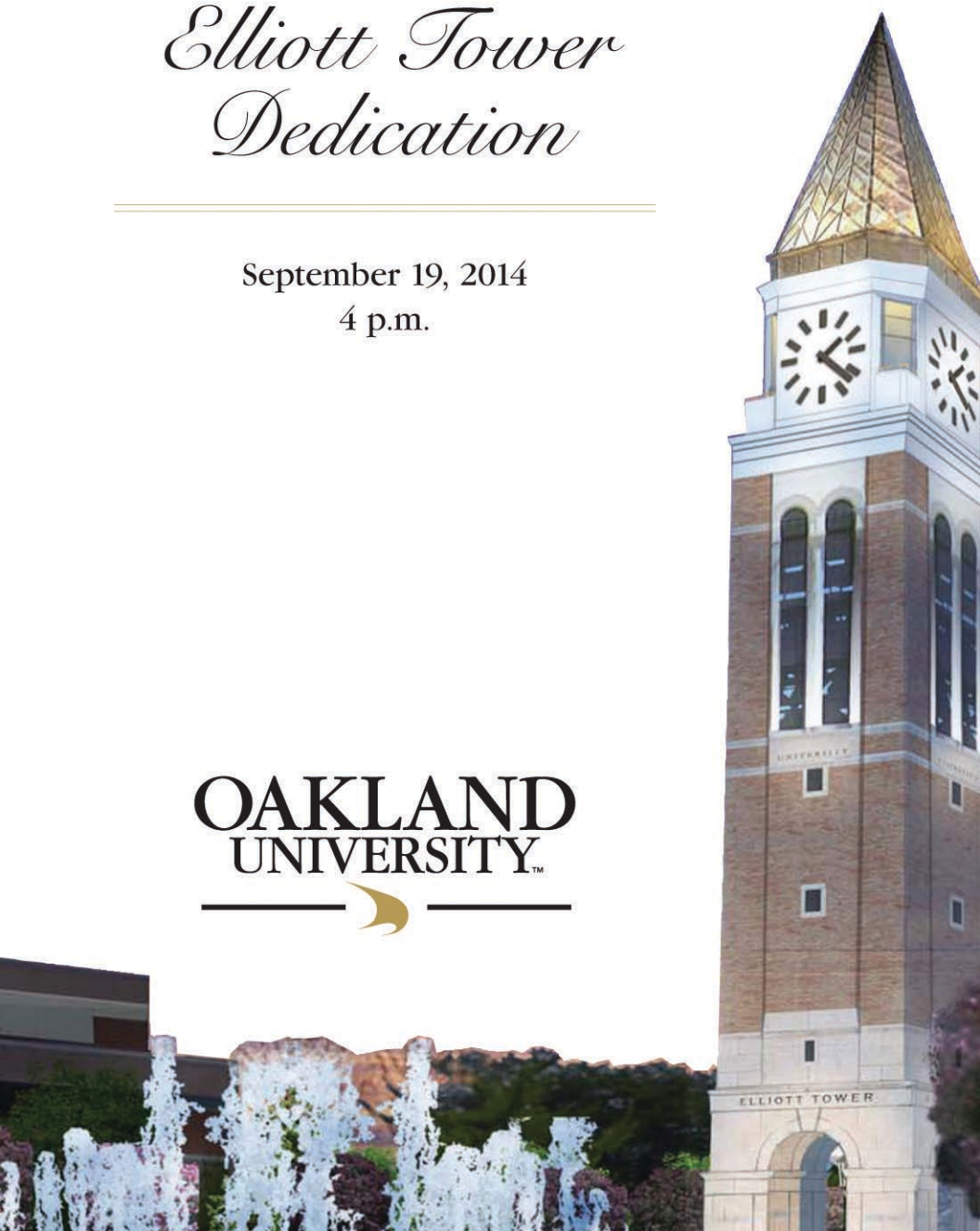

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The Elliott Tower is designed to be a rallying point for student activities and will create a stunning visual centerpiece for Oakland University's campus. One of the tallest bell towers on a college campus in the United States, the Elliott Tower stands 151 feet tall. The tower features a fully chromatic 49-bell carillon bell ranging from low C, which weighs around 5,000 pounds, to high C, at 24 pounds.

The Elliott Family

For 15 years, the Elliotts have provided support for a variety of capital projects, scholarships and charitable functions at OU, including a \$2 million gift toward the School of Business Administration; endowed scholarship and academic lecture funds; contributions toward the Hugh and Nancy Elliott Room in the O'rena; and the President's Invitational golf outing, which has raised more than \$1 million for scholarships.



*"The true net worth of a person
is what he does for others."*

— Hugh Elliott

Program

Full Bell Peal

The Home of Legends

Composition by Paul Lovatt-Cooper

Oakland University Brass Band

Kenneth R. Kroesche, Conductor

Welcome

George W. Hynd, President

Mark E. Schlussel, Chair, Board of Trustees

Fantasy for Bells and Brass

Composition by Jos Lerinckx

Dennis Curry, University Carillonneur

Issac Boehlein, **Emily Mass** and **Filip Staroska**, Trumpets

Lucas Perzyk, Trombone

Graham Roese, Tuba

Kenneth R. Kroesche, Conductor

Remarks

Annie M. Meinberg, President, Student Congress

Introduction of Commissioned Carillon Composition

James P. Lentini, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Ulysses' Sail

Composition by James P. Lentini

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Dennis N. Curry

Introduction of Hugh and Nancy Elliott

George W. Hynd

Remarks

Hugh and Nancy Elliott

Closing

George W. Hynd

Carillon Finale

Dennis N. Curry

Inaugural Carillon Recital

Dennis N. Curry, University Carillonneur

Program

Music from the Todd Fair Carillon Collection

Festive Fanfare

Composition by John Courter

Carillon

Composition by George Frideric Handel

Arrangement by William DeTurk

British Isles Folksongs

Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon

Londonderry Air

Arrangement by Sally Slade Warner

Toccatina: Silver Bells

Composition by Wendell Westcott

Hymn Preludes for the Kirk

The Ash Grove

Composition by Geert D'hollander

Variations on a French Noël

Composition by Todd Fair

A Little Night Music

Send in the Clowns

Composition by Stephen Sondheim

Arrangement by Todd Fair

Scottish Triptych

Toccata Pentatonica on 'Blessing and Honour'

Composition by John Knox

Brief History of the Carillon Instrument

The carillon roots extend back to Chinese dynasties of 2,000 years ago. The more recent placement of bells in towers originated in Europe in the Middle Ages.

The Low Countries area of Belgium and The Netherlands was the center of carillon development as a musical instrument. In the thirteenth century, the bell shape was converted from a convex beehive to a concave form. The modifications allowed for a much more musical bell tone than the previous shape. With the exception of mechanical improvements, technical changes on the instrument have remained at a minimum for the last 300 years.

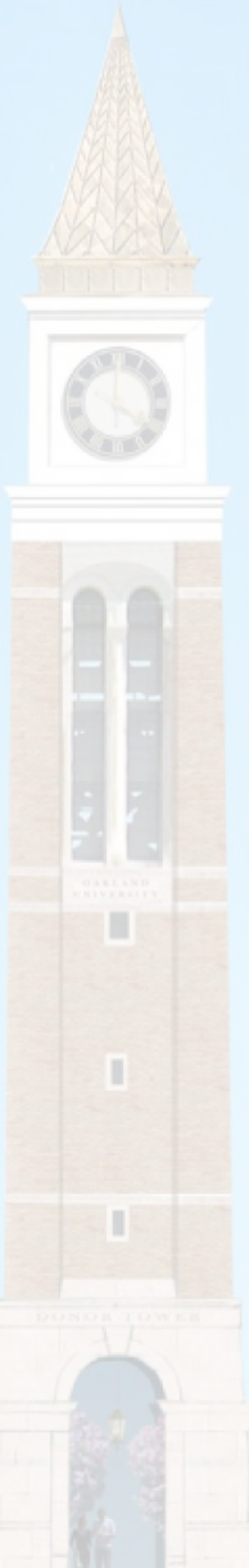








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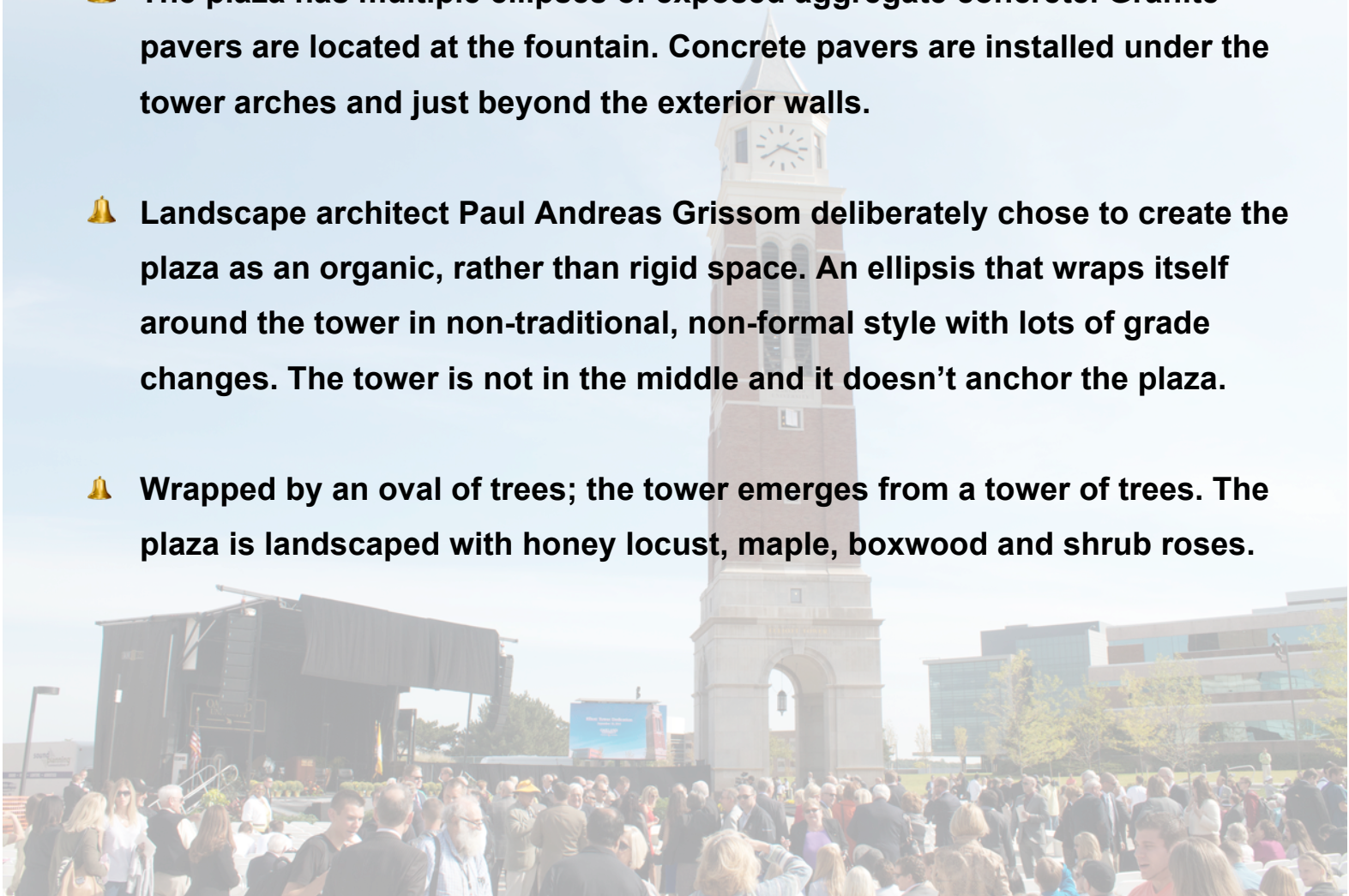
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Interesting facts about the Elliott Tower

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- 🔔 Computer models of a portion of the campus were created to determine the appropriate orientation and height of the tower.
 - 🔔 David Barczys, architect and owner of Niagara Murano, did extensive research while looking for inspiration for the Tower's design. He combined classical and contemporary details. This particularly holds true when considering the juxtaposition of the organic and informal plaza against the much more rigid vernacular of the tower.
 - 🔔 The tower is a steel structure with a masonry exterior wrapped in brick. The lower part is limestone.
 - 🔔 The 26' topper is made of titanium that was treated in a kiln to give it a permanent gold patina. It was lifted onto the tower, bringing it to its full height of 151' on Thursday, May 1.

-  The nine-and-a-half-foot clock has a minute hand measuring nearly 55 inches from the center to the outside tip.
-  The bell tuning is done by carefully removing the right amount of bronze for each tone from the inside of the bell. This needs to be done at different levels inside the bell to assure that all tones of the bell are very accurate. It is extremely necessary for this precise tuning, otherwise ringing the bells together would not be in harmony.
-  The granite water feature designed by WET Design of California contains 50 to 60 jets and patented jet technology. During the dedication, attendees saw the range of capabilities.
-  The plaza has multiple ellipses of exposed aggregate concrete. Granite pavers are located at the fountain. Concrete pavers are installed under the tower arches and just beyond the exterior walls.
-  Landscape architect Paul Andreas Grissom deliberately chose to create the plaza as an organic, rather than rigid space. An ellipsis that wraps itself around the tower in non-traditional, non-formal style with lots of grade changes. The tower is not in the middle and it doesn't anchor the plaza.
-  Wrapped by an oval of trees; the tower emerges from a tower of trees. The plaza is landscaped with honey locust, maple, boxwood and shrub roses.



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Workers attaching 49 bronze bells to the 151 foot Elliott Carillon Tower at Oakland University. The new tower sits between the Oakland Center and the Kresge Library. Monday, May 12, 2014. Tim Thompson-The Oakland Press

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For OU the bell tolls: Meet Dennis Curry, the man behind Elliott Tower's newest bells

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Dennis Curry, Oakland University's carillon player, sits down and shares his excitement about Elliot Tower's carillon.

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Dennis Curry sits on a wooden bench in a room that is empty save six boxes, a chair, and a practice keyboard for the world's heaviest instrument.

It's called a carillon, and there's one in Elliott Tower. You can play it dynamically: softly, or, of course, loudly, depending on how hard you hit the batons. He hit it hard. Right now, the low C is merely a rattle.

Curry is an automotive engineer by day, and will be Oakland University's carillonneur, but not always at night.

"This operates almost like a piano. You get sharps and flats," Curry says. "You play with your feet as well." He demonstrates.

It is safe to say that he believes in Elliott Tower.

"I think the university doesn't know yet what, what capability this musical instrument has. It's not just a tower. It's not just a building," says Curry.

Nancy Elliott's son was playing golf at Grand Valley State University, and she heard the bells of the Beckering Family Carillon Tower.

"So, she heard that in the distance and thought, 'Wow, that is great. That's what Oakland needs.' And in fact she's right. The tower is going to help transform the community. It's going to build a community."

The dedication of Elliott Tower is Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. Curry says it will be a big deal.

There will be speeches and thank you's, and one thing which Curry seems more excited about:

"There will be a musical offering."

Curry will be up in the tower and the OU Brass Band will be on the ground.

"And we'll try to play together," says Curry. "We'll see how that works."

Provost James Lentini, who holds a doctorate in music, has composed a piece for the opening. It is called "Ulysses' Sail."

"A sail is one of the icons of Oakland University," Curry says, speaking of the logo. "And Ulysses' boat's sail carried him all over the place, and this was Matilda Dodge Wilson's favorite story. The story of The Odyssey, of Ulysses."

Curry will give the first public performance of the piece at the dedication. That's not all.

"We have a surprise at the very end of the thing, and I won't give you details, but stay tuned, there will be a special surprise for the Elliott's."

This is the last carillon by the 350 year old Royal Bellfoundry of Petit & Fritsen, a Dutch company that goes back 16 generations. They were bought out by a rival, said Curry.

Elliott Tower is 151 feet tall. The same height as the Statue of Liberty.

"What the Elliott's have done, what the donors have done, is created a landmark for the university. It's the focal point, now," says Tim Verdin of the Verdin Company, who installed the carillon and the clock. He says it's the most recognizable thing on eastbound University Drive.

But it's not just a sight.

"They'll see something," says Curry. "But now, it's speaking. It's going to be the voice of the university."

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New bell tower harmonizes OU campus

By Linda Shepard
C & G Staff Writer

ROCHESTER HILLS — The 49 carillon bells of the new Elliot Tower ring every quarter hour to celebrate a new era at Oakland University.

“This is no longer a small university,” said Mark Schlussel, chair of the OU Board of Trustees at the Sept. 19 dedication of the new tower. “It is a national university. This is a remarkable monument to the transition of this university.”

The new 151-foot high Elliot Tower was designed as a rallying point for student activities, creating a visual centerpiece for Oakland’s campus. The tower is located between the Kresge Library and the Oakland Center, and is surrounded by a new water fountain, a garden, seating and landscaping.

The largest bell in the tower weighs approximately 5,000 pounds and is 5 feet in diameter. In total, the bells weigh more than 15 tons. A \$6.5 million gift from benefactors Hugh and Nancy Elliott of Oakland Township funded the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new tower.

“The Elliotts understand the value of what we have here,” Schlussel said.

“Oakland University is a hidden jewel in the region and the state,” Hugh Elliott said. “This is a national research first-choice university, and it is becoming less and less of a hidden jewel. I am thrilled to have contributed to the evolution of OU.”



Photo by Deb Jacques

The 49 carillon bells of the tower ring every quarter hour. A new water fountain, garden, seating and landscaping surround the Elliott Tower, which is located in the center of the OU

Within the past 15 years, the Elliotts have **campus.** contributed a \$2 million gift toward the OU School of Business Administration, established endowed scholarship and academic funds, created and sponsored the President's Invitational golf outing, formed an athletic volunteer committee dedicated to fundraising and more.

The dedication ceremony included a full bell peal and inaugural carillon recital by Dennis Curry and performances by the Oakland University Brass Band. A newly commissioned carillon composition, "Ulysses' Sail" by OU Senior Vice President James Lentini, was performed.

"This is truly a memorable and historic moment in OU's history," OU President George Hynd said about the tower. "This truly is the icon of the institution."

Annie Meimberg, OU Student Congress president, said she walked up the 77 steps to the tower top. "The view is amazing," she said. "The tower is now the center of campus life."

"It is absolutely gorgeous," said OU senior Scott Shermetaro.

Hugh Elliott said he and his wife were met at the dedication by a group of 100 students wearing T-shirts that read "Meet you at the tower."

"We will meet you at the tower one night," Hugh Elliott said. "And we hope you make an important decision to remain in the state and contribute to the university in the future. When you give of yourself, it comes back to you in many positive ways."

"This tower will bring the community together," Nancy Elliott said.

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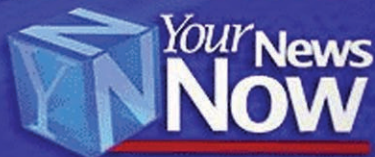
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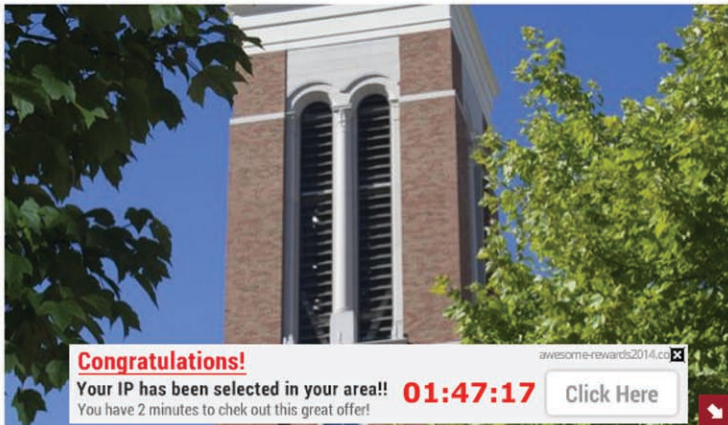
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