Stephens Hall
To Chime With
New Carillon

The USL campus now rings with the Westminster Chimes from Stephens Memorial Hall. This is a result of a donation of a carillon (bell chime) system by Richard D’Aquin, publisher and general manager of The Daily Advertiser and a member of the Louisiana Board of Regents.

D’Aquin said he made the gift to USL’s students because he felt that it would enrich their memories of USL, and contribute to campus life.

Robert Diggs, Student Government Association president, officially thanked D’Aquin on behalf of the USL student body. Diggs presented D’Aquin with a plaque of appreciation at halftime of the USL-Arkansas State football game Saturday. A second plaque of appreciation will permanently hang in Stephens Hall.

The carillon is capable of playing much more than the Westminster Chimes, in fact, it will come with 72 different selections, including popular, seasonal, and patriotic tunes. It will chime every 15 minutes, and every two hours will play a selection from the repertoire.

The sounds are produced by small bronze bell generators struck by tiny metal hammers. These tones are electronically amplified to produce the effect of cast bronze bells weighting over nine tons.

The bells should be in operation in synchronization with the Stephens Hall tower clock by November.