Guadalajara University Aided By US Scholars

By JOHN DURHAM

“It’s a university with two first floors.”

Professor Harry Ransom, Rice University architect, was speaking of the future campus of the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara to a group of Texas newsmen who visited Guadalajara over the weekend.

Professor Ransom is just one of many academic people from 16 United States universities who are working with UAG to develop a master plan which will place the university in a position of academic excellence.

Unique to Latin American universities, UAG is a private university, free from the support and control from either the church or the government. Founded in 1935 as a result of a student movement in favor of a truly independent university, UAG began in 1962 to reorganize and plan for the future.

It sought the advice of American universities and the financial support of private individuals and foundations.

The Texas universities which are cooperating in the project are Rice, University of Texas, University of Houston, University of Dallas, and Baylor University.

Croneis Is Consultant

In addition to assistance in the architectural field, Rice’s chancellor, Dr. Carey Croneis, is the chief consultant for UAG in the Exact and Terrestrial Sciences.

The Exact Sciences make up one of the three institutes which will be the nucleus of the university. The other institutes will be natural sciences and humanities.

These three institutes, along with the 8-story library will be at the center of the new UAG campus, designed by Professor Ransom and the architectural staff of the university.

The new campus will be located on a 190,000 square meter tract on the west side of Guadalajara, in one of the best residential areas of the city.

Native Architecture

The plan for the new campus has been designed, according to Ransom, to blend in with the native Guadalajaran architecture.

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