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# Community College To be Session Item

Elko's Nevada Community College will be placed on the agenda for February's special session of the legislature with the recommendation of Gov. Paul Laxalt that the college be established as a separate entity on a one-year pilot project basis.

A source in Carson City today advised the Elko Daily Free Press Gov. Laxalt will recommend the one-year pilot program as a start toward a statewide system of community colleges.

Specifically, the recommendation is expected to provide for the Trustees of the Elko County School District to "change hats" and sit as the governing board of the community college, which would be organized separately from the public school administration in the county.

The governor's recommendation also is expected to suggest that transfer credit courses for students at the community college be provided and that the special session vote funds "of less than \$100,000" for the fledgling school.

Mike Marfisi, chairman of the advisory board of directors of the community college said today in Elko he and members of the board are pleased with the recommendation and regard it as a significant step toward the Nevada Community College, one of the state's most valuable assets.

Dr. Gene Voris, president of the college, said today the organization of the college as a separate entity would allow im-

## College Clears Big Hurdle

Elko's Nevada Community College yesterday cleared an important hurdle when a special governor's council recommended next month's special session of the legislature establish the institution as a separate entity on a one-year pilot program.

A number of dedicated Elko County residents have worked hard during the past several months to achieve individual status for the school; and yesterday's state-level recommendation indicates their efforts are paying off for the community.

Proponents of the school had requested a total of \$305,000 for the coming year and the governor's council recommended this figure be cut back to \$79,000. Although this sounds like it might be a crippling cut, college officials point out the "separate entity" aspect of the recommendation is of much greater significance and opens the way for additional funds to come to the college from sources that would not be available under public school status. With these prospective funds, Dr. Gene Voris, president, has given assurances the college can offer a program suf-

ficiently broad to be of great value to residents of the Elko area.

Elkoans must realize, however, that clearing yesterday's hurdle simply clears the way to the next hurdle — that one being the special session of the legislature.

Community response to the opening quarter of the college was inspiring; but school officials say Elkoans have been a little slow in signing up for second quarter offerings.

In order for leaders of the college effort to build a strong and convincing case to present to the legislators at the special session, conclusive evidence of the support of the community is mandatory — and a big and enthusiastic enrollment in the second quarter classes is the most convincing evidence of this factor.

We recognize the potential benefit of the community college to Elko; and we must also recognize the school has a vital need for our support now. If Elko can demonstrate lively participation in the second quarter program, its case before the special session will be strong and the machinery will be set in motion to create a permanent institution of lasting value to its residents. — M

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# Panel Backs Appropriation

## For Elko College Projects

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CARSON CITY, NEV. (UPD) — A special governor's council recommended Thursday the state appropriate \$79,000 for the Elko Community College to carry it through the next fiscal year.

"It is the strong desire of the governor's council to keep the community college concept alive in this community until the council has time to conduct in-depth feasibility studies for developing colleges and/or vocational-technical centers on a state-wide basis," the council said after a meeting here.

The recommendation was made to Gov. Paul Laxalt who named the 15 member council headed by Burrell Larson, state superintendent of public instruction. It asked the matter be placed on the agenda of the special session of the Legislature, which it probably will.

### Requested \$305,000

The college in Elko, the first of its kind in Nevada, had requested \$305,000 for the next fiscal year.

Of the total, \$50,000 would go to the state board of education for operation and implementing a pilot project at Elko. The remaining \$28,000 would go into the high school, where the college classes are held, to buy equipment.

Mr. Larson said the \$50,000 would replace the \$45,546 initially raised in private donations to open the college last year.

### Master Plan

The council also asked \$17,500 to develop a statewide master educational plan and to look into the feasibility of creating area community colleges.

The council said, "Community colleges might well provide training and educational opportunities ranging from a four to six weeks short course in maid service for motels or hotels to a sophisticated two-

year technical program beyond high school and possibly freshman or sophomore college level courses offered under the extension division of the University of Nevada."

The council also recommended the special session of the Legislature pass enabling legislation to cover legal technicalities of running the school. Legislation would be enacted to designate the board of school trustees of Elko County to double as trustees for the college.

### Policy Statement

The college trustees would be charged with developing a "statement of policy" establishing an advisory committee composed of Nevadans from across the state; employing a director to assist with development and work with the state department of education in instituting a "cluster approach."

The "cluster approach" is a method under which a student would be given a general background in a subject in high school and then be provided with more specific courses in the community colleges.

For example, accounting could be taught in the high school.

# 1/5/68 Free Press College Classes 'Open'

Although formal registration at Nevada Community College closed Saturday, late registration will continue through the first week of classes.

Persons that have not registered for classes should do so at the college office during the weekday, or at the high school in the evenings. All classes listed on the all schedule will remain open to enrollment throughout the coming week announced Carl Devin, Dean.

Classes begin tonight at the Elko High School, with the majority of the courses meeting only one evening per week for the convenience of those persons who are required to drive from out of town. The fall term classes will continue until December 15th. Winter term registration will be held January 2, 1968.

The college has received word from the University of Nevada indicating that the English Composition 101, and General Psychology 101 will be held starting Friday, October 6, 1967 in room 1 of the Elko High School. Persons planning to take the English Composition class will need to take the University Placement Examination which will be held at the High School Library at 8 p.m. September 27th, (Wednesday).

Persons desiring further information and assistance on any of the college or University classes should contact the college office, room 213 First National Bank Building (days), Elko High School (evenings), or Phone 738-6910.

# 1/5/68 Free Press College Classes Being Signed Up For New Term

Elko residents were urged today to sign up as soon as possible for second quarter classes at Nevada Community College, which yesterday won a spot on the agenda of the Feb. 5 special session of the state legislature.

Dr. Gene Voris, president of the college, said a varied schedule has been arranged for the winter quarter but Elkoans have been slow to register. As of this morning he reported 130 students have signed up, compared to an enrollment in the fall quarter of 430.

## College Chorus Opens Classes Next Monday

The Community College Chorus will begin work on the "Ballad of Heroes," Monday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the high school music room. The Chorus class will be under the instruction of James Muirhead of Elko.

The "Ballad of Heroes" was written in 1938 by poet W. H. Auden and set to music by England's contemporary composer, Benjamin Britten.

The piece was written in a time when England was preparing to defend itself against the Nazi army and the citizens were in need of encouragement to carry the burden of an anticipated world war.

The choir will also begin work on Vivaldi's "Gloria."

Persons planning to enroll should do so by Monday or sooner, and be prepared to begin classes Monday evening. Registration can be made at either the college office during the day, or at the Elko High School Office in the evenings.

"We are calling on the adults of Elko County to carry us through these first months," Dr. Voris explained, "so we can present a strong case to the legislature and obtain the legislation we need to establish a permanent institution."

He added that when the college has been formally established and transfer credit courses arranged, college-level students will be bought into the program and will beef up the enrollment at the school.

"We have arranged for the classes, the instructors, the class rooms, and teaching materials—but it is up to the people of Elko County to provide us with students during these beginning stages," Dr. Voris said.

He expressed confidence the

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support of the community now will insure permanent status for the school on a basis that will provide an institution of lasting benefit to Elko.

Dr. Voris stressed the fact that although classes are planned to be in full swing next week, it is not too late to register. He said instructors have been advised to continue to accept students and to help the late enrollees catch up quickly.

Information on the classes being offered is available at the college office in the First National Bank Building or at Elko High School from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Elko's new college won its place on the special session yesterday through a recommendation of a special governor's council, which also suggested a state appropriation of \$79,000 to sustain the school on a one-year pilot program.

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# College Keeping Enrollment Open

Registration at Elko's Nevada Community College will continue through the week of Jan. 22-27, with the official opening of the school's winter quarter now set at Jan. 29.

College officials explained action was taken because so many Elko County residents have been enrolling late in classes which started last week.

"We simply faced up to the fact we didn't compete very successfully with the holiday

season in our registration campaign," Dr. Gene Voris, college president, reported.

He said seven classes which have sufficient students enrolled—one of them boasts 30 members—will be allowed to go ahead this week and will finish their quarter on March 16. The remaining classes will start the week of Jan. 29 and will conclude April 12.

Carl Devin, dean of the college, reported this morning approximately 200 students have registered to date; and an enrollment of at least 400 is planned as a result of the extended registration period.

Devin pointed out the later date for the start of classes will allow new students who were unable to attend so soon after the holidays to register and attend the classes of their choice.

He also reminded prospective students that financial terms can be arranged at registration and because the institution is an "open door" col-

lege, a high school diploma is not required for attendance.

Mike Marfisi, chairman of the college advisory board, stressed that with the college secure in its place on the agenda of the special session of the legislature next month, a maximum enrollment is of the utmost importance to the future of the college.

"Let's make this quarter a total community effort and show the rest of Nevada the quality of our community support," Marfisi said.

Classes which have sufficient students to start this week include: Monday — home-ranch mechanics, juvenile law and women's physical education; Tuesday — juvenile law; Wednesday — beginning square dancing; Thursday — preventive veterinary medicine; Saturday — pottery.

Students can sign up for classes during the day at the college office in the First National Bank Building (phone 738-6910) and during the evening at Elko High School, (phone 738-5272 or 738-5530).

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## Juvenile Law Class Popular At Elko College

A course in Juvenile Law has become one of the most popular classes at Nevada Community College, with some 30 students enrolled. Registration is to remain open until next Monday.

The class meets on Monday and Tuesday evenings of alternate weeks at the Nevada Youth Training Center and is taught by Mark Young of Reno, who is director of parole services for NYTC and who has a number of years of experience in the field of juvenile law in Nevada.

The class is an occupational elective within the college's proposed two-year degree program for corrections personnel. It is described as a course in the law and practices of Nevada juvenile court, the role of the probation officers and attorneys, the laws pertaining to children regarding neglect and correction and sources of juvenile law.

Students can register at the community college office in the First National Bank Building or by reporting to the class on Monday at NYTC.

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE Winter Term Schedule

MONDAY:			
Title	Credit	Instructor	Time
Intermediate Typing	2	Call	8:20-10:40
Advanced Shorthand	3	Call	6:00- 8:15
Home-Ranch			
Mechanics*	3	Bellinger	7:00-10:00
Juvenile Law*	3	7:00-10:40	Young (M-T-Alt.)
Vocational Mathematics	3	Lundgren	8:15-10:40
Women's PE Activities*	1	Trontel (Mrs.)	7:00- 8:50
Oil Painting	3	Stenoish	7:00-10:00
Chorus	1	Muirhead	7:30- 9:30
TUESDAY:			
Accounting	4	McKinley (T-Th)	8:00-10:20
Bookkeeping	3	Call	6:00- 8:45
Soils and Chemicals	3	Spencer	7:00-10:00
Industrial Electronics	3	Peterson	7:00-10:00
Technical Drafting	4	Babb	6:00-10:50
Juvenile Law*	3	Young (M-T)	7:00-10:40
Rapid Reading I & II	3	Chernick (T-Th)	7:00- 9:50
Technical Mathematics	4	Rockwell	6:00- 8:50
Conversational Spanish	3		7:00-10:00
Aeronautics I	3	Devin	7:00-10:40
Aeronautics II	3	Joyal (T-Th)	7:00- 9:00
Cake Decorating	2	Ferguson	8:00-10:00
Orchestra-Stage Band	1	Skeem	8:00-10:00
Adv. Clothing & Fabrics	3	Vogler	7:00-10:00
WEDNESDAY:			
Insurance & Investments	2	Jayo	7:00- 8:50
Beg. Typing	2	Call	8:20-10:40
Beg. Welding	3	Bellinger	7:00-10:00
Welding II	3	Bellinger	7:00-10:00
Woods and Finishes	2	Henderson	7:00-10:00
Beg. Surveying & Reporting	4	Rockwell-Babb	6:00-10:50
Photography	2	Larkin	8:00-10:00
Beg. Square Dancing*	1	Dodd	8:00-10:00
THURSDAY:			
Secretarial Procedures	2	Sparrow	8:00-10:00
Accounting	4	McKinley (T-Th)	8:00-10:20
Banking (AIB)	2		7:00- 9:00
Office Machines II	2	Sparrow	6:00- 7:50
Charm and Modeling	2	McGuire (Mrs.)	8:00- 9:50
Preventative Vet. Medicine*			
	3	Cuthbertson-Brans	7:00-10:30
Small Business Administration			
	3	Collett	8:00-10:40
Rapid Reading I & II	3	Chernick (T-Th)	7:00- 9:50
Prospecting Geology	3	Neitz	7:00-10:00
Aeronautics II	3	Joyal (T-Th)	7:00- 9:00
SATURDAY:			
Pottery*	2	Parks	2:00- 5:00

\* The Courses indicated by the (\*) will start January 8, 1968 and the term will end March 16, 1968. ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL START THE TERM ON JANUARY 29, 1968 and CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 12, 1968.

Nev. State Journal 1/11/68

# Regents Control Colleges, Says State Legal Adviser

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He said not only were the opinions "legally unsound, but that the legislative counsel bureau is acting outside the scope of its authority in giving legal advice to the executive branch of the government."

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Cake Decor  
Class Opens  
This Evening

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Registration is still open for all other classes. Students can register at the college office, 213 First National Bank Building or at the Elko High School in the evenings. Persons may get further information by telephoning 738-6910.

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# Regents Promise Aid To Elko College Plan

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## Assistance From Regents

Willingness of University of Nevada regents to "aid any way possible" Elko's community college marks another big step toward status as a permanent institution for Nevada Community College.

This assurance of assistance from the regents, along with their recognition of the need for a school that will offer vocational-technical courses as well as college level education under university guidance would seem to open the door to practically unlimited opportunity.

A comparison with the development of Nevada Southern University at Las Vegas is impossible to avoid. Although different from the standpoint that Elko is shaping a community college, while Las Vegas has built a branch university, certain parallels exist. Further, it seems, Elko enjoys certain advantages in the comparison.

From the early days of its existence, the Nevada Southern stance has been one of direct competition with the Reno campus. Elko proposes to supplement the offerings of the university in peaceful co-existence.

Because if its competitive position, Nevada Southern has failed to gain the full favor of the board of

regents on more than one occasion. Under the program contemplated by Elko's community college, the attitude of assistance and cooperation on the part of the regents should be capable of preservation through the years simply because Elko's school is expected to in no way threaten the operation of the Reno campus.

Despite Nevada Southern's competitive attitude — which sometimes has ballooned to open hostility — regents of the university have allowed it to develop in spectacular fashion. The chancellor of the Las Vegas campus this week is talking in terms of an enrollment of 17,500 within the next 10 years.

If Las Vegas can accomplish that while at war with the regents, Elko should make remarkable progress with the cooperation and encouragement of the university board.

With enthusiastic support coming from residents of Elko County, and with the blessing of the University of Nevada regents, officials of the Nevada Community College will be in position to present a strong case to the special session of the legislature next month — and off to a good start on the road to building a school exactly designed for the greatest benefit to Elko County. — M

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## Enrollment Mark Attained

Officials of the Nevada Community College yesterday announced enrollment at the school has passed the 350 mark—which insures another successful quarter.

This is gratifying news, of course, but efforts to swell that enrollment even larger are continuing on the theory the more students the college can show next month, the stronger the case can be in the school's presentation before the special session of the legislature.

Indicative of the widespread interest created by Elko's new community college is the following editorial published in Goshen, Ind., and passed along to us by the Rev. Charles C. Lindsay of the First Presbyterian Church in Elko:

Every state in the Union now has at least one two-year community college. Last to join the tide was Nevada, whose new college at Elko was one of a record-breaking 74 junior colleges to start operations in 29 states this fall.

The new schools bring the number of two-year institutions in the United States to some 900, reports the American Association of Junior Colleges. The 66,000 students they enrolled raised the total head count in these colleges to 1,665,000.

In the fall of 1966, 50 new junior colleges opened their doors. A significant fact is that most of them have doubled their enrollments in one year's time.

"We think this is dramatic evidence of what happens to college-going in a community when an institution is established within commuting and financial range of the population, and when those colleges are willing to give all comers a chance," says AAJC associate executive director William G. Shannon.

"There is no question but that many of the young people now enrolled in these colleges would not have entered institutions of higher education otherwise."

Most of the new colleges, like the older ones, are publicly supported institutions, operating at low cost to students and providing a broad range of programs. Some of the courses prepare students for transfer to regular four-year colleges, others lead to jobs at the end of two years or less.

Once somewhat of a stepchild in the educational family, junior colleges are assuming an increasingly important role in America's effort to provide the most education for the most people of any nation in history.

## College Hits 400 Mark as Quarter Opens

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Winter quarter at Nevada Community College moves into full swing here tonight, with the school boasting an enrollment of 400 students, according to Carl Devin, dean of the Elko school.

A few classes were started by the college earlier this month, but the major block of courses will hold opening sessions this week.

Devin predicted the final enrollment for the current quarter will surpass the school's opening session when final registration figures are available at the end of this week. Registration is to continue through the week.

Resides Home-Ranch Mecha-

nics, Juvenile Law, Beginning Square Dancing, Preventative Veterinary Medicine, Pottery, Women's PE Activities, Preventative Veterinary Medicine (Wells), Basic Clothing (Wells), Bookkeeping (Carlin), Advanced Clothing (Carlin), Cake Decorating, Aeronautics II, and Chorus, the remainder of the class schedule will start this week.

Starting tonight (Monday): Intermediate Typing, Beginning Typing, Vocational Mathematics, and Oil Painting, and Chorus.

Tuesday's starting schedule includes: Bookkeeping, Soils, Industrial Electronics, Technical Drafting (Basic and Advanced), Technical Mathematics, Aeronautics, Stage Band, and Advanced Clothing (Sewing).

Wednesday's classes are: Investments, Welding, Woods and Finishes, Beginning Surveying, and Photography.

Thursday's classes are: Secretarial Procedures, Office Machines, Charm and Modeling Small Business Administration, Prospecting Geology.

Devin also reported that because of weather conditions it was necessary to cancel the Critical Path Methods class scheduled to start last Saturday, but it is rescheduled for this coming Saturday at 10 a.m.

He also reported that the Youth Typing Class started last Saturday with 43 students registered in two different sections. One section starts at 1 p.m. and the second starts at 3 p.m.

Prospective students who have not made their intentions known, should register and attend this week, Devin advised. Registration can be accomplished at the college office, 213 First National Bank Building during the day, or at the Elko High School Library from 7 to 10 p.m. in the evenings. If students need further information, they should call the college office 738-6910 (days) or the high school 738-5272 (evenings).

### Humphrey, Voris Discuss College Extension Classes

RENO (UPI) — University of Nevada officials have conferred with Elko Community College representatives to determine the best way the university can offer college level extension courses at the new school.

Neil Humphrey, acting University President, said he took part in a discussion with Dr. Gene Voris, Community College President, and Dr. Robert Gorrell, acting director of the university extension service. He said they discussed administrative details such as which courses to offer, how to find faculty and how to pay instructors.

He said the classes could be self-supporting if a sufficient number of students enrolled in each course, or the university or Community College could subsidize the offerings.

Last fall an attempt was made to offer extension courses at the school but there were not enough students for a class.

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# Special Session Opens; Election Antics Start

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—Election year maneuvering started as the 1968 Nevada Legislature opened its special session today to draft a compact to preserve the beauty of Lake Tahoe.

Assembly Minority Leader James Wood, R-Reno, served notice his party intended to fight any effort by Assemblywoman Flora Dungan, D-Las Vegas, to embarrass the Republican Administration of Gov. Paul Laxalt.

Miss Dungan, a strong critic of the governor has vowed to push for a resolution calling for an investigation into the trouble-plagued prison.

But Wood says, "There will be some hot deliberations on the floor in regards to Flora's activities and sniping at the governor. She'd make a country club out of every institution."

"The taxpayers won't buy her philosophy. And I as a legislator won't buy her theories."

Senate Minority Leader Carl Dodge, R-Pullman said he felt the Democrats would try to pick away at the governor if they find any openings.

"Some of the people in an election year get real busy," Dodge said. And several lawmakers were maneuvering to get assigned to key committees to pump up their prestige back home.

Gov. Laxalt called the 60 lawmakers into session at noon to join with California in creating a regional agency to control development and pollution at Lake Tahoe.

While there is some opposition to a compact, the main item on the agenda now appears to be Nevada's troubled Medicaid program which is running 30 per cent above cost estimates.

Laxalt worked late last night preparing recommendations and an aide says the governor will continue the program despite his previous statement that it might be suspended.

It provides medical for some 12,000 needy Nevadans.

The program is running \$800,000 in the hole this year and is expected to cost an

additional \$12 million next fiscal year.

The Medicaid and Lake Tahoe proposal are the two that have drawn the most attention.

But there is some controversy over the proposal to finance a Pilot Community College program in Elko. The governor is recommending \$96,000 for the project and for a thorough study of creating a community college system in Nevada.

The residents of Elko last year raised more than \$40,000 in private donations to start the college. Now they need additional help to keep it going next fiscal year.

Some lawmakers have become concerned the State is committing itself to a community college in Elko even before a study is completed on the feasibility. They point out that once the college is given State money, it is near-impossible to stop the appropriations in the future.

And other educators fear that once the community college system is established, it might siphon off funds which are now being used for elementary, secondary and university education.

The governor also recommended \$101,000 be set up in a special fund to provide for help to school districts which

run into financial troubles. The district would ask the State Board of Education which would make a recommendation to the State Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners is composed of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

And the State must decide whether it will strengthen its meal inspection program or leave the field entirely to the federal government.

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## Community College Hits Record 500 Enrollment

Nevada Community College today hit a record enrollment of 500 students for the recently started winter quarter, according to Carl Devin, dean of the Elko school.

Dr. Gene Voris, president, commented, "We are very pleased with the results of the winter term, and we feel the enrollment will increase still more, with late registration to continue through this week."

Attainment of the record enrollment comes as a special session of the legislature opens to consider, among other things, the future of the novel Elko institution.

The college started operations last September offering a variety of programs and courses. The fall enrollment was 430, and in addition, the participation in community service workshops ran the figure to about 480.

The present vocational-technical programs which are made up of several courses are: Secretarial Science, Business Technology, Industrial

and Agricultural Occupations, Aeronautics, Law Enforcement and Corrections, Engineering Technology, General Education, and Adult Education.

Most of the courses in the occupational (vocational) technical areas are being designed as two-year curriculums. (Continued on Page 6)

The enrollment is distributed throughout throughout the Secretarial and Business Programs leading the field.

Although the college has only three full-time persons employed at present, it has been able to call upon many professional and qualified, experienced people to teach the classes.

The college has been operating under the direction of the Elko County School District Board of Trustees, and has made use of the school facilities on an evening basis. In addition, it has used several other facilities throughout the county.

Dr. Voris stated that he was pleased with the cooperation received from the school district and all the other agencies in the area. "We just could not have operated without this kind of help," he said. He also pointed out that the college has received a great deal of assistance from the State Department of Education, and especially the Vocational Technical Education Division in program planning, development, and supervision.

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### Elko College Enrollment Passes 450

Nevada Community College's winter term enrollment has climbed steadily this week as classes started on their respective evenings. The enrollment is now over 450, and registration will continue through next week on the classes started this week.

In addition, Carl Devin, stated that tomorrow will be the last day for students to register in the Youth Typing Classes held from 1 to 3 and 3 to 5 p.m., Saturdays. There are still a few class openings, and registrations may be made in Room 9 of the high school tomorrow afternoon.

The Critical Path Methods class offered cooperatively with the University of Nevada Industrial Extension Service will meet and register for the first time at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Room 14.

Devin pointed out that late registration will continue through next week in the following classes: Beginning Typing, Intermediate Typing, Oil Painting, Chorus, Bookkeeping, Electronics, Drafting, Aeronautics (private), Advanced Clothing, Wedding Woods & Finishes, Photography, Office Procedures and Maching, Small Business Administration, Real Estate, and Prospecting Geology. **2/7/68 F.P.**



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# Elko's College Subject Today

By CY RYAN

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leges throughout the state. He said these colleges, staffed for the most part by local experts, business people and trade specialists, could provide quality education for college credit.

A delegation of Elkoans today travelled to Carson City to meet with members of the state legislature to discuss the status of Elko's Nevada Community College.

Those making the trip included Dr. Gene Voris, president of the college, and members of the school's advisory board: Mike Martini, chairman, Mark Chilton, Dr. Hugh Collett, Bill Wunderlich and Paul Sawyer.

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Monroe acknowledges many school boards are against the idea because they fear it will take money away from the local districts. It will. The advocate's plan for the community college to take over virtually all of the vocational-technical education, and the school district would be left with only a token program. With the takeover would come some money the school districts get now.

Opponents say Nevada cannot afford a third-force in education. They say the state is not taking care of the public school and the university system adequately.

So far in the three-day session, the theme has been a concern about lack of money and welfare costs.

Sen. James Gibson, D-Henderson, said welfare costs may soon be taking 50 per cent of the state budget. At present education takes 70 per cent and welfare gets about nine per cent of the general fund expenditures.

But Gibson, chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee, cites the rising cost of Medicaid. He says there is a possibility the U.S. Supreme Court might nullify residence requirements for welfare recipients. He said this could boost the cost in Nevada by 30 per cent.

Gov. Paul Laxalt has recommended the legislature appropriate \$600,000 to carry the Medicaid program through this fiscal year and \$1.2 million for next fiscal year.

Gibson and others complained they went into the federal-state program on grounds it was going to save the state and counties money—not cost more. He said the 1967 legislature was told Medicaid would save the state \$100,000 and the counties \$1 million because of the \$2.5 million in federal "new money."

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**Support  
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In the Community College concept has not received the emphasis it should have, in endorsing the bill.

Dr. John Homer, R-Carson City, sponsor of another community college measure (AB 13), said he agrees with the community college concept but he believes it should operate independently of the local schools and the State Department of Education. His bill asks \$25,000 for a Carson community college.

"Let's have two pilot projects and at the end of the year we can see which is best."

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**'Rival' Carson Proposal  
 Community College Plan**

Homer, who is on the board of directors and is one of the founders of Kit Carson Community College, Inc., in Carson City, said his bill was killed in the last session of the legislature.

He said the death blow came from Assemblymen Norman Glaser, D-Elko, and Roy Young, R-Elko, who "went back and founded the Elko school and got the Governor's backing because they agreed to put it under the state system."

The same death blow might come again because the appropriation portion of Homer's bill must go back through Glaser's powerful Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has identified



# Elko College <sup>2/8/68</sup> Wins Support <sup>Free Press</sup> At Hearing

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—A bill to give state support to Elko Community College drew strong support at a legislative hearing Wednesday, but still faces tough times ahead.

Representatives of Elko, education, the University of Nevada, the general public and labor spoke in favor of the bill to provide \$96,500 for Elko Community College as a pilot project.

Proponents of the bill, backed by Gov. Paul Laxalt, seek

"Some public school districts have been trying to fill the gap between high school and university with night adult education courses, but the effort hasn't succeeded," said Dr. Thomas Tucker of the University of Nevada.

Eugene Voris, president of the Elko College, said many students enrolled at first with-  
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## Elko Group Optimistic About Bill

"It was a beautiful hearing!"

These were the words of Dr. Gene Voris today as he described yesterday's hearing in Carson City on the fate of Elko's Nevada Community College.

Voris, president of the college, and five members of the school's advisory board yesterday attended a public hearing on the bill before the special session of the legislature to establish the Elko college on a one-year pilot project basis.

The Elko delegation said the hearing drew a large attendance and legislators who heard the presentation favoring the Elko program demonstrated that their doubts were removed when they heard the "whole story" of the community college concept.

A spokesman for the Elko group said prospects for passage of the bill are bright as a result of yesterday's hearing. All members of the group praised the work of the Elko County delegation at the legislature—Sen. Warren L. Monroe and Assemblyman Norman Glaser and Roy Young.

Making the trip to Carson City on behalf of the college were Dr. Voris, Mike Marfiel (chairman of the advisory board), Bill Wunderlich, Paul Sawyer, Dr. Hugh Collier and Mark Chilton.

## College Bill

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out realizing there would be a lot of study and tests involved. He said they "wanted to get things started."

"Students are now more intense. They want to learn," he said. There is a more serious group of young people and a strong student body."

He said enrollment for the winter quarter is expected to be about 600.

"The Community College system offers direct benefit in filling the educational opportunities of 70 per cent of the people," said Mike Marfiel, Elko attorney. "We want to fill the gap."

University Regent Albert Seeliger said the University of Nevada has offered Elko College full cooperation. Acting University President Neil Humphrey said a contract has been offered to provide regular university courses for credit, taught by university personnel.

Lou Paley, secretary of the Nevada AFL-CIO, said Nevada labor fully endorses the community college concept.

James Butler, representing

the Nevada Educational Development council, said the vocational technical area embraced in the community college concept has not received the emphasis it should have.

Burnell Larson State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said recommendations in the bill embody the finding of a committee named by Laxalt to study Nevada's needs for vocation-technical or community college. He said the Elko College affords a valuable opportunity to conduct a first hand study as a pilot project. The Elko school began operation last year on the strength of private contributions.

Assemblyman Roy Young, R-Elko, said the hearing improved the bill's chances in the legislature.

"I believe it changed enough votes to pass it in the assembly," he said. "I heard many favorable comments, even from some who had been opposed."

However, there was still strong opposition in the senate. Key senators said they feared the community college system might create a "third force" in higher education, which already is proving difficult to finance.

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ABS, the bill to establish Elko's community college as a pilot project, passed the Assembly way and means committee this afternoon unanimously, according to Norman Glaser, chairman of the committee.

Glaser told the Free Press the "do pass" action of his committee would put the bill in position for a vote on the Assembly floor by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

\$50,000 to operate the college as a pilot project during fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, plus \$29,000 to buy equipment and \$17,500 for statewide studies of the project's feasibility.

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## College Wins Another Round

Another pat on the back is in order for a group of Elko residents who have devoted a remarkable amount of effort during the past year toward creating a community college in Elko.

This group has encountered the same obstacles that stem to characteristically fall across the path of progress, but overcome each of these quickly and decisively.

Most recent of these obstacles was mounting doubt and some outright opposition on the part of members of the state legislature now sitting in special session and considering, among other things, the fate of Nevada Community College. The Elko group met this problem in much the same way the problems of the past were met—that is with careful but fast and decisive action—and reports received from Carson City indicate that action was again appropriate and successful.

The college officials who made the trip from Elko to Carson City to tell the community college story at a public hearing this week evidently were able to erase the doubts that had been expressed by some, and seemingly reduced opposition to the

Elko project to a minimum. The passage of the community college bill by the key ways and means committee in the assembly stands as a signal that the presentation of the Elkoans was convincing.

We don't mean to imply the group of Elkoans who made the most recent trip to Carson City won the battle unassisted. They, themselves, were generous in their praise of the Elko County delegation to the legislature, Sen. Warren L. Monroe and Assemblymen Norman Glaser and Roy Young. Glaser, it should be pointed out, is chairman of the strategic ways and means committee that affixed the vital unanimous seal of approval on the Elko college bill.

It has been a well coordinated group effort; and in our eyes this factor points up the great potential in the community college. We cannot recall any project in recent times that can compare with the college program for its contribution to drawing the community together to work for a single cause. This quality alone ranks the community college project as one of the most promising ever undertaken in Elko. —M

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# Elko College Bill Recommended For Passage

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—The Assembly Ways and Means Committee Thursday recommended passage of a

bill to create a community college in Elko as a pilot project.

The vote was unanimous and it was the first major piece of legislation to move past committee in the 1968 special session of the legislature.

The committee voted to take out of the bill \$17,500 which was requested by the State Department of Education for a study of the feasibility of a community college system in Nevada.

However, the department explained it had enough money in its regular budget to do the survey.

The bill will probably come up for a vote early next week.

Residents of Elko raised more than \$40,000 in private donations to start the school last year. Now they are seeking about \$80,000 to continue the classes for the next fiscal year. During that time a study will be made to determine if the project is feasible.

Gov. Paul Laxalt, when campaigning for office in 1966, suggested a state system of community colleges.

Apparently some of the previous opposition to the measure has melted after a public hearing Wednesday where unanimous support was presented from outside interests.

## Glaser Sees Success for College Bill

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—A vote in the Nevada assembly on the Elko Community College will probably be held next Wednesday and one of its backers predicts passage.

Assemblyman Norman Glaser D-Elko said he was optimistic over approval in the lower house and hopeful for it in the senate.

Glaser said the measure has been moved fast to avoid "horsetrading."

"I want it to stand on its own merits and I think it can," he said today.

The Assembly Ways and Means committee, of which Glaser is chairman, gave do-pass recommendation Thursday to the measure. However it deleted \$17,000 of the \$86,000 requested. The \$17,000 was going to be used for a feasibility study. But the State Department of Education will still make the study with other funds.

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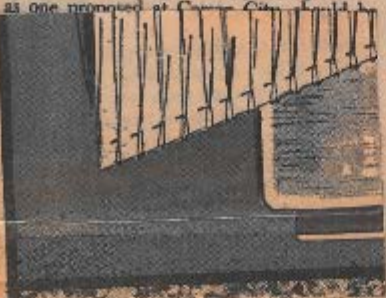
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Elko had the "get up and go" to get its own college started without help from anyone except its own citizens. It has an excellent start, and all the state's eggs, at this juncture, should be put in one basket.

Other communities anxious to begin such a college, at this early stage at least, should be required to do as Elko did. If they can raise \$40,000 or even \$25,000 by private subscription then the legislature might look with favor on their proposals at the next session.

As far as Carson City is concerned, it will be recalled that a private college was established there a couple of years ago and was a dismal flop.

The "going concern" at Elko, as Ways and Means recommended, should be granted the funds necessary to put it into high gear. At the same time it should get the undivided attention of the state in order that the worthiness of the community college in Nevada can be either refuted or firmly established — Nevada State Journal

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## Survival in the Jungle

Elko's community college has fared well to date in the jungle warfare of the special session of the state legislature.

Despite earlier cries of opposition from various legislators who were apparently fighting the opening skirmishes of the guerilla battle, our delegation to Carson City has managed to maneuver the Elko bill through a favorable vote in the assembly.

Yesterday's assembly approval by a vote of 32-7 would indicate opposition to the bill has virtually dissolved. But the cruel fact of the matter seems to be that the community college bill is not being considered so much according to its merits as according to its strategic value in the continuing battle between Clark and Washoe County representatives.

As disquieting as this fact may be, it is unfortunately a sign of times to come. Residents of the so-called "cow counties" are destined to be

caught in the crossfire of the legislative sharpshooting between the two big counties in all future deliberations of the legislature. When the legislature is again re-apportioned, as it is scheduled to be, the problem will be heightened.

The only bright spot visible at this stage of the game is that members of our Elko County delegation—Assemblmen Norman Glaser and Roy Young and Sen. Warren L. Monroe—seem to understand the hard facts of survival under these jungle warfare rules and have thus far demonstrated the necessary abilities and instincts to be able to guide the community college bill through the hazards.

The bill still faces a crucial battle in the senate, and about all we can do here at home is hope the battling between the two big counties subsides sufficiently for Sen. Monroe to infiltrate long enough to pull the community college under the crossfire. — M

### Nevadans Ask College Delay

CARSON CITY, NEV. (UPI) — The Nevada Municipal Assn. Thursday called for the Elko Community College pilot project to be postponed until the 1969 Legislature meets.

The legislative committee of the municipal association said, "We are very concerned with the increased demand such a project may create on already severely limited financial resources of other governmental entities."

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### Elko College For Civic Club

Dr. Gene Voris, president of Nevada Community College, yesterday discussed with members of the Nevada Civic Club the progress of the community college bill in the state legislature and plans for the college if the bill is passed at the special session.

He was introduced by Bill Bellinger, program chairman. Jack Taylor was inducted into the club at yesterday's meeting by Jack Betti, past president and acting counselor of the Civic Club.

## Municipal Association Seeks College Postponement

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The legislative committee of the Municipal Association said, "we are very concerned with the increased demand such a project may create on already severely limited financial resources of other governmental entities."

"We believe that further study and thought should be given to more concentrated usage of present facilities and to consideration of the question of advisability of establishing junior colleges which could be integrated with our present university system."

The vote was 15-1 with Elko City Councilman Adolph Lipparelli dissenting.

The legislative committee also endorsed the bi-state com-

pact for Lake Tahoe.

And it expressed concern that the sales tax exemption should be extended to striking union members "under the guise of exemptions to charitable institutions."

## College Bill Passes

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) — A bill setting up a pilot project for a community college in Elko cleared the Nevada assembly today for a vote of 32-7.

The measure goes to the senate now.

Assemblyman Norman Glaser D - Elko moved the bill up for final passage a day in advance because he said he and assemblyman Roy Young, R-Elko would not be present Wednesday.

Assemblyman John Homer R-Carson City, said he was withdrawing his bill which sets up a five-county community college district. He said his legislation was "confusing the issue and since the Elko school was already in operation, he favors that operation."

The measure was opposed by assembly majority leader William Swackhamer who asked it be delayed until the full spending package of this legislature could be approved at one time to see the financial impact.

# Laxalt Sends Senate Message Concerning Elko College Bill

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—Gov. Paul Laxalt sent a special message to the Nevada Legislature today urging passage of his pet project—an experiment in the Elko Community College.

Laxalt said he does not expect to ask the 1969 legislature for any money for community colleges. He said the present bill calls only for a pilot project and a study to see the feasibility of such a program.

The measure is in the senate finance committee where

## BULLETIN

CARSON CITY (Special)

—Members of the Senate Finance Committee at the special session of the Nevada Legislature this afternoon voted 5-2 to kill the Elko Community College bill. Only Sen. Archie Ponz and Floyd Lamb voted in favor of the bill.

six of seven members have expressed opposition.

The legislation has already passed the assembly.

The governor today sent a special message to the

ception may exist.

"The sole purpose of this legislation is to fund a pilot project at Elko and a state survey to evaluate fully the community college concept for Nevada.

"It would seem to me that less than \$100,000 to examine a program which could benefit as much as 75 per cent of our high school graduates is more than reasonable when we presently are committing over \$24.1 million which we are now spending for our college youngsters."

The governor said there was justified concern that approval of this project would "open the door" to future requests for state money.

"Let me make it abundantly clear that this approach is not favored by this administration," Laxalt said. "It is my strong belief that within the framework of our existing revenues and commitments, the state is already committed to the 'stretching goal' for education, and the state, in the foreseeable future could not be in a position to fund the community college program."

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He said a request for extra sources, tuition, and local money in 1969 is "not anticipated."  
The governor said he felt "that funding of future community colleges must be from a combination of existing vo-

national, technical funding, federal sources, tuition, and local financing."

"Concern has also been expressed that districts may be formed to form community colleges and counties may be involuntarily drawn into such districts."

"Again, this is not the philosophy of this administration. It is my opinion that this should be approached on a county-by-county optional basis, and no county should be compelled to participate without its consent."  
During his gubernatorial campaign in 1966 Laxalt outlined plans for a community college in every city in Nevada.

He asked the legislature to appropriate \$96,000 for the project. During the next fiscal year the State Department of Education would study the project to see if it is feasible for a statewide system.

However, the assembly knocked \$17,000 out of the bill and the senate is expected to delete another \$29,000.  
The college opened classes last September using \$400,000 raised in private donations in Elko. However, it asked for state help of some \$300,000 to carry on for the next school year.

Of Laxalt's legislative program, which is held up among election year politics, the Elko Community College bill has progressed the furthest.  
It has passed the assembly and is presently in the Senate Finance Committee where six of the seven members have expressed opposition.  
The Laxalt drive opened as

the third week of the special session started.

So far the lawmakers have been involved in disputes over the prison, personal criticism against each other and the proposed medical school. None of these is on the agenda presented by Laxalt Feb. 5 at the opening.

At that time he said he hoped the session could be confined to 20 days. And since then he has congratulated the legislature on its progress, adding more items, mostly minor, to be considered.  
But now it looks as if this legislature may be the first ever to surpass the 20-day mark—a traditional deadline that falls this Saturday.  
After that the \$40 a day pay for lawmakers ends.  
Gov. Laxalt's legislation to preserve Lake Tahoe has been locked in committee since the opening day. But it is expected to begin moving early this week.

But his bill has been heavily amended. And Sen. Coe Swobe, R-Reno, who is floor manager of the bill, complains this is the tactics of the Lake Tahoe Republicans to kill any bi-state agency to control pollution and development at the high Sierra lake.

The question of midfield is still being considered by a subcommittee of the money committee and that may not be ready for any presentation before Thursday this week.  
And a plan to give emergency aid to schools has been rewritten in committee in an effort to lighten up the legislation which some lawmakers considered "too loose."

## Laxalt Asks College Bill Passage

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# Senate Committee Kills College Bill

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—Gov. Paul Laxalt today called the Senate Finance Committee "ill-advised" for sinking his pet program—a Community College system for Nevada.

"Today is a very sad day for Nevada," Laxalt said after the finance committee voted 5-2 to let the measure die.

"It is a particularly dark day for the thousands of Nevada youngsters who will not attend college.

"It is also a bleak day for the unselfish Elko citizens who gave birth to the community college pilot project."

And it also represented a big defeat for Laxalt in the legislature. The governor had campaigned in 1966 on setting up community colleges in the rural areas of the state to offer vocational-technical training.

Last Friday Laxalt had tried to rally his Republican senators behind the bill. And he had made a special plea to the finance committee Monday trying to stave off the loss of the bill.

But these proved to no avail.

Republican senator John Fransway of Winnemucca made the motion to kill the bill and it was seconded by James Slattery of Reno. Only senator Archie Pozzi, a Car-

son City Republican and Floyd Lamb, a Las Vegas Democrat voted for the measure.

The action could mean the  
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## College Still Alive, Marfisi Declares Today

"We don't consider the Nevada Community College in Elko dead by any means," declared Mike Marfisi, chairman of the college advisory board, during a meeting this afternoon.

Marfisi said the action taken yesterday by the senate finance committee in Carson City was a setback but definitely not regarded as a fatal blow to the college.

He said members of the Elko board are keeping in close touch with Elko County representatives in the legislature, and although he didn't reveal any specific moves being made he said some indications have been received that the bill might see reconsideration in the senate.

## College Bill Dies in Senate

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end of the Elko Community College—Nevada's first such school—which was started last year on \$40,000 in contributions from private citizens.

Laxalt had proposed to continue it for another year to study the feasibility of the project and creating a system across Nevada.

Assemblyman Norman Glaser, D-Elko, one of the bill's sponsors said the school was now "in jeopardy."

"They're on a bare bones budget now and I think we'll have to go back to the community for another contribution," Glaser said.

"I don't think there is anything we can do about it at this special session any more.

It takes a two-thirds majority of the seven member committee to revive the bill.

Glaser complained the Senate Finance Committee "did not give it full consideration."

But the committee had spent long hours discussing the proposal.

Lawmakers had been lukewarm, saying it was a third force in education which would dilute the financial aid which now goes to the public schools and university.

Committee members also complained the "cart was before the horse" pointing out the money was to finance a

community college for another year while a feasibility study was carried out.

They said the study should have been first.

Sen. Warren Monroe, D-Elko, in a last minute effort to keep the bill alive said, "I give you my word I will not come in at the next session and ask for a contribution for the college."

Monroe said the Elko College needed to continue so a practical project could be studied to see if it was feasible for Elko and other areas.

The governor had envisioned that the college would be supported by local funds after the initial state contributions.

"It seems ill advised to fail to appropriate less than \$100,000 to examine the community college program which could be of benefit to some 75 per cent of our youngsters," Laxalt said. "One should not have a stigma attached because he doesn't attend college. Neither should he be ignored."

The governor said 24 million was being spent by the state for college bound youngsters.

"We will continue to explore ways to provide our youngsters with the community college education concept," he said "This day and age demands such programs.

"And while we have lost a battle, we have not lost the war."



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## Troubles in the Jungle

The news from Carson City is not good. Our earlier hopes that Elko's community college bill would make its way through the legislative jungle to survival were dashed by a 5-2 vote yesterday of the senate finance committee.

This morning we all are thinking dark thoughts of five senators who would rather spend our money on a new office building for themselves than for our community college. But for our own benefit we should devote our thoughts to ways we can overcome the handiwork of the five senators.

The active participation in the community college program in Elko by more than 500 residents, reinforced by the overwhelming support of the college bill in the assembly and the endorsement of the governor and his administration serve notice that we should not accept the rejection by five senators.

In other words, we are not hopelessly defeated. Our job simply has

been made more difficult.

Members of the advisory board of the community college planned to meet this afternoon to determine what steps come next—and already several alternate solutions to the apparent deadlock are under consideration. Based on the history of the college and the reputation earned by college advocates for overcoming obstacles a certain amount of confidence is justified.

We have confidence an alternate plan can be contrived, and we have confidence the enthusiastic support of the community coupled with the obvious need for a statewide community college program will prevail to cause the Elko project to move ahead whether it be with state funds or with funds from some other source.

And when the college is operating on a permanent basis, we would recommend a psychiatry course be established to inquire into the peculiar ways of state senators.—M

## Solons Deny Funds for Elko School

CARSON CITY, NEV. (AP) — The Nevada Legislature rejected Monday what Gov. Paul Laxalt described as one of his pet projects — aid the community colleges — despite a last minute plea by the governor.

The Senate finance committee killed, 5-2, the measure which would have provided \$79,000 to the Elko Community College in eastern Nevada. The bill passed the assembly last week, 32-7. Sen. Warre Monroe (D-Elko) said the action means the months-old school will have to close in June.

### Plea to Panel

The governor, who made a campaign pledge in 1965 to establish a network of community colleges in Nevada, sent a message to the finance committee as it deliberated.

But committee members were convinced the administration measure would open the door to a program which the state cannot afford.

Sen. Monroe, prime supporter of the bill in the upper house, rejected a proposed amendment which would have confined the school to vocational-technical training as part of the Elko County School District.

Gov. Laxalt said the college would serve as a pilot project to determine feasibility of a statewide system.

### Realizes Concern

"There is justified concern, I know, that approval of this legislation will open the door to future requests for state aid to this program," he said.

"Let me make it abundantly clear that this approach is not favored by this administration . . . inclusion of any such request in our budget for the 1969 session is not anticipated."

The Elko school opened last fall after residents donated nearly \$30,000. Nearly 600 part-time students are in a variety of vocational courses.

## Elko College as Big Thing of Session

### Norman Glaser Sees

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Glaser supported the resolution regarding the 1967 resolution giving the go-ahead to a feasibility study for a two-year medical school at the University of Nevada. Killed was a movement to have the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education financing the study. Assembly members voted to authorize the Elko community college.

Glaser is chairman. The resulting 32-7 vote in favor of the measure was considered by the Elko legislator as a vote of confidence. "I appreciated being the sponsor," he observed.

Glaser got the bill through the Assembly with a minimum of opposition. He had it taken off the desk of the chief clerk and put in the general file for final passage. It was moved up a day because he and his fellow assemblyman, Ray D. Young, were going to be out of town the next day.

Appropriated for the pilot program was \$79,000. This basic program was underwritten with \$50,000. Made available for equipment to include a "classroom" program was \$29,000. That meant that there will be no conflict in the college with studies taken in Elko County High School.

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# New College Bill Planned; State Financing Taken Out

Elko County Assemblyman Norman Glaser this afternoon was scheduled to introduce a new community college bill stripping out any request for state funds and simply asking for establishment of Nevada Community College at Elko as a legal entity.

Paul Sawyer and Bill Wunderlich, both members of the college advisory board, said in Elko today the board believes money to get the school started can be obtained from various sources and hinted they feel some of the funds and

foundations in Nevada will provide the necessary financial support to the college.

They added that the bill was blocked in the Senate Finance Committee at the special session of the legislature because members of the committee didn't want to commit state money to the college — so all requests for state money will be stripped from the bill.

"We aren't asking the state for one crying dime," Sawyer declared.

Wunderlich reported legislators—including some of those who voted against the Elko college bill—concede Nevada will have a community college established within less than five years.

He pointed out a delay of a year or two would be enough

to squeeze out the Elko college, and allow big city legislators to start the program in their own bailiwicks.

"Elko's college is already started," Wunderlich said, "and we can't wait to get the state funds until the big cities think they are ready to go. We've proved there is a need for a community college in Elko, and all we are asking now is the legal designation to allow us to proceed on our own. We still feel education at the community college level is a state responsibility, and believe the state will support such a program within a very

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few years. We are prepared to take care of our own needs by soliciting other funds until the state is ready to face this responsibility."

Sawyer added, "If we give up now, all the money, time and effort expended by Elko County residents during the past year will be wasted. We are making one last fight for the college and I think when the new bill gets to the floor of the senate we will win our fight."

Both men were critical of the Senate Finance Committee that rejected the Elko college request for \$50,000 then approved an appropriation of \$50,000 for aid to dependent children.

"It would seem the committee wants to support illegitimate children and ignore the legitimate children of the state," Sawyer declared. "We don't think this is a proper approach."

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# New Elko College Bill Introduced in Assembly

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) — Another bill to support an Elko Community College was introduced in the Assembly today by Norman Glaser, D-Elko, and Roy Young, R-Elko.

Glaser said the bill does not contain any state or local tax money for support of the institution which was started a year ago on the strength of private contributions. He said it was introduced to give some recognition to the community college and allow it to attract federal and private funds.

"In this way we feel it will be able to struggle along for another year until the State Board of Education completes its master plan on the public school picture in Nevada," Glaser said.

The measure was referred

to the Education Committee.

Gov. Paul Laxalt has urged lawmakers to approve a study of the community college concept, but a bill to appropriate \$79,000 toward a pilot study at the Elko college was killed in the Senate Finance Committee earlier this week after passing the Assembly 32-7.

Opponents said it would "open the door" to a third force in education which would compete with public schools for state funds.

Glaser said he hoped the new bill would be sent to the Senate Education Committee where it might meet a better fate.

# Hot Copy

... WELL, THE Elko Community College had a bad day on "blue Monday" in Carson City but, despite the pangs of death it suffered at the hands of the senate finance committee on that day, it was still breathing a bit as this was being written and it may have several lives to live before the struggle is over.

Scheduled for a vote to reconsider in the finance committee on Wednesday morning, there was an outside chance that the bill might be considered again with some proposed amendments and might still come to the floor. Failing in this, there was a good chance that the bill with the modified money provision deleted might be reintroduced in the senate as a new bill and start through the mill again but through the education committees and not through the money committee where it met the snag Monday.

Just what happened to it there after it had sailed so securely through the assembly is nothing more than what I expected would happen. Two republicans on the committee would have no part of supporting the governor on the college proposal. Senator John Fransway had taken to the radio at home prior to the session and sought hero status by advertising he was going to vote to kill the Elko bill. Jim Slattery of the Washoe-Storey delegation had already made up his mind that additional money for education was not for him (nor any of the hundreds of drop outs in his district who might need the vocational training that a community college might provide).

Emerson Titlow of Tonopah could not see Elko getting money for a new educational gimmick when his high school had a chemistry lab but could not afford to even buy a test tube for it. And Senators Gibson and Brown of Clark county could not overcome their fears that by allowing the Elko school to go on the books, even as a test project limited to one year, was the toe in the door which would put it on the books permanently and also a number of other schools like it scattered around the state, a development which a member of the governor's study council said (off the top of his head) might cost the state \$2,000,000.

So the bill went down to defeat with only Senators Archie Pozzi, republican, and Floyd Lamb, democrat, voting for it.

No doubt this problem will be much nearer final resolution at press time and I hope for the good of all the Elko people who have given so much of their time and effort to this project that some life saving bit of straw can be salvaged for them to grasp at. Certainly the community owes them a vote of thanks for their efforts and also a vote of thanks is due Governor Paul Laxalt for his contribution to the cause.

His last minute effort in addressing a letter to the finance committee promising that his administration would make no requests in the future for support of community colleges and that financing of such schools would be left to local resources, was a panic button push taken when the governor discovered that there were not enough horses on the senate committee to get the bill on the floor where it stood a good chance of passing.

Actually, it would have been much easier to pass a bill calling for starting a community college accredited under the statutes of the state had the state department of education completed its study of an over-all master plan for education in Nevada and the need for adding this post-secondary educational phase. With all the facts at hand, perhaps the boog-a-boo of excess cost to the taxpayers and other objections raised purely from fear would not have had to be overcome.

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# School Trustees Support New Bill

Trustees of the Elko County School District last night unanimously endorsed Elko's newest community college bill, AB22, and their support has been sent by telegram to the special session of the legislature.

The action was taken last night following a joint meeting of the school board and the advisory committee of the college, after members of the legislature sent a request from Elko for an expression from the school board.

AB22 provides that the community college be established in Elko on a one-year pilot project basis under the control of the local school board. It eliminates any request for state funds to support the college, to avoid opposition encountered earlier in the senate finance committee.

Elkoans working with the college have indicated plans to obtain funds for the operation of the college from sources other than the state and are asking the legislature to provide legal entity in order that the college will be eligible to receive grants from these sources.

The resolution adopted last night by the school board was as follows:

## BULLETIN

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) —A bill authorizing a community college in Elko was passed by the State Assembly today and sent to the Senate.

The vote was 37-0.

The measure contains no state aid and leaves the matter for the local residents of Elko to secure private and federal funds.

"Be it so resolved that the Elko County School Board will support AB22 as written.

"The Elko County School Board will take complete control of the community college as set forth by the bill. The Elko County School Board will develop policy and the method of operation for the community college.

"The advisory committee will be responsible to provide the necessary funds for operation.

"This resolution was unanimously passed by the Elko County School Board."

The resolution was sent to several members of the legislature over the signature of R. J.

Toothman, chairman of the school board.

The new community college bill was introduced in the Assembly yesterday by Elko County Assemblymen Norman Glaser and Roy Young and referred to the education committee. An earlier bill was killed by the Senate Finance Committee.

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# Community College OK'd By Both Senate, Assembly

The second version of the Elko Community College Bill received the stamp of approval from the members of the Senate late yesterday by unanimous consent. Earlier in

the day the bill was approved by the Assembly by a 37-0 vote.

The second bill, which deleted all state and local tax money for the project, was introduced Thursday by Elko County Assemblymen Norman Glaser and Roy Young.

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## Elko College Bill Passes Both Houses

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Gazette-Journal  
Legislative Bureau

The Nevada Legislature, ready for final adjournment today, approved a weakened version of Gov. Paul Laxalt's community college proposal.

Plans call for the lawmakers to end the current special session today on its 26th day. It will be the fifth special session that has gone the 26-day limit. There are still a variety of loose ends to tie but few troubles are expected.

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## Elko BPW Starts Scholarship Fund

Members of the Elko Business and Professional Women's Club today announced the establishment of a small loan and scholarship fund for students at Elko Community College, beginning next fall.

Dr. Gene Voris, president of the college, pointed out this is the first scholarship fund to be established for the school and expressed his appreciation for the action of the BPW members.

Mrs. Florence Canoy, chairman of the BPW scholarship committee, said the fund will be available to students at the community college as short term loans for emergency purposes and for fees and books for one class.

Members of the scholarship committee, in addition to Mrs. Canoy, are Mrs. Ann LaRoque, club president; Mrs. Julie Olson, immediate past president; and Mrs. Jeanne Barney, treasurer.

Dr. Voris said students interested in obtaining financial aid, or groups interested in establishing funds for the community college should contact him at the college office in the First National Bank Building.

# Elko College Praised by State Board

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Elko's Community College was identified as a "timely concept" and something that is needed in the education system of Nevada by members of the state board of education, which held its regular meeting today at the Stockmen's Motor Hotel in Elko.

Burnell Larson, former superintendent of the Elko County School District and now state superintendent of public instruction, said members of the state board agreed to work toward seeking ways and means of continuing the program started in Elko.

He pointed out funding is the big problem, but said there are possibilities of contributing some funds from state sources and of obtaining substantial financial aid from federal and private sources, particularly from foundations

within the state and from other parts of the nation.

He said many of these foundations have expressed a specific interest in the level of education covered by the community college program.

The state board, on which Elko County is represented by Samuel C. McMullen met this morning with trustees of the county school district and members of the advisory committee of the Elko Community College.

The college gained establishment as a legal entity during the recent special session of the state legislature but was denied state funds for operation. The present budget for the college, based on \$45,000 contributed last fall by residents of the county and fees collected by the school, will carry the operation until July 1.

During this morning's session, Dr. Robert Gorrell, acting dean of the extension division of the University of Nevada, expressed the interest of the university in cooperating with the state department of education and local representatives to establish courses at the Elko college with transferable credit.



**NOVICE CAKE DECORATORS** pose with some of their handiwork during the final session of a cake decorating course at Elko Community College. Shown clockwise from lower left are Mae Cain, Phyllis Sawyer, Angelina Avery, David Devin, Pat Devin, Phyllis Wallock, Mrs. Lorisene Ferguson of Carlin, the instructor, Wayne Kelly, Gary Devin, James Stedman, Lou Wright, Mary Turner and Angie Avery. Not pictured but enrolled in the course were Monique Ithurra-Ide and Lynn Hayes. The cakes shown were decorated as a final examination for the winter term course. An advanced class in cake decoration will start April 16, Mrs. Ferguson reported, and new students will be able to enroll in the advanced class. The objective of the class is to stimulate imagination and develop talents in decorating, she explained. (Campbell Photo)

## Students Needed For Bridge Class at College

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Additional students are needed in the Bridge Class, which is one of the first to start for spring term 1968.

Persons desiring to learn the elements of Bridge and Party Bridge while under the instruction and supervision of play of a qualified and experienced Bridge instructor, should sign up at the college office immediately.

Mr. Roy Johnson, secretary of the local Bridge association, is the instructor, and stated that each class period will include approximately one hour of class work followed by two hours of laboratory supervised play.

The class will meet on Monday, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the high school library. Students may preregister at the college office by telephoning 738-6910; and should report to class at the high school March 18, 1968.

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## Tentative Spring Schedule Announced by Elko College

Elko Fall Facts Mar. 14, 1968

Elko Community College has announced it's tentative spring term schedule. Carl G. Devin,

Dean, stated that plans are underway to start the bulk of spring classes by April 15th, and complete the term by June 8th.

Devin said, "It will be necessary to compress the total clock hours of each course into an eight-week period rather than the normal eleven weeks of instruction. We will have the same amount of instructional time, but placed into a few more hours per week than the present term."

A few classes will be starting earlier than April 15th, Devin pointed out. These include: Advanced Square Dancing, Pottery, and Bridge, all of which will be starting within the coming week or two, and registration is now open for those classes.

Students interested in Pre-registering should call the college office (738-6910); or they may register at either the

# Oregon College Gives <sup>3/2/68</sup> Local Economy Boost <sup>Free Press</sup>

(Editor's Note: The following article about Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore., appeared in the newspaper published by the college and was sent to the Free Press by Lynn Burns, a former Elko city councilman

now living in Portland.) More than \$5,000,000 will be generated into the economy of the area this year by Mt. Hood Community College. This is the conclusion of a study about the economic impact of the college, Earl L. Klapstein, college president, announced today.

Klapstein said that regular vocation - technical and college transfer students at the college are spending more than \$113,400 per month in the area for clothing, gasoline and oil for their cars, recreation and entertainment, and for food purchases and rent.

Of 1200 full-time equivalent students, about 50 per cent

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spend an average of \$29.54 per month on recreation and entertainment. This means the monthly expenditure for recreation and entertainment by MHCC students totals almost \$27,000.

Seventy-nine per cent of the 1200 students pay out an average of \$29.54 per month for gas and oil for their cars. These service stations purchases total over \$28,000 per month.

Slightly more than three out of every four of these students average about \$19 per month in clothing purchases for a total monthly clothing expenditure of approximately \$17,790.

More than 40 per cent of the 1200 students spend an average of about \$42 per month on food. These purchases total nearly \$20,500 per month.

About one-fifth of the students are paying rent, averaging about \$79 per month for a monthly rental expenditure of about \$20,000.

The monthly expenditures of \$113,400 by students for the items mentioned when projected over the 10 months of Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters totals more than \$1,130,000. The spending of MHCC Summer Session students was not studied.

The 92 full-time staff members at the college spend more than \$17,800 in the area per month just for groceries, clothing and gasoline.

On a yearly basis the staff purchases more than \$140,825 in groceries, around \$50,000 in clothing, and almost \$24,000

## fits Economy

for these three items there is a total yearly expenditure by MHCC staff members of nearly \$215,000.

Since the college started, many of the college personnel have made major purchases.

The staff accounts for about \$823,000 in home purchases, \$109,000 in automobile purchases, over \$23,000 in appliance purchases, and about \$27,000 in other major purchases for a total of more than \$1,053,000.

The college purchases more than \$165,000 in supplies, material, and equipment each year. Much of the purchasing is done within college district.

The college generates over \$5,000,000 into the area's economy each year. It is believed that for every local dollar spent on the college six new dollars are brought into the area. Without the college, most of these dollars would not be here. Mt. Hood Community College is truly an industry which benefits the total area.

## Elko Community College Spring Class Schedule

- Registration may be made at the high school office (evenings) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday or at the College office (days) Room 213 First National Bank Building. Pre-registration may be made by simply telephoning 738-6910.
- General registration will start April 8th and end April 26, 1968. Classes start April 15th and June 8th, unless otherwise noted.
- Unless otherwise indicated each class will need 15 students in order to operate.

Business	Credit	Day	Time
Typing (Beg)	Call 2	M W	8:00-8:00
Typing	Call 2	Sat	1:00-3:00
Executive Typing	Call 3	M W	8:00-10:30
Bookkeeping	Call 3	T-Th	7:00-10:00
Business Mathematics	Staff 3	W	7:00-10:40
Bookkeeping (Carl'n)	Harris 3	M	7:00-10:40
Aeronautics	Devin 3	T-Th	7:30-10:30
Aeronautics, Aero Mechanical Workshop	McBride 2	M	7:00-10:30
Agricultural-Industrial			
Flower Gardening Workshop		M W	7:00-10:00
Welding	Bellinger 3	T	7:00-10:30
Law Enforcement			
Intro. to Human Behavior	Glenn 3	T-Th	7:00-11:00
Engineering Technology			
Technical Drafting	Babb 4	W	6:00-11:00
Surveying	Rockwell 4	M	7:30-10:00
General Education			
**Women's P E Activities	*Trontel 1	M	7:00-10:40
Oil Painting	Stenoish 3		
**Pottery	Parke 2	Sat	2:00-5:00
**Square Dancing (ADV)	Dodd 1	W	8:00-10:00
Adult Education			
**Advanced Clothing	Batteher (Wells) 3	W	7:00-10:40
Knitting	Cain 2	T	7:00-10:00
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Furniture Recovering		Th	7:00-10:00
Interior Decorating Workshop		3	(To be announced)
**Bridge (Beg & Adv)	Johnson 2	M	7:30-10:30

\*\* Class to begin immediately

## April 6-68 F. Phelan College Class Schedule Told For Spring Term

Class schedule for the spring term of Elko Community College was announced today by Carl Devin, dean. The complete schedule is published on page 6 of today's Free Press.

Devin also reported the women's physical education activities class for the spring term will start at 7 p.m. Monday in the Elko High School Gym.

He said students interested in this class may register at the opening session Monday evening, contact the college office at 738-6910 during the day or call 738-5520 in the evening. The class will be taught by Mrs. Linda Trontel.

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# Laxalt Plans *Free Press* To Attend Elko College Meet

Nevada Gov. Paul Laxalt will join Elkoans during a "stockholders' meeting" on the status and future of Elko Community College, which is scheduled at noon Wednesday at the Commercial Hotel.

Gov. Laxalt's agenda calls for him to be in Elko during the day Wednesday and to address the Carlin High School Class of 1968 at graduation ceremonies at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Carlin.

Wednesday noon the governor will join the members of the various local civic clubs to hear the report on the community college.

Mike Marfisi, chairman of the board of directors of the school, announced last week directors will be on hand at the meeting to give an up-to-

date financial report as well as a report on the accomplishments of the school during the past year and its plans for the future.

Gov. Laxalt has worked closely with proponents of the Elko Community College during the first year of the school and assisted college directors in their presentation to the state legislature during last winter's special session.

At the special session, the college was granted status as a legal entity, but members of the legislature refused to appropriate funds for the operation of the school.

Marfisi said all interested resident of the area are welcome to sit in on the "stockholders' meeting" on Wednesday.



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Dick Turner



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# Do Your Share Stop Air Pollution

The problem of air pollution has been much in the news in recent years.

For people who live in metropolitan areas—which now means most of us—air pollution becomes more apparent all the time. The American Medical Association points out that there's little doubt that pollutants in the air aren't

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### Howard Hughes to the Rescue

Elko Community College this week received a new lease on life, and the man who saved our school is someone nobody knows—America's great mystery man, Howard Hughes of Las Vegas.

Gov. Paul Laxalt made the dramatic announcement here during a luncheon meeting on Wednesday. The governor reported that he had received a telephone call from one of Hughes' lieutenants only that morning saying Hughes would contribute \$125,000 to Elko's college and a like sum to the state for an intensive study expected to lead to the creation of a statewide community college system.

The donation to the Elko school came at a critical moment. Paul Sawyer, one of the key men responsible for the creation of the college, said before the Wednesday meeting "we're in a ninth inning with two away, but we're not out yet!"

The grand slam homer delivered at the Wednesday meeting made a prophet out of Sawyer and a hero out of Hughes in the eyes of appreciative residents of Northeastern Nevada.

Hughes has conducted himself throughout his career in a manner that has created an aura of mystery

—accompanied by a certain amount of resentment on the part of people who don't like mystery and "don't think there is such a man."

We have never shared this resentment, but have belonged to the school that is fascinated by the accomplishments of Hughes and somewhat in admiration of his ability to ignore a few of society's standards and presumptions.

If such a man does not in fact exist, we may be counted among those who enjoy and admire the charade. Too much of life is predictable, repetitious and within the rigid framework of the presumptions of society. We appreciate occasional transgressions on society's expectations when the deviations serve the betterment of mankind. We place Howard Hughes in this category; and we place nearly all the criticism of the way he has chosen to conduct himself in the category of sour grapes.

This week's donation by Hughes to the Elko Community College strengthens our admiration for him. All residents of this area owe him—or his mirage—a debt of gratitude for his timely rescue of an institution that inevitably will become one of Elko County's greatest assets. — M

### Donation of Industrialist Saves School

\$125,000 Also Donated To Aid Study, Planning For State System

A donation of \$125,000 from Howard Hughes, Las Vegas industrialist and hotel owner, to assist in the operation of the Elko

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THE MONEY

donated by Howard Hughes, Las Vegas industrialist and hotel owner, for carrying on the Elko Community College for another year,

has been placed on deposit with the state board of education and Elko has been handed a challenge which may, in many respects, demand much more of our energies and our cooperation as a community than any previous trial we have had to endure in carrying on with the college idea up to this point.

The money was received in behalf of the college by Mike Marfisi in Carson City Monday at which time it was learned that some strings were attached to the gift. Of the \$125,000 going to the Elko school, \$50,000 is to be used for college operation and \$75,000 must be used to buy equipment needed to carry on a meaningful vocational program at the school.

In meeting the challenge of carrying on a successful community college program the fullest cooperation between every individual, every group and every agency, official or unofficial not only in Elko but in the county and state as well, must be had. We must prove by the operation of the school here next year that there are enough students in this section of the state interested in the kind of a program offered by a community college type of educational facility, to justify the expenditure of funds required to support it. Furthermore, the adult education phase of the school must be concerned for the most part with training or retraining of adults for useful and productive occupations in society or towards improving and benefitting skills already possessed in part by individuals.

Surveys and studies conducted up to this point indicate that Elko is a marginal location for a successful community college. This means that, if such a school is to succeed here, it will do so only by our extending its facilities to every possible student or adult who might be available to receive such training. To do this will require the offering of every possible educational attraction with the funds available in such a way that the training here can compete with college and/or vocational-technical training received at established institutions elsewhere.

Not only must such educational advantages be offered but they must be successfully presented to potential students and their enrollment sought through every possible method of cooperation or

In other words, the final answer to a continued community college in Elko must be obtained from the record of the community's performance during the coming school year. The money donated by Howard Hughes guarantees only that we will have a chance to provide the right answer by our record of

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## Yes, Virginia . . .

Yes, Virginia, there is a Howard Hughes.

But Howard Hughes, like Santa Claus, can only do nice things for us. He can't solve our problems for us—we have to do that for ourselves.

It has occurred to us that the dissenting factions currently pulling and tugging with each other over how the Elko Community College should be organized are too much like children fighting over the toys under the Christmas tree.

Perhaps the participants in the struggle are placing too much importance on who gets the green truck and who plays with the red ball.

Perhaps time to recognize if the Elko Community College is to be a

successful pilot project constructive action must start immediately.

It would appear members of both sides of the controversy fail to appreciate the opportunities for give-and-take development of the community college that exist under a pilot program. Both sides have good and convincing arguments to back up the rigid positions they have taken regarding the organizational framework on the new school—but both sides should be looking for ways to get the school started rather than for convincing arguments to justify their preconceived notions.

Sometimes the generosity of Santa Claus—or Howard Hughes—can be wasted if the children don't know how to appreciate the gifts.—M

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# College Fate In Balance As Boards Fight Over Control

## Trustees Insisting Head Of College Should Be Under Superintendent

The fate of the Elko Community College hangs in the balance this week as members of the board of trustees of the Elko county school district and members of the advisory board for the community college jockey for administrative control of the infant institution which only recently received a transfusion of financial blood which will not necessarily cure its ills but will give it another year of life.

While the two elements in the college's administration continued their hassel today, many administrative determinations necessary to resumption of a successful college program in the fall were hanging fire waiting until a decision is reached as to which group or which combination of groups will approve steps required to proceed with the college program.

At the present time the college does not as yet have a director. Dr. Gene Voris, who has served as head of the college during the initial year just closed has accepted a position elsewhere and will leave Elko. Carl Devin, college dean under Voris during the past year, is still in Elko and is still working with local school authorities and with the advisory board of the college in an attempt to work out a satisfactory arrangement for control of the college. But time is running out and Devin is faced with the necessity of accepting another position unless he is offered a position with the Elko college within the immediate future.

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Furthermore, matters such as curriculum, equipment, instructors, agreements with the University of

Nevada for acceptance of transfer credits from the college, and many other details necessary to establishment of the college, not to mention the task of attracting students to sign up for the fall term, all must be accomplished within the next three months. Many of these details should already have been decided.

The dispute between the advisory board and the board of school trustees lies principally in how the advisory board's voice can be retained in management of the school to the greatest possible advantage. The law giving official status to the community college and providing for its administration, requires that the local school board shall control the school. But it also says that the advisory board shall be consulted in carrying out the administration. Crux of the matter is a disagreement over the status of the school superintendent as the administrative officer. The advisory board wants a group composed of a majority of the school trustees and a minority of advisory board members, to control the college as a separate entity apart from the K through 12 school program with the director of the college answering directly to this special board and not being under control of the school superintendent.

The majority of the school board (4 to 3) would approve some setup wherein the advisory board has an advisory voice but insists that the operation of the college be under the direction of the school superintendent with the director being under his control.

### TWO MEETINGS HELD

Two meetings have been held between the school board and the college advisory board attempting to work out an agreement but no decision was reached as the second of these came to a close Tuesday night. Only four members of the school board were present at the meeting this week and they were tied in their stand on the college matter.

In an effort to find some new approach to the problem, the board instructed School Superintendent Robert Zander, and College Dean Carl Devin to meet and attempt to work out a new plan for administration of the college which might prove acceptable to both sides in the dispute. The two officials were scheduled to meet late today

*6/24/68 Free Press*

Mike Marfisi, chairman of the advisory board for Elko Community College, this week made a rather awkwardly timed attempt to deny reports and comment in the Free Press regarding dissension over the organization of the college.

During a school board meeting Tuesday night Marfisi declared, "Contrary to what has been printed in the Free Press, there is no rift, there is no dissension between us..."

His declaration was made shortly before Dick Toothman, chairman of the school board, felt obligated to pound on the table to restore order to the meeting and announce, "I will not allow this meeting to turn into a cat and dog fight!" — M

## Head Start Program Begins Here

Head Start classes have begun for 19 children in Elko at Grammar School No. 2.

The principle objectives of the classes are to help the children develop muscular and motor control, develop coordination between eye and hand, develop good speech and language habits, be creative, learn to make choices and decisions, learn to share, take turns and get along with others.

Medical and dental attention are provided for the children as well as a daily mid-morning snack and a well-balanced lunch.

In addition, neighborhood walks and field trips help provide learning situations and experiences.

Any parents and friends wishing to visit the classes are welcome and are urged to do so any weekday morning.

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**Street  
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Chris H. Sheerin

Webster says that the word "miracle" means "a wonderful thing." There is also an old saying "that miracles never cease." While we might have doubted that before Wednesday our faith was renewed on that day.

Gov. Paul Laxalt announced before a joint service club meeting then that Howard Hughes had given \$125,000 to the Elko Community College.

His announcement came after a talk delivered by Attorney Mike Marfisi, a fighting talk, in which he admitted that money was short but that enthusiasm was high. He declared that the committeemen would again appeal to the legislators at the next session, in 1969. He refused to admit defeat, placing his faith in the assertion that the "Community College concept is right." He ended by saying "full speed ahead," even though the bank balance was low, some \$10,000, a sizeable piece of change, but hardly enough to finance the college.

There was admiration for the talk and the spirit shown by the Elko attorney but listeners were far from sure what the future offered. They admired the work which the committee had done and impressed by the fact that Marfisi told them a total of \$72,000 was spent for the College since its inception; the enrollment reached 1470; there were 37,000 hours of concentrated study by students; 49 instructors were on the staff and they devoted 2,686 hours in instruction.

Mike said it was "a great start." And it was.

But still money was short. Enthusiasm was high but not too high among some of his listeners.

One impressive thing about the College has been work done by committeemen. The College grew from an idea voiced, believed in and put into action by a few people.

Governor Laxalt put it this way: One of the reasons he was so impressed with the College in Elko was that it stemmed from "local initiative."

Legislators who heard the Elko case at the special session admired the boosters and the community for its initiative. Many of them wanted to give but conservative heads figured the educational dollar on the state level should not be divided further. The general financial picture was not too good at that time.

But they did give the Elko Community College an official entry. It was still alive but tottering for lack of financial backing. The committeemen would not quit even in face of these odds. Mike said in his talk that private individuals could help provide some of the necessary funds.

He said Nevada was the only state in the Union not having adopted the Community College concept. He said it is designed to fill the gap for the 70 per cent of all high school students who do not go on to college.

He made you believe in it.

Governor Laxalt did not start his talk with the good news. He said that there was a "precarious fund balance" the last time the committeemen had journeyed to Carson City to seek funds for the College. He said the start of the College here was good news to him because the state was totally ignoring 70 per cent of high school grads and that the college system of the country was top heavy because there was need for training those who want to work with their hands.

"Nevada, through Elko's effort, was the last to respond," he said. "The College has been watched with great interest at the state level. It is true, of course, that \$10,000 is not much when you consider funding a Community College."

Then the bombshell. Said the governor: "Howard Hughes has given \$125,000 for the Community College next year."

"He fully appreciates what has been done," he continued.

although it was getting hard to hear him at this point.

"He is happy to help to keep the ball rolling."

There's your miracle. It has been a long time since the writer of Street Corners attended a meeting in Elko where so much enthusiasm was created by a single announcement. It gave us all a great boost.

It was like a reprieve. Some among the audience had already lost faith in the Community College succeeding, other were doubtful that the rough waters ahead could be weathered. Only the committeemen and a few solid backers were still sure that the Community College would live in Elko.

It is true that the generosity of Howard Hughes does not guarantee lasting success. But it is a great boost toward permanency and with a few years under our belts nothing will stop us, and the Community College will be one of Elko's greatest assets.

Governor Laxalt visions a state-wide system of colleges. "The ball is rolling here," he declared. My congratulations to you."

"This is a great moment for Elko, Governor," Marfisi answered. His eyes were a little moist.

"God bless Howard Hughes" added Ted Lunsford, Elko Rotary president and chairman for the day.

And to that we can only say: "Amen."

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**Check Given  
For Colleges**

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) —The State of Nevada received a \$250,000 check from billionaire Howard Hughes Monday towards helping maintain and create community colleges in Nevada.

Robert Maheu, Hughes' top aide in Nevada, handed over the yellow check from the Hughes Tool Company to Gov. Paul Laxalt. The governor in turn presented it to the State Board of Education.

Under the terms of the donation, \$125,000 will go towards keeping alive the Elko Community College which was on its last legs. The college, now ready to start its second year, lost its bid in the 1968 Legislature to get financial aid.

The rest of the money will be used for pilot projects in

other parts of the state and for a study to determine the feasibility of a community college system in Nevada.

This is the second time Hughes has come to the rescue of a floundering project in the state. In the 1967 Legislature, a proposal to allow a study towards creation of a medical school at the University of Nevada (Continued on Page 8)

which was near defeat when Hughes offered to donate up to \$5 million over a 20 year period to help operate the school.

The governor Monday called it a "very important day in Nevada education history" and praised both Hughes and the Elko community which started the college a year ago from \$40,000 in private donations.

Laxalt said never in his experience has he seen a reaction which equaled the one last week in Elko when the announcement of the Hughes grant was made. He said a meeting of stockholders was called to "bury the college" but when he announced the Hughes' gift, the 200-300 persons present cheered and cried.

Louis Bergevin, president of the State Board of Education, praised the Hughes organization for its "forward looking" approach to education and called the donation a "shot in the arm" for a program to fill a void in Nevada education.

Mike Marfisi, a member of the Elko College Advisory Committee said the institution was "creating a new frontier in education in Nevada." He said Elko residents are excited and proud of the project.

The check was signed by R. L. Morgan and Maheu.

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# Hughes' Check Delivered

Gazette-Journal  
Carson City Bureau

Some of billionaire-industrialist Howard Hughes' money went voluntarily into state coffers when his representatives presented a \$250,000 check to Gov. Paul Laxalt Monday afternoon. The yellow check, made out on a Hughes Tool Company ac-

count, to State Supt. of Public Instruction Burnell Larson was signed by R. L. Morgan, president, and by Hughes' top aide, Robert Mayheu. "This is very refreshing," Laxalt said. "Ordinarily the money is going out rather than coming in." He called Monday an impor-

tant day in Nevada educational history due to Hughes' contribution. The people of Elko were overwhelmed when he announced last week that half of the contribution was earmarked for the Elko Community College operation next year, the governor said. Hughes stipulated that the oth-

er half must go to the state Department of Education to "plan and develop" a statewide community college system.

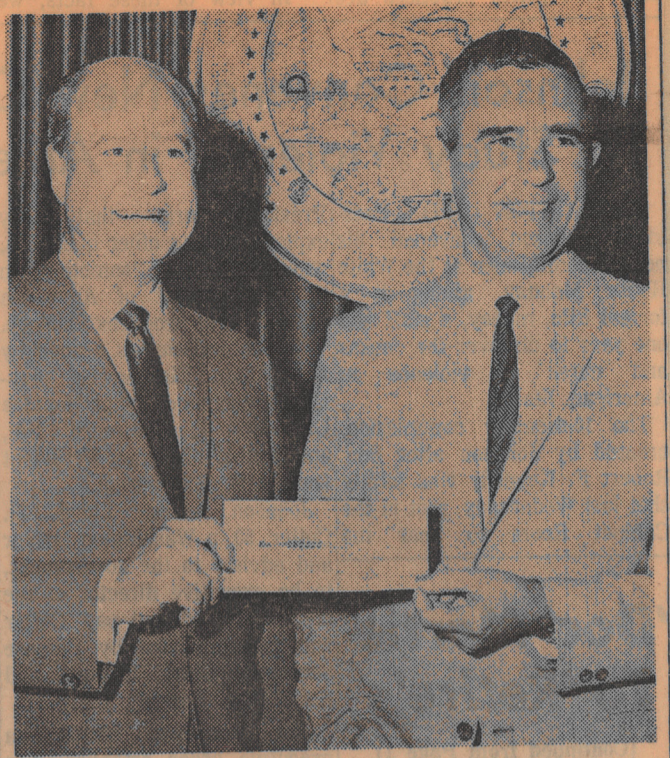
The contribution further stipulates that Elko school trustees must allocate \$50,000 for operations and pilot projects and \$75,000 for the purchase of equipment and materials.

After a plan is developed, the education department must assign its \$125,000 to other possible community colleges in the state.

Laxalt presented the check to Lou Bergevin, president of the state Board of Education, who commended Hughes for his "forward looking" approach for something "needed and appreciated by the people of Nevada."

Mike Marfisi, president of the Elko Community College advisory committee said the money is helping to create a "new frontier in Nevada education." He thanked Mayheu on behalf of the students and residents.

Larson said the contribution marks "the crossing of a milestone in Nevada education."



\$250,000 IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE project aid was presented to Gov. Paul Laxalt by Robert Maheu, left, top aide to Howard Hughes. Hughes' contribution saved the failing Elko Community College while also paving the way for further studies of the community college system in the state.

## Free Press, June 12-1968 Impasse Continues Between School Board, College Group

Elko County School Board and Community College Advisory Board members failed to resolve an impasse over organizational structure of the newly-revitalized college at the regular school board meeting Tuesday night.

It was decided that School Superintendent Robert Zander and College Dean Carl Devin be assigned to the task of working out a compromise agreement between the two boards.

Community College representatives originally presented an organizational plan to the school board wherein the school board and the advisory board would have equal authority. Both boards would combine to form the Community College Board of Trustees, the

and Zander at a special meeting in Carson City last week. This plan would have the college president responsible to a "splinter board" composed of two school board members, two advisory board members and the school superintendent. The County School Board would oversee the operation.

At the Tuesday meeting, Marfisi cited as authority for the alternative a study conducted by the Arthur D. Little firm concerning policy plans for a Washington state community college. The study found that such colleges' administration is increasingly being separated from the common school's administration. "A flexible approach is mandatory; there is no need to duplicate the efforts of the superintendent and the president," Marfisi said. "Such a system is paramount to getting this program off the ground."

Toothman noted that the school board can't give the advisory board any authority but urged that a workable organizational plan be found quickly. "We have only two alternatives—devise a workable plan or abandon the program for this year," he said. D. V. Harper, school board clerk, advocated a structure of one officer (the school superintendent) with authority over both the common schools and the community college.

"I have never been convinced that two officers of equal rank in one system is operable," he stated.

Zander noted that the fiscal end "will have to come through here; but this office is not going to be concerned with specific programs but only with a general knowledge of what is going on."

"The best operation," he continued, "would be a completely divorced one—but we are hamstrung by the law now."

Dr. Hugh Collett, school board member, made the compromise motion, urging Devin and Zander to report back to the board as soon as an agreement is reached.

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# School Board <sup>Free Press</sup> Adopts College <sup>6/26/68</sup> Schematic Plan

The Elko County School Board, at the end of a lengthy four-hour meeting Tuesday night, took a step toward ending the dissension that has divided it for more than a month by adopting a compromise resolution concerning organizational structure of the fledgling Elko Community College.

The resolution was proposed by Board Chairman R. J. Toothman. It states that the normal framework of the Elko County school administration, with the superintendent of schools as the executive arm of the school board, be preserved as far as the college is concerned; but that the college president have direct access to the board on almost any matter.

It gives control of the college budget to the superintendent, with final budget approval

vested in the school board in line with normal procedure.

The compromise measure retains the executive position of the superintendent in college administration, a provision insisted on by half of the board, while assuring the college president a natural path to the board, a provision demanded by the other half.

The college president, according to the resolution, shall attend when practical any meeting of the board and be heard on matters not covered by regular college policy, or on any matter that might call for policy revision or on any subject that needs discussion or board decision.

In line with regular school procedure, all educational and business functions of the district will be directed by the superintendent.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, with board member R. E. Burns Jr. abstaining. It was adopted after debate of more than three hours had apparently left the board deadlocked.

The motion before the board at that time had been presented by board member Arthur Glaser and would have made the college advisory board separate from the school board, but responsible to the school board in all matters except those of a fiscal nature and those concerning classroom allocation and personnel. These exceptions were to be routed through the school superintendent.

Speaking for this proposal was state Assemblyman Norman Glaser, who contended that the resolution "does follow legislative intent."

"There is great concern around the state relative to the Community College," he said, "and people are well aware of the deadlock surrounding this board."

The vote on the proposal was a dead tie, three to three. The tie-breaking vote would have to come from board member John Blecka, who is now in New York City. An attempt was made to reach Blecka by phone but it was later abandoned after questions about his being "pressured by biased people" were raised by board clerk D. V. Harper.

Burns held a proxy from Blecka authorizing him to cast Blecka's vote "for separate college administration," but the proxy was dated June 11 and its legality was questioned.

As the impasse between college board members continued, Mike Marfisi, spokesman for

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the college advisory board took the floor in an attempt to soothe aroused tempers and stated "Contrary to what has been printed in the Free Press, there is no rift, there is no dissension between us (the college advisory board and the school board). . . at this point we have not attempted to maintain a distinct position from this board. . . we come in good faith to advise this board, and we want you to make a decision tonight."

The decision the board was faced with basically concerns interpretation of a section of the legislative act that gave the Community College status as a legal entity. The law states that the school board shall serve "ex officio" as the college trustees.

One faction of the board has claimed that this means the college president shall be directly responsible to and act under the school superintendent, executive and administrative arm of the board. The other faction interprets the section as meaning that the college president is directly responsible to the school board; claiming that the two school systems can be administered separately.

Several organizational plans had been presented to the board for consideration, including one offered by Marfisi Tuesday night. It would have made the college president responsible to an advisory committee composed of lay people and the school superintendent.

The plan adopted is a modification of one suggested by the State Board of Education, which would have had the college president operating under the superintendent with no provision made for direct access of the president to the board.

The emotional tone of the meeting ran from thinly-disguised anger to diplomacy and gravity in the face of pleas by board members and advisors for cohesiveness and action.

"Regardless of the decision made here, this board will have the full cooperation of the ad-

visory board," Marfisi said. Toothman agreed that the full school board would completely back the decision made.

The two agreed on the urgency of setting up a college program—"There is good position on both sides," Marfisi said, "but for the sake of the college one of you men must change your vote. For the sake of the program let's make a decision now."

After the adoption of the resolution, the board approved the offering of the college presidency to Carl Devin under financial terms proposed by him.

Devin had earlier set as conditions of his employment the providing of a release of contract from Lower Columbia College for the 1968-69 school year and the approval by the board of general board policies for the Community College.

He will not receive the board's proposal for several weeks, as he is now on vacation.

In other business, the board:

—awarded bids for the sale of a 1958, 36 passenger Chevrolet bus and a 1957, 54 passenger Ford bus to the Twin Falls Equipment Co. for \$477.75 and \$526.72, respectively.

—approved the superintendent's recommendations for awarding of bids on furniture and equipment supplies for a total of \$15,774.60. Companies awarded bids included Western School Supply (tablet arm chairs); American Paper (teacher's metal desk, double pedestal desk, executive swivel chair, side arm chair, secretarial desk and executive steno chair); Morrill and Machabee (steel side chairs); Western School (student stacking chair); Midwest (filing cabinets); American Paper (folding tables, trapezoidal tables, round student tables and rectangular student tables), and Morrill and Machabee (folding chairs.)

—heard a report from the superintendent on a meeting held in Lamoille with representatives of the Farm Bureau.

—accepted resignations from Ted Burner, Owyhee; Ruth Holtom, Elko High School, and Donna Mae Heinle, Southside.

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# School Trustees Name New College Advisors; Interim Head Chosen

Trustees of the Elko County School District last night appointed a new board of advisors for the Elko Community College and named John Bunten of the state department of education to serve as interim director of the school.

The trustees also voted to hire Dr. Thomas Tucker of the University of Nevada staff as a consultant to recommend candidates for the job of permanent head of the college and to draft recommendations

for a statement of policy for the college.

The new advisory board represents virtually a complete change in membership from the group that pioneered the formation of the college here last year, and was appointed on the recommendation of Mike Marfisi, chairman of the old board.

Members of the newly appointed board include: Dr. L. A. Moren, chairman, Mark Chilton, Pete Marble, Jerry Warren, Bill Bellinger, Sam McMullen, Tom Meranda, Carl

Shuck, Mel Steninger and Bob Zander.

Marfisi said in a letter to the trustees, "Needless to say, those of us presently on the board not listed above will lend our earnest support to the long range development and continuance of a community college system for Nevada."

Appointment of Bunten was necessary because both of the administrators of the college during its first year — Dr. Gene Voris and Carl Devin — resigned to take positions  
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with other community colleges.

Named to assist Bunten, who will take a leave of absence from the state board of education to fill the interim position, were Charles Knight, principal of the Southside Elementary School in Elko, and Don Elser, who is in charge of the vocational program at Elko High School. Both men will serve during their vacation time from the Elko County School District.

Knight was named to develop and coordinate a transfer credit program for the college; and Elser will be in charge of taking the initial steps toward building a vocational-technical program for the college.

The appointments of Bunten, Knight, Elser and Tucker were made on the recommendations of Zander, superintendent of the Elko County School District.

Tucker had indicated to Zander prior to last night's meeting that he could present from three-to-five candidates recommended for the Elko college job and a draft of a policy statement by mid-August at a cost estimated at \$2,000.

The trustees also adopted Zander's suggestion for partitioning the school district's central office to provide office space for the college, and the hiring of a secretary for the college.

Plans call for the men named to the interim positions to accomplish preliminary work necessary to have a program ready for September opening of the college. In addition to other duties, all the interim appointees will work on student recruitment with a minimum goal set at 50 full time enrollees.

Some resentment toward Dr. Tucker was expressed by Trustee Bob Burns Jr., who abstained on the vote to appoint Tucker after commenting, "I can't go with him."

Burns and Trustee Dr. Hugh Collett both commented on friction that had developed between Tucker and the group of Elkoans who organized the community college here.

The board agreed to incorporate in the appointment a declaration suggested by Dr. Collett that the candidates for the job of running the school and the policy statement to be prepared by Tucker both reflect the intent that the Elko school be established as a balanced community college, and not merely a 13th and 14th grade extension of the existing public school system.

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## To Conduct College Study

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—A California management consulting firm will look into the feasibility of community colleges and vocational technical institutes in Nevada.

Burnell Larson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said H. D. Little of San Francisco will study every aspect of the technical centers and community colleges. The information gathered will be used to supplement a study now underway by a committee appointed by Gov. Paul Laxalt.

Dr. Thomas Tucker, director of the governor's survey, said the study by both groups would "lend a greater degree of objectivity to the study."

Some \$20,000 in funds donated by industrialist Howard Hughes will be used to conduct the survey.

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NOTTINGHAM, England (UPI) — William Sharpe, who joined the army reserve five years ago, still is waiting for his dress uniform. His problem and the army's is that though he is only 4 feet, 11 inches tall, he has a 44-inch chest.

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## Elko College Maps Vocational Plan

A comprehensive vocational-technical program is being molded as one of the principal divisions of the Elko Community College, which is pre-

paring for the opening of the fall semester of its second year on Sept. 16.

John Bunten, interim director of the school, reported today five full-time vocational courses have been organized for the school, to be supplemented by a variety of individual courses.

The five major areas of vocational training—in which students can earn a college associate degree—include highway technology, secretarial science, business management technology, law enforcement-corrections, and heavy duty and automotive mechanic technology.

Students will have the opportunity to earn an associate in science degree in the five areas with the completion during two years of 41 semester credits of work in the vocational area plus 23 semester credits in general education. To qualify for the associate degree the student must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 (C) in the 64 credits of work.

The vocational program will be conducted in conjunction with a college transfer program of academic education, to be conducted under a contract with the University of Nevada.

Bunten pointed out the Elko school follows the community college philosophy of open admissions—open to all who can benefit from the course work offered in any program.

Pamphlets describing the contents of the courses are now available at Bunten's office (at the county school district office) and he invited interested Elkoans to stop by the office and pick up literature on the courses that appeal to them.

The highway technology program is designed to prepare students for entry em-

ployment as highway engineering aides. A cooperative training program has been established with the Nevada Department of Highways whereby students enrolled in the program, after completing the first year's block of training, will be eligible for admittance (Continued on Page 8)

as an engineering student aid on a summer and/or part time employment basis.

The secretarial science course is designed to provide the education, skills and appreciations needed by students preparing to enter such secretarial fields as executive secretary, stenographer, technical secretary or medical-legal secretary. The first year gives training necessary to gain employment; and the second year's designed to allow the student to pursue a specialty field.

The business management technology program is designed to prepare the student for employment in business and industry dealing in service, management, retailing, wholesaling and transportation; and including such occupations

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such as bookkeeper, cashier, office manager, department marketing specialist and supervisor. Graduates of the program should be well prepared, Bunten said, for an advancement to middle management level jobs and higher.

The law enforcement—corrections technology offering is a combined program with many of the same courses to be used toward a degree in either law enforcement or corrections. The instruction is aimed at students planning to enter, or already employed in, the fields of law enforcement or correctional institutions.

The heavy duty and automotive mechanic course constitutes a concentrated curriculum designed to cover automotive and diesel engines and the repair and servicing of heavy duty equipment. Completion of the entire program

will qualify a student for employment in such fields as auto mechanic, diesel mechanic, construction mechanic and power plant operator.

A one-year course also is offered by the community college entitled clerical and office occupations. It is designed to provide the education, skills and appreciations needed by students preparing to enter skill and appreciations needed occupations as general office clerk, clerk-typist, stenographer, bookkeeper, file clerk, business machine operator, posting clerk, receptionist, etc

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# Elko Community College Registration Next Week

Registration for the fall semester of the Elko Community College will officially start September 3 and be open through September 6 according to Interim Director, John W. Bunten. He pointed out that many students have already pre-registered for the semester beginning September 16. The official registration dates are now set to permit college officials to assist new students in selecting programs and courses to better meet their education and training

needs. Bunten also urged persons desiring to enroll to take advantage of the time set aside during registration week to assure admittance in the courses of their choice. Registration hours will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. daily in the Community College office located in the Elko County School District Administration Building, 1092 Burns Road.

The Elko Community College is offering several curricula this year leading to an associate degree that will prepare persons for gainful employment. In addition students may enroll in lower division university courses and upon successful completion be assured of credits earned being accepted at full value for transfer to a university baccalaureate degree program.

Approved associate degree programs are being offered in Secretarial Science, Highway Technology, Business Management Technology, Corrections Technology, Electronics Technology, Heavy Duty and Automotive Technology and Agriculture. One year Certificate

programs are available in School Services (Teaching Aide), Practical Nursing, Drafting and Design, Clerical Office Occupations, Ranch Management, Agriculture Mechanics, Electroics Communications and Aeronautics Ground School.

A program is being instituted this year to permit adults to obtain a high school diploma. Another program for adults to gain elementary education skills or learn English as a second language will be given.

Supplementary adult courses can be selected from any of the associate degree or certificate programs. In addition, any interested adult course can be given if 15 or more students enroll.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Elko Community College office, Elko County School District, P.O. Box 1012, telephone 738-5196.

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community college, the somewhat lengthy battle which took place between members of the board of county school trustees over setting up the administration of the college here last spring and early this summer, is carrying over into the local school board elections.

Several of the incumbents on the school board who stood pat for funneling administration of the school through the school superintendent's office, a move which was strenuously opposed by members of the college advisory board, are now facing some organized opposition by former members of the advisory board.

More serious insofar as Elko county schools are concerned, is the possibility that the school board fight has affected administration of the elementary and secondary schools with important decisions as to the conduct of these educational departments being difficult or sometimes impossible to reach.

To date the effects of the split between board members has not surfaced and the casual observer probably would not detect existing difficulties but those who know say that membership on the school board as it exists today is a very difficult situation.

In view of the fact that there are a number of new people seeking positions on the board of trustees and who, if elected, will be faced with making decisions on some of the more controversial matters which may still be plaguing the board; it would be well for the candidates to express their views on some of the leading questions, particularly the community college administration plan, so that the public can be advised of where they stand on these issues.

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and well coordinated effort is being made by John Bunten, acting president of the Elko Community College, to attract students to the institution this fall and it seems to me that, if the people of Elko are sincerely interested in making a success of this educational venture into which the community has put so much effort, that here certainly is the place for all the support that people can give.

It is very vital to the future of the college that Bunten and his staff attract some honest to goodness students to the college this

fall. Unless it can be shown that there is a need here for the vocational-technical training and the academic work being offered this fall by the community institution it is very unlikely that a permanent program can be established here.

Several weeks ago we published a story listing the many young people from Elko who are enrolled or about to be enrolled in colleges scattered all around the country. It was amazing to learn how many of them are attending college from this city alone. But, even so, there are still a great many youngsters here who need training in skills which will lead them to gainful employment at salaries commensurate with the needs of today's standard of living. Those who have not been permitted to continue their education in technical schools or in college now have an opportunity to gain each training here at home. What is needed most of all is for families with such youngsters to acquaint themselves with the opportunities being offered by the community college and to encourage their youngsters to take advantage of the wide range of classes being offered by the fledgling college.

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## Elko College Registration Reaches 114

Overall registration at the Elko Community College is "progressing nicely" and shows a substantial number of students enrolled in the college transfer program, Richard C. Lynch, new college president, announced today.

Registration for the transfer program will continue this week through Sept. 24, with registration for all other courses to continue through next week.

Lynch noted that to date, 114 students have been enrolled in vocational, community service and college transfer courses; including 10 students enrolled in high school courses and 17 enrolled in English as a Second Language.

The interest expressed in college transfer courses, Lynch said, "seems to indicate a need for expansion of this program." Among vocational courses, the business and secretarial science programs "are really off and running."

A total of 47 courses are currently being offered, and college officials contemplate additional courses as soon as instructors become available. Approximately 40 faculty members have been hired to date.

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# College Names Texas Educator As President

Richard C. Lynch, 40, dean of student personnel at Southwest Texas Junior College at Uvalde, Tex., was named during the weekend as president of Elko Community College.

Lynch was named by the trustees of the Elko County

administrator. He holds a bachelor degree from Southwestern University, a master degree from Southwest Texas State College and has nearly completed work for a doctorate in higher education from Washington State University.

He also served as a high school head coach and biology teacher for one year before he moved to the community college level.



Richard C. Lynch

School District to fill a vacancy created by the departure last spring of Dr. Gene Voris, who served as president during the organization of the college last year.

John Buntten, an official of the state department of education, acted as interim director during the summer to organize the courses being offered this fall by the college.

Lynch will move his wife and four children to Elko this week to take over his new duties in time for the opening of the fall term of the college next Monday, Sept. 16.

He was chosen for the \$18,000 a year position from 41 applicants secured by Dr. T. T. Tucker of the University of Nevada, who was hired by the Elko school board under a special contract to obtain applicants for the college post.

Members of the school board and the college advisory board met here during the weekend to interview five applicants. School trustees acted on the recommendations of Dr. Tucker and the advisory board.

Lynch is a native of Hondo, Tex., and has been associated with the community college at Uvalde for the past 11 years as a teacher, counselor and

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# Nevada Community

Plans for the institution of a study of community colleges in Nevada were discussed in Carson City recently at the first meeting of the Governor's Council for Vocational-Technical Education and Community Colleges.

During the meeting, presided over by Chairman Burnell Larson, state superintendent of public instruction, it was announced the State Board of Education has contracted with Dr. Thomas T. Tucker, chairman of the Department of School Adminis-

tration at University of Nevada, to carry on basic reviews on the community college, as requested by Gov. Paul Laxalt. Tucker is a member of the council.

The state board, said Larson, has made the arrangement with Dr. Tucker as a part of its contribution to furthering the study on a community college system for Nevada.

Larson reminded the council of a statement by the governor on the matter. He said Gov. Laxalt has mani-

festated a great interest in this phase of education in the state and charged the council with "the responsibility to establish feasibility studies, to determine what place the community college might assume in the educational program and explore the voids that now exist in the post-high school and vocational-technical programs in the state."

Larson also submitted proposals for the study contract to the University of Nevada, and

said it will be carried on in cooperation with the State Department of Education.

## Recommendations

Recommendations of the state for making the study will concern the following:

1. The potential and the position of the community college in providing educational opportunities for the people of Nevada.
2. The potential number of people to be serviced.
3. Possibilities for financing its operation.

# College Study Discussed

4. Possible course offerings.
5. Facility needs.
6. Organization and administration.

Larson said the second meeting of the council will be held in Elko, when its members will have the opportunity of an on-the-spot observation of the Nevada Community College, first community college to be opened in Nevada.

The Elko college, said Larson, operates under authorization of the board of trustees of the

Elko County School District, as a vocational school. At present it can offer no higher education credits, except for studies which might be conducted at the college by the University of Nevada.

## Council Members

Members of the council, besides Larson and Tucker, are Jerry Dondero, executive director of the Nevada Employment Security Department; Albert Seeliger, University of Nevada regent and executive secretary of the Nevada School Trustees

Association; Carl Dodge, state senator from Churchill County; Norman Glaser, Elko County assemblyman and chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee; Russell McDonald, director of the Legislative Council Bureau; Stanley P. Jones, state labor commissioner; Tom Bell, member of the board of regents from Clark County; Dr. J. Clark Davis, director of the research and coordination unit, University of Nevada, and Louis Paley, secretary-treasurer of AFL-CIO in Nevada.

Four consultants have also been appointed to serve with the council. They are John Buntten, assistant superintendent for vocational and technical education, State Department of Education; Ray Sturm, director of technical and adult education, Clark County school system; James Eardley, director of adult education, Washoe County School District; and Donald Elser, supervisor of the vocational program, Elko County School district.

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# College President To Take Over As Enrollment Slated

## Monday Set As Date For Signup In Classes At Community School

Richard C. Lynch, Texas native and formerly dean of student personnel at Uvalde, Texas, community college, who was selected here last weekend to head the Elko Community College as its new president, is expected to return to Elko this weekend and be on hand Monday when registration for fall classes gets underway.

Lynch was selected by the Elko county school district board of trustees after a series of interviews with the five leading candidates for the office of president of the local college. Dr. Thomas Tucker, professor of education at the University of Nevada who was retained to locate suitable applicants for the president's job, presented the five leading candidates selected from a field of 41 who applied for the Elko position.

The new college head will move here with his family including his wife and four children. Lynch, 40, holds a BA from Southwestern University, and MA from Southwest Texas State university and has completed all his work but his dissertation for his doctor's degree in higher education at Washington State university.

A formal vote of the school board appointing Lynch was taken during the meeting of the board Tuesday night.

### ENROLLMENT MONDAY

Meanwhile, under the supervision of John Bunten, interim president of the college, a wide array of courses are being offered at the school this fall including both vocational and college transfer and official enrollment in the courses will take place Monday, Sept. 16 in the Elko high school library.

Those intending to participate in any of the college curriculum courses, including the lower university transfer courses, full-time associate degree or certificate courses and supplemental or individual courses, are asked to report between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. including the noon hour for purposes of completing enrollment forms, paying tuition fees or making arrangements for payment and receiving class schedules.

Enrollees for the basic education program, English as a second lan-

guage course and the high school diploma program are asked to report to the high school library between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to complete enrollment.

It is NOT necessary that those desiring to enroll in any of these courses be pre-registered at the college.

David Hunt, counselor for the college, will be available at the high school library on Monday during the evening session to assist those enrolling in the high school diploma program and to advise regarding GED exams, English placement test, etc.

### AERONAUTICS COURSE

The College Aeronautics curriculum will again feature the basic ground school course. This particular course is a necessity for all those desiring to progress in obtaining private and commercial licenses. The Community College will work in cooperation with the El Aero Flight Service located at the Elko Airport. Philip Joyal will serve as the chief basic ground school instructor, and classroom facilities will be made available to the college through the cooperation of the El Aero Flight Service.

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## Support Recommended for College

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amounts of money into construction initially.

Under the Little recommendation, operation of the three Campuses starting in 1971 would cost \$2.6 million for the first two-year period to handle 2,888 students. The plan calls for \$8 million in construction over the first biennium. And the consulting firm suggested the state create a community college district so it could impose a one cent sales tax to finance the system.

But the Governor's council did not endorse the one-cent sales tax proposal or any other method of financing the schools.

The \$500,000 appropriation for the 1969-71 fiscal years would pay for creating a com-

munity college board, hiring a president and his staff, planning and architect fees.

But before any of this can be started, the council recommended that the Nevada Supreme Court be asked to clarify the State Constitution regarding the authority over higher education. Specifically, the council wants a legal ruling whether the University of Nevada Board of Regents would run the community colleges since it is empowered to preside over all higher education in Nevada or whether a separate commission could be created to operate and regulate the two-year community college system.

The Governor's council said after the supreme court makes its decision, then the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Burnell Larson should start

drafting legislation towards starting the system.

Nevada is the only state without a community college system. The only community college is in Elko. It was started by donations from local residents but ran into trouble the second year when the state legislature, despite the urging of Gov. Laxalt, refused to appropriate any money for operation.

But industrialist Howard Hughes came to the rescue donating \$250,000—half of which went to the Elko school and the other half of planning and studying a proposed system.

The Arthur D. Little firm said that 50 per cent of Nevada's graduating high school seniors cannot qualify for the University of Nevada because of low grade points. Some of these students, presumably, could attend the community or junior college, raise their points and then go on to college.

The firm said most universities are raising entrance requirements and if the University of Nevada did, it would mean 61 per cent of the high school seniors could not qualify.

The Little firm recommended the \$500,000 and the council accepted that figure as the amount to start with.

The Governor's council also said the "newly established state board for community college be charged with the responsibility for annually reviewing or causing to be reviewed by an appropriate body the recommendations as contained in the study in order that the actual needs may be more appropriately assessed since, of necessity, the study includes long range projected needs; and provided that the establishment of the community college system does not result in lessening the support for public education and the university system."

## Support for College Plan Recommended

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) —A Governor's committee recommended today the 1969 Nevada Legislature appropriate \$500,000 for planning a statewide community college system.

The committee also said the Legislature should appropriate enough money to carry the Elko Community

College through the 1969-71 fiscal years. That is estimated to be \$125,000 for the two year period.

The committee was appointed by Gov. Paul Laxalt to review the need for community colleges in Nevada. And it met yesterday to study a report by the Arthur D. Little Inc., which recommended community college campuses in Elko, Reno and Las Vegas.

The council endorsed the report provided the creation of a community college system does not take money away from the public schools or the University of Nevada.

The council backed a plan by the Little firm to start slowly in the building program and gradually increase the facilities over the years instead of pouring large

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# A Review of 1968 News in Elko County

- Elko County's Top Ten stories for 1968 in order:**
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  - 5—Election
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  - 9—Labor Problems
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**Community College**

In February, a delegation of college boosters traveled to Carson City to present backing for proposed legislation about the college scheduled for

presentation before the special session of the legislature.

After an early triumph in the Assembly, the bill was killed by the Senate Finance Committee, by a 5-2 vote. A subsequent bill, with all state and local tax funds taken out, passed both houses.

On May 29 Governor Paul Laxalt told a group of Elkoans at a luncheon meeting that Nevada's number one citizen, Howard Hughes, had donated \$250,000 to the community college program in the state. Half of the amount was given to the Elko college and half went to a feasibility study on the subject.

In September Richard C. Lynch was named president of the college and on Nov. 26, 1968, enrollment at the school, now in its second year, hit 319.

## Elko College Work-Study Plan Told

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Elko Community College has won tentative approval from regional officials of the U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare for a "college work-study program" for the coming fiscal year.

The program would provide \$10,120 in federal money to be administered by the college during the 1969-70 fiscal year.

Under the plan, students at the Elko college would be able to work up to 15 hours a week for the college or some other non-profit organization in the community and the federal money would pay approximately 80 percent of their wages.

Richard Lynch, president of the school, said the program is designed to aid full time students in need of financial assistance. Those participating in the plan would be able to work for the city, county, schools and other branches of government or other local non-profit groups, Lynch said.

He expects final approval of the program will be made next spring, and applications will be accepted after that approval is received.

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# Community College Opposition In Legislature Looks Heavy

By Cy Ryan

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)

—It all seemed so simple in 1936 when Paul Laxalt proposed vocational colleges scattered through rural Nevada to help youngsters learn a trade or help adults continue their education.

There was nothing elaborate

about the plan. The top mechanic, or insurance agent or merchant in the town would give the instruction at night at the corner grocery store or the local post office. There would be no building problems.

And best of all the program would be "self-sustaining," that means it wouldn't need support from government.

Laxalt went on to be elected governor and he never forgot his promise to work for a community college system, but he has found it difficult to translate his dream into reality.

The community college concept has been beset with trouble since its inception. There

was suspicion among university and public school officials who feared they would lose part of their funds to the community colleges. Red tape is abundant in the education area. Petty jealousies exist over who would run the program. And the estimated cost to start the system has soared high above anyone's expectations.

Now Laxalt finds he has little support for a community college system among legislators from his own Republican party. The governor himself has had to switch directions.

At first, he said the colleges would be self-sustaining. Later he amended that to say they should be financed on the local government level, but he asked for state money to keep the Elko Community College

running for a year to allow a study of the system. He never got the money from the legislature.

While Laxalt was on the campaign trail in 1966, interested citizens of Elko raised \$40,000 to start their own community college, using classrooms at the local schools at night. It was the type of program Laxalt liked. It brought private sector in to take over a chore that had traditionally been financed by government.

It was too good to be true, and it didn't last.

His one consolation had been that billionaire Howard Hughes came to the rescue with a \$250,000 donation when the Elko school was about to close its doors after one year of operation because of money trouble. The Hughes donation allowed Elko to continue this year and provided enough money for a \$125,000 study of the feasibility of a community college system in Nevada.

The study said community colleges are expensive and (Continued on page 5)

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would put a strain on state finances. It recommended an increase in the state sales tax of one per cent to pay for campuses in Elko, Las Vegas and Reno. The survey estimated building costs at \$40 million over a 10-year period with operations to cost \$2.5 million and run up to \$10 million annually by 1980.

After his failure to get any money out of the legislature at the 1938 special session, Laxalt said he had just begun to fight. He called it a dark day for education in Nevada and for thousands of youngsters who would be unable to attend these colleges to learn a trade or gain enough grade points to go on to college.

Now the governor is getting a second chance but this time the opposition is expected to be just as heavy in the legislature. School teachers around the state are demanding more state aid to raise their salaries.

So is the faculty in the university system. And Nevada Southern University is making a strong bid to pull even with the Reno campus which is 80 years older.

"Only a miracle can save it now," says one Republican legislator, referring to the community college. That's what the Governor may be looking for. It happened once in the form of Howard Hughes.

Some administration sources say the state may be able to take over the facilities at the Clear Creek Job Corp Camps south of here if President-elect Richard Nixon goes through with his pledge to abolish that program.

Those who back the Community College say it is one of the few gaps in the State's educational system. They want efforts to continue to set it up.

The program for a community college system will appear again before upcoming legislature. But if present sentiment among lawmakers continues, the community college system idea is dead at least for this year.

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# State Officials Set Elko College Confab

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Three top state officials will be in Elko tomorrow to meet with local residents regarding the future of Elko Community College.

The officials are Burnell Larson, state superintendent of public instruction; Neil

Humphrey, chancellor of the University of Nevada; and Jerry Dondero, executive director of the Nevada Employment Security Department.

They are scheduled to meet with members of the local school board and of the college advisory board to discuss plans for keeping Elko's college alive in spite of a recent abandonment of a proposal for a statewide community college program.

A recently concluded study by the A. D. Little Co. had recommended the institution of a statewide community college program; but Gov. Paul Laxalt last week announced he had abandoned plans to push for a statewide system.

Gov. Laxalt has since indicated he is willing to support a plan to keep Elko's college in operation; and the officials coming to Elko tomorrow will seek to work out such a plan for presentation to the legislature.

# Elko College Meet Postponed Until Friday

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A meeting scheduled today in Elko between state officials and representatives of the Elko Community College to plan the future of the college has been postponed until Friday, it was learned this afternoon.

The meeting to discuss plans for Elko's college had been scheduled with Burnell Larson, state superintendent of Public instruction; Niel Humphrey, chancellor of the University of Nevada; and Jerry Dondero, executive director of the University of Nevada Employment Security Department.

R.C. Lynch, president of the college, reported he was notified last night today's meeting was postponed to await an announcement from Gov. Paul Laxalt regarding the college in Elko.

The governor last week announced he had abandoned plans to support the formation of a statewide community college system; but he left the fate of Elko's college undecided.

Sources in Carson City and Reno today indicated the announcement from the governor regarding Elko's school was expected to be made tomorrow; and the meeting between Elkoans and the state officials was to be rescheduled for Friday.

Larson, Humphrey and Dondero met this morning in Reno to discuss the future of the Elko college; and Larson

was expected to contact Lynch later today to make arrangements for the Friday session here.

Larson could not be reached for comment before press-time.

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competence in some of the subjects.

For other courses, specialists from the Nevada facility and other university facilities have flown to Elko. The University of Utah, for instance, has sent its English department chairman to Elko each week. Geology students have been taught by a number of specialists in various aspects of geology from the Reno campus.

About 60 students enrolled for one or more of the university credit courses during the first semester. Under the cooperative program, students able to meet regular University admission requirements have available a full first-year of university credits.  
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# U of N Course Expansion Seen At Elko College

Courses providing university credit probably will be expanded during the spring semester at Elko Community College, reports Acting Dean Robert M. Gorrell of the University of Nevada's General Extension program in Reno.

The new Elko program, being developed through the cooperation of Richard Lynch, director of the Community College, and Roland J. Dick, director of Off-Campus courses for the University, will provide second semester credit in some of the existing courses and also introduce new courses.

University courses in beginning English, mathematics, geology, political science, psychology and anthropology were offered during the first semester. These offered 24 credits.

Being considered for the spring semester are additional courses in accounting, anthropology, botany, education, English, geology, history, mathematics, political science, sociology and a foreign language.

Because of the distance involved and the difficulties of scheduling, the University is relying on a variety of procedures to provide first rate instruction for the Elko program.

For some courses the University has employed residents of Elko who have special advanced training and  
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## Officials Meet in Elko On College

Burnell Larson, state superintendent of public instruction, and Neil Humphrey, chancellor of the University of Nevada, were in Elko today to meet with representatives of Elko Community College regarding the future of the college, which will be determined by the state legislature during coming weeks.

Gov. Paul Laxalt is expected to outline his recommendation on the Elko institution during his "State of the State" message next Tuesday.

Larson and Humphrey discussed with the Elko college group and members of the Elko County legislative delegation organizational proposals and funding.

Humphrey also met with local doctors and the legislators at noon today for a discussion of plans for a medical school at the University of Nevada.

## New Instructors for Elko College Named



John Casino



J. B. Cudd

Two full-time instructors will inaugurate full-fledged two-year courses at Elko Community College during the winter semester, which opens at the school Feb. 3.

John Casino, 50, who recently moved from Las Vegas, will be in charge of an electronics course; and J. B. Cudd, 31, expected to arrive later this month from Uvalde, Tex., will have charge of a course in corrections.

R. C. Lynch, president of the college, said the two programs to be coordinated and taught by Casino and Cudd represent the first complete two-year course offerings at Elko Community College.

Casino attended New York Brooklyn College and the University of California at Los Angeles and was an instructor

at Western High School for four years before coming to Elko. He has a total of 25 years of teaching experience.

Casino is married and has three children. The two younger children, John and Mary Lou, will enroll at Elko High School.

In addition to the college classes in the electronics program, Casino also will teach two high school electronics classes, a college class entitled "electricity for house wiring and preventive maintenance" and a conversational Italian course.

Cudd will teach various courses in the corrections program for law enforcement officers as well as classes in sociology. He will move to Elko with his wife and infant child from Uvalde, where has been teaching at Southwest Texas Junior College.

Cudd holds an associate of arts degree from Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Tex.; a bachelor of arts degree from Texas A & I University in Kingsville, Tex.; a master of arts degree from San Houston State College in Huntsville, Tex.; and has completed additional graduate work at the University of Houston and the University of Oklahoma.

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## Governor's 'State of State' Message Asks Funds for Elko Community College

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—Nevada Legislators, generally applauding Gov. Paul Laxalt's State of the State message, set to work today to put at least a big chunk of his recommendations into effect.

The Republican governor, addressing a Republican controlled assembly and Democrat-dominated senate, said Nevada's economic picture was bright and saw no reason why it should not continue that way.

He said there was a \$15 million surplus in the general fund and there was no need for new taxes. However, he said local governments were in financial trouble and indicated he might support local option taxes on cigarettes, liquor or capital gains to help them.

Most of the money will go for education at all levels. He said teachers could have a pay raise. He proposed a \$20 million state building program with most of it going to the university system. He proposed a 25 per cent increase in the university budget, including funds to meet faculty salary increases recommended by the Board of Regents.

He said there should be a state open housing law to take precedence over federal housing legislation and recommended an increase in the budget

of the state Equal Rights Commission.

"The time has come for Nevada to serve notice upon one and all that the rights and human dignity of the minorities of this state are believed, protected and supported by the heart and by conscience and by law in Nevada," he said. The lawmakers applauded.

The governor dwelt longer on his pet project—the community college system. He said the logical place to start it was in Elko where local residents already have a college. He recommended \$250,000 for the Elko school. He produced statistics to show 40 per cent of the students at both universities drop out of flunk out by the end of the first year.

"These young Nevadans would be far better served by going to a two-year community college to try out their educational wings. Then, if they can successfully complete 'university courses,' they simply move onto the university to complete their college education," he said. "If they can't, they can either drop out or go into the vocational-technical division of the community college."

He said both campuses of the university are receiving a fair share of the state aid.

He said he had no objections to allowing public employees to negotiate for salaries or work-

ing conditions but warned he would veto any legislation giving them the right to strike.

Laxalt asked lawmakers for a law aimed at stopping possible monopolies in the gambling industry. There already are regulations in this area but he said a statute would be stronger. He asked for money to hire experts in corporate matters to advise state gaming agencies. As expected, complex corporate licensing applications came up.

"I believe the day will come when our casinos will be owned by thousands of corporate stockholders across the nation. That day will represent the ultimate evolution of legalized gambling in Nevada.

Laxalt suggested an interim legislative finance committee be given \$1 million to meet needs when the legislature is not in session. He said if this proved workable, there might not be a need for annual ses-

sions of the legislature.

He proposed creation of a state narcotics bureau to head off the growing problem of drug abuse. He recommended a "strong but fair" policy in dealing with criminals.

"We must make it clear that violence, death, theft and the hundreds of other crimes which take place daily in this nation will not be condoned by wishy-washy permissiveness but that they will be dealt with strongly," he said.

### Legislators React to Governor's Message

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—Reaction to Gov. Paul Laxalt's State of the State message Tuesday was generally favorable among both Republicans and Democrats. What criticism there was came mostly in the area of finance. Especially worrisome to some of

the legislators was Laxalt's hopes for a community college system.

Assembly Minority Leader Mel Close, D-Las Vegas, said he was concerned about financing the community college system.

A similar statement was made by James I. Gibson, a key member of the Senate Finance Committee. Gibson expressed doubt that the state could finance the college through present means.

Both Gibson and Floyd Lamb, D-Las Vegas, head of the Senate Finance Committee, said they would have to give close study to Laxalt's projection of a \$15 million surplus this July.

On the plus side, B. Mahlon Brown, D-Las Vegas, Senate Majority Leader, said the speech was a good one. He approved of the no-strike provision in bargaining with public employees and also agreed that university programs should not be expanded to the detriment of existing programs. He added that he hoped this referred to the medical school at Reno.

Howard McKissick Jr., R-Reno, Speaker of the Assembly, felt that the governor had given the legislature the ball and that now it was up to the lawmakers to follow through.





# Elko College Meeting *Free Press 5-2-69* In Reno Next Week

Richard Lynch, president of Elko Community College, is scheduled to meet Monday in Reno with Neil Humphrey, Chancellor of the University of Nevada, to discuss specific plans for the future of the Elko college.

The recently concluded legislature appropriated \$325,000 for the operation during the next two years of the college, which will transfer under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada on July 1.

The appropriation for the college was designated as \$150,000 during the first year

(July 1, 1969 to July 1, 1970) and \$175,000 during the second year.

Funding of the college is pegged on the basis of \$1,000 per full-time equivalent student and thereby establishing a maximum enrollment of 150 students during the first year and 175 students during the second year.

Gov. Paul Laxalt, a leading advocate of the community college plan since its inception in Elko, asked the legislature to appropriate a total of \$500,000 for the biennium to allow an average enrollment of 250

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students for the two years but his request was trimmed back by the legislature.

One year ago, during a special session, the legislature flatly denied to appropriate any state money for the Elko College but allowed it to operate under the auspices of the Elko County School District.

On July 1 of this year the school will become a part of the University of Nevada system, on a par with the Reno and Las Vegas branches and the Desert Research Institute.

Lynch and Humphrey next week will work out details of the operation of the Elko institution as one of the four principal arms of the university system in the state.

Lynch reported this week full scale college level classes will start in September at the college and will include college transfer courses as well as vocational and adult education programs.

Recruiting activities designed to attract out-of-town students to the new college already have been initiated throughout Nevada, Lynch said.

# Elko College *5-6-69 Free Press* Discussed in Reno Today

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—Officials of the University of Nevada and the Elko Community College met here Monday to discuss future plans for the Elko facility.

University Chancellor Neil Humphrey said the University will take over supervision July 1. The 1969 Legislature put the Elko College under the University and appropriated \$325,000 for the next two years of operation.

Humphrey conferred with the College's president Richard Lynch.

Humphrey said, "The intention is to develop a first year transfer program along with a vocational program."

He said the College's spring enrollment was 114 full-time equivalent students.

Humphrey will go to Elko next week to meet with the College's local advisory board.

# Elko College *5-13-69 Free Press* Gets Federal Fund Grant

R. C. Lynch, president of Elko Community College, announced today the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has approved Elko Community College for a Study Work-Study Program Grant in the amount of \$3,067. This sum will be made available for hiring of part-time student help.

This is the first federal grant to be awarded to the college and, according to President Lynch, is proving to be one of the best federal programs available for students. Full-time students who qualify may work a maximum of 15 hours per week to help defray a portion of their tuition fees and expenses incurred while attending school. This work-study program provides an opportunity for many students to continue their education who would otherwise be unable to do so, Lynch said.

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# Mel Steninger Chairman Of College Advisory Board

Members of a new advisory board for Elko Community College yesterday met with Neil Humphrey, chancellor of the University of Nevada, to discuss plans for the first year of operation of the college under the university system.

Burnell Larson, state superintendent of schools and a member of the advisory board, served as temporary chairman for the initial meeting of the group. Mel Steninger of Elko was named permanent chairman at the conclusion of yesterday's session at Ranchinn Motor Lodge.

R. C. Lynch, president of the college, reported on budget matters and reported arrangements are being made with the University of Nevada to achieve advance transfer acceptability at the university of academic courses to be taught at the Elko school.

Humphrey reported registrars from both the Reno and Las Vegas campuses of the university planned to come to Elko to confer with Lynch and arrange for the endorsement of transfer courses to be taught at the new Elko institution.

Tentative plans also were discussed for opening ceremonies to be conducted at the college—which will occupy Elko Grammar School No. 1 under a lease arrangement with the Elko County School District—early next fall.

Confidence was expressed during the course of the meeting an enrollment of 150 full time students can be achieved for the fall semester, to qualify for the maximum appropriation authorized by the

1969 legislature (\$150,000). Lynch reported recruiting activities have been under way throughout the state and applications are beginning to come in from several Nevada communities.

Lynch also reported several faculty members have been hired for the coming school

year; and a variety of two-year programs will be offered at the Elko College his fall

The new advisory board scheduled its next meeting on July 15 with representatives of the board of regents of the university and the state board of education.

Members of the board, in addition to Larson and Steninger, are Jerry Warren, Mike Marfisi and Dr. Hugh Collett of Elko; Mrs. Deloyd Satterthwaite of Tuscarora and Willard Schultz of Wells. Robert Zander, superintendent of schools in Elko County, sits as consultant to the board.

The board will serve in an advisory capacity to Humphrey and the regents of the university in matters pertaining to the Elko college.

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# Many Dignitaries Attend Elko Community College Ceremony

**Governor Laxalt Principal Speaker As School Is Officially Launched**

Today was an historic day on Elko's calendar of growth and progress!

Taking place at 11:00 a.m. was the Opening Ceremony for the Elko Community College which will soon open its doors to what is hoped will be the equivalent of 150 full time students.

For many local residents, state officials and Governor Paul Laxalt, the official opening of the college here today marked the fulfillment of a long-existent dream. It was brought about, as speakers at the

ceremony pointed out, after a long, difficult struggle in which the embryo institution gasped its last breath on several tragic occasions, only to rise and live again.

The ceremony was held at the Community College building, the old Court street grammar school which drew plaudits from the many visitors from other areas of Nevada who were here to attend the program, many on their first visit to this city.

Mike Marfisi, former chairman of the college advisory board, served as master of ceremonies and presented Rev. Charles Lindsay of the First Presbyterian church who delivered the invocation. The Elko community orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Lajla Lyon played several opening numbers and also a closing number on the program.

Richard Lynch, the first president of Nevada's first community college, delivered the welcoming address expressing appreciation for the attendance not only of many visiting dignitaries but several hundred local residents as well.

Bill Wunderlich and Paul Sawyer reviewed the history of the community college effort in Elko from its inception some three years ago following a visit of local residents to the Treasure Valley college in Oregon to the establishment of the state funded official institution opened today.

Sawyer pointed to the \$50,000 contribution made by local residents to the college and said that there is much yet to be done to assure the success of the school. He pointed out that the need now is for students and said that the community should set as its goal "1000 students by 1975."





