

Movie: Roberts, Malkovich give convincing performances

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Mr. Hyde, Mary's curiosity grows. At first, Hyde is seen by no one, but as time passes, he reveals himself to Mary.

Intrigued by Mary, the vulgar and animal-like Hyde pursues, courts and torments her, luring her into his web of anger. Torn between the sorrow of Jekyll and the pure rage of Hyde, Mary pieces together the complexity of the Jekyll and Hyde mystery.

The concerns that the test audience had last spring — a sloppy plot and a not-so-happy ending — still exist in *Mary Reilly*.

The plot never quite makes a definite entrance into the film. We never know why Hyde feels the need to kill, how Hyde came to be Jekyll's alternate persona, or why Mary isn't frightened of Hyde.

There is a certain brilliance in the madness that seems to surround the Jekyll/Hyde characters, but the first three-quarters of the movie is a stylish yet sluggish build-up to an all-too-brief climactic finale.

The greatest weakness in *Mary Reilly* is the speed at which the story flows. It uses cinematic tension to keep the film going; unfortunately, there isn't enough to keep the attention of an average moviegoer.

Despite its flaws, however, *Mary Reilly* is a stylish, well-acted film that puts a new twist to the standard Jekyll/Hyde tale.

For the first time since *Pretty Woman*, Julia Roberts proves



COURTESY PHOTO
Mary is drawn to Dr. Jekyll's mysterious servant, Mr. Hyde.

she possesses acting talent.

With almost all of her makeup removed and a convincing Old-English accent added, Roberts is Mary Reilly. She portrays a real person instead of an actress pretending to be a character in a scary movie.

Malkovich is even more impressive as Jekyll and Hyde. At times, you even forget that one man plays both characters.

Although his performances in *In the Line of Fire* and *Dangerous Liaisons* rival Mary Reilly, his overall character development is amazing. Malkovich works with his character like no other actor in mainstream Hollywood can. He scares, enthralls and mystifies us all at the same time.

Whatever *Reilly* lacks in plot and savvy, it makes up for in acting, cinematography and style.

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their right mind would actually want to go to school here? We would stop being the Ducks and start being the Dweebs.

This is not Northwest Christian College. Students base part of their decision to attend a major university on the social life that will come with it.

Sure, it was great to finish first in Pac-10 football last year, but wouldn't it be something if UO were named *Playboy Magazine's* number one party school? Don't tell me local TV news wouldn't jump on that story.

It may be taboo to condone student parties, but the unspoken truth is that it's good for enrollment and more interesting to the media than academics.

Animal House is gone (it used to be on East 11th, across from Northwest Christian College, for students who are new to this area). So is Sigma Chi for now, but thanks to students like them, Oregon's legacy as a great party school lives on.

John Belushi would be proud.

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