

Martha Campbell: 1969-1979



When it came to the time where we actually voted countywide [to form a College District], that came after we had made many speeches throughout the county going to PTA meetings or any group of people that we could find. We would go and pitch the College and handout flyers & so forth. But when it came to the actual voting my community of Ash Fork voted 62 Yes and 10 No. The neighboring town of Seligman voted 18 Yes and 53 No. So those people, of course, were not all ranchers; but there was animosity and I think a suspicion and a lack of knowledge about actually what the future could be with a community college in Yavapai County. The Verde Valley area, Sedona, Oak Creek and Clarkdale voted 3 Yes and 190 No & Cottonwood 11 Yes 678 No; Camp Verde 4 Yes 399 No; Oak Creek 2 Yes & 150 No. So you can see that the burden of getting the vote across was with the [steering] committee. And of course we counted other people in Prescott. It was a struggle. It was a long and hard struggle. It took a lot of people's time and effort. I want to mention here that Dick Walraven, whose health does not permit him to come for an oral history, was absolutely vital to all of this that went on and the success of what came about. He was a Prescott attorney and devoted a lot of time and a lot of effort. I'd like to make sure that he gets credit for what he did...

When the steering committee was named, Dick Walraven was named the chairman & Duane Miller from the Verde Valley was the VP. I was the only woman that was there so of course I was named the secretary. That was fine with me. I was aware of what was happening. I will say that all of the men were wonderful to work with and treated me very well & I treated them very well and we got along. We worked together very, very well...

Transcribed excerpt from an oral history interview of Martha Campbell (member of the original steering committee to form the College) with Lanae Mullane, College Honors Student, 2007/08

Roy Campbell 1969-1979



Originally, we had a Steering Committee that was formed by the Prescott, Arizona P.T.A. That was when they passed the law that counties could have community colleges. I was at the first meeting and I was elected by the group to be on the steering committee for planning the college and getting it set up where we could have a school in Yavapai County. Going out to and talking to all the towns throughout the County about the situation. From then on I spent 10 years on the Board as a Board Member. I

was a founding Board Member...

Greatest challenge – getting the people to vote for the College District because they were planning it in Prescott and the Verde Valley was about almost half the county. Most of them voted against it; this side voted for it so we just barely passed the issue to have the College of this side...

When Prescott started to grow and we formed the College District and kids starting coming to school, Prescott started growing. There were probably 10-15,000 people in Prescott at that time. I don't remember the exact figures but not very many in comparison with what it is today. As that happened, the College had a great deal to do with that...

But I think that the Community College has had more to do with the growth of Prescott than anything else over the past few years...

I think the greatest thing that ever happened to Prescott is Yavapai College. I really do.

Transcribed excerpt from an oral history interview of Roy Campbell with Daniel Hagberg, College Honors Student, 2007/08

Chuck Walker



Chuck Walker, Business Lecturer, 2001 to 2002. "As a lifelong learner, I appreciate the education opportunities that Yavapai College provides. As a seasoned business executive, I have taught Strategic Planning for Management and Supervisor Skills for Management at Yavapai College. I am waiting to have more time to take classes that would further my education for health, activities and hobbies. I am proud to serve the Yavapai College Foundation Board of Directors in the past as President, and as board member since 2001."