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*The Department of Botany*

April 12, 1971

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Dr. B. E. Lowy  
Department of Botany  
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Dear Bernie:

As you can see from the enclosed, Iowa insists that Dr. Martin is doing well financially and does not need help.

I don't want to talk to Hulbary because I should have to reveal what Dr. Martin wrote to me and to you and that might be betraying his confidence. So, where do we go from here?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex".

Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
Professor of Botany

CJA:sjm

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
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College of Liberal Arts  
Office of the Dean  
Area 319: 353-3870

April 5, 1971

Professor Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
The Department of Botany  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Alex:

I have talked with Bob Hulbary again about Dr. Martin's situation and he continues to question whether Dr. Martin is in need of direct financial support. He has described all that they are doing for Dr. Martin and on the basis of this report I am inclined to question whether direct financial help is needed at this time. Perhaps you would like to call Bob and discuss this with him personally.

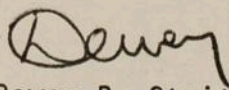
I also find that the Department has plans to establish a scholarship in Dr. Martin's honor. Quite frankly, Bob feels that if Dr. Martin's students are contacted now to provide direct support for Dr. Martin, they might be less interested in contributing to the scholarship fund.

It would be possible to set up a George W. Martin Botanical Research Fund in the Business Office to provide support for Dr. Martin's research. However, vouchers would have to be processed through the Botany Office. I am sure Bob Hulbary would be very happy to cooperate in this.

To sum it up, Alex, I really would like to have you talk with Bob before taking the next step. After that, let us know if the Research Fund appeals to you.

Again, many thanks for your interest in Dr. Martin.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dewey B. Stuit

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY

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April 19, 1971

Dear Alex:

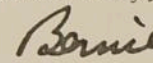
I suppose we must conclude that Hulbary knows something that we do not. I hope he is right ! Establishing a scholarship to honor Dr. Martin is fine, but what I don't like about it is Dr. Stuit's statement that "Bob feels that if Dr. Martin's students are contacted now to provide direct support for Dr. Martin, they might be less interested in contributing to the scholarship fund." Noone can speak for all of Dr. Martin's students, but I would take exception to this and it is my guess that many others would too.

Dr. Stuit's statement that "it would be possible to set up a G.W.Martin Botanical Research Fund in the Business Office ...etc" and that "Hulbary would be very happy to cooperate ...", makes this seem most attractive. But I can appreciate your position as to talking to Hulbary.

Although it leaves me with a nagging feeling that we may be missing the boat, I can't see a good alternative line of action. Let us try to keep in close touch with the situation and be ready, if needed, to put our original plan into action.

Best regards, as ever,

Sincerely,



B. Lowy



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

April 1, 1971

*The Department of Botany*

COPY

Dr. Dewey B. Stuit, Dean  
College of Liberal Arts  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Dear Dewey:

Since receiving your last letter I have communicated with some of Dr. Martin's former students concerning possible financial help to him. Those of us who have some concrete information on the subject do not agree with Bob Hulbary's estimate of the situation and would like to make a monthly contribution to a Fund at the University of Iowa which could be used by Dr. Martin as he saw fit and with a minimum of accounting or other red tape on his part.

You indicated in your letter that it might be possible to establish such a Fund at the University, and I am writing to indicate that a number of us are ready to start contributing to it as soon as it can be set up. To whom should our checks be forwarded and how should they be made out?

As you probably know, Mr. Harold Keller, Dr. Martin's graduate student, has been transporting him to and from the laboratory. When Keller leaves in June, Dr. Martin will need to use a taxi both ways which would probably cost him around \$100 a month. We hope that this type of expense could legitimately be drawn from the Fund we hope to establish.

Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
Professor of Botany

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

*The Department of Botany*

March 29, 1971

Dr. Bernard Lowy  
Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Bernie:

You must think I have forgotten our correspondence concerning Dr. Martin. I assure you that this is not the case.

Soon after I last wrote you I addressed a letter to Dean Stuit of the University of Iowa asking if it would be possible to establish some kind of a fund at the University to which several of us could contribute monthly and from which Dr. Martin could receive a monthly check. The reply I received, a copy of which is enclosed, was somewhat surprising, but I take it to be the final word. I do not know whether you think we should pursue this subject any further and if so, how we should go about it. At the moment I am inclined to let things as they are but should be glad to have your suggestions and to join with you in any project you think should be initiated.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex".

Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
Professor of Botany

CJA:sjm



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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*The Department of Botany*

February 26, 1971

Dr. Bernard Lowy  
Department of Botany and  
Plant Pathology  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Bernie:

Yours of the 24th was delivered yesterday. We are agreed in principle on everything except one, i.e. determination of Dr. Martin's present income. This I do not wish to pry into. Suffice it to say that he wrote me sometime ago that his total income amounts to 75% of his present expenses. The way Iowa operates, if he reaches the point where he cannot go daily or at least frequently to work, no matter how old he is, his pension will be stopped!

I think what I should do is write immediately to Dean Stuit asking if it is possible to operate through the university. If so, then I will write personal letters to all of Dr. Martin's former students I know personally and tell them a fund has been set up and that each one should contribute monthly what he wants if he wants without my knowing whether he did or not. In this way no one will feel under pressure to contribute nor will there be any embarrassment if he does not. The sum that Dr. Martin thus receives may vary from month to month depending on who contributes what, but it will always be something. I think that you and I and Arthur Welden will always give what we can. Many others too.

If this cannot be done through the university then I shall explore the possibility of Rosinski establishing an account in some bank in which we can deposit monthly and which (bank) will pay a certain sum monthly to Dr. Martin.

I am writing to Dean Stuit today and will let you know.

Saudades,

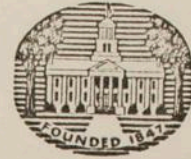
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Constantine J. Alexopoulos

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College of Liberal Arts  
Office of the Dean  
Area 319: 353-3870

March 1, 1971

Professor Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
The Department of Botany  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Alex:

I have talked to Bob Hulbary about the financial situation of Dr. Martin and he reports that he has visited with Dr. Martin several times about this. His impression is that Dr. Martin is getting along all right. His social security, university pay and TIAA, just about cover the cost of living out at Lantern Park. Bob says Dr. Martin also has some investments which bring in additional income.

I did talk with Mr. Darrell Wyrick of the U. of I. Foundation about setting up a fund for Dr. Martin. He could do this to cover research activities but I gather that it would not be easy to make payments on a salary basis. However, Darrell said he will do everything he can to be helpful.

For the present it would seem to me best not to solicit funds for direct support. However, friends should feel free to contribute to a research fund if this is something which they would like to do.

It was good to hear from you, Alex, and if there is a change in the situation here, I'll let you know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dewey".

Dewey B. Stuit

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

February 24, 1971

Dear Alex:

We are obviously thinking along similar lines and upon further consideration, I am inclined to agree that the M.S.A. cannot be involved because of precedent. Thanks for enclosing a copy of Martin Rosinski's letter. The principle of endowing a Chair is fine, but even with half the sum he mentions and the red tape involved in such a project, I believe that our immediate purpose would be defeated.

I think your idea of establishing a fund to which several of us would contribute monthly is probably the most workable. If you could get the cooperation of Dean Stuit to channel the fund through the university, this might be the most direct way of handling it. But if for any reason the Dean cannot become involved in this, I think we must be ready to carry the plan forward ourselves - ie all interested parties. In any case, if the source of the fund is to remain secret, as I think it must, there is still the question of administering it and even giving it a name. If the Dean cannot do it, perhaps Martin Rosinski would be willing to act as administrator, since he is on the scene.

So, as I see it, the following needs to be done - not necessarily in this order:

Notify privately all who might be interested.

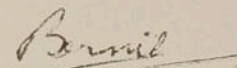
Determine Dr. Martin's present income and adjust this upward to a suitable level to be agreed upon.

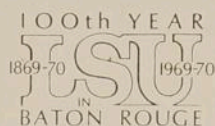
The difference between the desired figure and the actual one to be made up monthly by equal contributions of the participants.

The resultant sum to be sent to the administrator of the fund who will then forward it.

I would be agreeable to any alternate scheme that would have the same effect and am ready now to contribute to such a fund. The sooner this is done, the better.

Un abrazo de

  
B. Lowy



THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240



*Department of Botany*

Area 319: 353-5790

February 5, 1971

Dr. C. J. Alexopoulos  
Department of Botany  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Dr. Alexopoulos:

I am writing to you on behalf of Dr. Hulbary and a few others here in the Botany Department who have been considering the possibility of providing some substantial form of recognition for Dr. Martin's outstanding contribution to mycology. The most logical form has seemed to us to be the establishment of a chair in systematic mycology here in honor of Dr. Martin.

We have talked to our Alumni Office and it appears that a chair of the type envisioned would involve an endowment of approximately \$100,000 or even more. Income from such an endowment would provide between three and five thousand dollars per year in salary plus providing some annual support for supplies, equipment etc. We envision utilizing an existing salary line or a new salary line on the budget to supplement income from the endowment. However, under the present austerity conditions, it looks like we will have to look forward to using an existing salary line. Hence the hiring of a full time person might have to wait until Dr. Embree or I either die, retire or leave! However, in the meantime it is possible that we could hire someone who has retired but is still active and who would be able to do a great deal on a half or quarter time basis.

This \$100,000 plus seems like an enormous amount of money and those of us in the department who are interested in such a plan are totally lacking in experience with respect to raising large sums. Consequently, I am writing to you, Gladys Baker, Marie Farr, Royall Moore, Don Rogers and Eugene Elliott, as persons who to my knowledge, have previously shown active interest in providing tangible recognition of Dr. Martin's outstanding work. We are looking forward to getting a nucleus of interested persons close to Dr. Martin who could be enlisted to work closely

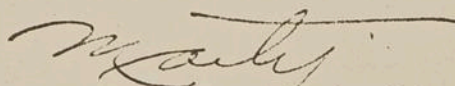
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with one another and with the Alumni Office here at Iowa to generate the ideas and information necessary to carry on a meaningful campaign for funds. Immediate questions that come to mind are: (1) how do we initiate such a campaign? Should we first seek pledges of financial support from Dr. Martin's former students as a springboard for a broader request to alumni of the Botany Department here and to others who have been closely associated with Dr. Martin? (2) should we enlighten the aid of the Mycological Society in raising funds? (3) should we try for a more modest amount of money and ask the University of Iowa to come up with a matching amount?

Initially, if we could get a round robin of letters going on this we might be able to come up with a concrete plan of action.

We will be most anxiously awaiting your reply and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,



Martin A. Rosinski  
Professor

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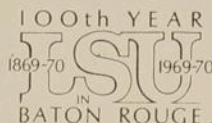
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

February 19, 1971.

Dear Alex,

I have just received a letter from Dr. Martin (copy enclosed), part of which distresses me greatly. He says: "Taxi fare at \$3.60 a round trip is a lot." If this remark is considered objectively, it simply indicates that Dr. Martin's present budget would probably have to be stretched beyond its limits should he frequently wish to make the short trip from his residence to his office. It is also apparent that as long as his health allows it, he will want to do just that in order to continue working as long as possible.

It would surely be inappropriate and unacceptable for those of us who care deeply for Dr. Martin — and this would include virtually everyone in the Mycological Society who knows him — to send him our checks to cover his transportation costs, but if some agreeable and official (Society) way could be found that would serve the same purpose, such an arrangement would be desirable. For example, a



might be made that would carry with it not only honors but a monetary grant as well. Why not a Reward Award for Meritorious Service, which in this case could be justly granted for Dr. Martin's outstanding achievements in the study of Myriophyllum and/or Trimmella? I wonder why, in fact, such an award has not been made to Dr. Martin! Obviously (?) it could be done.

Alex, I know you will agree with me, that if anything is to be done, it should be done at least before the end of the Spring semester, when Dr. Martin's student will presumably no longer be in a position to provide him with transportation. To be more specific an award carrying a thousand dollar grant, <sup>or more if possible,</sup> would seem quite reasonable, so some private fund-raising might begin immediately, toward which end I gladly pledge \$100.—

I am writing to you about this because there is no one in the Society to whom I feel closer — and there is probably none to whom Dr. Martin means more, than to yourself.

How do you think we should proceed? Certainly the officers of the Society should be appointed.

situation. All of Dr. Martin's students will want to do something. Of course, I am aware that Dr. Martin is not in dire need of the necessities of life or anything of that sort. This little fund would just be something additional that he could use, so that he would not have to worry about the laundry expense!

Please let me know what you think about this general approach - or some alternate one that could be used.

Un abrazo fuerte de

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

*The Department of Botany*

February 22, 1971

Dr. B. E. Lowy  
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Bernie:

Your letter of the 19th concerning Dr. Martin was received this morning.

The situation has been worrying me for quite some time because I know that Dr. Martin's expenses exceed his income by considerable and that he very definitely needs financial help.

I think you will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter I received from Martin Rosinski and my reply to him. Please notice particularly the paragraphs in my reply that I have encircled. I have not received any further communication from Iowa on this matter.

I think what we need to do now is try to establish some kind of a fund at the University of Iowa to which several of us could contribute a small sum each month which the University of Iowa could pay directly to Dr. Martin without his knowing who established the fund. I do not know whether the University of Iowa would be willing to do this, but it is worth trying. I could write to Dean Dewey Stuit, whom I know very well, and perhaps seek his advice on the best way of doing something for Dr. Martin.

As you will see in my letter to Rosinski, I do not think that the Mycological Society will want to be involved in anything like this because it would be setting a precedent that would be hard to break in the future.

In this connection, you may be interested to know that at the time The Myxomycetes was about to be published, I wrote to the editor of the University of Iowa Press and asked him to turn over the entire royalties from the book to Dr. Martin. Unfortunately, Dr. Martin would not accept such an arrangement, but I was finally able to persuade him to take 80 percent of the royalties. As you know, such books do not sell very many copies after the first year, but the first check did help Dr. Martin to some extent.

If you think my idea of establishing a fund to which several of us could contribute monthly is worthwhile, let me know and I shall communicate with the dean immediately. I agree that something has to be done very soon.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex".

Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
Professor of Botany

February 10, 1971

Dr. Martin A. Rosinski  
Department of Botany  
The University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Dear Martin:

I am replying immediately to your letter of February 5 which reached me a few minutes ago. You could have brought it on foot faster!

I agree enthusiastically with the idea of honoring Dr. Martin in any way possible although I think that it would be more important to help him financially now when his income from the university is disgracefully small. How this can be done without offending him I do not know. Maybe Dean Stuit would have a suggestion.

Unfortunately, I am the last man on earth to have any ideas on how to raise money. This was one of the reasons I gave up administration and came to Texas to be just a professor with no budgetary responsibilities. I haven't the foggiest idea how one would go about raising \$100,000.00, especially under present conditions. Seeking pledges from Dr. Martin's students or associates (former and present) is not going to begin to solve the problem. None of us is wealthy and the most you can expect to raise in this way is a sum of a few thousand dollars. The Mycological Society is out. I do not see the Council setting a precedent. They would be flooded with similar requests from all over the country everytime a prominent mycologist retires or dies. An endowed chair is out of the question, I think, unless there is a multimillionaire among us whom I do not know. We have a number of such chairs here, mostly in law, or geology, endowed by wealthy alumni who are lawyers or oil men. Whoever heard of an endowed chair in botany that was not financed by the university itself? There are, of course, people who donate money for name professorships without specifying a particular field. If I am not mistaken, Dr. Couch of North Carolina holds such an appointment, but it is named for the donor--not for him and I doubt if it is specifically designated as a botany chair.

To summarize: I think the idea of a chair to honor Dr. Martin is, at this time, impossible to implement. This may reflect my incurable pessimism in financial matters.

There are, of course, other methods of honoring a man which are not as expensive and therefore more within reach. The university could be persuaded

to name the botany building Martin Hall. This is usually done posthumously, however. Someday, chemistry will get a new building and you might be able to persuade the administration not to move anyone else in with you.

While I was still at Iowa, Bob Hulbary and I were talking about commissioning a portrait of Dr. Martin for the botany office. This certainly could be done through donations. Still another idea is to publish a festschrift similar to that for Dr. Couch. If we could finance it, it might come out as a University of Iowa Press publication.. I am sure we could persuade former students and associates of Dr. Martin's to finance it.

Have you thought of a G. W. Martin graduate fellowship in systematic mycology? This could be financed through a fund established at the University with donations from us and the university itself. This might be the best idea of all, singly or in combination with something else.

If you could find an empty room in your building (are you laughing?), we could furnish it with some comfortable furniture and call it the G. W. Martin seminar room and hang his portrait in there.

I realize none of these plans ~~is~~ as ambitious as a named chair, but I repeat, I just don't know where one could get \$100,000.00 or more for botany.

To come back to my first paragraph, what about establishing a fund withing the College of Liberal Arts to which several of us could contribute a small sum of money monthly so Dr. Martin could get an extra monthly check from the University without knowing who contributes the money or whose idea this was? I have reason to believe such financial aid is urgently needed.

Sincerely,

Constantine J. Alexopoulos  
Professor of Botany

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