**Braves advance four wrestlers to NCAA tournament**

By Nick Phillips

Mike Weakley, a senior, advanced to the NCAA tournament by defeating Nebraska-Kearney's Jeriah Eichmann by a 3-2 overtime loss to West- ern State's Jose Cruz. In the 149-pound bracket, Parker-Risk was pinned in the first round by Nick Walpole of Indiana- polis before the junior fell to Ashland's Drakel Gennett by a 4-1 decision to close his tournament.

UNCP’s Bresnan Parker-Risk wresltes earlier this season. Parker-Risk finished fourth in the 149-pound bracket at the NCAA Super Region I Tournament on Feb. 25 and 26.

Waler defeated Carson-Newman’s Gavin Hay with a pin on the first playoff hole to lead his two-time All-American, Bresnan Parker-Risk, to a third-place finish in the NCAA Division II wrestling championships.

Waler’s two other national lookers, Tindarius Thurston and Brendan Parker-Risk, each were knocked out of first NCAA Tournament brackets early.

In the 133-pound bracket, Thurston was defeated by No. 1 seeded Todd Wilson of Grand Canyon by a 3-1 score in his opening match before the sopho- more rallied back for a 4-6 decision win over Eric Ellington of St. Cloud State.

The senior, who is headed to Ashland, finished fifth at the NCAA National Championships.

**Wecakes, Williams finish in country**

By Nick Phillips

Senior Russell Walor finished third at the AASU Pirate Invitational on Feb. 21 and 22 in their opening tournament of the spring portion of the 2010-2011 season.

**Men’s golf opens spring schedule; takes third**

By Jason Thomas

Junior Jordyn Larson placed second at the 13th annual AASU Pirate Invitational on Feb. 21 and 22 in their opening tournament of the spring portion of the 2010-2011 season.

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The UNCP men’s golf team finished third in the AASU Division II Championships on March 11 and 12 in Kentucky.

The duo helped UNCP to its best finish at the NCAA Championships under coach Jay Hibbs with their 17-place finish.

UNCP finished 17th with a score of 879, just seven strokes out of second place.

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Ralph Blevins of North Carolina defeated Walor in the consolation semifinals by Nebraska-Kearney’s Joel Wilson via a sudden-victory over- time match, finishing in second place.

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Walor shot rounds of 69 and 70 to finish with a 149 total on the scorecard while junior Woodruff finished tied for 24th after a two-round total of 150.

Redshirt-sophomore Sam Stephenson finished fifth at the AASU Pirate Invitational with a score of 233 overall after rounds of 78-76-79.

Williams earned All-American status at the NCAA Division II Championships and finished his career with a 74-13 record.

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