Black and Gold Player Spotlight

By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

What are your expectations for yourself and the team coming towards the end of the regular season and the PBC Tournament?
Big hopes come with the end of the season. As always we hope to make it to the post season. Hopefully, we can play our best baseball during the PBC tournament and win the tournament and then move on to the post season.

Describe your experience as a UNCP student athlete.
The experience as a student-athlete has been great, being able to get a greater education while still playing a game you love. There are not many college students that get the chance to play a sport while in school, and it has been hard at times while practicing everyday and lifting weights and still having to keep up with all your work.

What is your most exciting baseball moment?
This year at the beginning of the season when we were ranked third in the nation was one of the most exciting moments, but honestly I am hoping the most exciting baseball moment is still to come with this year and making it to the post season and winning some games in the post season.

Who/what are your biggest inspirations, in baseball and life?
In baseball and life I have always tried to give my best and perform to the best of my ability. In life my inspirations are my dad and oldest brother. My dad was a college football player at West Point Military Academy where his senior year he was co-captain of the team. He then served 16 years in the Army while also becoming a doctor. My brother was also a college football player and has taught me to always give my best and work hard no matter what it is you’re doing.

You are tied for the UNCP home run record with 40 in your career. What does that mean to you?
It is awesome to share and maybe hold the career home run record by the end of the season.

2011 Stats - Through April 10
.381 batting average, .603 slugging percentage, 26 RBI, six home runs

Bio of the week
Keith Whitman
Year - Senior
Sport - Baseball
Position - Outfielder
Hometown - Elkin, N.C.
Major - Chemistry

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