

nois' Ice Rink and West Great hall of the Memorial Stadium are converted to temporary dormitories. The project will cost \$120,000, and is expected to be completed by February.

Illinois alumni gather for their first Alumni Day in years on June 15, with a luncheon and meeting for all members of the alumni association on that date.

With 23,000 applicants expected to request admission to the university next fall and accommodations for only 15,000, approximately 8,000 will be turned down, with attempts made to accommodate them in the extension service, junior college programs, and a projected Chicago branch of the university. Of the 15,000 students, 10,000 are expected to be veterans.

Veterans enrolled for the spring term numbered about 5,500—almost 4,000 more than in the previous semester.

Alonzo P. Kratz, research professor of mechanical engineering and acting head of that department, will retire on September 1, after 38 years' continuous service at Illinois.

Trustees of the university have approved a graduate curriculum for the School of Journalism leading to the degree of master of science in journalism.

Following is an editorial from the *Daily Illini* for March 23, 1946, which sets forth a commendable viewpoint on what to do for potential college students who cannot gain admission to the school of their choice. It is reprinted in its entirety:

"The small liberal arts colleges that dot the country are having a hard time attracting students, even though education is at an all-time high in popularity. Of the 300,000 GIs enrolled in institutions of higher learning, 41 per cent are crowding into 38 schools, largely ignoring the 712 other accredited colleges, according to figures of the Association of American Colleges.

"With limited resources for training in trades and professions, these institutions have little attraction for veterans in a hurry to get started on long delayed careers. Former war workers are another group whose aim is practical job training in the shortest possible time, and they find the large universities the best place to get it.

A program to put the facilities of the smaller colleges into greater use is needed. Certainly they are well equipped to provide the general background that the first two years of university training provides. In the field of liberal arts, their greater detachment from the hustle of sprawling universities makes them even better able to provide a balanced four-year curriculum.

"The large universities should not overlook, in their emphasis upon postwar expansion programs, the possibilities offered by the smaller colleges in sharing the load of increased enrollment. It might spare them the danger of over-expansion.

"The history of the small college is the history of the nation, reflecting the belief and confidence in education that is typically American. Their contribution is a democratic one which represents our divergent cultural and religious interests better than the more centralized state institutions can hope to do.