

Luncheon honors Burkert

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A luncheon honoring Theresa J. Burkert, who retired Aug. 31 as Dean of Learning Resources at Western Piedmont Community College, was held at the college cafeteria Thursday. She and 11 decade employees were presented service awards.

Mrs. Burkert came to WPCC in July, 1967 as assistant librarian. Two years later she became librarian, then worked her way up the ladder until she held the highest position in the library, Dean of Learning Resources, effective May 1982.

"I'm looking forward to retirement," she said tearfully, "I just hate to leave here, but it's a new beginning."

Mrs. Burkert says she plans to travel with her husband, George, whose wishes are being granted with her retirement.

"George has been retired for three years and he and Mother have been after me to retire, too," she said, adding her retirement will allow her to spend some time with her 91-year-old mother, who lives with her.

But she added, "I'm going to the beach and stay there until I get tired of it ... I've never been able to stay long enough," she said.

Before coming to WPCC she was assistant librarian at DeCalb College near Atlanta, Ga. and she served 2½ years in the Women's Army Corps during World War II.

A plaque commemorating her faithfulness as an employee was presented by WPCC President Dr. Jim Richardson on behalf of the board of trustees, which issued a proclamation to that effect.

"A fine outstanding employee is going to leave us ... we're going to miss you Terri," Richardson told Mrs. Burkert.

Among other staff members receiving recognition at the luncheon were George M. Fouts, vice president for academic affairs, and Winston R. Lear, who will assume Mrs. Burkert's duties as acting dean of the learning resource center. They were presented



Photo by Chuck Liddy

Richardson presents Mrs. Burkert plaque.

10-year service awards.

Also receiving 10-year service awards were David M. Lieberman, instructor in the division of business technologies; Jim Burnett, registrar and veterans coordinator; and Deborah D. Carswell, secretary II in the division of continuing education;

Others were Judy S. Carswell, purchasing agent and equipment coordinator; Naomi Y. Smith, coordinator of the dental assisting program in the

division of health sciences; and Linda B. Wright, instructor in nursing in the division of health sciences.

Three staff members received 10-year service awards effective in 1982. They are Patricia A. Crumpler, coordinator of the nursing program in the division of health sciences, Om P. Jain, instructor in the division of business technologies, and Betty S. Lawing, chief coordinator of the learning laboratory.