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Gamma Sigma Delta

NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

Issue #18, March 1999

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gamma Sigma Delta is well into its 81st year on the University of Nebraska campus. As in the past, we again look forward to honoring outstanding achievements by students, faculty and state/community leaders in 1999.

The list of honorees over the years is truly distinguished. We expect to add to that list this year.

The first big event of the year is the Scholarship Recognition Dinner, scheduled for April 11, 1999. We will recognize an outstanding sophomore and an outstanding senior at the dinner. Selection will come from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, and the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. In addition, we will be honoring sophomores and juniors who have maintained high grade averages while at UNL.

Please see page three for information on the Scholarship Dinner. Reserve the date and begin making plans to be with us.

Gamma Sigma Delta has an excellent array of officers and committees working on behalf of the organization this year. I want to extend my appreciation to all who have agreed to share part of their busy schedules with us. (See listing of committees on page four of this newsletter.) Its heartening to make calls asking people to serve on Gamma Sigma Delta committees and receive near-100% positive responses.

By the way, we are always looking for volunteers for future committee assignments. A couple of you called me last year and indicated your willingness to serve. I encourage others to do the same this year. Beth Birnstihl, president-elect, would be delighted to hear from you.

Members are always welcome and encouraged to attend any Gamma Sigma Delta event. In addition to the Scholarship Recognition Dinner, I would call your attention, in particular, to the annual meeting and the Initiation and Awards Banquet. These events are scheduled for September 23, 1999 and November 21, 1999, respectively. In addition, the Executive Committee will be meeting over the noon hour (East Campus Union) on May 10, August 11, October 13 and December 8.

Recent chapter leaders deserve credit for enriching and revitalizing our organization. In particular, I would cite the most recent three presidents, Loyd Young, Ken Von Barga and Keith Niemann, plus longtime historian/membership chairman Charlie Adams. These gentlemen have been largely responsible for bringing students from the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences into our membership, for revising the chapter's by-laws, and for seeking a chapter enrichment grant from our parent organization.

We want to continue to work toward making the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta one of the best of the International Society's 48 chapters. Please share any thoughts you have regarding that goal with me or any other officer. We would be happy to hear from you.

Again, I look forward to seeing you at the Scholarship Recognition Dinner on April 11, 1999.

*Roy Frederick,
President, Nebraska Chapter*

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA ACTIVITIES

Scholarship Recognition Dinner
6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
April 11, 1999

Executive Committee Meetings
May 10, 1999
August 11, 1999
October 13, 1999
December 8, 1999

Annual Business Meeting
September 23, 1999

Initiation and Awards Banquet
6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
November 21, 1999

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

This is my first item for the *Newsletter* since I was given this new title. I think a more appropriate title could have been "Dues Collector" as that is the part of the Chapter Historian job I have retained. Thank you for the good response you have made to our dues notice. As in the past, I will attempt to send your membership cards to you as soon as I can so you will know that your check or cash has arrived. You can also check your card to see if your address is correct in case you noted a different address along with your dues payment.

Some of you included personal comments to me along with your dues and I want you to know how much they are appreciated. It is difficult to realize how long ago it was that some of you were my students or advisees.

Please remember we are always looking for new UNL staff who are GSD members that were initiated in one of our other 47 chapters and who have now joined us here in Nebraska. We would encourage them to become active in our Nebraska Chapter. All I need is their name, place and date of initiation, and their address sent to me along with a check for \$10 made payable to Gamma Sigma Delta for this year's dues. I will then place them on our mailing list so they will receive our chapter notices. Our inactive Nebraska Chapter members are also welcome to become active again at any time by merely sending dues to me here at A213 Animal Sciences, PO Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908 or by using Campus Mail, EC 0908.

Charles Adams
Membership Chairman

NOTES FROM THE HISTORIAN

This is my first time to contribute to the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter in my new role as Historian. At this point I consider myself as Historian-In-Training relying on Charles Adams for guidance and advice on carrying out my duties. Dr. Adams, known as Charlie to most of us, served as the Nebraska Chapter Historian from 1965 through 1998. The Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta says **THANK YOU** to Dr. Charles H. Adams for his 34 years as our Historian. Charlie has been a dedicated historian along with maintaining the Chapter's membership records. We look forward to his continued service as Membership Chair.

The Nebraska Chapter initiated 56 new members at the November 22, 1998 Initiation and Awards Banquet. The new members represented 40 undergraduate students, 10 graduate students, five faculty and staff, and one alumnus. The new alumni member is Roger Wehrbein, a farmer from Plattsmouth who is currently serving as a State Senator and Chair of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. Senator Wehrbein received his B.S. degree in 1960 from the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. There have now been 3,380

individuals elected to membership in our Nebraska Chapter since the chapter was chartered May 25, 1918.

The death of one Nebraska Chapter initiate has been reported since the August 1998 NEWSLETTER. Carroll "Bud" Garey died in Lincoln on December 21, 1998. He was initiated on May 26, 1947 as an Agronomy graduate student.

Please let me know of activities of Nebraska Chapter members that should be noted in our historical records.

DeLynn R. Hay, Historian
Nebraska Chapter

INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET RECIPIENTS November 22, 1998

Excellence in Extension

Dr. David Keith, Professor
Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presented by Associate Dean, Elbert C. Dickey
Cooperative Extension Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Research

Dr. David Baltensperger, Professor
Panhandle Research and Extension Center, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Presented by Dean Darrell W. Nelson
Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Steven Jones, Associate Professor
Department of Animal Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Presented by Dean Don M. Edwards
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources,
University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Award of Merit for Distinguished Service to Agriculture

Dr. Keith Gregory, Retired Research Geneticist
Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center,
Agricultural Research Service, Clay Center, Nebraska.
The award was accepted for Dr. Gregory by Dr. Robert Koch.
Dr. Gregory was out of the country.

Dr. James Kinder, Professor
Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Merit Awards

Presented by Dr. Anne K. Vidaver
Head of the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Nebraska - Lincoln



1999 Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Each spring, a Scholarship Recognition Dinner 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 with outstanding scholastic records will be recognized and be our guests. Outstanding Senior and Sophomore recognitions are also made.

The 1999 dinner will be held in the **Nebraska East Union,**

Sunday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Your attendance at the Scholarship Recognition Dinner will help our chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta honor these outstanding students. It will demonstrate to the students the importance that we place on high scholastic achievement in our honor society, Gamma Sigma Delta. Please make your reservations by returning the form at the bottom of this page **before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6.**



Please reserve _____ places at **\$16.00** each for the Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition Dinner to be held at the Nebraska East Union, 6:00 p.m., April 11.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Gamma Sigma Delta) for \$ _____; or \$ _____ cash.

Your name—**Please print**

Name(s) of your guest(s)—**Please print**

Reservations are to be received by **Tuesday, April 6 before 5:00 p.m.** Please send to:

Merlyn Nielsen, Secretary
Gamma Sigma Delta
University of Nebraska
A218 Animal Science
P.O. Box 830908
Lincoln, NE 68583-0908

Reservations must be honored unless canceled by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 7.

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA COMMITTEES, 1999

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Roy Frederick	2-6225
President-elect: Beth Birnstihl	2-2966
Secretary: Merlyn Nielsen	2-6406
Treasurer: Marilyn Schnepf	2-3735
Membership chair: Charles Adams	466-4053
Historian: DeLynn Hay	2-1625
Past president: Keith Niemann	2-1577

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Lowell Moser (1999)*	2-1558
Phil Miller (2000)	2-6421

AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE

Joan Laughlin (1999)*	2-2913
Martin Massengale (2000)	2-4101
Robert Koch (2001)	2-8337

EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE

Fred Baxendale (1999)*	2-2123
Don Steinegger (2000)	2-1144
David Keith (2001)	2-8918

INITIATION AND AWARD BANQUET

Jim King (1999)*	2-3022
Arlen Etling (2000)	2-9008
Paul Read (2001)	2-2854

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Earl Ellington (1999)*	2-6434
Steve Baenziger (2000)	2-1538
Terry Riordan (2001)	2-1142

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio*	2-1629
Julie Johnson (1999)	2-2923
Earl Russel (2000)	2-2807
Lance Meinke (2001)	2-8707

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rick Waldren (1999)*	2-1525
Loyd Young (2000)	402-643-4709
Ken Von Bargaen (2001)	489-3552

RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE

Dale Van Vleck (1999)*	2-6010
Larry Cundiff (2000)	402-762-4171
David Baltensberger (2001)	308-632-1261

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Charles Adams, Ex Officio	466-4053
Bill Meredith, Ex Officio	2-2913
Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio	2-1629
Ron Hanson (1999)*	2-2055
Sharron Quisenberry (2000)	2-2123

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER

Maurice Baker (1999)*	2-1796
George Pfeiffer (2000)	2-1775
Rick Grant (2001)	2-6442
Darci Fiddelke (Student member)	465-8228

TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE

Mike Kocher (1999)*	2-3949
Dennis McCallister (2000)	2-6312
Steve Jones (2001)	2-5566

*Chairperson