

This week's DVDs

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The Motorcycle Diaries

★★★½
Focus, \$29.99

What a year for actor Gael Garcia Bernal. First he was the sexy center of Pedro Almodovar's noir "Bad Education." Then he gave a soulful, leading man performance in this thoroughly entertaining look at the young Che Guevara. It's a very good look at one man's coming of age or — more exactly — his coming of conscience. Extras include a making-of documentary and two interviews with Bernal.

X: The Unheard Music

★★★
Image, \$19.99

Here's a real time capsule: a raw, messy look at the seminal L.A. punk band X from 1985. You get a band biography of sorts and lots of random L.A. footage. But mostly you get X in concert at the height of its powers. For a perverse double bill, pair it with Hilary Duff's "American Idol"-ish flick "Raise Your Voice" (New Line, \$27.95).

Goodbye, Dragon Inn

★★★½
Wellspring, \$26.98

Few movies bring to mind directors Yasujiro Ozu and Charlie Chaplin, but that's exactly the accomplishment of this gem. A pensive look at the audience in a rundown Chinese movie palace on its last night, this has ghosts (sort of), noisy patrons, a limping ticket taker, frustrated romance and the handsome projectionist they all long for. Easily director Tsai Ming-Liang's most accessible film. But that's a matter of degree — there isn't a line of dialogue until 45 minutes into the film.

The Greatest American Hero: Season One

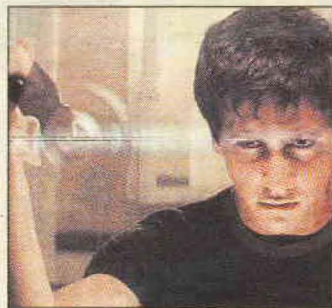
★★½
Anchor Bay, \$29.98

This goofy series about a high school teacher who stumbles on

a "super hero" suit seemed quite the hip, sophisticated show — when we were 12. It remains good-natured thanks to a plucky cast led by William Katt and Connie Sellecca. The clunky special effects only add to the enjoyment. Extras include the unaired pilot for "The Greatest American Heroine" spin-off.

Donnie Darko: Director's Cut

★★★½
Fox, \$26.98



Writer-director Richard Kelly is proud of the 2001 theatrical version of his cult classic. But this new take on "Darko" contains refined sound, extra scenes and new song cues. It doesn't supersede the original, says Kelly on the commentary track. Consider it a "remix." Also out: more disaffected youth in the 2001 Japanese cult hit "All About Lily Chou-Chou" (HVE, \$29.95).