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(ADVANCE)....REGINA, MAY 17 - President J.W.T. Spinks, of the University of Saskatchewan, said today that the recent dispute on government control of University spending was just one aspect of a nation-wide problem.

The problem, Dr. Spinks said, is how to get the relatively enormous sums of money requested for higher education from the legislature, how to give them the necessary amount of information without weakening the essential autonomy of the University.

Addressing the fourth annual spring Convocation in Regina, he said he believes that the U of S has made a good start toward an acceptable solution.

"The eventual solution will depend in no small measure on the support which we receive from our alumni and friends."

Referring to the question of sub-votes, a central point at issue during the recent dispute, Dr. Spinks noted that when the provincial budget was brought down in March there were several informational sub-items, but only one item to be voted on.

He made brief mention of the amended University Act, which was passed at the last session of the Legislature. Among other things, this puts into legal form the two-campus structure of the University and sets up a General University Council which will co-ordinate the academic programs at the two campuses.

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"Incidentally, the changes were all made at the request of the University and do not alter in any way its autonomy."

The government, Dr. Spinks said, did not agree to the proposed addition of faculty members to the Board of Governors and students to the Senate, so we shall have to take another look at this.

He commented that the working out of the new University structure will require the closest cooperation of all the constituent parts and a sympathetic understanding when dealing with new problems.

"The University can look back with some pride on its accomplishments during the past nearly 60 years. With the various parts of the newly structured University working together, the U of S can look forward to a still more rewarding future," Dr. Spinks said.