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Gamma Sigma Delta

NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

August 1993

COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

September 24, 1993
East Campus Union
2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 75th Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta continues! The Ad-Hoc 75th Anniversary Committee chaired by Lowell Moser has planned for an excellent seminar in commemoration of the Chapter's 75th anniversary. On Friday, September 24, 1993, Mark Drabenstott, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City will present the commemorative lecture. He will focus on the future of agriculture and the economy as we move into the 21st century. Mark's presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the East Campus Union, followed by the Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Business Meeting. Please plan to attend both the lecture and business meeting on September 24. Charles Adams, Earl Ellington, Dick Fleming, Joan Laughlin and Dave McGill are due thanks for their contributions to the 75th Anniversary Committee.

The Scholarship Recognition Dinner held on Sunday, March 7 was a great success! Students in CASNR who attained high scholarship were honored. The Nebraska Chapter was honored to have as our special guest speaker, Dr. Carole Makela, International President of Gamma Sigma Delta. Carole provided a retrospect of Gamma Sigma Delta as an organization the past 75 years, since the Nebraska Chapter was instituted. She provided parallels be-

tween the development, nurturing and refinement of the diamond and the land for agricultural use.

There were other persons recognized at the March Dinner. Bill Miller received the Past President's Plaque for his outstanding contribution to Gamma Sigma Delta as the 1992 chapter President. Charles Adams provided a wonderful recognition of all the past Gamma Sigma Delta Presidents of the Nebraska Chapter. Charlie also compiled a special history of the Nebraska Chapter from its inception of May 25, 1918 through 1993. Each Gamma Sigma Delta member should have received his/her personal copy by this date. If not, please contact Charlie Adams at 466-4053. The book records events and the names of the members who served as officers or who were honored by Gamma Sigma Delta. Charlie deserves continued thanks for his work in helping to keep the tradition of Gamma Sigma Delta alive and active in Nebraska.

There are many other individuals to be recognized for their contributions to Gamma Sigma Delta this past year. Members of the Scholarship Recognition Dinner, Dana Boden (chair), Dean Eisenhauer, Terrance Riordan and Fayrene Hamous deserve special thanks for their planning and coordination that made for a successful event.

The Fall Initiation and Awards Banquet is on Sunday, November 21, 1993 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Campus Union. Jeff Keown is the chair of the Banquet Committee and will shortly be meeting with his committee to plan the event.

Call for nominations for Membership, Awards for Research, Teaching, Extension, and Merit have been sent to GSD Members. Please note the deadline for membership nominations is September 10, and

for awards, it is September 20. Your participation in this process is essential to the continued vitality of the Nebraska Chapter!

I want to extend personal thanks to all the membership for your positive responses to serving on committees for 1993. Please continue your support for Gamma Sigma Delta by attending the September 24 Commemorative lecture and Annual Business Meeting, as well as the Fall Initiation and Awards banquet on November 21. The members of the Executive Board, Dale Vanderholm, Rick Waldren, Loyd Young, Charlie Adams and Earl Ellington join me in encouraging all of you to attend these events during our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary year.

*Rita Kean
President, Nebraska Chapter*

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA INTERNATIONAL

The Executive Committee of Gamma Sigma Delta conducted its annual business meeting July 30 - August 1, 1993 at Keystone, CO. In attendance were the international officers which included Carole Makela, Colorado State University; Jim Mortensen, Penn State University; John Riley, Kansas State University; Mary Warnock, University of Arkansas; Richard Carter, Iowa State University and Earl Ellington, University of Nebraska.

The Nebraska Chapter was commended for its 75th anniversary celebration activities and the International President, Carole Makela, appreciated the opportunity to participate in this celebration as speaker for our Diamond Jubilee Anniversary and Scholarship Recognition Banquet, March 14, 1993.

Among items discussed at the business meeting was the 1994 Conclave. It will be hosted by the Kansas State University Chapter, June 16-18, 1994. All indications point to a very interesting conclave. I will have more information on this event at a later date. Please contact me should you wish to bring any business before the International Executive Committee.

Earl F. Ellington

HISTORIAN REPORT

The good news from the Historian is that we now have a printed history! I have written an 18 page history for our Diamond Jubilee Year, May 25, 1918-1993. I hope you will find our 75 year history interesting and containing information of interest to you.

All of the 65 members who attended the Scholarship Recognition Dinner last March 7, 1993 received a history. This included 24 of our 39 living chapter past presidents. Three past presidents who could not attend responded by letter with their regrets. Those three plus the other twelve were all mailed copies of the history. Dr. Abram W. Epp, who is our earliest living president, 1947-48, and his wife, Ethel, as well as Dr. Elvin F. Frolik, our earliest living initiate of May 15, 1930 as senior in Agronomy, and president in 1952-53 and his wife, Rita, were in attendance. Dr. Epp had been initiated as an Agricultural Economics graduate student on May 17, 1937.

There are 440 on our current mailing list which is 19 less than last year. Of this 440 membership total, 403 are in Nebraska with 233 on campus, 56 in Lincoln, and 114 in Greater Nebraska. There are 33 in 20 other states, 1 in Argentina, 1 in Ecuador, 2 in Mexico and 1 in Turkey. We have members in Russellville, AR; Loveland and Sterling, CO; Storrs, CT; Ft. Myers, FL; Athens, GA; Hilo and Honolulu, HI; Indianapolis, IN; Ames, Atlantic, Ft. Dodge and Garner, IA; Ellinwood, Manhattan and Overland Park, KS; Ft. Wright and Lexington, KY; Rockville, MD; Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Egan, Lakeville and two in Willmar, MN; Collingwood, NJ; Santa Fe, NM; Fargo and Lakota, ND; two in Stillwater, OK; Brookings, SD; College Station, TX; and Walla Walla, WA.

Last year there were 90 prepaid members while this year there are 119 who have paid dues for 1994 or beyond. There are 51 on our retired list and 37 on our Award of Merit list for a total of 88 who are not required to pay dues on our mailing list. Last year there were 101 who were not required to pay dues.

Since our last **Newsletter** the following two members have died; Thomas L. Thompson on May

29, 1993 and C. W. Nibler on June 6, 1993. Please notify me if you know of any other GSD members who have died in the past year.

Charles H. Adams, Historian

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER
AWARD RECIPIENTS
March 7, 1993**

Outstanding Sophomores

Douglas L. Olsen, Ag Honors major, from Harrisburg, NE.

Shelley A. Summers, Veterinary Science major, from Omaha, NE

Outstanding Seniors

Keith R. Harmony, Natural Resources major, from Kearney, NE

Chad M. Johannes, Ag Honors/Veterinary Science major, from Columbus, NE

Ag Alumni Senior Membership Award

Grant L. Greder, Ag Honors/Ag Journalism major, from North Platte, NE

Jason D. Krieser, Ag Honors major, from Lincoln, NE

Thirty-four Juniors and 30 Sophomores with High Scholarship (upper 10% of class) were recognized.

**Please Note!
Nomination Deadline**

**September 10 for Membership
September 20 for Awards**

Federal Reserve Economist to Speak at Fall Seminar, Sept. 24

Mark Drabenstott, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, will be the guest speaker at the Gamma Sigma Delta Diamond Jubilee Seminar, September 24 in the UNL East Union. He will focus on the future of agriculture and society at the turn of the century. Drabenstott was elected to the Iowa State chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Please note that the new date for the fall meeting is **September 24** rather than Sept. 17 as previously announced.

The seminar and business meeting will be held in the Great Plains room of the East Union. Here is the schedule:

PM

2:00 Reception

2:30 Seminar by Mark Drabenstott, vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

3:30 Business Meeting, GSD

4:30 Adjourn

The seminar will be open to all interested persons.

CELEBRATING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Nebraska chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 1993. Since this has been a special year for the chapter, special activities were planned to mark the 75-year milestone in our history. Our major event that focused on the Diamond Jubilee was at the spring Scholarship Recognition Banquet held on March 7. In addition to recognizing high achieving students the chapter highlighted its accomplishments and looked ahead to the future. International President Carole Makela, from Colorado State University, was the featured speaker and she stressed the importance of developing skills and leadership. She presented the chapter with a book of greetings from

members of the Colorado chapter. Many former chapter presidents attended. Charlie Adams, the GSD Historian presented members with the published history of the chapter he prepared.

In addition to the banquet, three displays about Gamma Sigma Delta were developed. Two displays, featuring the history of the chapter and member recognition, were placed in the East Campus Union in March and in the C. Y. Thompson Library in June. A third one will be placed in the East Campus Union during the last week of September. This display will describe classes of membership in Gamma Sigma Delta and feature some of our more notable members.

On September 24, a commemorative seminar will be held in the East Campus Union. A reception will be held at 2:00 and following at 2:30 Mark Drabenstott, Vice President and Economist from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City will speak to the group on the future of agriculture and its relationship to society at the turn of the century (2000). The annual Gamma Sigma Delta business meeting will follow. Plan to attend this final event of our Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Members of the Anniversary Committee are Charles Adams, Earl Ellington, Dick Fleming, Dave McGill, Dana Boden, Joan Laughlin, and Lowell Moser.

