

## Ohio Iota's Wheelchair Ramp

**I**N DECEMBER 2002, Ohio Iota was granted \$543 from Tau Beta Pi for the construction of two wheelchair ramps for two citizens of Kenton, OH. Both residents who received the ramps are confined to their wheelchairs and cannot afford the construction costs associated with a new ramp. In the past, the Kenton Fire Department was responsible for constructing ramps as needed in the community. However, as its budget became restricted, the department was unable to satisfy this specific need. Ohio Iota, along with the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, seized the opportunity to contribute to the well being of local citizens.

Construction began on April 15. Eight students from Tau Beta Pi and ASCE collaborated on the construction of the two ramps (one on Mill Street and the other on South Oak). Students provided the labor and supplied the trucks for transporting lumber and power tools. Because the ramps were built simultaneously, the students were divided to maximize participation. The South Oak ramp was a straight 15-foot ramp, while the Mill Street ramp was a deluxe multi-level ramp, featuring a 90-degree turn. Spring weather here tends to be rainy, and 2003 certainly lived up to this damp reputation. Throughout the next week and a half, team members worked as the weather and their schedules permitted to improve the quality of life for two fine people.

—**Brendan R. Thompson**, *President*



Mill Street ramp.

### MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Cleveland L. Campbell, *Iowa Alpha '47*, has offered \$10,000 to match first-time donations to Tau Beta Pi's 2003 Annual Giving Program. Any gift (up to \$2,000) received in response to this appeal will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, until we reach \$10,000. More than \$6,000 has been received to date. If you are a first-time donor and would like Cleve to match your gift, please send your check to Tau Beta Pi, P.O.



Box 2697, Knoxville, TN 37901-2697. Write *Campbell match* on the check. Thank you for your help in moving us closer to our goal.

Cleve and his wife Ruth have established a scholarship fund which has already supported two Tau Beta Pi Scholarships. The \$10,000 provided to match alumnus gifts will provide five new scholarships to benefit our collegiate members.