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Dr. Burton Blatt Receives
Kephart Award at Purdue

Dr. Burton Blatt, Centennial professor and Director of Special Education in the Syracuse University School of Education received the Newell C. Kephart Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to the field of Special Education, at ceremonies at Purdue University recently.

Dr. Blatt also presented the Newell C. Kephart Memorial lecture, "The Future for People With Special Needs," during a two-day conference.

The Kephart Award is named in honor of Dr. Newell C. Kephart, late professor of Special Education at Purdue. Dr. Blatt shared this year's award with Dr. Max Steer, professor of Speech Pathology at Purdue.

Dr. Blatt's lecture and award were made during the Third Annual Wabash Valley Special Educators Conference.

Prof. Blatt is presently director of the Division of Special Education at Syracuse. Formerly he served as professor and chairman of the special education department at Boston University. During 1968 he held the position of assistant commissioner and director of the Division of Mental Retardation of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He has also served as a consultant to the Kennedy Foundation; on the National Advisory Board of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness; as chairman of the Education Committee of the Massachusetts Association of Retarded Children; and as chairman of the Task Force on Mental Retardation.

Dr. Blatt is also the co-author of Christmas in Purgatory, a scathing analysis of the plight of the institutionalized mentally retarded, which has recently been re-issued by the Human Policy Press, and many articles on the subject of special education.

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