

Illustrating the success of the colony in its initial seven months of existence, Dean Shaffer, at an Inter Fraternity Council budget meeting on May 14, 1958, pointed out the Chi Phi colony as an example of "...what could be done with a little effort."

Brother Gladfelter met with the Chakett Club on May 29, 1958, to complete the plans for moving into the leased home in September. A budget for the following school year was drawn up and the colony was informed that a \$10,000 loan from the Chi Phi Educational Trust was available for furnishing the house. Brother Gladfelter also negotiated with the University for improvements to be made on the building. It was estimated that \$10,000 should be spent by the lessor on improvements during the summer of 1958. Brother Deganutti was appointed chairman of a committee on furnishings for the fraternity house, with Brother Rice and Pledges Donald Coffey and Charles Gordon completing the committee. Brother Countryman supervised the work of this committee. Brother Vertesch was appointed house manager for the following semester and Brother Danielson was elected kitchen steward. Brothers Countryman and Joseph Jones, the Alpha of Sigma Chapter, were present for the meeting.

The Chakett Club had two dessert parties in the spring semester with the Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Chi Omega Sororities. In April the colony entered the Teke Chariot Race with the Kappa Delta Sorority, and supported the Delta Zeta

Sorority in the Theta Olympics, a track meet among sorority pledges. Practice for the I.U. Sing was begun in February by the Chakett Club and the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. With Pledge Charles Hartman as song leader, the Club received its first campus-wide award on April 24, 1958, winning second place in the Production Division of the "Sing."

The Chakett Club engaged in all intramural sports during the spring semester, never finishing lower than third place. The principal athletic endeavor of the semester was the Little 500 Bicycle Race. On April 5, the team composed of David Beldus, Richard Clouse, James Gibbs, and Donald Meyer qualified in seventh position for the race. Within a week the colony had acquired the financial support of Harlos Construction Company and the backing of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. On May 9, 1958, the Chakett Club cheered their co-sponsors to first place in the Minature 500 Tricycle Race. On the following day the Chi Phi team was credited an 11th place finish in the Little 500 Bicycle Race. However, two weeks later an error on the official timing sheets of the race was discovered by the faculty adviser, Mr. Holmes, and in June, the Chakett Club was awarded its first trophy--eighth place in the 1958 Little 500. Also, on the Little 500 weekend the Chi Phi-Alpha Gamma Delta pit decoration won honorable mention.

The Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority was the key to Chi Phi's success in its social activities. They gave the Chakett Club its first exchange dessert party, entered the I.U. Sing with

them, and then two weeks later joined them for the Little 500 weekend. It might be noted that in each event, the Chi Phi-Alpha Gamma Delta entry won an award: honorable mention in the Pit Decoration Contest, eighth in the Little 500, second in the I.U. Sing, and first in the Minature 500.

The Chakett Club received its first copies of The Three Star Book and The Constitution of the Chi Phi Fraternity from the National Office during July, 1958.

Summer rush parties were held on August 2 at Broad Ripple Park in Indianapolis and on August 9 at Pledge William Bailey's cottage on Lake Maxinkuckee.

During the summer of 1958, Brother Deganutti's housing committee purchased the furnishings for the Chi Phi House, while at the same time the University repaired the former Kappa Delta Rho House for the September 1 occupancy by the Chi Phi Fraternity. During that summer the services of Chi Phi's first cook, Mrs. Velma Swindler, were acquired by Brother Mitchell. An agreement also was made with Mrs. John Rodarmel to be the first housemother.

The first pin light was constructed during the summer of 1958 by Pledge Phillip Jones. It was mounted on the front of the house at the beginning of the fall semester.

In May, Brothers Mitchell and Rice had been elected to represent the Chakett Club at the 1958 Chi Phi Congress. Therefore, on September 3-4-5-6, they were in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, being the first Indiana representatives to

attend a national convention of the fraternity.

In September, 1958, the entire membership of the colony returned to school one week prior to registration in order to get the house in operating condition by the opening of school.

Before classes got underway, Brother Gladfelter returned to Indiana University to impress upon the men their need for keeping their enthusiasm, and he stressed the importance of rush. Under the direction of Brother Mahl, 28 men were pledged during the fall term.

The first house social activity of the fall semester was supporting Miss Glenda Maris, a Delta Gamma Sorority pledge, as a candidate for Sweater Queen. Through the efforts of the colony, she won a position in the final eliminations, being one of the five finalists.

Since the Chakett Club had not received its charter from the Chi Phi Fraternity, the colony could not initiate new members without being formally installed as a chapter. Therefore, it was necessary for the 1958 spring pledge class to be initiated at the Sigma and Alpha-Chi Chapters.

The following men were initiated on September 26, 1958, at Ohio Wesleyan University:

Edwin William Bailey	Logansport, Indiana
Gayl William Doster	Fremont, Indiana
William Trueblood Duckworth	Valparaiso, Indiana
Thomas Albert Gehring	Whiting, Indiana
Charles Louis Gordon	Indianapolis, Indiana
Charles Allen Hartman	Warsaw, Indiana
Phillip Allen Jones	Indianapolis, Indiana
Dorman Allen Ray	Marion, Indiana

On September 28, 1958, seven men were initiated at the University of Illinois:

Donald Gibbs Coffey	Martinsville, Indiana
Leo Thomas Carrabine	Gary, Indiana
James Roberts Gibbs	Greenfield, Indiana
Robert Stanley Hart	Lafayette, Indiana
Norman Jerry Hubner	LaPorte, Indiana
Steven Joseph Malta	Elizabeth, New Jersey
Harold Oliver Southard	Clinton, Indiana

Several honors were won by the Chakett Club during October, 1958. Miss Nona Bell, its freshman candidate for Well House Waltz Queen, was selected as one of the five finalists. The colony won first place in the intramural cross country meet. Pledge Kenneth Simpson, Brother Meyer, and Pledge Thomas Cook finished in first, third, and fifth positions, respectively. The colony won first place in the Fraternity Division of the Homecoming Decoration Contest. The display, "It's In The Bag-Dad," depicted an Arabian castle and covered the entire front of the house. In the foreground 11 Minnesota Gophers crenched before a domineering Indiana University Crimson Bull. It was said to have been the largest display of its type in Indiana University history.

Assisted by the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, the colony built a "Mississippi Showboat" for the annual Fall Carnival, the proceeds of which were given to the United Fund. In conjunction with the Carnival, Brother Engel was the group's candidate for Bachelor of the Year honors.

Individually, several Chi Phis were helping to publicize their fraternity by leadership in campus activities. Brother

Charles Ray was advertising manager of The Indiana Daily Student; Pledge James Hill served as president of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity; Pledge Max Johnson was a member of the Y.M.C.A. Executive Cabinet; and, Brothers Gehring and Mosbaugh were appointed members to Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Epsilon Delta, national scholastic honoraries. Brother Montgomery was one of the five juniors in Indiana University selected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the highest recognition a student in the School of Business can attain.

The alumni adviser, Brother Countryman, gave the colony a radio-record player set in November, 1958.

After only thirteen months and nine days as a colony, the Chakett Club received its charter from the National Office on November 15, 1958, to become the 34th chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity, the Iota Delta Chapter. Many brothers and alumni who were instrumental in the colony's success were present-- Brothers Luther Z. Rosser, Carl J. Gladfelter, members of the Grand Council, Irving B. Countryman, Robert E. Secor, Richard H. Elsinger, active members of the Kappa, Sigma, and Iota Chapters, and pledges from the Iota Chapter.

On the afternoon of November 15, the first official chapter meeting was held in the Chi Phi lodge room, with the above alumni, brothers from other chapters, and brothers from Iota Delta present.

At 7:00 p.m. of the same day the Installation Banquet, attended by more than 150 persons, was held in the Banquet

Room of the Van Orman Suburban Motel in Bloomington. Brother Rice, serving as toastmaster, introduced Dr. O. B. Williams, the Grand Alpha of the fraternity, who presented the charter to Brother Mitchell. Brother Gladfelter, the national Ritualistic Counselor, discussed the background and beginning of the Iota Delta Chapter. In his short talk Brother Rosser stressed the importance of enthusiasm to a chapter. Dean of Students Robert H. Shaffer pointed out that this was the fastest colonization of a fraternity in the United States. An official welcome was extended to Indiana University's 33rd social fraternity from the president of the Indiana University Inter Fraternity Council, Robert E. Watson. In giving the main address, Dr. Herman B Wells, president of Indiana University stated, "...This is an important day in the life of the University. We are delighted to welcome you to I.U. Chi Phi has a rich tradition of good alumni and a good national organization."

On the following day two tea parties were held at the fraternity house, with the presidents and social chairmen of all Indiana University sororities and fraternities as guests. The tea was served by the Chi Phi housemother, Mother Rodarmel, and the housemothers of the Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Chi Omega Sororities, Mothers Hannah and Miner.

The charter members of the Iota Delta Chapter were those 33 men who had been initiated prior to the granting of the charter. The honorary charter members were Luther Z. Rosser,

Carl J. Gladfelter, Irving B. Countryman, Robert E. Secor, Gilbert Gass, and Richard H. Eisinger. All 39 of these men had their names engraved on the charter. The charter officers of the Iota Delta Chapter were:

Alpha	Roy M. Mitchell
Beta	Phillip G. Mosbaugh
Gamma	Michael J. Montgomery
Delta	Donald L. Meyer
Epsilon	Donald J. Deganutti
Zeta	William F. Mahl

On November 28, 1958, chapter elections were held.

Alpha	E. William Bailey
Beta	Joseph F. Rice
Gamma	William T. Duckworth
Delta	Gayl W. Doster
Epsilon	Donald G. Coffey
Zeta	Charles M. Ray
Athletic Chairman	Edward R. Kesl
Corresponding Secretary	Michael J. Montgomery
House Manager	Charles L. Gordon
I.F.C. Representative	Phillip G. Mosbaugh
Kitchen Steward	Steven A. Danielson
Pledge Trainer	Roy M. Mitchell
Rush Chairman	William F. Mahl
Social Chairman	Dorman A. Ray

The Indiana-Purdue football game was an opportunity on which the Iota Delta Chapter capitalized to demonstrate school spirit. Forty-eight members of the fraternity traveled to West Lafayette to cheer the Indiana University team to a 15-15 tie. The spirit demonstrated in this outing was outstanding enough to gain favorable comment in the Purdue campus newspaper.

"Chi Phi Carni" was the name of Iota Delta's first house dance, which was staged on December 6, 1958. A carnival theme was carried out with the music of Lish Henderson's

Combo. Mr. Mohr, father of Brother Mohr, gave the Chi Phi a piano, delivered on the day of the dance.

In January, 1959, Brothers Duckworth and Gehring attended a conference at Pi Chapter with representatives of Pi and Sigma Chapters. They discussed rush, finance, scholarship, pledgeship, and ritual.

Scholastically, Chi Phi ranked 28th among the Indiana University fraternities for the fall semester, 1958.

At the outset of the spring semester, February 1, 1959, the Iota Delta Chapter conducted its first initiation ceremony initiating:

John David Craft	Greencastle, Indiana
James Brooks Hill	Marion, Indiana
Melvin Richard Rahe	Aurora, Indiana

An Iota Delta tradition was begun on February 1, when following the initiation, the parents of the new brothers were guests of the chapter at an Initiation Banquet.

Chapter elections were held on February 9, 1959. The results were:

Alpha	Michael J. Montgomery
Beta	Thomas A. Gehring
Gamma	William T. Duckworth
Delta	Gayl W. Doster
Epsilon	Donald G. Coffey
Zeta	John D. Craft

The first pledge dance in the chapter's history, "Cupid's Capers," was held at the house on February 14, 1959, combining a Valentine Day theme with a pajama dance. Lish Henderson's Combo again provided the music.