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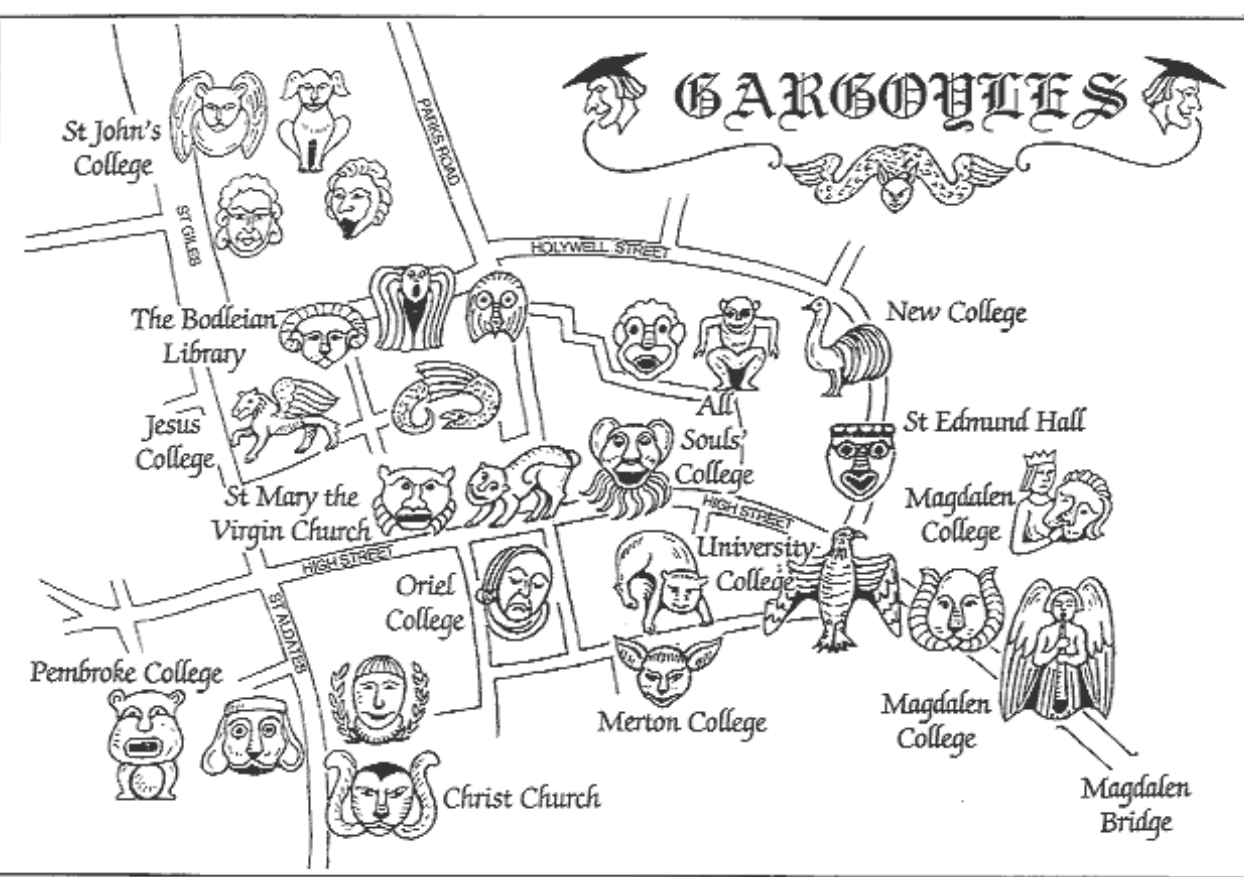
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One gargoyle in the cloisters of Magdalen college, was carved as a caricature of Dr Edward Ellerton, senior fellow of the college in 1830. Dr Ellerton, incensed by such effrontery, ordered that it should be defaced, accordingly the mason hollowed the cheeks and deepened the eyes, making it completely unrecognisable. However, much to his dismay, Dr Ellerton found that as the years passed he grew to look more and more like the defaced gargoyle, until at his death in 1851 it is said to have been his spitting image.

FILM REVIEW

Music & Lyrics [PG]
showing at the Odeon George St and the Vue Cinema
Boilerplate rom-com from Hugh and Drew. Hugh Grant is a washed up eighties pop star (think the one who wasn't George Michael in Wham!) who is asked to write a song for a Britney Spears type called Cora - but he can only write the music, not the lyrics. Drew is a free spirited replacement 'plant waterer' who happens to have a heretofore undiscovered talent for writing lyrics. They seem to be an unlikely match at the beginning, but after overcoming their differences...yadda, yadda, yadda.

If you've seen the poster and you've read the title - you've pretty much got the whole movie. Hugh Grant is, well, Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore is, you've guessed it, pretty much Drew Barrymore. Both of the leads are very affable, there are some funny scenes, but there is little substance. If you like the leads, and the idea of Hugh Grant dancing in 80s dober, then you could do worse. It's a perfect brain candy movie, nothing wrong with it - but nothing that right either. If you like this sort of film, wait for *The Holiday* to come out on DVD instead.

Virtually perfect rom-com. Nothing to offend anyone, lots of nice one-liners, affable attractive stars, reasonably realistic romantic development...what more could anyone want?

Hugh Grant appears to have developed gravitas as he ages in these types of films; his character's maturity seemed believable, while Drew Barrymore's dizzy dipstick female lead was fine, if somewhat less developed.

The songs were catchy, the retro 80s pop videos wonderful, Cora the obnoxious superstar was even redeemed towards the end, all in all the best rom-com I've seen for ages. Enjoy.

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VEDA PARK / plus Richard Brotherton and Opaque / Wittstock Fundraiser / 8.30pm / Mahon St. Clement's
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Wed 28th

DIVINE COILS / 8.30pm / Port Mahon St. Clement's
THE PIGEON DETECTIVES / And guests. Maybe some pigeons? / 7pm, £5 / Downstairs @ The Zodiac. / 190 Cowley Road; Tel: 420042
SWEET SOCIAL MUSIC / 12.50 - 1.15 / 7.30pm / New Theatre, Oxford. / www.myspace.com/forwardrussia
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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Tue 27th
COMMENTING ON UNIFICATION: POLITICS AND CLASS STRUGGLE IN ITALIAN OPERA 1858 - 1870 / Presentation and discussion for those interested in musical scholarship. Jehoshua Hirschberg (Hebrew University, Jerusalem). / Graduate Students' Colloquia / 5.15pm, all welcome / www.mecoo.org.uk / Denis Arnold Hall, Music School St. Mary's
OXFORD PEACE STUDIES SEMINAR / 'Children and the Politics of Peace' - Dr Jason Hart / 7.45 pm - Free / oxfordpeace@yahoo.co.uk / 43 St. Giles
MECO MONTHLY FORUM / Dr Dezale talks on the challenges of policing in the Muslim community / 7.30pm. Free / info@meco.org.uk / www.meco.org.uk / Haldane Hall, Wolfson College, Linton Rd; Tel: 01865 274100
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