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C. MAY MARSTON PROFESSORSHIP

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Good evening everyone,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Seattle Pacific University, President Martin and the Office of Academic Affairs, I welcome you to this happy occasion, the inauguration of the C. May Marston Professorship in Classics. We are here to honor the contribution of Dr. Marston to Christian Higher Education, and we are here to celebrate the appointment of Dr. Christina Roseman as the first holder of the C. May Marston Professorship in Classics. I thank each one of you for joining us tonight on this important occasion.

Participating in the program tonight is Dr. Tom Trzyna, Dean of the School of Humanities, the school in which the professorship is located. Also present with us tonight are several friends and family members of Dr. Roseman, representatives of the faculty, staff and administration of the University, and many students. We welcome each one of you to this assembly.

We recognize tonight the life and work of Dr. C. May Marston. She enrolled in Seattle Seminary during its first term of operation, then completed her undergraduate degree at Greenville College of Illinois. She returned as a professor in 1902 and was soon advisor to the Junior Missionary Society, one of the important student groups of that time. She quickly established herself as a faculty leader and over the years was a member of numerous committees that helped shaped the institution we now enjoy. An example of one such committee was the group that in 1915 changed the name of the college from Seattle Seminary to Seattle Pacific College.

Dr. Marston taught many subjects during her career, including Latin, Greek, French, German and English, but principally English and German. She was known as a methodical professor with a keen sense of humor, a compassionate

heart and a strong faith in Jesus Christ. During her lifetime of teaching she influenced hundreds of students to give their lives in service to humankind and to the cause of Christ.

Dr. Marston had the longest tenure of any faculty member in the history of Seattle Pacific. By the time she retired in 1959, she had served as a professor for 55 years. Thus, most of her life was lived at Seattle Pacific, either as a student or professor. In honor of her significant contributions and those of her brother and sister, the University named one of its residence halls using the family name. Marston Hall was dedicated in the year of her retirement, 1959.

Yes, Dr. Marston's memory lives on at Seattle Pacific by means of the building that bears her family name, by this professorship established in her honor, by the older faculty who knew her personally, and by the policies, understandings and directions she helped establish for the institution. Perhaps even more important, her influence lives on through the lives of hundreds of teachers, missionaries, ministers, professors, businesswomen and men and many others who learned from her and follow her example of dedication and service. We give thanks to God for the life of C. May Marston.

It was to honor Dr. Marston that an anonymous donor made possible the C. May Marston Professorship. This Professorship is awarded to a full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty member selected by the president of the University upon nomination by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Professorship provides that the holder shall devote part of her or his duties to the teaching of courses in classics, such as, classical Greek, Latin, ancient civilization, ancient history and classical literature. Our thanks go to the donor for making this Professorship possible.

And now to introduce the person appointed to the Professorship, I present to you Dr. Tom Trzyna, Dean of the School of Humanities.



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Lows: Mid 40s

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Boeing gives SPU \$1.2 million

million for library;
\$200,000 for Minority
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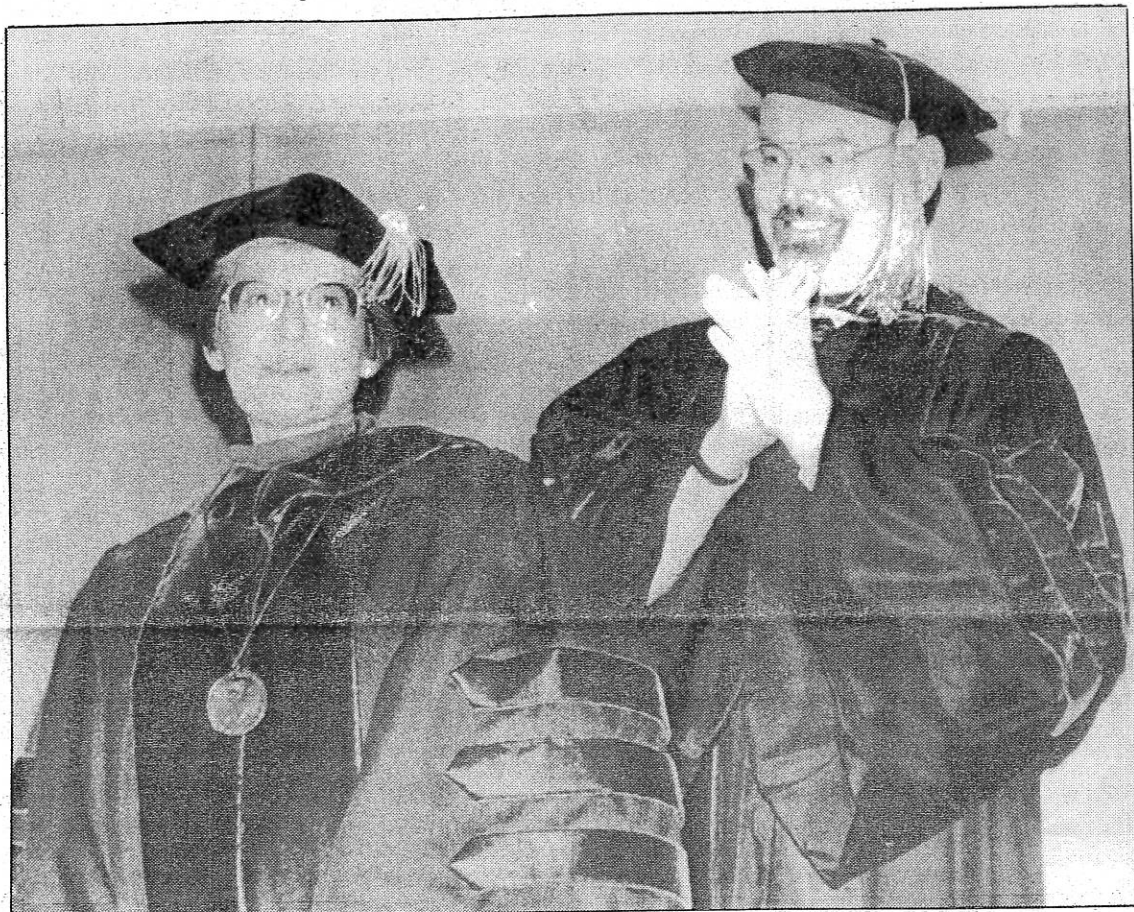
The Northwest-based Boeing
Company has invested \$1.2 million
in SPU's pending library
grant as well as for an education pro-
gram.

According to Vice President for
University Advancement Ken
Leonard, the Boeing Co. has been a
very strong supporter of the inde-
pendent colleges of Washington." He
added that "the message that
they're willing to give us one mil-
lion two hundred thousand is sub-
stantial." One million dollars is
dedicated specifically for the library,
and the remaining \$200,000 will be
invested in the Minority Teacher
Certification Program -- designed
to provide scholarships for prospec-
tive teachers working in the Seattle
School District.

Leonard said obtaining the
Boeing grant has taken a few years.
"We first approached [Boeing]
three and a half year's ago,"
Leonard stated, adding that after
two years, Boeing turned SPU down
for a while. Leonard said that
through hard work and communi-
cation, Boeing became willing to
invest in the new library as well as
the education program.

This is not the first contribution
Boeing has made to SPU. Leonard
mentioned a \$50,000 contribution to the

A classic presentation



Professor of Classics Christina Roseman stands before supporters Thursday as she receives the C. May Marston medallion. Vice President for Academic Affairs Sam Dunn stands to her side applauding.

By Joe Bales
Special to the News Section

Falcon/Jill Nordtvedt

SPU Professor of Classics Christina Horst Roseman, a full time faculty member since 1975, was inducted as the first holder of the C. May Marston Professorship in Classics during the 1993 10th Annual European Studies Symposium.

On Thursday, Feb. 25 in Demaray Hall, Roseman received a medallion as an indication of her appointment.

As some 150 faculty and students gave their attention, Roseman, chair of the department of foreign languages and literatures, presented the first of the annual public lectures entitled, "Pytheas of Massalia: Roman Reactions to a Greek Explorer."

Faculty from Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Washington were also present at the reading.

Last year, the University received a bequest from an anonymous donor to establish the professorship named after a woman who taught a variety of subjects at SPU over 50 years ago: C. May Marston.

Roseman will hold the award for a three year period that will be renewable at the end of the term.