Late greatness
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USC surf club members clean up Cocoa Beach — SEE NEWS, A2

Student killed in double homicide
Friend says suspect is female victim's ex

JENNY ANDREASSON

A UC student died Monday night in a double homicide in Oviedo. Michael Bauch, 22, was a student at the University of Central Florida. Police say Brian Charles Butler, 23, and his girlfriend, Tiffany Warren, were shot and killed in a home on Shady Oak Lane late Monday night. Andrew Alford, 21, was arrested later in front of his home and charged with homicide in connection with the deaths.

Shaky degree programs at risk to be cut

DONALD THOMAS

Investigation into the economics B.A. program was under way in 2004-2005. Administration reported that faculty are loath to discuss the program that will be put under scrutiny. Some of the determining factors will include cost and community demand for a program. "One of the main things we want to determine," said, "if we got rid of a program, could UCF do the same thing?"

SENATE ELECTIONS

Two ticket leaders are called to the podium of the Student Government Assembly today at 9:30 in the New Administration Building to face the electorate. Students will be here to see who will succeed in the Student Government Assembly.

"We have pretty busy," said Alex Mancuso, who is running College of Sciences seat nine with Knight Ticket. "It's good to have people out and talk about our platform."

Senators combine efforts on tickets

NORTH SIGHT

Voting for the Student Government Assembly Senators will end at 5 p.m. and the Thursday the 19th session will meet for the last time.

Elections started Monday at 9 a.m. with several candidates scattered around campus campaigning and encouraging students to vote.

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Jenna Six ignites talks on campus

SHARON RICHARDSON

The arrest and trial of six black students in connection with the beating of a white student in Jena, La., has sparked talk of racism and injustice around campus and the nation.

The black students, dubbed the "Jena Six," are at the center of a controversy concerning their arrest. Some claim that the students were unfairly targeted and prosecuted and that the high school where the attack took place has been a source of racial tension for black students.

A group of 51 UCF students attended a rally Sunday in Jena to rally in support of the Jena Six. Trip coordinator Leigh Gipson, approached Student Body President Brandon Hollinger two months before the rally. Hollinger allocated $10,000 —
Surf club gathers to clean their home turf

**KANS WILBURG**

SUNOCO PHOTOS

With the sound of waves crashing in the background, members of the UCF surf club sifted through the sand of Cocoa Beach gathering discarded cups, cigarette butts and sandwich wrappers.

The club moved carefully Saturday, collecting trash in plastic bags that were nearly half full. Cocoa officials have promised to put garbage cans at the end of the boardwalk so people on the beach will have a place to toss their trash.

Heather Lewis, Ron Jon Surf Shop's director of marketing, said Cocoa has also recently added bins for cigarette butts, but surf club members chose to get a head start on the city by pitching in to clean the beach that is so important to their activities.

About 12 club members and a few other volunteers from the community, including Ron Jon employees, arrived at 7 a.m. and worked until about 10 a.m. Each member was given his or her own pair of gloves and a trash bag.

Four times a year, roughly every three months, the surf club, Ron Jon employees and Cocoa Beach community members get together to maintain the cleanliness of their beloved beach.

“Since it’s crowded,” Lewis said, “the beach generates trash, and we are just trying to make an effort so when people visit, it’s a nice place to go.”

Lewis was not the only one who felt this way. Surf club members were also excited to participate and help clean up the beach.

“Good stuff, we did what Lewis said,” said Hannah Wilson, a senior broadcast journalism major and newly elected surf team alternate. “I love the environment, and I like doing something like this.”

After the cleaning ended, members sat down to discuss the upcoming schedule of events.

For the two weeks, tryouts will be held to determine which members will lead the surf team to nationals. Six women and 18 men are given spots on the actual team each year. Although the phrases are used interchangeably, the UCF surf club and the “surfers,” are distinct. The club is not competitive; it is a gathering of people with the same interest. The team is much more competitive and travels the country competing against various schools throughout the year.

But the team is made up of people from the club.

The team has placed at least second at nationals the past three years competing against teams from schools such as the University of Florida and Florida State University.

They have gone to nationals in Florida every year for the past three years.

Ron Jon Surf Shop sponsors all the entry fees for the team’s competitions and takes care of all travel expenses for nationals, which include plane, car rental and hotel costs.

“We also hold contests at places like the Liquid Cyclone to promote local bands and help pay some of the expenses so our sponsors don’t have to surf team captain Todd Rhoton, a civil engineering major said.

Members said they were thankful for the generous sponsors that allow them to focus on surfing and team building instead of worrying about money.

“Team members said they felt the surf team does not receive enough credit, even though the team has been successful at competitions,” he said.

Lauren Demolin, an industrial engineering major, moved to Florida from Manitoba, Canada, a small island outside of Madagascar.

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“I looked at Georgia Tech and a bunch of other schools like that, but this was the only place with a Web site for their surf team,” Demolin said. She decided to choose a college was very easy considering UCF’s extensive engineering and amazing surf team.

Even though the team has a limited number of spaces, the club is open to all students. Meetings are held almost every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in Business Administration Room 100. The club Web site, www.surfac.com, maintains an updated schedule.

Rhoton stated that interested students, even ones with little to no surfing experience, are encouraged to join the club. The team holds random clinics to teach interested surfers the ins and outs of the sport.

“Anyone is allowed to come to our meetings,” Winslow said. “Just show up at 9 on Tuesday nights.”
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Main sentenced to life in federal prison for 1998 slaying of a Polk County police officer.

Robert Winston, 26, was sentenced to life plus 10 years Monday for his role in the March 3, 1998, slaying of rookie Halawa City officer Christopher Todd Horner.

Prosecutors said Horner, 31, was killed in a shootout where he approached a car with no visible license plates. A group of men sitting in the car had just robbed a hotel and were planning a bank robbery, prosecutors said.

They forced Horner to his knees and shot him in the back of the head with his own gun, then slipped the weapon under his body, prosecutors said.

Two other men — Christopher U. Clark and Andre Page, 28 — are awaiting life sentences after being convicted in Horner's killing.

A fourth man, Charles Andrew Fowler, 36, who investigators believe was the third man, was indicted by a federal grand jury on a lesser charge last week.

The case went unsolved until 2005 after a 20-year sentence for an unrelated robbery, serving life sentences after being convicted in Horner's slaying.

The grand jury passed on indicting the Atlanta Falcons quarterback and two co-defendants on eight counts of animal cruelty, which would have exposed them to a maximum of five years in prison or $250,000 in fines.

Any and all cruelty charge in Virginia is punishable by up to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine for the federal case, Vick admitted helping to rig fights to eight dogs at the Surrey County dogfighting ring. Similarly, the three co-defendants in the case admitted involvement and detailed what they claim was Vick's role.

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Random roommates more prevalent

JENNIFER ROSS

Choosing to move in with a friend in college could ruin the friendship, but rooming with a stranger could turn into a nightmare.

Either way, it’s a gamble. Meredith Varner, assistant director of UCF Housing and Residence Life, said more students tend to choose random roommates.

She said some students don’t have a friend to room with, while others don’t want to jeopardize a friendship or may be hoping to make a new friend.

“Just because you get along socially [with a friend] doesn’t mean you can live together,” Varner said. “I’ve definitely seen best friends from high school meet and room together.”

Of course, random roommates don’t always turn out well either. “I have seen situations where roommates are so different that they are incompatible,” Varner said.

There are roughly 6,000 students living on campus and 4,000 off campus this year. While many off-campus apartment complexes have different types of roommate matching systems, on-campus housing roommates are selected completely randomly.

Students are placed with people of the same gender and class rank, but the UCF Housing and Residence Life Department has decided that more complex roommate matching systems are generally ineffective.

For example, Varner said some students will put qualities they are looking for in a roommate on their own roommate matching form. A money person may say he is neat because he wants his roommate to be neat.

Varner added that it has also become common, especially among freshmen, for students’ parents to fill out the forms for them.

Economics major Tara Jones roomed with two random students her sophomore year in Academic Village, and now, in her senior year, she is sharing an off-campus apartment with them.

“There are a lot of opportunities to meet people outside of your group [if you select a random roommate],” Jones said.

Financial management and international business major Janes Jerman lives in Lake Claire apartments. She said she is happy with her room selections and said that he will probably choose that option again next year.

“I definitely wouldn’t want to room with someone from high school,” Jerman said.

Larry Marks, a psychology major from the Counseling Center, said be notorious for conflicts arising from random roommate situations, but communication is important whether roommates are old friends or strangers.

“With friends or random roommates, it think it’s important to talk about what your expectations are,” Marks said. “Even if you’re good friends with someone, you never really know them until you live with them.”

It’s also important to consider the effect that going to college has on a student’s personality.

“People change so much when they go to college,” Varner said.

Psychology major Kimberly Rockwell lived in the Hercules complex last year. She had a random roommate, who, although very different from herself, gradually became a good friend.

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Unicase other campus communities LEAD Scholars, Barnett Honors College students and athletes are paired with others in their organization.

Rockwell said that living with the LEAD Scholars was an overall good experience, and that she didn’t have a problem with constantly seeing the same people.

Business finance major Kevin Speedy lives in the Sorority House. Counseling Center housing in “Tower III. He is in his first year at UCF, and has just found that living with 250 fellow honors students has helped him make friends.

“It’s nice to live with people you have a lot in common with,” Speedy said. “I haven’t heard anyone here complain about their roommates.”

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— MATT HEIM, ENGLISH FRESHMAN

Freshman film major Rose Alagna had a different experience with campaigners.

“I was walking home,” Alagna said, “and someone started talking to me about the election, and I took interest in learning more about it.”

Alagna is in the College of Arts and Humanities, and said that he thinks someone in the college has to be in charge. Alagna said a candidate told him things he didn’t know about his college and that’s what he voted.

Will Lusk, a candidate for COS seat six with Knight Ticket, said that students need to take it upon themselves to get informed about the election.

“The information is available if you are interested in it,” Lusk said.

John Martinez, also a candidate for COS seat with New SGA, said that things in SGA need to change. He said there are so many common misconceptions about the college, students need to take it more seriously.

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Volleyball swept for a second time

UCF can't complete comebacks in games two and three, beaten by Rice for second straight Conference USA sweep

ZACK PARDES

For the second time over the weekend, the UCF Men's Softball team found itself behind in the second half and grabbed a late comeback victory. The Knights took home the UCF Fall Classic title Sunday after defeating Wofford 2-1.

Junior Ryan Roushandel scored his second game-winning goal of the weekend to secure the victory for the Knights. It was his fifth goal of the year.

"Ryan is one of the leaders of the team," head coach Bryan Cunningham said. "He has exceptional character and exceptional work ethic."

UCF's slow start in game two didn't stop the Knights from reaching victory. The win gave UCF its second tournament championship this season.

The Knights traveled to Albany, Ga., from Sept. 24-25 and won both games of the New York Invitational to earn that title as well.

The goal going into the weekend was to win both games, Cunningham said in a press release. "This is our second tournament victory of the year, and it helps lend some confidence as we enter the midpoint in our season."

A bout of unexpected weather caused delays the entire day. The first match of the day between Stoneman Douglas and College of Charleston was canceled due to rain.

The start of the Knights' match was delayed and there was also a 20-minute stoppage before halftime, but both teams came ready to play.

Rights before the half, Wofford freshman Armin Luzunaris pulled the Knights to within five at 9-4, the lead the Owls allowed the Knights their first lead of the match at 3-1.

Of course, in the 64th minute of play with a perfect-free kick from the top left corner of the net.

Cunningham said that being ahead going into the half is not a situation he wants to be in. But his team was able to respond.

UCF freshman Matt Eustis took a pass from junior Chris Andaur and slapped a header past Wofford goalkeeper Joey Taylor in the 64th minute.

It was a decision for Roushandel to step up again.

Roushandel scored his second game-winner-in-as many games with a goal in the 85th minute. Senior Karl Johnson assisted.

ZACH PARDES

After suffering through its toughest loss of the season against Houston on Friday, the UCF Volleyball team was looking for a chance to rebound against Rice on Sunday.

The result wasn't exactly what the Knights were hoping for. Despite strong play in games two and three, the Knights 0-3 in C-USA were swept 29-27, 30-27 and 30-24 by the Owls. It was the second straight match in which UCF was swept.

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"I think sometimes we forget to play risk free, and we play it safe those first few points," said sophomore Jenny Campbell, who tallied a team-high 15 digs.

"We play timid, and that is why we get behind. But I think we have enough faith in ourselves that if we make one, two or three errors that we are dynamic, and we can come back," Cunningham said in a press release.

The dynamics didn't show for the Knights in game one. After a Heppert ace gave the Owls the early 1-0 lead, the Knights went on a 2-0 run to open up leads of 5-0 and 5-1 in games one and three, respectively.

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Roushandel scored a decisive goal in a similar manner Friday night against College of Charleston.

His goal in the 79th minute gave UCF a 2-0 win. Of his five goals this year, three have been game-winners.

The Knights earned a well-deserved win, outshooting Wofford 29-11 and putting up nine shots on goal opposed to just six for the Knights.

UCF's defense was backed by another great game in net by freshman goalkeeper Anna Johnson, who made five saves on the night.

"Wofford really makes you every single block," Cunningham said in a press release. "They are an organized and disciplined team. We were up to their par, and we stuck through it in order to get the result.

The Knights are now 4-3 for the year, including an 0-1 record in Conference USA. Wofford dropped to 3-4-1.

The Knights' next match is in the road against Saint Louis University. The match will take place Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in St. Louis.

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Federal agents secure millions of steroid doses

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Federal authorities announced the largest crackdown on illegal steroids in the nation’s history Monday, arresting more than 130 people and raiding dozens of labs that manufactured growth hormone for sale on the black market.

Agents seized 56 labs, many of which were located in basements, and recovered 5.4 million doses of steroids, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

“We were a little bit stunned at the amount of it we found as a result of this investigation,” said Steve Robertson, spokesman Garrison Court.

The labs, agents said, were selling synthetic substances that are drug dealers, plain and simple, and we will tell them accordingly,” said Robertson.

As we start to dig into this, I would have to believe that they’re going to find out what we’re doing, and if they are in fact high school kids, said Steve Robertson, another DEA spokesman.

The DEA said 435 federal search warrants were executed during the 18-month investigation, many of them since Thursday. The FBI, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Food and Drug Administration were also involved.

In all, investigators seized 250 pounds of raw steroids, many of which were shipped from Guangdong, China, and sold them to U.S. organizations.

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Israel deserves to be UCF Football's full-time QB

It's hard to point out which facets of the UCF Football team were most impressive in the Knights' 30-20 win over Memphis on Saturday. Junior Kevin Smith ran for 113 yards and had three touchdowns in the loss. But Smith had 100 yards left.

And Michael Greco had a solid game as well, contributing along with 77 yards and two touchdowns of his own.

But as head coach George O'Leary said after the game, "This is still UCF's team."

Look at it this way: Saturday is still an unimpressive win for UCF, but in a game in which the defense stopped the opposing offense, Israel still managed to put up 113 yards, including an absolute touchdown to finish the game on a touchdown.

The backup quarterback is always the popular position on a football team, especially when he or she receives praise, most of it deserved, after a game that wasn't necessarily the best in the Knights' history.

"I don't change the fact that Israel gave the"

Knights the best chance to win. If Kevin Smith had a wide-open option early in the third quarter to give the Knights a 40-0 lead, Greco had just two passes for more than 20 yards, and he benefitted from a huge lead and a depleted and defeated Memphis defense.

"Other teams may have been surprised, but I think that head coach Pat Dye in 2006, when he and Bowden lost several games at the end of the season and ended up out of the Sugar Bowl, won't be surprised anymore," Scott Campbell said.

"This weekend when we play Memphis, the Tigers will have to rely on the stability of Israel and Kevin Smith when the team faces one of the best defenses in the nation, UCF, Oct. 31."

Even after the pounding that UCF gave Memphis, the Tigers still have a better pass defense than five of the remaining seven teams that the Knights will face in Conference USA. "Israel is a better passer — which he proved last year — and Kevin Smith, if healthy, will keep any defense in C-USA honest.

"But I am afraid that I am going to get a little bit ahead of myself. Smith accounts for almost 44 percent of the running yards, and he allowed this season, he will run roughshod over everyone," O'Leary said.

What UCF and its season will be told is how Israel plays in three games. He has the talent to shine for the rest of the season and finish as the top passer in the conference.

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UCF has two players in the top 20 after two rounds, Senior Chris Anderson and Junior Steven Moffett. Anderson carded a 1-under-par 70 in his first round, shooting an even-par 70 in his second round, finishing with a 1-under-par 69.

He was tied for 10th heading into Tuesday's action. Freshman Jared Hack shot two straight 3-under-par 71s in his first college event and made his collegiate debut at 15th place at 1-over-par 73.

Georgia Southern was second at 9-over-par. Rounding out the top 30 for the Knights was Greg Forton, who shot a 4-over-par 77 in round one and a 3-over-par 75 in round two to finish tied for 30th.

"If Israel passes for fewer than 300 yards, including an absolute 30-under-par 69 in the first round Monday, but couldn't build on his lead and shot even par in the second round. He was just one stroke ahead of UAB's Zach Smith heading into Tuesday."

"UCF's David Johnson and Mike Storey were tied for 4th at 5-under-par. Johnson tied with Vanderbilt's Brem Lange for the best improvement from round one to round two. Johnson went from a 4-over-par 78 in the first round to shooting even par in round two. The Knights finished up the point one day after Tuesday, but results were not available at press time."

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