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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

Issue #16, February 1998

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Let me start this newsletter with my thanks. I am deeply honored and privileged to take over the reins from those I have followed. This organization has been blessed with great leadership and I hope I can live up to this legacy.

I would also like to say thank you to all of the members who have graciously agreed to be a part of the committee structure of our Chapter. Active committees are the reason organizations are successful, and the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has a rich heritage of being a top notch chapter.

The reason we continue to be a strong chapter is that we stay focused on the purpose for our existence — the recognition of high scholarship. On March 8, 1998, we will recognize top sophomore and junior students as Gamma Sigma Delta scholars. More information on this Scholarship Recognition Dinner will soon arrive in your mailbox. For now, mark it on your calendar. On November 22, 1998, deserving seniors, graduate students, faculty, and alumni will be invited to become members of our chapter as an acknowledgment of their outstanding contributions. Keep that date open. Plan to attend both events to show your support of these scholars.

The Executive Committee will meet on May 13, August 11, October 13, and December 8, 1998.

You are invited to attend any of the meetings, all scheduled for 11:45 a.m. at the Nebraska East Union. Our Chapter's Annual Meeting is scheduled for September, also at the Nebraska East Union. In recent years, we have invited a guest speaker to present a seminar in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Watch for more information on this event later this summer.

What does Gamma Sigma Delta mean to you? Let me give you an example of what this organization meant to one of our deceased members. In his report in this newsletter, Historian Charlie Adams tells us of the death of George Steinbruegge. Mr. Steinbruegge was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta in 1947 and became a member of our Chapter in 1957. He was very involved in tractor testing and served the University of Nebraska as Chair of the Nebraska Test Board for many years. He felt so strongly about his membership in Gamma Sigma Delta that our membership was listed as an honorary pall bearer at his recent funeral. What does Gamma Sigma Delta mean to you?

Again, my thanks to all of you as we begin 1998. It is my hope that the success of this Chapter will continue to grow into the future, but that's not possible without your involvement! I look forward to seeing many of you on March 8.

*Keith Niemann, President  
Nebraska Chapter*

## **GAMMA SIGMA DELTA ACTIVITIES**

### **SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER**

6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union  
March 8, 1998

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

May 13, 1998  
August 11, 1998  
October 13, 1998  
December 8, 1998

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** September 17, 1998

### **INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET**

6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union  
November 22, 1998

## **NEWS FROM THE HISTORIAN**

Welcome to our 55 new members consisting of 41 seniors, 13 graduate students and one faculty member. They were initiated November 23, 1997 at our Initiation and Awards Banquet. We are looking forward to meeting you at our Scholarship Recognition Dinner on March 8, 1998. There have now been 3,324 individuals elected to membership in our Nebraska Chapter since our chapter was chartered May 25, 1918.

We wish to thank you for the fine response to our 1998 dues notice. If you haven't sent in your \$10 payment yet, try to get it to me at A213 Animal Sciences, P.O. Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908 before March 31, 1998. Any time you change your address please let me know and we will correct it for our future mailings. The Post Office sometimes doesn't do a very good job of forwarding mail and their forwarding time limit is very short.

We wish to welcome the following individuals transferring their membership into our chapter since last July. Robert M. Caldwell, Agronomy and Extension Service, Southeast & Northeast Research & Extension Centers, initiated in 1979 at Illinois; Arlen W. Etling, 4-H Youth Development, initiated in 1977 at Arizona; Gary L. Heusel, State 4-H Program Leader, initiated in 1980 at Illinois; Daniel W. Moser, Animal Science, initiated in 1990 at Kansas State; and Mary Ellen Rider, Family and Consumer Sciences, initiated in 1976 at Georgia. We also welcome as an active member George H. Green, Jr. who was initiated as a senior on November 20, 1977 with a major in Agricultural Economics, Agronomy and General Agriculture. He is now an Administrative Assistant for American Express Financial Advisors Inc. here in Lincoln. He had been inactive since 1980. Please send me the names and addresses of anyone you know who is a Gamma Sigma Delta member and who wishes to become active in our Nebraska Chapter.

Since our August 1997 NEWSLETTER I know of only one active member who has died. On January 9, 1998, George W. Steinbruegge died here in Lincoln. He was initiated into the Missouri Chapter on May 16, 1947 and retired here in 1981 from the UN-L Department of Biological Systems Engineering. As part of his duties he had been chairman of the UN-L Tractor Testing Board for 25 years. 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*

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**INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET RECIPIENTS**

**November 23, 1997**

***Excellence in Teaching***

Dr. Dennis L. McCallister, Department of Agronomy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Presented by Associate Dean Steven S. Waller, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

***Excellence in Extension***

Dr. Donald H. Steinegger, Department of Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Presented by Dr. Elizabeth A. Birnstihl, Assistant Dean, Cooperative Extension Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

***Excellence in Research***

Dr. Larry V. Cundiff, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska  
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. Robert M. Koch, Professor Emeritus, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Dr. Martin A. Massengale, President Emeritus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Director of Grassland Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Presented by Dr. Anne K. Vidaver, Head of the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA 1998 COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Keith Niemann	2-1577
Vice President: Roy Frederick	2-6225
Secretary: Beth Birnstihl	2-2966
Treasurer: Merlyn Nielsen	2-6406
Historian: Charles Adams	402/466-4053
Past President: Ken Von Bargaen	2-6713

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Lowell Moser (1998)*	2-1558
Marilynn Schnepf (1999)	2-3735

### AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE

Anne Vidaver (1998)*	2-2858
Joan Laughlin (1999)	2-2913
Martin Massengale (2000)	2-4101

### EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE

Carol Thayer (1998)*	308/385-6420
Fred Baxendale (1999)	2-2123
Don Steingger (2000)	2-1144

### INITIATION & AWARDS BANQUET

Cindy Cammack (1998)*	2-5153
Jim King (1999)	2-3022
Arlen Etling (2000)	2-9008

### INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Dermot Coyne (1998)*	2-1126
Earl Ellington (1999)	2-6434
Steve Baenziger (2000)	2-1538

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio*	2-1629
Patricia Crews (1998)	2-6342
Julie Johnson (1999)	2-2923
Earl Russel (2000)	2-2807

### OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dale Vanderholm (1998)*	2-2046
Rick Waldren (1999)	2-1525
Loyd Young (2000)	402/643-4709

### RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE

Jim Kinder (1998)*	2-6438
Dale Van Vleck (1999)	2-6010
Larry Cundiff (2000)	402/762-4171

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Charles Adams, Ex Officio	402/466-4053
Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio	2-1629
Tom Silletto (1998)*	2-3912
Ron Hanson (1999)	2-2055
Sharron Quisenberry (2000)	2-2123

### SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER

Larry Larson (1998)*	2-6420
Maurice Baker (1999)	2-1796
George Pfeiffer (2000)	2-1775
Mellissa Millard (Stud. Mem)	402/483-7408

### TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE

Dennis Conley (1998)*	2-2034
Mike Kocher (1999)	2-3949
Dennis McCallister (2000)	2-6312

\*Chairperson

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