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high schools who is interested in attending Vo-Tech must make written application to the school. Grimm, counselor/recruiter, will contact the student as soon as the application is received. Any freshman who is interested should contact their school counselor for assistance in completing the application. Students in this process should not forget to discuss this matter with your parents. Monaco states that students admitted to Vo-Tech should have a "C" average, and for those interested in Electronics or Airframe and Power Mechanics, they should have completed Algebra I before making application; however, he goes on to quickly state that any student who wants to be admitted to this school should make an application, and school personnel will work with the student to suggest programs which will help them to become eligible for admission.

One of the most important features of school enrollment at this site is school transportation. Buses are available for any student who lives two or more miles from school. Thanks to this commitment by the Clark County School District, most of the students living in the Las Vegas Valley will be able to attend this vocational school without having to be concerned about transportation.

Student Interest

Recently, I read a news release about a study that had been conducted by Arthur G. Powell, Eleanor Farrar, and David K. Cohen. They have just published a book entitled, "The Shopping Mall High School: Winners and Losers in the Educational Market Place." The news release stated that the authors of this book believe that if you choose to buy little, the problem is yours in the schools. It goes on to say that the school is neutral about the kinds of purchases that you make, and about how informed a consumer you are. A statement may be made for Vo-Tech that those students

who have selected to attend this school are wise consumers in the educational market place. Special individuals who are tradesmen, craftsmen, and skilled technicians are master teachers at this school and give of their experience and knowledge freely to the students. The administration is honest with their approach to students. The programs offered are in high demand and the school expects every student who enters to succeed. This combination of forces has been present since the school opened, and exists today. Graduates hold jobs throughout the nation, and have attended colleges and universities across the country. If you measure success simply on achievement, then the Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center would have a successful history, but if you measure success more in how Vo-Tech has touched the lives of young people and made them productive citizens, then we can say, without hesitation, that this is a "lighthouse" school. I

got lost the first time I looked

for Vo-Tech. It was a

surprise for me; it could be a these areas. special find for you!

People To Know

Whether you happen to visit Vo-Tech early in the morning or late in the afternoon, you are going to find Billie Jo Knight, Assistant Principal, somewhere in the building working to assist students. B.J., as she is affectionately known by her colleagues, grew up in Jefferson, Texas, and received her B.A. degree from Abilene Christian University. She received her Master Degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and has taught home economics and special education classes. She has worked as a consultant in the Curriculum Department of the School District, and has been a Dean at Western High School. When asked why she was interested in vocational education, her quick response was, "I enjoy working with young people who have established a goal and are working to achieve success in life.' described goal setting for young people as first

She advises students to plan their educational program carefully, and for those who are interested in vocational education, to take the courses necessary for enrollment and to pursue that career choice through one of the schools or programs offered in the District. B.J. stated that "vocational education can be the answer for success for many of our students." Billie Jo Knight, a person for the students at Vo-Tech to know, and a person all or us acknowledge as an outstanding educator and administrator at the Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center.

Student Spotlight

One of the features of each week's column is the Student Spotlight. It is. designed to recognize one of our students who has shown excellence through their academic pursuit. leadership, and citizenship. When I asked teachers and administrators about such a She student at Vo-Tech, the overwhelming response was Scott LaMont Moore. There deciding what you like to do, were a number of glowing and then exploring choices in accolades for this young

man, who today is a yell leader, a member of the student council, and a member of the Senior Board. More than these positions of honor, his teachers are quick to suggest that Scott, who is enrolled in a data processing program, is articulate, sensitive, and outstanding student academically, with a 3.1 grade point average. One of his instructors paid him the highest of compliments when she said, "Scott listens and can anticipate not only the requirements of the class, but is always willing to help his classmates, and is a true leader." Scott LaMont Moore is a success at Vo-Tech, and no doubt, with his training, this young man will be a success in life. Congratulations Scott on a job well done, and a job to be done for our community and for the country.

Next Week

Next week, we will look at the vocational programs offered in one of our comprehensive high schools and explore the opportunities available to students who want to remain at their home



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