

Mt. Hunger Teen Wins Art Awards

A Mt. Hunger teenager who is now attending Aspen High School in Colorado, recently won several art awards in the 1983 Colorado Regional Scholastic Art Awards Show.

Martin McGowan, 17, was one of the biggest winners in Colorado, taking six separate awards for individual pieces and another award for his portfolio. Another award he received was \$300 worth of art supplies from Meiningers Art Supply House in Denver. This award was given for the first piece he did since becoming a student at Aspen High.

Regional coordinator for the show, Dick Schafer, a member of the Denver University School of Art faculty, told Aspen High School art teacher, Barbara Smith, "In some 20 years of teaching I have never seen anyone better than Martin McGowan.

There were 1,500 entries in the Colorado Scholastic Show and a jury of nine artist-educators chose 505 pieces for the regional exhibit.

Martin won two Gold Keys, three Gold Key Blue Ribbon Finalists and he was a portfolio finalist. Martin's works and that of another Aspen High art winner will be included in the National Scholastics Exhibit in New York.

Martin's pieces included several charcoal figure drawings of nudes, pencil figure drawings, pastels, a self-



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portrait lithograph, and an ink drawing of a cityscape including a rat and a fat lady. "The cityscape is a brutal drawing," said teacher Smith.

Martin, the son of Dorian McGowan, art instructor at Lyndon State College, and Kari McGowan, did house painting for a while in Aspen. Besides attending school he is holding down odd jobs to support himself and plans to graduate from Aspen High School this semester, then move on to California to find work.