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Dr. Kenny Guinn spoke to the Golden Key Honor Society encouraging students to have enthusiasm and a positive outlook for a successful career in life after college.

Good grades may not land that job

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One of Nevada's most powerful citizens thinks grades are not as important as a positive attitude.

Kenny Guinn, chair of the board of PriMerit Bank, chair of the board and CEO of Southwest Gas Corporation, spoke to the Golden Key National Honor Society on the topic of life after student life Tuesday.

According to Guinn, enthusiasm and a positive outlook on life are the two main ingredients for a successful career after college.

"You can get the best grades in the world but if you don't develop your personality and your human relations skills, you're not going to get very far," Guinn said.

"The first time I interviewed for a job out of college, I went home and I was extremely disheartened," Guinn said. "I got the job but he never once asked me about my grades and I wanted to tell him that I had good grades and I had worked long and hard for those grades."

Guinn said that a student's first job out of college will lead to opportunities even though it

might only be an entry position in that company.

"Some people are never happy because they don't want a job; they want a position and a job leads to a position," Guinn said. "But without a job, you'll never get an opportunity."

"There is not a one of you in this room that couldn't do what I have done. There is only one difference. I have had an opportunity and so far, you haven't had that opportunity. And that opportunity is out there."

Guinn encouraged students to seek vertical rather than lateral promotions within an organization to increase their standard of living.

"If you only move lateral in an organization, each year you'll get your 4.5 or 5 percent," he said. "Inflation eats it up and you're not making any progress."

He added that appearance and conduct in the workplace are also important factors in today's job market.

"I do know that how you are observed in an organization will depend a lot on what you say, how you act and how you dress," Guinn said.

Thefts

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the university.

The bookstore was burglarized between Dec. 31 and Jan. 4 when 22 model class rings, valued at \$10,000, were taken. Police are not sure how the suspects gained entry into the display case where the rings were kept.

"We think the suspects took the rings during business hours," Barrett said. "The rings weren't reported missing until Jan. 8 because bookstore employees did

not notice the rings were gone until they did inventory."

According to police, the volume service distribution warehouse located on the north side of the T&M was broken into between the evening of Jan. 13 and the early morning of Jan. 14. The suspects took a pager and 12 cases of liquor valued at \$1,790.

"The suspects cut the lock to get into the caged area where the liquor was being stored," Barrett said.

Police have retrieved the pager and located some of the rings.


"The pager was returned to us and we have located 12 of the

rings, however there is no way of recovering them," Barrett said. "We believe the liquor has been sold."

"A lot of people hang around the university that don't belong and they victimize the campus," said Barrett.

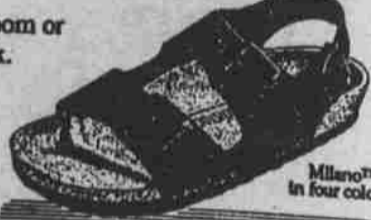
Barrett said formal charges will be filed within the next month. "We will file an affidavit seeking arrest warrants with the Clark County District Attorney's Office," he said. "We are going charge the four suspects with several crimes. At the very least they will be charge with possession of stolen property."

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