UNCP's James Davis completed the 500-meter dash for the Braves with a time of 7.15 seconds, while Jonathan Ndhlovu finished 19th with a time of 7.42 seconds. In the 60-meter dash, Joshua McDowell concluded his run with a time of 6.52 seconds, while also placing third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.53 seconds and 21st in the long jump with a distance of 5.25 meters. The Lady Braves 4x400-meter relay team finished second overall with a time of 3:53.25.

By Nick Phillips

UNCP senior Adam Deese can add a little more to his already extensive resume from his time at UNCP, as the linbacker captured the honor of being named an All-American on the 2010 Don Hansen’s Football Gazette All-America teams.

Deese, an honorable mention on the list, joins former Braves teammates Justin Hinson and Hiviera Green, along with teammates Caylon Hamm and Keith Broderick, as UNCP All-American honorees in the past three seasons.

“I consider myself blessed to be the beneficiary of the accolades that have bestowed upon me this season. I have been thankful for everything I have received,” Deese said.

“Being named to the All-American team is an extreme honor and one that I share with my teammates and support staff who as a team I would not be able to receive this honor. I thank the players and the coaches for everything that they have done for me,”

Deese added.

Deese found his name on the national ballot after earning second-team all-region accolades in Hanson’s All-Super Region Two team in early January. The only player to have played in all 42 games in his career at UNCP, Deese leaves town as the leader in career tackles, with 266, as well as seven school records on the defensive side of the ball, including the single-season record for forced fumbles (3) and fumbles recovered (130). Add in his three sacks, six forced fumbles, 26 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks, and his statistics are even more impressive.

Along with his pro-bowl 266 tackles, Deese’s marks in solo tackles (130), forced fumbles (7) and fumbles recovered (8) all ranked among the nation’s best.

Topping off his records, Deese holds UNCP’s record for most defensive touchdowns with two, scoring on both an interception and fumble recovery during his final campaign with the Braves.

All-CAA Indians squad

The Lady Braves 4x400-meter relay team finished second overall with the off-season accolades, three other Braves were named to the DJFootball.com All-CAA Indians squad. Deese and Hamm were named to the first-team for the third consecutive season, while redshirt-freshman punter Bill Stanley also grabbed first-team honors.

Kicker Taylor Baskett joined his teammates on the list with his second-team honors.

This marks the fourth consecutive season that four or more members of the Black and Gold have been honored on the squad.

Shinnick tapped talent from around the state, as all but one of the 22 signees were from North Carolina. "I am very pleased with the way that the entire process went," Shinnick said.

Shinnick said, "It is a great looking group. We graduated a lot of area number one's," the coach continued.

"When you look at the defensive back, the defensive line and the linebackers – we were able to do that. Collectively, this is one of the more athletic groups that we have signed and one that can cover a lot of ground," Shinnick added.

Braves football ink 22 players on Signing Day

By Nick Phillips

Three UNCP track and field athletes returned home with first place finishes after the Braves competed in the VMI Relays on Feb. 12, traveling to the Carolina Invitational.

On the women’s side, senior Kye Tennyson took home top honors in the high jump with a 1.62-meter mark, while fellow Lady Brave senior Katherine Davis finished second in the shot put with her throw of 11.66 meters.

Senior Jessica McDowell placed third for UNCP in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.51 seconds, while also placing third in the long jump with a distance of 5.25-meters.

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In the 60-meter dash, Jordan finished 19th with a time of 7.15 seconds, while Jonathan Williams finished fourth in the 500-meter dash with his time of 1:07.45.

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On the women’s side, McDowell’s time of 26.84 seconds in the 200-meter dash gave her an eighth place finish before her 8.96-second 100-meter dash that netted her 6.07 meter dash. McDowell concluded her first section of the year with a 10th place finish in the long jump with her 5.03-meter distance.

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