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Gamma Sigma Delta

NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

February 1997

**Gamma Sigma Delta
Scholarship Recognition Dinner
March 9, 1997
Nebraska East Union
6:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes excellence as its primary activity. This is done by recognizing the top sophomore and junior students as Gamma Sigma Delta scholars in March. In the fall, deserving seniors, graduate students, faculty, and alumni are invited to become members of Gamma Sigma Delta and to honor outstanding contributions of our members. Your annual dues, first and foremost, support the Recognition Dinner, a sophomore scholarship, and a gift for the outstanding senior. The 1996 "Excellence" Awards listed in this Newsletter, are also supported by your dues.

Communication among the over 400 active Nebraska Chapter members, by way of this Newsletter, is also supported by your dues. Our Historian, Charlie Adams, does a magnificent job of maintaining member addresses and historical records. Be sure and let him know when you have a change of address or job, and when you retire.

Several challenges exist for our Nebraska Chapter. First, Gamma Sigma Delta needs to be more widely recognized by students and faculty on campus. Even with the Recognition Dinner, many seniors seem to be unaware of Gamma Sigma Delta when their invitation to membership

arrives. Each of us can help by telling others of Gamma Sigma Delta and that it is part of an International Organization. A second need is to provide more personal recognition to the sophomores and seniors for outstanding scholarship. My first step will be to identify them as Gamma Sigma Delta Scholars.

The **Executive Committee Meeting** dates for 1997 are listed below. You are invited to attend any meeting. They are scheduled at 11:45 a.m. in the Nebraska East Union.

February 6
May 13
August 19
October 15
December 9

The **Annual Chapter Meeting** is scheduled for **September 19**. Our **Scholarship Recognition Dinner** will be held at **6:00 p.m. on March 9** in the Nebraska East Union, and the **Initiation and Awards Banquet** will be held **November 23**.

As we begin 1997, I wish to commend those that have served on Chapter Committees. A special thanks to them because they make our activities go. Thanks also go to the officers for the Chapter that served under the leadership of Past President Loyd Young. The continuity that exists year-by-year is what makes the Nebraska Chapter function almost effortlessly.

NEWS FROM THE HISTORIAN

Welcome to our 68 new members consisting of 30 seniors, 19 graduate students, 18 faculty and one alumnus. They were initiated November 24, 1996 at our Initiation and Awards Banquet. We are looking forward to meeting you at our

We are looking forward to meeting you at our Scholarship Recognition Dinner on March 9, 1997. There have now been 3,269 individuals elected to membership in our Nebraska Chapter in the last 78 years.

We wish to thank you for the fine response to our 1997 dues notice. If you haven't sent in your \$10 payment yet, try to get it to me at A213 Animal Sciences, PO Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908 before March 31, 1997. Any time you change your address, please let me know and we will correct it for our future mailings. The Post Office doesn't do a very good job of forwarding mail and their forwarding time limit is very short.

We also wish to welcome the following individuals transferring their membership into our chapter since last August. Shirley L. Baugher, Chair of Family and Consumer Sciences, initiated in 1987 at Minnesota; Kenneth G. Cassman, Head of Agronomy, initiated in 1977 at Hawaii; James Lester M. Figarola, Entomology, initiated in 1993 at the University of the Philippines at Los Banos; Elaine A. Nowick, Branch Services, C. Y. Thompson Library, initiated in 1980 at Iowa State; and Roger D. Stockton, Agronomy, initiated in 1994 at Oklahoma State. We also welcome an active member, Jess L. Miner, Animal Science, who was initiated as a senior student in our chapter in 1983 and is now a new member of our IANR faculty. Please send me the names and addresses of anyone you know who is a Gamma Sigma Delta member who wishes to become active in our Nebraska chapter.

Since our August 1996 NEWSLETTER I know of only two inactive members who have died. One was Donald F. Burzlaff who had been initiated into our chapter April 20, 1959 as a faculty member and then became inactive February 28, 1973 when he became Chairman of the Department of Range and Wildlife Management at Texas Tech University. He died July 27, 1996. The other member was Cecil T. Blunn who became a member of the Animal Science Department staff in 1945 and retired

June 30, 1972. He had been initiated as a faculty member at Kansas State University on April 5, 1929 and he died January 20, 1997. Please let me know of any other Gamma Sigma Delta members who have died and not been listed in one of our NEWSLETTERS.

*Charles H. Adams, Historian
Nebraska Chapter*

**INITIATION AND AWARDS
BANQUET RECIPIENTS
November 24, 1996**

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. George H. Pfeiffer, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presented by Dean Donald M. Edwards, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Extension

Professor Doyle R. Wolverton, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presented by Dr. Elbert C. Dickey, Assistant Dean, Cooperative Extension Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Excellence in Research

Dr. L. Dale Van Vleck, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presented by Dean Darrell W. Nelson, Dean and Director, Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Award of Merit for Distinguished Service to Agriculture

Dr. Joan M. Laughlin, Associate Dean, College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presented by Robert L. Raun, Past member of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Board of Regents, Minden, NE and a member of Gamma Sigma Delta since May 10, 1951

Presented by Irvin T. Omtvedt, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture

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1997**

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