

# ILLINOIS

‡ AN ALL-TIME high appropriation of \$15,559,712 for 1945-46 was approved by the trustees.

The University Extension Service trained 40,000 war workers during the last four years.

The Naval ROTC started on November 1. It will be housed in the men's residence halls and the students will be in uniform.

The \$336,000 skating rink, used as a mess hall for military personnel, and later by the subscription department of *Time Incorporated*, has been rehabilitated and is now being used by the students for recreational purposes.

Last October the new air field—762 acres—was dedicated. It is larger than the field in Chicago and will accommodate the largest aircraft known today. At some future date the field will be bordered by extensive laboratories, offices, and all the equipment for research purposes. The first two P-51's were landed recently.

Civilian and armed service enrollment in the University numbers 11,970 for the semester, according to the registrar's office today. Of this total, 11,245 students are civilians, 283 are members of the ASTP, and the V-12 unit numbers 433. There are 4,002 civilian men on campus and 4,797 women.

Harry Gilbert Paul, professor emeritus of English at the University, died of a heart attack at McKinley hospital.

The American Legion initiated 284 members at a gigantic nine-county "welcome home" celebration put on by the state American Legion caravan in the Champaign armory.

The Betatron, invented in Champaign in 1940 by Prof. Donald W. Kerst, now has been developed to the point at which it no longer is just a laboratory device but is a practical, push-button machine which can be used by industry.

Automatic approval was given the twelve-week summer session for 1946 when the University of Illinois board of trustees adopted three sixteen-week semesters for the academic year 1946-47. This twelve-week session, proposed by the University senate, will run concurrently with the pre-war eight-week summer term. The new schedule, which includes a sixteen-week summer term for 1947, was drawn up by the calendar committee, of which C. A. Keener is chairman, and recommended by the senate. The session for the coming summer will begin June 24 and end September 14; the first semester next fall will run from September 20 to January 25, 1947; the second term, February 23 to May 29, and the third, or summer term, June 9 to September 27.

Naval V-12 and ROTC students at the University will continue to occupy the men's residence halls until July 1, 1946, since the naval officer training program extension will keep the trainees on an active-duty basis.

Thomas E. Benner, professor of education, has been chosen to serve as specialist on textbooks and instruction under the Allied Group Control Council, Vienna.