

Martin's death means loss of community teacher, leader, friend

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The Meredith community lost a dear friend and colleague Friday morning. Dr. Sidney A. Martin died Nov. 13 at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA. Martin had been treated for heart problems which had worsened the past couple of years.

Martin served as Meredith's campus physician for 27 years and worked in the Health Center until two weeks before his death.

"Sidney Martin literally lived in the Meredith community. He gave so much of his life to Meredith even when he was at home," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Murphy Osborne.

Martin, born in Raleigh, graduated from Broughton High School in 1945 before going to Wake Forest University and graduating from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1953. After graduation, Martin served two years in the United States Navy aboard the

Iowa and the Missouri.

Prior to coming to Meredith, Martin practiced family medicine from 1956-1983. In 1961, Martin helped establish the medical program at Camp Seagull in Arapahoe, NC where he volunteered as a camp physician until the present. He was inducted into the Seagull Hall of Fame earlier this year at its inception.

"Dr. Martin's lifetime relationships reflect his dedication to people," said Dean of the College Allen Page.

Martin's family has been associated with Meredith College for many years. Sue Jarvis Martin, '49 survives her husband along with their four children. Two of the daughters graduated from Meredith: Debbie Martin, '73, and Donna Tilkington, '86. Tilkington attended Meredith as a 23+ student. Martin's brother-in-law, Gene Langley, is currently a College trustee and serving as the chair of the presidential search committee.

Martin and his wife recently

established a scholarship within the past year before his death. The scholarship, the Martin Family Scholarship, will offer financial assistance to 23+ students, preferably to someone with financial need.

"He [Martin] saw merits of uniqueness in Meredith and wanted those merits to continue," said Osborne.

Ruth Pearce, director of health services, has worked with Martin since she came to Meredith 20 years ago.

"Dr. Martin was a dedicated physician to the Meredith students. He was a very positive person who loved the practice of medicine," said Pearce.

Pearce also recalls how Martin had occasionally purchased prescriptions for his students who did not have the means to at the time. Both Page and Pearce agreed Martin's departure is Meredith's loss.

Martin's funeral service was held Monday morning at Hayes-Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh with pastor David J.

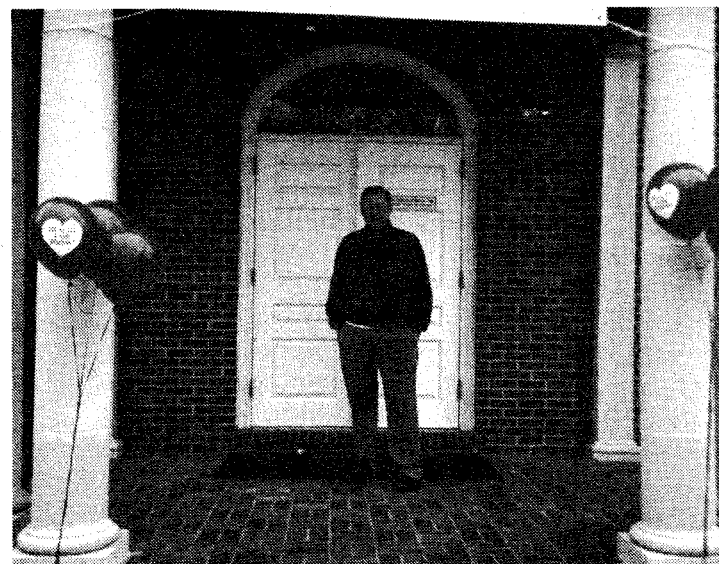
Hailey leading the service. Several faculty, staff, and administration from the College attended the service, including Pearce, Page, and Osborne.

"[Martin] was a very kind and caring physician to students, as well as a physician who shared his knowledge of

medicine with students in those 'teaching moments,'" said Pearce.

"We shall miss our good friend and colleague," she concluded.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Capital Area YMCA "We Build People" scholarship fund.



This picture of Martin at a Health Fair is only one piece of evidence of his commitment to Meredith College.

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Mock interviews prepare students

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This semester has ended quickly for all students, but for graduating seniors May is approaching even faster. Not to worry: Meredith College's Career Center has programs to help all students looking for a rewarding job.

For months, the Career Center has been preparing students for the North Carolina Career Consortium's (NCCC) Job Fair '98. The Job Fair will take place in Greensboro, NC and will feature a variety of employers.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 is Information Day, where students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from various companies, gather information about the company in which the students are interested, and network with representatives.

Thursday, Nov. 19 is Interview Day where Meredith stu-

dents and students from other colleges have interviews previously set up with companies in which they are interested.

To prepare for these interviews, the Career Center offered mock interviews last week. The interviews were available for those students attending the Fair and for those who are seeking employment through other means. All interviews were recorded so the student could view her own performance.

The interviewers for the week were Amy Avery, Kim Chestnutt, Kirke Sander, and Karen Sheckler, all Meredith alumnae. The mock interviews were intended to help students practice their skills in preparation for internships, co-ops, or job interviews, as well as to give students an opportunity to mentally prepare themselves for Interview Day at this week's job fair.

Assistant Director Mary Beck Sutton stated that the mock interviews "provided an

opportunity for the students to become comfortable and aware of the overall interviewing process, including how to conduct themselves in an interview."

Sutton discussed some of the benefits of the mock interviews, including gaining a better understanding of what questions to ask an employer and knowing what kinds of questions to anticipate from the employer.

Senior Phyllis Gay, who will be attending the interview day in Greensboro, felt that she benefited from the mock interviews because it allowed her the opportunity to correct the things she had been doing wrong in her interview.

"I appreciated the interviewer's comments and the video," said Gay. "The video allowed me to see what I was doing."

The Career Center will be hosting another series of mock interviews Jan. 25-29. Look for more information to come next semester.

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