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(ADVANCE)...REGINA, SEPT. 26 - (The following is the text of remarks to be made at the laying of the cornerstone of the first buildings on the new Regina Campus, Thursday, September 26, by Principal W.A. Riddell of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus.)

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(ADVANCE)...The decision to establish a second campus of the University here has resulted in a sequence of most important events in the life of this province. When the Experimental Farm site was chosen for the new university buildings it brought forward the imaginative suggestion for the establishment of the Wascana Centre which would encompass the areas for city parks, the visual and performing arts, government and higher education. Everyone in the university is proud to be part of this exciting development and today we are delighted to have officially marked the beginning of one of the major projects that will grace Wascana Centre which, in turn, provides a worthy setting for the new university.

For the past two years the faculty has spent many hours every week in addition to their regular duties planning these buildings so they will provide the large number of different kinds of facilities required for a university program. To a large extent this phase is now over and the beginning of the construction has been marked in suitable ways, first by turning the sod and now by laying the cornerstone.

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The Board of Governors has played its part by providing a very fine architect, securing the funds to erect the buildings and actually undertaking the construction of them in accordance with the needs of the faculty. It is now the responsibility of that faculty to accept the even greater challenge of planning the programs of study, spelling out the various classes and their relationships to each other and securing staff, which is an increasingly difficult problem as universities everywhere expand in size and number and require ever increasing numbers of highly qualified people. To meet this challenge all of those concerned will have to exercise a rare blend of creative imagination, hard headed realism and a high sense of public responsibility. However, the combined resources of the members of the faculty that have been here during the early days of this development together with those who have joined our group more recently should result in preparing programs that will complement those offered on the parent campus and provide the students of future years in this province with a wider choice of courses all of highest quality.

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