

## Oxford Students Defy Ban on 'Bag Trousers'; 'Balloon' Style Wins Over University Satire

OXFORD, England, Feb. 14 (AP).—In spite of adverse propaganda Oxford undergraduates continue to wear the despised gray trousers known as "Oxford bags" with undiminished regularity. Oxford is known as the home of lost causes, and now that Oxford bags have been put in the lost cause class the demand for them has increased.

With the opening of the new term and a new year at Oxford a concerted drive against Oxford bags was tried, but apparently has failed.

The flapping gray trousers were first introduced on Oxford's sedate High Street two years ago. Then they were a fad. Since then they have become a habit, and the countless tailors who depended upon student custom for their livelihood are becoming frankly alarmed. For as the demand for gray trousers has grown the demand for regulation three-piece suit has dropped, with consequent losses to the haberdashery.

The anti-Oxford bags campaign first became apparent in a recent issue of *The Isis*, an undergraduate publication, when one of the leading tailors published a full page advertisement in which two professional looking undertakers wearing plug hats well swathed in crepe were shown escorting the offending garments to the grave.

More recently still one of the Oxford weekly newspapers said the inventor of the fashion was Montague Lambert, a former undergraduate, who is now running a school of elocution for young women.

In the same funereal vein as the tailor's advertisement the newspaper article closes with an epitaph or the offending innovator. The inscription suggested for his grave is quoted as follows:

Fame puts its trumpet to its lips and blows,  
And kings and captains come in serried  
rows,  
With poets, statesmen, nor behind them lags  
The genius who invented Oxford bags.