

“Talk Before You Drop” hotline created at UNLV

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Student Psychological Services is sponsoring a hotline for students thinking about dropping out of school, and encouraging them to talk about their difficulties before dropping out.

The “Talk Before You Drop” hotline is staffed by a counselor from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Hotline staff are trained to put students in touch with resources and services that can help them stay in school and earn their degree.

For instance, if a student

is having trouble with testing or finding a tutor, the SPS staff is trained to refer the student to someone on campus that can help. If a student is having problems with a professor or roommate, the staff can help the student adjust the relationship.

The SPS staff is also interested in finding out why students drop out of college so it can take steps to give future students the services they need to be better students.

Students are encouraged to call the hotline before making a decision to end their college career.

The phone number for the hotline is 895-0119.

UNLV faces competition with proposed law school

Private law school could affect UNLV's feasibility study

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A private law school's proposal may affect the feasibility study that UNLV is conducting to build its own law school.

Lyle Rivera, vice president and assistant to the president for special projects, said Monday that potential competition from Western State College of Law would be a factor in the

\$500,000 feasibility he is heading.

In response to the California-based school's consideration to open a campus in downtown Las Vegas, Rivera said. “If they pursue it, then the people doing the feasibility study will have to include that as one of their questions. It becomes an additional element.”

President Carol Harter said in Sept. 1 edition of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* that

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—David Anderson

she was confident that Nevada's first law school “will be a public one, not a private one.” The same article reported that Regent Madison Graves

would support a school specializing in gaming, water and mining. Rivera said the state's industry may eventually be reflected in the school's curriculum, but will primarily focus on corporate law.

According to Rivera, the study would focus on both the economic impact and gaining accreditation through the American Bar Association. Three previous studies on a possible UNLV law school have been conducted. The most recent study suggested a small college with 400 students.

University of Nevada graduate David Anderson, who is considering public law schools in neighboring states, said that he would not study in Nevada even if it had a new law school because the school would first have to develop alumni and a reputation.

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