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New Marti Headmaster Appointed; School Is Reorganized, Renamed

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High school will be eliminated next school year at Marti school as the private school on Munger road is reorganized under a new headmaster, Walter Truslow of Lake Forest Academy, and is renamed the Miami Valley School.

Marti school has been running \$5,000 in the red each year since it was opened in 1956, and a bigger deficit is anticipated this year. The deficits have been made up annually by contributions.

Tuition at present ranges from \$350 in kindergarten to \$900 in high school.

"Pretty Expensive"

With 15 children and five teachers in high school this year, Truslow said yesterday:

"That's a ratio of 3 to 1. That's pretty expensive. We don't want to be just running up deficits.

"We will build a sounder operation on the real strength of the lower school and then perhaps add a grade a year after that.

"Our main obligation right now is to get the school going on a sound basis, kindergarten through eighth grade, and then build the upper school after that.

Consultant Basis

"We definitely want the upper school. That is my whole predilection."

Truslow said there is a possibility of ninth grade instruction next year if there are facilities and 12 to 15 youngsters qualify.

The new young headmaster, a product of Kent school in Connecticut and Columbia university, will be on consultant basis



Walter Truslow
... Marti Headmaster

after Jan. 1 and will take charge in July.

Dr. Fritz Marti, developer of the school, is now teaching at Hiram college. His wife is continuing on the Marti staff.

Truslow outlined these goals for the reorganized school:

1. A permanent site of 30 to 40 acres capable of accommodating a student body of 250 to 350. The school now has 1½ acres on Munger road and is renting quarters at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Nothing Exclusive

2. Emphasis on college preparatory curriculum. At Lake Forest, Truslow said, 98 per cent of the students go on to finish college.

3. Development of support other than tuition such as strong annual contributions and strong

endowments.

4. No projection for boarding school facilities.

5. Geared at kindergarten through sixth grade level at a teacher per grade, with 15 students the maximum for any one section.

"There is nothing basically exclusive about the purpose of our school," Truslow said.

"We want to be able to admit qualified students, no matter who they are, provided they have adequate ability and good character. This is without regard to race or religion. We want to serve the community."