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MESSAGE FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER
TO THE
OXFORD UNIVERSITY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A I welcome this new edition of "Forum" and hope that it stimulates discussion of ideas within the Conservative Party.

B In recent years, the Conservative Party has developed policies with a new clarity and conviction. This is one reason why we have won such wide support from people in all walks of life, of all ages, and from all parts of the UK.

C But the intellectual effort must never cease. We need, now as much as ever, the ideas and enthusiasm which students and young people have in abundance.

D Today, it is the Conservative Party which is winning the battle of ideas. I am confident that OUCA will continue to play its full part.

Margaret Thatcher

16th January, 1984

The Prime Minister has asked me to write and thank you for your letter of 3rd January.

She was delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to your new edition of Forum and I now have pleasure in enclosing her message.

With best wishes.

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3rd January 1984

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Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher PM. MP.
10 Downing Street
LONDON

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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

This term I am editing for OUCA "FORUM, a magazine similar in format to the issue enclosed. It is the first time since William Hague's edition of 1980 that the magazine has appeared. If this issue is successful it will be published more frequently.

We have articles from Dr. Joseph Luns, Michael Heseltine, Steve Norris, John Patten, James Prior, Peter Walker and one on the way from Norman Tebbit.

It would be the best possible opening if you wrote a short message or preface as in the last issue, and with your permission we could accompany this with a photograph.

Copy date is 20th January, and I do hope this gives you enough time.

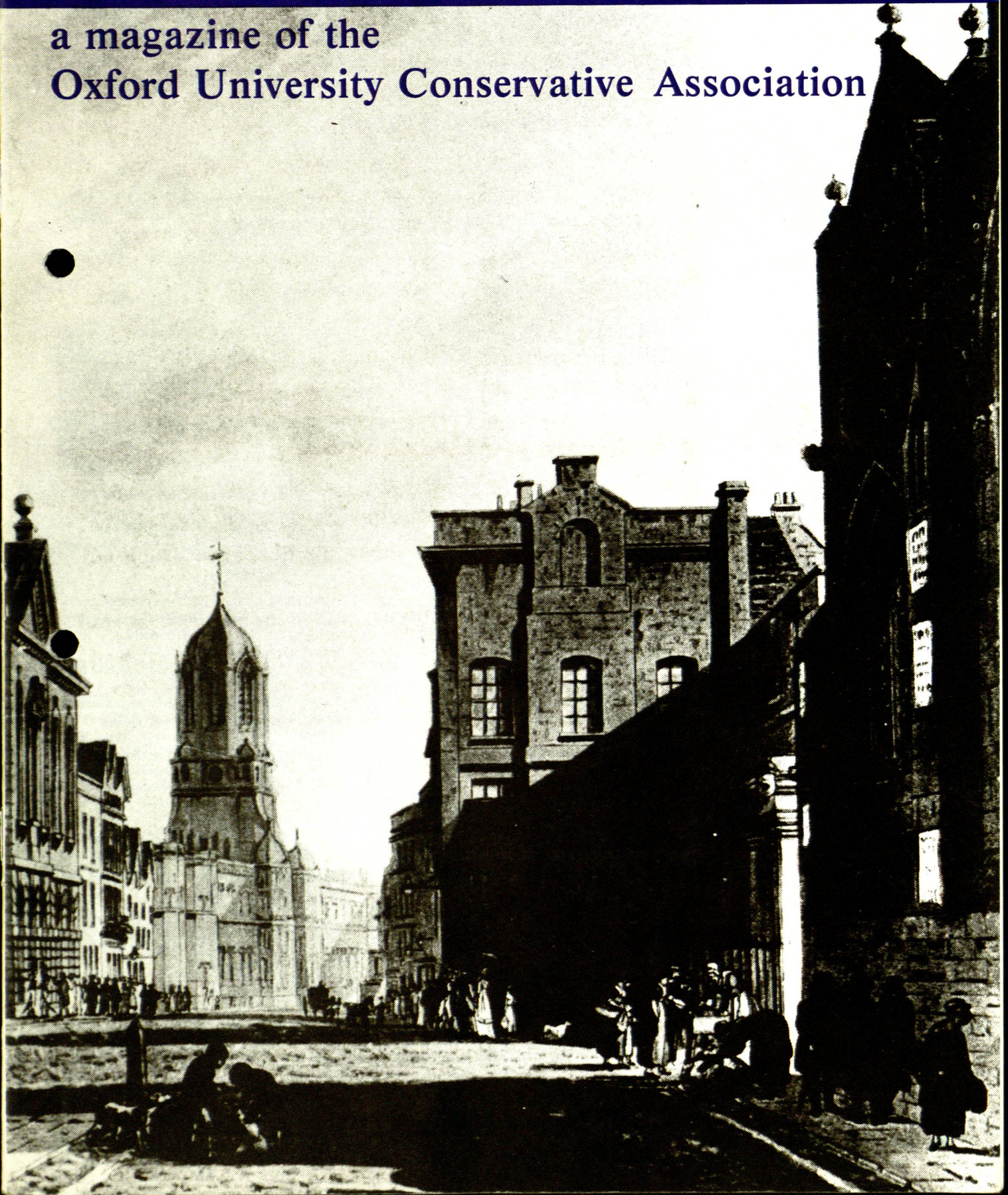
Yours sincerely,

Jasper Evans.

Jasper Evans
Deputy President

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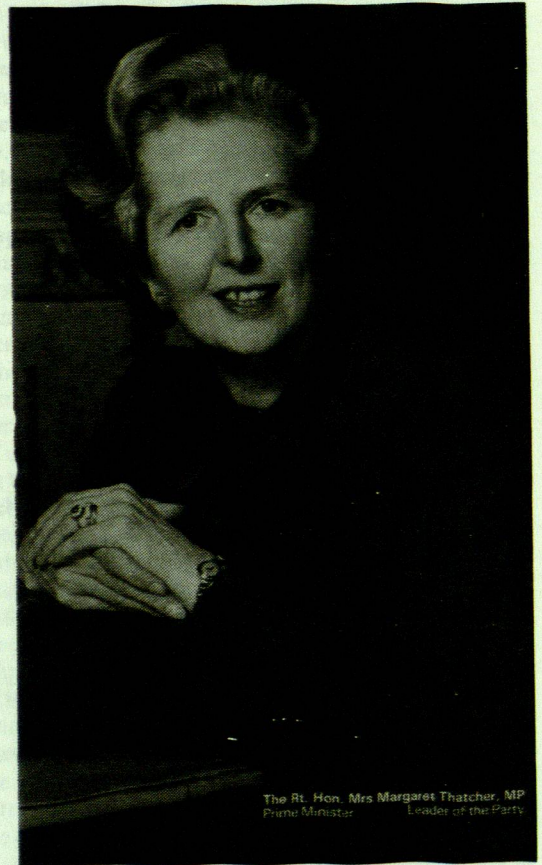
A message from the Prime Minister to Oxford University Conservative Association

More young people voted Conservative at the last General Election than ever before and in no small part this was due to the fact that we are winning the battle of ideas in the Universities and Colleges.

It is essential for us to continue winning this battle and I am sure that the Oxford University Conservative Association will do everything they can to ensure that we do.

Margaret Thatcher

August 1980.



The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
Leader of the Party

Editorial

Seventy-three years after its inception, the Oxford University Conservative Association is flourishing. This term's activities have included an excellent selection of speaker meetings, a variety of social events, leafletting at Cowley, and early preparations for next term's Student Union elections. We have published this magazine as well as a fortnightly newsletter. OUCA is entering a new phase of active political campaigning. We are producing a paper on student loans for distribution to Members of Parliament and, in co-operation with local Conservatives, we are starting an advice centre for council-house tenants on their right to buy their own houses.

OUCA's aim in this university is to promote Conservatism both in University and local politics and on a

more intellectual level. Speaker meetings in OUCA are far from being uncritical of party policy. One minister said that, although he enjoyed the question-and-answer session, he had been stretched rather more than at Commons Question Time.

We are certainly not a narrow or stereotyped organisation; the political views of our members and leaders vary wildly. Discussion and dissent contribute to the vitality of any political grouping, as long as the first loyalty of its members is to the Association as a whole rather than any sectional interests.

We hope that in the future OUCA continues to embrace all Conservative views, and that this magazine is representative of that breadth of ideas.