

Anonymous gift funds bell tower for stadium

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Thanks to a gift from an anonymous donor, Elon's Rhodes Stadium will include a 57-foot bell tower. The tower, which will stand at the stadium's entry plaza, is expected to be completed in time for the stadium opening in September.

According to Dan Anderson, director of college relations, the tower was in the original plans of the stadium. However, there was not enough funding available to build it. "Elon was recently approached by a donor who knew of the plans for the bell tower," Anderson said. "The [person] made a donation to fund it, and it is back on the schedule now to be completed by the fall."

The brick tower will include a copper dome at the top with four vertically-aligned bells, which will be cast in the Netherlands and tuned to sound the classic Westminster chimes. The tower will stand at the center of Victory Circle, a circular drive adjacent to the stadium's south entrance. Its base will include a large archway, aimed at allowing pedestrians to walk beneath.

"This bell tower will provide a dramatic entrance for Rhodes Stadium and will be a great place for Phoenix sports fans to gather prior to the game," President Leo Lambert said. "The addition of a bell tower to the stadium site will enhance this classic collegiate setting. Excitement is growing on campus as we look forward to enjoying one of the nation's finest college athletics facilities."

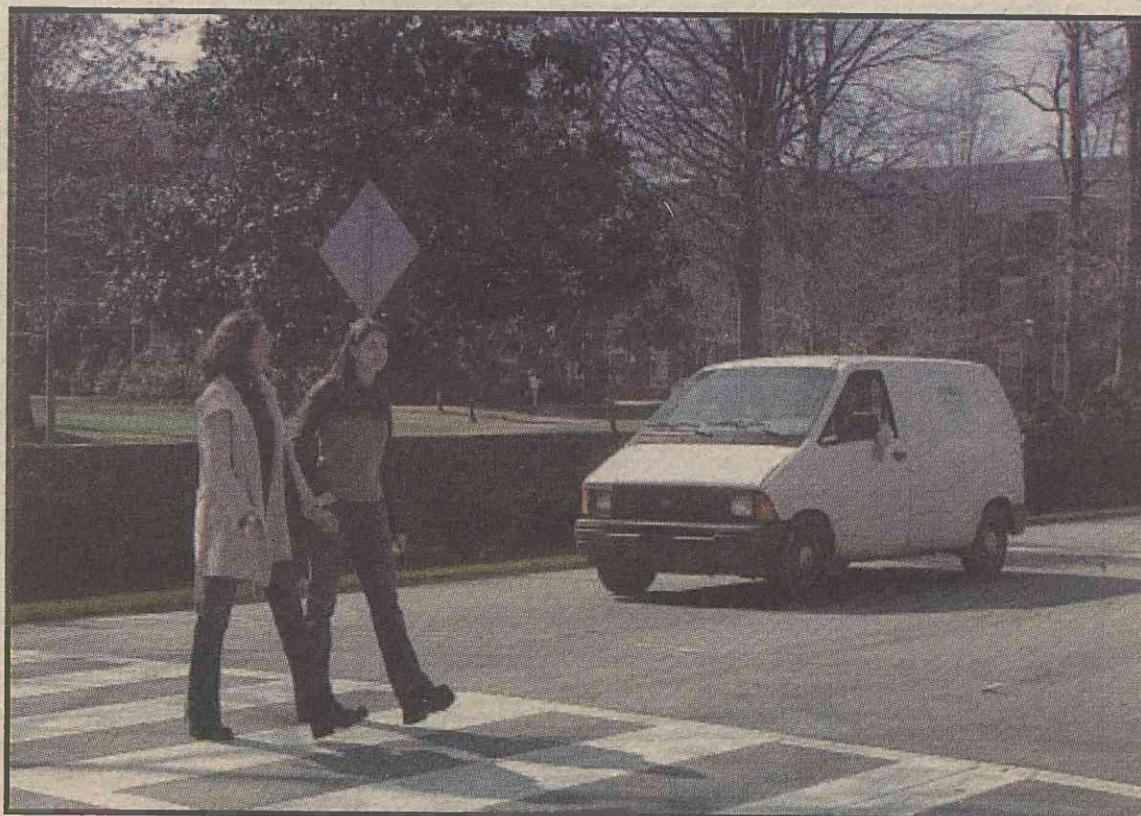
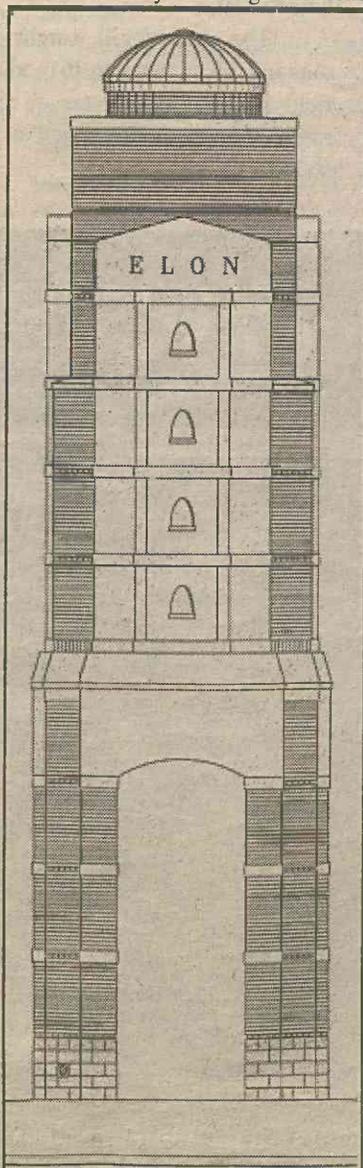
Construction on the stadium is running according to schedule. By early summer, the primary structures should be completed, with

work on the field and tower continuing until late summer.

The Sept. 15 opening football game between the Phoenix and Eastern Kentucky University will be Elon's first in the new Rhodes Stadium. Several gala events are being planned in conjunction with the opening game.

The bell tower will be built on victory circle in front of the new football stadium.

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Michelle Melvin and Mary Griffin walk across Haggard Avenue. Town police are concerned about the safety of Elon students while crossing streets on campus.

Police chief warns jaywalkers

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"Metal wins over skin."

This is the message Chief of Elon College Police Dan Engle wants Elon students to remember when using campus crosswalks.

Engle said he has received two to three complaints a week from motorists regarding Elon students walking across crosswalks and nearly colliding with oncoming traffic. This most often occurs when Elon students are headed to their classes.

"The complaints have risen in volume over the past year," Engle said.

The town and the college are growing in population with notice-

able growth along northbound Highway 100. Elon College Campus Security, the Town of Elon police and college administration want to take the necessary steps to ensure safety.

Engle has begun to address the issue of jaywalking by contacting The Pendulum to reach out to students. Director of Administrative Services Jim Johnson said: "We need to educate students to be a little more careful. We do all we can to make the streets safe. Students have to help us a little with that."

"According to North Carolina law, pedestrians have the right of way at a crosswalk ... when the light is red. When the light is green, pedestrians must yield to oncoming traffic. If pedestrians do not

yield, they are liable," Engle said.

As goes for motor vehicles, when the light is red, vehicles must stop. When a "pedestrian is given a citation for failure to yield to oncoming motor vehicles, or if motor vehicles fail to yield to pedestrians, it will cost \$90 in court fees."

However, there does not seem to be much likelihood in students receiving tickets. Director of Campus Security Chuck Gantos said, "We have no desire to issue jaywalking citations."

Engle referred to an incident at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 18 months ago; a graduate student was run over

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