REGINA, OCT. 8 - The first buildings at the University of Saskatchewan's new Regina Campus were officially opened today (Fri. Oct. 8) by Saskatchewan's Premier Ross Thatcher.

The opening, the culmination of more than six years of planning and development, marks the establishment of another institution of higher education in Canada.

It was in July, 1959, that former University President Dr. W.P. Thompson announced that a second campus would be developed in Regina and the academic program would be expanded. The basis was then laid down for the development of the University of Saskatchewan as a unitary, provincial university with one president, one board of governors and one senate, but two academic councils, one for Regina and one for Saskatoon, which are equal and independent. It was also indicated that wherever possible the two institutions would complement rather than duplicate one another.

The new campus is part of Wascana Centre, a 1,000-acre complex of government, educational, cultural and recreational facilities planned by Minoru Yamasaki, Birmingham, Michigan, internationally famous architect and planner. The first buildings, for which Mr. Yamasaki was the architect, were designed to be both impressive looking and functional. Located in the northwest corner of the main campus, they consist of a Lecture Hall Wing, a Classroom Building and a Laboratory Building. The Lecture Hall Wing is a one-storey podium containing two lecture theatres with a combined seating capacity of about 450. It continues on as the ground floor of the other two structures, both of which rise four storeys (not including the penthouse). Total cost of the first buildings was $7.3 million.

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The two large buildings contain 23 classrooms of varying sizes with a combined seating capacity of 1,800 as well as a total of 22 seminar rooms, workrooms and student studies. Laboratories number 53, including three for upper atmospheric research and intermediate astronomy which are located in the penthouse of the Classroom Building near a large telescope on the roof deck.

The project has a total of 114 faculty, administrative and student offices and three lounges.

Approximately half of the second floor of the Classroom Building is for library purposes. The Classroom Building also contains a book store, administrative offices, Students' Representative Council facilities, faculty offices and a board room.

A cafeteria, dining halls and kitchen facilities are located on the ground floor of the Laboratory Building, which also contains a herbarium, zoology collection and offices.

The facing of the buildings is pre-cast aggregate on the podium, tyndall stone on the first floor, and pre-cast concrete panels with a surface of exposed white quartz aggregate on the upper floors.

Associate architects for the first project were Izumi, Arnott and Sugiyama, Regina. The general contractor was Poole Construction Co. Ltd., Regina.

Some 2,300 students are now enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. Undergraduate enrolment is expected to reach 5,000 students in four years and 8,000 in 1973. The planning of additional colleges and the construction of new buildings is expected to proceed at a rapid rate to cope with the influx of students.

The University is still making use of the old College Avenue Campus for education, fine arts, music and extension services.

(END ADVANCE FOR RELEASE AT 3 P.M. CST FRIDAY, OCT. 8)
FACTS ABOUT THE FIRST BUILDINGS
ON THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN, REGINA CAMPUS

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* Laboratories number 53, including three for upper atmospheric research and intermediate astronomy, which are located in the penthouse of the Classroom Building near a large telescope on the roof deck.

* Approximately half of the second floor of the Classroom Building is for library purposes, including space for audio-visual and microfilm storage. The Classroom Building also contains a book store, administrative offices (associate controller, associate registrar, etc.), Students' Representative Council Office and related facilities, faculty offices, and a board room.

* A cafeteria, dining halls and kitchen facilities are located on the ground floor of the Laboratory Building. The Laboratory Building also contains a herbarium, zoology collection and doctors' offices.

* The project has a total of 114 faculty, administrative and student offices, and three lounges.

* The buildings are equipped with up-to-date, functional laboratory furniture, desks, drafting tables, aluminum framed chalk boards, etc.

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGINA CAMPUS

1959 -- July - Former President Dr. W.P. Thompson announced that a second University campus would be developed in Regina and the academic program would be expanded.

1960 -- May - The basis was laid down for the development of the University of Saskatchewan as a unitary, provincial university with one president, one board of governors and one senate, but two academic councils, one for Regina and one for Saskatoon, which are equal and independent. This envisaged an institution at Regina having the same educational independence as the Saskatoon campus. The two institutions would complement rather than duplicate one another.

1961 -- Jan. - It was announced that the former Regina College would be relocated in southeast Regina. Plans were shortly after elaborated for Wascana Centre, a 1,000-acre complex of government, educational, cultural and recreational facilities, including the new campus of the University.

June - The name "University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus" was adopted.

1962 -- April - Dr. W.A. Riddell was appointed the first Principal of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, and soon afterwards a College of Arts and Science was established.

1963 -- April - The first sod was turned to signal the start of construction of the first project on the new Regina Campus, designed by Minoru Yamasaki, master planner of Wascana Centre. The cornerstone was laid the following September by the then Premier W.S. Lloyd.

May - Dr. Riddell was installed as Principal.

1964 -- March - The Regina Campus Faculty Council with powers and responsibilities identical with those of the council at Saskatoon was established and held its first meeting in April.

May - Dr. T.H. McLeod was appointed dean of arts and science.

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1964 -- July - Dr. F.L. Bates was appointed dean of the newly established College of Education.

Sept. - The first students were enrolled in a new 4-year bachelor of music course.

Nov. - Plans were approved for the library building, "the heart of the new Regina Campus."

1965 -- March - A College of Public and Business Administration was announced for Regina Campus, to be set up as soon as staff and physical facilities can be made available.

April - The position of vice-principal was created and Dean McLeod appointed to fill it.

May - Regina Campus held its historic first Convocation when 72 students received bachelor of arts degrees, the first to be conferred at the new campus.

June - The first three-unit project was completed and taken over by the University.

June - The seven-storey library building was started.

July - A Department of Extension Services was established at the Regina Campus and Dr. A.M. Kristjanson was appointed the first director.

July - Professor A.B. Van Cleave was appointed director of the newly approved School of Graduate Studies.

- Some 2,300 students are now enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. Undergraduate enrolment is expected to reach 5,000 students in four years and 8,000 in 1973. By then the faculty is expected to number well over 500. In addition there will be a substantial number of graduate students. The planning of additional colleges and the construction of new buildings is expected to proceed at a rapid rate to cope with the influx of students. Other projects in various stages of planning are an education building for 3,000 students, an office and administration building, a new building for Campion College, which is to be federated with Regina Campus, a residence unit, a student centre.