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He's People's Choice As Davidson Head

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DAVIDSON — There were a few raised eyebrows when D. Grier Martin was named Davidson College's 13th president on May 15, 1958.

Davidson is a denominational college with a high academic ranking — and the man chosen as its leader is neither minister nor educator.

But Grier Martin has given nearly an entire adult lifetime to his Alma Mater and as former treasurer and business manager has given it service with talents educators and ministers agree are essential in modern education.

BEST COMBINATION

A deeply religious man with a great sense of the academic, President Martin combines the best attributes of business man, educator and religious leader. He will not be the campus religious leader, nor its educational peer, but, his friends say, he will become it's overall leader in more than name only. He will become one of the dominant personalities in the college's history, they say.

At the age of 47, he is one of the nation's youngest college presidents, but he brings with him to the job vision, experience and a feeling for educational-religious life on the college campus rarely found in one individual.

Dr. C. J. Pietenpol, who acted as the college's president after the resignation of Dr. John R. Cunningham in September of 1957, said, "I am thrilled at the news," when the Martin appointment was announced.

POPULAR CHOICE

His statement summed up the emotions of other faculty members, trustees and students. Grier Martin was the popular choice, the choice made as the college moves steadily toward new horizons in education.

It is his job — the job he officially accepts today — to lead the Davidson College community through one of its most vital periods of history. In the years to come Davidson will be a college of 1,000 students with a broader program, new buildings and all of the steps forward with traditional Davidson spirit and drive.

President Martin was the obvious choice.

President Martin was born at Covington, Ga., on Nov. 11, 1910, the son of Edward Gary Martin and Susie Ramsey Martin. He attended public school in Covington and graduated cum laude from Davidson with a B. S. degree in history in 1932.

At Davidson, as a student, he was editor of the student newspaper, The Davidsonian; a varsity letterman in basketball and track; on the cabinet and board of directors of the YMCA; captain in the ROTC; assistant in history; tapped for Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity; and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

After he graduated from Davidson, he attended the graduate school of Emory University for a year's study in history.

President Martin's time away from the Davidson campus was short. In 1933 he returned and served for three years as alumni secretay and publicity director. During this time he published the first issue of the Davidson College Alumni Journal, a publication which has con-

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Grier Martin Is Installed As Davidson's President

President Grier Martin

'Bluffing' Escapees Surrender

SAN QUENTIN, Calif (AP)— Two small time burglars, who escaped from San Quentin Prison and held a woman hostage at knifepoint for six hours at the end of a fishing pier before surrendering Tuesday, say they were bluffing.

"We really didn't want no hostage, just a car to get away," said Billy Joe Wright, 26.

Auburn-haired Louise Gschwend 54, agreed. "I hope these boys get a break," she declared. "They didn't hurt me. They gave me a break."

At the beginning of the ordeal, she said, "I was scared. I felt sick and I was faint. When I almost fainted, one of the boys wrapped my coat around me."

The trusty who did that was William D. Werner, 24. Both he and Wright had jail-break records.

They broke away from work parties outside the bleak walls of the huge prison 20 miles north of San Francisco, Wright fleeing from a grass-mowing party and Werner from the prison quarry with guards in hot pursuit.

Failing to find a car, they ran down the half-mile wharf that juts into San Francisco Bay near the prison entrance.

Mrs. Gschwend, a beauty operator, was fishing there with Doug Harrison, 62, a hotelman and friend of 35 years. Her husband, Walter, was working as a hotel bellman. All live in San Francisco.

SHE SCREAMED

Harrison recalled that "Louise let out a scream and I saw they had a knife at her neck." He added that Wright "told officers 'don't come any closer or I'll kill her' but I think they were just bluffing all the time."

Wright and Werner, with Harrison carrying messages between them and the guards, demanded a speedboat with plenty of gasoline and at another time the keys to Mrs. Gschwend's car and a half hour start.

PIER BLOCKED

With guards blocking the end of the pier and Coast Guardsmen patroling off the pier by boat and in the air with a helicopter, prison officials refused. The stalemate continued.

Finally the prisoners gave up when Marin County Prosecutor William Weissisch promised not to prosecute them for escaping and they were given a chance to tell their grievances to newspapermen.

Warden Fred R. Dickson said the pair would go before a prison disciplinary committee but assured them "no one (of your fellow prisoners) will beat you up and no one is going to lock you in a padded cell."

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—'I'M REALLY PRETTY DUMB'—

The Composition That Anne Wrote

By JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

Anne Compton, 17 and pretty, wrote a composition.

As compositions go, it is a pretty good one.

And, under ordinary circumstances, you'd figure a bright young lady of 17 ought to be able to do a fair job at composition-writing.

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ANNE ISN'T living under ordinary circumstances. And this was the first composition she's ever attempted.

But about that composition. It is all about Gretchen School, a neighbor on Picardy Place, and a best girl friend. Gretchen is 15—going on 16—and pretty herself.

Anne wrote: "'Hi,' she yelled as she came bouncing through the door quickly, devouring the last few bites of her lunch, a tomato and onion sandwich dripping with mayonnaise. It was rather obvious as you watched her eat that she had not eaten at school today."

The story continues, "If you are ever discouraged or blue and she suddenly pops in, you soon forget your troubles and are enjoying her thoughtful compliments and witty sayings.

"Although she is very sweet and a better friend no one could hope to have, she can still be quite a nuisance at times. When she is overwhelmingly happy and full of energy, she gets so slap-happy you can hardly keep her from destroying everything in sight."

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IT'S THAT KIND of story—light, witty, casual.

That's the kind of person Anne is. She has been almost completely paralyzed with polio since September of 1949. Only last October did she get to come home to Picardy Place and her childhood friends. Seven of those years she was hospitalized in Greensboro and most of them she lived in an iron lung. At night now she uses a chest respirator.

Schooling has been almost naught. Mary Miller, a family friend, comes in weekly for an hour English lesson.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin's—Kelly)

Anne Compton (Right) And Subject Gretchen Schoof

"I'm really pretty dumb," she says.

"Oh, she is not. Don't take her seriously. She always jokes," says Gretchen. "She's very intelligent. She's more intelligent than most 17-year-olds."

They both laugh.

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THAT COMPOSITION again.

Miss Miller gave her a "B."

"That's because she didn't want to start her off with such a big grade," says Gretchen.

The composition is important to Anne for a couple of reasons:

It's about her best friend, and it's the first she's ever done.

It's in a small, neat script legible and clean.

Because the polio has taken the use of her hands, Anne wrote it with a pencil clenched in her mouth.

Pledges All Effort To School

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DAVIDSON—David Grier Martin, Class of '32, became Davidson College's 13th president today.

In solemn and impressive ceremonies in Chambers Auditorium, the 46-year-old Georgian officially took tme presidency of the 122-year-old Presbyterian liberal arts college.

Dr. Martin, who had been treasurer and business manager since 1951, was selected as Davidson's president last May. Today's colorful inaugural exercises made it official.

SUCCEEDS CUNNINGHAM

He succeeds Dr. John B. Cunningham who resigned in September of 1957 to become head of the Presbyterian Foundation. Dr. C. J. Pietenpol served as acting president in the interim.

Dr. J. McD. Richards bestowed the presidential honors on Dr. Martin. He is president of the trustees of Davidson College.

Dr. Martin in his inaugural address pledged himself to continue to help Davidson maintain its high Christian ideals.

"I shall do all in my power, with the help of God, to make Davidson an even better Christian liberal arts college," he said.

The inaugural ceremony took place this afternoon after a full day's activity on the beautiful, green Davidson College campus. Nearly 300 delegates from institutions of higher learning and learned societies from all over the United States toured the campus and participated in the inaugural activities.

At 2:15 p. m., they walked, in cap and gown, down the wide campus walk, past neatly trimmed lawns and spring-leaved trees, from the campus church to Chambers Auditorium. They filed down the aisles to their seats and paid tribute to a man who came to Davidson first in 1923 as a freshman student.

OHIOAN SPEAKER

Dr. Howard F. Lowry, president of The College of Wooster, Ohio, made the inaugural address.

"What the small college can do and do well is to give men a truly liberal education," Dr. Lowry said.

The real future of the small private college, Dr. Lowry said, lies in doing a few things well rather than in doing many things badly.

"Otherwise, in every this department of their life they may find themselves calling the satirist's anguished cry — that they 'ave the bit and bridle, but where is the bloomin' 'orse?'."

The small private college, Dr. Lowry said, should draw up a firm list of what they should not try to do at all — "however loud the siren voices call them."

The campus was electric with excitement today. It was football weekend, fraternity pledge night and graduation day rolled into one for the coast-and-tied students. Last night the entire student body honored the new president.

Watching the inaugural activities was the Martin family. Mrs. Martin, the former Louise Lott McMichael, and sons Mike and D. G. Jr., daughter Susan, and Dr. Martin's three brothers, John E., of Toledo, O., Joe R. and

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Greeted By Jeers

350 Enter Mill After Violence

HENDERSON (AP)—About 350 workers, many of them riding bullet-scarred autos, went to their jobs today without incident following the worst outbreak of violence in the 23-week Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills strike.

Clusters of strikers watched grimly in a steady drizzle as first shift employes entered the North and South Henderson plant gates under heavy police protection. There were occasional jeers and shouts of "scab."

The scene contrasted sharply with Tuesday night when rifle shots slammed into cars bearing non-strikers and homemade gasoline bombs burst on the streets inches respectively.

No one was reported injured, although an official said it was a miracle no one was hurt.

"That's just a sample," a woman shouted. "There'll be more tomorrow night."

It was the worst outbreak of violence in 23 weeks of labor unrest in this industrial city of 16,000 near the Virginia line.

The city looked toward a meeting today in Raleigh for a strike solution from Gov. Luther H. Hodges and officials of the mills and the Textile Workers Union of America.

A strike settlment was reached last weekend, but it came apart Monday when the union complained few of its thousand or so members were getting their jobs back. The new contract was ratified Sunday by overwhelming vote of union members, based on the assumption, the union said, that most of them would get their jobs back.

COMPLAINT MADE

Boyd Payton, Carolina's director of the union, complained to the governor the mill management had hired new workers for the mills' second and third shifts.

Hodges asked company president John D. Cooper to bring all data on available jobs, along with copies of the proposed contract.

Freed Dancer Flies To U. S.

PANAMA (AP)—Panama's government shipped British ballerina Margot Fonteyn out of the country by plane today and pressed a search for her Panamanian husband, wanted on charges of trying to lead a revolution.

The famed dancer took off for Miami before dawn aboard Panagra's Interamericano flight. Earlier reports said she had been released from custody last night, but later it appeared that she was held in the Panama City jail until plane time.

Minister of government Max Heurtematte escorted her to the airport. National Guardsmen prevented newsmen from taking pictures.

The ballerina, one of the world's greatest, had been held since Monday night and questioned for three hours about the activities of her husband, former Ambassador to Britain Roberto Arias.

President Ernesto De la Guardia's government said Dame Margot's presence in Panama is "inconvenient in the present circumstances." She was ordered out on the first plane after her release from jail.

The 39-year-old ballerina denied knowing anything about anti-government activities officials say Arias carried on during yachting trips the couple took last week off Panama's Pacific Coast.

Bufalino Asks Senate Action

WASHINGTON (AP)— Teamster official William Bufalino asked the Senate today to expel rackets committee members who accused him of an alliance with racketeers.

Bufalino, president of Teamsters Union Local 985 in Detroit, said both the House and Senate should investigate its investigating committees. He said they should oust committee members found to have engaged in conduct that he contends amounts to "the desecration of the Bill of Rights."

Bufalino made his appeal in a document he termed a petition for the redress of grievances he contends he suffered at the hands of the rackets committee and its chief counsel, Robert F. Kennedy. He filed the petition in the office of Felton M. Johnston, Secretary of the Senate.

The rackets committee wound up its stormy investigation of Bufalino on April 15 with a charge by Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark) that Bufalino had given evasive answers to questions about testimony which linked Bufalino's name with Detroit mobsters and jukebox racketeers.

The Lighter Side

He'll Serve If It Is Necessary

(From AP Reports)

Vincent Van Derhoff of Chester, N. Y., answered a summons for jury duty with a letter saying, "I got good sense and if you really want me I'll be there.

"But first I think I should square it with you. You see, I'm only nine years old."

Just A Souvenir

Malcolm Pitt Jr. of Richmond, Va., entered a hospital with severe abdominal pains. An ulcer, he figured.

X-rays didn't show an ulcer, but they did show a calcified carbine slug, vintage 1944. Normandy invasion, resting below the liver.

Doctors decided to let the memento rest where it is.

Suspicious Act?

When police were told a suspicious figure had been lurking in a phone booth for more than an hour, they sent a prowl car to investigate.

It was only a Salt Lake City woman carrying on a usual conversation with a friend.

Bad For Digestion

The appetite of Bessie the cow has cost the Air Force $178.75.

That was the amount paid yesterday to A. L. Starkey, farmer of Okemah, Okla., who claimed Bessie died after eating an Air Force weather balloon which drifted down into the pasture.

Evening Prayer

O Lord God, we come to Thee because we are creatures of recurring need, and Christ has for us the words of eternal life. Grant us the water of life issuing from the deep spring of Thy bountiful supply. In our Redeemer's name . . . Amen.

Living Costs Stay Same

WASHINGTON (AP)— The cost of living, as measured by the government, held unchanged in March.

The Labor Department announced today its consumer price index stayed at 123.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average, completing the longest period of relative price stability on record.

The index has not fluctuated by more than two points in the past nine months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, and now stands two-tenths of a point below the all-time high of 123.9 per cent touched last July and again in November.

In March, falling food costs offset higher prices for some other items in the family budget.

At the same time, the spendable earnings of factory workers reached the highest level in history.

Their actual buying power set a record for March. It stood 7 per cent higher last month than a year ago because of rising hourly rates and longer hours worked, on the one hand, and stability, meantime, of the cost of living.

Meat, poultry and fish prices dipped 1.2 per cent and eggs went down 3.1 per cent.

To The Public

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Our Weather

Cloudy and cool today and tonight. Thursday mostly cloudy and a little warmer.

Low this morning	51
Low tomorrow morning	47
High today	60
High yesterday	78
High tomorrow	71

Sunrise today 5:43 a.m.; sunset today 7:01 p.m.

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