

*Gamma-Kappa*  
**Hall of Fame**  
&  
*Sigma*  
**House Dedication**



**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015**



## HALL OF FAME CEREMONY &

### NEW CHAPTER HOUSE DEDICATION

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The Gamma-Kappa Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Kappa Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements in their careers and/or service to the community/fraternity, this award will become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-Kappa.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. The Gamma-Kappa Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence. Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

#### **2015 Hall of Fame Inductees**

- Mike Fentriss '57
- Paul Austin '58
- Phil Thomas '75
- Ryan Butts '98

This also marks an exciting new chapter with the completion of our chapter house. We would not be here without many of your support and dedication, thank you!

A special thank you to Bud Miles '62 of Miles and Associates for the architectural design.

We hope you enjoy your weekend and plan to make it back in the near future.



## Program

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### **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Denny Bartell '51

### **Invocation**

### **Introductions**

House Mom - Carolyn Hooley

Worthy Grand Treasurer - Ron Holsey '86 (Texas A&M)

Steven Owens

House Board Members

House Advisors

Chapter President

### **Dinner**

### **Remarks from Ron Holsey '86**

### **Remarks from Denny Bartell '51**

### **Hall of Fame Presentations**

Jack Bache '56

### **Chapter Update**

Zach Haley '12

### **Closing Comments**

Denny Bartell '51



# Wall of Giving

**Thank you to all of our donors who have made all of this possible. Without your support we would not be here today for this wonderful celebration! Donors below have all donated \$1,000 or more and is recognized on our Wall of Giving.**

## **Gamma-Kappa Founders Club**

J. Denny Bartell '51  
Jerry L. Sheets '76

Orin Christopher Meyers '63  
Michael H. Woods '75  
John G. Hester '81  
Dan H. Kroll '86

## **Star & Crescent Club**

A.V. Jones '50  
Jon Rex Jones '54

Hans K. Mize '86  
David C. Cochlin '89

## **Heritage Club**

Peyton S. Carnes Jr. '52

## **Emerald Club**

Edward A. Eskridge '47  
Thomas R. Brett '50  
Paul B. Lindsey '50

## **1100 College Club**

Lee R. Bondurant '51  
Lawrence A. Marsh '52

## **46 East Lawn Club**

William R. Guffey '51  
Jack H. Mayfield Jr. '56  
Garrett F. Miles '62

Thomas C. Perkins '53  
Donald G. Douglas '55  
Charles Tom Knotts '67  
Harvey W. Sturdevant '67  
James L. Gunderson '71

## **Scarlet Club**

C.B. Cameron '45  
Jere W. McKenny '47  
William E. Durrett '48  
Gary F. Fuller '54  
Samuel T. Dekinder '57  
Paul D. Austin '58

Phillip W. Thomas '75  
Larry M. Hemingway '76  
Jay A. Thomas '78  
Allen R. Coffey '82  
John W. Porter '95  
Joseph Clay Hudson '99  
Andrew W. Hemingway '05



## **Crest Club**

Gerald M. Heinzelmann '51  
Seth F. Millington '53  
William C. Wantland '53  
Robert G. Tracy '55  
C. Courtney Wood '55  
Jack Bache '56  
James R. Culwell '57  
Jon L. Moon '64  
Royce M. Hammons '65  
Lee Sanger '70  
David M. Dayvault Jr. '72  
John M. Snodgrass '72  
Jack B. Watkins '72  
Richard E. Burk '74  
Sam D. Sheets '75  
John Andy Rieger '76  
Jeff W. Turner '76  
Jeff H. Norris '77  
Gerald R. Allen '78  
William Joe Lancaster '78  
Michael A. Rossiter '79  
Warren T. DeKinder '82  
Brett C. Huckelbury '86  
Ernie Nalagan '86  
John W. Richardson III '87  
Christopher A. Paskowski '89  
Lance Windel '91  
Ryan K. Butts '98  
James D. Bartell '02  
Jeffrey B. Hemingway '03

## **Sooner Club**

Warren M. Schaub '47  
Robert R. Pratt '49  
Gordon F. Brown '50  
Mike Harding '52  
Jere B. Smith '52  
Tom A. Cox '53  
James F. Fentriss '53  
John R. Hughey '55  
James E. Meyerson '55  
Robert L. Wantland '55  
Ron Symes '57  
Gerald L. Gamble '60  
Alan H. Ford '67  
Terry R. Hanna '67  
Richard K. Holmes '69  
Glen Mike Bunney '71  
John Mike Blake '74  
Mark Springer '74  
Michael L. Casteel '77  
James M. Hazzard '77  
James Sikes '79  
George F. Schutz '81  
Stephen M. Winter '82  
Vito J. Bianco '86  
Kevin Book '96

## **Builders' Club**

William W. Peterson '45  
William F. Brown '47  
Wesley Chalfant '48

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### ...Builders' Club

Joe C. McClendon '48  
 Thomas G. Marsh '49  
 Thornton Wright '49  
 Robert P. Baughman '50  
 D.I. (Pete) Davis '52  
 James Alan Davis '52  
 Kenneth M. Jones '52  
 Donald L. Miller '52  
 Jack H. Abernathy '53  
 Fred E. Bassett '53  
 William G. Erwin '53  
 Bruce E. Townsend '53  
 C. Clark Dougherty '54  
 William Jim Moyer '54  
 John R. Mosley '54  
 George Dudley Malone '54  
 Donald H. Wills '54  
 Thomas E. Davis '55  
 Kenneth F. Herring '55  
 Milton McDermott '55  
 Gerald J. Bowman '55  
 Ron Hill '55  
 Richard C. Wright '55  
 Cecil C. Burrows '56  
 George C. McKinnis '56  
 Mickey Fentriss '57  
 Howard C. Frank '57  
 John G. Stuart '57  
 John M. Merrill '59  
 Thomas M. Richardson '59  
 Jimmy C. Vervack '62

Hugh G. Adams '64  
 Steve Owens '67  
 Clyde M. Chrisman '69  
 Charles A. McWilliams '69  
 Van Michael Brown '71  
 Stanley K. Young '71  
 William E. Hough '73  
 James W. McColl '75  
 Paul A. Jarratt '76  
 William L. Kaufholz '76  
 Richard D. Nightengale '77  
 Gregory D. Wade '80  
 Kit Bowyer '82  
 Scott Doak '82  
 Jay W. Fox '86  
 Tim S. Dighton '88  
 Lance D. Kopenhagen '94  
 Daren W. Wilson '95  
 Gary Paul Ardoin '96  
 David B. Cripps '96  
 Samuel Myles Davidson '96  
 Matthew J. Lunsford '96  
 John D. Mose '96  
 Paul M. Diaz '99  
 Ross H. Roye '99  
 Dale J. Thurman '99  
 Adam R. Brown '00  
 Steven R. Mose '01  
 William B. Ross '02  
 Jason G. Bishop '03  
 Robert T. Vick '12



## Room Naming Gifts

**Chapter House** - Denny Bartell '51

**Legacy Hall-Group Study/Lecture/  
Basement** - Jerry Sheets '76

**Chapter Room/Library - \$1,000,000**  
- Available

**Dining Hall/Living Room** - A. V. Jones  
'50 & Jon Rex Jones '54

**Grand Study Lounge** - Peyton Carnes  
'52

**Kitchen - \$250,000** - Available

**TV Room - \$250,000** - Available

**Multi-Purpose Room - \$250,000** -  
Available

**Grand Foyer** - Jay Galt '62

**Board/Leadership Room - \$100,000** -  
Available

**House Mom Quarters** - Bud Miles '62

**Advisor/House Corporation Office -  
\$100,000** - Available

**Chapter Office - \$50,000** - Available

**Front Patio** - Jack Mayfield '56 In Honor  
of Charles Bartell '56

**Back Patio - \$50,000** - Available

**Locker Room - \$50,000** - Available

**Officer Suites (3) - \$ 50,000** - Available

**2-Man Scholarship Suites** - Larry  
Hemingway '76, Jeff Hemingway '03,  
& Drew Hemingway '05, Paul Lindsay  
'50, John Porter '95, Clay Hudson '99,  
Harvey Sturdevant '67, Alan Coffey '82/  
Ryan Butts '98, Larry Marsh '52, Tom  
Perkins '53, Jay Thomas '78, Ed Eskridge  
'47, Tom Brett '50, Jim Gunderson '71,  
Sam Dekinder '57

**3-Man Scholarship Rooms** - Gary Full-  
er '54, Jere McKenney '47, Mike Woods  
'75, John Hester '81, Dave Cochlin '89

**1-Man Scholarship Rooms** - Bill Dur-  
rett '48, Hans Mize '86

**Basketball/Sport Court Area** - C. B.  
Cameron '47

**Chapter Room Storage Room** - Jim  
Culwell '57 & Ron Symes '57

**Laundry Room** - Phil Thomas '75

**Small Group Study Room** - Bob Tracy  
'56, Jack Bache '86

**Grand Staircase Landing Right** - Don-  
ald Douglas '56

**Grand Staircase Main Landing** - Paul  
Austin '58

**Study Lounge Area-2nd Floor** - Bill  
Guffey '51

**Heritage Room** - Chris Meyers '63



## House Corporation Board

Ryan Butts '98 - President	Jim Gunderson '71
Jack Bache '56 - Vice President	Mike Blake '74
Allen Coffey '82 - Treasurer	Myles Davidson '96
Bill Ross '02 - Secretary	Eddie Sein '96
Bob Tracy '55	Russell Wantland '96

## Educational Foundation Board

Chris Meyers '63 - President	George Schutz '81
Royce Hammons '65 - Vice President	Warren DeKinder '82
Alan Ford '67	Austin Huth '13

## Alumni Advisors

Jerry Sheets '76

## UG Executive Committee

Zach Haley '12 - Grand Master	Jack Franken '14 - Grand Scribe
Austin Huth '13 - Grand Treasurer	Kaleb Hinkel '14 - Grand Master of Ceremonies
Matthew Klauser '13 - Grand Procurator	

# Thank you

Architect: Miles and Associates

Contractor:

Campaign Counsel: Fraternity Management Group



## Campaign Volunteers

J.D. Lydick '46	Harvey Sturdevant '67	Vito Bianco '86
Jere McKenny '47	Richard Holmes '69	Jay Fox '86
Bill Durrett '48	Lee Sanger '70	Brett Huckelbury '86
John Brett '49	Jim Gunderson '71	Dan Kroll '86
Tom Brett '50	John Snodgrass '72	Hans Mize '86
Denny Bartell '51	Jack Watkins '72	Trey Richardson '87
Jerry Heinzelmann '51	Bill Hough '73	Tim Dighton '88
Jere Smith '52	Mike Blake '74	Jim Winblood '89
Jim Fentriss '53	Richard Burk '74	Lance Kopenhagen '94
Bill Wantland '53	Phil Thomas '75	John Porter '95
Jon Rex Jones '54	Mike Woods '75	Myles Davidson '96
John Mosley '54	Larry Hemingway '76	Russell Wantland '96
Bob Tracy '55	Jerry Sheets '76	David Cripps '96
Bob Wantland '55	Jay Hazzard '77	Ryan Butts '98
Jack Bache '56	Jeff Norris '77	Joe Hudson '99
Mike Thompson '56	Gerry Allen '78	Ross Roye '99
Jim Culwell '57	Joe Lancaster '78	Dale Thurman '99
Sam DeKinder '57	Jay Thomas '78	Adam Brown '00
Gerald Gamble '60	Larry Lavelett '79	Steven Mose '01
Chris Meyers '63	John Hester '81	Bill Ross '02
Royce Hammons '65	George Schutz '81	Jason Bishop '03
Tim Payne '66	Allen Coffey '82	Jeff Hemingway '03
Alan Ford '67	Warren DeKinder '82	Drew Hemingway '05



## Hall of Fame Inductees

### Mike Fentriss '57



Brother Fentriss spent his childhood in Oklahoma City and attended Cassidy School where he was an outstanding football player. In his senior year he transferred to Northwest Classen where he graduated and continued to be an outstanding football player.

Mickey pledged Kappa Sigma as a freshman and was initiated in 1957. He was an active member and served as Rush Chairman and Intramural Chairman. He had a deep love for Kappa Sigma and was an extremely popular member, as was his brother Jimmy, class of '53.

Mickey's Kappa Sig journey didn't end with his graduation from O.U. as he continued to be an important part of our fraternity. In the summer of 1970 he and his wife, Sue, the former Sue Trower from Tulsa, moved back to Norman. He became aware of what bad shape the house was in and took it upon himself to begin mowing the grass. He also landscaped as it was overgrown. There was also a termite and roof problem so he and several brothers joined together to fix these issues. Brother Fentriss also noticed a lack of leadership and he helped in getting the chapter organized and getting rid of some people who didn't belong for one reason or another. Mickey and Sue remodeled the downstairs as it was in need of repair and added new furniture and new dining room tables and chairs at their own expense.

His involvement with Gamma-Kappa lasted for some four years and he was truly the unofficial Chapter Advisor for this period of time. He was a true "people person" and seemed to find the good in all the cases he came in contact with. No one can doubt his love for Kappa Sigma.

After graduation in 1960, with a degree in marketing, Mickey sold sound systems for the family business, Fentriss Sound Engineering. He also became interested in the restaurant business and opened a disco in Norman, "Infinity", in 1978. After selling this business he opened "Micheal's Plum" in Oklahoma City.

Mickey and Sue had three sons and 10 grandchildren. He loved Kappa Sig, his wife and family, and all his friends. Sadly Mickey passed away in 1991.



### Paul Austin '58



Paul Douglas Austin was born in Konawa, Oklahoma in 1939. He lived in Seminole, Oklahoma from 1949 to 1957. He graduated from Seminole High School in May of 1957. While at Seminole High School he earned letters in football, basketball and golf. He was listed on the honor roll and served on the student council. He was a member of DeMolay (a Masonic fraternity for young men) and Oklahoma Boys State.

In the fall of 1957 he enrolled at the University of Oklahoma and pledged Kappa Sigma. He was initiated in 1958. While a member of Kappa Sigma he served as

Treasurer and President of the Chapter. During his time at O.U. he earned his BBA and his MBA, served as Treasurer of the Student Senate and his Senior Class, was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa (a leadership fraternity), and earned his private pilot license.

Paul met his wife, Jane Ford, during their senior year. She is an alumna of Gamma Phi Beta and a graduate of the Oklahoma University College of Education. They were married on December 27, 1961. Counting himself, the best man, and groomsmen, all were members of Kappa Sigma at OU. They have two sons and our grandchildren. John Austin and his wife, Susan and their children, Connor and Carter and Mark Austin and his wife, Jennifer and their children, Hunter and Parker, all of whom reside in Norman.

After graduating from OU he earned the designation of Certified Public Accountant. He has been a member of the Oklahoma Certified Public Accountant Society for approximately 49 years. During his business career, Paul worked in various accounting and management positions in the following fields: public accounting (audit and tax), insurance, wholesale appliance distribution and real estate construction.

In August of 1975 he moved to Norman and joined his dad and brother in the oil & gas drilling and exploration business in Seminole. He served as stockholder, director and Chief Financial Officer of the Austin Drilling & Exploration Companies. In 1988 he formed his own exploration company, Austin Energy and is still active today in oil and gas exploration.



## Phil Thomas '75



Brother Phil Thomas joined Gamma-Kappa in 1975 and served the Chapter as Rush Chairman and Vice President. He graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Architecture and graduated in 1979 with a Masters of Construction Management which consisted of MBA and Engineering courses.

Phil has over 35 years in the oil and gas business as President of Petro-Land Resources, Inc. providing lands services to various Exploration & Production companies and Managing Member of Southern Field Services, LLC providing land services to various pipe-

line companies. Operations are onshore in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Phil is currently a member of The American Association of Professional Landmen as well as a member of the Lafayette, Houston, North Houston, West Houston and Dallas Associations of Professional Landmen and a member of the International Right-of-Way Association.

Phil says, "I had multiple opportunities to join other fraternities but choose Kappa Sigma because of the individuals that I meet during rush, it felt like the right choice. I was fortunate to live in the Kappa Sigma house during my undergraduate years. I have great memories of my experience becoming a Kappa Sig and the lifelong friendships that I've made with a great group of guys. Being a Kappa Sig has helped me become the person that I am today and I will be forever grateful. It was an honor and a pleasure helping to insure that funds were raised to construct the new house with the understanding that all Kappa Sig's will have to get involved and stay involved to help guide these young men to insure that Gamma-Kappa will be successful for many years to come. So in closing, it is true, no matter how many years pass, as brothers we share a common bond that surpasses time."



## Ryan Butts '98



A native of Edmond, OK, Ryan pledged the Gamma-Kappa Chapter in the fall of his sophomore year. He enjoyed living in the house and being surrounded by his brothers and friends. As he developed lifelong friendships, he also learned countless lessons that helped prepare him for life and his career. Shortly after college Brother Butts became involved as an Alumnus Advisor and later joined the Housing Corporation as a board member. When the opportunity to lead the chapter in building a new home at 1100 College came along, he couldn't think of a better way repay all that

Gamma-Kappa had given him.

Ryan has been a driving force in the development of our new Kappa Sig House. He attended countless meetings with the contractor and our architect, Bud Miles. He also was responsible for working with the board to develop the financing and was also involved in helping raise funds for the new house. He is currently serving as President of the Housing Corporation.

If we had to point to one individual who has spent countless hours working on the new house, and doing a wonderful job with this house, it would be Ryan Butt.

Ryan is a Certified Financial Planner and Regional Director of Chestnut Street Advisors, a wealth management firm with offices in Oklahoma and Texas. During his nearly 15 years in the industry he has had the privilege to serve successful individuals and businesses across the region and he values the relationships built during these years. Along with the time spent volunteering for Kappa Sigma, he also serves as Vice Chairman for the Oklahoma Venture Forum and on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Council on Economic Education.

Ryan is married to Casey, who is also an OU graduate and a Chi Omega alumna, and they live in Oklahoma City. Every chance they get the enjoy spending time in the Colorado Rockies, hiking, biking, skiing and fly fishing.



## PAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

CA Cameraon	William C. Wantland '53
John R. Brett Sr. '17	Jon Rex Jones '54
Paul X. Johnston '17	Jim Culwell '57
James B. Eskridge '18	John Adams '59
Calvin W. Hendrickson '42	Gary Fuller '54
John W. Johnston '43	Gerald Gamble '60
Guy M. Steele '46	Jay Galt '62
C. B. Cameron '47	Bud Miles '62
Edward A. Eskridge '47	Chris Meyers '63
Jere W. McKenny '47	Royce Hammons '65
William E. Durrett '49	Richard Holmes '69
Thomas R. Brett '50	Jerry Sheets '76
A.V. Jones '50	Hans Mize '86
Denny Bartell '51	



**THIS KAPPA SIGMA HOUSE  
IS DEDICATED TO  
J. DENNY BARTELL '51  
A TRUE KAPPA SIGMA BROTHER**

Brother Bartell was initiated in 1951 and graduated in 1954 with a degree in Geological Engineering.

He and his wife Dixie have two children, Larry D. Bartell and Ellen Deupree Bartell. Denny is President of Legends Exploration Company, in Houston, Texas.

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August 2015





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or college term only... but for life.*



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