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Colleagues honored Nancy Freimuth, NERDC computer operator, by presenting her with balloons and a gold, gem-studded pin as she crossed the 30-year mark in her career. Those 30 years are marked with evolutionary leaps in computing.

During her time at the University of Florida, she's seen punch cards disappear and she's learned new skills to continue along with the twists and turns that computing has taken.

Freimuth started at UF in 1968 as a keypunch operator at Tigert Hall for Academic Affairs. She stayed there for a few months and then transferred to NERDC in 1970 as a keypunch operator. After five years, CIRCA took over all the keypunch operators and Freimuth was transferred yet again.

"Then 15 years later, they (CIRCA) did away with keypunch all together," Freimuth laughs. As
technology changed around her, she kept up with it by learning new skills that survived the
punch-card era of computing.

She worked at the Infirmary as a Data Entry Operator for about a year in the late '80s. Then she
returned to NERDC in 1988 as a computer operator and has stayed here ever since. She's
entered into the Deferred Retirement Option Program (or DROP), which basically signs
employees up to retire in 5 years. "I'm looking forward to retirement, but it hasn't been time to
leave yet...I'd probably be bored silly staying home!" Freimuth said. She's continuing her
education outside of NERDC too. Currently Freimuth is working toward a degree in
programming at Santa Fe Community College.

The best thing about remaining at UF? "I've always had good insurance and good people to
work with," Freimuth said.

Her favorite part of all the jobs she's held and all her time here remains the same no matter
how computing changes: "I've always liked helping people."

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