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**WEATHER** Sunny this afternoon, high near 40. Cold tonight, low of 25. Cool tomorrow, high of 35.

**STOP! BUY 'YIELD'** Pearl Jam's latest CD, 'Yield,' hits the shelves today. See Diversions, page 6.



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Elm Street Site Development for Ludlow, Ky.

## a growing list of awards

By Delmar Watkins  
Staff Writer

A combined effort from three departments won top honors at a recent city design competition in Ludlow, Ky. The Landscape Architecture, Architecture and Historic Preservation graduate program won four of the five awards given out for the best designs for renovating Ludlow's downtown district.

More than 30 organizations participated in the event, including the University of Miami (Ohio) and 28 professional organizations, said Jan Schach, Professor of Landscape Architecture.

"It was great. You usually don't get recognition of this nature. Usually you just get a good grade for a project," said Mark Bazzell, a fourth year Landscape Architecture Studio student.

This was the first time that Landscape Architecture, Architecture and Historic Preservation formed teams to compete together in a competition, Schach said. Professors Schach of Landscape Architecture, Michael Pride-Wells and Mark O'Brien of Architecture, and Jodi Porter of Historic Preservation Graduate School organized the teams.

"It was significant that we won this event" because of its multidisciplinary approach, said Schach.

Ten teams from UK competed. Each team consisted of one member from each of the departments.

"I was really pleased with the final project," Bazzell said. "This is the first time we got to do what we will do after graduation: team up with people from other backgrounds to do a project."

The competition included several areas, including general downtown revitalization, the renovation of the municipal building and an urban park on Elm street, Schach said.

Part of the competition was to keep the historic feel of the city.

"Our team went back to a plan called 'hygia' designed for Ludlow, and then adapted it to the plot," Bazzell said. The grand prize won by UK was \$1,000. Miami (Ohio) won the honor prize, and UK won all three merit prizes.



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**WINNING COMBINATION** Some of the University's architecture, landscape architecture and historic preservation students combined to win the grand prize for their design to renovate downtown Ludlow, Ky.

## NEWSbytes

### NATION Board refuses killer's clemency request

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles yesterday refused to recommend clemency for Karla Faye Tucker, moving the pickax killer turned born-again Christian a step closer to execution Tuesday night.

The board's decision was not unexpected. The 18-member panel unanimously rejected 16 similar requests from male inmates last year when a record 37 convicted killers were put to death in the state. Today's vote was 16-0, with two board members abstaining.

Ms. Tucker, sentenced to die for her part in a drug-inspired attack that left two people dead in 1983, needed at least 10 votes in favor of clemency to send the case to Gov. George W. Bush. Bush then could have agreed with the panel, which he appoints, or rejected its recommendation.

### Midshipman's murder trial begins

FORT WORTH, Texas — Former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora urged her boyfriend to kill her romantic rival by screaming, "Shoot her, kill her, shoot her!" Zamora's former best friend testified yesterday.

During the first day of testimony in Zamora's murder trial, Christina Mason said that days after the killing, her friend had confided that the couple plotted to snap Adrienne Jones' neck and dump her body in a lake.

"After they had taken her out to a lake, Diane lost control and began to hit her with a weight over her head," Mason said.

She said that during a conversation at Mason's house, Zamora admitted she demanded that boyfriend David Graham, who became an Air Force cadet, shoot Jones.

"She started screaming, 'Shoot her, kill her, shoot her!'" Mason said.

"Diane said David had killed her," Mason said. "That's how he proved his love."

Zamora is accused in the 1995 slaying of Jones, a murder allegedly carried out in retaliation for a one-time high-school fling the girl had with Graham.

### Apple takes PCs off national market

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple Computer Inc., battered by slow Macintosh sales, said yesterday it was withdrawing its personal computers from major national retailers to focus on CompUSA, the biggest large-store PC chain.

Apple's stock was down sharply after the news despite a powerful advance in the broader stock market.

Best Buy announced last week that it was dropping Apple computers from its stores because of slow sales. Apple is also phasing Macs out of Circuit City, Computer City, Office Max and Sears.

## NAMEdropping

### 'Phil' sees shadow; winter continues

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — Brrrrr! The world's most famous groundhog saw his shadow at dawn this morning. If you're a believer in ancient folklore, the message is the same: six more weeks of ice and snow.

The prediction prompted boos from the crowd of at least 15,000 that had been whooping it up for much of the night in a patch of Pennsylvania woods.

"As El Nino approaches our western shore and changes the weather patterns, I see my shadow. There will be six more weeks of winter," said Bill Cooper, president of the Inner Circle of Punxsutawney's Groundhog Club, speaking for the pudgy woodchuck.

Hours before Punxsutawney Phil made his 112th forecast, the crowd whooped, hollered, danced to disco music and huddled around bonfires.

Legend has it that winter will last six more weeks if the groundhog sees his shadow. If not, spring is right around the corner.

With today's prediction, Phil has seen his shadow 100 times in 112 years. Records from the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C., show his accuracy rate since 1980 is only about 59 percent.

Compiled from wire reports.

## Center looks to increase input

### Club created to aid students in research

By Delmar Watkins  
Staff Writer

Minority and Appalachian medical students can now join the club and spend money.

The Outreach Center for Science and Health created the Health Science Research Club for Minority and Appalachian Undergraduates to give students more control over the information and resources they receive.

"Last meeting we had a speaker talk about managed care," said Paul Midkiff, a biology junior. "It makes you think about whether you want to go into a certain field or not."

A \$1.1 million grant has been given to the Out-

reach Center to promote Appalachian and minority student resources, said Pat Trotter, Coordinator of the Outreach Center for Sciences and Health Career Opportunities.

The grant has set aside around \$20,000 for a Ph.D./M.D. program candidate and research money for two faculty candidates, Trotter said.

Trotter and Lauretta Byars of Minority affairs decided to allow some of the money to be allocated by students instead of administration.

"Our idea is to tailor the club to the students' needs and allow the students to decide how to use their resources," Trotter said.

"We don't want to make a program that no one likes, so we made it a club so students will have direct input," she said.

"We want our kids to have the initiative. We want to ask them who they want to come in and what they want to know," said Margaret McConnell, administrative assistant and grant administrator.

"We can be mentors and guides — this is their club."

Minority and Appalachian students are targeted for grants other resources.

The grant was designed to allow minority and Appalachian students to further their research and potentially help their communities, Trotter said.

The club is not limited to minority and Appalachian students, however.

Other students can attend the club's events, Trotter said.

Some Transylvania University students learned about the club and began attending, Trotter said.

"Our idea is to tailor the program to the students," Trotter said. "We can give them the information and contacts that they need."

The club could help students get money for tutors, workshops, speakers and other resources to help them in Health Science careers, Trotter said.

At one meeting, Joseph Engleberg spoke to the students on the idea of "native genius," a theory that

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## Office searching for a few good resident advisers

By Matthew May  
Assistant News Editor

The UK Office of Residence Life wants you.

Starting next Monday, Residence Life will begin its search for students who are interested in and have what it takes to be a resident adviser for one of UK's 20 residence halls next fall.

Residence Life is looking for full-time students who wish to meet new people while learning people and leadership skills that will be beneficial in future jobs, said Melanie Tyner-Wilson, assistant director of Residence Life.

"An RA will learn skills that

will be necessary in any job," Tyner-Wilson said. "They learn leadership skills, as well as how to deal with conflict and crises, all of which will help after graduation."

Applicants will go through a two-phase process this year, with experiencing the RA life the main ingredient, Tyner-Wilson said.

"There are two phases in the application process this year," Tyner-Wilson said. "We are adding a 'Leaders in Residence' seminar to go with the existing carousel workshop. The purpose is to meet and discuss the job and shadow an RA for a day."

The addition will allow candidates to get a better feel for what

an RA must deal with on a daily basis, she said.

"The reason for the second part is we wanted to have candidates gain exposure to the staff and what the job is like," Tyner-Wilson said.

"They read a lot of material, but it is a great deal to take in sometimes."

Residence Life looks for people who meet certain requirements, including a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average.

It also looks for people with communication and listening skills and the abilities to motivate and help others, to make responsible decisions, to have good time management skills

and to maintain a positive attitude.

While being an RA is a time-consuming job, it offers a variety of benefits that are appealing to many students, Tyner-Wilson said.

"RAs get free room and board in addition to money on their Plus Account for laundry," Tyner-Wilson said.

"You also get an upgraded parking permit in the R-lot closest to their dorm, and a single room."

Despite its demands, the life of an RA is not all that bad, said several students who are currently resident advisers.

"Being an RA has its ups and

downs, but it is mostly ups," said physical therapy senior Kyle Devrieze, who is a second-year RA in Haggin Hall. "I've met a lot of friends through the staff and residents that I wouldn't have had an opportunity to meet otherwise. It can be demanding sometimes because of the time it requires."

The opportunities being an RA offers far outweigh the few drawbacks it has, said Shane Gosne, a mechanical engineering sophomore and first-year RA in Blanding III.

"For me it has been very worthwhile because I have met a lot of new people," Gosne said. "It looks good to have on a resume in

the future too. The only real drawbacks are working some on the weekends when you don't really want to."

Interested students should go to the Office of Residence Life in 516 Patterson Office Tower to pick up an application this week, Tyner-Wilson said.

Even though it requires a great deal of responsibility, Tyner-Wilson said the work pays off in the connections students make.

"It is not an easy job and really, these kids amaze me," she said. "It's a lot of responsibility, but you make so many close connections with other RAs that last a lifetime."

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**OLD-SCHOOL RULES AGAIN** During halftime of yesterday's UK-Florida game, UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton commemorated the school's first national championship team. Adolph Rupp's 18th UK squad won the N.C.A.A. championship in 1948 led by a starting lineup which became known as the "Fabulous Five." Among those starting for the '48 team were guards Ralph Beard and Kenny Rollins; forwards Cliff Barker and Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones; and center Alex Groza. Brenton, Ky. native Joe Holland, (back, second from right) played on that team and like many of his teammates, went on to a successful business career. Holland sells cars in the Lexington area. Jim Lane (front right) became a consulting engineer in the petroleum industry. Also at the ceremony was team trainer Humzey Yessin (front left) and Lee Groza (back, third from right), who stepped in for his father, Alex Groza. The former All-American passed away in 1995.

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**Miami attacks, exploits loose Cool Cat defense**

By Mike Heppermann  
 Staff Writer

The prevailing notion is that people in the south can't play hockey. Several National Hockey League teams, like the Florida Panthers, have proved that notion wrong. So what could UK expect when Miami came to visit over the weekend?

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"We didn't expect them to do that well," goalie Chris Page said. "They split with Ohio State and we scored quite a few goals on Ohio State. I figured we could split with them."

Well, this was Miami of Ohio. And they proved that they can play hockey in Ohio.

Over their two game series, Miami beat UK 20-0. The Cool Cats tried a number of ways to stop Miami Saturday night, including substitutions on offense, defense and at goalie. Miami continued to score.

Goal after goal after goal. Each new period brought one more goal than the period before. Miami scored three goals in the first period, four in the second and five in the third for a final score of 12-0 after beating UK 8-0 on Friday.

"They were just too deep and we couldn't keep up with them," head coach Ian Ward said. "One hundred percent of us just wasn't as good of quality of hockey as one hundred percent of them."

UK kept them at bay for about 10 minutes through the first period after Miami scored a goal 2:28 into the game. Two goals in six minutes left UK down 3-0 to start the second period with plenty of time and hope to turn the game around.

Time and hope began to dwindle as the second period got underway. Miami came out of the break and scored two goals in a span of five minutes as their offense began to take its toll on the Cats. Page became visibly frustrated and took himself out of the game with 7:55 left in the second.

Junior Justin Hsieh replaced him and Miami scored their sixth goal five seconds later.

Ward emphasized that against a team like Miami, no one person was responsible for the team's loss.

"Our guys have a tendency to blame themselves," he said. "I tell them that we leave the room as one and we play as one. I don't care if you're sitting on the bench when they score a goal, you're as responsible as the people on the ice."

Try as they might, UK couldn't hide its frustrations. The Cats broke their sticks on the ice, the goals and their benches.

Then they started to take their frustrations out on Miami.

Senior defensive man Ryan Ward received a five-minute disqualification penalty for fighting and did not re-enter the game.

"When games like this happen it's hard to focus," Ward said. "We have to regroup and try to get ready for the tournament."

The Cats are 0-6 in 1998 after losses to Michigan State and Ohio State. They face off next weekend against Dayton, the third Ohio team in a row UK has met.

The Cats travel to Dayton on Friday and are back home for Saturday's game.

Coach Ward likes their chances if they can put up a strong defensive stand.

"Next weekend should be different," he said. "We're not playing as strong of a team next weekend."

Despite two shutouts in a row, Ryan Ward is confident in his team's offensive ability.

"Our total focus this year has been on defense because we know we can put the puck in the net," he said.

"Our offensive opportunities will always come up, so we're going to focus on establishing our defensive game."



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**Ian Ward**  
 Cool Cats head coach on his team's weekend matchups with Miami, Ohio.

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## Newt AND GERM

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## Students do New Year in style

**By Brandy Carter**  
Staff Writer

Feasting on pig ear and singing along to karaoke, a crowd of more than 200 people gathered at the Baptist Student Center Saturday night to celebrate what many Chinese consider to be the biggest holiday of the year.

The evening, a celebration of the Chinese New Year, began with a dinner featuring traditional Chinese dishes such as pig ear, beef tendon, rice noodles, fried rice and chicken drum cooked in wine sauce donated by Pagoda restaurant.

The celebration continued with a balloon fight, musical chairs, a three-legged race and dancing. With balloons tied to their feet, groups of 10 people

tried to steal the other participants' balloons, with the object of the game being to get everyone else's balloons.

"This is a game requiring some athletic ability in the past the winners have been former college athletes," said Lijian Cai, president of the UK Chinese Student and Scholar Association.

A game of charades followed, keeping everyone laughing as they tried to guess the word being acted out.

Phillip Chang, a second-year pharmacy student, said the holiday celebrates the lunar calendar.

"The Chinese New Year celebrates the lunar calendar lasting 15 days from the crescent moon to the full moon," Chang said. "Many people feel that whatever happens to you on New Year's is a

sign of how your year will be."

The event, hosted by the UK Chinese Student and Scholar Association, drew many students, visiting scholars, relatives of students and alumni.

The evening also featured a video presentation provided by Chinese Central Television of the actual New Year celebration in China from a few days before. A raffle for mugs, a 16-piece dish set and decorations made some of those in attendance lucky winners.

"In China the New Year is a time to spend with family and relatives, and also give children money in red pouches," said Qing Chang, a doctoral student in molecular biology.

Each year the UK Chinese Student and Scholar Association

changes the program in a continuing effort to improve upon the previous year's celebration, Cai said.

"My favorite part of New Year's is organizing a successful party and seeing everyone having fun and knowing that my hard work paid off," Cai said.

For some financial gains are the favorite part of the New Year.

"The money is my favorite part of New Year's, and the firecrackers," Chang said.

American New Year's celebrations differ from the Chinese celebration in a variety of ways, Cai said.

"In China the New Year celebration is the biggest holiday of the year with fireworks and parades in cities across the country," Cai said.

## Group starts elections tomorrow

**By Manish Bhatia**  
Staff Writer

A new president is in the process of being elected this week, and it does not involve Washington, D.C.

Members of the Malaysian Student Organization will cast their votes this Wednesday to elect a new president, along with several other committee members.

"The election is on Wednesday and Thursday, with the results coming out on Thursday night," said Yu Cheah Yeong, election commissioner for the organization. "This is the third election, and we have 25 candidates for 15 positions. We have four top positions (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary), plus 11 general committee positions."

Adrian Thomas, an electrical engineering senior, is one of the nominees jockeying for the top position.

"Malaysians are the largest foreign student contingent at UK, totaling over 300," Thomas said. "We will continue to build and serve this organization whilst maintaining its respect and integrity."

If elected, Thomas and his running mates want to provide the essential services to

Malaysian students from the time they arrive until they graduate.

"Our first task would be to unite all Malaysians alike and be sure that their interests would be equally represented," he said.

Diana Quah, a finance junior, will run for treasurer.

"We don't want MSO to be just a namesake organization," Quah said. "Instead, we want it to benefit everyone."

On this campus, we have Chinese, Indians and Malays as part of the Malaysian community at UK," said Elaine Goh, a decision science and information systems junior.

The organization would be vital in forging closer cooperation, partnership and friendship among the Malaysian students on campus, said Goh, who is running for secretary.

Kok Leong Lee, a mathematics senior and a probable presidential candidate, said he wants to make the organization more general to incorporate everybody.

"I want to make MSO more efficient and

get more members for the organization," said Lee, who still needs to clear some technicalities to ensure his eligibility for the position.

Outgoing president Ken Yeo said he was satisfied with the organization's progress.

"We accomplished a lot last year," Yeo said. "We ordered tickets for returning students, helped them ship their belongings back home and organized graduation ceremonies."

The group also organized several events on campus like the Karaoke Contest, Moon Cake Festival and a pair of skiing trips, he said.

Liew Enghoe, the other candidate in the three-person race for president, could not be reached for comment.

The election commissioner saw a promising future for the organization on this year's ballot.

"All the nominees are really good," Yeong said. "I would like to encourage all the Malaysians to participate."

"Our first task would be to unite all Malaysians alike and be sure that their interests would be equally represented."

Adrian Thomas  
electrical engineering senior

## Officials deny allegations circling Ron Brown death

**By Natalie Hopkinson**  
The Hilltop

WASHINGTON — Government officials assumed a familiar posture recently as they denied allegations that they participated in a plot to dispose of another prominent Black American, the deceased former Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

Howard University students struggled to separate fact from fiction from reports that photographs and X-rays reveal deep circular wounds to Brown's head, which may have been caused by a bullet.

Air Force Lt. Col. Steven Cogswell, said in an interview with right-wing newspaper The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that an autopsy could prove Brown was shot in the head before his Air Force plane crashed into a mountain, killing him and 34 others in a European trade mission.

Several Black leaders, including Rep. Maxine Waters, (D-Calif.) NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, and Jesse Jackson, called on the White House, Justice Department and the Pentagon to

investigate the allegations.

Activist Dick Gregory was arrested on Christmas Eve for his demonstration outside of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

But many in the Black community, the flippant dismissal and treatment of the story by military personnel, the Justice Department, and the mainstream media might mean the truth or falseness of the allegations may never come to light.

"You know that the powers that be are involved in this," said Sydney Jackson, a legal communications senior, noting that historically, the U.S. government has proven its disregard for black life through events such as the Tuskegee syphilis experiment.

"They are not going to investigate it because they are the ones who set this whole thing up. You can't really expect them to look into it. They are not going to incriminate themselves."

Several developments since the late November publication of the

story show there is little chance the government will further investigate Brown's death to find out for sure if:

▼ The Air Force launched an internal investigation of Cogswell and has ordered the officer not to leave his office area during work hours. His attorneys have advised him not to speak to the media.

▼ Col. William T. Gormley, the assistant Armed Forces medical examiner who examined Brown's body, admitted they carefully considered the possibility of a gunshot wound, "however, scientific data, including X-rays, ruled out that possibility."

White House Press Secretary Michael McCurry dismissed the murder theory as a lie told by "people who hate President Clinton." During a television appearance earlier this week, McCurry launched into a personal attack against Christopher Ruddy, the Tribune-Review reporter who broke the story.

The Justice Department announced it found no reason to launch a criminal investigation.

## Center Outreach Center searches for different solutions via students

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a renaissance could happen anywhere, said McConnell.

Engleberg's theory will be partially tested by several members of the club.

These students will be taught a "top down" approach to learning, focusing on learning through solving a problem, not learning how to solve the problem through rote learning, Trotter said.

The program may also sponsor such programs as the master student program and MCAT workshops for minority and Appalachian students, Trotter said.

The club could help students looking for summer employment opportunities, mutual support, and mentors.

The first two meetings had about 20 people at each meeting. The club is still looking for a student leader.

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# Unyielding

## New Pearl Jam release gets back to band's roots

By Mat Herron  
News Editor

**Y**ou are who you are because of who you were.

And if you're Pearl Jam, who you were is a formidable benchmark you're constantly measured against.

The five men from rock's rainiest region have succeeded in keeping their heads, shoulders and sanity above the horde of fans who rallied around 1991's *Ten*, when a flannel-clad Eddie Vedder hung from rafters before gracefully diving into the legions of arms, hands and legs awaiting him.

A new faction of anti-glam musicians had blown the music industry open. The world paid attention, even if the guys were wearing combat boots and basketball jerseys.

Then came conflict.

Sure, the band convinced the kids to grow brains, took bold political stances and made even the major label corporate

execs crumble at the way it bullwhipped candy-ass acts like, say, the Smashing Pumpkins.

But could it conquer the heat brought by platinum albums, a failed U.S. tour, a stalemate (depending on how you look at it) with a gargantuan ticket company, and a record that, compared with sales from the last three, flopped big time?

For rock's unlikely kings, the answer to these questions has always been the music.

A 13-song epic with a sound as large as the Montana landscape pictured on its cover, *Yield* holds enough versatility to make the masses balk.

Not quite as rhythmically disjointed as Soundgarden, nor as morbid as Alice In Chains, Pearl Jam once again mixes '70s roots and indie sensibility.

Beginning with "Brain of J," an older tune, the band indirectly slams a perpetual feeding frenzy for conspiracy theorists: the assassination of JFK. Behind fiery riffs from Mike McCready, the song begins with bang and ends that way.

"Faithful," a half-speed ditty, is a song President Clinton might want to listen to right now, and the lyrics from "Wishlist" are destined to become pickup lines at Two Keys someday.

Ladies, just imagine some guy leaning over to you and whispering, "I wish I was the pedal brake that you depended on."

"Touching, isn't it?"

Released early last month as a single, "Given To Fly," stands out as one of the best songs the band has ever written. A narrative, like are Vedder speaks of a man who tunes in, turns on and flies out: "He floated back down cause he wanted to share/the key to the locks on

the chains he saw everywhere."

Autobiographical? Perhaps.

"Try 'In Hiding,' though, if you want to see art imitate life.

Laced with guitar hooks reminiscent of the Who's "We're Not Gonna Take It," "In Hiding" describes a man who shuts himself off for fear of the deck the outside world may deal him.

It could also describe the band's diligent press boycott, until last February, and MTV boycott, until it started filming "Given To Fly" in Seattle earlier this year.

Or it could describe the stalker Vedder

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# 'Deep Rising' just can't shake that sinking feeling

By Jonathan D. Gent  
Staff Critic

Cross "Thunder in Paradise" with "McHale's Navy" (the show, not the movie), throw in equal parts heist gone awry and big slimy tentacled water monster, add one saucy thief for no apparent reason, and you've got *Deep Rising*.

Oh, by the way, the setting is a cruise liner on its maiden voyage. Not that moviegoers have seen that recently or anything.

Sometimes a movie comes along that can gain success by properly juxtaposing numerous genres.

*The Empire Strikes Back* did it more successfully than the other two Star Wars films. *Independence Day* also did it, although to a lesser degree. While *Deep Rising* tries to make things work, it just can't do it.

Not to say that *Deep Rising* is a bad movie. It's just that it's not that good. Everything is just sort of there.

That cruise ship could've driven right through some of the holes in the story. Every once in a while a decent line of dialogue or funny comment sneaks up on you. Unfortunately, that moment passes.

Another problem lies in char-

acter development. Except in order to have a problem, doesn't something already have to exist?

What characters? We seem to see a great deal of monster bait, and that's all.

Treat Williams is Finnigan, a hastily accepting a job to cart a boat full of thieves — of course he doesn't know they're thieves at the time — to a seemingly random location.

Famke Janssen (Xenia Onatopp from *Goldeneye*) is Trillian, the sexy thief — who isn't in with the other thieves — and who only seems to be in this movie to have a romantic lead for our dashing hero.

Toss in Djimon Hounsou, fresh off his Golden Globe nomination in *Amistad*, as one of the crooks, and a snazzy cast is well on its way.

The show-stealer is Kevin J. O'Conner (most recognizable as Phillip Swann in *Lord of Illusions*), who plays the hero's lovable but dorky sidekick Joey Pantucci (even sounds like a sidekick name). Every single funny line comes from him.

In fact, if the movie had been

nothing but him — with occasional shots of the others — it would have been much more enjoyable.

Writers often get blamed for fiascos like this one, but sometimes it isn't entirely their fault. Sometimes when the director comes in, he alters much of the plot and dialogue.

This, however, is not the case with *Deep Rising*, because the writer is the director. Stephen Sommers can only blame himself; on the other hand, he also can praise himself for good direction of really bad writing.

Jumps make you jump, laughs make you laugh. And the stupid things that happen make you go, "What the hell was that?"

The bad news is that's most of the movie, and yes that is including the climactic ship explosion (it was in the trailer), and every quick zoom whenever the hero needs to say something heroic.

Sommers could've had one much better.

He wrote *Tom and Huck* and he directed the live-action *Jungle Book*. He's not exactly helping his own cause.



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'Deep Rising'  
Paramount

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