

WPCC board OKs budget, leases building

The Board of Trustees of Western Piedmont Community College approved the local budget for the 1980-81 school year and voted to lease the Midland-Ross Building for the next year.

The building on Highway 181 will be used to house the college's adult basic education and human resource development programs.

The college leased it at \$10,800 for this fiscal year, with an option to renew the lease annually.

The local budget appropriated by the Burke County Board of Commissioners totals \$368,490 in current expense and \$138,175 in capital outlay (building) funds.

However, \$100,000 of the capital outlay appropriation is contingent upon the approval of revenue-sharing funds by the federal government.

The college had requested \$400,635 in an operating budget and voted to transfer \$7,355 from unexpended funds from prior years to boost the total to \$375,845.

Trustees expressed concern about the budget totals, particularly in the area of electricity, where the college received \$64,150 instead of the requested \$69,000.

"We have two new buildings to supply," noted WPCC President Wilmon Droze, the Midland-Ross and the new "H" building on campus.

"We've had very little change from last year and in several areas it may be difficult to meet our obligations," he said.

The trustees also discussed minor unpaid student debts, which had been carried over since 1975. They voted to write off the approximately \$25.