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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



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

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GWU receives funds

by Sunny Benton
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Gardner-Webb University has received a \$250,000 gift from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the establishment of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Divinity School Endowed Scholarship Trust.

According to Dr. Roy Smith, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of N.C., the Executive Committee and the General Board of the Baptist State Convention formally approved the gift from a series of funds that have been accumulating since the GWU School of Divinity has been operating. Various avenues of giving to theological education in N.C. were organized about the time the GWU divinity school was founded, he explained. These giving plans allowed Baptist to ensure that proper and meaningful support was provided to those pursuing graduate degrees in church-related vocations.

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New SGA officers, from left to right: Kelly Greene, Michael Mustian, Amanda Williams, Kim McVey, and Brandy Faught. See page 3 for article.

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