

# Library shares facilities with SMU

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The Killam Library began sharing facilities with St. Mary's University on October 1, head librarian Dorothy Cook announced recently.

The policy, designed as a one term experiment, according to Cook, "could lead to a full co-ordination of buying practices and facility sharing among all

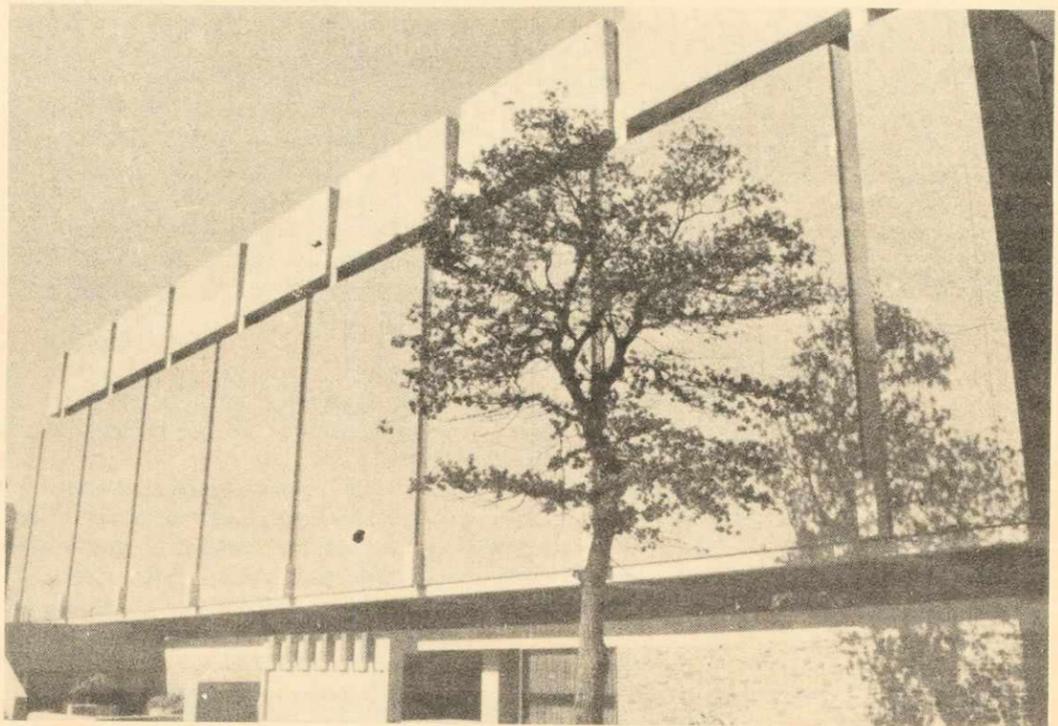
metro libraries."

The purpose of this project is to "stretch the limited resources that are available in the Metro area."

Only faculty members and some graduate students having special permission were able to borrow from another library in the past, although all were allowed use of materials on the premises. According to Cook, no reserve books may be used by other than Dal Students.

The extension of facilities should not make things more difficult for Dal students, according to Cook. "It's possible but I don't think so." She explained that only a small percentage of students at either university take advantage of the facilities offered. As the SMU population is less than half the size of Dal's, there should be no inconvenience, she added.

All facilities, such as research



studies and closed carrels will not be available to students from other universities. The usual library regulations will apply to everyone and each university will be responsible

for its own students.

The experiment has been under discussion for several months, through Dal's library committee and the library systems committee, as well as

with Student Union president, Brian Smith. However, as a quorum was not present at the last meeting, "I took it upon myself," said Cook, "to go ahead with the plans."

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