Students struck by car, one in medically induced coma
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Two Loyola students are recovering this week after being hit by a vehicle while on the campus in Lincoln Park.
The students were identified by friends, family and school officials as a 18-year-old freshman Connor Crippen and a 19-year-old freshman Anna Woz.
Bystanders were crossing the street near the Fullerton Avenue Red Line station around 11 p.m. Saturday, March 26, when a Nissan Pathfinder plowed into them, according to friends and the Chicago Police Department.
Woz, a nursing major, was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center on the North Side but was released on Monday, March 18, according to Fr. Thomas Regan, S.J., who officiated a special mass at Loyola Sunday, March 17, dedicated to the recovery of the students.
As of press time, Crippen, a biochemistry major, is currently still in the intensive care unit at the same hospital in a medically induced coma to reduce the swelling in his brain, according to Regan.
"He landed right directly on his face and rolled onto his head," Bridget said. "It was kind of good that he rolled because then one part of his brain didn't get all of the hit. It spread out, so we think it's kind of like shallow damage rather than serious damage so far.
"No major things have happened, so that's really good," Bridget said. "Boating is good, even though it's kind of frustrating because I just wish we was healing now, but his body is taking its time and doing what it can do.

She said the two injured teens were walking across the street "in the back of a group," when the accident happened. Crippen has not yet woken from his coma, and Woz "doesn't remember much, or really anything," Bridget said.

Loyola tells owner of building
near Baumhart to vacate
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"Leaders from approximately 30 religious denominations and 132 diplomatic delegations— including several heads of state— gathered with thousands of pilgrims at Saint Peter's Square for the inauguration of newly-elected Pope Francis, Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J.

During the ceremony, he was venerated with the papal symbols—the pallium and the fisherman's ring—which indicate his position as the successor of the Apostle Peter, the "fisher of men," who is considered the first pope in Catholic tradition. In his homily during the mass, the pope stressed humanity needs to be protectors of creation, bringing hope and service to the world.

"Amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hopes to others. To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope."

Steven Prawie, a Loyola student at the John Felice Rome Center, told the Associated Press that the pope explained he was going to serve Rome and the world for peace, "all the negative hope from the media before about the resignation of Pope Benedict seemed to vanish."

"I would feel the warmth of his personality and my heart calmed. All was well," said the junior theology and philosophy double major.

Loyola students at the John Felice Rome Center join Italian citizens as they await the appearance of white smoke from the Vatican, Wednesday, March 13.

USGA proposes The Green Initiative Fund
on upcoming ballot to help finance projects
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Loyola's student government is pushing the school toward another green initiative, urging the student body to pass a referendum on the upcoming ballot that would create money to support environmental projects on campus.
The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) would provide individual students as well as student groups with a source of funding for environmentally based projects. A USGA subcommittee would oversee the funds, consisting of five to seven representatives who decide which student project proposals receive funding, and how much.

"Students have great initiatives, they have great projects and really understand a lot about these issues and how it affects their campus," said Alexandria Vecchio, USGA's chief sustainability officer and head of the TGIF committee.

"So why not give them the opportunity to really make positive change? To really feel as though they have a role in what's happening here on campus?"

The fund would not require students to pay any additional fees, said 22-year-old Vecchio, but would instead pull existing money from the Student Development Fee, a set fee students already pay at the beginning of each academic year.

"I think that what we're proposing right now is what students can get behind," said Vecchio, a sophomore sociology and environmental studies double major. "We're asking to reallocating the money you give this university."

Vecchio said budget plans are still being finalized, so there is not a clear number of what TGIF's budget would be next fall, but the group hopes to get around $60,000-$65,000. This would translate to four to five big projects and right to 10 small projects, she said.

If students vote to pass the fund, a subcommittee would be formed and chaired by USGA's chief sustainability officer, but the other positions would be open to all USGA students as well.

Vecchio emphasized that the committee would be completely student-run, "from the students, for the students, by the students.

Vecchio told an audience of about 60 students during a forum held Thursday, March 14.

Project proposals would be drafted and submitted by various student organizations or groups that want funding. The proposals would include a project proposal, an estimated budget, research about the project and its impacts and a faculty or staff advisor who would make sure the project is running smoothly. Proposal forms would be posted online, making them easily accessible to students.

Loyola women's basketball coach Eric Simpson announced Monday, March 18, that he would be resigning from his post. Simpson, who had been in charge of the team for the last four years, led the Ramblers to their first winning season in over a decade this year. The team compiled a 17-15 record, which was the first time since the 2003-04 season that Loyola finished over .500 on the season. For the first time in the team's history, the Ramblers made it to the Horizon League Conference Championship game where they lost 74-78 to University of Wisconsin Green Bay, the 20th best team in the nation.

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In a call to leaders around the world, the pope denounced alcohol and drug use by exercising through service and care. “Let us never forget that authentic power is service and that the secret to leadership is that God has given us.”

Bergoglio is not only the first non-European pope in 1,300 years but also the first Jesuit to be elected to the Papal throne in modern history. The new pope, who chose the name Francis in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar and preacher, was the son of the duchy of the concclave to give Rome a bishop. It seems that his brother cardinal had gone to the end of the earth to get one... but we are... I thank you for your welcome.”

With the emphasis in a solemn, visible voice, the new pope named more than 100,000 people gathered at St. Peter's Square in Rome Wednesday, March 13, after the announcement of his election.

After praying for his predecessor, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and before giving the traditional Urbi et Orbi blessing, he asked the people to bless him and pray for each other and the world.

Parade described the scene at St. Peter's Square as an expression of faith and love for the new pope, a result of the fifth vote of the conclave.

“It came as a surprise to me. As I was walking through the crowd, I heard ‘BLANCO’ the year old said in an email statement. “The demeans in the square changed to a molt peel, with everyone going crazy... especially the pope.”

We watched in awe. While the pope was partaking in election traditions, the New York Times wants to anticipate. The limits rise, up, and we went crazy again,” he said about the waiting period before the pope made his first appearance. “He chose the name Francesco, and everyone began to chant his new name. We chanted it right before he came out, and then the crowd went wild.”

Pablo Jover, SJ, a Jesuit scholar from Puerto Rico who is getting his masters in Spanish Literature at Loyola, seemed to be the rapidness with which the cardinals reached a decision during the conclave indicates that the outcome was not divided, however, otherwise all the Church is not necessarily accurate. “I think you have many perspectives that ultimately, God is the one who leads the Church and, despite the numbers of its members, He safely manages to lead it where He wants,” said the 38-year-old, who entered the Society of Jesus in 2001.

Jover also described his reaction to the election of Francesco as pope.

“I remember that in the house we were joking about how it seemed that the pope was Latin American because he was taking so long to go out... we were saying it as a joke, and it was a great surprise to see that, in effect, the cardinal had entered Latin America.”

But for Javier, the fact that the pope is Latin American is not the most important of the Society of Jesus is not as important as his mission and his character. He explained in an interview with the Catholic News Service.

“Before I made a trip to Buenos Aires, I was told that the pope is from Latin America, but now that he has been elected, I have a new perspective on him.”

The pope’s election is an universal mission and not just in Latin America, he said. “I believe that what’s important is his humility, self-giving, his simplicity and his willingness to change his conformation life. Cardinal Bergoglio preached in his doce not only with his voice but also with his life and his willing to change.”

The pope explained the story behind his name during March 13 press conference at the Vatican. He said it was clear that he had been elected, the Archbishop Emeritus of San Paolo, Oscar Alfredo Munoz, had chosen him at the Sinope Chapel, hugged him, telling him not to forget about the poor.

"And those words came to me: the poor, the poor... that is how the pope came into my heart: Francis of Assisi. For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, and the protector creation... He is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the pope man... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor!”

Pope Francesco enthusiastically said.

Just a few days after being elected, Bergoglio, 76, born in Buenos Aires to Italian immigrants, has broken more than one record, showing his simplicity and his own, different way of going about his new role.

Francis chose to keep wearing the old, ultracut from his time as cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires instead of the gold prerral cross usually worn by popes. He took the box with the other cardinals instead of the car reserved for him after his election and even said his bill personally at the residence where he stayed before the conclave.

The pope has also shown his spontaneous side by cracking jokes at press conferences, humility and the domino. Angiosha prayer, and particularly greeting parishioners after his first Sunday mass. But the spontaneous way he is at work... indicates a new style of doing things,” said Father Thomas Rosica, the English-language assistant for the Vatican press office, at a March 14 media gathering, according to the Catholic News Agency.

It has not been all jokes for Pope Francesco. In his first homily today, during the “Misa Pro Eclesia” with the cardinal electors, he emphasized the centrality of Christ and the Cross in the Church’s mission, encouraging the cardinals to preach and evangelize in their nations.

“My wish is that all of us, after these days of grace, will have the courage, the courage, to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Lord’s cross, to build the Church on the Lord’s blood, which was spilled over the cross, and to profess the one glory: Christ crucified. And in this way, the Church will go forward,” he stressed toward the end of the his seven-minute homily.

For Daniel Moro, a Colombian Jesuit scholar who specializes in the theology and philosophy at Loyola, the pope’s Jesuit training ensures his anti-capitalist and anti-colonialist position, the pope’s Jesuit training ensures his anti-capitalist position.

Francisco is known for his deep desire for high offices, precisely because of that, we can be sure that a Jesuit who is pope will not be there to seek the position for himself but has only sought in response to the service the Church has asked him to do.”

Moro, who is attending the 28th Latin American and Caribbean Synod in late July, explains a “fear of mission” from Pope Francis. This year’s World Youth Day, he has, coincidentally, mission any theme.

World Youth Day is a week-long annual international encounter between the pope and Catholics from all over the world. It takes place every three years. The last one, blessed by John Paul II in 1995.

Mr. Michael Ganzini, SJ, echoed Father Rosica’s thoughts in his interview for the Catholic News. “We wrote for the Chicago Zambie, emphasizing the role that social justice may have in the Church.”

The election of Pope Francis, the first from the Southern Hemisphere, is a reversal of the map of Christianity and Catholicism has evolved. He represents a part of the Church that has been growing in the United States, and to have a player in the debates over equality and fairness.”

Ganzini, however, has no clear expectations from Pope Francis.

“I think there will be no double in emphasis on social justice and concern for the needs and rights of the poor,” he said. “I don’t expect that there will be any double in emphasis on social justice and concern for the needs and rights of the poor.”

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At the forum, four students spoke about projects they would be able to push forward with the help of TGF-funding. The projects range from large scale, such as expanding food composting from all dining halls, to all scale, such as reducing the use of plastic bags on campus.

Junior environmental studies major Jovita Baldassari hopes to get her project, reducing the amount of plastic bags on campus, funded by TGF next year. Her proposal calls for the installation of plastic bag recycling bins in front of campus market that would easily allow students to deposit and retrieve plastic bags on campus.

The holder only costs $10 from local store, and the 31-year-old, but university dining department Baldassari spoke with about funding still thought the project was too costly.

She said Residence Life has agreed to help put the holders around campus, but could not fund the project.

They said they were in support of [the project] but we just never really worked out who would fund it.”

She said the passage of TGF later this month is crucial to the implementation of her project at all scale.

“I know it’d be an easy step toward sustainability that right now I can’t do without TGF,” said.

According to Vecchio, a similar referenda-like ballot reduced funding in the Student Government last year. The referendum vote lost in the leadership transition.

But Vecchio said she does not believe the referendum process is a solution for all problems. “I think there has been significantly more awareness surrounding the issue, and that if the proposal does not pass she ‘another student then would pick it up and move forward with it again.”

More than 50 universities across the country have created similar referenda-like ballot, said Vecchio, including the University of California-Berkeley, Vanderbilt University and Harvard University, all of which Vecchio said her committee contacted when embarking on creating Loyola’s TGF proposal.

Pompa Navidraya, student body president at the University of Illinois Chicago, told the LUC community about the progress UIC has made on the TGF to-date, and the referendum by referendum in 2012. This first year, she said, the four-dollar-per-semester fee, which has been increased, including solar-powered bus shelters on campus and composting in all dorms and residence halls.

Students can vote to pass or reject the Green Initiative Fund on the Student Government website, which will be emailed to the student body and open to vote on March 26-27.