

Oxford Union Society



Michaelmas Term 1977

President: Damian Green

The Society's Calendar

0th Week.

Friday October 7 at 8.15 pm. Open to all freshers and members.

DEBATE: "That the British Press is irresponsible and abuses its freedom."

MIKE MOLLOY, Editor of the Daily Mirror.

ARTHUR LATHAM M.P., former Chairman of the Tribune Group.

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS, of the Daily Express and New Statesman.

MARTIN WALKER, of the GUARDIAN, and author of "The National Front".

1st Week

Sunday October 9 at 8pm in the Cinema

FREE DISCO open to all freshers and members.

Monday October 10 at 8pm, FILM, Jesus Christ Superstar (A).

Special showing for freshers of the film version of the hit stage musical.

Tuesday October 11 at 8pm. Film, Jesus Christ Superstar. Members only.

Thursday October 13 at 8.15 pm.

DEBATE: "That this house would phase out the Public Schools."

MICHAEL McCURUM, Head Master of Eton.

MAX MORRIS, former President of the National Union of Teachers.

TOBY BROWN, Deputy President of the National Union of School Students.

ADAIR TURNER, President of the Cambridge Union.

2nd Week

Monday October 17 at 8pm. FILM, Duel (AA). Stephen Spielberg's equally tense predecessor to Jaws.

Wednesday October 19 from 8pm. BEER FESTIVAL, free to all members. Many different types of real ale, all at cheap prices.

Thursday October 20, at 8.15 pm.

DEBATE: "That the left-wing leaders of the N.U.S. have neglected the interests of its members."

JOHN RANDALL, President of N.U.S. 1973-75.

WILLIAM VAN STRAUBENZEE M.P.

PETE ASHBY, Deputy President of N.U.S.

DAVID WILKS, Chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students.

Saturday October 22 at 11am.

Special Private Business Meeting.

3rd Week

Sunday October 23 at 2.15 pm.

INFORMAL FRESHERS' DEBATE: "That the disadvantages of British entry into the Common Market have greatly outweighed the advantages."

Freshers wishing to speak should either inform the President in advance, giving their name, college, and the side they wish to take, or turn up to the debate and volunteer to speak then.



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Monday October 24 at 8pm. FILM, Sweet Charity (A). Shirley Maclaine in the most under-rated musical of the 60s.

Thursday October 27

LLOYDS BANK INTER-VARSITIES DEBATING COMPETITION.

Teams of two from universities all over England will take part in this all-day event. The first round will be at 2.30pm; the second round at 4.40pm; the final at 8.15pm in the debating hall. The motion for the final will be "That the power of the Trade Unions has become a threat to parliamentary democracy."

Friday October 28 at 8.15 pm.

DEBATE: "That this house has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government."

WILLIAM RODGERS M.P., Minister of Transport.

ANGUS MAUDE M.P., Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party.

ANDREW FAULDS M.P.

JOHN GRIGG, political correspondent of The Spectator.

4th Week

Monday October 31 at 8pm. FILM, The Ritz (X). Criminal, comic, and camp goings-on in a bath-house.

Tuesday November 1 at 8.15pm. ILLUSTRATED TALK by Richard Adamson, the last survivor of the Tutankhamun Expedition.

Thursday November 3 at 8.15pm.

DEBATE: "That Christianity is a dying creed."

THE RT. REV. MERVYN STOCKWOOD, Bishop of Southwark.

BARBARA SMOKER, President of the National Secular Society.

5th week

Monday November 7 at 8pm. Film, High Plains Drifter (X). Classic Clint Eastwood Western.

Tuesday November 8 at 8.15pm.

DEBATE: "That it is the duty of the British Government to do everything possible to change the South African system of government."

ANTHONY HOWARD, Editor of the New Statesman.

CANON GONVILLE FRENCH-BEYTAGH, former Dean of Johannesburg.

PEREGRINE WORSTHORNE, of the Sunday Telegraph.

THE RT. HON. LORD HEWLETT, President of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations.

Thursday November 10 at 8.15 pm.

FUNNY DEBATE: "That this house would have it both ways."

GYLES BRANDRETH, author and broadcaster.

JOHN GROSER, PHS of the Times.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Steward of the Union and Scourge of the Rhondda.

Saturday November 12 at 10.30am.

CHALLENGE FOOTBALL MATCH versus the Oxford Business Studies Group.

6th Week

Sunday November 13 at 2.15 pm.

FRESHERS' DEBATE: "That abortion on demand is every woman's right."

Monday November 14 at 8 pm. FILM, M.A.S.H. (X). Biting satirical comedy of the Korean War.

Tuesday November 15 at 8 pm. FILM, Highlights of the 1975-76 Rugby season.

Thursday November 17 at 8.15 pm.

DEBATE: "That censorship is an insult to the adult intelligence."

LORD LONGFORD

LORD GOODMAN, Master of University College

MICHAEL MASON, News Editor of Gay News.

Friday November 18 at 8.15 pm. DISCUSSION MEETING on the Rock Music business. Guests to be announced.

Saturday November 19 at 11 am.

Ordinary Private Business Meeting.

7th Week

Monday November 21 at 8 pm. FILM, I Start Counting (AA). Thriller starring Jenny Agutter as a wayward schoolgirl. This is the President's favourite film.

Tuesday November 22 at 8.15 pm. DISCUSSION MEETING on the state and future of British Football. Guests to be announced, including top managers and players.

Thursday November 24 at 8.15 pm.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: "That this house would rather be a President than a Queen."

All the Presidential Candidates, and their guests.

Friday November 25

UNION ELECTIONS. Voting all day in the New Library. Identification required.

ELECTION NIGHT FILM, at 8.15 pm, The Godfather (X). Mafia Epic, starring Marlon Brando.

8th Week

Monday November 28 at 8.15 pm. FILM, Love and Death (A). Woody Allen's hilarious parody of War and Peace.

Thursday December 1 at 8.15 pm.

THE PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL TO OXFORD. "That you can't keep a good man down."

MICHAEL PARKINSON.

JOHN DAVIES, Editorial Director of Thomson Regional Newspapers.

VIVIEN DINHAM, notorious Green Gin Girl.

The Union's Facilities

The Society's rooms open at 9.30 am. (7 pm on Sundays)

THE LIBRARIES

The Union houses the largest lending library in the University. If members have any difficulty in finding a particular book or periodical, the Librarian-in-Charge will be pleased to hold. Members wishing to recommend the purchase of books should enter details in the Suggestions Book in the Old Library.

A plan of the Library can be found in the foyer of the Old Library.

The Old Library is open on weekdays from 9.30 am to 7.30 pm.

The New Library remains open until 10 pm, including Sundays.

RECREATIONS

The Billiard Room is on the first floor, next to the Cinema.

Bar-Billiards, Table-Tennis and Bar-Football may be played in the Cellars.

Table-Tennis balls and Chess sets may be obtained from the office.

There is a colour television in the Television Room on the second floor.

Newspapers and magazines can be found in the Gladstone Room.

CATERING

The Union Provides first-rate lunches and dinners. The food is inexpensive and offers an excellent alternative to college meals.

An extensive cold buffet is served in the Lounge Bar on Sunday evening.

Continental breakfast and excellent coffee are available throughout the morning, and afternoon tea at the Union, instituted by Asquith, is still a great Oxford experience.

The Lounge Bar

Breakfast 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

Bar 12.00 noon to 2.30 pm.

6.00 pm to 10.30 pm (11.00pm. on Fridays and Saturdays and 12.30 pm on debate nights)

Tea 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

Cafeteria

Lunch 12.00 noon to 1.45 pm

Dinner 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm

PRESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The President, who is a very out-going person, would be delighted to see any member who has any questions or problems about the Union. He can be found in his Office between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm on most weekdays, and is distressingly often in the Bar during the evening.

Members are reminded that they should carry their membership cards at all times and must show them to members of staff on request. Membership, Union stationery and guest tickets for debates can be obtained at the Office. Members wishing to speak in floor debates may either sign the book left in the Lobby on Thursdays, or turn up and volunteer to speak.

Committees

STANDING COMMITTEE

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| PRESIDENT: | Damian Green (Balliol) |
| SENIOR LIBRARIAN: | Jeremy Catto, M.A., D. Phil. (Oriell) |
| SENIOR TREASURER: | Jane Hands, M.A. (Somerville) |
| LIBRARIAN: | Caroline Foster (St. Anne's) |
| TREASURER: | Nicholas O'Shaughnessy (Keble) |
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| ELECTED: | Stephen Brooks (Ruskin and Lincoln) |
| | Jill Rutter (Somerville) |
| | Daniel Moylan (Queen's) |
| | Alan Duncan (St. John's) |
| | Rahael Elias (Somerville) |
| STEWARDS: | Mr. John Williams |

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Librarian
The Senior Librarian
Gillian Peele, B.Phil, M.A. (L.M.H.)
Stephanie Lamb (St. Hugh's)
Philip May (Lincoln)
Fiona Driscoll (Somerville)
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