Todd: Politics Is Way To Cut Through Red Tape

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Todd well remembers his high school days at Charlotte's Myers Park. Much of his inspiration to achieve came from his parents, minister, and some teachers. But perhaps one of the most profound influences was his feelings of frustra-

"During that time,"
Todd began, "I felt that
everything was onesided.
On one hand I saw others in
control while I felt only
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To combat this frustration Todd sought to harmonize the four most important aspects in his life: God, family, friends and aiding other people.

The first is a continuous growth for Todd "I feel that everyone should be in a church." The second and third aspects of Todd's life are handled with love. "I know people here in Charlotte, I was born here and I'm happy here," are reasons he continues to reside in Charlotte.

The final aspect of aiding

It was like an unending strain in Todd's life was suddenly beginning to unravel. Before, his feelings of frustration were coupled with powerless feelings of being out of control.

"It's important to seize control of your own destiny," Todd suggested, "and to determine the fate of your own life. Believe in yourself."

The unraveling of the frustrations did not just



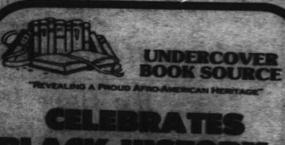
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occur through simple thought processes. "It takes hard work," Todd stated about completing a degree in law and continuing in the profession as an attorney. "You have to start out working hard and put in early hours. But hard work, as usual, pays off. And one must not forget to pray."

After graduating from Myers Park High School, Todd attended Duke University acquiring a BA in Political Science. He was then accepted at Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tenn. and there he recieved the Law Degree J.D. He is also a member of the N.C. Bar Association, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Bar Associa-

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