



Talmadge McDow
..Assistant principal

McDow To Compete For Alpha "Man Of Year"

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor

First, Talmadge McDow was selected by members of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, as the Beta Nu Lambda chapter's "Man of the Year." That recognition alone was a great honor for McDow, an assistant principal at Myers Park High School.

Little did McDow know the honor given him would only be the first of a series of titles he would receive and by the conclusion of the fraternity's southeastern regional conference, he would be in competition for the national title of Alpha "Man of the Year." Having won the local title in the latter part of last year, McDow went on to become the state and regional "Man of the Year" recipient.

Being a three-time winner, McDow is a bit overwhelmed by the occurrence of events. "I have to admit that I am both surprised and elated that I have come this far. And, honestly, I admit that I didn't really feel that I would win."

However, seeing that he has come as far as he has, McDow has no intentions of stopping now. He will be representing the southeast region when the fraternity has its national conference in July in Washington, D.C.

McDow explained that the criterion for "Man of the Year" on all levels is an individual's service to the fraternity locally, statewide and national levels, his service to the community and to the church.

Inspecting McDow's life on any of those three areas and it's clear why

McDow was chosen as the local, state and regional winner. A life member of Alpha Phi Alpha, McDow has served both as president and secretary of the organization. Presently, he is the chairman of the ritual committee. Whatever task he assumes in the fraternity, he displays enthusiasm and support. The 1985 Alpha Luau was one such event. McDow was recognized by his fraternity brothers for his efforts there as he sold the most tickets to the affair.

In the community, McDow serves on the board of directors of Hope Haven; he is the financial secretary of the University Park Community Organization. He has served as the past immediate chairman of the advisory board of the Employee Assistance Program of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. Presently, McDow is on the board of directors of the Charlotte Council on Alcoholism. In the local alumni chapter of Livingstone College, McDow is chaplain.

But his work does not stop there. McDow is also involved at Grace AME Zion Church. He is chairman of the board of stewards, a member of the board of the Christian Education committee and president of the Laymen's Council, as well as president of the "Do Something About It" club.

A lifetime educator, McDow is a graduate of Livingstone College where he earned his B.S. degree and Marshall University where he earned his M.S. degree. McDow has also received an M.S. degree in administration from UNCC.

Croom Concerned About National Defense

By Audrey C. Lodato
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Milton Croom, a Raleigh-based business owner, is among the 10 Democratic candidates vying for the U.S. Senate nomination.

Croom is president of Cal-Tone Paints, Inc., and has a degree in chemical engineering. He chaired the N.C. Peace Through Strength organization and fought against the nuclear freeze resolution in the N.C. State Legislature. He is a former member of the Employment Security Commission of NC and the planning board of Knightdale, NC.

Croom explains why he is running for the Senate: "I have been concerned about the Soviet drive for world domination and the dangers to our country since I was a sophomore in college. This danger, which once appeared remote, is steadily increasing and reaching truly alarming proportions. I have long wondered at the failure of our politicians to address this threat. My campaign will be for a national defense and economic mobilization necessary to keep our nation strong."

Following are his comments on a variety of issues:



Milton Croom
.....Endorses war on drugs

GOVERNMENT ROLE IN JOBS. "Government must ensure that long term, low interest credit is available for production. The tax structure should also favor production. Government must also ensure that infrastructure such as cheap energy production and transmission, water

management, transportation systems, etc., are built so that entrepreneurs have the proper basis to grow and produce. The proper function of government is to ensure the proper climate for our farms and industry to flourish."

TAX REFORM. "I favor a tax structure to encourage productive investment and technological innovation in our farms and industry. A structure tax (sic) should also discourage non-productive activity such as speculation, gambling, casinos and so forth. The flat tax will not do this."

SOCIAL PROGRAMS. "National social programs have been harmful particularly in that they have contributed to the breakup of the family. We must adopt policies that strengthen the nuclear family."

LINE-ITEM VETO. "I believe firmly in our Constitutional system of government and the Constitutional separation of powers. The line item veto would weaken the power of the purse granted to Congress by the Constitution and would weaken separation of powers between executive and legislative branches of government."

SPACE PROGRAM. "An aggressive space shuttle and space program helps our citizens economically and morally. The scientific and technological spinoffs are crucial to increased economic productivity and a rising standard of living. The optimism and sense of national purpose kindled by the "Man on the Moon" program should be rekindled today with the launching of a colonization program for the moon and Mars."

FARM PROBLEMS. "To put our nation's farmers back on their feet requires long term, lower interest credits, debt reorganization, and the farmer must get a price for his product to generate farm income. I endorse a policy of 90 percent of parity (farmers' cost of production) to generate that income. This would cost the consumer virtually nothing in the short term. It would go a long way to reducing costly government subsidy programs, and it is the least expensive food policy in the long term."

BALANCED BUDGET. "Dramatically increasing production and thereby rebuilding our tax base is the only serious approach to generating the wealth to pay for defense and other necessary pro-

grams, and reduce the deficit at the same time."

HEALTH CARE. "The number one health crisis is AIDS. An estimated two million Americans are carrying the virus and many are spreading it unknowingly. To stop this epidemic we must implement standard public health measures: a national screening and quarantine program; general improvement in diet, sanitation, and medical care to increase resistance to disease; and a crash effort to find a cure."

"We must consider measures to protect the individual against the impact of catastrophic illness. And with insurance rates doubling or more within a year, corrective steps may have to be taken to protect our citizens."

OTHER ISSUES. "A crash program for the Strategic Defense Initiative is and must be our number one national priority. The SDI is the only program that could neutralize the large and growing Soviet military advantage."

"Second, I endorse a total war on drugs. I will work tirelessly to eradicate this terrible scourge from our society. I believe it crucial to stop drug money laundering by banks, and I will sponsor legislation to make such activity a felony."

Croom also supports increased spending for education, low interest student loans, stable Social Security benefits, and increased funding for medical care programs for the elderly.

He is a member of the American Legion, V.F.W., Amvets, Retired Officers Association, Navy League of U.S., Raleigh Executives Club, Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Durham Chamber of Commerce, and Capital City Club.

Clubs Directory Available

The 1986 revised edition of the Directory of Clubs and Organizations in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County is now on sale at the Charlotte Main Library and all 17 branches.

More than 1,300 local organizations - everything from Agnes Scott Alumnae to Zonta - are listed, giving a contact name or address for each.

Organizations are listed alphabetically and cross-indexed by special interest groups. Thus it is easy to locate all neighborhood organizations, garden clubs, political organizations, or singles groups.

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The cost of the Directory is just \$10 when purchased at any Library. Copies may also be ordered directly from the Friends of the Library, P. O. Box 220017, Charlotte, N.C. 28222, for \$12 postpaid.

In addition, a full set of computerized mailing labels for all organizations listed in the Directory is available for purchase from the Friends for just \$45.

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Election Office Open House

Everyone is invited to an open house at the new Mecklenburg County Election Office location, 741 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 202, Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Carla E. DuPuy, chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, will cut the ribbon at the new 6,000 square foot facility at noon.

Business will be conducted as usual, so if you need to register to vote, or to change your address or party affiliation, you will be able to

do so during the open house. Also, sample ballots and absentee ballots will be available.

The Election Office will be open each Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., through April 26.

Park and enter at the rear of the building.

Sponsors Needed

The Charlotte Gym-Elite Booster Club is seeking sponsors for the U.S. Gymnastics Federation's boys regional finals which will be held at Central Piedmont Community College May 16-18. The gymnastics event is the only competition in the Southeast that is sanctioned by the U.S.G.F. in association with qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics team. The booster club is raising money through individual and business donations, ticket and program sales, and program advertising to help offset the estimated \$20,000 cost of the event. For more information, write the Charlotte Gym-Elite Booster Club, 4710 Park Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28209.

Malpractice Rates

The North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians (NCAFP) has asked Insurance Commissioner, James E. Long, to call a public hearing to review Medical Mutual's rate increase (medical malpractice insurance) for family physicians delivering babies in North Carolina. If the commissioner does not call for a public hearing, the NCAFP is prepared to begin proceedings requesting a hearing and judicial review, as provided by North Carolina law.

In a telephone survey conducted on March 13, the NCAFP discovered that only 13 percent of the family physicians delivering babies were affected by Medical Mutual's latest amendment to their rate increase filing. This leaves 87 percent of the FP-OBs to be re-classified with an annual premium of more than \$22,000 (up from \$4,800).

Already 32 family physicians have informed Medical Mutual that they will no longer deliver babies because they cannot afford the increased premiums and they cannot pass this cost on to their patients.

The Academy feels that something must be done to preserve the OB portion of family medicine. Many families prefer prenatal care given by their family doctors. That choice is now being taken away from the prospective mothers of North Carolina. In addition, many prospective mothers will have no access to prenatal care if the family doctors in rural areas stop delivering babies.

PORTRAIT OF ELIZABETH JANE CARLUTHERS. Artist unknown, Talladega County, Alabama, Dated 1835. Collection of Barbara Grabhorn.



A FULL VIEW OF DEADRICK'S HILL. Rebecca Chester, Jonesboro, Tennessee, 1810. Tennessee State Museum.

New view of the old south.

You are looking at a small sample of the artistic treasure recently retrieved from out-of-the-way corners of the old south and brought together for the first comprehensive exhibition of "Southern Folk Art." Now, for the first time, we can get a new view of the real lives and artistic works of those almost-forgotten folks who settled our "back country" and turned it into our "Sun Belt." Their heritages were as varied as Afro-American and Appalachian hill country, English and French, Spanish and German, Irish, Scottish and Welsh. And out of their diversity and shared experience, they created an art which has become ours. In their paintings, sculpture, textiles, furniture and pottery, they have left us their stories so we would remember who they were, and who we are. Come and meet them, and discover yourself.



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Lounging against this fence on South Blvd. is nine year old Reggie Harley of Longleaf Drive in Pineville. Reggie says he likes baseball and is a Braves fan. The Matthews Elementary School third grader is waiting for a gun shop to open. (Photo by Audrey Lodato)

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