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Gamma Sigma Delta

NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

August 1994

Scholarship Recognition Dinner
Award Recipients
March 13, 1994
6:00 PM
East Campus Union

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1994 continues to be another active year for the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. The first major event for the year was the annual scholarship recognition dinner held on Sunday, March 13 to honor CASNR students who have obtained high scholarship. Approximately 120 persons attended the dinner, including 31 students being honored along with their families and friends. Chuck Schroeder, Executive Vice President of the University of Nebraska Foundation, spoke on the positive opportunities of the future for those who want to work hard toward them. In addition to the students honored, Dr. Rita Kean received the past-president plaque for her outstanding contribution to Gamma Sigma Delta as the 1993 Chapter President. Also, International Gamma Sigma Delta treasurer, Earl Ellington, presented the Nebraska Chapter with a special plaque, the first special international award for accomplishment, recognizing the activities of the Nebraska Chapter in commemoration of the Chapter's 75th Anniversary.

Members of the Scholarship Recognition Dinner, Dean Eisenhower, Chair; Terrance Riordan, Fayrene Hamouz, Don Levis, and Bart Beattie did a great job and deserve our thanks for putting on a very successful event. **The Fall Initiation and Awards Banquet is on Sunday, November 20, 1994 at 6:00 pm in the East Campus Union.** Bob Volk is the Chair of the Initiation and Awards Banquet Committee this year and will begin working with his committee in the near future to plan this event.

The Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Business Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, September 16, 1994 in the East Campus Union. Due to the excellent reception for the Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Lecture in 1993, the Executive Committee has decided that an annual lecture of broad interest should be continued. We anticipate having that lecture immediately preceding 1994 Annual Meeting. The program is not finalized yet, but attempts are being made to schedule a speaker from industry who will address current issues related to food safety.

Call for nominations for membership, awards for research, teaching, extension and merit have been sent to GSD members. Please note the deadlines for membership nominations and for awards in September. The viability of the Nebraska Chapter is highly dependant on these activities so please participate as much as you can.

Finally, I want to say thanks to all of the members who served on the very efficient chapter committees during 1994. The official work of these committees plus that of the members of the executive board, Rick Waldren, Loyd Young, Ken Von Bargen, Charlie Adams, Earl Ellington make serving as your Chapter President a real pleasure.

*Dale H. Vanderholm, President
GSD Nebraska Chapter*

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REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE

The 1994 Biennial International Conclave, Gamma Sigma Delta, was held at Kansas State University, Manhattan Kansas, on June 18-21. The Conclave was attended by 17 delegates representing 14 state chapters. The program was focused on improving chapter activities and included several workshops on topics such as chapter operations, constitutions, histories, reports and

other normal chapter activities. Chapters were invited to bring poster presentations highlighting their activities. Nebraska Chapter had a poster display as did several others. Dr. Linda Martin, faculty member from Kansas State University and also a trainer for Carnegie Professional Development courses, presented an excellent seminar on "Living, Working and Communicating with Others More Effectively."

A highlight of the meeting was a field trip to Konza Prairie Research Natural Area, a native tall grass prairie in the Flint Hills region of Kansas. Experimental grazing by cattle and bison as well as fire treatments and a number of other research activities are carried out at Konza to look at the ecology under simulated natural conditions on the native tall grass prairie. The visit to Konza Prairie was followed by a stop at the Hays House Restaurant in Council Grove, the oldest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi River. Council Grove also happens to be the home town of our Nebraska Chapter Historian, Dr. Charlie Adams. The dinner group was visited by the editor of the Council Grove paper, an old friend of Dr. Adams who later wrote an article regarding the visit by Gamma Sigma Delta members and guests. Other extra events included tours of KSU facilities and of the US Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley. Conclave delegates were joined at various times by GSD members from the KSU faculty and administration.

The Nebraska Chapter was presented with the Good Neighbor Award, given to recognize that Nebraska had the highest level of attendance of all states immediately neighboring the host state, Kansas. The Nebraska Chapter attendees included President, Dale Vanderholm, Historian, Charles Adams, and International Treasurer, Earl Ellington, as well as Eula Mae Adams, Margaret Vanderholm, and Kim Vanderholm (Nebraska GSD initiate).

The International Executive Committee did an excellent job of planning an informative and interesting Conclave. This is a valuable experience, especially to become exposed to the many activities sponsored by Gamma Sigma Delta chapters around the nation. GSD continues to be a strong, positive force in recognizing scholarly achievement.



Historian Report

We have two new plaques this year to place in C.Y. Thompson Library. The first one received is a Certificate of Recognition from the International Gamma Sigma Delta Office. It bears this inscription: "The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta salutes members of the University of Nebraska Chapter on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary May 25, 1993." It is signed by International President, Carole J. Makela and International, Secretary John B. Riley.

The second plaque was presented at the International Conclave of Gamma Sigma Delta on June 21, 1994, at Kansas State University by the Kansas State Eta Chapter. It is inscribed as follows, "Gamma Sigma Delta Good Neighbor Attendance Award, Conclave 1994." The reason we received this award was because we had more in attendance from our chapter than either Missouri, Oklahoma State or Colorado State. There were three in attendance which include: President, Dale Vanderholm; International Treasurer, Earl Ellington and Chapter Historian, Charlie Adams.

There are 436 on our current mailing list which is four less than last year at this time. Of this active membership total 397 are in Nebraska with 245 on campus; 55 in Lincoln; 97 in Greater Nebraska. There are 35 in 20 other states; 1 in Ecuador; 1 in Italy; 1 in Mexico and 1 in Turkey. We have members in Russellville, AR; Sterling, CO; Storrs, CT; Ft. Myers, FL; Hilo and Honolulu, HI; Indianapolis, IN; Ames, Atlantic and Ft. Dodge, IA; Ellinwood, Manhattan (2); Overland Park and Wichita, KS; Ft. Wright and Lexington, KY; Rockville, MO; Battle Creek and Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Eagan, Lakeville and two in Willmar, MN; two in Columbia, MO; Santa Fe and Albuquerque, NM; Fargo, ND; Stillwater, OK; Brookings and Watertown, SD; College Station, TX; Walla Walla, WA and Laramie, WY.

Last year there were 119 prepaid members. This year there are 103 who have paid dues for 1995 or beyond. There are 55 on our retired list and 38 on our Award of Merit list for a total of 93 who are not required to pay dues. Last year, there were 88 who were not required to pay dues. *We are still accepting 1994 dues, so if you haven't paid your \$10 dues please send me a check at A213 Animal Sciences, PO Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908, as soon as possible. (Check*

your current membership card to see if you are paid up for 1994).

Since our last Newsletter, the following three inactive members of our chapter have died: Robert A. Britton, initiated as a graduate student in the West Virginia Chapter on April 8, 1968 and was a member of the Animal Science faculty here at UNL died April 26, 1994. Thomas R. Lewis, initiated as a UNL Animal Science senior on May 19, 1964 and died July 18, 1994. David E. Parrish, initiated on November 19, 1978 as a faculty member of the Ag Communications department died March 26, 1994. Please notify me if you know of other member(s) who have died since January 1, 1994.

*Charlie Adams
Historian*



Chapter Historian Goes Home

to his Alma Mater to attend the 1994 Gamma Sigma Delta International Conclave at Kansas State University on June 18-21, 1994. Charles Adams was initiated as an alumnus member into the Kansas Eta Chapter on May 10, 1946, after returning from four years in the service. On Monday afternoon the conclave group toured the Konza Prairie in the Flint Hills just south of Manhattan. This tallgrass research laboratory consists of 8,616 acres and contains the former Dewey Ranch. Between 1915 and 1920, a large limestone barn and house was built to serve as the ranch headquarters and remain today as the Konza Prairie head-quarters.

The tour continued on south about 35 miles to Council Grove, which is the county seat of Morris County where Charles grew up. Here the group had dinner in the restaurant of the Hayes House built in 1857 by the town's founder Seth Hays, and is the oldest continuous restaurant west of the Mississippi. Over the years the building has been used as a mail distribution point, a gathering place for court cases and church services and the site of the publication of the first newspaper. The current publisher, Don McNeal, gave us a brief welcome to the city and in the next days Council Grove *Republican* he had an article about us entitled "Elite Group of Ag Educators Visits Council Grove Monday." He even took space to list the names of all in attendance at the KSU conclave.

On the previous Saturday evening, the group traveled to Fort Riley where they had a self-guided tour of the US Cavalry Museum. This was followed by a pie dessert reception at the Custer House near the museum. The members of the Eta Chapter at Kansas State University were excellent hosts for our conclave. Needless to say, Charlie and his wife, Eula Mae, enjoyed the entire four days.

Scholarship Recognition Dinner Award Recipients March 13, 1994

Outstanding Sophomore

William A. Oltmans, Mechanized Systems Management major, from Beatrice, Nebraska. William is the 46th Sophomore to receive this award since it was started in 1961.

Outstanding Senior

Douglas L. Olsen, Ag Honors major, from Harrisburg, Nebraska. Douglas is the 45th Senior to receive this award since its inception in 1962.

Ag Alumni Membership Awards

Jennifer M. Becker, Natural Resources major, from Minden, Nebraska.

Jay E. Hanson, Agronomy major, from Mead, Nebraska.

Chadwin B. Smith, Fisheries and Wildlife major, from Lexington, Nebraska.

These three make a total of 25 who have been nominated for this award by Gamma Sigma Delta since it was started in 1980.

Thirty-eight Juniors and twenty-seven Sophomores with High Scholarships (above 3.70 GPA and in the upper 10% of their class) were recognized.

FROM GAMMA SIGMA DELTA INTERNATIONAL

The most recent activity of Gamma Sigma Delta International was the 1994 Conclave which was held at the Kansas State University, June 18-21. Prior to and following the Conclave were executive meetings of the international officers. The officers were well satisfied with the Conclave and I personally was pleased to see Nebraska so well represented. The Nebraska delegation included Charles and Eula Mae Adams, Dale, Margaret and Kim Vanderholm and Earl Ellington. As a matter of fact, a plaque was presented to Dale Vanderholm, our Nebraska delegate, in recognition of our chapter having the greatest number attending from an adjacent state. A Conclave report is given in other parts of the newsletter.

Among activities of the Executive Committee was the selection of award recipients for 1994 which are as follows: Outstanding Chapter Award, Louisiana State University; Distinguished Service to Agriculture, Dr. David Topel, Iowa State University; New Chapter Activity Award, none given. The 1994-96 International officers are: Jim Mortensen (PA), president; Joe Kotrlik (LA), president elect; John Riley (KS), secretary; Earl Ellington, NE), treasurer; Mary Warnock (AK), historian; and Carole Makela (CA), past president.

Other activities of the Executive Committee include working on revisions of the constitution as well as forms and the handbook for operation and long range planning discussions.

The 1995 Executive Meeting will be held July 21-23 at Keystone, Colorado, and the 1996 Biennial Conclave will be hosted by the University of Idaho, June 22-25. I welcome your questions and inputs.

*Earl F. Ellington
Gamma Sigma Delta International*

REMINDER

**Annual Business Meeting
September 16, 1994**

2:00 PM

East Campus Union