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# Coming soon to Gardner-Webb--a new bell tower

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With luck, by the end of the fall semester, Gardner-Webb will have a new jewel in its crown -- a \$700,000 state-of-the-art bell tower.

Nearly ten years ago, Hughy and Wyndolyn Hollifield pledged \$1,000,000 to the university. Mr. Hollifield, a 1935 alumnus of the school and current trustee, and his wife feel that their gift is a reflection of their love for the school.

The first installment of their pledge has taken shape in the form of the Lake Hollifield Complex. The new bell tower will also become part of the complex. Plans are that the tower will be constructed at the top of the hill overlooking the lake, just behind the tennis courts.

The Hollifields saw the lake complex as something they wanted. As noted by GWU president, M. Christopher White in reference to the bell tower, "They both love music and happen to like bells."

The bell tower will be approximately 60 feet high and will be 10 feet square. Inside the tower will be a 48 bell carillon. The bells range in size, the largest is 3 feet wide, 4 feet tall, and weighs approximately 2,000 pounds. The bells are being made in Holland, while the other components will be made in the United States.

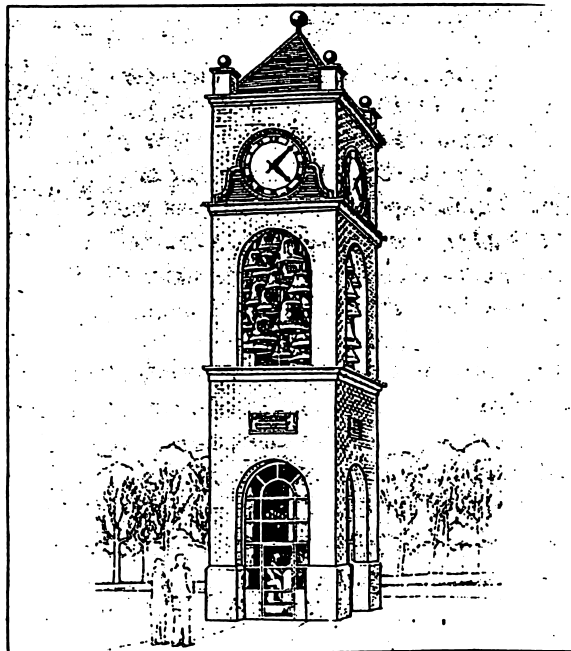
The architecture, as described by White, is "designed in such a way so as to capture the history of Gardner-Webb University, the present, and hopefully the future." Many aspects of the bell tower's design, such as the arch, were inspired by other buildings on campus.

A four-sided, backlit clock will also be in the bell tower. Around the structure will be a plaza that will accentuate the Lake Hollifield Complex, and as White stated, "It will be a great place for people to gather and to exercise."

The carillon will be played a number of ways. At the base of the bell tower is a small room that will house the console. A person may play the bells

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## LAKE HOLLIFIELD BELL TOWER



Above is an artist's rendering of the new bell tower.

## Bulldogs can soon start playing the bells

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manually from there, or one may program the bells to play automatically. There will also be a console in the O. Max Gardner building, where the bells may also be played.

Survey work for the new bell tower has already begun. Construction will begin sometime during the summer and will continue into the fall semester. White said that they would like to dedicate the bell tower at the last home football game in November.

The Fine Arts Department will be in charge of the bell tower. As a result, White suggested that there might eventually be classes offered teaching students how to play the carillon.

According to White, the Lake Hollifield Complex is "the first and most tangible result of the campaign." The capital campaign, launched recently by the university, seeks to raise \$20 million over 5 years.