IN MEMORIAM

Rudolph F. Martin

Born in Madison, Illinois on August 3, 1930, Rudolph F. Martin died of a heart attack on June 10, 1980 at age forty-nine. For the past five years he had been an Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Assistant Director of the Office of Bilingual Education.

On November 15, 1952, Rudolph Martin and Lillian I. Ramsden were married. A daughter, Theresa Lynn, was born in 1953; a son, Victor Vincent, was born in 1957.

Dr. Martin's college studies were interrupted by the draft in April, 1952. After completing officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served in the army until 1955, including a one-year assignment in Japan. He received his BA in Spanish and teacher certification for the State of California from Los Angeles State College in 1957. Subsequently, he received an MA in Spanish from San Diego State College in 1969 and a Ph.D. in Hispanic Linguistics from the University of Colorado in 1975.

Over a period of twenty-three years, Professor Martin's teaching experience covered a broad range from elementary, junior high and high school, first and second-year Spanish at the college level, supervision of interns and student teachers and graduate and under-

graduate courses in Bilingual Education. Much of his teaching was done in California schools, but he also was an officer instructor for the United States Army in Japan, taught junior and senior high school English language and literature and English as a second language in Mexico, and served as Director of the Study Abroad Program in Mexico for the University of Colorado. While working on his Master's degree, he taught Spanish for law enforcement officers in an Adult Education Program.

As a member of the faculty in Bilingual Education, Professor Martin made outstanding contributions to program development, teaching, and student advising. He developed an upper division course, Spanish for Bilingual Teachers; and two graduate courses, Grammatical Analysis for Bilingual Teachers and Contrastive Analysis and its Application to Bilingual Education. He was a valued adviser of approximately one-half of some sixty-five undergraduate and eighty graduate students in Bilingual Education, and served as the contact person for students interested in Fellowship and Traineeship awards offered through the Office of Bilingual Education. This very time-consuming facet of his administrative duties involved voluminous correspondence with candidates within and without the state of Texas as well as being a key person in the ultimate award process. In collaboration with the Director of the Office for Bilingual Education, Dr. George M. Blanco, Dr. Martin developed fellowship and training program proposals which generated over one million dollars in federal

grants since 1976.

Dr. Martin served on some 30 thesis and dissertation committees. Four master's reports or theses and five dissertations were completed under his direction. In addition, he was chairing or co-chairing eight dissertations in progress at the time of his death.

Prior to coming to the University of Texas at Austin, Rudolph Martin served as President of the Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools Association of Southern California, 1962-64; and as President of the Modern Language Association of Southern California, 1965-66. In addition to membership in state and regional language associations, he maintained memberships in the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese; Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages; Linguistics Society of America; Modern Language Association of America; and the Association of Classroom Teachers of Foreign Languages.

In addition to presenting nearly twenty papers to state, regional, and national conferences on languages since 1976, he maintained a heavy schedule as consultant in language and bilingual education to school systems in Texas and California during the period of 1977 to 1980. Along with other departmental collegues, he assisted in the training of fifty-two Junior college professors from Panamanian Technical Institute (an affiliate branch of the University of Panama) during the Spring

of 1980. This project was funded by the USAID and carried out by the City of San Antonio and the AVANTE International Corporation.

Professor Martin was expanding his scholarly writing at the time of his death. As may be noted in the Bibliography, two items appeared for 1980.

The positive impact that Rudolph Martin had on students, faculty, and friends was substantial. He is sorely missed by all.

Peter T. Flawn, President of The
University of Texas at Austin

Bill D. Francis, Secretary
The General Faculty

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Thomas D. Horn (chair), George M. Blanco, and Ralph W. Cain.

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