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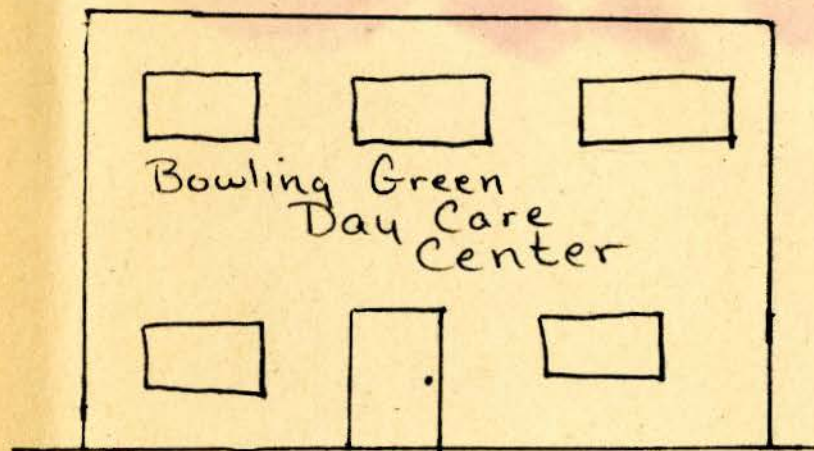
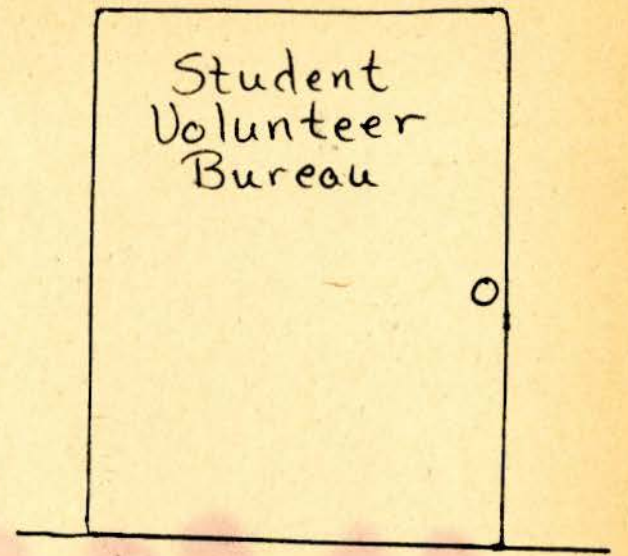
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Once upon a time a group of girls called Gamma Sigma Sigma were looking for a new and interesting service project. They went to the Student Volunteer Bureau and ask them for any ideas. They suggested going to the Bowling Green Day Care Center.



The service chairman Nancy went there and ask<sup>if</sup> she could help in any way. She was told that the children enjoyed books, films and crafts. Nancy went to the Education Dept. and got some craft ideas and suggested books. A letter was also sent to faculty members for any spare books.

Gamma Sigma Sigma  
Service Sorority  
P.O. Box U202  
W.K.U.

Dear Western Faculty:

Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority is in the process of establishing a learning center at Bowling Green Day Care Center. It was brought to our attention that these federally funded day care centers in Bowling Green were lacking in materials to work with preschool children. As college students in a service organization, we are interested in collecting learning materials which would be helpful in preparing these preschool children for school. They are primarily from underprivileged homes. Their only access to books, learning games, etc., is through the Day Care centers which they attend.

We would like to ask the Faculty's cooperation in collecting materials for this center. The ages we are concerned with range from two to six years. Any of the following are needed: nice picture and story books, workbooks, educational posters, games, etc. Until we have books (or raise funds to purchase books), we plan to check out books and films from Western's library. We look forward to the day when the Day Care center will have a collection of their own.

Any help that you can give will be greatly appreciated. We are sending out approximately 600 letters and if each person donated one new or used book we would certainly feel that our effort is worthwhile.

If you have any questions and/or donations contact:

Nancy Sanders (Service Chairman) . . . 748-2271  
Cathy Ashby (President) . . . . . 748-5531  
Mrs. Juanita Dickson (Advisor) . . . . 745-3593 or 843-6278  
Elementary Education Dept.  
Mrs. Rose Davis (Advisor) . . . . . 745-3951 or 843-8772  
Library Services

Sincerely,

*Nancy Sanders*

Nancy Sanders  
Service Chairman

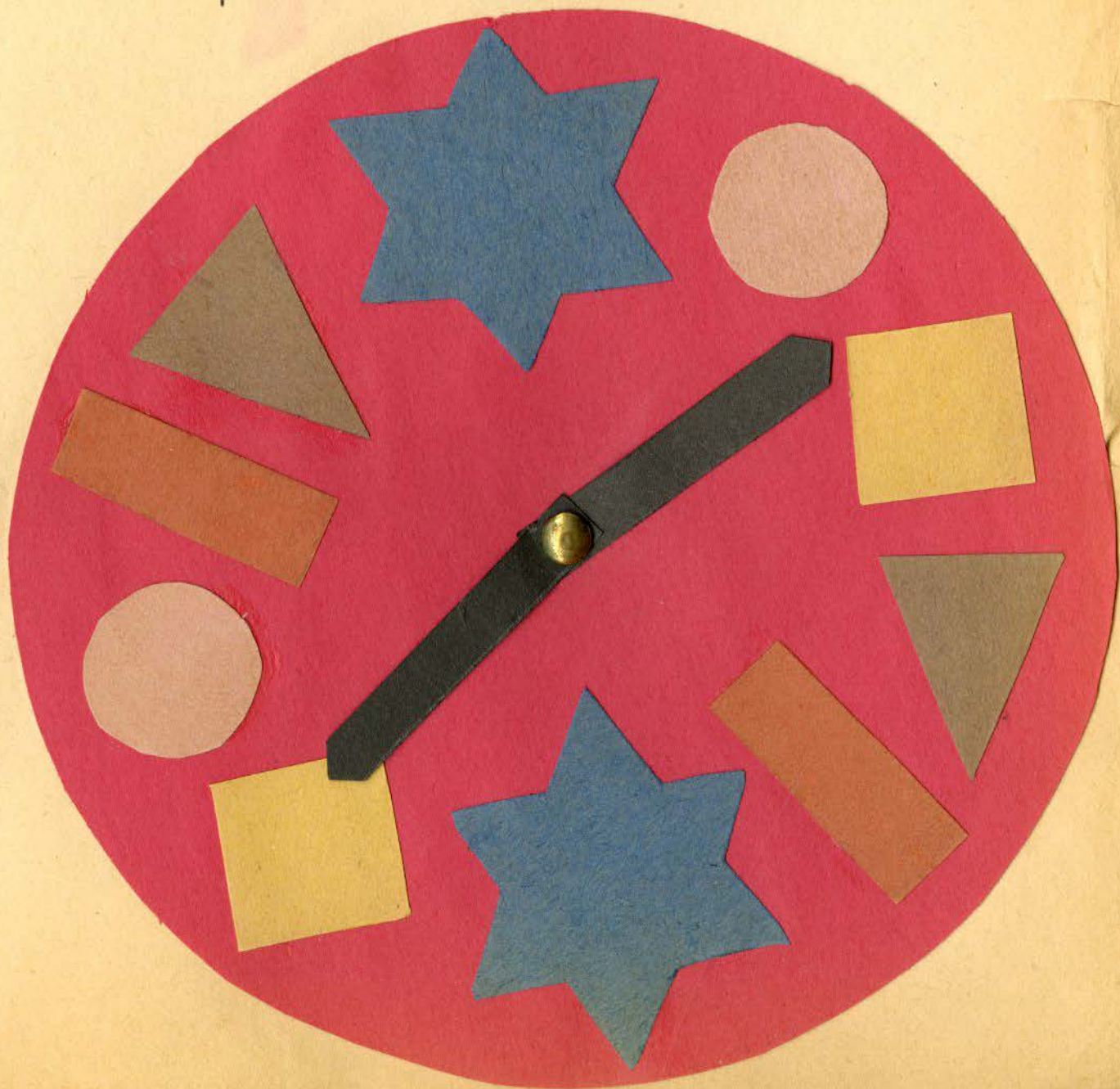
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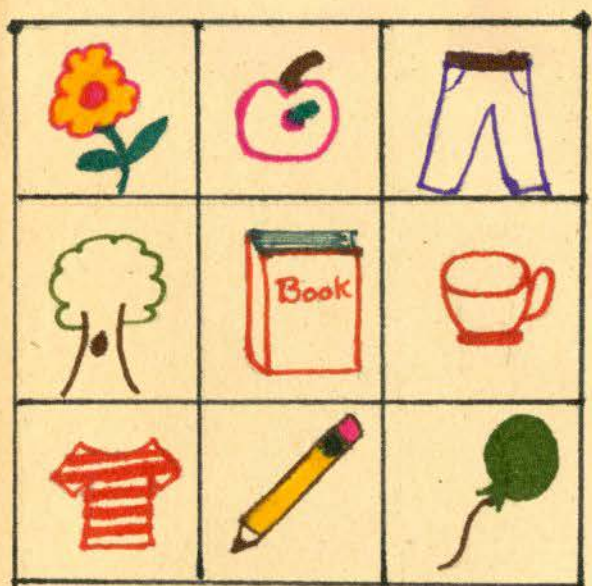
The first visit to the Day Care Center was a learning experience for both the children and the Gamma Sigs. For the first 30 minutes the children were divided into groups of 3 and 4 and one Gamma Sig read to them. Then a shape clock was made out of construction paper. Each child made their own with the help of the Gamma Sigs. The shapes were precut at a craft hour.



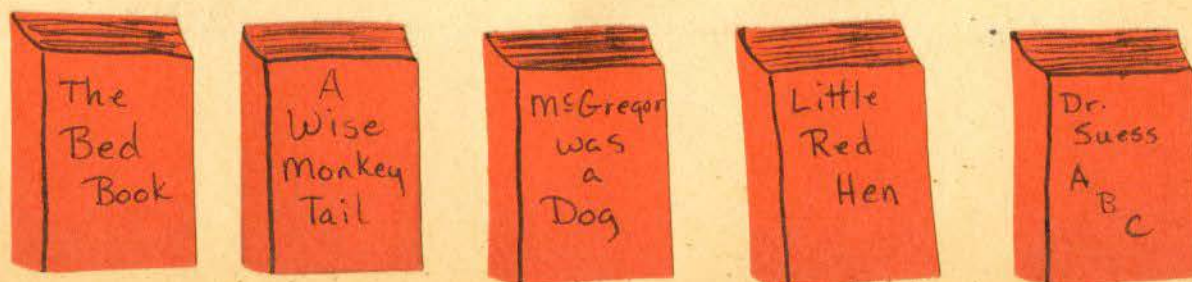
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The second visit was even better than the last. The children were recognizing familiar faces and felt more comfortable. The story books were read for the first half hour. Then the children and the Gamma Sigs played games called Lotto



which are a lot like Bingo. There are pictures of different objects on each child's card which are matched with the cards drawn.



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The third visit the storybooks were read again. for the first half of the visit. Then all the 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds were put together and they all watched a couple of filmstrips. The filmstrips were about families, nature and animals. After the films a couple of Gamma Sigs made alphabet letters with their bodies. The children guess the letter and then made the letter themselves.

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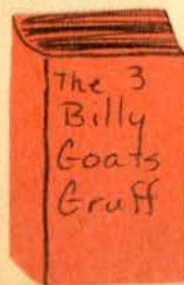
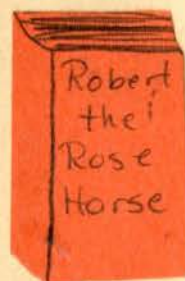
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The fourth visit was actually a review session. The children were read to for 30 minutes. Then the Lotto games were played again



and the children were much better this time. After the children got tired of the games some of the Gamma Sigs taught some motion songs such as "Little Cabin in the Woods" and others.



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The next visit we celebrated the president's birthdays. The books that were read, were about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Then the children made log cabins with pretzels and small milk cartons. The children glued each pretzel on all the sides. When they finished the cabins they sang the songs that were learned from the week before.



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The Little Train

The Three Bears



I am a Mouse

Mickey's Magnet



The sixth visit was a treat for everyone. Three mass communication students gave a puppet show. They had a stage set up and the puppets did skits, and sang songs. The children talked to the puppets and really enjoyed it. While the children were waiting for their parents everyone divided into groups and read.

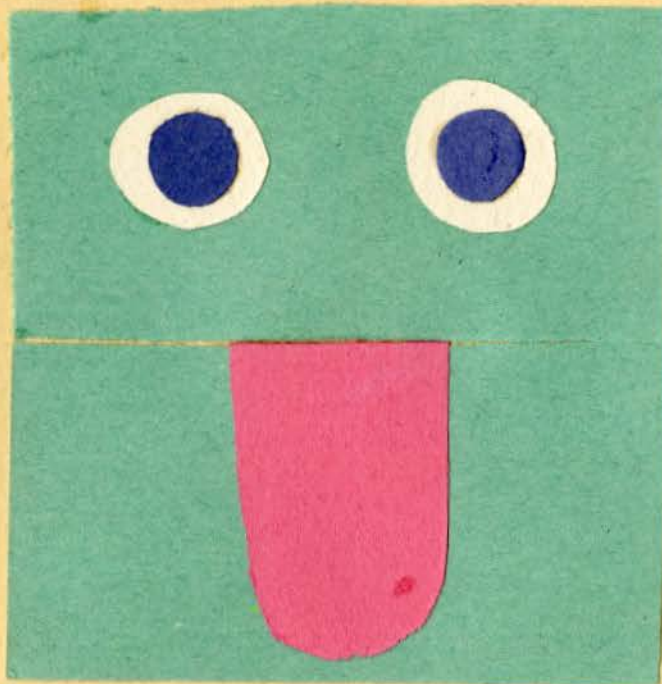
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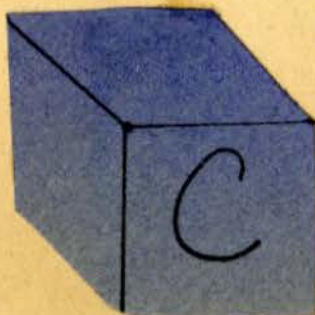
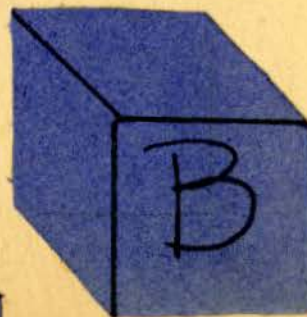
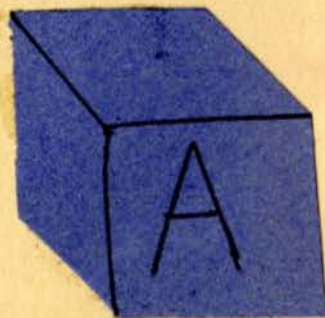
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The seventh visit the books were read for the first half hour. Then the children made puppets out of milk cartons and construction paper. The milk cartons were



split in half and faces were glued on. The children played with their puppets and tried to make them act like the puppets they had seen the week before.



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The next visit was the week before Easter. One of the Gamma Sigs read a story to several of the children about an Easter bunny. Then the children made chickens out of styrofoam egg cartons. The egg cartons were cut in half and eyes, beaks and feathers were glued on. Grass and candy eggs were placed in the bottom of the cartons.

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# Day care fun



Every Wednesday afternoon the "big kids" come over to play.

They read and romp and sing and play games just like the "little kids" at the Bowling Green Day Care Center at 516 Third St.

It's hard to say who has the most fun on those afternoons—the members of the Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority at Western Kentucky University or the enthusiastic bunch of 3- to 5-year-olds they come to teach.

"Truth be known, I think we get more out of it than the kids do," Cathy Ashby, a junior from Auburn and president of the sorority, said about the chapter's project for the cause of literacy.

Miss Ashby said the volunteers try to interest the

children in word games and projects and in reading or listening to stories. When young attention spans waver, the Western students resort to tumbling, singing and giving piggyback rides.

"As of yet, I haven't seen anything they don't want to do. Their favorite thing is just to be near bigger people," Miss Ashby said.

Nobody gets left out of word games that involve songs and hand signs (left). Melba Lee George, a Cottontown, Tenn., senior, and Sue Ann Murray, an Augusta sophomore, lead the whole gang in the fun.

Four-year-old Ronald Walrath Jr. (below, left) decides it's his turn to read for a while, as he tries to convince Deborah Raye Shoemaker, a Russellville sophomore.

Seldom passive, the children tumble with Gamma Sigma Sigma member Donna Galloway (below, center). "They love the attention...They really like physical contact," said the Bowling Green sophomore, no less enthusiastic herself.

A quieter moment (below, right) was shared by Vickie Dukes, a Greenville senior, and three eager readers. The 3-year-olds, left to right, are Donna Walrath, daughter of Ronald Walrath; Kelly Parker, son of April Parker; and Melissa Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper.

Jared Young, (right) 5-year-old son of Sandy Young, offers for inspection his log cabin, newly created of pretzel sticks, glue and a milk carton.





The Day Care Center visits were more worthwhile than the Gamma Sigs could have imagined. The visits will continue throughout the semester, each with a new experience both for the children and the Gamma Sigs. The reading, singing, working and playing were a learning experience for all those involved.

