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(ADVANCE)...REGINA, MAY 2 - Past developments and future prospects highlighted the annual report given Saturday (May 2) by Principal W.A. Riddell at the Closing Exercises of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus.

Dr. Riddell summarized some of the major events of the last five years from the decision in 1959 to establish a campus in Regina to the formation this year of a Regina Campus faculty council. He described the formation of the council as one of the most significant events in the academic life of the campus. He said that it places the faculty in Regina on the same footing in academic matters as the faculty in Saskatoon. And he cited as evidence of academic autonomy the approval by the Regina Campus council of the certificates awarded at the Closing Exercises, and the establishment of a four year bachelor of music course.

Dr. Riddell said that the past year has been devoted largely to the fundamental problems of planning the sort of academic program that should be introduced at Regina Campus.

"The challenge of a new University has led most of us to anticipate a different type of development on this campus with programs that will complement rather than duplicate those found on the Saskatoon campus or will be unique in themselves."

He added that it has been unanimously agreed that Regina Campus students should graduate from the University as educated people, not merely trained in a narrow field.

Dr. Riddell said that under conditions of rapid growth it is essential to enunciate a clear statement of educational policy if the expanding programs are to be planned intelligently and haphazard development is to be avoided. He also said, in reference to professional colleges, that they must come only as a result of deliberate policy and after a careful consideration of all factors relating to the needs of higher education and professional training, as well as those of the student and the community.

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"Here again we must look for an extension of our work that is complementary to that found on the campus in Saskatoon and possibly also to that found in our neighboring universities. It appears that greater efforts must be made to coordinate the activities of the prairie universities in order to effectively use the well-qualified staff already in short supply, the limited library and research facilities as well as finances."

Dr. Riddell went on to say that enrolment at Regina Campus is expected to reach 1,300 in September, compared with 950 full time students at present. Part of the increase will consist of some 200 students who register for third year arts and science, which is being introduced this fall. They will make up the graduating class for spring, 1965, when the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, holds its first Convocation.

The annual report noted that the Regina Campus faculty will increase to about 100 this year, compared with 44 in 1962. About 25 teachers college personnel will be incorporated into the newly established College of Education when teacher education in Saskatchewan is integrated with the University July 1. Twenty new appointments are being made in the College of Arts and Science.

Turning to the construction program, Dr. Riddell pointed out that the first buildings on the new campus are now changing the sky-line of the southeastern corner of Regina. He said that roads and parking lots will be built this summer, and the move to the new quarters is planned for June, 1965, in time for summer school that year. He said that plans have been completed for the Physical Education Centre on the new campus, which will be ready in the fall, 1965, and a library building for 200,000 volumes and 1,200 readers is being designed by Minoru Yamasaki for completion in 1966.

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