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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

August 1995

**Gamma Sigma Delta  
Initiation and Awards Banquet  
November 12, 1995  
Nebraska East Union  
6:00 pm**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE August 1995**

1995 continues to be another active year for the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. We held our annual scholarship recognition dinner on Sunday, March 12, to honor CASNR students who have obtained high scholarship. About 130 persons attended the dinner, including 40 students that were honored along with their families and friends. Eugene Glock, State Agricultural Representative for Senator Robert Kerrey spoke to the students on getting involved in their communities. In addition to the students honored, Dr. Dale Vanderholm received the past-president plaque for his outstanding contribution to Gamma Sigma Delta as the 1994 Chapter President and Kermit Hansen received the Chapter Award of Merit since he was unable to attend our fall banquet.

Terry Riordan, Chair of the Scholarship Recognition Dinner Committee, and members Fayrene Hamouz, Don Levis, and Linda Moody 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 12, 1995 at 6:00pm in the Nebraska East Union.** Note that the banquet is being held a week earlier than usual to get it away from Thanksgiving week and improve student participation. Lance Meinke 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 2:00pm, September 15, 1995 in the**

**Nebraska East Union.** Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important Chapter activity.

The International Award for Distinguished Service Committee, chaired by Roy Frederick, has submitted a nomination for this prestigious award. Hopefully we will hear positive news on this nomination soon.

Call for nominations for membership, awards for research, teaching, extension and merit were mailed August 2. We are sending the call for nominations earlier this year to help you contact potential members and consider award nominations. The viability of the Nebraska Chapter is highly dependent on these activities so please participate as much as you can.

I want to thank the members who are serving on our Chapter committees during this year. The official work of these committees plus that of the members of the executive board, Loyd Young, Ken Von Barga, Charlie Adams, Keith Niemann, Dale Vanderholm, and Earl Ellington make serving as your Chapter President a real pleasure.

*Richard Waldren, President  
Nebraska Chapter*

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### **FROM GAMMA SIGMA DELTA INTERNATIONAL**

The Gamma Sigma Delta International officers held their 1995 Summer Executive Committee meeting July 21-23, 1995 at Keystone, Colorado. Participants in the meeting included Earl Ellington, University of Nebraska; Joe Kotrlik, Louisiana State University; Carole Makela, Colorado State University; James Mortensen, Penn State University; John Riley, Kansas State University and Mary Warnock, University of Arkansas. Business items included officer reports, officer activities with liaison

chapter reports, a review of the 1994 Kansas State Conclave, a report on the status of the international constitution/bylaws revisions, selection of recipients for the Outstanding Chapter, New Activity and Distinguished Service to Agriculture Awards, a report on new chapters, a discussion of chapter revitalizations, chapter constitution reviews, operational materials and supplies, a report on chapter anniversary recognitions, a new projects discussion, and plans and arrangements for the 1996 Conclave.

Outstanding Chapter Awards went to the University of Arkansas and Colorado State University. Penn State and the University of Arkansas received New Chapter Activity Awards. I am very pleased to see the 1995 International Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, the highest award given by Gamma Sigma Delta, come to Nebraska. The recipient is Dr. Dermot P. Coyne, George Holmes Distinguished Regents Professor, Department of Horticulture. Our last recipient was Dr. Gordon Dickerson (1990). Past recipients include Dr. George Young (1961), Dr. Khem Shahani (1965), Dr. John Schmidt (1969), Dr. Virgil Johnson (1969) and Dr. Charles Gardner (1974). Dr. Coyne will receive the award at a chapter activity later in the school year. More information will be released prior to this activity. Congratulations, Dermot, on this well-deserved, prestigious honor.

Earl Ellington is to provide leadership for a new activity and associated committee that deals with chapter enrichments. A direction that may well be taken is the development of a grant program at the international level to encourage and help sponsor worthy Gamma Sigma Delta activities. Please forward any thoughts and suggestions on this or any other Gamma Sigma Delta matter for the international level to Earl.

The 1996 Biennial Conclave will be hosted by the University of Idaho, June 22-25, 1996. More information on the conclave is to come later.

*Earl F. Ellington  
International Officer and  
Executive Committee Member*

**PLEASE NOTE  
NOMINATION DEADLINES  
September 8 for Membership  
September 14 for Awards**

## NEWS FROM THE HISTORIAN

Since our last *NEWSLETTER* in February, two of our inactive members have died. Ephriam "Pete" Hixson was initiated as a faculty member on May 10, 1948 and died May 24, 1995 in Sun City, Arizona. He started at UNL in 1946 as the Chairman of the Entomology Department and in 1950 became the first Associate Director of Resident Instruction for the College of Agriculture. He served as vice president and president of our Chapter from 1949-51. In 1954 he left UNL to become Dean of the College of Agriculture at South Dakota State University. Grant I. Johnson came to UNL in 1963 and was initiated as a faculty member from the Department of (Agricultural) Information, now Communications and Information Technology, on May 16, 1967. He had retired in 1978 from UNL and died March 11, 1995. Please notify me if you know of other members who have died and not been listed in our *NEWSLETTER*.

The following is the current statue of our active members. There are 438 on our mailing list to receive this *NEWSLETTER*, which is two more than this time last year. This includes a total of 403 in Nebraska with 228 on campus, 54 in Lincoln and 121 in Greater Nebraska. There are 30 in 20 other states, plus one each in Ecuador, Italy and Turkey, and two in Mexico. We have active members in Russellville, AR; Commerce City, CO; Storrs, CT; Ft. Myers, FL; Hilo, HI; Charter Oak and Chicago, IL; Ames, Ft. Dodge, and Mondamin, IA; Manhattan (2), Overland Park and Wichita, KS; Lexington, KY; Battle Creek and Salte Ste. Marie, MI; Egan, Lakeville and Willmar (2), MN; Columbia, MO; Dunn, NC; Rutherford, NJ; Santa Fe, NM; Ogdensburg, NY; Fargo, ND; Stillwater, OK; College Station, TX; and Walla Walla, WA.

This year there are 87 who have paid dues for 1996 or beyond. We now have 46 on our retired list and 40 on our Award Merit list for a total of 86 who are not required to pay dues. Last year there were 93 on our mailing list who were not required to pay dues. Recently, I called 21 of you who haven't paid your 1995 dues. Please send your dues to me at A213 Animal Sciences, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908. We want to keep you on our active mailing list as we are still accepting dues for 1995 and beyond. Thank you for your fine cooperation.

*Charles H. Adams, Historian  
Nebraska Chapter*

## Membership and Award Nominations

Our Nebraska Chapter has as its primary purpose the recognition of scholarship and accomplishments in agriculture and related sciences. Each member has an important role in helping to keep Gamma Sigma Delta a viable and dynamic organization. Outstanding alumni, faculty and graduate students should be recognized by being nominated for membership in the Honor Society of Agriculture. Outstanding undergraduate students are nominated each year by the Chapter Membership Committee.

Members who have continued to be outstanding in their accomplishments are recognized annually by Chapter awards. These awards are given for *Teaching*, *Research* and *Extension*. In addition, a maximum of two *Awards of Merit* are made each year.

A packet containing the materials for making nominations was mailed August 2.

*Kenneth Von Bargaen, Secretary  
Nebraska Chapter*



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Scholarship Recognition Dinner Award Recipients March 12, 1995

#### Outstanding Sophomore

Rebecca Jo Filkins  
Agribusiness Major from Brunswick, NE  
Rebecca is the 47th sophomore to receive this award since it was started in 1961.

#### Outstanding Senior

William A. Oltmans  
Mechanized Systems Management Major  
from Beatrice, NE

Lee T. Thurber  
Agribusiness Major from Roca, NE

William and Lee are the 46th and 47th seniors to receive this award since it was started in 1962.

## Ag Alumni Membership Awards

Stephen W. Pollman  
Animal Science Major from Stratton, NE

Shad T. Stamm  
Animal Science Major from Benkelman, NE

Stephen and Shad are the 26th and 27th students who have nominated for this award by Gamma Sigma Delta since the awards were started in 1980

Forty-one juniors and 32 sophomores with High Scholarship (above 3.70 GPA and in the upper 10% of their class) were recognized at the dinner.



## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA ACTIVITIES

### EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

11:45am, Nebraska East Union  
August 29, 1995  
October 17, 1995  
December 12, 1995

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

2:00pm, Nebraska East Union  
September 15, 1995

### INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET

6:00pm, Nebraska East Union  
November 12, 1995

**THE BALLOT FOR THE  
ELECTION OF TREASURER IS  
ENCLOSED**

**RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 8**