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Gloria Burleson of Marion was crowned the second Ms. Western Piedmont Community College Saturday night.

Ms. Burleson, a sophomore in the medical laboratory technology program, competed against 10 other coeds for the honor at the WPCC auditorium. She performed a piano improvisation in the talent segment. Competition was based on appearance, talent, poise and personality and evening gown.

As winner, the 19-year-old coed receives a \$200 academic scholarship, a trophy, roses and a gift from local merchants. She will represent the college for the coming year and will wear the crown passed to her Saturday by the first Ms. WPCC, Mrs. Eleanor Marxen of Morganton.

Kim Biggerstaff was first runnerup, performing the Juliet's balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet." Diane Mease was selected as both Miss Congeniality and second runnerup. In the talent competition, she signed several numbers from the musical "Godspell."

Other contestants in the 1979 pageant included Janet Stafford, Elva Wilson, Sha Pack, Debbie Perry, Naomi Anderson, Patsy Parker, Terri Fleming and Sharon Blanton.

WBT-Charlotte Sports Director Harold Johnson was master of ceremonies, with judges for the event including Evelyn Rabb, Chief Petty Officer Mac Sorrels and recording artist Browning Bryant.



Gloria Burleson, Ms. WPCC 1979 gets crown.



Emcee Harold Johnson, contestants Biggerstaff, Perry and Blanton.

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