In 1941 Marian Barber Washburn left her New England home and traveled to the sage-surrounded Northwest Nazarene College campus. She moved into Morrison Hall where she served as "monitor." In that first year she taught German, French, and sophomore composition. Over the four decades that followed she taught almost every English course in the catalogue. During those years plans for doctoral study were made and postponed. Always she "held the fort", the constant presence in the department of English through four administrations and a parade of other professors. And while she never did get away to complete her doctorate, scores of her students, with her encouragement, proceeded to graduate school.

Sometimes her workload was almost overwhelming, occasionally ill health made her work difficult, and there must have been times when she missed the East and her family; yet she remained committed to her students at NNC. She assisted them in countless ways: granting requests for individual study courses, extending deadlines, tutoring and counseling the slow or discouraged, encouraging and challenging all, and even employing a few to help clean her apartment. Challenge she did!

It is in the spirit of encouragement and challenge that characterized Professor Marian B. Washburn's life at Northwest Nazarene College that her grateful students, colleagues and friends have established an endowed scholarship fund in her honor. The scholarship honors her as it assists deserving students.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Continuing NNC student, holding sophomore, junior or senior class standing.
2. English or English-education major.
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Scholarly promise.
5. Contribution to the Department of English.
6. Representation of the ideal of NNC.
7. Nomination by the faculty of the Department of English.