

¶ WORD CAME from the War Department in July that the ASTP pre-professional program would be abandoned as soon as the present enrollees, numbering about 110, complete their training in October. This will leave on campus only a small number of ASTP reserves and about 80 advanced engineers in the army program.

The total student enrollment for this fall on the Champaign-Urbana campus, including army and navy trainees, is estimated to be from 4,115 to 4,180. Enrollment at Chicago is expected to be about 1,000 students.

Gifts and research grants amounting to \$66,320 were received by the University in July. Research grants accounted for \$60,195 of this figure.

At his own request Albert J. Harno, dean of the College of Law and provost of the University, has been relieved of his duties as provost in order to devote his full time to the work of his college in anticipation of marked increase in enrollment following the war.

E. E. Stafford, who served during the past year as acting dean of men, has been appointed dean of men. He is also advisor for the Interfraternity Council.

According to Dean Stafford there have been on the campus, during the summer of 1944, 113 foreign students from 37 different countries.

Five University alumni have been chosen to serve in an advisory capacity in the selection of the next president of the University. George Woods '13 of Chicago is chairman of the committee. The others are Robert F. Carr '93, Dr. W. L. Crawford '20, Capt. George Catlett '39, and Mrs. John Robert Gregg '24.

There was considerable discussion in July in the columns of the *Daily Illini* in regard to racial discrimination and religious intolerance at the University. Letters by discharged veterans returned to the campus, as well as comments by veterans interviewed on the subject, indicated strong disapproval of all discrimination and intolerance, and condemnation of a wave of anti-intellectualism and apparent apathy in regard to the issues of the war. In rebuttal, there were arguments to the effect that minority groups were themselves partly responsible for discrimination, because of their own stand-offishness. The *Daily Illini* commented in an editorial that "the fighting GI does not stop while going into battle and ask the man next to him what his religion is. Nor does he pause to notice the color of his comrade's skin. The soldier, marine or sailor accepts the man beside him as a battle comrade whether he be a Jew or a Negro or a Unitarian."

Organized Illini Veterans of World War II have turned over to Sidney E. Glenn, director of special service for war veterans of the campus, 31 completed applications for the GI bill of rights.

All branches of the service, including one veteran of the WAVES, were represented among this first group of applicants.