SCHEDULE 13G
 (12/31/97)

OXFORD INDS INC
Cusip # 691497309
Amendment

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Item 1:   REPORTING PERSONS
             Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. (Tax ID: 22-2370029)

Item 4:   CITIZENSHIP
             Delaware Corporation

Item 5:   SOLE VOTING POWER
             354,700   (See Note 1)*
              * Persons who are officers of Dimensional Fund Advisors
              Inc. also serve as officers of DFA Investment Dimensions
              Group Inc., (the "Fund") and The DFA Investment Trust
              Company (the "Trust"), each an open-end management
              investment company registered under the Investment
              Company Act of 1940. In their capacities as officers of
              the Fund and the Trust, these persons vote 53,800
              additional shares which are owned by the Fund and
              111,800   shares which are owned by the Trust. (Included
              in Item 7 of this page of this Schedule)

Item 6:   SHARED VOTING POWER --
             None

Item 7:   SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER --
             520,300   (See Note 1)

Item 8:   SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER --
             0

Item 9:   AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED --
             520,300   (See Note 1)

Item 11:   PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY LINE 9 --
             5.88 (See Note 1)

Item 12:   TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON --
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ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER

            OXFORD INDS INC

ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER

            222 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.
            Atlanta GA   30308

ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON FILING

            Dimensional Fund Advisors

ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE

            1299 Ocean Avenue, 11th Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401

ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP

            A Delaware Corporation

ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

            Common Stock

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ITEM 2(E).   CUSIP NUMBER

             691497309

ITEM 3.      This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1 (b), or
             13d-2 (b) and the person filing is an investment advisor
             registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors
             Act of 1940.

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ITEM 4.      OWNERSHIP
ITEM 4(a).   AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED
             See Page 2, Item No. 9
ITEM 4(b).   PERCENT OF CLASS
             See Page 2, Item No. 11
ITEM 4(c).   NUMBER OF SHARE AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:
      (i).   SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTE --
             See Page 2, Item No. 5
     (ii).   SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE --
             None
    (iii).   SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF --
             See Page 2, Item No. 9
     (iv).   SHARE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT DISPOSISTION OF --
             None

ITEM 5.      OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS
             If this statement is being filed to report the fact that
             as of 12/31/97 the reporting person has ceased to be the
             beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class
             of securities, check the following: [ ]

ITEM 6.      OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF
             ANOTHER PERSON
             All Securities reported in this schedule are onwed by
             advisory clients of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc., no one
             of which to the knowledge of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc.
             owns more than 5% of the class.  Dimensional Fund Advisors
             Inc disclaims beneficial ownership of all such securities.

ITEM 7.      IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH
             ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING
             COMPANY:
             Not Applicable

ITEM 8.      IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
             Not Applicable

ITEM 9.      NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP
             Not Applicable

ITEM 10.     CERTIFICATION
             By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge
             and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired
             in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for
             the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or
             influencing the control of the issuer of such securities
             and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant
             in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

(Note 1): All securities reported on the schedule are owned by advisory
          clients of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc.  Dimensional Fund
          Advisors Inc. disclaims beneficial ownership of all such
          securities.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I
certify that the information set forth in this statement is true,
complete are correct.

Signature

   Monday, February 6, 1997
Date

   Michael T. Scardina
   Vice President and Chief Finacial Officer
Name/Title
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