

Woman trustee named

Mary Adair Phifer of Morganton has been named to the Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees. She is the first woman to be seated on the board, which originated with the college in 1964.

Mrs. Phifer was named by Gov. Jim Hunt to fill the unexpired term of her husband, Dr. Edward W. Phifer Jr. who died earlier this year. Her term will run until June 30, 1987.

Of the 12 voting members of the college board, four are appointed by the governor, four by the Burke County Board of Education and four by the Burke County Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Phifer is a nursing graduate of Yale University and has been active in Morganton in many civic affairs.

Claude Sitton, secretary of the



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WPCC Board of Trustees, said, "We are really extremely pleased to have her join us as the first lady on the board."

Mrs. Phifer, who is out of town this

week, may choose to take the oath of office before the Burke County Clerk of Court, a judge or other official. Sitton said she may take the oath when she sees fit.

An active Democrat, Mrs. Phifer has served as a precinct chairman and currently is a registrar. She was a founder of the Morganton Service League, is on the board of the Burke Arts Council and is a member of Grace Episcopal Church, where she has been active in a variety of church programs.

WPCC Board chairman, Sam Brinkley, said, "I've known her for years and she'll be an asset to the trustees."

"We're happy the governor has appointed her to the board."