Winning baseball continues to be the tradition for Mike Kennedy and the Elon University Phoenix as the skipper being his 12th season as head coach. His previous 11 Elon teams have collected ten winning records and nine 30-victory campaigns despite regularly playing against many of the country’s finest programs. His 2006 squad set a new school record with 45 victories. With each victory tallied, Kennedy adds to his record for the most wins by an Elon baseball coach that he set in 2003. In his 11 seasons, Kennedy has guided the Phoenix to 352 victories. In 2006, Kennedy led his team to its first-ever Southern Conference regular season title with a 21-6 league record. The team also collected its second NCAA Division I Tournament berth in five seasons, participating in the Clemson Regional as the number two seed. In the regional’s open game, the Phoenix knocked off third-seeded Mississippi State by a 5-4 margin for the first NCAA Division I Tournament victory in any sport at Elon. Kennedy also led his team to its first-ever NCAA Division I national ranking, as the Phoenix appeared at #25 in Baseball America’s poll on May 22. By eclipsing the 30-win mark last year, Kennedy’s teams have now posted at least 30 victories in each of their eight official NCAA Division I seasons. The 2006 squad earned a win over a top-25 team, defeating #14 South Carolina. For his efforts, Kennedy was honored as the 2006 SoCon coach of the Year while five Phoenix players earned all-conference recognition. Elon also boasted the 2006 SoCon Freshman of the Year in Steven Hensley. In 2005, the skipper paced his Phoenix to a 32-25 overall record and an 18-12 Southern Conference mark, good enough to tie for third place in the 11-team league. The members of that squad earned all-Southern Conference distinction. The 2005 Phoenix squad claimed wins over a pair of nationally-ranked opponents—#6 North Carolina and #22 Coastal Carolina (twice)—as well as SEC member Auburn. In the nine seasons (1997, 2000-07) that Elon players have been eligible for postseason honors, Kennedy has coached 16 first team all-conference honorees, 20 second teamers, 16 conference all-tournament selections, seven all-region players, three all-region tournament picks, five all-state honorees, one league Freshman of the Year, one freshman All-American and two academic All-Americans. He has worked with 23 players—21 as head coach—who have gone on to play professional baseball.

Greg Starbuck – Greg Starbuck enters his tenth season on the Elon coaching staff and his fourth as the associate head coach to Mike Kennedy. Starbuck is Elon’s recruiting coordinator and serves as the primary hitting and infield instructor. “Buck” has been instrumental in the success that Elon has enjoyed as a NCAA Division I member. In each of his nine seasons with the Phoenix, Elon has ranked among the conference leaders in several offensive and defensive categories. In 2006, Elon led the league in fielding as well as many major offensive categories. The team has won at least 30 games in every one of his nine seasons.

Robbie Huffstetler – Robbie Huffstetler begins his fifth year on the Phoenix baseball staff after serving two years as an assistant at Southern Conference rival Appalachian State for two seasons. Huffstetler has been instrumental in helping the Phoenix maintain a high level of success in the Southern Conference. Along with his recruiting duties, Huffstetler will be working with the Phoenix outfielders as well as assisting with the hitting in 2008. In the summer of 2005, Huffstetler led the Mankato Moondogs of the Northwoods League to their best finish ever and a team record 32 wins. A 2001 graduate of Appalachian State, Huffstetler earned team MVP accolades in 1999.

Grant Rembert – Following a stellar playing career with the Phoenix, Grant Rembert has joined Mike Kennedy’s staff for the 2008 season. As a senior, Rembert hit .315 with 51 runs scored and 44 RBIs to help lead the Phoenix to a program-record 45 victories, a Southern Conference regular season championship and a berth into the 2006 Clemson Regional of NCAA Tournament play. In the regional, Rembert helped second-seeded Elon defeat third-seeded Mississippi State by a 5-4 margin, the first-ever NCAA Division I tournament victory by any Elon program. An All-SoCon performer in both 2004 and 2006, Rembert began his playing career at UNC Asheville where he was a Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American and an All-Big South Conference selection. Rembert earned his degree in business administration from Elon in 2005 and his MBA from Elon in 2007. Rembert’s responsibilities include working with catchers and assisting with the hitters.

Elon University Baseball Camps continue to be recognized as one of the premier summer baseball camps offered in the Southeastern United States. Elon Baseball Camps feature a unique blend of high school coaches, college coaches and professional scouts working with campers on an individual basis as well as in team settings.
Information on the 2008 Elon Baseball Camp

Goals: The Elon Baseball Camp is sold on providing each camper with sound fundamentals in the game of baseball. There will be extensive instruction and individual attention given to each camper designed to allow for maximum improvement in all phases of the game. Along with hitting and defensive instruction (by position) each camper will get to experience team concepts during camp games.

Who May Attend: The Phoenix Select Camp is open to any youngster who has reached his 13th birthday before the opening day of camp and/or has not begun classes in college. Enrollment is guaranteed on a first come, first serve basis and will be limited. Day camps are open to all children ages 7-12 years of age prior to the 1st day of camp. Reserve your spot now! Pitcher/ Catcher and Hitting Camps are open to ages 7-18 years.

Grouping: All campers will be evaluated, drilled, instructed and scheduled to play with other campers of their own age and skill level. For example, groups of 8-9 year olds; 10-11 year olds, etc. will work together and play games together. However, if one individual should possess exceptional ability they may play up with an older group.

What to Bring: Phoenix Select: Sheets, pillow, towels, toiletries, shorts, t-shirts, swimsuit, spending money, tennis shoes and all necessary baseball equipment. Day Camp: All day campers need to bring baseball equipment, swimming trunks and a towel, as well as their lunch for each day of camp. A change of clothes may be needed for the afternoon session. Please make sure all your belongings are marked with your name.

Facilities Available: Campers will have the opportunity to play at Latham Park (home of the Phoenix). Latham Park offers one of the best playing surfaces in the southeast. Two new batting cages equipped with pitching machines are also available for use to all campers. Also a soft toss and tee area is located outside the tunnels to allow for maximum instruction and a safe environment to give each camper a great opportunity to improve as a hitter.

Benefits To The Camper: The overnight campers will be housed in one of Elon’s air-conditioned dormitories with two campers per room. Roommate preferences may be specified on the application form. Campers will eat in the campus dining hall with dinner served Friday, July 6, breakfast, lunch and dinner served Saturday, July 7 and breakfast served Sunday, July 8. Each camper will be involved in competitive games during the weekend with awards given to the winners. All campers will receive an Elon Baseball T-shirt for attending the camp.

General: Phoenix Select camp begins on Friday with registration at 3:30pm. Signs will be posted on the campus directing campers to the registration site. Orientation will be held at 4:15pm in the main grandstand at Newsome Field. Parents are welcome to attend the Orientation session. Regularly scheduled sessions will begin after dinner on Friday. Thereafter campers may expect lectures and drills, along with competitive games (Sat. & Sun.) throughout the day. Camp ends Sunday at 1:00pm for the overnight session. Each camper will be insured against injury with secondary coverage above what your insurance provides. A release and waiver of liability must be signed by the camper and his parents or legal guardian and returned along with a copy of a physician’s physical. School physicals will be accepted.

Day Camp: This summer marks the seventh year we will be offering two summer day camps. The camps will be open to all youngster ages 7-12 years old. The camp will start each day at 9:00 am and will last until 3:00pm each day. For Thursday’s Session, camp ends at noon. Each camper will be responsible for his own lunch each day of camp. There will also be an afternoon session each day in which all campers will swim in our on-campus swimming pool. Towels and bathing suit will be necessary. In order to reserve a space we ask that the full payment of $140.00 be paid along with the application for camp.

Costs: The total cost for the overnight camp is $200.00. A deposit of $100.00 must accompany the application and is non-refundable. The remaining $100.00 will be payable upon enrollment in cash or money order made payable to Mike Kennedy/Elon University Baseball Camp. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON REGISTRATION DAY. A letter of acceptance will be mailed to campers upon an approved spot in the camp desired. Full payments speed up registration upon arrival. $175.00 fee is charged for the Select Camp for commuters (no use of dorm). The hitting/pitching-catcher camp will run the dates of June 16 (pitcher/catcher 4:00pm-6:00pm and hitting 7:00pm-9:00pm). The cost of these camps will be $50.00 per camp. Camp registration will be held at 3:45pm for the pitcher/catcher camp and 6:45pm for the hitting camp. Compared to other camps, you will find Elon’s price more than competitive! A key deposit of $40.00 will be required and returned after camp at check-out. Check required for key deposit (Phoenix Select Camp only).

The Camp: Through the efforts of many enthusiastic camp instructors, the Elon Camp has become known as one of the most attended camps in the Southeast. Professional scouts, four-year college coaches, assistants, junior college and high school coaches blend their instruction to every camper. The success of the camp speaks for itself with the likes of many college players now playing that have attended the Elon camp, including current members of the 2008 Elon University baseball team. NOTE: The Phoenix Select Camp is geared for the serious player who wants an intense camp experience.

Physician’s Statement

I hereby certify that I have examined ___________________________ and found him physically fit to attend and participate in the Elon University Baseball Camp. I know of no impairments, which would limit his participation in all activities in the camp.

Date Examined: ___________________________

Physician’s Signature: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

Telephone: ___________________________

Release and Waiver of Liability
(Please read carefully before signing)

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in this camp and related activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury and the undersigned assumes all such risk and does hereby release and forever discharge the camp and all employees and agents thereof from any and all liability of whatever kind or nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property and the consequences thereof, resulting from the registrant’s participation in or involvement with this camp, including any failure of equipment or defect in the premises.

If at any time it is necessary for the aforementioned camper to receive outside or professional medical attention, I hereby give my consent to the camp to secure the service of whatever physical or medical facility selected and to secure whatever transportation is deemed necessary.

I hereby state that I am the legal guardian of said child.

Date: ___________________________

Signature of Participant: ___________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ___________________________

Signature of Witness: ___________________________

(Please read carefully before signing)