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Morrill Chapter of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta

This Year's Annual Meeting is a Success

By Michael Flinchbaugh '02

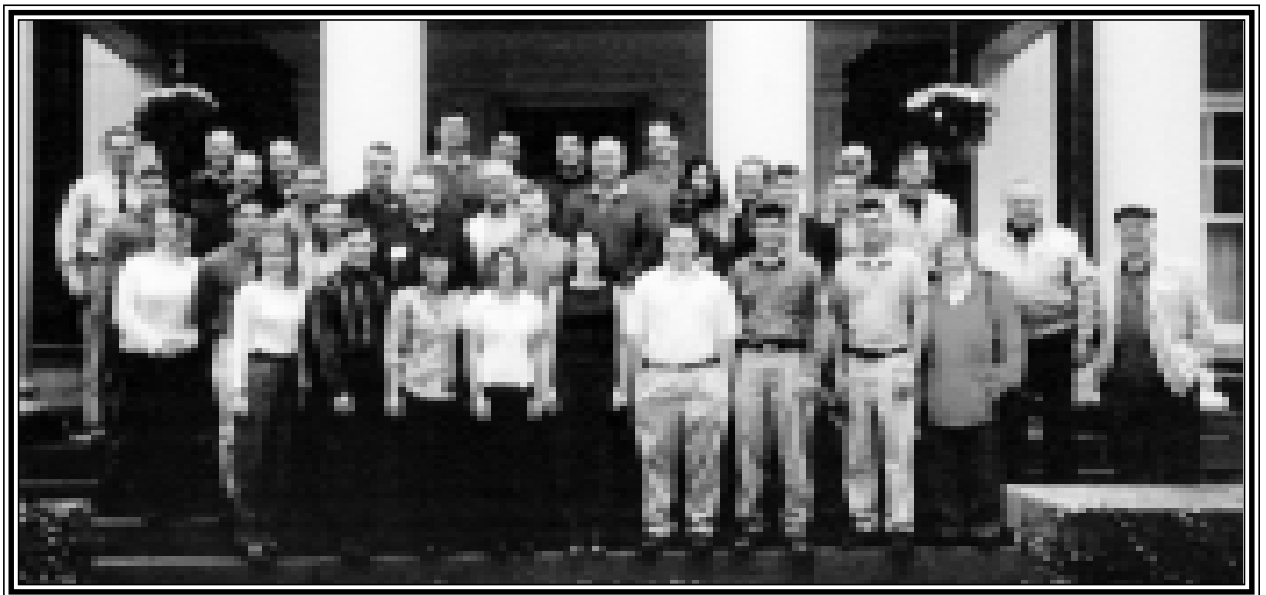
On October 23, approximately 20 alumni returned to the chapter house for the fall meeting of the Alpha Zeta Corporation board. Several topics were discussed. One conversation focused on the possibility of changing the distribution of the scholarships given to undergraduate members. Some of the suggestions included soliciting more money for the scholarships and then establishing a scholarship for a student in each major or department within the college, or the possibility of opening up the scholarship to people not associated with Alpha Zeta.

Another topic of conversation focused on the possibility of a major fund-raising campaign to raise funds for the modernization of the house's electrical wiring and plumbing. There was much input on this topic, and it was the general consensus that a fund-raising campaign would be a good thing to launch in the near future.

The third major topic of business was to elect new members to the Corporation board. Art Keen '68 was elected president, moving up from his position of vice president. He will take the place of Glenn Haney '51, who is retiring from the board to spend more time with his family. Mr. Haney's long years of service on the board are greatly appreciated. Roy Prescott '58 was elected to fill the position of vice president. Matt Espenshade '95 was reelected to the position of secretary, Lisa Holden '87 to the position of furnishings, and Mike Schlegel '88 to the position of treasurer. In addition,

David Beppler '53 was elected to fill the position of alumni relations, which was previously filled by Kirk Sattazahn '94. Kirk is stepping down because of the increased responsibilities that his new job promotion brings. We are very grateful for Kirk's work on the board.

Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed a meal of barbecued ribs and chicken. It was a good time for alumni and undergraduate chapter members to talk about Alpha Zeta and to share their ideas of where the chapter is going. After lunch, the undergraduates



Alpha Zeta brothers, sisters and alumni enjoy a day together at the fall meeting of the Corporation Board.

presented a slide show that showcased their activities, accomplishments and goals for the future of the fraternity. The day concluded with many attendees watching the Penn State vs. Purdue game on a big-screen television in the living room, complete with stereo sound. All in all, this year's fall meeting was a great success with the election of many new, energetic board members, the discussion of many important topics, and last but not least, the chance for alumni and undergraduate members to become acquainted.

Message from the Alumni President

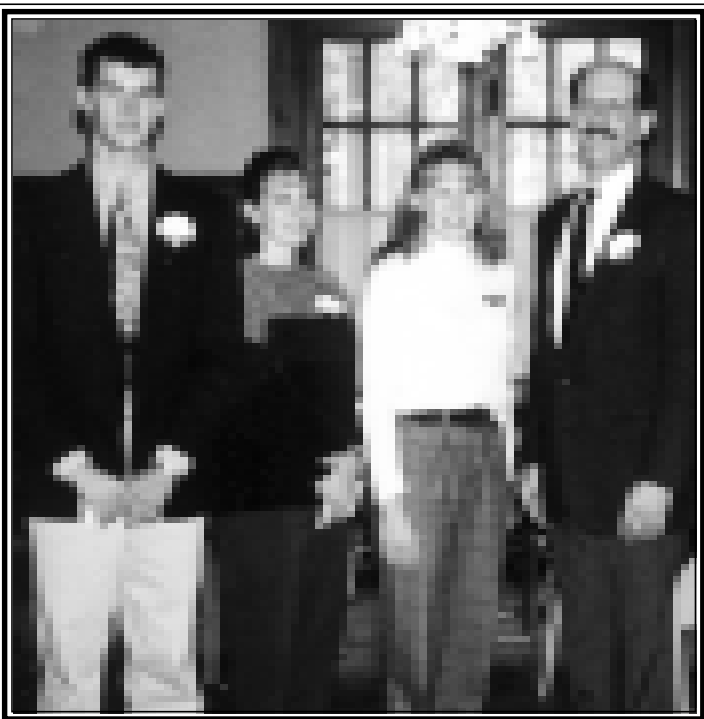
By Arthur Keen '68

Thank you brotherhood and sisterhood of Alpha Zeta for giving me the opportunity to serve the fraternity. I have several goals:

- Substantially increase the size of the Alpha Zeta Scholarship Trust
- Improve and update the house
- Assist the undergraduate chapter in rush.

The scholarship trust is an under-utilized resource. Currently, we have \$50,000 in the trust. In 1999 we gave three \$500 scholarships. The trust has sufficient assets to establish an additional \$500 scholarship; if possible this scholarship will be based on need. Our immediate goal should be two more need-based scholarships. Scholarships could be established to honor worthy Alpha Zetas; for example, the Alpha Zeta Frank Anthony Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships could also be named for majors such as the Alpha Zeta Forestry Scholarship.

The board is in the process of identifying areas within the house that need improvement. The first area that needs upgrading is the wiring. The advent of personal computers has dramatically demonstrated the inadequacy of the wiring. Other areas in need of work are the plumbing in the second- and third-floor bathrooms, the dining room floor, the wallpaper in the dining and living rooms, and the basement restrooms.



Above: Alpha Zeta scholarship winners: Garrett Coleman '01, Lauren Lynch '00, Heather Oberholtzer '00, with Corporation Board President Art Keen '68, at our annual meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !
The Annual Spring Meeting of the
Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta
will be held April 8, 2000.

We all know how time-consuming and frustrating rush can be. Methods can be developed to help the undergraduate chapter with their rush program. A larger scholarship trust would be a good first step.

I want to thank Glenn Haney '51 and Kirk Sattazahn '94 for their service to the board and Alpha Zeta. Glenn served six years on the board and is the past president. Thank you, Glenn. Kirk served on the board since 1995 and chaired alumni relations. Kirk will be missed. He did an excellent job organizing the 1998 fall banquet at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland, Pa. Thank you, Kirk.

At the fall Homecoming annual meeting, two new board members were elected, Roy Prescott and David Beppler. Roy is a 1958 graduate of Penn State. He is recently retired as a manufacturer's rep to the dairy manufacturing industry. Roy is our vice president and chairs the Alumni Relations Committee. David is a retired Penn State Ag Engineering faculty member and farmer. He is a 1952 graduate of the University of Maine. David is also a past Alpha Zeta adviser and board member. He chairs the Scholarship Committee.

I am impressed by the undergraduate members of Alpha Zeta. They occupy a large number of leadership positions in Ag Hill clubs and organizations. They are involved in a number of charity fund drives. At the College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarship Banquet, 17 brothers and sisters were awarded scholarships. Ag college scholarships and other scholarships totaled 45 for 1999.

If you have any questions or ideas concerning Alpha Zeta, please contact me at the following addresses and numbers:

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UG Chapter Builds Kellogg-Alpha Zeta Partnership

By Kevin Harvatin '01, Keystone 21 Chair

The undergraduate chapter has made strides in building a relationship with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in the past year. The Kellogg Foundation, a philanthropic organization, supports leadership development in agriculture through Alpha Zeta chapters across the country. The Morrill Chapter has been linked with the Keystone 21 Initiative of the Foundation.

The partnership promises to be very rewarding for Alpha Zeta as we enter the next century. The undergraduates are working to utilize the resources and benefits of Keystone 21 to develop and fund leadership development

programs within the chapter and across Ag Hill. These programs will complement the traditionally strong leadership of the brotherhood and improve the public image and rush program.

Alpha Zeta members have been learning the grant writing and review process associated with the Keystone 21 Program. The house hosted a networking conference before the Keystone 21 fall meeting and is currently working on a grant for spring 2000. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.



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Chapter President Reports

By Garrett N. Coleman '01, Chancellor

The Morrill Chapter has remained strong since the last *Morrill Messenger*. Last spring we initiated six brothers and five sisters. The current roster includes 23 brothers (16 in-house) and 13 sisters. There are four men pledging this semester.

Since the last *Morrill Messenger*, we have taken part in a number of activities. Last summer we worked with Penn State Extension, the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation, and Ag Progress Days' staff to put on the livestock show. We took part with the rest of the Greek community in Greek Sweep, as well as raised funds for Stand Together, which assists single parents in furthering their education. We are currently participating in Penny Wars to raise money for victims of farm accidents.

We recently held a reception at the chapter house for the Keystone 21 Foundation. The reception allowed undergraduates to interact with and meet people from various areas of the state who work with Keystone 21. Members are currently working on resubmitting the grant proposals for leadership conferences, which were rejected. Keystone 21 however, encouraged us to revamp the proposals and resubmit them.

The annual Student Faculty Mixer was held Thursday, November 11, with Dr. George Henning as the guest speaker. The chapter is also looking forward to taking part in the Fraternity Holiday Lighting Contest, and the Christmas Formal with Sigma Alpha in December.

The undergraduate chapter is continuing its rush efforts, and any help or referrals that alumni can provide are greatly appreciated. There may also be some room for boarders for the spring semester.

The undergraduate chapter has remained extremely active on campus and will continue to be involved.

Alpha Zeta Homecoming Competitions

By Christina Petersson '00

"Looking Back, Roaring Forward" was the theme for 1999 Homecoming activities. For the first time in several years, Alpha Zeta competed in the week's events with a sorority. This year we chose to participate with the agricultural sorority, Sigma Alpha; our theme was *Grease*. Homecoming co-chairs Christina Petersson '00 and Adam Henning '02 led the planning for the activities held prior to the Homecoming Day football game against the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

The first of these events was the Nittany Pursuit. This is a scavenger hunt in which four team members are given clues in a race against the clock. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, this year's Nittany Pursuit was

rained out. We were all awarded participation points and the week's activities moved on.

The second event was the Crazy Band competition. Several Alpha Zetans along with the sisters of Sigma Alpha showed their dancing talents in a 60-second skit performing their version of *Grease*. We all agreed we had done an outstanding job and so did the judges; they placed us fourth in this competition.

Another event of the week was a window-painting competition. Each set of organizations was assigned a window in the dining commons to paint. Our design ended up placing seventh.

After several of us stayed up until the wee hours of the morning on Friday, the banner,

Mad Hatter, and float were finally finished. Concluding the week's events was the parade Friday afternoon. Adam Henning '02 wore the sixth-place-winning Mad Hatter costume through the parade alongside the float. Riding on the float were Alpha Zetans Heather Oberholtzer '00 and Ryan Reed '00 as Sandy and Danny from *Grease*. Our float placed 14th among all of the participants in the parade.

The week's events came to a close with the awards ceremony Sunday evening. We are all proud to say that our banner won first place honors and we were awarded eighth place for the week of activities overall. We all had a lot of fun and are looking forward to next year's competition.

Dean's List Spring 1999

Congratulations to these members, who earned spring 1999 Dean's list status:

GARRETT COLEMAN '01

CHRIS CONNELLY '01

MARIE CUDOC '02

DAPHNE DOLL '02

MICHAEL FLINCHBAUGH '02

KEVIN HARVATINE '01

MATTHEW JEWART '02

HEATHER OBERHOLTZER '00



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Landscape Contracting

*Annual Reunion of the
Class of 1950 (Plus Others)
Join us on October 15, 2000, for the next one!*

By Bill Heyser '50

The Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, Pa., was once again the site of the reunion of Alpha Zetans of the class of 1950 — give or take a few years. This year 28 attended, including three whom we hadn't seen since 1950 (one from Texas) and three brothers from the undergraduate chapter. There was good news, sad news, a report from the house and a date picked for 2000 — October 15 — same place.

WATCH FOR THE NEXT ISSUE WHERE WE'LL HAVE A FULL REPORT PLUS PHOTOS.

Alumni News

Last June, **John S. B. Bamford '32** (Beechwood, 2218 Burdett Ave., Apt. 219, Troy, NY 12180) and his wife sold their home of 58 years and moved to a retirement community just six miles away. Their four sons and families were helpful with the relocation.

G. Wayne Heberlig '34 (52 Main St., Akron, PA 17501) attended his 65-year alumni reunion in 1999.

For exemplifying the ideals and values of the Boy Scouts of America, **George L. Settlemyer '38** (P.O. Box 187, Port Royal, PA 17082) was honored in June with the "Good Scout Award" from the Shawnee District of the Juniata Valley Council. George, who retired this year from Juniata Business and Industry Inc., has been involved in his community for many years. He and his wife, Ruth, have established the Settlemyer Juniata County 4-H Trust.

Former Blue Band member **Bruce F. Beacher '39** (60

Hillside Dr., P.O. Box 353, Biglerville, PA 17307) reports he's still "tootin' the tuba." In 1999, he played in the Adams County Bicentennial Celebration Big Band. Bruce has been active as a volunteer at the National Apple Museum for the last decade. "Y'all come see us!"

Our best wishes to **Albert S. Mowery '39** on his recovery from a stroke he suffered last March. Correspondence for him can be sent to his home at 941 Fifth Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32960.

John L. Gray '41 (Rivercliff 46-A, 2000 Magnolia Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202) is active in conservation policy issues and programs as a director-at-large and member of the executive committee of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation. In August, he received the Federation's "President's Award" in recognition of his efforts. John also serves as chairman of the Policy/Legislative Committee of the Arkansas Division of the Society of American Foresters.

John Cairns Jr. '44 (P.O. Box 10661, Blacksburg, VA 24062), professor emeritus of environmental biology at Virginia Tech, was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society in April 1999. He spoke at the World Science Conference in Budapest, Hungary, in July. At Radford University this fall, John was the keynote speaker at the 12th Annual Conference of Concerned Philosophers for Peace.

When he wrote last May, **Thomas W. Church Jr. '46** (7 Laurel Hill Dr., Quarryville, PA 17566) was recovering from radiation therapy for prostate cancer. We wish him well.

John E. Baylor '47 (298 E. McCormick Ave., State College, PA 16801; atlanticseed@psu.edu) is retired as an extension forage crops specialist with Penn State and as a director at Beachley-Hardy Seed Co. For the last 13 years, he has served as executive director of the Atlantic Seedsmen's Association.

Fall 1999 Pledges

JASON O. BUTLER '02
Wellsboro, Pa.
Dairy and Animal Science

TROY F. MILLER '01
Fredricksburg, Pa.
Agroecosystem

TIMOTHY T. MOHN '01
Jonestown, Pa.
Biology

DALE L. THOMAS '02
Orangeville, Pa.
Agricultural Education

Bev and **Emory J. Brown '48** (634 E. Irvin Ave., State College, PA 16801) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past July. They enjoy seeing Alpha Zeta alumni traveling through Happy Valley.

Builder **Henry N. Funk '48** (2100 State Dr., Lebanon, PA 17042) reports that he is now vice president at Arthur Funk & Sons Inc. and that his son, Robert, has become president of the company. "The transition from the second to third generation is moving forward."

Caleb M. Pennock Jr. '48 (2214 Greenbrier Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901) enjoyed the reunion in Lancaster last year.

Our condolences to **Albert W. Pfaff '48** (903 Sextant, Annapolis, MD 21401) on the loss of his wife in April 1999. Al's son lives nearby in Waldorf, Md.

Norman H. Gnagey '49 (11 Tourin Ln., Jericho, VT 05465) is president of Norman Gnagey Apartments. With Dorothy, he attended his 50th Penn State class reunion in June. "One of the best weekends I have ever experienced."

In his retirement, **Glenn P. Haney '51** (1132 Kay St., Boalsburg, PA 16827) is keeping busy with volunteer work at church and for Meals on Wheels. He had lunch with **Cy Fahnestock '51** when Cy came through State College in the fall. Glenn would like to hear from others headed his way.

David C. Beppler '53 (65 Darius Ln., Port Matilda, PA 16870; beppler@cdt.infi.net)

is hoping to return to northern Thailand for a few weeks this winter.

Richard C. Weaver '55 (R.R. 2, Box 2080, Glenville, PA 17329), an ordained pastor for the last 38 years, is retiring at the end of 1999 after 29 years as pastor of St. Jacobs Lutheran Church.

Retired as an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Penn State-York, **James B. Uhl '59** (R.R. 1, Box 210-B, Thomasville, PA 17364) is now farming his 80-acre Angus cattle/hay operation. His big brother, **Al Shoey '58**, is his veterinarian.



Douglass J. McKee '62 (2047 Wrangler Way, Grand Junction, CO 81503; dmckee0439@aol.com) is retiring this December after 36 years of ministry. "I hope to use my horticulture degree in my own yard and in a local greenhouse!"

While hunting in northern Quebec this past August, **Frank E. Resides Jr. '62** (1401 Pine Rock Rd., West Chester, PA 19380; fer@gateway.net) took two large bull caribou and caught some lake trout. It was a great

trip. Frank stays in touch with veterinarian **Darrell Hoffman '63**.

In January 1999, **Richard L. Rein '63** (811 Kent Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; reinpsu63@bigfoot.com) retired after 34 years of government service. He is now employed part time as a computer security consultant. For recreation, Dick enjoys his sportsman's club rifle and the skeet ranges.

Alan H. Michael '66 (73 Lauren Ln., Halifax, PA 17032; ahm4@psu.edu), an extension agent for Penn State the last 20 years, was honored in 1999 with the

Web-based network management. His two previous books were about rock climbing and caving. When he wrote in May, Curt was awaiting the arrival of twin grandchildren.

Denis J. VanWinkle '73 (91171 N. Coleman St., Coburg, OR 97408; denis.vanwinkle@weyerhaeuser.com), forest planning manager at Weyerhaeuser Co., is active in the National Ski Patrol and serves as patrol director of the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol. He, along with his family, spent July 1999 in China and returned home with his newly-adopted 3-year-old daughter.

As a project scientist, **Darrel L. Williams '73** (12708 Brunswick Ln., Bowie, MD 20715; bradwms@gateway.net) played a key role in the successful launch of Landsat-7 from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California last

"Distinguished Service Award" from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents.

Physician **Edward N. Squire Jr. '70** (12 Thompson Ln., Pinehurst, NC 28374) is a managing allergist with Allergy Partners. He has three children.

Curt Harler III '72 (12936 Falling Water Dr., Strongsville, OH 44136; curt@curtharler.com), a journalist, published his third book in April 1999. It is on

April. The launch ensures the continuation of Earth observation from space which has been in progress for the last 27 years. For more information, you can check out the program on the Internet at www.landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov.

Stephen Fairweather '74 (10625 Rudder Pl. N.W., Silverdale, WA 98383; sfair@worldnet.att.net), a forest biometrician with Olympic Resource Management, saw **Denis VanWinkle '73** at the

Alumni News continued . . .

National Society of American Foresters Convention in Portland, Ore., this past September.

John A. Gaut '75 (74 Dodge Ct., Mahwah, NJ 07430; jagaut@aol.com) is a production process leader at Bestfoods. Earlier this year, he completed a North America division-wide supply chain initiative using SAP.

Elizabeth M. Main '75 (100 Augusta Ave., Apt. 12D, Bowling Green, KY 42103) has changed fields. She earned a master's degree in public health and has been working as an employee wellness manager for the last six years.

Larry K. Groff '85 (27A N. Kinzer Rd., Kinzer, PA 17535; larsherry@juno.com), who works in international development with the Mennonite Central Committee, is pursuing a master's degree in economic development at Easter College. Last February, he returned to the States after a four-year term in Cambodia.

Mark and **Gail Graybill DeStefano '86** (255 Zvarick Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426; gailgdes@hotmail.com) announce the birth in August 1999 of their daughter, Sierra.

With a fellow PSU engineering graduate, **Kenneth R. Keen '86** (820 Princeton Pl., Hatfield, PA 19440; ken@kandsengineering.com) has started a consulting firm, K&S Engineering Inc. The company specializes in wood-frame structural design for national home builders.

Early in 1999, **Nancy T. Schlegel '87** (HC 1, Box 30, Valley View, PA 17983; mrschleg@epix.net)

joined the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts as an education specialist. She and husband Cory bought a 1920s house four years ago and continue to work on renovations.

Michael L. Schlegel '88 (202 Dean Dr., Perkasio, PA 18944) teaches animal science at Delaware Valley College. In September of this year, he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "Influence of bovine somatotropin administration to Holstein steers on growth, lipid metabolism and carcass characteristic," at Michigan State University.

Tammy and **Mark D. Hinkle '91** (P.O. Box 223, Blandon, PA 19510) welcomed the arrival of a son, Benjamin, in June 1999.

Angela S. Foltz '92 (21485 Telegraph Rd., Chadwick, IL 61014) and her husband have a 1-year-old son, T.J. Angela would love to hear from Alpha Zeta brothers and sisters. She enjoyed a visit from her cousin, **David Lentz '94**, not long ago and saw several alumni at the August 1999 wedding of **Sharon Wagner '92** and John McCall.

Dairy management consultant **Thaddeus J. Will '94** (617 Cricklewood Dr., State College,



Above: The "Ball and Chain" brigade gathered in State College for the bachelor party of Brian Beam '95 and Andy Morley '94.

Pictured are from left: Pete Kimmel '94, Brian Beam '95, Connie Fisher (Phyrst Family Singer), Eric Smith '95 (back), Andy Morley '94, Chad Linamen '99 (back), Matt Espenshade '95.

PA 16803; thad.will@cargill.sprint.com) is now a territory manager for the Cargill Animal Nutrition Division. In September, he and **Pete Kimmel '94** organized a bachelor party for **Andy Morley '94** and **Brian Beam '95** - both of whom were to be married the following month. Ten other Alpha Zeta alumni joined in the festivities at the gathering in Happy Valley.

When **Owen Bewley '96** (3102 Creekview Ct., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068; owenbewley@aol.com) and

Cathy Jo Pavelski wed in May 1999, **Matt Espenshade '95** and **Tom McCauley '93** served as groomsmen and many other Alpha Zeta members were in attendance.



Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of:

Harry A. Berge '30 (5/13/98)

John S. Rankin '31 (8/11/99)

Roy M. Griffin '32 (2/27/99)

Robert E. Lines '34 (6/28/99)

Gary E. Kline '77 (5/26/99)

Alpha Zeta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.



Recommendations Sought

If you know of any incoming freshmen or transfer students within the College of Agricultural Sciences or Life Sciences, please put in a good word for Alpha Zeta. We sincerely appreciate any help you can give us in this area of Alpha Zeta operations.