PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Let me start this newsletter with my thanks. I am deeply honored and privileged to take over the reins from those I have followed. This organization has been blessed with great leadership and I hope I can live up to this legacy.

I would also like to say thank you to all of the members who have graciously agreed to be a part of the committee structure of our Chapter. Active committees are the reason organizations are successful, and the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has a rich heritage of being a top notch chapter.

The reason we continue to be a strong chapter is that we stay focused on the purpose for our existence — the recognition of high scholarship. On March 8, 1998, we will recognize top sophomore and junior students as Gamma Sigma Delta scholars. More information on this Scholarship Recognition Dinner will soon arrive in your mailbox. For now, mark it on your calendar.

On November 22, 1998, deserving seniors, graduate students, faculty, and alumni will be invited to become members of our chapter as an acknowledgment of their outstanding contributions. Keep that date open. Plan to attend both events to show your support of these scholars.

The Executive Committee will meet on May 13, August 11, October 13, and December 8, 1998.

You are invited to attend any of the meetings, all scheduled for 11:45 a.m. at the Nebraska East Union. Our Chapter’s Annual Meeting is scheduled for September, also at the Nebraska East Union. In recent years, we have invited a guest speaker to present a seminar in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Watch for more information on this event later this summer.

What does Gamma Sigma Delta mean to you? Let me give you an example of what this organization meant to one of our deceased members. In his report in this newsletter, Historian Charlie Adams tells us of the death of George Steinbruegge. Mr. Steinbruegge was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta in 1947 and became a member of our Chapter in 1957. He was very involved in tractor testing and served the University of Nebraska as Chair of the Nebraska Test Board for many years. He felt so strongly about his membership in Gamma Sigma Delta that our membership was listed as an honorary pall bearer at his recent funeral. What does Gamma Sigma Delta mean to you?

Again, my thanks to all of you as we begin 1998. It is my hope that the success of this Chapter will continue to grow into the future, but that’s not possible without your involvement! I look forward to seeing many of you on March 8.

Keith Niemann, President
Nebraska Chapter
NEWS FROM THE HISTORIAN

Welcome to our 55 new members consisting of 41 seniors, 13 graduate students and one faculty member. They were initiated November 23, 1997 at our Initiation and Awards Banquet. We are looking forward to meeting you at our Scholarship Recognition Dinner on March 8, 1998. There have now been 3,324 individuals elected to membership in our Nebraska Chapter since our chapter was chartered May 25, 1918.

We wish to thank you for the fine response to our 1998 dues notice. If you haven’t sent in your $10 payment yet, try to get it to me at A213 Animal Sciences, P.O. Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908 before March 31, 1998. Any time you change your address please let me know and we will correct it for our future mailings. The Post Office sometimes doesn’t do a very good job of forwarding mail and their forwarding time limit is very short.

We wish to welcome the following individuals transferring their membership into our chapter since last July. Robert M. Caldwell, Agronomy and Extension Service, Southeast & Northeast Research & Extension Centers, initiated in 1979 at Illinois; Arlen W. Etling, 4-H Youth Development, initiated in 1977 at Arizona; Gary L. Heusel, State 4-H Program Leader, initiated in 1980 at Illinois; Daniel W. Moser, Animal Science, initiated in 1990 at Kansas State; and Mary Ellen Rider, Family and Consumer Sciences, initiated in 1976 at Georgia. We also welcome as an active member George H. Green, Jr. who was initiated as a senior on November 20, 1977 with a major in Agricultural Economics, Agronomy and General Agriculture. He is now an Administrative Assistant for American Express Financial Advisors Inc. here in Lincoln. He had been inactive since 1980. Please send me the names and addresses of anyone you know who is a Gamma Sigma Delta member and who wishes to become active in our Nebraska Chapter.

Since our August 1997 NEWSLETTER I know of only one active member who has died. On January 9, 1998, George W. Steinbruegge died here in Lincoln. He was initiated into the Missouri Chapter on May 16, 1947 and retired here in 1981 from the UN-L Department of Biological Systems Engineering. As part of his duties he had been chairman of the UN-L Tractor Testing Board for 25 years. Please let me know of any other Gamma Sigma Delta members who have died and not been listed in one of our NEWSLETTERS.

Charles H. Adams, Historian
Nebraska Chapter
INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET RECIPIENTS
November 23, 1997

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Dennis L. McCallister, Department of Agronomy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presented by Associate Dean Steven S. Waller, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Extension

Dr. Donald H. Steinegger, Department of Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presented by Dr. Elizabeth A. Bimstihl, Assistant Dean, Cooperative Extension Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Research

Dr. Larry V. Cundiff, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska
Presented by Dean Darrell W. Nelson, Dean and Director, Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Award of Merit for Distinguished Service to Agriculture

Dr. Robert M. Koch, Professor Emeritus, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Dr. Martin A. Massengale, President Emeritus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Director of Grassland Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presented by Dr. Anne K. Vidaver, Head of the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
# Gamma Sigma Delta 1998 Committees

## Executive Committee
- **President:** Keith Niemann 2-1577
- **Vice President:** Roy Frederick 2-6225
- **Secretary:** Beth Birnstihl 2-2966
- **Treasurer:** Merlyn Nielsen 2-6406
- **Historian:** Charles Adams 402/466-4053
- **Past President:** Ken Von Bargen 2-6713

## Auditing Committee
- Lowell Moser (1998)* 2-1558
- Marilyn Schnepf (1999) 2-3735

## Award of Merit Committee
- Anne Vidaver (1998)* 2-2858
- Joan Laughlin (1999) 2-2913
- Martin Massengale (2000) 2-4101

## Extension Award Committee
- Carol Thayer (1998)* 308/385-6420
- Fred Baxendale (1999) 2-2123
- Don Steinegger (2000) 2-1144

## Initiation & Awards Banquet
- Cindy Cammack (1998)* 2-5153
- Jim King (1999) 2-3022
- Arlen Etling (2000) 2-9008

## International Award for Distinguished Service
- Dermot Coyne (1998)* 2-1126
- Earl Ellington (1999) 2-6434
- Steve Baenziger (2000) 2-1538

## Membership Committee
- Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio* 2-1629
- Patricia Crews (1998) 2-6342
- Julie Johnson (1999) 2-2923
- Earl Russel (2000) 2-2807

## Officer Nominating Committee
- Dale Vanderholm (1998)* 2-2046
- Rick Waldren (1999) 2-1525
- Loyd Young (2000) 402/643-4709

## Research Award Committee
- Jim Kinder (1998)* 2-6438
- Dale Van Vleck (1999) 2-6010
- Larry Cundiff (2000) 402/762-4171

## Scholarship Committee
- Charles Adams, Ex Officio 402/466-4053
- Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio 2-1629
- Tom Silletto (1998)* 2-3912
- Ron Hanson (1999) 2-2055
- Sharron Quisenberry (2000) 2-2123

## Scholarship Recognition Dinner
- Larry Larson (1998)* 2-6420
- Maurice Baker (1999) 2-1796
- George Pfeiffer (2000) 2-1775
- Mellissa Millard (Stud. Mem) 402/483-7408

## Teaching Award Committee
- Dennis Conley (1998)* 2-2034
- Mike Kocher (1999) 2-3949
- Dennis McCallister (2000) 2-6312

*Chairperson