

Associate Dean of Admissions Guy Martin Retires

BY JANICE FOURNIER '04



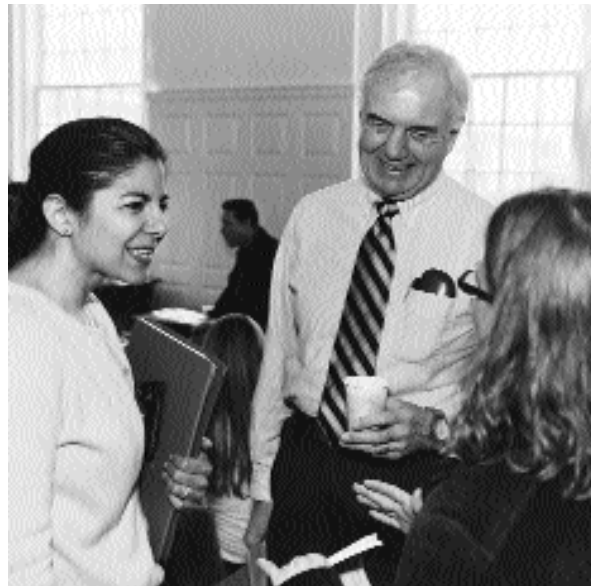
ROBERT LISAK (ALL)

Salty sea breezes and the best donuts this side of heaven—is this what the future holds for retiring Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Guy Martin? At a farewell coffee hour on Tuesday, April 30th surrounded by YDS students, staff and faculty who had gathered to say goodbye to Guy and his wife Marilyn on the last day of classes for the Spring 2002 semester, the former Dean revealed, “There’s not a day that I didn’t enjoy coming to work.” And the YDS community in turn gives thanks because there’s not a day we didn’t enjoy Guy’s warm and gentle presence among us. Guy Martin personifies the virtue of hospitality. Over the years countless students have been welcomed and initiated into our community by Guy. He has walked them through the admissions process, sought ways to make graduate education affordable, and always offered a compassionate ear and an encouraging word. He is equally at ease talking about Flannery O’Connor, the Super Bowl, or admissions statistics! Although the Martins will eventually retire to Eastham on the Cape, Guy will remain in New Haven during the coming year and was on hand to greet the incoming class of fall ’02 during BTFO (Before the Fall Orientation) in August as he has been every year since coming to YDS.

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Guy Martin and wife Marilyn at a farewell coffee hour celebrating his work for the YDS Admissions Office

YDS students Theresa Feliciano '03 and Ivy Helman '04 with Guy.



Guy began his forty year career in higher education at Kendall College in Illinois, where he served as faculty member, Director of Religious Life and Dean of Students. He then returned to his alma mater, Colgate University, as Associate and then Dean of Admissions, and Dean of Students. Guy came to YDS in 1995 from Harvard Divinity School where he had been Dean of Students, Director of Financial Aid and a member of the faculty. He continued his trinitarian vocation as teacher, preacher, and administrator at Yale. An ordained Methodist minister, Guy was a pastoral presence on campus and often celebrated the Eucharist and preached at chapel services. He taught courses in Religion and Literature—this past fall with Professor Gilbert Bond—and in the spring directed reading courses for several students. As an administrator Guy wore a triple

crown—he oversaw the Admissions program, administered the financial aid budget and was the chief YDS recruiter making visits every fall to hundreds of colleges across the country over a two-year cycle.

During Guy's tenure, both the number of applications (nearly 500 this year) and selectivity have increased. Under his leadership, the Admissions process has been fine-tuned and works efficiently and smoothly with the introduction of subcommittees to process the increased volume of applications. Once the admissions process is complete each spring, the feedback from entering students concerning the Admissions/Financial Aid process is consistently positive, noting the office's efficiency, warmth and helpfulness and always Guy's concern for the individual student. Guy has made his mark on Yale Divinity School. In his brief seven years here, in his quiet and unassuming way, he has re-invented YDS as the premier theological school in the country. We will miss his ready smile, his quick wink, his devotion to the faculty, staff and students of Yale Divinity School. And we look forward to his future visits, with Cape donuts, of course! ♦



Professors Gene Outka and Nicholas Wolterstorff join YDS students, staff, and faculty in thanking Guy for his years of service.

Anna Ramirez named New Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

BY TIM TOWNSEND '04

Anna Ramirez was named Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid by Dean Harold Attridge in July. Dean Ramirez, who was previously Yale Divinity School's Assistant Dean of Admissions, will replace outgoing Associate Dean Guy Martin, who retired over the summer.

Dean Ramirez, a YDS graduate (M.Div. '93), returned to the school as a member of the staff in 1998 after working for four years at the Association of Yale Alumni.

As the assistant director for Yale Clubs/Associations at the AYA, Dean Ramirez managed Yale University president Richard Levin's travel and faculty events, including visits to local Yale clubs throughout the country. In addition, she coordinated and traveled with alumni/ae and faculty to Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Turkey.

In her job as Assistant Dean of Admissions, Dean Ramirez helped increase the visibility of YDS outside the New Haven area, and saw applications to the school grow. In her new position, Dean Ramirez says she would like to increase merit-based scholarships and strengthen the YDS financial aid programs. She is also interested in fortifying the school's efforts in recruiting and funding international students.

Dean Ramirez, a native of Orange County, California, graduated from Scripps College in Claremont, California, with a bachelors degree in International Relations in 1989. She then spent six months in China studying the language on an Avery Foundation fellowship.

When she's not working, Dean Ramirez donates her time to the Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and Social Justice at Yale where she's on the board. She also runs marathons, loves the theater, and cooks for friends and for her husband of two years, Richard Allard Jr.



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