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Gamma Sigma Delta

NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

August 1992

IMPORTANT!!

Gamma Sigma Delta nomination information has been included with this mailing. See attached.

ANNUAL MEETING

September 18, 1992

3:00, ECU

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gamma Sigma Delta's objective is to "encourage advancement in all branches of the agricultural sciences and agricultural industry". Our Nebraska chapter has emphasized two major events to achieve this objective. In the Spring, our Scholarship Recognition Dinner honors students who have high academic performance. In the Fall, our Initiation and Awards Banquet welcomes new members and recognizes outstanding service to agriculture. The success of these two events, year after year, is a tribute to the outstanding service of the Gamma Sigma Delta standing committees.

I would particularly like to thank the members of the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Steve Waller, and the Scholarship Recognition Dinner Committee, chaired by Bob Kuzelka, for the excellent Spring dinner this year. They organized the dinner and provided appropriate recognition of our outstanding students. This event is the first contact that these sophomores and many of these juniors have with our organization. When they are seniors, some of them will again be in contact with GSD as they are initiated into the organization.

The second major event is the Initiation and Awards Banquet held in the Fall. The committees responsible for this activity are busy in the Summer and the Fall preparing for this banquet. The awards committees and the membership committee have material with this mailing soliciting your nominations. Please give this your immediate attention so they can move forward with the initiation and awards activities. The banquet committee, chaired by Alice Jones, will need your help

to make this Fall's banquet a success. Plan now to attend by marking your calendar for Sunday, November 22.

The effectiveness of the committee work in our Nebraska chapter is due both to the diligent work of the members and the wisdom of those who developed the committee structure. They provided committees with a narrow focus which results in active involvement of more members in the GSD program. This makes it easy for the president to find members to serve on the committees.

Information is provided to the total membership regularly through provision of this newsletter and by involving everyone in the nomination and selection of persons for recognition. Contacts are made with the membership as we solicit dues payments and encourage our members to continue as active partners in the organization. Our historian, Charles Adams, does a remarkable job of making sure this part of our program is successful. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for maintaining our membership year after year. A viable organization requires not only adding new members each year but retaining the current membership. This is where Charlie excels!

Thanks to the outstanding group of officers who are serving with me this year. They carry on the necessary administrative functions which makes the president's job a pleasure. I am sure all of you will continue your fine support of GSD as Rita Kean takes over the responsibilities of the presidency for 1993.

Dr. Bill Miller
President, Nebraska Chapter

1992 INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE OF GAMMA SIGMA DELTA DELEGATE REPORT

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED

Initiation and Awards Banquet November 24, 1991

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. James Kinder
Professor, Animal Science

Excellence in Research

Dr. Milford Hanna
Director, Industrial Agricultural Products Center, Professor, Biological Systems Engineering & Food Science Technology

Excellence in Extension

Dr. Loyd Young
Director, Southeast Research & Extension Center

Awards of Merit

Professor Robert Fritschen
Director, Northeast Research & Extension Center

33 undergraduate students, 22 graduate students, 10 faculty and 2 alumni were initiated as members of Gamma Sigma Delta

OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

Outstanding Sophomores

Denise Drukik, Animal Science major from Grand Island, Nebraska
Keith R. Harmony, Natural Resources major from Kearney, Nebraska
Scott A. Meyer, Agribusiness major from Campbell, Nebraska

Outstanding Senior

Brian J. MLady, Pre-Veterinary/Animal Science major from Verdigre, Nebraska

Ag Alumni Senior Membership Award

Grant L. Gedee, Ag Honors/Ag Journalism major from North Platte, Nebraska
Gary R. Todd, Ag Honors/Agribusiness major from Union, Nebraska

31 Juniors and 23 Sophomores with High Scholarship (upper 10% of class) were recognized.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Our current mailing list has 458 names which is above the last five year average of 439. Of this 458 membership total, 424 are in Nebraska with 237 on campus, 71 in Lincoln and 116 are in Greater Nebraska. There are 31 in 21 other states, 1 in Chile, 1 in Mexico and 1 in Turkey. We have members in Fresno, CA; Sterling and Wellington, CO; Newark, DE; Fort Myers, FL; Hilo and Honolulu, HI; Indianapolis, IN; Atlantic, Clear Lake, Des Moines and Fort Dodge IA; Great Bend, Overland Park and Wamego, KS; Lexington, KY; Rockville, MD; Sault Ste. Marie, MI; two in Willmar, NM; Mexico, MO; Collingswood, NJ; Santa Fe, NM; Pendleton, NY; Crumpler, NC; Fargo, ND; Miami and two in Stillwater, OK; College Station, TX and Walla Walla, WA.

We wish to extend our special thanks to all of you members who are not on campus for your strong support of our Chapter. With your assistance we are able to honor our outstanding students with recognition for their scholarship and also to acknowledge our own members for their excellent leadership in the areas of teaching, research and extension activities.

At the present time 90 members have prepaid their dues for 1993 or beyond. There are 74 on our retired list and 39 on our Award of Merit list for a total of 103 who are not required to pay dues. For the past five years these totals have averaged 52 and 38 respectively. I also wish to thank you others who have paid your \$5 dues for 1992 in order to remain active.

We regret that we have had the following nine members die since January 1, 1991: Martin A. Alexander (2-7-91), John R. Cooper (9-16-91), W. Duane Foote (3-28-92), Dale E. Goff (2-9-91), Ross D. Greenawalt (5-11-92), Robert E. Roselle (2-5-91), Michael J. Slawnyk (1-8-91), Roger D. Uhlinger (1-28-91) and Harvey O. Werner (10-7-91). Dr. Werner was initiated May 19, 1919 with the first group after our Nebraska Chapter was established on May 25, 1918.

If you know of former G.S.D. members who would like to become active again please have them contact me. We also welcome members who were initiated in other chapters to become active with us. The only charge is our \$5 annual dues for one to be placed on our active mailing list.

*Charles H. Adams
Historian, Nebraska Chapter*

1992 INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE OF GAMMA SIGMA DELTA DELEGATE REPORT

Earl F. Ellington

The College of Agriculture at Ohio State University hosted the 1992 Gamma Sigma Delta Conclave June 13-16, and Earl Ellington attended as the delegate for the Nebraska Chapter. A total of 31 delegates and participants registered for the Conclave. The Conclave began with an evening reception and welcoming remarks from Dr. Bobby Moser, Vice President (initiated into GSD as a graduate student by the Nebraska Chapter) and Dr. John Ellinger, Assistant Vice President, Ohio State University College of Agriculture. A highlight of the evening program was a special tribute to Marie Lavallard, retiring International Historian from Arkansas, for her 16 years of service as an international officer.

Special Sessions, which were informative, focused on the following topics:

1. Working with college administration.
2. Developing awards, recognitions and funding programs.
3. Chapter operations.
4. Coping with stress.

An area which received much interest was chapter reports. On the basis of information that the International Executive Committee had received from chapters, delegates were asked to report on assigned topics that the Executive Committee believed to be worthy of sharing. By this procedure, Earl Ellington was asked to focus the Nebraska report on our efforts to achieve higher membership acceptance, our scholarship recognition dinner and our relatively new chapter newsletter.

Business sessions, chaired by outgoing International President Richard Carter, from Iowa State featured reports from the international officers, a resolution committee, a constitution and by-laws review committee and an officer nominating committee. Also included were discussions on chapter concerns, chapter awards and officer election. The following were elected to open international offices:

Treasurer - Earl Ellington (NE)

Historian - Mary Warnock (AR)

Other international officers for 1992-94 include Carole Makela (CO) as President, Jim Mortensen (PA) as President Elect, John Riley (KS) as Secretary, and Richard Carter as Past President. Outstanding chapter awards for 1991 and 1992 went to Louisiana State for both years; New Chapter Activity Award went to Tennessee for 1991 and Louisiana State for 1992; and the Distinguished Service Award for 1991 went to Clarence Ammerman, University of Florida and to Simon Malo, Escuela Agricola Panamericana for 1992.

Gamma Sigma Delta International continues its growth with plans underway to establish new chapters in Delaware, Florida A & M and Australia in the near future. The 1994 Conclave will be hosted by the Kansas State University, June 18 - 21.

I found the Conclave to be interesting and informative and appreciate the opportunity to have participated in it.

Earl F. Ellington

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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA OFFICERS

President - Dr. William L. Miller
*Executive Director, MidAmerica
International Agricultural Consortium*

Vice President - Dr. Rita C. Kean
Associate Professor and Chair, Textiles, Clothing and Design

Secretary - Dr. Dale H. Vanderholm
*Associate Dean, Agricultural Research Division
Associate Director, Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station
Professor, Agricultural Engineering*

Treasurer - Dr. Richard Waldren
Associate Professor, Agronomy

Historian - Dr. Charles H. Adams
Professor (Emeritus), Animal Science

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Gamma Sigma Delta Activities

<i>Executive Meeting</i>	11:45 a.m.	August 20, 1992	Nebraska East Union
<i>Annual Business Meeting</i>	3:00 p.m.	September 18, 1992	Nebraska East Union
<i>Executive Committee Meeting</i>	11:45 a.m.	October 27, 1992	Nebraska East Union
<i>Initiation and Awards Banquet</i>	6:00 p.m.	November 22, 1992	Nebraska East Union
<i>Executive Committee Meeting</i>	11:45 a.m.	December 16, 1992	Nebraska East Union
<i>Scholarship Recognition Dinner</i>	6:00 p.m.	March 14, 1993	Nebraska East Union
<i>Executive Committee Meeting</i>	11:45 a.m.	May 12, 1993	Nebraska East Union