

EMU bells give time, even play songs

Ringing in your ears may be student union carillon chimes

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The bells you hear on campus ringing out the hour seven days a week, 365 days a year, are the "Student Union Carillon Chimes."

"But they are not actual chimes," says EMU Director Adele McMillan. They are an electronic system located in the projection booth (Room 330) above the EMU Ballroom.

The English-tuned bell carillon was purchased in February of 1954 from the Schulmerich Carillons Co. Inc., Tellersville, Penn.

Although it is not a genuine cast bell system, Sidney Little, dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts in 1954, noted, "This is the only carillon recognized as equal in tone quality to a cast bell system."

In a letter concerning the bells from Richard Williams, first director of the EMU, to Les Anderson, then alumni secretary, he stated, "It is necessary to have on hand \$3,500 before signing any contract for the installation of the chimes." He said the three basic bills were the chimes, physical plant charges and "an appropriate plaque indicating that the chimes were made possible by the class of 1943 and the class of 1953."

Today, the brass plaque is located on a pillar in front of the EMU Taylor Lounge, and it bears the inscription, "Carillon Chimes donated by Classes of 1943 and 1953 and alumni leaders."

Frank Geltner, University prog-

Libraries extend hours for finals

The University Library will extend operating hours on weekends, beginning Friday to provide better service to students before fall term final week.

Under extended hours, the main library will be open this Friday, and Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Hours for the Architecture and Allied Arts branch will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 10 and noon to 10 p.m. on Dec. 11.

The Science Library will also extend hours the next two Friday's from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday's from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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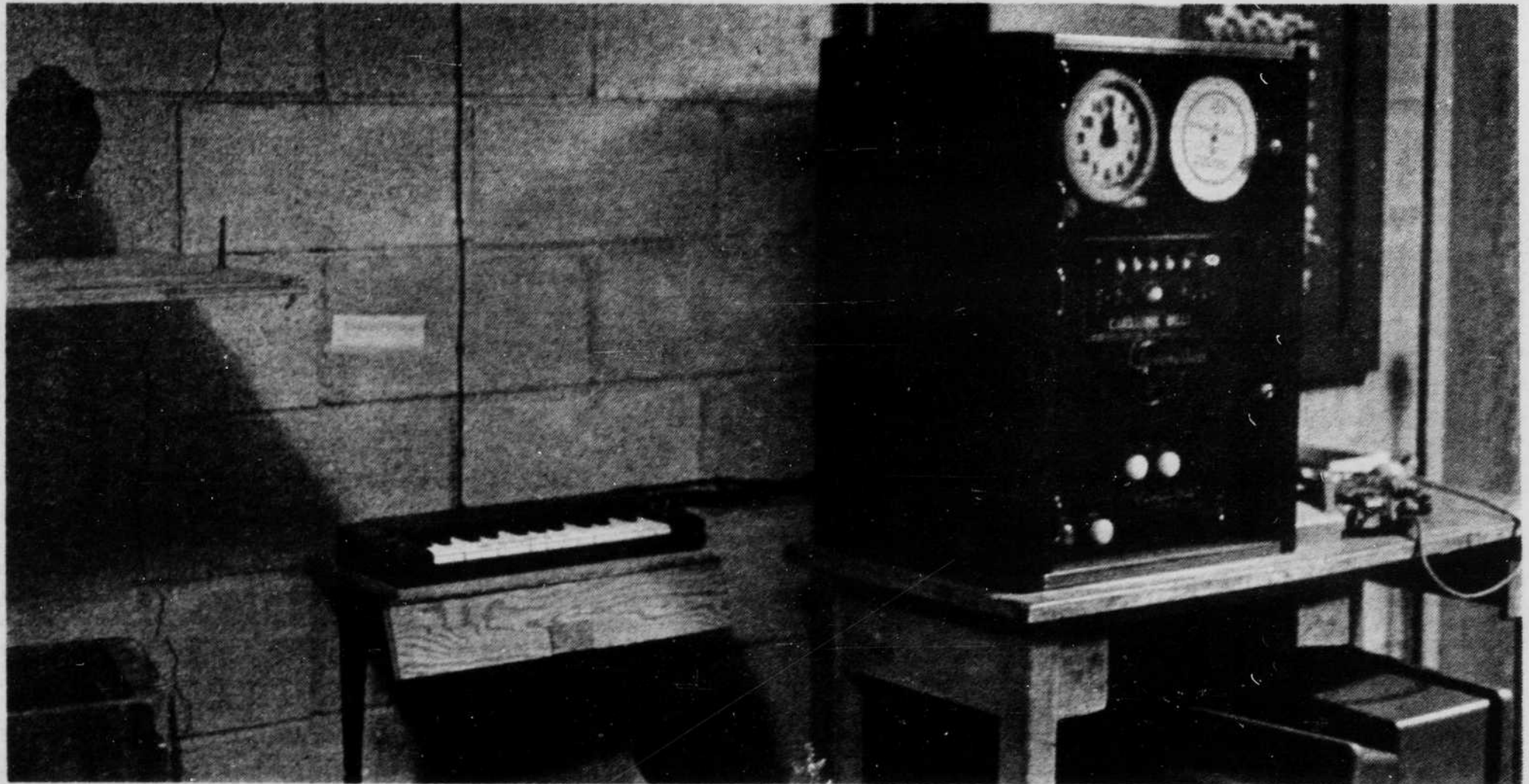


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This is the source of the bells which keep track of the hours day after day. Installed in 1954, the bells have been ringing ever since. Although

the only thing they do right now is mark the hours, music can also be played on the keyboard that goes with the bells.

ram consultant, reveals further uses of the chimes by students.

"In addition to the automatically set Westminster Chime tune followed by the tolling of the hour, it can play a 'mini concert,'" says Geltner.

There is a 15-note keyboard lo-

cated beside the automatic unit in the booth, similar to a small portion of a piano. "The system can be changed from automatic to the piano, and single note melodies may be played," Geltner adds.

Although the chimes are heard throughout campus from speak-

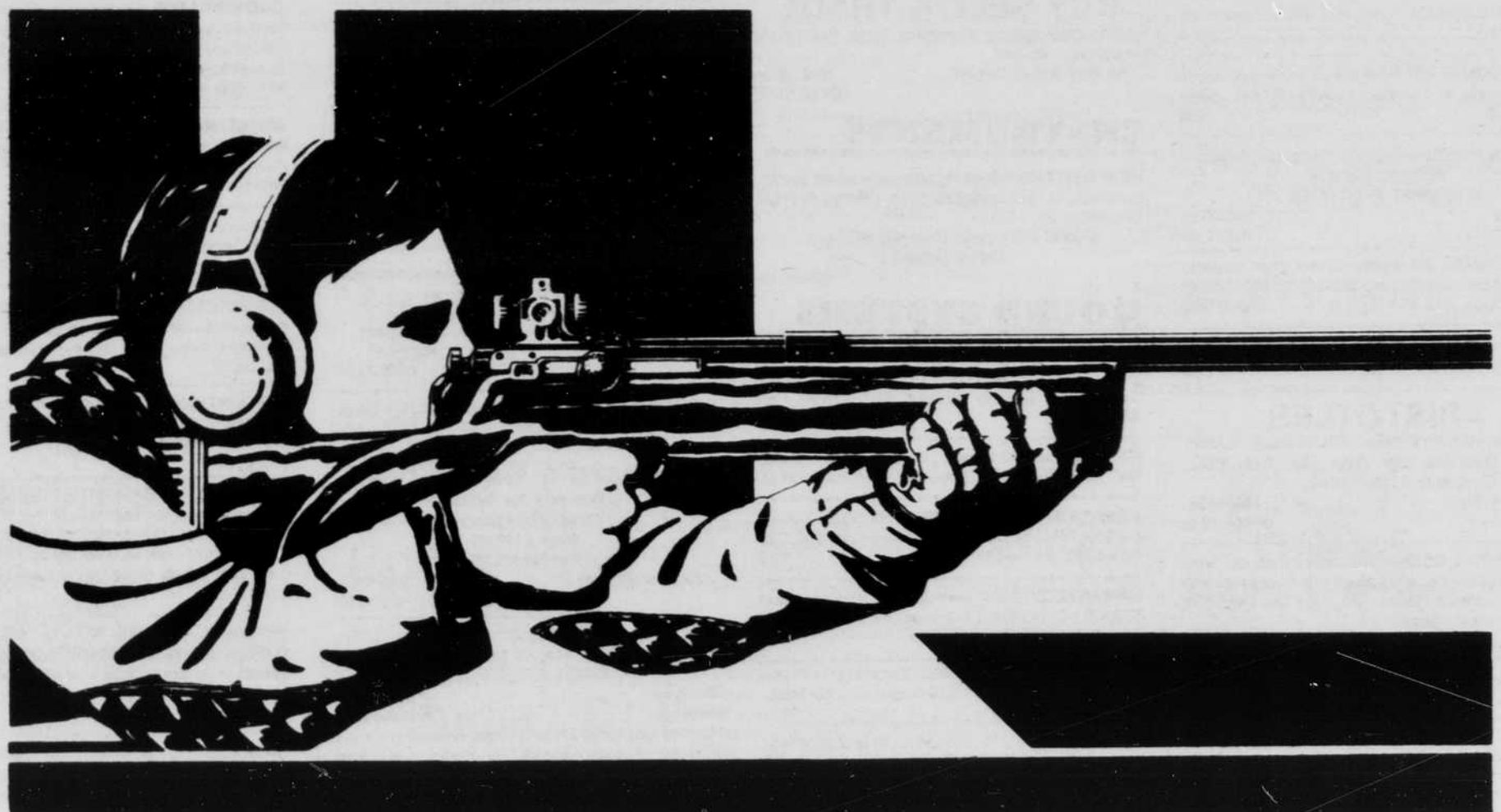
ers located on top of the EMU, there is a switch that confines the sound to the booth, permitting persons to practice on the keyboard.

The bells have been used a few times for special occasions, such as commencement and Mother's

Day, but according to Geltner, persons are also encouraged to play one or two afternoons a week for 10-15 minutes.

"I encourage anyone who can play piano to contact me," Geltner says. His office is located in Suite 2, EMU.

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