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Gamma Sigma Delta

NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

Issue #19, August 1999

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is moving along rapidly, and that's a reminder that the fall schedule of Gamma Sigma Delta events is just around the corner. As a matter of fact, I would call your attention to several items enclosed with this newsletter that need your attention prior to the annual meeting on September 23, 1999.

One such item is a membership nomination form. Please take some time to consider those that might be worthy members in each of three categories: graduate students, faculty/staff and alumni. While some information is required, the nomination form is not lengthy. We trust that your nominees would be honored to be asked to join Gamma Sigma Delta. At the same time, it is important for the organization to keep the membership growing and vibrant. Thanks, in advance, for taking the time to review the criteria for membership and for submitting some quality nominations.

Also included with this mailing, are nomination forms for four awards presented annually to members of the Nebraska Chapter. These include the Award of Merit plus the teaching, research and extension awards. These awards are presented at the Initiation and Awards Banquet, scheduled this year for November 21, 1999. Again, the Executive Committee of Gamma Sigma Delta encourages you to review the criteria for each of the awards and then nominate one or more outstanding candidates from among your colleagues. We know that we have many deserving GSD members for each of the awards.

Another of the enclosures is the ballot prepared by Rick Waldren and other members of the nominating committee for the election of next year's treasurer. Please return your ballot at your earliest convenience. As you may recall, the tradition has been for the person elected treasurer to move through the other executive offices of the organization in succeeding years.

Earlier I made reference to the annual meeting. I'm very pleased to announce, as has been the case for several

years now, that an interesting seminar will proceed the business portion of our meeting. This year's speaker is Dr. P. Stephen Baenziger, Professor of Agronomy. Steve's topic is "Why are Teaching, Research, and Extension Worth the Investment." A similar presentation made last March to the National Leadership Seminar of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges was very well received.

Both the seminar and business meeting will be in the East Campus Union. The seminar begins at 2:00 p.m., followed by the business meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. on **September 23, 1999**. Refreshments will be available. So plan to join us and help get Gamma Sigma Delta off to a good start in the new academic year.

Finally, I want to thank all Gamma Sigma Delta members who are serving on committees this year. The organization depends heavily on committees to do a variety of tasks. A special thanks to committee chairs and other members of the Executive Committee for your attention to details. You've made my job easy!

*Roy Frederick, President
Nebraska Chapter*

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA ACTIVITIES

Annual Business Meeting
2:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
September 23, 1999

Initiation and Awards Banquet
6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
November 21, 1999

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of July 17, 1999, there are 417 active members on our mailing list to receive this NEWSLETTER which is 10 less than the 427 at this time last year. This includes a total of 384 in Nebraska, with 221 on campus, 54 in Lincoln and 109 in Greater Nebraska. There are 29 in 17 other states plus one in Brazil, 1 in Ecuador, 1 in Ethiopia and 1 in Mexico. We have active members in Goodyear and Phoenix, Arizona; Bakersfield, California; Commerce City, Denver and Parker, Colorado; Carrollton, Georgia; LaMars and Sioux City, Iowa; Grayslake, Illinois; Manhattan, Overland Park and Shawnee, Kansas; Coopersville and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Egan, Jasper and Willmar (2), Minnesota; Somerset, New Brunswick and West New York, New Jersey; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Fargo, North Dakota; Stillwater, Oklahoma; Alexandria, Virginia; Walla Walla, Washington; and Racine, Wisconsin.

This year there are 70 who have paid dues for 2000 or beyond. We now have 46 on our retired list and 42 on our Award of Merit list for a total of 82 who are not required to pay dues. Last year there were 93 on our mailing list, who were not required to pay dues. I wish to send a special "Thank You" to all of you who have sent in your annual dues to me.

Charles H. Adams
Membership Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

A primary objective of Gamma Sigma Delta is to recognize scholastic and professional excellence. Each year the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes outstanding sophomore and senior students selected from the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources, the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, and the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. The 1999 awards were presented to the following students:

Outstanding Seniors:

Thomas (T.J.) Dredla
Water Science - Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Brian Shaw
Animal Science/Ag Economics
Deweese, Nebraska

Outstanding Sophomore:

Christy Jensen
Agribusiness - Bennet, Nebraska

In addition, 55 Juniors and 32 Sophomores were recognized for High Scholarship. Forty of the Juniors recognized were from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), 13 were from the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences (HRFS), and two were from the Department of Biological Systems Engineering (BSE). The Sophomores recognized included 23 from CASNR, seven from HRFS, and two from BSE.

NOTES FROM THE HISTORIAN

The deaths of the following Nebraska Chapter members have occurred.

Herbert Lingren died November 11, 1998. He was initiated as a faculty member on November 20, 1994. He joined the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences as an Extension Family Life Specialist in 1980. Dr. Lingren came to the University of Nebraska from Iowa State University where he was an Extension Rural Sociologist.

M. Garfield "Mac" McCreight died April 9, 1999. He was initiated on May 10, 1948 as a Graduate Student in Vocational Education. He received the Nebraska Chapter Award of Merit in 1974. He taught Agricultural Education at the University of Nebraska for 27 years beginning in 1946.

Elvin F. Frolik died June 4, 1999. He was initiated as an Agronomy senior on May 15, 1930. Dr. Frolik received the Nebraska Chapter Award of Merit in 1971. He began his career at the University of Nebraska in 1936 in the Department of Agronomy. He served as Department Chair from 1952 to 1955 and then became Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station until 1960. He was the Dean of the College of Agriculture from 1960 to 1973. He was on an assignment in Iran in 1973 to 1975 and served in several other short term international assignments. Dr. Frolik was a co-author of *The First Century*, a history of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture.

Kermit Hansen died July 8, 1999. He was initiated as a University of Nebraska alumni member on November 21, 1993. He received the Nebraska Chapter Award of Merit in 1994. Mr. Hansen served on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for 20 years; he was appointed in 1970 and then elected in 1972, 1978, and 1984. He spent most of his career in banking and was President and Chairman of U.S. National Bank of Omaha.

DeLynn R. Hay
Nebraska Chapter



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THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE
NEBRASKA CHAPTER
University of Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

August 2, 1999

TO: Members of Gamma Sigma Delta

FROM: Merlyn Nielsen, Secretary

SUBJECT: A. Call for Membership Nominations **Due: September 10, 1999**
B. Call for Nominations for Awards **Due: September 10, 1999**
Award of Merit
Teaching Award
Research Award
Extension Award
C. Annual Meeting---**Thursday, September 23, 1999 at 2:00 pm**
D. Ballot for Ejection of Treasurer **Due: September 3, 1999**

Call for Nominations for Membership. Please see enclosed materials for nominating graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. The Nebraska Chapter remains strong because you have consistently nominated individuals worthy of membership to the Membership Committee. Remember that managerial/professional staff, in addition to faculty, alumni, and graduate students, are eligible for membership and need to be nominated. Undergraduate students are reviewed directly by the Membership Committee. **Due September 10, 1999.** Send to Dr. Jack Schinstock, 201 L. W. Chase, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583-0726.

Mary Cassner - submitting form

Call for Nominations for Awards. Please see enclosed materials for nominating worthy individuals for the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit, Teaching Award, Research Award, and Extension Award. Because Gamma Sigma Delta promotes high scholarship, these awards are very important and deserve our effort to nominate our colleagues who have distinguished themselves in their professional endeavors. **Due September 10, 1999.** Send the nomination to appropriate chair of each selection committee.

Annual Meeting--September 23, 1999 at 2:00 pm in East Campus Union. Besides the annual business meeting, an added bonus will be a stimulating presentation by Dr. Steve Baenziger titled "Why are Teaching, Research, and Extension Worth the Investment?" We expect to adjourn by 3:30 pm.

Election for Treasurer. A ballot for election of treasurer for year 2000 is enclosed with a description of candidates Robert (Bobby) Grisso and Terrance (Terry) Riordan. Vote for one and return your ballot to Merlyn Nielsen, A218 An Sci, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908 by **September 3, 1999.**