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GWU dedicates bell tower

BELL TOWER
LAKE HOLLIFIELD
HOLLIFIELD, WE
WYNDOLYN

BOILING SPRINGS —The most modern carillon in America now stands on the Gardner-Webb University campus and is officially dedicated.

And the tower's benefactor saw it all happen on her birthday.

The Gardner-Webb community, faculty, staff and students joined university trustee Wyndolyn Hollifield, who led the project campaign, in witnessing the final product Friday.

Original compositions and arrangements by members of the GWU music faculty were played on the carillon in Hollifield's honor as part of a dedication ceremony.

The Hollifield Carillon is considered unique for many reasons.

It has the ability to be played manually or electronically — either on-site or from a remote location.

A touch-sensitive keyboard allows for the expression of a wide range of tones and pitches. And visitors can view the enclosed, climate-controlled play room through an arched glass window.

In addition, the carillon is programmable for the automatic presentation of musical programs. Special guests at Friday's dedication included

Frank DellaPenna, America's only master carillonist and special consultant to the tower's developers, the Verdin Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio.

DellaPenna, who calls the Hollifield Carillon the "most exceptional, unique instrument of its kind," conducted a demonstration for an audience that included church music leaders from around the region.

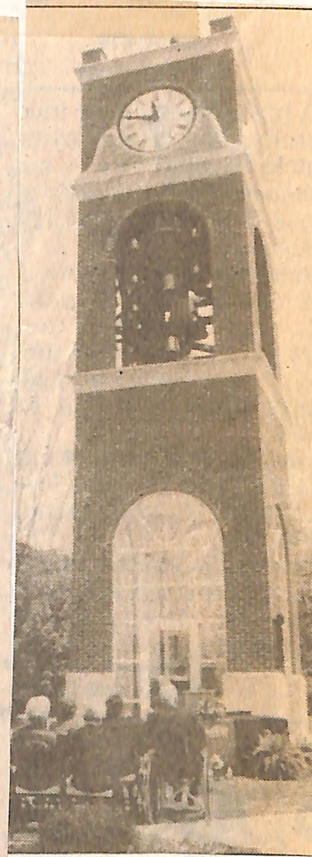
Faculty leaders, staff and student groups expressed their thanks to Hollifield, a Rutherford County native, during the program. Dr. Terry Fern, chairman of the GWU Department of Fine Arts, presented a special arrangement of the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" in memory of her son, Forrest, who died in Vietnam.

Fern is also a Vietnam veteran.

(In related news, Fern announced that the university has initiated a search for a director of carillon activities who will be responsible for carillon program presentation and training.)

A \$1 million gift from Hollifield and her late husband, Hughy, a 1935 Gardner-Webb graduate, enabled the university to construct the Lake Hollifield Complex and Hollifield Carillon.

The couple had previously been honored as North Carolina Baptist Philanthropists of the Year.

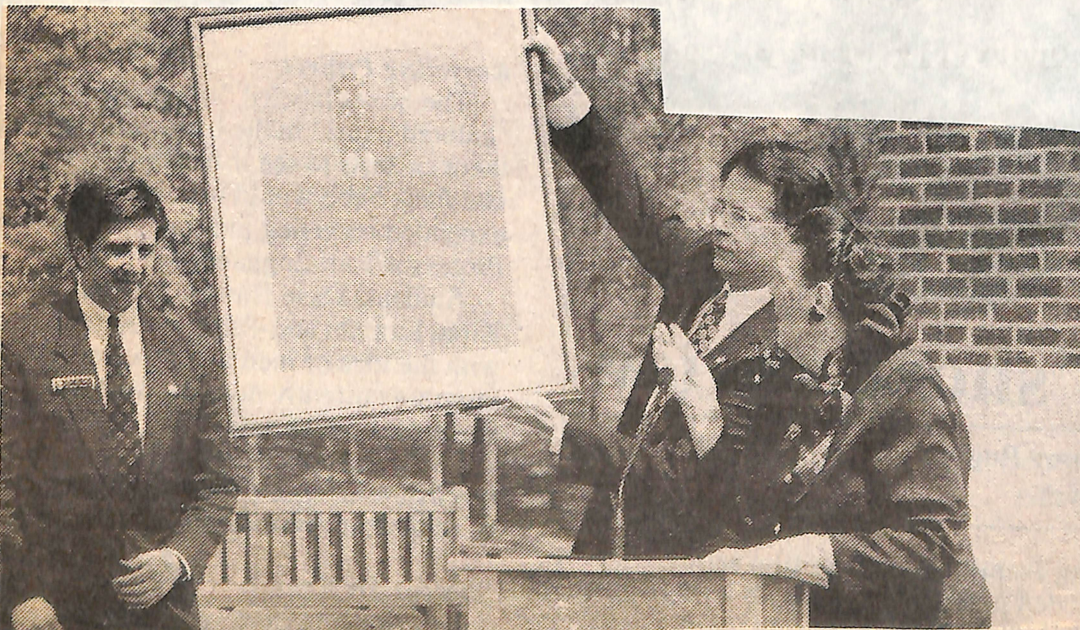


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Gardner-Webb University dedicates its Hollifield Carillon in a ceremony on the university grounds Friday.

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President Christopher White presents Mrs. Wyndolyn Hollifield an enlarged portrait of the Hollifield Carillon at a dedication ceremony on Friday, April 25. Wyndolyn and her husband Hughy donated the money to construct the entire Lake Hollifield Complex. A picnic followed the dedication, and students, faculty, staff and community members attended.

(Photo by Karen Brower)

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