In order to protect American interests in the Persian Gulf, we (shall) reinstate the draft registration. So if the need arises we can quickly mobilize our troops. The Soviets must know we will never exonerate our responsibilities to the standards of a safe and free...
Students to defy ban on contraceptives

By JOHN WALSHIE,
Our Education Correspondent

Almost 7,000 condoms are supplied in Dublin by student unions every week — and last night union leaders vowed to continue their contraception service, even if it means going to prison.

Mr. Eoin Scott, president, T.C.D. Students' Union— which supplies nearly 500 condoms a day— said they would refuse to pay any fines the courts might impose.

The Health (Family Planning) Act 1979, which regulates the sale of contraceptives, comes into effect on 1st November. People who break the law could face fines or imprisonment or both.

Mr. Scott said they were quite prepared to go to prison if necessary as the union was strongly opposed to this "ridiculous" bill.

He added that about half their sales go to students, a quarter to college staff and the remainder to non-students.

Mr. Scott said the union did not run an abortion referral service. It had a counselling service which included discussion on abortion but usually women were referred to the Well Women Centre for further advice.

Miss Margarette Ahern, president, U.C.D. Students' Union, said their "position" was about the same as that for T.C.D. and they would continue to provide this service.

Mr. Brendan Dohill, president of the Students' Union in Bolton Street College, revealed that the V.E.C. college had been selling condoms for some time. It would continue to do so, regardless of the new bill, he declared.

Our Comment...

This Union has made contraceptives available to its members for many years now. It is also the policy of the national Union, USI.

This is something more than a service to the members. It is in order to defend their democratic rights that no government has the power to deny us. The government has shown itself to be reactionary on this matter.

Our view is that there are areas in which the State can never have any right to legislate — one of those being the matter of personal morals and the arrangements that people wish to make for family life. This of course does not mean that the state should not protect individuals against attacks inside the family — as in the case of marital rape. This is precisely one of the areas that the southern Irish state has consistently refused to act on. It has never protected the rights of women in this matter of family violence.

This most recent legislation is a further attack on the family but more especially on the rights of women. We will continue to distribute non-medical devices in the absence of proper medical service to the students in this and other colleges.

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Students' chances 'better outside Dublin'

By JOHN WALSHIE

Our Education Correspondent

EDUCATIONAL opportunities are not better in the provinces than in Dublin, the chairman of the city's Vocational Education Committee said last night.

Mr. Patrick Dorgan said that Dublin itself had become a deprived area and "looked blighted" with police carts there were signs of relative prosperity.

In terms of third level education, the top class regional colleges — which the Dublin committee heartily welcomed — ensured that educational opportunities were better in the provinces than in the capital, he claimed.

For example, while demand for third level education continued to increase, the Dublin colleges had received little or no increased capital resources, he told a conferencing ceremony at the College of Marketing and Design.

For all that, the VEC expanded and improved its service to the community of greater Dublin, and of the country generally, the colleges were currently catering for the needs of almost 4,000 full-time students, about 7,000 part-timers, not to mention about 2,000 others in the College of Music.

The VEC also provided for more than half the total population of apprentices in the State.

Mr. Dorgan was encouraged however in recent times by greater concern to ease the situation in the metropolitan area. The Industrial Development Authority was providing special incentives for job creation, and the city, a problem reflected by attendances at the vocational schools which once more were on the increase.

The ceremony was chaired by VEC member, Mr. Kevin Byrne, principal. Mr. Tom Madden congratulated the recipient of the Ireland Japan Economic Association Fellowship Award, Mr. Martin McAulay, who will be able to visit Japan and study Japanese business methods.
Support the Political Prisoners!

Our Policy is to Support the Political Prisoners.

Last year the Students' Union adopted the policy of support for the Irish political prisoners in Long Kesh, Armagh, Portlaoise and various other British and Irish jails.

In arriving at this decision the students were unsure of a large number of other questions surrounding the present situation in our country, particularly the partitioned northern counties. We decided to postpone, pending more detailed and wider discussion an investigation making policy on the overall national question. But on the issue of the Irish political prisoners there was no such problem.

In Britain and both parts of Ireland there is a body of legislation that is totally undemocratic and solely aimed against anyone supporting the legitimate demands of the Irish people for genuine national independence. In Britain the State has given itself unique powers directed against the Irish ethnic minority in the "Prevention of Terrorism Act". In the North the British authorities have special legislation, courts, concentration camps and interrogation centres. In the South the "Offences against the State Act" as well as special prisons for political prisoners, at Portlaoise and sections of Limerick prison are maintained.

The debate clearly indicated that the students present were opposed to a policy simply on so-called humanitarian grounds. It was stated that these men and women would not be jailed if they did not hold political views and carry out active organising in support of these views. No way would they be considered as petty criminals convicted in the 'normal way'. Our policy does not lend support to the particular political line of the Provisionals, or to any other organisation as such. Our policy is one of principle - the British and Irish States have absolutely no right to persecute, torture or intern men and women who have stood up for the rights of the people of Ireland.

If we share the views of the political prisoners that Britain should get out, that the southern Irish government should support this position then it may be that we would not agree with some of the ways different organisations have gone about achieving this demand. But, it is an entirely different matter for the British State to suppress anyone who is opposed to their annexation of part of the country. It is even more intolerable that having carried out such a policy of political terrorism against the people the British ruling class should attempt to further degrade and oppress the political prisoners.

The hunger strikers have taken up the only struggle left open to them in order to preserve their dignity as human beings but even more to establish their right to pursue a legitimate political aim without fear of interference. It is a political struggle for political status. The means left to the men and women in the jails is limited to refusing to live as less than animals. Their protest is heroic. We should support it.
Politics in the Union

Dear Ed.,

In accordance with a suggestion made by the Chairman of the S.U. General Meeting of Thursday 23rd October, I have decided to raise the issue of politics within the Students' Union,

The encroachment of political beliefs may be causing rifts in the Union and a certain uneasiness among some members about the Executive. The President, Mr. Doris, I believe, allows his political affiliations to affect his judgement on many S.U. matters, often to the detriment of the members. His dislike for political parties other than the one of which he is a member has been vented on numerous occasions, such as the question of the politics of some student engineers during the occupation last year. At a mass meeting at the time numerous students expressed concern about the President's attitude and said that political ideals should not affect the Union's policies.

At the General Meeting Mr. Doris - who has been re-elected as President - stated categorically that he would not discuss extreme right wing ideals and the discrimination which right wingers engage in. In making this statement Mr. Doris was professing his own discrimination. As a Representative of the students - not their master - he should be willing to discuss and defend the students on any matter.

A second matter is Tommy Graham's admitted biased attitude in dealing with articles in the Student/Apprentice of which he is Editor. As this is the principal organ of communication to the students, I feel that this paper should be essentially impartial and be available to every student to express their views, in fact I would encourage them to do so. The paper's general "anti-establishment" views are often vented and the views of the left I think, are given more than their fair share of representation.

I do not associate myself with any political extremism and as the Executive does encompass political polarization I feel that it does not represent me or those who believe as I do, in its dealings.

Finally, I would like to ask the student executive, in view of statements made at the general meeting, where is the democracy which they claim to be an essential part of the Students' Union,

Mark Dooley
EED 2.

A Reply

Dear Mr. Dooley,

In publishing your letter the Editor is keeping his promise to print anything submitted to the paper, provided that it doesn't openly promote fascism, racism or sexism. In inviting me to reply to your letter the Editor is ensuring the fullest democratic discussion on any issue raised in the Union.

From your letter there seems to be a basic problem with your understanding of what a Students' Union should be. It is an organisation of people who do not necessarily agree upon any particular set of political ideas. But it is formed by the students in order to defend themselves against any attack on their rights as individuals or as a group, in the society we live. This is the basis of unity. This is the only thing we must all agree upon.

Being a peoples' defence organisation the Union should surely prohibit any activity in the College that is anti-people, such as the promotion of fascist theories which urges anyone to discriminate against people on grounds of their sex, skin colour, nationality or opposition to injustice. We cannot defend somebody's rights if we allow attacks - even verbal attacks - on those rights.

It may be that you have not heard that the Government have cut back £1,000,000 on the V.E.C. budget this year or that some students were failed in their exams unjustly, or that we face as a group numerous other problems caused by the "establishment". If we are not anti-establishment in that sense then we are not a Union and cannot defend our members!

To take up just one more point in your letter - how do you expect me or the Editor to do jobs if we leave our minds at home.

Of course I have political views. I am a communist. I was elected as President not because I was a communist but because I won support for my view as to how the Union should be run. But my ideas did not drop from the sky, they are the result of my experience and study of life and my own beliefs developed on that experience. I presume yours are as well.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Doris
If We Are to be Serious......

Every year the situation in the "Education" system (at least that is what it is called) grows more serious. With an expanding population our farsighted governments(!) have provided shrinking funds for Colleges and schools, student financing and wages and salaries in the system. When expressed as a proportion of the Gross National Product the amount of money spent on education has fallen steadily every year for the last eight years and is about 5.6% now. The likelihood of an Irish student getting a third level education is roughly half the E.E.C. average and so on. Nearer home the budget for this system, the Dublin V.E.C. Colleges, was cut by about a million pounds this year. Library books, necessary maintenance, to mention expansion of the Colleges were axed by the Department of Education.

Dublin is an educational blackspot. Here secondary students have about one chance in 40 of getting to College, while for the rest of the State they have 1 chance in 14 still an absurd situation for a so called civilized country. The situation is not in dispute, what to do about it is!

A serious situation demands a serious response from us. Token actions "highlighting" of the problems, hitting our heads against a stone wall by confining ourselves to "action" within the Colleges as if the College authorities were in the main responsible has left the student movement pessimistic and weary. No way could the hive of action (?) proposed by the U.S.I. leadership over the past years be considered as serious let alone effective in winning the least demand from the government. It is clear that we need a plan which will force concessions from the government. If asking, lobbying, organizing with a "pressure group" mentality could bring change, we would have achieved it years ago. This is not the case. The government is the government of the southern and foreign ranchers, bankers, industrialists what they give to the ordinary people is fought for taken in fact! This is how we must get organized.

The achilles heel of the government and the ruling politicians is that which causes them embarrassment, loss of money for their rich backers and ultimately loss of ability to rule. The extent we will have to go on this road in order to make them concede our demand to stop the cuts, depends on them. With this in mind we are urging that a discussion at College level and nationally should not be an empty one.

The plan of campaign we adopt has to take regard of the present ability of the students to carry the struggle through. One of the most straightforward and simple moves to strengthen our forces is for close co-operation to take place between students of a geographical area, Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Belfast etc. A one day march on its own is not sufficient to cause the government even mild discomfort. The demonstration is a useful rallying point and propaganda exercise but it has to be preceded and followed by more serious activity aimed at the government. The best plan on these lines would be for a series of occupations to take place in quick succession over a number of weeks. Sometimes one or two colleges co-operating together.

Because of the lack of experience in this type of tactic they would be short-lived and given up after an agreed period say a half-day, three hours or whatever. This would then be followed by a large demonstration in the main centres on the same day with smaller demonstrations in isolated areas. The second stage would be to recommence the occupations but without warning to initiate one which seemed like the rest but around which every College would be organized to make it stick, with mass rallies outside to prevent ejection by the police.

In support of this programme the various unions would adopt an industrial estate to leaflet the workers, organize parent/teacher/student committees, public meetings etc. Also the students would be organized to picket government functions, state occasions, foreign visits by heads of state council meetings etc.

The key to the plan is to use our forces in such a way as to build up the fighting strength of the student movement without exhausting it or being adventurist.
We Apprentices Need to Build Our Committee!

For the past number of years apprentice self-representation in Bolton St. has been almost non-existent. This is due chiefly to the apathetic attitude of apprentices themselves, which is not surprising given the short time they spend in the College - either day release for thirty-six weeks or block release for three months each year. In the past year this situation has been altered.

During the year a group of day-release apprentices expressed an interest in forming a committee to look after our interests. This idea was encouraged by the Linen Hall Chaplains and, after discussions were held in their classes, representatives from each class were eventually elected. These reps were to deal with grievances at class level. They in turn elected a fifteen person committee (three for each day) which met each week to discuss problems and decide on possible action. A meeting was arranged with the Head of the School of Trades, Mr. Matt O'Farrell and assurances were received regarding canteen and toilet facilities, and the possibility of the introduction of general subject classes for apprentices in the evenings. The committee must endeavour in the coming year to ensure that these assurances become realities by bringing regular pressure to bear on the College authorities.

The argument that the committee is anti-Trade Union is not a valid one. In fact it is very much in line with Trade Union thinking and the committee should encourage apprentices to participate in Trade Union matters as far as possible and should also educate apprentices in the role of the Trade Unions in protecting and furthering working peoples' interests. Trade Unions, however, have their hands full on-the-job and are physically remote from the College.

In answer to the question on the purpose of an apprentice body, it should be made clear that a body like that would be able to organise agitation on behalf of apprentices which would result in concessions and better educational facilities being obtained from the College authorities. Such a committee could also gain the support of organisations, like the Students' Union and Trade Unions, which already play a part in protecting the rights of apprentices. Doing so would enable us to demand that these organisations represent our cause more effectively than before. Having a committee would give us a means of better educating ourselves with regard to protecting and enhancing our basic rights, especially in relation to legal matters and major relevant AnCO plans or decisions. This would have the effect of building up and maintaining a strong united apprentice front, enabling immediate response whenever opposing major government or AnCO decisions with which we are not in favour.

It has to be admitted that certain organisational difficulties were experienced by the committee. These were mainly due to the members inexperience and other personal reasons, which left the committee with only about seven members by the end of the year.

Despite this, apprentices will endeavour to re-organise the whole apprentice committee set-up, and make certain that any shortcomings will be completely eliminated. It must be emphasised that it will be impossible for a handful of apprentices to accomplish this alone and in order that the committee should be organised and function successfully, in a democratic manner, it must have the support and active participation of apprentices in Bolton St. There is confidence that this can be achieved due to the fact of the considerable number of apprentices who expressed interest in becoming actively involved in the committee when it was being set up last term.

One of the first tasks of the committee, during this reorganisation period should be the drafting up of a new list of aims and functions of the committee, which would have the two fold effect of laying down guidelines for the running of the committee, and in retrospect at the end of the term clarify what should have been achieved by the apprentices.

For the purpose of getting a broad representation of the views of apprentices, there should be consultation with each class on what this "broad list" should contain.

Although the committee, as
Worker Exchange

The EEC have launched a new programme which provides young working people with an unrivalled opportunity to visit another community country and at the same time improve their vocational training and develop knowledge of another language. In addition the young workers participating in the scheme can receive up to 75% of their travelling expenses as well as allowances during the period of their placement abroad. Financial assistance to enable participants to become acquainted with the language of the host country may also be available.

Known formally as the Second Joint Programme to Encourage the Exchange of Young Workers within the European Community, its main aims are:

- To bring young workers into contact with the working environment of other EEC member states;
- To develop the vocational qualifications and enrich the practical experience of young workers;
- To improve their knowledge of living and working conditions in other EEC member states and
- To create a greater awareness of the achievements and future objectives of the European Community among its young workers.

Eligibility

To qualify to participate in the scheme you should be between 18 and 28 years of age; have received basic vocational training or have practical working experience; and have begun employment before the age of 20.

How Long?

Two types of exchange will be operated:

- Short-term exchanges of between three weeks' and three months' duration;
- Long-term exchanges of four to sixteen months' duration;

Long-term exchanges will be of a vocational nature, designed to enable workers to develop their vocational qualifications and become familiar with life in another country.

Short-term exchanges will be in the nature of study training periods and will afford young workers an opportunity to establish contacts and acquire some knowledge of the living and working environment of another country and should also enhance vocational experience and training.

Further Information

If you are interested in the young worker exchange programme and require additional information or guidance you should contact the National Manpower Service at Davitt House, Mespil Road, Dublin 4. Telephone (01) 765861.

Give us a smile, Heh! Heh! It might never happen. Heh! Heh!
At our General Meeting a fortnight ago this Students' Union took a stand in support of the teachers' demands. At that meeting the Union executive invited a representative from the new teachers' union (DCASA) as well as from the T.U.I. to speak.

We understand that the newspapers reported (mis-represented as usual) our stand as supporting the DCASA against the T.U.I. - which the majority of teachers still support. This is not the case.

The organisation the teachers wish to set up, leave, or join is entirely their business. We object for our part to the VEC's interference in our Union's affairs. So it is quite correct for us to support the demand that the authorities should negotiate with the D.C.A.S.A. on their demands because it has complied with the law, as it now stands, in legally registering their union.

While supporting the right of the teachers to set up a union if they wish, we also supported their demands that teachers are paid a decent salary; that they have appropriate working and back-up facilities to do their job; that the Dublin V.E.C. Colleges are given immediate increase in finance for expansion of the Colleges and to cater properly for the students and staff who have to study and work in them.

The T.U.I. and the DCASA have basically similar positions on the above demands. However, while it is a matter of principle for us to support the teachers and their democratic organizations it is also entirely in line with our interests to do so. If the teachers in the DCASA do not get negotiations on their grievances then they will take strike action or other industrial action. The first step for them is to be recognized as speaking for a substantial number of teachers in the Dublin V.E.C. third level colleges (about a quarter of the total). They have already taken action on the issue of days off and holidays taking the mid-term break last week. They will be forced to interfere with the College exams and Easter holidays as well unless the department negotiates with them.

While not wishing to interfere in the teachers' affairs, we want to fill students in on the reasons why some of the teachers set up the new union. It is not for us to say whether it was the best way forward for them or that they should have sorts the issue within the T.U.I. some other way.

Last year the teachers in the Regional Technical Colleges (R.T.C.) sought new terms of employment similar to those enjoyed by the teachers in Cork RTC. At that time no mention was made about extending the new contract to the City of Dublin V.E.C. staff. When the negotiations were over the new contracts offered to the teachers were first rejected and then accepted but by a very small majority. Furthermore the deal was extended to the City of Dublin VEC Colleges. The Cork RTC students' union have told us that their teachers were not happy with the outcome either.

The new contract for the teachers was extended to the Dublin Colleges in a circular letter of Jan.,'80 from the Minister of Education. It meant that teachers at one grade in particular (Lecturer) new conditions of service imposed upon them. Their teaching duties were extended from 16 to 17 hours a week, they had all payments for exams stopped, they had their holidays changed (mid-term abolished, shorter holidays at Easter etc.) This coming on top of relatively bad pay - they are some €700 or so worse off than their equivalents in the new NIHE (Dublin) Colleges.

So while the Structures Agreement helped some teachers (see table below) it created worsened conditions for more. Also it seems that the teachers while still within the TUI took their case to the Irish Congress of Trade Unions complaining about what they considered to be wrong practise on the TUI's part in negotiating worse conditions for some - or their members. Many of them left the TUI and set up the D.C.A.S.A and refused to sign new contracts which is their right.

**ATTENTION**

Class & Soc. Rep!
S.U.C.

Thurs. 6th. Nov. 1.p.m. C28
Primary & Post-Primary Teachers

For many years the teachers at primary and post primary level of the education system numbering about 35,000 men and women, have sought a review of their basic salaries. During the last few months, and only by threatening strike action the teachers have had a review of their salaries and conditions of employment. The interim report from the government review body was described by the teachers as ‘insulting and disreputary’ and even the millionaire-owned pro-government national media admitted that at times it seemed to take more than it gave.

The teachers are represented by three unions - I.N.T.O. at primary level, A.S.T.I. at secondary level, and T.U.I. at post-primary (vocational) level. In their submissions to the Review Body the teachers sought a 30% pay rise in their basic scale which then stood at £4,713 rising to £7,594 after fifteen years. The T.U.I. estimated that this would mean a new scale starting at £8,667 rising to £10,412. On top of this the teachers sought higher allowances for qualifications like degrees and diplomas and more promotional posts. Their other major demand was that the length of time to reach the highest point on the basic scale should be reduced.

The Review Body report published on the 9th of this month recommended a new scale £8,667-£8,2000 (about 7½ rise), a reduction of from 13 to 13 years in incremental scale plus five new points for senior teachers to reward the long service of many teachers who are blocked from Principalships in the schools by the religious dominated education system. It did not recommend back payment to September ’79 as sought by the teachers.

The teachers were up in arms and threatened immediate strike action if in a week the Minister of Education didn’t come up with a better offer. He did – if only slightly better than before. The scale will now be £5,300 to £8,700 after fourteen years, this is in contrast with the teachers’ demand for approximately £6,500 to £10,500 after eleven years. With three years service on top point of the basic a teacher will get £8,150; four years later £9,650 and another four years £10,200. On top teachers will retain degree allowances, and posts of responsibility payments with which the Review Body wished to tamper.

The teachers are going to vote on the offer. For teachers with 10 years service on the maximum point (25 years in all) the rise is fairly large. But for junior teachers it is only about 12% to 17%, far short of the 30% demand. The other factor is that it takes far too long to reach a decent living salary. Any professional person after 10 years could expect the top salary now being offered the teachers after 25 years!

It is not certain whether teachers will accept or not but the position of the teachers is most just. They cannot and should not be expected to work for the honour and glory of their vocation and if they take strike action as the post workers were forced to or the Nurses have considered it would be justified. The constant blackmail of ‘ruining the country’ or ‘the innocent suffering’ held over the workers and in particular the public ‘servants’ should be opposed by all right thinking people. It is the successive governments that have ruined the country, sold-out its wealth to the avaricious foreign money bags for a song and made the dedicated nurses, teachers and other state employees pay for it!

SPORT

RUGBY, SOCCER & G.A.A.
Training sessions are taking place in the GYM (Linenhall) on Wednesday evenings Time: 5.00-7.00
New members welcome or Contact S.U. Sports Officer.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bolton St. Sailing Club won a Gi-Normous plaque last Monday the 27th Oct. on which our name will be put - Great Sailing Lads-

SWIMMING CLUB

We are trying to organise an hour in Kevin St.’s Pool. Their S.U. has agreed – all we need now is the agreement of their P.E. Officer.

Club organiser in Bolton St. is - Susan Dunne D1/2.
Watch the Notice-board for more details.
Bolton St. Students' Union held a very successful General Meeting on Thursday the 23rd October. Successful, because it was very well attended. So well in fact that one of the biggest complaints was that a lot of people couldn't squeeze their way in! Next time we will have the Papal tent!

The meeting was chaired by Brian Stone.

The first item on the Agenda was the proposed Union Programme. This was divided into three sections:

A. Union organisation.
B. College issues.
C. National and International issues.

A. The problem of lack of contact with apprentices and part-timers was discussed and Brendan Doris put it to the meeting that the only way to seriously tackle this problem was to elect a second full-time officer to serve for a 9 month period (Sept/May). A motion to this effect was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Background information was given on the capitation fee dispute and the latest developments. Brendan Doris explained that although we had given in the accounts, we still were not accepting the situation and that we were working with other students' Unions within the V.E.C. to effect a solution. He asked for the support of the meeting for this approach and a motion to this effect was passed unanimously. Still on the question of capitation, he informed the meeting that the V.E.C. had deducted £1,803 from last year's fees as a result of last year's "occupation" in protest against bad canteen and library facilities. A full break-down of the "bill" was given and it was pointed out that it wasn't subject to any appeal. A motion condemning the V.E.C. for withholding this money and demanding its immediate return was passed with one abstention.

Tommy Graham outlined the weaknesses of the present constitution and made some suggestions as to how it could be strengthened. One of these suggestions was the changing of the present definition of the Union as a "service" organisation to that of a "defense" organization. Other suggestions involved the new allocation of responsibilities of Executive members and the reconstruction of S.U.C. A motion instructing S.U.C. to set up a sub-committee to examine the constitution and re-draft it was passed with a large majority.

B. The meeting was given information on the lack of facilities in the College especially with regard to the Library. The V.E.C's budget this year was cut by £1 m. although the College Principal managed to get £50,000 to re-decorate the place a bit and the School of Trades had been given £400,000 to buy another building to house the "wet" trades. The examination system, which is especially bad in surveying, was discussed and the view expressed that students are right to complain when they are unjustly treated.

There are problems in certain courses in all sections of the College and specific examples in Architecture, Engineering trades and metal fabrication were mentioned. The President informed the meeting that course meetings would be held in the Engineering and Surveying Departments. A successful one in Architecture had already been held.

C. The most pressing item under national and international affairs is the Finance for Education Campaign (more in another article in the paper) and a motion instructing to discuss this in more detail was passed with a large majority. Also discussed was the whole question of grants and accommodation.

Brendan Doris then gave an account of the problems within U.S.I., on its policies and organizational difficulties. He said that this Union should set an example for other Unions by genuinely discussing the important issues facing students. He stated his intention of standing for the Presidency of U.S.I. and this was supported by acclaimation by the meeting.

The next item on the Agenda was the Union Budget. After Brendan Doris had given a full explanation it was passed unanimously.

The issue that undoubtedly attracted most interest at the meeting was that of the teachers' dispute. (Full background in another article in the paper). Teachers from
The Sport

Events usually take place in any piece of rough open ground that has been suitably mapped. In Ireland most events take place in the various forests planted by the State and its a 'Sunday Game'. Two-day week-end events occur now and then.

To take part one dons any old clothes which give good protection or a tracksuit. The idea is to follow a set course round the forest against the clock. This course is defined by markers (controls) where one finds card-punchers to prove that one visited them. The "kick" is finding a control where you expected it to be is Al. Courses vary in length, height to be climbed, difficulty in locating control features etc., and are graded in difficulty from A to E or F. There is also usually a wayfarers course for beginners. All competitors must carry a whistle for safety reasons and anyone hearing a whistle must stop and render assistance to person in distress (though such occurrences are rare).

Most of us have basic map-reading skills from school and good orienteering only requires a development of these along with quick thinking, decision making and masochistic tendencies when taking short cuts. However, not many of us ever attain or wish to attain such heights. Herein lies the beauty of orienteering i.e., that people of widely differing ages, levels of fitness and ambition can derive equal enjoyment by choosing a suitable course and then putting as much or as little effort into it as wished.

The Club

The Club in Bolton St. has been in existence for about four years. The membership has been reasonably small but dedicated. Most of us tend not to take the sport too seriously and view it as a nice day sport in the woods, trampling the sunlight glades, sampling sparkling streams, getting stuck in painful positions on barbed wire fences (or whatever have you), retiring, pleasantly tired to the car park for a bite of lunch, dropping in for a pint or two on the way home etc. etc.

We generally tend to go on seven or eight events over the year (a few possible dates are listed.)

We are affiliated to the Irish Orienteering Assoc. and have fairly close links with similar clubs in T.C.D. and U.C.D. with whom we sometimes share the cost of a bus for transport, which is the main cost in orienteering. Here the subsidy from our S.U. helps out.

Finally, for anyone who is interested in coming along with us to an event (s), they will be very welcome and they should either keep an eye out for posters for meetings held prior to events or contact one of the following:-

Frank Keogh .. A3
Willie McKeen .. A3
Barry Dalby .. B.26

POSSIBLE DATES FOR 1980

23rd Nov. at Clanebeg
14th Dec. at Ballinahinch

Photographic Society

Anyone interested in joining leave their name in the S.U. office or contact -
Fergal Quigley

Watch Out For Notices
Hi Fans!

Bolton St. Rocks. Feedback from the first two lunchtime concerts at the Kinema augers well for the future. Scenes of ecstatic fans tapping their feet and nodding their heads rhythmically to the snappy tunes of the CARBON UNITS and the near riotous scenes of mass adulation at the LIDS the following week.

This week, November 5th, KATMANDU have agreed to play a date. KATMANDU, although originally from the North of Ireland have now settled in Dublin where they have residences in a number of pubs, including the Sportsman's Inn and the Baggot. They have appeared on television on a number of occasions and had a minor success with their first single "Australia". KATMANDU have been perhaps the most successful of the home based bands this year and built up a large following, thus a good crowd is expected on Wednesday, so come early.

The following week sees a concert from the SOUL SURVIVORS already acclaimed rock stars on the Navan Road and in Holland. Their particular blend of Rhythm and Blues is guaranteed to put the sparks under anybody's feet even in this damp weather.

Enough has been said elsewhere about the gig of the year, suffice to say that the performance of the VERGE in a marquee on top of Bray Head one rainy evening in June shook the Dublin music scene by storm (who said Bray was in Co. Wicklow). Coverage by Joe Breen in the Irish Times and Dave Fanning on his Radio Programme 'Popperama' (for older teenagers) gave music fans only a snip of what comes later. We have now lapsed to a time when live rock music in Ireland's capital resorts to the Miami Showband in the Mansion House. However, this is only the calm before the storm. See the VERGE live in the Kinema (C.28) on 19th November.

Also upcoming are the SPIES who comprise all of the members who played in the Dark - that is before the lights went out. They had a hit with a bright and airy tune during the summer with - 'Thinking About the Sun'. Catch a glimpse of them later on this month.

Good news for Traditional fans is that that well known Cork musicians and song archivist Jimmy Crowley and well known balladeer Mick Hanly, both of whom gave excellent performances in Lisdoonvarna will be playing in December.

FOOTNOTE Apologies to those who paid to see the last 5 or 10 minutes of the LIDS. The band had started late and it was understood that they would play until about 2.20 p.m. but they had to curtail their set due to a broken guitar string.

See you Wednesday.

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Film Society

Looking for Mr. Goodbar

Banned in Ireland - 'Looking for Mr. Goodbar' destroys the immunity that has been set up by many people to to-day's explicit sex and violence in film and on TV.

The film follows the trail of Theresa Dunn (played by Diane Keaton) a school teacher who by night goes to singles bars to make pick-ups, ultimately being raped by her partner for the night (a homosexual) and stabbed to death.

The Deerhunter

Panoramic story of 3 Steel-workers going through the trials of Vietnam War. One of the best films of the 'seventies'.

Start 6.30 p.m.

P.S. Any member interested in helping out with Film Society please contact the S.U. office.