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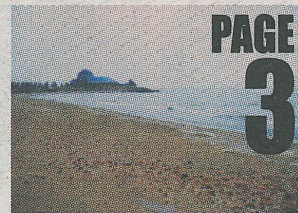
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Students struck by car, one in medically induced coma

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Two Loyola students are recovering this week after being hit by a vehicle over the weekend in Lincoln Park.

The students were identified by friends, family and school officials as 18-year-old freshman Conor Crippen and 19-year-old freshman Anna Waz.

Both students were crossing the street near the Fullerton Avenue Red Line station around 11 p.m. Saturday, March 16, when a Nissan Pathfinder plowed into them, according to friends and the Chicago Police Department.

Waz, 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 Reagan, 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 his 21-year-old sister, Bridget Crippen. Crippen is in stable condition, she said.

"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. "Boring is good, even though it's kind of frustrating because I just wish he was healing now, but his body is taking its time and doing what it can."

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 Waz "doesn't remember much, or really anything," Bridget said.

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Loyolans, scholastics reflect on election of Pope Francis



Courtesy of Gina Budak

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.

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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 vested 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 that 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 hope 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 Patzke, a Loyola student at the John Felice Rome Center this semester, said when the pope explained he was going to serve Rome and the world for peace, "all the negative hype from the media weeks before about the resignation of Pope Benedict seemed to vanish."

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

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Loyola tells owner of building near Baumhart to vacate

Chill Bar and Grill (829 N. State St.), located a few buildings down from Baumhart Hall at the Water Tower Campus, is set to close indefinitely beginning April 1. The bar is required to relocate in order to accommodate Loyola's construction for the new Quinlan School of Business building. Dean Proctor, owner of Chill Bar and Grill, plans on relocating the business and "reopening in the neighborhood either with Loyola as a landlord if possible ... or in another quick plant that would become available in the next couple months." Proctor promises to keep the feel and prices of Chill the same despite the relocation.

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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 more funds for student 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 preside over the funds, consisting of five to seven representatives who decide which student project proposals receive funding, and how much.

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

mittee. "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 21-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 senior sociology and environmental studies double major. "We're asking to reallocate 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 big projects and eight 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 non-USGA students as well, Vecchio explained.

She 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 project information, 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.

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Women's basketball Head Coach resigns



Courtesy of Loyola Athletic Department

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 2001-2002 campaign 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 54-38 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 emphasized power must be exercised through service and care. "Let us never forget that authentic power is service ... Let us protect with love all 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 Petrine ministry and the first pope to choose the name Francis — after Saint Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar and preacher.

"It was the duty of the conclave to give Rome a bishop. It seems that my brother cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one ... but here we are ... I thank you for your welcome."

With these words, in a soft, affable voice, the new pope greeted more than 100,000 people gathered at Saint 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.

Patzke described the scene at Saint Peter's Square as people waited for the result of the fifth vote of the conclave.

"It came as a surprise to me. As I was standing in the first few rows I heard 'BIANCO!' the 21 year old said in an email statement. "The demeanor in the square changed to a mosh pit with everyone going crazy — especially the nuns!"

"We watched in awe. While the pope was partaking in election traditions, the crowd outside was full of anticipation. The windows lit 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 Javier, S.J., a Jesuit scholastic from Puerto Rico who is getting his masters in Spanish literature at Loyola, believes that the rapidness with which the cardinals reached a decision during the conclave indicates that the stories about division and factions in the Church are not precisely accurate.

"I think sometimes we lose the perspective that, ultimately, God is the one who leads the Church and, despite the deficiencies of its members, He subtly manages to lead it to where He wants," said the 28 year old, who entered the Society of Jesus in 2008.

Javier also described his reaction to the election of Francis 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 cardinals] had elected a Latin American and a Jesuit."

But for Javier, the fact that the pope is from Latin America and a member of the Society of Jesus is not as important as his mission and his character. He pointed out Francis' simplicity of life as a cardinal in Buenos Aires.

"The pope has a universal mission and is pastor of all. I believe that what's important is his humbleness, self-giving and simplicity. I am amazed by his coherence of life. Cardinal Bergoglio preached in his diocese not only with his voice but also with his own life."

The pope explained the story behind his name during a March 17 press conference. He said that, at the conclave, after it was clear that he had been elected, the Archbishop Emeritus of São Paulo, Claudio Hummes, who was sitting next to him at the Sistine Chapel, hugged



John Felice Rome Center student Steven Patzke said he could "feel the warmth of [the pope's] personality" as he watched the election "in awe."

him, telling him not to forget about the poor.

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

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

Francis chose to keep wearing the old, silver cross from his time as cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires instead of the gold pectoral cross usually worn by pontiffs. He took the bus with the other cardinals instead of the car reserved for him after his election and even paid his bill personally at the residence where he

was staying before the conclave.

The pope has also shown his spontaneity by cracking jokes at press conferences, homilies and the dominical Angelus prayer, and personally greeting parishioners after his first Sunday mass.

"The spontaneity that we saw 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 Francis. In his first homily Thursday, during the "Missa Pro Ecclesia" 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, yes, 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 poured out on 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 his seven-minute homily.

For Daniel Mora, a Colombian Jesuit scholastic studying theology and philosophy at Loyola, the pope's Jesuit training ensures his anti-careerism.

"Even if we are trained not to strive for high offices, precisely because of that, we can be sure that a Jesuit who is chosen to be Holy Father has not sought for the position but has only responded to the service the Church has asked from him," said Mora, 33.

Mora, who is attending the 28th World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in late July, expects a "focus of mission" from Pope Francis. This year's World Youth Day has, coincidentally, a missionary theme.

World Youth Day is a week-long multiracial encounter between the pope and Catholics from all over the world. It takes place every three years and was instituted by Blessed John Paul II in 1985.

Fr. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., echoed Mora's feelings in an opinion piece he wrote for the *Chicago Tribune*, emphasizing the role that social justice may play in Francis' pontificate.

"The election of Pope Francis, the first pope from the Southern Hemisphere, is an acknowledgment that the map of Christianity and Catholicism has evolved. He represents a part of the world in which our religion is a critical player in the debates over equality and fairness."

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

"Only time will tell, but there will no doubt be an emphasis on social justice and concern for the needs and rights of the poor ... I am optimistic he will concentrate on access to a good education," Garanzini said.

ACCIDENT: Friends, family of injured students thankful for Loyola's 'hurried response'

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refused to take a Breathalyzer test designed to gauge alcohol intake, said police spokesman John Mirabelli.

Family members of both Crippen and Waz were notified by Loyola administration of the accident upon the students' arrival at the hospital, Bridget Crippen said, adding that the university has been incredibly supportive.

"Rev. Patrick [Dorsey] came so early that morning," Bridget said of Loyola's hurried response. "Knowing that it's a Jesuit school, it's amazing to see [those values] enforced. I'm very happy that Conor picked this school so that he can continue to receive this love and support from Loyola."

Crippen and Waz's friends who witnessed the accident also said they are immensely thankful for all that the university has done for them.

Witness and friend of Crippen and Waz, Marielle Jennings, 18, freshman, explained that after following the ambulances in a taxi, she and her best friend Hannah Coley, 18, freshman, were greeted by Loyola administrators.

The university arranged a get-together for the sixth and 12th floors of Mertz, where the victims and their friends live, according to Jennings, a biology major, who said that the two floors act as a family and are extraordinarily close.

"I think it's because Loyola has given us back so much, that I want to stay here and give back," Jennings said. "It's an awful experience, but [through it] we've been reassured that we're in the right place."

"I think it's that sense of community that really helped to set the tone of how this recovering is going to go," said Coley, the philosophy: social justice major.

Crippen's family created a Facebook page titled, "Prayer request for Conor," dedicated to keeping friends and the community updated on his condition, and reaching out for support for both Crippen and Waz.

In a post on the Facebook page, which has reached nearly 1,000 "likes" in the first 24 hours of its creation, Crippen's family asks that the community "continue praying, and allow Conor to feel and receive all of the love that he has given us for his almost 19 years."

Jennings describes Crippen as a very selfless, straight-A student.

Although it is currently unknown exactly which parts of Crippen's brain were damaged, once the swelling goes down and he wakes up, Crippen is expected to face a six-month-long full recovery, according to Bridget.

"Conor is such an amazing, unique and great person, so you know, he still needs us here. With continued love and prayer and



Crippen (left) and Waz (right) have been friends since the beginning of this school year.

good luck, he'll be back and continue to do good things," Bridget said.

Coley and Jennings explained the most important thing for the Loyola community to keep in mind is that these are two exceptional students who deserve constant recognition and prayer.

"You think that something like this could never happen to the two people that you care about more than anything in the whole world, but it does, and now we just have to be with them the whole step of the way," Coley said. "All of the support that Conor and Anna are receiving is a true testament to the kind of people that they are and the marks that they've already made here at this school."

TGIF: Environmental projects depend upon passage of ballot referendum for funding, support

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

Junior environmental studies major Gabriella Baldassari hopes to get her project, reducing the amount of plastic bags used on campus, funded by TGIF next year. Her proposal calls for the installation of plastic bag holders in front of campus markets that would easily allow students to deposit and retrieve plastic bags for reuse.

The holders only cost \$10 from local container stores, said the 21 year old, but university departments 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," Baldassari said.

She said the passage of TGIF later this month is crucial to the implementation of her project.

"I know it'd be an easy step toward sustainability that right now

I can't do without TGIF," she said.

According to Vecchio, a similar fund to TGIF, called the Sustainability Fund, was passed by the student body via referendum in 2008, but was never completed because it got lost in the leadership transition.

But Vecchio said she does not think this would happen again because there has been significantly more awareness surrounding the issue, and that if the proposal does not pass she hopes "another student then would pick it up and move forward with it again."

More than 50 universities across the country also have similar sustainability funds, said Vecchio, including the University of California-Berkeley, Vanderbilt University and Harvard University, all of which Vecchio said her committee contacted when researching and creating Loyola's TGIF proposal.

Ponnu Padiyara, student body president at the University of Illinois Chicago, told the LUC crowd about the progress UIC has made with their new Green Fee, passed by referendum in 2012. This first year, she said, the four-dollar-per-semester fee has funded 20 projects, including solar-powered bus shelters on campus and composting in all school cafeterias.

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