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BELL TOWER

By Matthew C. Webber

On April 25 Gardner-Webb University (GWU) held a dedication ceremony for its new bell tower and carillon. Original compositions and arrangements by GWU music faculty were played on the carillon in honor of tower benefactor Wyndolyn Hollifield as part of the dedication ceremony.

The Hollifield Carillon can 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 an enclosed, climate-controlled play room can be seen by onlookers through an arched glass window. The carillon is also programmable for automatic presentation of musical programs.

Included among many special guests at the dedication ceremony was Frank DellaPenna, America's only master carillonneur. DellaPenna said the Hollifield Carillon is the "most exceptional, unique instrument of its kind." He played various selections for those in attendance.

Wyndolyn Hollifield is a Rutherford County native who now resides in Winston-Salem. She,

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RINGING OUT—The Hollifield Carillon at Gardner-Webb University was dedicated April 25.



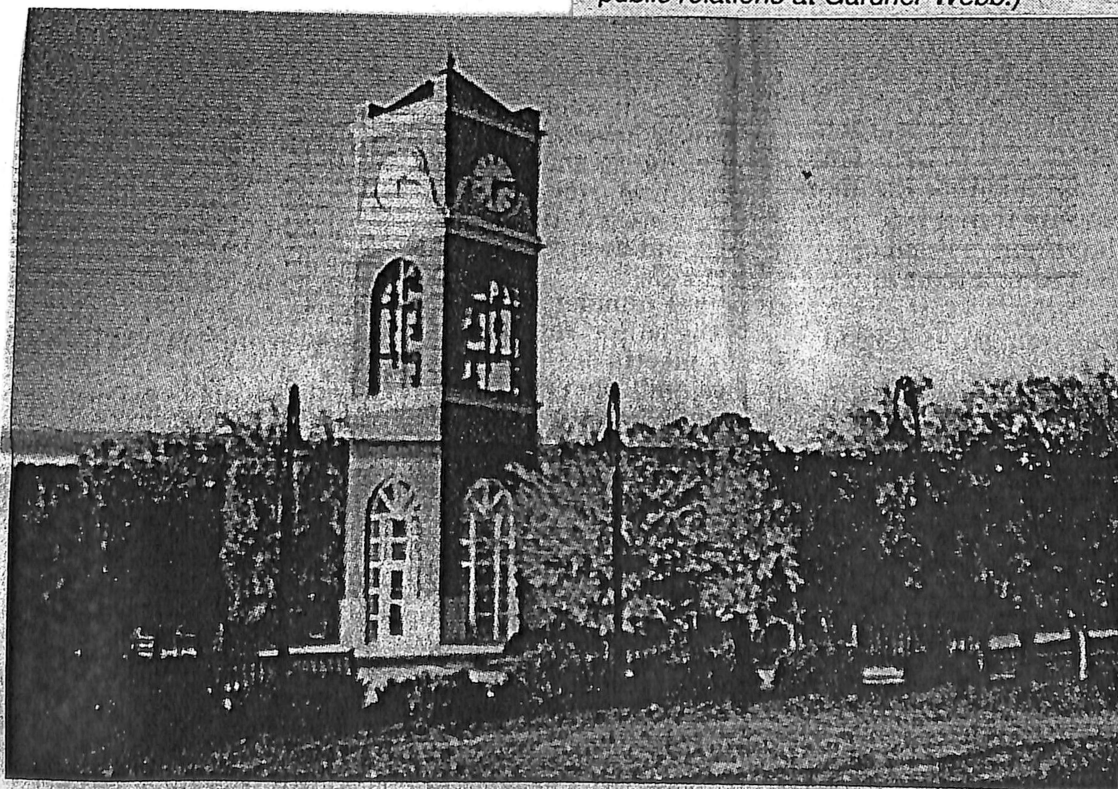
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along with her late husband, Hughy, made a \$1 million gift to Gardner-Webb to construct the Lake Hollifield Complex and Hollifield Carillon. The couple previously earned the distinction of being named N.C. Baptist Philanthropists of the Year. Hughy Hollifield was a 1935 Gardner-Webb graduate.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Webber is director of public relations at Gardner-Webb.)



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