with each other on a person to person basis, an element they deemed most important. They felt there were other ways to achieve financial balance.

Immediately following the Madison Congress the National Director was confined to the hospital for several weeks following an operation. Although he was unable to return to his regular duties at the office until January 1958, the Fraternity continued to function in a normal matter. The most important development during the fall of 1957 was the establishment of the colony at Indiana University.

As previously recorded the Council received from the University a formal invitation to establish a colony at Indiana in the Spring of 1957. All of the chapters were canvassed that same Spring in effort to find one or two undergraduate brothers who would transfer to Indiana to do the initial colonizing.

A member of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter, Gilbert Gass *Alpha-Chi '57* was selected to be the colonizer and was provided a scholarship by the Chi Phi Educational Trust. He enrolled at Indiana as a graduate student seeking a master's degree in mathematics, and established residence at the University early in September, 1957.

The colony, called the Chakett club, came into existence in October with the pledging of Otto Linn. The group held its rushing functions and business meetings in the social and formal lounges of the Men's Quadrangle. By January 1958 the colony numbered 40. The initial membership was marked by a maturity not always found in a pledge class since many of the members were World War II veterans and upperclassmen. Their stated goal was, "to develop a group in which each man would feel a true sense of belonging, would be treated as an individual, and would enjoy living and working loyally with the others."

The Chakett club received both financial and moral support from the newly established Chi Phi club of Indianapolis. The original nucleus of the club, Countryman, Secor, Krannert and Wupper, were given additional support when Henry Bruder *Sigma '38*, Clayton Baringer *Alpha-Chi '32* and Calvin S. Hamilton *Sigma 49* became active members. Countryman served as the colony's first advisor. Later when he retired from business and moved away from Indianapolis Hamilton accepted the advisory role.

A "kick-off" luncheon, to introduce the colony and Chi Phi to the campus and to the nearby chapters was held at the Sigma Nu chapter house in Bloomington in December 1957. Representatives from all the Indiana fraternities and sororities were invited to attend along with guests from the faculty and the administration. Members from Alpha-Chi, Alpha-Tau, Sigma, Iota and Kappa attended. They, of course, would be the five chapters eventually making the decision when and if the Chakett Club should be granted a charter. Countryman, Secor and Wupper represented the Indianapolis club while Ritualistic Counselor Gladfelter represented the National Fraternity and addressed the gathering.

Gass feat acknowledged

In the February 1958 issue of *The Chakett* National Director Rosser noted the very successful rush accomplished by Gilbert Gass, and used it as a reference point to be critical of some chapters. He wrote, "One lone Chi Phi from our Alpha-Chi chapter went to Indiana and undertook the job of organizing a colony. This young man surrounded himself with 40 pledges on a campus that was strange to him and with which he had no contact until last September. Then to think that we have some old, well established chapters that are having difficulty in pledging the proper number of men!

"I have talked so much about pledging that I know you are all tired of hearing about it, but that is the life blood of your Fraternity, and unless you have pledged the proper number of men you are letting your Fraternity and your chapter down."

Gil Gass left Indiana before the colony was chartered, and went to Seattle in February 1958 to assist the Beta Delta chapter. Before leaving he persuaded his chapter at Ohio Wesleyan to organize a fund raising campaign on behalf of the Indiana Chakett club.

Alpha-Chi solicited gifts from all the chapters, asking each chapter to contribute $1 for each undergraduate member of the chapter. Alpha-Chi raised a total of $546 and presented it to the colony late in the spring of 1958. Other chapters including Phi, Lambda, Xi, Omega, Sigma, and Zeta Delta also presented checks to the fund, which was used by the colony to purchase furniture for the chapter house to be occupied in the Fall of 1958.

The colony's petition for a charter was filed with Grand Council early in March 1958 and was approved on June 18, 1958, with the understanding that the installation date would be established at a later Council meeting.

Meanwhile Richard H. Eisinger *Xi '58* was appointed ritualistic advisor to the colony by the Council to replace Gilbert Gass. Eisinger received a scholarship from the Chi Phi Educational Trust thereby permitting him to do graduate work at Indiana University while assisting the colony through its formative stage.

As promised by the University administration, a house owned by the University was leased to the colony to be occupied at the beginning of the Fall semester. The house, located at 814 East Third St., Bloomington, was renovated and furnished over the summer with the funds that had been raised through the efforts of the Alpha-Chi chapter, and individual gifts from members of the Indianapolis Chi Phi Club. The third and major funding of the project came in the form of a $5,000 loan from the Chi Phi Educational Trust. The loan was actually made to the Chi Phi Club of Indianapolis with the understanding that it would be assumed by the chapter as soon as it was officially installed.

Prior to the end of the 1958 spring semester 7 members of the Chakett Club were initiated by the Alpha-Chi chapter on April 20th in Delaware,

Ohio, on the 26th the Sigma Chapter initiated 7 members in Champaign, and 4 members journeyed to Columbus, Ohio to be initiated by Iota. Shortly after school opened in the fall, Sigma initiated 7 more members of the colony.

The colony was officially designated Iota Delta by the Council at its September 1958 meeting, and November 15 was established as the chartering date.

Charter presentation at Iota chapter

The charter was presented to the 33 charter members who had been initiated previously and the first set of chapter officers was sworn in on the afternoon of the 15th. The honorary charter members were Luther Z. Rosser, Carl J. Gladfelter, Irving B. Countryman, Robert E. Secor, Gilbert Gass, and Richard H. Eisinger. Those in attendance included Council members Williams and Guin, and all the honorary charter members except Gass. A large number of undergraduates from the Alpha-Chi, Kappa, Iota, and Sigma chapters were also in attendance.

That evening the installation banquet, attended by more than 150 persons, was held at the Van Orman Suburban Motel in Bloomington. Joseph F. Rice *Iota Delta '59*, serving as toastmaster, introduced Grand Alpha Dr. O. B. Williams who presented the charter to Alpha Roy M. Mitchell *Iota Delta '59*. 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 Interfraternity 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, Mrs. Rodarmel, and the housemothers of the Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Chi Omega sororities.

Omicron expires after 82 Years

The year 1959 was a sad one for many alumni of the Omicron chapter at Yale, for after 82 years of continuous existence as a chapter of Chi Phi, the undergraduate members of the chapter elected to terminate their relationship with Chi Phi. Would the results have been different if all Omicron alumni had been given an opportunity to express their choice in the matter by a ballot? Perhaps the separation might have been delayed a