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The buildings in the science area are often just as remarkable as the work going on inside them - some, like the engineering building, for rather the wrong reasons. The story goes that the engineers decided to dispense with architects and build themselves a proper department. They made their window frames out of two different metals, which in damp conditions formed a battery, with a current flowing between them. Fairly swiftly, if no action had been taken, the frames would have corroded away leaving the window panes to fall out.

The Dyson Perrins laboratory bears an inscription whose meaning is not immediately obvious, but affords some pleasure to the anagrammatic mind. It gives the architect's name and college, and a comment: "BALLIOLENSIS FECCI HYDATOECUS O SI MELIUS" - "Waterhouse (Hydatococcus via Greek to Latin) of Balliol made it - O that it was better!". If you extract all the Latin nouns (LLLIICDCVIMLIV) and put them in the correct order (largest to smallest, left to right) you find out when it was built. Stop reading here if you want to work it out for yourself. (Otherwise, it was 1915).

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MEETINGS

Organisation / Subject / Speaker / Place / Time / Contact

Wednesday 7th February

- TOYAH WILL COX** / Discussing her autobiography, "Living Out Loud" / 7.00pm / Borders bookshop, 9, Magdalen St, Oxford OX1 3AD. Tel: 2039091
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- HEALTHY LIVING SUPPER CLUB** / (Polish Cuisine) / 7pm / Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles
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- 'CUTTING CONDE DOWN TO SIZE: F&ES ET POUVOIRS IN THE 1660S'** / With Mark Bannister of Oxford Brookes University / 5.15pm / Maison Francaise, Norham Rd, Oxford OX2 6SE. Tel: 274220, Fax: 274225, Email: maison@sable.ox.ac.uk
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY SPECIAL LECTURE - 'LEARNING, CITIZENSHIP AND EQUALITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY'** / Rt. Hon David Blunkett, MP / 5.30pm (audience requested to be seated 5 mins in advance. University cards will be checked on the door) / University Museum of Natural History, Parks Rd, Oxford
- THE STRANGE CASES OF DAVID LYNCH** / One of a series of lectures by Prof. Thompson on storytelling in film and television / 6pm / Green College, Woodstock Rd
- WILDLIFE OF THE TRAP GROUNDS** / An illustrated talk by Caroline Jackson-Houlston. Contact 820522 / 7.30pm / Oxford Community Education Centre, Union St.

Occasionally it strives to touch a deeper level, and fails - the most notable example of this being the ending. Director Philip Kaufman stated that he didn't want a "Hollywood ending" - presumably one in which the Marquis saw the error of his ways, and was redeemed by the power of love, or some such device. Instead he tacks on a grotesque, clumsy coda, shattering the delicate balance between irony, tragedy and comedy that *Quills* had successfully contrived and maintained up until the last five minutes. Nevertheless, this is a film that is both intelligent and entertaining, a combination that is almost as rare as a first edition of one of the Marquis's works.

Sarah Montgomery, 6 / 2 / 01

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REVIEW: CLASSES

GET A KICK OUT OF THIS! FITNESS KICKBOXING CLASSES AT THE OXFORD KARATE ACADEMY

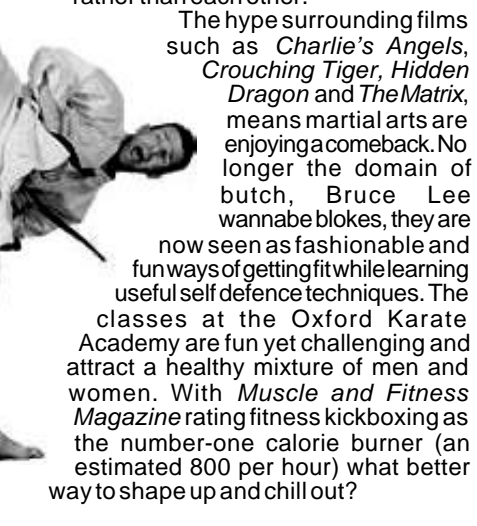
Don't try this at home...it's much more fun in a class, as I found out when I attended the fitness kickboxing classes at the Oxford Karate Academy. Fed up with aerobics and non-sweating Nordic beauties staring at themselves in mirrors at health clubs, I started exercising to Billy Blanks' Tae Bo videos, behind closed curtains, in the privacy of my living room. However, home exercise can be a bit lonely, uninspiring and nerve-wracking (when watched by two sceptical cats), so I was glad to find a more sociable alternative at the Oxford Karate Academy.

The Academy's owner, Paul Coleman, is a three times world karate fighting champion, has been involved in the martial arts for many years and has been teaching since the mid 70's. He teaches the fitness kickboxing classes with infectious enthusiasm, and his philosophy of teaching seems to come from the same mould as Billy Blanks - dynamic, fun and informal. And because the emphasis is on fitness, rather than purely on self-defence, the classes are done to a mixture of fast-paced music, ranging from the frenetic beat of jungle and the suitably pounding sounds of rock to more funky and hip-swinging Soca.

A class typically starts with a fast aerobic

warm-up, stretching the thigh and calf muscles, before a series of punching and kicking drills. Paul keeps a watchful eye on beginners to ensure their movements are correct and not likely to cause injury, and explains how potentially damaging your left hook is when preceded by a right cross. It's a great way to let out built-up aggression after a bad day at work and, with no sparring involved, you can punch and kick focus pads as hard as you want, rather than each other.

The hype surrounding films such as *Charlie's Angels*, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and *The Matrix*, means martial arts are enjoying a comeback. No longer the domain of butch, Bruce Lee wannabe blokes, they are now seen as fashionable and fun ways of getting fit while learning useful self defence techniques. The classes at the Oxford Karate Academy are fun yet challenging and attract a healthy mixture of men and women. With *Muscle and Fitness Magazine* rating fitness kickboxing as the number-one calorie burner (an estimated 800 per hour) what better way to shape up and chill out?



Samantha Pope, 31 / 1 / 01

Classes run on Tuesdays from 7.30pm-8.30pm and Thursday from 6.00pm-7.00pm. For a free trial class, contact Paul Coleman at the Oxford Karate Academy, Granville Road, Oxford on (01865) 775454 or by e-mail at: OxfordGoju@aol.com

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