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Kyle Loudermilk, a sophomore agricultural business major, and Shaula Wright, a freshman animal science major, try to collect insects for their entomology class on West Campus.

News in Brief

Austrian avalanche kills 11 skiers

NIEDERSILL, Austria (AP)—An Alpine avalanche as wide as football fields buried more than a dozen skiers underneath the snow Tuesday, killing at least 11 people, rescue officials said. Ten people were found dead in the area of the huge snow slide.



Salzburg. Another died later in hospital. Two others were able to free themselves while rescuers dug for a third survivor, state television said in its evening newscast.

A search continued for another possible victim. Some of the victims were believed to be ski instructors. One told state television the slide was caused by an instructor whose shovel set loose a wall of snow. The Austria Press Agency said two snowboarders had apparently started the avalanche and might have been among those killed.

Teen-ager arrested for slaying women

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—A 16-year-old boy has been arrested in the slaying of two American women near a Costa Rican beach town. Two other suspects remain at large, police said.

Judicial Police Director Jose Rojas told a news conference Monday that investigators were still trying to determine a motive for the killing, which has shaken the country's image as a safe destination for tourists.

Rojas called the arrest "an important development in the case. We are very close to solving it completely." The bodies of Emily Eagen, of Arbor, Mich., and Emily Howell, of Lexington, Ky., both 19, were found beside a highway March 13 near the town of Cahuita, 90 miles east of San Jose. Both had been shot.

The suspect's identity was not released because he is a minor. Rojas said he was arrested Sunday night in Sixaola, a town on the border of Panama. He said the other two suspects being sought are minors.

Acquaintances of the suspect told police he gave them the .38-caliber handgun allegedly used in Howell's slaying and they turned the gun over to police. A second gun of the same caliber was used to kill Eagen. It has not been recovered, Rojas said.

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