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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to write the 2003 President’s message for the Gamma Sigma Delta Honorary. This last year was a good year for Gamma Sigma Delta, its members and the excellent students that we teach, mentor and recognize annually. Being an officer is an interesting experience that takes five years to complete. You start out as Treasurer, then Secretary, Vice-President, President and finally Past-President, and by the time you complete this process you have a greater admiration for our University, the faculty and staff, the students and especially the executive committee that you have worked with for five years. In this mailing you will find a list of all the Gamma Sigma Delta officers; talk to them and if you would like to become involved with an excellent agricultural honorary, let one of us know.

This past fall we recognized several of our faculty at our annual Initiation and Awards Banquet held in November. The recipients in our Excellence Awards, Dr. Terry Mader, Research Award; Dr Phillip Miller, Teaching Award; and Dr. Shirley Niemeyer, Extension Award exemplify the characteristics that we have in many of our faculty at the University of Nebraska. Each of the individuals has made outstanding contributions in their areas of expertise and appointment. The recipients of the Award of Merit, Drs. Roger Mandigo and Rodger Johnson are long-term Animal Science faculty who have had distinguished careers at Nebraska and have made significant contributions to Agriculture in our state and also to the University. We are fortunate to have such a good group of award recipients.

This past summer I attended the Gamma Sigma Delta National Conclave held at Cal Poly Pomona. Approximately 20-25 chapters were represented at this meeting. Nationally, there were 3666 new members initiated over the last two years, bringing the total number of active members to 104,000. Some of the chapters are very active on campus and they hold events such as emeriti luncheons and they have displays for recruiting new members. These are ideas that we will address this year. The next Gamma Sigma Delta conclave will be held at the University of Arkansas in the summer of 2004. Gamma Sigma Delta members and officers are encouraged to attend.

Another highlight this last year was the annual meeting which featured a panel discussion entitled: “Biosecurity and our Food Supply”. The speakers, Nebraska Lt. Governor Doug Heineman, Dr. John Rupnow and Ms. Emily Buescher all gave excellent presentations. We will look forward to continuing what has become a tradition over the last few years of finding a speaker or speakers who will attract a large group to the annual meeting. Please let us know if you have any ideas for our program.

The continued success of Gamma Sigma Delta depends on the hard work of many volunteers who are willing to serve on committees and become members of the executive committee. I would like to thank all who served as chairs of committees this past year who are rotating off. I am also especially grateful to all of those who agreed to serve on committees for the coming year. The willingness of faculty and managerial professional staff to serve on committees ensures the continued success of Gamma Sigma Delta. Another group of dedicated people that needs our thanks are the staff of the executive committee members. These people do much of the work behind the scenes to support the work of Gamma Sigma Delta. We are grateful for their hard work making the many activities of the organization successful.

On a sad note, this past year we lost a long-time member of Gamma Sigma Delta and a personal friend and mentor of many of us, Dr. Dermot P. Coyne. Dermot was a past recipient of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Award for Distinguished Service. Prior to Dermot’s passing, he made a donation to the Nebraska Foundation to support a ‘Coyne Lectureship’. This year the first ‘Coyne lectureship’ will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in L. W. Chase Hall. The title of this years program is: “Applied Phaseolus Research for Bean Variety Development: Genetic Resources, Innovative Breeding, Improved Products” and this will be covered by three excellent speakers.

This year, the format for the student recognition event will be the same as the last two years. Our Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition will be Monday afternoon April 7 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the East Union. Refreshments will be served. We want to encourage members to attend and to help us to encourage student attendance. There are many time constraints on students these days and they may not be aware of the benefits of honor societies. We would ask all members to talk to students to encourage them to

STUDENT RECOGNITION RECEPTION

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attend this recognition reception and to join Gamma Sigma Delta when they are invited to do so in the fall. Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank Past President Marilynn Schneef for her hard work and dedication to Gamma Sigma Delta. I am looking forward to her continued advice this next year. On behalf of the Executive Committee I hope we will see many of you at the events which will be held this coming year. As we go through these difficult times as a country and as a University, we need to continue to support agriculture and our students; one way is through activities in Gamma Sigma Delta.

_Terry Riordan_

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR REPORT**

We want to welcome the following new members, who were initiated at our Awards Banquet last November 17, 2002, to Gamma Sigma Delta. They will be receiving this newsletter.

Heath Arens  
Dana Bailey  
Megan Becher  
Delia Buerstetta  
Laura Campbell  
Jeffrey Carstens  
Pete Clark  
Jessica Colombe  
Lynden Eckery  
Sadun Fernando  
Lisa Franzen  
Junjie Guan  
Carmen Helvey  
Lynn Jirovsky  
Ryan Luckey  
Johan Marquardt  
Daniel Moser  
Aaron Nygren  
Connie Reimers-Hild  
Kimberly Ryland  
David Schroeder  
Lisa Stahr  
Paul Sueper  
Kathryn Valasek  
Chris Woerner  
Justan Wynegar

Heath Arens  
Michelle Backlund  
Dana Bailey  
John Barbuto  
Megan Becher  
Emily Buescher  
Laura Campbell  
Gwen Carpenter  
Jeffrey Carstens  
Philip Christenson  
Pete Clark  
Todd Cole  
Jessica Colombe  
Terry Devries  
Lynden Eckery  
Tom Eickhoff  
Sadun Fernando  
Gioish Ganjyal  
Lisa Franzen  
Aine Gianoli  
Junjie Guan  
Caleb Harms  
Carmen Helvey  
Thomas Hunt  
Lynn Jirovsky  
Jeffrey Krumm  
Ryan Luckey  
Mark Major  
Johan Marquardt  
Margaret Miller  
Daniel Moser  
Mary Naslund  
Aaron Nygren  
Lisa Pfeiffer  
Connie Reimers-Hild  
Clayton Ridenour  
Kimberly Ryland  
Odbulia Segura Leon  
David Schroeder  
Shawn Speidel  
Lisa Stahr  
Jason Steinbach  
Paul Sueper  
Paul Timm  
Kathryn Valasek  
Jeffrey Van Winkle  
Chris Woerner  
Nicholas Wulf  
Justan Wynegar

If you are aware of other Gamma Sigma Delta members who have moved to Nebraska, they can become affiliated with our chapter. Please tell them that they can contact me, sending me a check for $10, the location of the GSD chapter in which they were initiated, their name and address and I will take care of the rest. They do not have to be initiated again. Once a member, always ....

My on-campus mailing address is: David Keith, 210B PI, Department of Entomology, East Campus 0816 or if you are sending U. S. mail from off-campus, send it to me at: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology, 210B PI, P.O. Box 830816, Lincoln NE 68583-0816

**INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET RECIPIENTS November 7, 2002**

_Excellence in Extension_  
Dr. Shirley Niemeyer  
Professor, Textiles, Clothing and Design  
Presented by Associate Dean Beth Birnstihl  
Cooperative Extension Division

_Dean Marjorie Kostelnik_  
College of Human Resources and Family Sciences  
University of Nebraska Lincoln

_Excellence in Research_  
Dr. Terry Mader  
Professor, Animal Science and Extension Beef Specialist  
Presented by Dean Dale Vanderholm  
Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

_Excellence in Teaching_  
Dr. Phillip Miller  
Associate Professor Animal Science Department  
Presented by Dean Steve Waller  
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

_Award of Merit for Distinguished Service_  
Dr. Roger Mandigo  
Professor, Animal Science Department  
Presented by Vice Chancellor John Owens  
Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources

_Award of Merit for Distinguished Service_  
Dr. Rodger Johnson  
Professor, Animal Science Department  
Presented by Vice Chancellor John Owens  
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**2003 Schedule of Events**

_Scholarship Recognition_  
Monday, April 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m., East Union

_Executive Committee Meetings_  
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., East Union  
March 28  
May 7  
August 6  
October 8  
December 10

_Seminar and Annual Meeting_  
Thursday, September 18, 1:30 p.m., East Union

_Initiation and Awards Banquet_  
Sunday, November 16, 6:00 p.m., East Union
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*Chairperson
2003 Scholarship Recognition Reception

Each spring, a Scholarship Recognition is hosted by the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. Sophomores and Juniors in the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Human Resources and Family Sciences, and the Department of Biological Systems Engineering with outstanding scholastic records will be recognized. Outstanding Senior and Sophomore recognitions will also be made.

The 2003 Scholarship Recognition Reception will be held Monday afternoon, April 7, 2003 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the East Campus Union. Refreshments will be served.

The program for recognition of our undergraduate scholars will begin at 5:00 p.m.

In order to plan for sufficient refreshments, please indicate your attendance at this event by returning the reservation form below.

Reservations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2.

Please send your reservations today!

_____ I will be attending the Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition on April 7.

You may call in your reservation to 472-1582 or send an email to fhamouz@unl.edu

or return this form to:

Fayrene Hamouz
Secretary, Gamma Sigma Delta
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
316F RLH
P.O. Box 830806
Lincoln, NE 68503-0806

Your name - Please print

Name(s) of your guest(s) - Please print
2003 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE FOR NEBRASKA CHAPTER-GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

Membership Coordinator, PI 210B
Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0816

TO: Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: David L. Keith - March 24, 2003 - (402) 472-8918

SUBJECT: Renewal of Active Membership Dues for 2003

It is time again for many of us to renew our memberships in Gamma Sigma Delta. I am running rather late this year, and I apologize for my tardiness in getting this membership mailing to you. In keeping with tradition, I am mailing just this single notification for paying your 2003 dues. We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Please don't forget to send in your check today. Make your check (for $10 for 2003, or $10 per year for multiple years) payable to Gamma Sigma Delta 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, running from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.

If you wish to be placed on the GSD inactive list, do not send dues, but check the appropriate box below and return the form to me. If I do not hear from you by Wednesday, April 30, 2003, I will remove your name from the mailing list. You can always return to active membership, just by sending me the 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 - p. 2) or received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture AWARD OF MERIT (Refer to list below) are not required to pay dues and should have previously received your PERMANENT membership card. RETIRED PERSONS WHO DO NOT CHECK THE THIRD BOX BELOW AND COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY APRIL 30, 2003, 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.

The following members have received our Chapter Distinguished Service to Agriculture AWARD OF MERIT and are not required to pay dues. Your membership card should indicate PERMANENT and have the space checked for Award of Merit and year of the award. C. H. Adams, K. E. Craig, R. D. Earl, A. J. Ebers, A. W. Epp, R. D. Fritschen, G. W. Froning, J. D. Furrer, W. W. Furrer, H. J. Gorz, K. E. Gregory, D. G. Hanway, F. A. Haskins, G. A. Helmers, P. A. Henderson, R. K. Johnson, R. C. Kean, R. M. Koch, J. M. Laughlin, R. W. Mandigo, M. A.


IF YOU HAVE RETIRED AND WISH TO STAY ON OUR MAILING LIST, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE and mail it to the appropriate address below by April 30, 2003. If you wish, you may call the information in to me at 402/472-8918. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards.
David L. Keith, Membership Coordinator