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Trey Bolton: Students' strongest advocate

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A year ago, Trey Bolton had a vision – a vision for a student government that put students first. He campaigned on this vision, but had no previous student government experience. The student body spoke and selected him president with just over half the vote in last year's three-way election.

Bolton, a senior business major from Fayetteville, N.C., has proven himself and the power of SGA, while staying firmly targeted on his

mission of being an advocate for students, in his year as president.

"There was a significant learning curve for Trey, having not been in SGA," Barb Carlton, SGA adviser, said. "I think he had fresh ideas, that made the senators who had been in SGA for a number of years take a look at what they had been doing, and re-evaluate what was being done. Sometimes you get stuck in a rut as an organization. The transition is more based on the 'culture' of the group and not what

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Annette Randall/Photo Editor

Trey Bolton, Student Government Association president, says the best part of his job is spending time talking with students.



Tim Rosner/ Photographer

Record numbers of fans turn out at Alumni Gym for Elon men's basketball contests. The Phoenix received a close to capacity and raucous crowd Feb. 11 against Asheville with 1,420 students.

Phoenix Phanatics rock the Nest

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Sports Editor

Bonzi Wells has no idea. Wells, a guard for the Portland Trailblazers, has it all wrong. "We're not really going to worry about what [fans think]," Wells said. "They really don't matter to us."

Quite an overwhelming statement considering those very same fans he verbally chides pay his contract when they buy a ticket. At Elon, however, the men's players and coaches are glad to have an impressive fan base – one that is growing larger and more boisterous as the season progresses.

"It's good to have fans," freshman guard Steve Harvin said. "It gives us confidence and brings energy. It's a good feeling."

The Elon men's basketball team is 11-15 overall on the season and 9-2 at home, five of those wins coming in the conference. The Phoenix are currently tied for the best home record in the Big South with the University of North Caro-

lina at Asheville and Radford University. Elon's home court domination is due in part to the fans that support their team each week.

Alumni Gym holds 1,768 people, which may not sound as impressive when compared to Winthrop University's Coliseum capacity of 6,100 seats. The distinct advantage that Elon has over most schools in conference is obviously not the size, but the proximity of fans to the floor.

Head coach Mark Simons has often times referred to the Nest as a barn because of how close the fans are to the action. "I would hate to have to come here and play," Simons said. "Our place is the

toughest place to play [in conference]."

"It helps us because we just get hyped," freshman forward Jackson Atoyebi said. "We just want fans."

Atoyebi wants fans, and he gets them. Their support does not go unnoticed.

"We appreciate the fans coming, and we look forward to having more and more," Harvin said. The appreciation is certainly recognized, as Simons, his coaching staff and the players shake hands with the students after every home game.

The past two games against Winthrop Feb. 4 and Asheville Feb.

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