

Bell tower is latest GWU improvement

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The latest addition to the Gardner-Webb campus is the bell tower at Lake Hollifield. The 60-foot, 48-bell carillon is unique in both design and function, making it distinct among 200 other carillons in the country, construction officials said.

The bell tower at the Lake Hollifield Complex is special because it is one of only four in the country that has an environmentally-controlled play room. The others are in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Pennsylvania.

Wyndolyn Hollifield and her late husband Hughy donated the \$1 million used to construct the Lake Hollifield Complex. The Hollifield name has been inscribed on the two largest bells in the tower. The one-ton bells memorialize the Hollifield's son Forrest, who was killed in Vietnam, and the other is a reminder of the couple's generosity.

The bells rang for the first time in a mini-concert that was held just before Christmas. They were played both manually and electronically by Frank DellaPenna, the only master carillonneur in America, and Dr. Terry Fern, chair of the of Fine Arts department.

The bells chimed out Christmas carols, Gardner-Webb's fight song, and the alma mater.



Dr. Terry Fern plays the bells in the new carillon.
(Photo by Karen Brower)

The February and March schedule for the Film Festival, presented by the Communication Studies department, in conjunction with the Year of the Scholar, is as follows:

Feb. 12 - Proof

Feb. 26 - Rebel Without a Cause

Mar. 26 - Casablanca

All movies begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Special Dining Room of the DCC.

For Your Information...

Eddie Holbrook, the vice president for athletics and special events, has resigned, citing "personal and professional reasons."

Holbrook worked at Gardner-Webb for 17 years. He was the head basketball coach from 1964-1978 and then returned to GWU in 1993 as the assistant to the president for athletics.

GWU President Dr. Christopher White said, "We can only be appreciative of the many years of service Eddie Holbrook has dedicated to Gardner-Webb in various capacities."

Holbrook was named to this newly-created position in November, making this one of the shortest-lived vice presidencies in Gardner-Webb history.

GWU officials have not named a replacement for Holbrook and the position is under review. Holbrook's duties have been distributed among the administrative staff.

A group of amateur astronomers converged upon the Gardner-Webb campus Saturday, Jan. 25, to attend a regional meeting that featured speakers and demonstrations ranging from news on different astronomy clubs to information on regional observatories.

However, the focus of the regional meeting was to allow astronomers from around the area to get together and share their views on astronomy, Tom English, astronomy professor, said.

During the meeting the group compiled a list of what they felt were interesting astronomical internet sites, and there were also short presentations by the astronomers on upcoming events, tips on observing and general news about astronomy.

The all-day event was held in the Ritch Banquet Hall in the bottom of DCC.

The Teacher Education Career Fair will be held here at Gardner-Webb on Friday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the DCC Banquet Hall. All teacher education majors as well as others interested in teacher education are invited to stop by.

Forty Gardner-Webb staff members and students celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the Dover Chapel. They gathered to sing hymns, pray, and celebrate the accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tonya Clinkscales signed during the reading of Maya Angelou's "My Guilt." Ronnie Barnes read an excerpt from King's speech "The Power of Non-Violence." The GWU Gospel Choir performed three musical selections.

John Orr, director of the Gospel Choir, enjoyed the fellowship. "I believe we worshipped in liberty and truth tonight. We weren't hindered at all by our (racial) differences," he said.

DAKA representatives spoke to SGA members at a Jan. 16 meeting, following what some called a very successful "Stir-Fry Night." DAKA Foodservice Manager John Simpson and Regional Manager Steve Bryant assured Executive Council and Senate members that positive changes were being made in the cafeteria, and that these changes would continue.

Recent changes in the cafeteria include the placement of bakers' racks to reduce dining area congestion. The "Nutritional Information" cards are also a new addition. These cards provide calorie and fat amounts, as well as other data about the entrees offered.

DAKA is now focusing on improving dinner and weekend meals. "Those were critical items," Simpson said. Simpson and Bryant emphasized that DAKA wants "to be (Gardner-Webb's) food service," and that they are open to any suggestions students might have.

As far as the new improvements are concerned, Bryant said, "We're committed to make sure it's consistently done."

SGA Executive Secretary Brandy Faight has resigned to accept an internship in Raleigh. Senate members approved Allison Bowman as the new Executive Secretary.

Senate members formed a committee to recommend a campus-wide grading scale and attendance policy at a Jan. 16 meeting. Students hope to propose ideas regarding a grading scale and attendance policy. Committee members include Scott Elliot, Todd Hallman, Sarah Henson, Allison Smith, and Dan Steadman.

Each month this semester, Campus Ministries United will hold a CMU joint fellowship meeting. These meetings are designed to foster unity and fellowship among Christians on campus.

During one week out of each month, CMU cancels its regular weekly meetings (BSU, FCA, Celebration Night) and, instead of those meetings, holds one joint meeting of all of those ministries.

Laura McCreary, one of the student leaders of CMU, feels these meetings are leading to great spiritual growth. "To adequately serve Christ, we must understand that to do so we must put aside our differences and work together towards one common goal: the glorification of Jesus Christ. I think the joint fellowship meetings are helping accomplish this," McCreary said.

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