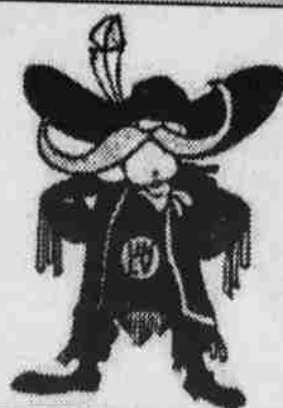




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Verdict in: law school will happen, eventually

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A University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law is imminent, according to President Robert Maxson.

But it will take a little time.

During the past legislative session, when budgets were constricted and money was scarce, it didn't seem responsible to push for a law school, Maxson said.

"We were scrambling to get enough professors to teach our freshman English, math, and biology courses," he said in a phone interview.

"In other words," Maxson said, "the basic needs of the university were just too great for us at this time to advance the notion of a law school. I think a law school will come in the future. It's further in the future than

any of us want it to be."

Maxson added that he "could not justify asking...for a law school right now when this campus has such great need. We've got to get raises for our faculty and staff. We need more faculty and staff. We must complete those buildings that are under construction now."

Asked to predict when the law school would happen, Maxson said "It's hard to say. There will be a law school at UNLV. There's no question. I think we're going to have to combine some private donations with state dollars. We're going to have to depend on a donor or donors coming forward with large donations, and then getting help from the state."

The starting cost for a law school would be around \$10 million, Maxson said. "That's to build a building...with a separate library, and hire an initial faculty, because

you have to have faculty before you have students."

Once underway, Maxson believed the law

school would pay for itself and provide the university with an important source of information.

"Law schools are not an expense to the university," he said. "In fact, at many

universities, they actually generate revenue for the university. (They) tend to be self-supporting."

"Once you get a law school,"

Maxson said, "and you get that law library and you become a law center, then your business students use the law library and the expertise from the law professors. (Also) Hotel administration students would use it because they all have to be familiar with the law in their

community support a UNLV law school, there have been unconfirmed rumors of opposition on the part of local attorneys.

"I haven't heard much of that," Maxson said. "I think probably there are some attorneys who maybe don't want other attorneys. But generally, we've had very strong support from the legal community."

Maxson stressed the need for accreditation, granted by the American Bar Association, was a main priority in opening a law school.

"You must get it accredited," he said. "We would never dare admit a student until we were absolutely sure that the program was going to get accredited, because you would be giving a false promise to students, and you couldn't do that."

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For the second year in a row, UNLV is named as one of 34 National Flagship Universities in the 1994 edition of the book "101 of the best Values in America's Colleges and Universities."

Last year was UNLV's first appearance among the book's 101 colleges and universities.

"The Best Value National Flagship Universities are those that we feel have national stature," David Wilson, editor of the book, said in a telephone interview from the Bridgewater, Mass., Center for College Enrollment Studies.

Among the list of some of the "prestigious 34" includes UCLA, UC Berkeley, Duke, Boston College, the University of Michigan, Penn State, Purdue, and Notre Dame.

"When you mention these universities anywhere in the country, they are

known," Wilson said. "People are familiar with them coast-to-coast, and they have national respect."

Institutions were selected on the basis of academic resources, student life, and cost, Wilson said. "My own feeling is that a certain number of schools - the ones we call Best Values among national Flagship Universities - will dominate higher education in the 21st century, and UNLV is in that category. These are schools that have great resources, tremendous energy, and attractive costs."

The center focuses on those schools featured in other national publications and which seem to have "a sense of institutional momentum."

In the book, Wilson credits President Robert Maxson with moving the

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Dr. Maxson speaking about UNLV.

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