

Martin passes a lie-detector test

♦ Martin takes a polygraph test in response to accusations that the attack was staged

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Though the police have finished questioning students on campus for a while, the investigation into the Molly Martin attack continues.

Due to some accusations that the Feb. 11 attack in the Senate office was staged, Senate President Molly Martin took a polygraph test, more commonly referred to as a lie-detector test, on Friday, March 6.

The attack, which involved hate language, has attracted the attention of reporters and newspapers all over the country, as well as the interest of the greater Greensboro community.

Martin paid for the test herself and it was administered by the former State Bureau of Investigation polygraph expert. No deception was indicated.

The polygraph test measures the body's chemical reactions as the operator asks them a series of questions. It has been scientifically proven that when people lie, the fear of getting caught causes several different changes in the body, ranging from a quicker pulse and higher blood pressure to sweat on the fingertips.

Polygraph tests are not admissible evidence in court.

The list of questions is given to the

test-taker before the polygraph. The operator begins by asking general, unrelated questions and then mixes up the questions on the list. The test was given three times, and all three times, Martin passed.

"I felt like the focus wasn't on the incident any longer," said Martin while defending her decision to take a polygraph and to hire an attorney.

"I personally have no faith in these tests. It's just a machine. But for the sake of the issue at hand and for myself, I wanted to give those people what they wanted."

Martin was hoping that a polygraph would help shift the focus of the investigation. "I knew I had nothing to fear, but I understand that a lot of people out there don't know me. I hope that this can help people look the real issue in the eye, not for my sake, but for the sake of the community."

Martin expressed some frustration at the amount of suspicion that has been directed at her, especially by the media. "I am not angry that the possibility of the attack being faked was a consideration," said

Martin. "I am angry, though, at what amounts to harassment by a reporter who appears to be after nothing more than a good story."

Beth McMurtrie, the reporter who covers higher education for the *Greenboro News & Record* and had written several stories on Guilford before

the incident, has routinely been writing stories about the investigation. Many of these stories pointed out the possibility that Martin staged the attack.

"I have not felt defamed or violated by the fact that some students think it was staged," says Martin. "But I do feel violated when I pick up the Sunday paper and read things that are only partially true."

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the week in Campus Ministries

Daily: Unprogrammed worship. 8:05 a.m.-8:20 a.m. Hut.

• 8:30 p.m.: Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Boren Lounge.

Friday, March 20

- Noon: Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on Violence with Kimberly Maddox. Hut.
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- 7:30 a.m.: Beginning of the Quaker Process conference, with Laura Melly. Gallery.

Saturday, March 21 QUAKERPROCESS CONFERENCE

Sunday, March 22

- 9:15 a.m.: College meeting for worship, led by Janet Cochran. Moon Room.
- 7:00 p.m.: Catholic Mass. Gallery.
- 7:00 p.m.: "The Experience of Japanese-American students at Guilford College during WWII," a presentation by Wakako Araki and Becky Lawson. Hut.
- 8:00 p.m.: Student A.A. meeting. Hut.
- 9:00 p.m.: "Quaker Athletics, a presentation by Allison Schott, Wayne McGuire, and Matt Caruso. Bryan Hall lounge.

Monday, March 23

- 3:30 p.m.: GCRO Meeting. Hut.

Tuesday, March 24

- 9:30 a.m.: North Carolina Yearly Meeting Ministers Association Meeting. Boren.
- 4:00 p.m.: Discussion with Glen Hinson, "The Spirituality of Douglas Steere." Boren.
- 5:15 p.m.: Episcopal Eucharist. Moon Room.
- 8:30 p.m.: New Generation Ministries. Boren Lounge.

Wednesday, March 25

- 5:30 p.m.: Midweek meeting for worship. Hut.
- 8:30 p.m.: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Boren Lounge.
- 9:00 p.m.: Unitarian-Universalist students. Hut.

Thursday, March 26

- 7:00 p.m.: Seeker Session: The Spirituality of Gandhi and King

Friday, February 6

- Noon: Brown Bag Lunch: reports from Spring Break Trips. Hut.
- 7:30 p.m.: GCRO Friday Fireside led in Baha'i traditions. Hut.



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