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NCSU (Raleigh)

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Description: At 115 feet tall, this memorial contains 1,400 tones of concrete and sits on a 700 ton concrete base. The Bell Tower does not actually contain bells, but rather speakers that are controlled from the nearby Holladay Hall.

Inscription:

On the cornerstone of the Bell Tower: DEDICATED BY / THE ALUMNI / TO THE GLORY / OF ALMIGHTY GOD
[Here the inscription is separated by the seal of the North Carolina State University (NCSU) which bears the original name of the University: North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering - NCSU's name from 1917 to 1964]
AND IN MEMORY / OF THOSE WHO SER- / VED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE WAR

Dedication date: 11/11/1949

Creator: W.H. Deacy, Designer Millburn and Heister, Architect

Materials & Techniques: Mt. Airy granite

Sponsor: NC State Memorial Committee

Cost: \$200,000

Post dedication use: When NCSU wins a major sporting event, among other special occasions, the tower is lit with red lights.

Subject notes: This war memorial stands on North Carolina State University's campus. It is recognized as a major symbol of the University and is included in the University's seal. The memorial tower was built to honor NC State alumni killed in World War I.

Controversies: There are no controversies. However there is an interesting fact. Officially, 33 NCSU alumni died in World War I, but the plaque bears 34 names. G. L. Jeffers, Class of '13, was reported as killed in action, but this was a mistake. When the plaque was made, many years later, the list including Jeffers' name was provided to the manufacturer. When the mistake was realized, the decision was made to simply alter the inscription of Jeffers' name to make it unrecognizable. Thus, it was changed to G. E. Jefferson, and serves as a symbol of unknown soldiers from NCSU and elsewhere.

Location: The Memorial Bell Tower stands at the northeast corner of North Campus at the corner of Hillsborough Street and Pullen Road.

City: Raleigh

County: Wake

Subjects: World War I

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