

First-class actors abound in 'Passenger 57'



"Passenger 57"

By Gerry Beltz
Staff Reporter

Wesley Snipes joins Seagal, Willis and Van Damme in the exalted ranks of "bad-guy stompers at the box office" with his latest film "Passenger 57" (Douglas 3, Edgewood 3).

Snipes portrays John Cutter, an anti-terrorist expert on a flight from Florida to California to discuss a new job that his buddy Sly Delvecchio (Tom Sizemore, "Flight of the Intruder") helped him get.

Cutter recently has taken a "safe" job, instructing flight crew members on anti-terrorist techniques, after losing his wife to the bullet of a would-be convenience store robber who he was attempting to apprehend.

However, his vacation is cut short when a terrorist, who is being trans-

ported by the FBI to California to stand trial, decides that he has other plans.

Charles Rane (Bruce Payne, "Absolute Beginners") also known as "The Rane Of Terror," and his band of cronies seize control of the plane and begin dropping bodies left and right.

Enter Cutter, who just days before told his class to "do what you are told" when confronted by a terrorist.

Let's just say that Cutter doesn't practice what he preaches.

He kickboxes his way through a couple of terrorists and manages to force the plane to land for an emergency refueling.

From there the action shifts from the plane to a nearby Louisiana county fair, complete with stereotypical redneck police officers who assume that Snipes is one of the terrorists.

Then, for reasons too complicated to go into, they end up back on the plane.

Director Kevin Hooks ("Strictly Business") made the right choice by getting Wesley Snipes for the role of John Cutter. Snipes is one of the hottest items at the box office right now,

after the blockbuster "White Men Can't Jump" and the highly acclaimed "The Waterdance."

Snipes is great as Cutter, the "bad-ass, bad-guy basher." In the movie, Snipes displays his real-life training in Capoeira, an African/Brazilian martial arts form, and he is quite impressive to see in action.

Snipes also brings some depth to Cutter, especially during his face-to-face confrontations with Rane. This is depth that many of the "bad-guy bashers" seem to miss or forget.

Payne is perfect as Charles Rane. He has the eyes of a snake and the personality to match, but he also shows the charisma that makes a terrorist really dangerous. He is both charming and deadly, and has ice water in his veins.

The big problem with this movie that is questioned both on and off screen is, "Why are they transporting the world's most dangerous terrorist in an airplane?"

Take a break from reality and shell out the money to see "Passenger 57."

Hey, it's worth three bucks alone just to see the results of the martial arts training Snipes has undertaken.



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Anti-terrorist expert John Cutter (Wesley Snipes) attempts to capture airline hijackers in "Passenger 57."

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Mediocre rhymes make mediocre raps on new EP from rap artists Def Duo

Reviews



"Room for Rent"
Def Duo
Interscope Records

This five-song EP, produced by Donnie D (Wahlberg), attempts to produce a hit for the Def Duo, but swings wide.

"Room for Rent" doesn't have any stand-out tracks.

The first track, "Parlaying," is the best on the album, but that doesn't

mean much.

"Parlaying" is a free-style rap over jazzy, smooth grooves. The deejay, Joe Verde, asks MC Kay (or The Kay) about the song, "Why you always doin' boast rap?"

The Kay replies, "Boast rap, that's def East Coast rap."

The East Coast might not want to claim them. Kay claims to be "Flowin' Like Water" on the second track. The rhymes are more like watered down.

The vocals on the entire recording sound empty and are not flattering. However, the backgrounds are above average. They are sampled from the

Commodores and the Human League, and are put together rather well.

The fourth track, "The Hard Rhymer," doesn't live up to its name. MC Kay does a lot of horn blowing ("MC Kay excreting rhyme mastery/ I say that it's dope and you know that it has to be") doesn't prove anything to the listeners.

"And Ya Don't Stop" finally ends it.

Good beats and backgrounds with mediocre rhymes and delivery add up to a most average EP for the Def Duo.

— Greg Schick

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ALPHA ZETA
Meeting at East Campus Union, November 11, 5:30pm initiates 6:00pm regular meeting. Speaker: Wes Peterson on Global Ag Perspective and GATT Treaty.

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