

'Ma' Gates' Visit Lasts 21 Years

By GRETA WEAVER

Shortly before the end of last semester, the brothers (and pledges) of Sigma Nu fraternity were a pretty sad bunch. But not because of examinations. "Ma" Gates, housemother of the local chapter for over 21 years, collapsed from a heart attack. Things weren't the same with "Ma" not around.

But by the end of January, "Ma" Gates had recovered, and was back again with "her boys."

"Ma," Mrs. Blanche Gates, came to the local chapter as housemother in the fall of 1929, as she says, "just until they could get someone else." But "Ma" stayed to become endeared to the hearts of over 600 brothers in the years that followed. Her many acts of understanding and her wise advice are proof of her genuine love for boys and her devotion to her "adopted" family.

Mrs. Gates is herself the mother of ten children. "I had six boys myself so a few hundred or so more only made life that much more worth while for me," she says.

White Star Is Favorite Gift

"Ma's" most treasured gift from her "sons" is the White Star of Sigma Nu, which she received on her tenth anniversary with the fraternity. Of all the women who wear the pin of Sigma Nu, none could be more proud of it than she is. "When I die that pin goes with me," she tells the members.

During the war the chapter gave its house over to the Navy, and Ma spent what she says were two of the loneliest years of her life. She read and re-read the chapter's newsletters, telling of the whereabouts of her boys in the far corners of the globe.

"Ma" remembers all of the chapter's alums who have gone on to distinguish themselves in professions or business. "I could always spot the ones that would



"MA" GATES and her boys. Shown left to right are James Wharton, "Ma," Joseph Rosshirt, and Owen Wilkinson. Mrs. Gates has been Sigma Nu housemother for nearly 22 years.

go far," she says. "Some of 'em just had that look about them."

Lectures Pledges

"Ma" enjoys kidding the pledges when they neglect pledge duties. And she really knows how to deliver sermons to those who break the rules.

A few years ago at Christmas time, the chapter presented her with a radio for her room. Never at a loss for words when she is bragging to others about the men, she is always unable to say anything when she is brought from the kitchen to receive her Christmas gift.

"Ma" watched in silence as her present was being unwrapped. As the radio was brought out of its carton, she stood staring at it, unable to speak. Suddenly she turned, and with tears rolling down her wrinkled cheeks, she said, "Thank you, boys... thanks for everything."

But it is to "Ma" herself that

the Sigma Nu's give their thanks, for she has been more than just a fraternity housemother to almost a generation of Sigma Nu's... she has become an institution.

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Delta Delta sorority initiated Barbara Benck, Joan Davies, Phyllis Esrey, Nancy Fry, Janice Glatfelter, Nancy Moncton, Lora Riley and Rosemary Scott.

The initiation climaxed Delta Week for actives and pledges. Main features of the week were a Devil's Party, the Bunny party and dinner at the Allencrest.

IM Program Begins Contest For WRA Cup

Competition for the first WRA Participation cup started last night as the intramural and bowling tournaments got under way for the spring semesters.

The purpose of the cup as stated by WRA is "to give recognition to teams participating in all the WRA activities, which are not necessarily the strongest contenders for the Intramural Cup; to show appreciation for their cooperation for continued participation in all the activities."

The cup will be awarded in the spring to the team who has had the largest total of members participating in intramural sports, acting in the capacity of timers and scorers, officiating the intramural contests, and participating actively in the club program. Statistics on which the award will be based are those derived from WRA attendance cards.

Originally, a cup was to have been awarded for the fall semester, but the WRA intramural board at a meeting Thursday night decided not to make the award since many of the participating groups knew nothing about the award, and had not filled out the necessary attendance cards.

Alpha Xi Delta

Eight women were initiated by Alpha Xi Delta sorority on Sunday morning. They include Charlotte Bean, Barbara Charles, Dolores D'Onofrio, Ruth Freed, a Devil's Party, the Bunny Nest party and dinner at the Allencrest.

Triangle

Triangle fraternity initiated the following men on Sunday: Charles R. Webb Jr., Charles E. C. Miller, L. Paul Stine Jr., Willard P. Dye Jr., Ronald D. Kinsey, Donald L. Brainerd, Lowell C. Minor, Allan R. Brooks, Kenneth E. Baublitz, Cly Armond Shelley, and Donald R. Houk.

Albert P. Powell, professor of electrical engineering, spoke to brothers and new initiates at a banquet which followed the ceremony.

Delta Sigma Phi

New pledges of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity are Ned Shields, Donald Van Erp, Donald Davis, Jeff Gray, and Jerome Clauser.

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