLER CRITICS

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According to my lack of e-mails in my secretary and my own inbox, there were all good reviews of my reviews last issue. Either that or no one was reading. For my own very high self-confidence, I'm going with the first option. However, due to some recent events, and information about financial reimbursement given to me by the editor, the date movie will now be replaced by a DVD review. Want to complain? Please do. It helps.

GOOD LUCK CHUCK



Dane Cook, Jessica Alba, 1 Hour, 36 Minutes

Everyone I knew wanted to see this movie right away. Why? Dane Cook was headlining! How could it fail? The guy is one of the best stand-up comics I've ever seen. Unfortunately, he didn't have much to do with writing this one...

Charlie Logan (Dane Cook) is a seemingly normal dentist. The movie opens with a scene of him playing spin the bottle. He spins and the bottle lands on a gothic girl. When the girl wants more than Charlie offers, he curses him,

for life. She says that love with be all around him, but he will never have it. He obviously forgets about it and moves on with his life. However, he never can commit to one girl. He has a problem with the "L" word, as he calls it. His best friend Stu, (Dan Fogler, *Balls of Fury*) a plastic surgeon who happens to work in the same building and witnessed the event as a child, thinks he is crazy and should be getting all the girls he can get while he is young. While attending the wedding of an ex-girlfriend, Charlie gets toasted as the bride's "lucky charm." Also at this wedding, he meets the very accident prone Cam (Jessica Alba) for the first time. After that, there is an article on dating websites that if you have sex with Charlie, the next man you go out with will be your true love. When Stu convinces Charlie that he will be doing women a service by sleeping with all of them, he starts to answer all of their calls. This leads to a montage sex scene of naked very naked Dane Cook. Unfortunately for Charlie, he becomes very attached to the beautiful, and klutzy, Cam. However, he cannot have sex with her. If he does, he'll lose her forever due to the curse.

This movie has its share of great one liners. However, they play off Dane as a serious actor (which he can be) and give him a comic relief friend. Anybody else think this is stupid? The friend isn't funny at all, he is more grosser if anything, but obviously he needed to be there to convince Dane of what he needed to do. Jessica Alba was fun to stare at for a while, but it was pretty poorly cast. Ladies, if you

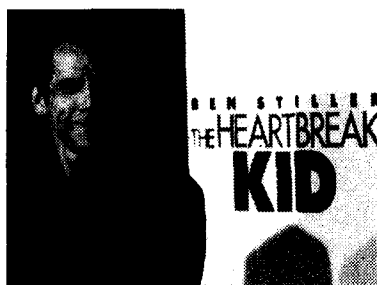
think Dane is hot, he is naked for about a quarter of the movie. Dane needs a better movie where he can be the comedian that we all know and love him as, and not the actor that he collected his paycheck to be in this one.

REVIEW:

Ball 2. Same as I gave *Employee of the Month*. Better than one but not good enough for 3. **Good luck** next time Dane



THE HEARTBREAK KID



Ben Stiller, Malin Akerman, 1 Hour, 45 Minutes

Did anyone else think Ben Stiller was done? I saw a preview for this on TV and almost threw a party. Actually, I think I did do a little dance. Ben is one of my favorite comedic actors just because of *Zoolander*, *Dodgeball*, and *There's Something About Mary*. He has been doing a lot of crap lately and I thought he could finally bust out of his "slump."

Eddie Cantrow (Ben Stiller) is a forty-year-old, very mean to say, loser. He owns a sporting

goods store and he cannot commit to a woman. After watching an ex-fiancée get married, he meets Lila (Malin Akerman). She seems to be perfect in every way possible. After being essentially forced into it by his father (Jerry Stiller, big acting stretch for him by the way) and best friend, Mac (Rob Corddry), he asks her to marry him after only 6 weeks. Unfortunately for Eddie, he finds out in a heartbeat that he didn't know anything about his new bride. Things like she is immature, foolish, a nightmare in the bedroom, owes a ton of money, and doesn't actually have a job. While on their honeymoon in Cabo, Eddie meets Miranda (Michelle Monaghan), and he starts to fall for her. He starts to plot a way to call off his marriage with the crazy, in debt mistake of a wife and run away with the girl of his dreams. All of this while trying to keep the truth from the girl he is falling for about why he is in Cabo in the first place. Not only did I see Ben Stiller and get excited, but I saw the Farrelly brothers attached to this as well. They always throw out a good movie, as long as you forget about that abomination about the Siamese twins that didn't look alike. Unfortunately, this movie was just as bad. Ben Stiller was playing his funny role, but you hated the main character. How can you have a movie where you hate the main character? Sure he got himself into a hellhole of a situation, that doesn't mean you go cheat on your honeymoon.

REVIEW:

1 Ball. Ben, please make another

good movie. I really want to see you succeed again.



DVD: FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER



Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, 1 Hour, 32 Minutes

Sweet. Another super-hero movie. I grew up watching every cartoon that they put on TV. Therefore, every time one of these movies comes out, I go see it on opening day. Not on opening night at midnight, I didn't read the comic books and I don't dress up. I have better things to do with my time, like sleeping for example.

The first movie ended with the Fantastic Four defeating Dr. Doom. They shipped him away and were officially becoming heroes. Not too mention, Reed Richards/Mr. Fantastic (Ioan Gruffudd) has proposed to Susan Storm/Invisible Girl (Jessica Alba). The second movie opens with an object heading toward Earth. On Earth, the four are the talk of the planet. The celebrity wedding is trying to happen amidst a major disturbance on Earth. The disturbance, now known as the Silver Surfer,

(Doug Jones, voiced by Laurence Fishburne), attacks New York City. When he is pursued by Johnny Storm/The Human Torch (Chris Evans), the torch comes back different. He can switch powers with the other members of the group by a simple touch. After the wedding interruption, the Invisible Girl wants to get away from the fame. Because he is a devoted near husband, he agrees that once the surfer is dealt with, that they will leave the team and go to a small town and lead a simple life. The Human Torch overhears this conversation and tells Ben Grimm/The Thing (Michael Chiklis) about their plan to break up the team. Obviously, it brings turmoil and drama into the story that already had it with the return of Dr. Doom and the impending end of the world.

Well, I liked it. I liked the first one when a lot of people didn't. I've liked every single comic book movie except for that abomination with that big pissed off green guy. Just like the last Fantastic Four movie, it was visually incredible (especially the Silver Surfer). Unfortunately, the story wasn't that great. The four main actors were good, but everyone else was just ok. It was better than the first one, and once again, they left it open for another one.

REVIEW:

3 out of 5. Could be better. Keep the main four actors and the visual effects crew, find someone to go with them.



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