Black and Gold Player Spotlight

The Pine Needle sits down with UNCP softball player Jamie Burwell during the 2011 season

By Nick Phillips
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What are your expectations for yourself and the team as you are going through the PBC portion of the schedule?
I believe our team is championship quality this year. We have yet to hit our peak, and I will be so excited when we all finally get in the groove. I feel like we should be able to beat the teams we need to in order to go to the conference tournament and even win the conference tournament.

Describe your experience as a UNCP student athlete.
Being an athlete at UNCP has been amazing. All of the teachers are very understanding. There are times when it gets stressful just because of the amount of extra work required for both academics and softball.

What is your most exciting softball moment?
I would have to say that winning the 14 and under World Series at the Disney's Wide World of Sports complex was probably the best softball moment in my life, although it is so much fun to win every game. I hope to go to conference tournament this year and regionals and win. If we do that those would be new best softball moments in my life.

Who/what are your biggest inspirations, in baseball and life?
My inspirations in softball I would have to say are my parents and my grandparents. They are always supporting me and helping me any way they can. One of my inspirations in life is my Aunt Lisa because of the way she lives her life and follows the Lord.

What do you do personally before a game?
Before games I usually make sure I eat well ahead of time so that I don't feel hungry during the game or get sick from eating too close to the game. I like to think about things that I can do better in the game that I have done wrong previously. I always listen to my iPod in my game day songs playlist.

2011 Stats - Through March 27
Pitching - 6-5 record, 4.04 ERA; Hitting - two home runs, eight RBI

Bio of the week
Jamie Burwell
Year - Junior
Sport - Softball
Position - Pitcher/Utility
Hometown - Enka, N.C.
Major - Biology