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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I am excited about the new year that we have before us as members of Gamma Sigma Delta. Your Chapter Officers and members of the Board have developed an interesting agenda for the year that will include the Scholarship Recognition Dinner and the annual Initiation and Awards Banquet. Both events are enjoyable as they give us opportunities to meet with our friends. But more importantly, they provide formal occasions to recognize excellence in scholarship, teaching, research and extension.

As your Society officers we are committed to encouraging advancement and improvement in all branches of the agricultural sciences and agricultural industry. The objectives of Gamma Sigma Delta are to continue to: 1) encourage high standards of scholarship and leadership in all branches of agricultural science and education; 2) encourage high quality achievement, professional ethics, and devotion to service of those entering and working in all branches of agriculture; and 3) to render service that will benefit all branches of agriculture and promote a better understanding of the agriculture sector by the general public.

I want to thank Chapter Officers, members of the several working committees, and each of you for your support and membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. I look forward to serving as president for this year as it will give me the opportunity of getting to better know the members of this important Society.

Roger E. Gold  
President, Nebraska Chapter

PAST PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Being elected to membership in Gamma Sigma Delta is an honor recognizing superior scholarship of our students. Similarly, being recognized by one of the Gamma Sigma Delta awards is an honor based on superior professional performance. The recognition afforded by Gamma Sigma Delta is appreciated by all. Yet there is a higher honor.

To be involved in the selection and recognition process through which new members are chosen and through which your peers are honored for their outstanding performance in teaching, research or extension requires a dedication of personal time and effort. To make the recognition offered by Gamma Sigma Delta meaningful, someone must dedicate time and resources to the selection process. Someone must identify and select candidates, order the certificates, select the banquet program, see that the programs are printed, write the letters, keep the records, receive the moneys, print the identification tags, order the flowers and all of the other detailed tasks that give dignity and honor to those being recognized.

It is these volunteers who are the true honorees. Through honoring others, you honor yourself. My year as President of Gamma Sigma Delta was a memorable experience, the most pleasant part being the opportunity of working with this group of dedicated members of Gamma Sigma Delta who served as committee members, committee chairpersons and fellow officers during 1988. My thanks to them, one and all.

W E Splinter  
Past President, Nebraska Chapter
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA INTERNATIONAL
What Is It?

Gamma Sigma Delta does not maintain a permanent national office. The National, or I should say the International Officers are volunteers and there is no paid executive secretary that runs the organization. The officers as the executive committee formulate the policy for the society and carry out the limited functions of Gamma Sigma Delta International. The Secretary (Carole Makela, Colorado State) and the Treasurer (Jim Mortensen, Penn. State) are responsible for providing local chapters with supplies such as certificates and jewelry. They also maintain the Society’s membership and financial records. The historian (Marie Lavallard, Univ. of Arkansas) provides continuity and keeps the historical records of the Society. The President (Ray Miller, Ohio State) is responsible for The Biennial Conclave held on even numbered years and an executive meeting held in odd numbered years. The President-elect (Richard Carter, Iowa State) and the Past-president (Lowell Moser, Nebraska) also serve on the executive committee. This low-overhead operation is why you pay dues to the International only once, when you are initiated, and you have lifetime membership. Subsequently there are only local dues to pay. Gamma Sigma Delta is growing. We have added seven chapters in the past five years. The last one (46th chapter) was installed at Michigan State in 1988.

The strength of Gamma Sigma Delta is in the local chapters. Each chapter carries out its own program and is as active as it wants to be. The main goal of every chapter is to honor excellence in agriculture. Our chapter at Nebraska is a strong one and sponsors two banquets a year to honor students, faculty, and alumni. Be sure you attend the next banquet so you can see what the organization does. Also, consider attending the next Biennial Conclave which will be held at Ames, Iowa in 1990. By interacting with other chapters we will get new ideas to strengthen our chapter.

Lowell E. Moser
Immediate Past International President

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

There are 438 on our current mailing list, 24 more than last year. However, we just added to the list 44 who were initiated to Gamma Sigma Delta at some other chapter or at Nebraska and have never been asked to be on our active list since coming on the staff of IANR at Nebraska. We hope all of these new actives will decide to remain active when they read this Newsletter and receive the Dues Notice which is also enclosed. We will also be adding the names of our 62 new initiates to the mailing list after February 1, 1989.

Of these 438, 407 are in Nebraska with 222 on campus, 70 in Lincoln, and 115 in Greater Nebraska. There are 29 in 17 other states, 1 in Mexico and 1 in Guatemala. The 17 other states with cities and members (if more than 1): Camarilo and Davis, CA; Denver, Fort Collins, Sterling and Wellington, CO; Immokalee, FL; Des Moines and Fort Dodge, IA; Manhattan (2) and Shawnee, KS; Bowling Green and Lexington (3), KY; Beltsville and Gaithersburg, MD; Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Willmar, MN; Easton, MO; Santa Fe, NM; Clarence, NY; Crumpler, NC; Fargo and Minot, ND; Corvallis, OR; Pierre, SD; and Murray, UT.

Charles H. Adams
Historian, Nebraska Chapter

NEWSLETTER, A NEW UNDERTAKING

The 1989 Executive Committee, at its first meeting on December 21, 1988, made the decision to initiate a newsletter to hopefully provide better communication with the membership. The Vice President is to provide leadership for this project which includes this issue and one in late summer. We would appreciate hearing any comments or suggestions that you may have regarding this project. We also invite members to provide any information they wish to share with the memberships via future newsletters. You have our best wishes for 1989.

Earl Ellington
Vice President, Nebraska Chapter
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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA COMMITTEES

Officer Nominating
*Glenn Froning (1989), Don Miller (1990),
  Bill Splinter (1991), Doug Duey (1992)

Auditing
*Jim Emal (1989), Maurice Baker (1990)

Membership
*Myra Wilhite (1989), Ackland Jones (1990),
  Blaine Blad (1991)

Initiation and Awards
*Ronald Hanson (1989), Paul Read (1990),
  Roberta (Bobbie) Sward (1991), Alice Jones (1992),
  **Fayrene Hamouz

Scholarship
Charles Adams, Ex Officio, *John Rupnow (1989),
  David Lewis (1990), Bobby Grisso (1991),
  ***Carol Caha, Steve Waller (1992)

Scholarship Recognition Dinner
*Phyllis Staats (1989), Dennis Burson (1990),
  Pat Crews (1991), Rita Kean (1992),
  Bob Kuzelka (1993), **Dan Husmann

Award of Merit
*Rosalind Morris (1989), Rollin Schnieder (1990),
  Herman Gorz (1991)

Int'l Award of Distinguished Service
*Dan Bigbee (1989), Charles Francis (1990),

Extension Award
*Warder Shires (1989), Doug Duey (1990),
  Elbert Dickey (1991)

Research Award
*Rodger Johnson (1989), Lloyd Bullerman (1990),
  Austin Lewis (1991), John Witkowski (1992)

Teaching Award
*Richard Foster (1989), Ann Parkhurst (1990),
  Rick Waldren (1991)

* Chairperson
** Graduate Student
***Research Technologist
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA AWARD
RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED IN 1988

Scholarship Recognition Dinner
March 13, 1988

Outstanding Sophomore
Nathan A. Geisert - Ag Honors Major
(Agrribusiness emphasis) from Ogallala, Nebraska

Outstanding Senior
Kevin C. Meyer - Ag Honors Major
(Agrribusiness emphasis) from Phillips, Nebraska

Senior Alumni Award
Ann M. Fleischmann - Food Science and Technology
Major from Lincoln, Nebraska

Initiation and Awards Banquet
November 20, 1988

Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Dennis R. Brink, Associate Professor
Animal Science

Excellence in Research
Dr. Glenn W. Froning, Professor
Food Science and Technology

Excellence in Extension
Dr. Elbert C. Dickey, Professor
Agricultural Engineering

Award of Merit
Mr. Richard D. Earl, President
Hill Hatchery, Lincoln

Dr. Herman J. Gorz, Supervisory Research Geneticist
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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA CONCLAVE
1988

The 1988 Biennial Conclave was hosted by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, June 11-14. Those attending from the Nebraska Chapter included International President Lowell Moser, Chapter President William Splinter and Chapter Delegate and Secretary Earl Ellington. Discussions focused on activities of the international officers as well as chapter activities, concerns, problems, and opportunities. Lowell Moser’s last official act as International President was chairing the conclave. Ray Miller, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, Ohio State University was elected as the new international president. The Ohio State Chapter received the outstanding chapter award and Dr. James Moore of the Arkansas Chapter received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award. The next Conclave will be at the Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, June 9-12, 1990.

I wish to express my appreciation for being provided the opportunity to serve as the Nebraska Chapter delegate for this inspirational and informative conclave. The dedication and enthusiasm of those in leadership roles at the international level, as well as chapter delegates, were impressive.

Earl Ellington
Delegate, Nebraska Chapter

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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA ACTIVITIES*

Executive Meeting
December 21, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union

Executive Meeting
February 22, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union

Scholarship Recognition Dinner
March 12, 6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union

Executive Meeting
May 24, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union

Executive Meeting
August 23, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union

Annual Business Meeting
September 22, 3:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union

Executive Meeting
October 25, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union

Initiation & Awards Banquet
November 19, 6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union

*More detailed information will be provided to the various scheduled activities.