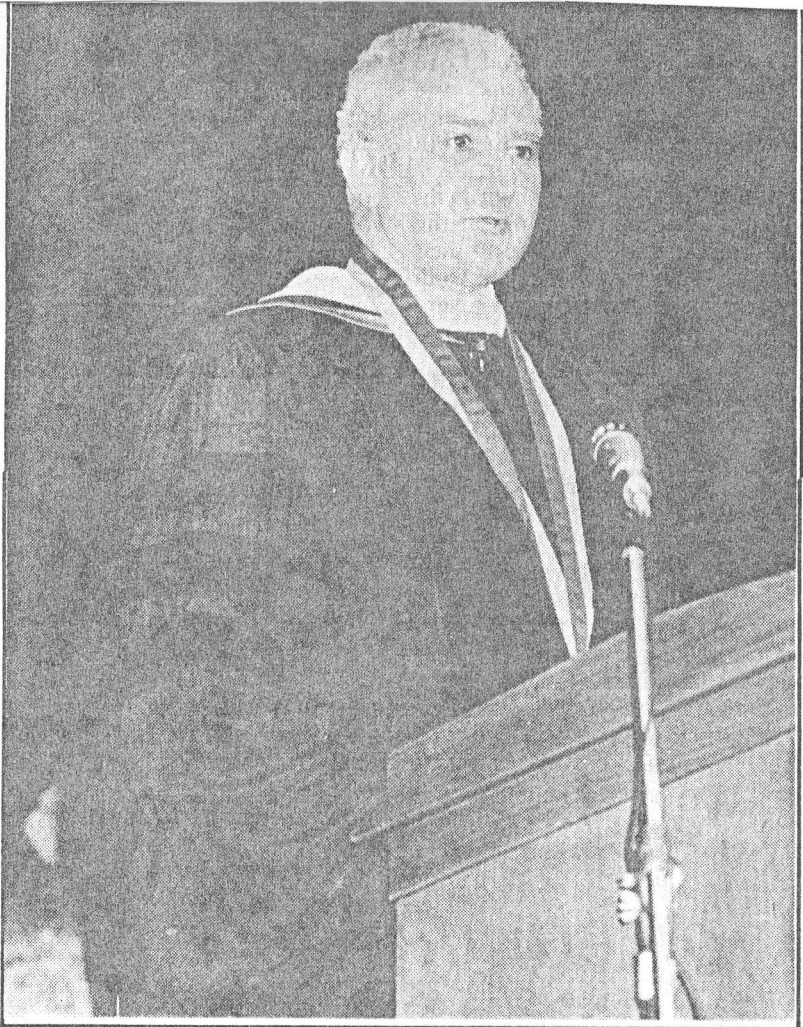




Former WPCC President Gordon C. Blank

Gordon Blank to speak at WPCC graduation

Western Piedmont Community College will hold its spring graduation on Friday, May 23. This is the largest graduating class ever at the college with 260 graduating students.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Gordon C. Blank, former president of WPCC from 1967 to 1978.

Blank came to the college in 1965 as the first dean of instruction. Upon the departure of the college's founding president in 1967, he was appointed acting president and then president.

Prior to those appointments, he was a professor at Indiana State, having completed his doctorate at Indiana University. Previously, he

taught two years as a science teacher in Baltimore and one year for the Air Force in England.

His master's degree is from the University of Miami and his bachelor's degree is from Towson State University in Maryland. During the Korean War, he served as a naval officer in the Far East.

Upon leaving Western Piedmont, Blank assumed the presidency of New York's Adirondack Community College, where he served for ten years until his retirement as president emeritus in 1988.

Blank's speech will share his experiences with the community college system at Western Piedmont as well as at other colleges across the nation.