

# Holding Classes Outdoors

By Virginia Robinson

Every year when the weather begins warming up and especially during intersession and summer school, talk of holding classes out of doors is heard.

Are outdoor classes a pleasure? Certainly not for the instructor who must repeat part of his lecture two or three times just because a truck came by at the wrong moment, or because of some other occurrence which made it impossible for his students to hear him or which attracted the students' interests.

How much pleasure does it offer the student who has to sit for a period of three or one and one half hours with his buttocks on the damp, hard ground, a cramp in his foot, and the rest of his body bent over a notebook held on his lap?

Many times too the temperature in the classroom is much cooler than the temperature outdoors. How impractical is the situation where the teacher can't use blackboards and a student refuses to raise his hand to ask a question because of the fear that one quick motion could cause his text and notebook to go flying and the bug he had cornered to get away.

In an interview with the Dean of the Business Administration School, Dean Gulski said that in theory he was all for outdoor classes in a good place and at a good time. It's just that at Bryant we don't have very many if any good places or good times. A shaded, grassy area would be perfect for an outdoor class, but the only place having these properties is a small section of the campus on the side of South Hall. With just this one space available, not very many could indulge in the "pleasure" of outdoor classes. Once in a while would be all right, but not as a steady diet.

## WHETHER OR WEATHER

By Virginia Robinson

There is an expression that "Everyone talks about the weather and no one does anything about it." Yet, if one could do something about it to one's own advantage, would one expend the little energy it would require?

The Archway, as a student organization, can only be as strong and active as the support it receives from the students of Bryant College. This support can take many forms. It can be simple student interest. If there is some sport, activity, or phase of student life here at Bryant of interest to you and to other students that we here at the Archway have hitherto glossed over or have not noticed, please drop us a note or let us know about it. The Archway is your newspaper and functions for your benefit. Not to borrow a good advertising slogan, but we do try harder!

Support from the student body can also take the form of editorials and letters to the editors. The editorial policy of the Archway is clearly stated under the list of staff members. The policy states: "It is the Archway policy to publish any signed article involving differences of opinion between debating parties. Any news submitted will be printed if it has been proved to be factually true and is written in such a way that the author does not irresponsibly try for personal reasons to injure any person, group, or organization that he is writing about." The editorial policy is not meant to be a checkrein on student expression, but merely a guide for the best interests of all concerned. The Archway is designed to carry news and be a spokesman for many, but a mouthpiece for none.

Again, if the "weather" does not suit you and you have some constructive criticisms, don't just sit and talk about it. Do something about it. Are there questions that we at the Archway can

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Mrs. Phyllis Porter, surrounded by latest office equipment, compares it with typewriters used in 1942.

## Ralph Petrarca '37 New Insurance Commissioner

Governor John H. Chafee swore in Ralph A. Petrarca as Insurance Commissioner for the State on Thursday, June 15, 1967, at 10:00 a.m. in ceremonies at the State House. Mr. Petrarca succeeded Warren R. Campbell, who resigned.

Mr. Petrarca, 37, holds a B.S. degree in accounting and finance from Bryant College. He was in the class of 1956. He is a licensed public accountant and a partner in the West Warwick-based firm of Nardella, Carley, and Petrarca.

Mr. Petrarca said that upon taking over his new position, he will disassociate himself from the insurance agency in his business and turn in his insurance broker's license.

Mr. Petrarca served with the U. S. Army from 1951 to 1954, seeing duty in Japan. He was for four years a councilman in the City of Warwick and served as Republican minority leader on the council in 1965-66. He was candidate for Mayor in the City in 1966.

Mr. Petrarca is married to the former Catherine Santo and they have three children: Natalie, 9; Vincent, 8; and Anthony, 2.

The salary for insurance commissioner is \$12,000. The position is in the Department of Business Regulation. Robert M. Schacht is Director.

Using electric typewriters is an excellent way to learn how to type, but has produced one problem: Many students seeking employment have refused jobs which require the use of manual typewriters. The Secretarial Department has become aware of this, and has instituted a course at the end of each program which will enable the student to convert her ability to the manual typewriter.

Everyone concerned with Bryant College sincerely thanks the Alumni Association for their great help in making the Secretarial Department the most advanced in the nation. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Dean Mercier and Mrs. Porter for their extensive help in obtaining all necessary information.

## Alumni and Federal Grant Makes Modernization of Typewriting Lab Possible

By John Ernst

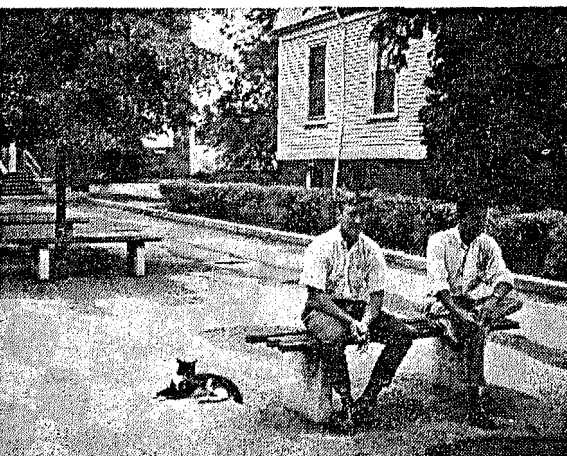
Bryant has always managed to keep up with the business world, but recently we have jumped ahead of it. The Secretarial Department is the best equipped in the country, thanks to the benevolence of the Alumni Association and a federal grant. Exactly 178 various models of new typewriters have been added to the school's Kilcup Hall, making a total of 200 electric typewriters in all. Some colleges may claim to have more typewriters, but none can claim the quality and exclusiveness found in the machines used at Bryant.

Very few businesses in the world have seen, let alone are using, the amazing innovations which have been introduced to typing through the use of these mechanisms. Along with twenty-two previously purchased electric typewriters, twenty-eight IBM Standard Electrics (model D) have been added to one room in Kilcup. The model D is probably the most recent and efficient typewriter on the market in that it has been offered to the public for only one month. In the next room, fifty of Underwood's best and newest electric typewriters can be found. Twenty-five new Remingtons and twenty-five Smith Coronas make up the typing equipment used in a third room.

The fourth room contains, what is in my opinion, twenty-

five of the most amazing typewriters found anywhere, and they merit some explanation. They are known as the IBM Selectrics and consist of the first major innovations in typing in quite some time. Unlike conventional typewriters, the type is found on an easily interchangeable ball which rotates as one types. Although the machine itself is extremely expensive, the ball can be inexpensively replaced with different styles of type to suite anyone's typing needs. The other twenty-five typewriters found in this room are Royal's best. As you can see, our Secretarial Department is not only fantastically equipped, but it is also well diversified, allowing students to test their ability on different machines which may be encountered in business.

While Dean Mercier was orienting me as to the uses of these newly acquired machines, I had the pleasure of meeting a charming lady named Mrs. Phyllis Porter, who taught shorthand and dictation at Bryant from 1940 through 1942, and who is now an extremely efficient legal secretary in Salt Lake City, Utah. Even Mrs. Porter, who is familiar with every aspect of secretarial work, expressed her enthusiasm for the efficiency and ease of these typewriters.



Wild animal is trained and takes part in outdoor study period.

## Michael Borcuk, Bryant 1951 Grad Invents Ice Anchor



Michael W. Borcuk, a member of the Providence Fire Department since 1956, has invented a handy safety device which is very useful in ice rescue work. His patented ICE ANCHOR is small enough to be carried in a coat pocket or the glove compartment of a car—ready for immediate use when the necessity arises.

A rescuer can imbed the ICE ANCHOR into the nearby solid ice with his foot, and then throw an attached line to the victim who fell through thin ice into water. Bracing his foot against the ANCHOR, the rescuer then can use both hands on the line to help pull the victim out of the water to the safety of solid ice, without fear of the rescuer being pulled into the icy water by the victim.

By using two ICE ANCHORS, one in each hand, a rescuer can lay prone on a ladder or plank—to distribute his weight over a wider area than when standing—and then dig the ANCHORS into the ice ahead of him and pull himself forward over the weak ice, thus to more safely approach and rescue the victim in the water.

This new safety device is simple enough for a youngster to use; and with it a young rescuer is capable of helping the victim onto solid ice, even though the victim might weigh three or four times more than the young rescuer.

With this unique safety device a person who falls through thin ice can dig the ICE ANCHOR into the ice ahead of him and pull himself forward out of the water to a prone position on more solid ice; then while laying prone on the ice he could continue to "dig and pull" until he has pulled himself to ice that is thick enough to support his full

## The American Scholar Essay Contest

"The destiny of any nation, at any given time, depends on the opinions of its young men under twenty-five."—Goethe

The American Scholar announces an essay contest for young writers—under twenty-five years of age. The winning essays will be published in the Autumn, 1967, issue, a Special Issue on Youth, which will feature a Symposium on the New and Old Left, in which Tom Hayden and Ivanhoe Donaldson confront Dwight Macdonald and Richard Rovere.

The Editors impose no restrictions on subject matter, but they hope that the contest will elicit lively, perceptive, and candid articles of opinion on a wide range of topics representative of the interests and concerns of today's under twenty-five generation. Three prizes will be awarded:

FIRST PRIZE—\$300

SECOND PRIZE—\$150

THIRD PRIZE—\$75

All manuscripts must be received by or before July 15, 1967. Any contestant who is, at this closing date, no more than twenty-five years of age is eligible. Contestants may submit as many manuscripts as they wish, but each must be within the range of 2,000 to 3,000 words. Although an article may have been previously published, no article for which an honorarium has been paid is eligible for an award.

Three typed copies of each manuscript should be submitted, clearly addressed to THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR ESSAY CONTEST, 1811 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. If a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed, one copy of each essay will be returned after the contest winners have been announced.

weight when standing up; since any attempt to stand on the thinner ice near the edge of the hole immediately upon coming out of the water could mean a sudden plunge back into the water.

Mr. Borcuk, a native of Windsor, Vermont, has made Providence his home since his graduation from Bryant College in 1951. He spent many winter days during his early childhood ice skating, fishing through the ice, and walking across frozen ponds. He learned early the hazards of thin ice. An avid ice fisherman still, he realized the need for a sturdy and compact rescue and safety device which is now embodied in his ICE ANCHOR that has been specifically designed for use in ice rescue work—though, in fact, it also has other uses.

THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR, published quarterly by Phi Beta Kappa, announces an Essay Contest for Young Writers. The award-winning articles will be published in a Special Issue on Youth to be published in October.

Anyone twenty-five or under on July 15, 1967, the closing date for entries, is eligible. The editors have placed no restrictions on subject matter, hoping that the contest will elicit stimulating and challenging articles of opinion on the interests and concerns of the under twenty-five generation. Three prizes will be awarded: first prize \$300; second prize \$150; third prize \$75.

The Youth Issue, in addition to the prize-winning essays, will feature articles by student leaders and by distinguished scholars and writers on today's youth; Confrontation—a symposium on the Old Left and the New, in which Tom Hayden, Ivanhoe Donaldson, Richard Rovere and Dwight Macdonald discuss differences in the political views and motivations of today and of the thirties; comments by the new young critics on recent books by young authors.

Those who are ineligible under the contest rules are invited to submit articles for consideration at regular publication rates for the special Autumn issue. For further details, write to THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR, 1811 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

NOTE: Complete contest rules are enclosed. Additional copies of the rules may be obtained by writing Betsy Brandt, THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR, 1811 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

## Sigma Lambda Pi Fraternity News

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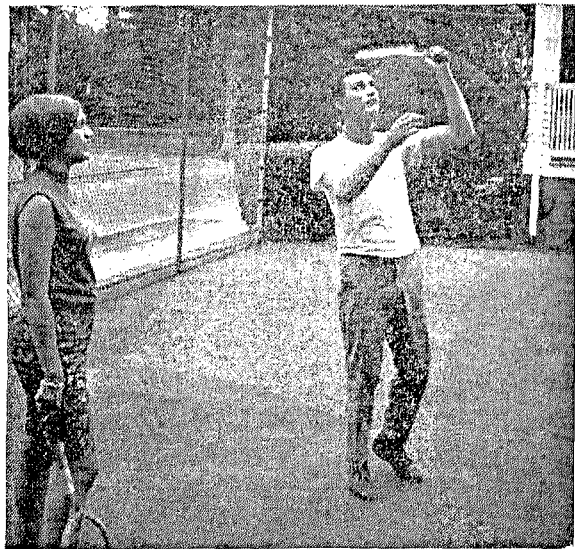
By Vendy

The Brothers of SLP would like to extend their best wishes to the Five Fishes that are getting married over this summer. Another school year went by and we all got a little older and wiser we hope. Plans for next year's Sno' Queen are already in the making. This will prove to be even bigger and better. It was nice to see a lot of the brothers at school for intersession. Brother Larry Fein held a party on the Island that was a real rocking time for all that attended. It's good to see our Puerto Rico representative back at school for the summer session.

The Brothers of Sigma Lambda Pi Fraternity extend their congratulations to all the 1967 Bryant College graduates.

"See youse guys in September."

## Time Out from Studies



Linda DeFalco receives instruction from one of the Bryant Pro's.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Pay for a Holiday?

By John Dix

What is the purpose of having an additional day's recess over the July 4th holiday when the class time has to be made up at a direct disadvantage to the student? Most of the students attending the summer session find it necessary to work after class and with the lighter schedule of the summer, a job is easier to handle. Because of this change in the planned schedule of class hours, those members of the student body who do work find that this sudden improvisation is annoying and interferes with their planned activities on the job.

This arbitrary decision to make up the class time missed by holding late classes was not the preference of the majority of the summer session students. Most were neither asked for their ideas on the matter nor informed as to the proposed change. Why make up the time in the afternoon when, with better planning, the classes might have been scheduled to run with fluidity until July 24th instead of the announced date for the end of the session?

The students are not alone in their scheduling problem, however, for many of the faculty members have planned activities for those afternoons.

To some of us among the student body, the price of the additional day's vacation was too high both in terms of hours lost on jobs and in terms of inconvenience. We here feel that decisions such as this, while made obviously with the students in mind, should have been announced earlier and put to those affected before being finalized.

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answer for you or policies or procedures that we may make clear? We, the Archway staff, are only students and have not the gift of clairvoyance. We can only make the Archway do what we think you want it to do until you let us know otherwise.

In summary, the question is whether you, the student body approve of the "weather" the way it is, or whether apathy is so strong that "everyone" just "talks."

Answer from Dean Gulski

Isn't it characteristic of all of us to complain when a program does not fit into our own scheme of things? And perhaps it is a good thing to blow off steam by writing an editorial! Even in a democracy where every voter has his say on Election Day, forty-eight percent of the people are unhappy because fifty-two percent of the voters did not agree with them! So it would be in College, were it to be run as a democracy.

However, just to state some of the facts: A fair number of teachers were contacted in advance of the decision. Without exception they agreed to the plan. Requests from the dormitory presidents were a factor in the Administration's decision. Many offices and plants were on vacation or on skeleton schedules and students were desirous of joining their families for a long weekend.

To meet the semester hours requirement it was necessary to make up the time. This could have been done on a Saturday—you can hear the screams now. It could have been an extension of the last week—grades would not be available to certify graduates on time. The method chosen was deemed to be the least obnoxious.

When you are in an administrative capacity some day and try to please everyone, you can recall this situation and scream—or laugh!