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REGINA, NOV. 23 - A model of a magnificent seven-storey library building for the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, has been approved by the University. It is envisaged by the architect, Minoru Yamasaki, internationally recognized architect and master planner of Wascana Centre, as the dominant structure on the new campus. In Mr. Yamasaki's words, "the library, being symbolically the essence of the University, should be considered its most important building." The proposed building, designed to hold 500,000 books, incorporates up-to-date thinking on the function and design of libraries.

Dr. W.A. Riddell, principal of Regina Campus, describes the library as "the heart of the University", and he goes on to comment, "It will be the premium building on campus. It is very gratifying that the library is being built at the beginning of the development on the main campus."

The library will be part of the second phase of development on the new campus. This phase will include a physical education centre, for which a model was approved earlier this year. Construction of both is scheduled to begin next year with the projected completion dates 1966 for the Physical Education Centre and 1967 for the library. The Physical Education Centre is one of five Canadian recreation buildings that were represented by drawings and photographs at the Olympic Games in Japan in an international exhibition.

The first major project on the new campus, a three-unit structure containing classrooms, lecture theatres and laboratories, will be ready for occupancy next spring.

The library, which will contain 125,000 square feet of floor space, will be located in the middle of the academic area of the campus, just east of the three units now under construction.

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As with all academic buildings on the main campus, it will be erected on a one-storey podium by which it will be connected to the classroom unit of the first group of buildings. The use of connecting podiums for the academic buildings will contribute to architectural unity, permit circulation between buildings without going outside, and provide courtyards in the heart of the University.

Although designed to meet the long term library requirements of the Regina Campus, the building initially will hold about 200,000 books, and just over one-half of the space will be used for library purposes. The rest of the structure will contain classrooms and offices and a provincial government public documents centre. However, as enrolment rises, the library will expand into the rest of the building until the limit of 500,000 volumes is reached by the early 1980's. At that time, there will be study space in the library for 1,200 readers.

The public documents centre will make readily available a large amount of primary research material for graduate students and faculty. It will include the Regina office of the Saskatchewan Archives Board, many documentary holdings of the Legislative and University libraries, as well as Saskatchewan Government records.

During the planning phase, Miss M.E.P. Henderson, Regina Campus librarian, and other members of the Regina Campus Library Building Committee made on-the-spot studies of outstanding libraries in both Canada and the United States.

Miss Henderson said it is hoped to build a library that is capable of keeping pace with the rapidly developing techniques in library science.

The associate architects for the building are Izumi, Arnott and Sugiyama, Regina. Chairman of the Regina Campus Building Committee is Chief Justice E.M. Culliton, Chancellor of the University.