



A portrait of Robert P. Carr was unveiled Wednesday at the formal dedication of the Carr Building on the campus of Western Piedmont Community College. Shown here (from left) are

Carr's wife, Julia Carr; Carr; Judge Claude Sitton; and Jim Richardson, president of the college. (Photo by Mark Hannan)

WPCC's Carr Building dedicated

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A humble man had no words to say when he was honored Wednesday for his accomplishments, so someone else came up to praise his works for Burke County.

Robert P. Carr, the longtime trustee of Western Piedmont Community College, was honored with the formal dedication of the new campus building that bears his name.

Although Carr did not wish to speak at the ceremony and asked that the event itself be brief, speaker and fellow college trustee Judge Claude Sitton felt that some words should be spoken about the man who has been with WPCC since the beginning.

Sitton stated Carr was not a person who points to his own accomplishments. "He never toots his own horn," Sitton said.

Carr has been a trustee of WPCC since its beginning in 1964, and was chairman of the

board of trustees for five of those years. During that time, he has seen the college become the important institution it is today.

"He has always been a person who has worked well behind the scenes," said Sitton.

The new Carr Business and Technologies Building, which has been in operation since June, contains new and roomier classrooms and seminar areas that house state-of-the-art equipment to give a better learning experience for students.

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Sitton said it was appropriate for the building to be named for Carr, noting that while the building itself will last for decades, the education that will occur inside "will enrich and benefit society forever."

Carr became somewhat emotion-

al when a portrait of himself was unveiled at the ceremony Wednesday. The portrait will hang in the student lounge in the Carr Building.

Construction began on the Carr Building in 1996 following approval of a bond referendum by Burke County voters that provided funds for the project.

WPCC President Jim Richardson thanked all those who were involved in the construction of the Carr Building for their efforts.

"This is a great day for Western Piedmont Community College," Richardson said.