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President’s Message

We are kicking off another exciting year for Gamma Sigma Delta. We are trying something new this spring as we recognize outstanding undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and in the College of Education and Human Sciences. The names of those students who have achieved high academic achievement will be listed in the Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter as well as in the Daily Nebraskan. In addition, GSD will recognize the Outstanding Senior and Underclassperson. Gamma Sigma Delta takes great pride in recognizing outstanding academic achievements of our undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska. One of the benefits of being a member is in getting to know these wonderful individuals who accomplish great academic success. As a member of the board these past few years I can honestly say that the students are appreciative of this honor.

Each fall we induct new members into the Association. New member inductees include undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and staff, as well as alumni. I want to encourage all members of GSD to participate in this nomination process. I have always felt great pride in being a member of Gamma Sigma Delta as we are one of the more active honorary societies in the country, as well as on campus. We need to ensure as current members we need to ensure our honorary society remains strong by recognizing and nominating outstanding individuals. The nomination forms will be in the Fall Newsletter so please keep an eye out for it.

In this newsletter there is the information on renewing your membership. We are only as strong as our membership. Here are a few reasons why you should renew your membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. The primary reason to renew your membership is due to what Gamma Sigma Delta is all about. The objectives of Gamma Sigma Delta is include the advancement of agriculture in all phases; the maintenance and improvement of the relations of agriculture and human sciences to other industries; and the recognition of the responsibilities of those engaged in all aspects of agriculture and human sciences to humankind. Our Society seeks to encourage high standards of scholarship and worthy achievements in all areas of agricultural and the human sciences, as well as a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits. The human science component of
President’s Message, continued
Gamma Sigma Delta include clothing and textiles; nutrition and health sciences; and family/youth and children. Other reasons to stay active in GSD include:

- Recognition of your outstanding academic achievement at the annual Awards and Initiation Banquet
- Recognition of achievements in your specialty field
- Annual GSD Seminar in September focusing on an emerging topic in agriculture and human sciences
- Expanded knowledge of agriculture and human sciences
- Opportunity to participate and contribute to the University of Nebraska chapter activities
- Eligibility for awards in research, teaching, and extension
- Making and sharing professional contacts
- Chapter newsletters

This year’s Board is dedicated to make it a wonderful year for the University of Nebraska GSD Chapter. I hope to see you at the Annual Seminar and Business Meeting. Keep checking your email for updates on it as we are planning an exciting session for you. In addition, at the end of October, we will be having our annual Initiation and Awards Banquet. It truly is one of the highlights of the year. I hope you can come and join all of us in recognizing our colleagues for their outstanding achievements and to initiate new members into our Society.

Finally, included in this newsletter are the names of the executive board and the committees. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with questions or concerns. I wish all of you a wonderful spring and summer. This is my favorite time of year and it helps remind me that there truly is “No Place Like Nebraska.”

Wanda Koszewski, President Nebraska Chapter
Gamma Sigma Delta

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA COMMITTEES 2007
(“Notes Chairperson”)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President: Wanda Koszewski
President Elect- Dennis Brink
Secretary: Clayton Kelling
Treasurer: Alan Baquet
Membership: David Keith
Historian: DeLynn Hay
Past President: Keith Glewen

AUDITING COMMITTEE
Gerald Horst (2007)*
Brad Luebben (2008)

AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE
Chuck Hibberd (2007)*
David Keith (2008)
ZB Mayo (2009)

EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE
Linda Boeckner (2007)*
Ivan Rush (2008)
Sharon Skipton (2009)

INITIATION AND AWARD BANQUET
Linda Young (2007)*
Wanda Koszewski (2008)
Gerald Horst (2009)
Clayton Kelling (GSD Secretary)

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Keith Glewen, Ex Officio (2007)
Lowell Moser (2008)
Dale Van Vleck (2009)

SEMINAR COMMITTEE
Keith Glewen*
Kevin Meyer
Irv Omtvedt
Fayrene Hamouz

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Dan Husmann, Ex Officio *
Judith Hofeldt, Ex Officio
Clayton Kelling (GSD Secretary)

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Terrance Riordan (2007)*

RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE
Judy Driskell (2008)*
Blair Siegfried (2009)
Gary Cunningham (Ex Officio)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Dan Husmann, Ex Officio *
DeLynn Hay, Ex Officio
Debra Mullen, Ex Officio
Terrance Riordan (2007)
Kevin Meyer (2008)

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION EVENT
Cindy Stuef–Powell (2007)*
Rosalee Swartz (2008)
Darrell Mark (2009)

TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE
Ellen Paparozzi (2007)*
Tim Carr (2008)
Linda Young (2009)
The 2006 Initiation and Awards Banquet was held Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nebraska East Campus Union. The banquet was a very special Initiation and Awards Banquet for the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. Dr. Dale Van Vleck, Professor of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln was honored by the International Society of Gamma Sigma Delta with their Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. Dr. Steve Henning, International President Elect, Louisiana State University presented the very prestigious award.

In addition, the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognized 5 IANR faculty for distinguished service to research, teaching and extension programs.

**Award of Merit for Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture**

- Ron Hanson, Professor, Agricultural Economics
- Z.B. Mayo, Interim Associate Dean Agricultural Research Division

**Excellence in Teaching Award**

- Linda Young, Lecturer, Nutrition and Health Sciences

**Excellence in Research Award**

- Blair Siegfried, Professor, Entomology

**Excellence in Extension Award**

- Sharon Skipton, Extension Educator, Southeast Research and Extension Center

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2006 Gamma Sigma Delta New Members

**Undergraduate Seniors**
- Nickelle J. Anderson  
- Julianne J. Catlin  
- Jeffry R. Faimon  
- Anna J. Foley  
- Ashley L. Hejny  
- Matthew C. Hibberd  
- Aaron J. Kavan  
- Heather M. Krieg  
- Shelly R. Kubicek  
- Malori M. Marotz  
- Isaac Mortensen  
- Sandra Schaeffer  
- Kelly M. Shockey  
- Christopher L. Skrdla  
- Tyler G. Smith  
- Brooke M. Spath  
- Jesse C. Starostka  
- Stephanie A. Swearngin  
- Josie A. Waterbury

**Undergraduate Seniors**
- Nutritional Sci.  
- Horticulture  
- Animal Science  
- Biochemistry  
- Food Sci & Tech.  
- Biochemistry  
- Animal Science  
- Fashion Merchd.  
- Ag Education  
- Vet Science  
- Agri Business  
- Agron/Diversified  
- Nutr Exer/Health  
- Anim Sci/Grazing  
- Mech. Sys. Agron  
- Family Science  
- Enviro/Soil Sci  
- Animal Science

**Graduate Students**
- David M. Guderian Jr  
- Andrea R. Gutsche  
- Elliot D. Jesch  
- Richard A. Losey  
- Stephanie A. Schaefer  
- Abby R. Stilwell  
- Chelsey M. Wasem  
- Ryan D. Williams

**Graduate Students**
- Nutr. Health Sci  
- Entomology  
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- Entomology  
- Entomology  
- Nutr. Health Sci

**Faculty**
- F. Edwin Harvey  
- Haishun Yang

**Staff**
- Loren D. Isom

**Alumni**
- Adam J. Liska

**Faculty**
- Natural Resources  
- Agron & Hort.

**Staff**
- Indust Ag Prod Ctr

**Alumni**
- Agron & Hort.
In Memoriam
DeLynn Hay, Nebraska Chapter Historian

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the lifetime achievement of the following individuals who have been associated with the Nebraska Chapter.

**Delno Knudsen** died November 7, 2006. Del was initiated May 16, 1965 as a University of Nebraska faculty member. He was a Professor of Agronomy and managed the Agronomy Department Soil Testing Laboratory. He retired from UNL June 30, 1988.

**Henry Beachell** died December 13, 2006 at the age of 100. He was not a member of the Nebraska Chapter, but was a native of Waverly, Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1930. He was initiated on March 2, 1931 into Gamma Sigma Delta while he was working on his master's degree at Kansas State University. The University of Nebraska awarded Dr. Beachell a honorary doctorate in 1972. He worked as a rice breeder for Texas A & M University from 1931 to 1963 and then from 1963 to 1982 at the International Rice Research Institute. He was a co-recipient of the 1996 World Food Prize for his work which led to dramatic increases in rice production.

**Dale Stukenholtz** died December 20, 2006 in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was initiated as a graduate student on May 1, 1957. Dale, a native of Nebraska City, earned three degrees in agronomy from the University of Nebraska. He taught the introductory soils course labs while a graduate student. He started Stukenholz Laboratory and Consulting in Twin Falls and was inducted into the Idaho Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Lynn Lutgen** died January 22, 2007 in Lamoure, North Dakota. He was initiated on November 24, 1974 as a University of Nebraska graduate student. He obtained his B.S. degree from North Dakota State University in vocational agriculture and a M.S. in agricultural economics from NDSU. His Ph.D. in agricultural economics was from the University of Nebraska. He was a faculty member in the Agricultural Economics department from 1976 until his retirement in 2006. Lynn was Extension marketing specialist and worked with several international development programs. He also served as Director of the Nebraska Cooperative Development Center from 2003 to 2006.

**Louie Rudman** died January 29, 2007. Louie was initiated May 2, 1962 as a faculty member. He served as a faculty member with the University of Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program for 32 years. He was a native of Clarks, Nebraska.

**Norris Swanson** died February 15, 2007 in Vermillion, South Dakota. He was initiated May 1, 1957 as a University of Nebraska faculty member. He received his B.S. degree in agricultural engineering from Iowa State University. Following military service and work with the Soil Conservation Service in west Texas Norris worked for the Soil and Water Unit of the Agricultural Research Service at the University of Nebraska. He retired in 1980.
20 March 2007

TO: Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: David L. Keith, (402) 472-2123

SUBJECT: Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2007

It is time again for many of us to renew our memberships in Gamma Sigma Delta. We are running about on time this year in getting this membership mailing to you. In keeping with tradition, I am sending just this single notification for paying your 2007 dues. We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Please be sure to print off and complete the appropriate form and respond today.

Dues are $20 per year. Please make your check ($20 for 2007, or $20 per year for multiple years) payable to Gamma Sigma Delta (please don’t mail cash) and send it, along with your completed membership form to me at one of the addresses indicated. Please recall that GSD membership is based on the calendar year and runs from January 1 – December 31.

If you wish to be placed on the GSD Inactive list, do not send dues but check the appropriate box on the form and return it to me. If I do not hear from you by May 31, 2007, I will remove your name from our mailing list. You can always return to active membership just by sending me your annual dues. Also, if you know of GSD members who have moved to Nebraska, please send me their name(s) and address(es) or have them contact me so they can become active here. We wish to welcome all of you who have recently transferred into our Nebraska Chapter.

Those of you who have Retired (refer to list next page) or received the Distinguished Service of Agriculture Award of Merit (refer to list below) are not required to pay dues and should have previously received a Permanent membership card. Retired persons who do not check the fourth box and return the completed form to me by May 31, 2007 will be removed from the mailing list due to the cost of mailing our newsletters.

Those of you who have paid dues in advance are so noted on the Prepaid list. Please check to see if my extension date is correct for your prepaid dues. For those of you who have a campus mailing address, please use that address to help reduce our postage expenses.


NOTE: New members inducted in October 2006 are also **Prepaid** through December 31, 2007!!


If you have retired and wish to stay on our mailing list, you must complete the attached form and mail it to the appropriate address below by May 31, 2007. If you wish, you may call the information in to me at (402) 472-2123. Please ask for our secretary, Ms. Marilyn Weidner.

Best regards,

David L. Keith
Membership Coordinator
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

_____ I am enclosing $20 as I wish to remain an active member for 2007.

_____ Payment in ADVANCE. I am enclosing $ __________ to extend my active membership __________ years at $20 per year.

_____ I am NOT enclosing a dues payment as I wish to become inactive.

_____ I have RETIRED and wish to remain ON the mailing list

_____ I have RETIRED and wish to be taken OFF the active mailing list.

To save mailing costs, please use your UNL campus address, if you have one.

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Please return the completed form to:

For On-Campus Mail

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