

# Fraternity Names McDow "Man Of The Year"

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When the members of the Beta Nu Lambda chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity began looking for a nominee for "Man of the Year," they sought an individual who was dedicated, hard working, and responsible. The fraternity's graduate chapter found what it was looking for in Talmadge McDow. He was recently named "Man of the Year."

For McDow the nomination and unanimous decision was quite moving. "To not to have ever thought about being 'Man of the Year' the honor makes me very humble and grateful to have been selected," responded McDow.

McDow is a life member of the fraternity. And in return he has given many years of his life to Alpha Phi Alpha. On the graduate level, as a member of the Beta Nu Lambda chapter, McDow has served two years as president, four terms as secretary and is presently acting as chairman of the chapter's ritual committee. Earlier this year, McDow was recognized by the chapter for his enthusiasm and support for the 1985 Alpha Luau. He sold the highest number of tickets to the dinner and entertainment event.

As committed as McDow is to his fraternity, his professional career is a top priority with him as well. McDow is an assistant principal at Myers Park High School, where he has worked for the past six years. Before coming to Myers Park, McDow was an assistant principal at J.T. Williams Junior High School and has also worked as science teacher at Irwin Elementary School, West Charlotte High School, and J.T. Williams. All totaled, McDow has been with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System 26 years.

As an educator, McDow sees his roles as being the facilitator for learning in youngsters, to help motivate, to serve as a role model and to make conditions conducive for learning. He readily admits that he is an idealist in an imperfect world but he projects, "It is my hope that my life in education and community involvement in some measure has contributed toward improving upon some of that imperfection." McDow graduated with honors from Livingstone College and Marshall University, earning both his B.S. and M.S. degrees, respectively. He received a master's of administration from UNCC.

Dividing his time between work and the fraternity, McDow some-

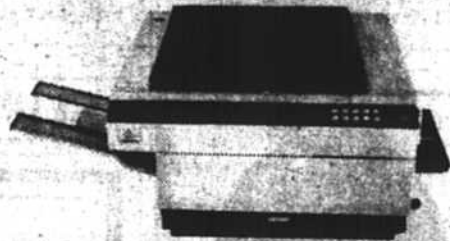
how manages to be involved in the community and the church. He serves on the board of directors of Hope Haven, financial secretary of the University Park Community Organization, and immediate past chairman of the CMS Employees Assistance Program. At Grace AME Zion Church, McDow is chairman of the board of stewards, a member of the board of the Christian Education, and president of the Laymen's Council. In other areas, McDow is president of the "Do Something About It" club and the chaplain of the local alumni chapter of Livingstone College.

McDow will now compete for the state title of "Man of the Year."



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...CMS assistant principal

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