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REGINA, JAN. 22- Preliminary plans for the proposed library on the Regina Campus of the University of Saskatchewan call for an attempt to "meet the needs of the atomic age," according to Miss M.E.P. Henderson, Regina Campus librarian.

With Dr. A.M. Kristjanson, associate professor of chemistry at Regina, who is a member of the Library Building Committee, Miss Henderson recently completed an extensive tour of western American and Canadian libraries. The tour included Laramie, Wy.; Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah; Portland, Ore.; Seattle and Ellensburg, Wash.; Victoria, Vancouver, and Calgary.

"We saw many lovely new libraries, but they were modelled on essentially traditional lines. We hope to be able to build a library capable of changing with our rapidly changing era," Miss Henderson said.

Library construction plans, still very much in the preliminary stages, call for completion in the 1966-67 academic year, as a part of the second major building project on the new campus. The second project is to include facilities for physical education and a residence unit as well as the library.

Minoru Yamasaki, master planner for Wascana Centre, has been appointed architect for the library building. Izumi, Arnott and Sugiyama, Regina, has been named associate architect.

It is hoped that the library will be built immediately to its full size, a frame large enough to hold 500,000 volumes.

"This is a fairly good size for a library, particularly when you consider that the University of Toronto has only twice this number of volumes, and it is Canada's largest university."

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"Initially, the building will hold only about 100,000 books, but, as more volumes are acquired, the collection will grow to fill the entire building," the librarian said.

The present three-room library at the Regina Campus holds approximately 45,000 volumes.

"By building a large shell and then growing into it, we hope to be able to avoid throwing out a new wing every few years, as some Canadian universities are doing."

When the building is filled to capacity, a graduate library may be built on the Regina Campus, to contain research papers, and other advanced material. Such a building might be needed by 1980.

Miss Henderson said the architect should be ready to begin work on plans for the new library this year.

"We hope to enlist the services of a highly trained library consultant to study our specifications and help with the plans."

In drawing up specifications, Miss Henderson said the Building Committee would make considerable use of the "very valuable experience" gained by the staff of the Murray Memorial Library at Saskatoon.

"We will be conferring with the librarian on the Saskatoon Campus, D.C. Appelt, who has done a first-rate planning job on the library there."

She said that many "inter-relationships" had been built into the Murray Memorial Library that she hoped would be incorporated in the Regina Campus building.

"Our library is expected to be a showplace and the prestige building of the new campus," Miss Henderson said.