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Martin Hall (Women's Residence Hall, 1948) was named for Andrew B. and Marjorie Martin in 1960 in recognition of their twenty-five years of dedicated service. Following Marjorie's death in 1979, a group of individual members commissioned her portrait as a companion to one of President Martin in Martin Hall, both by their son John.

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Incidentally -- The action in September, 1978, to include the wives of University Trustees and to replace the word "dues" with "donations" seems to have been overlooked in the 1987 writing.

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*1978 - Sept - Include Trustees wives  
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