Postseason awards pile up for Braves athletes

By Nick Phillips

The postseason accolades continue to roll in for Braves spring athletes as they are rewarded for their efforts this past spring.

Baseball

On the diamond, the UNCP baseball program wrapped up its successful 2011 season with the program’s first-ever trip to NCAA postseason play as the Braves finished the season 35-21-1. The baseball program broke the school record for wins in 2011 to go along with that first trip to the postseason and were honored with being ranked 12th in the nation by the National Collegiate Baseball Conference Magazine June on 10.

All-American

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The pair of accolades, naming Lewis the Braves’ first All-American since 2003 and at-bats with 229, while registering a career-high 95 runs. Haley led the PBC in total bases with 125 categories. Haley led the PBC in total bases with 125, while starting all 45 games in 2011. Lewis tallied nine saves as he struck out 51 batters in 26 relief appearances this season.

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