

Follow the bouncing ball



Mark Ross, center, of Omaha waits for a rebound Saturday during the Roundball Ruckus basketball games at UML. Ross and his team "Let's Got It On" beat their opponent 29-16 in their three-on-three game.

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Carrey distracts in 'Irene'

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based on whether or not Jim Carrey is funny.

And there are times when he's hilarious, as he has been before and will be in the future. But the background that made "Mary" and the Brothers' underrated "Kingpin" so rich is lost in the shuffle. And the jokes that may have scored in "Mary" die here; they seem out of place with Carrey's good nature. Even when Carrey plays a character as bad as Hank, he looks too good for us to hate.

Remember that this was a problem in "The Cable Guy," Carrey's best performance. The

movie was ultimately an error in casting, because it worked against his persona. When he moved dramatic, his performances in "The Truman Show" and "Man on the Moon," were fine, but absent real acting. In one movie, he drained all characterization, in the other, he played an impersonation.

His presence in "Me, Myself and Irene" hurts the movie. There are two kinds of comedy at battle here. Carrey is broad and likable, any way you slice it. But he does have a clear dark streak that contributes to his popularity. The Farrellys go dark all the way. Unfortunately, the two forces work against each other here.

Jazz night allows fans unique experience

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a core group of local professional musicians during the second and third sets, Vance said. The goal is to allow amateur musicians an opportunity to play jazz standards with professionals.

Vance said Monday Night

Jazz, which has been held for a number of years in Lincoln, will continue indefinitely at P.O. Pears, 922 South 9th Street. The performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students with identification.

The series is a perfect oppor-

tunity for jazz enthusiasts to enjoy the music year round, Vance said. But if all who enjoyed Jazz in June show up, there might be problem.

"I don't know what the people at P.O. Pears would think about 2,000 people showing up," Vance said. "But it would be nice."

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