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08.06.2007 | Students University of Dayton alumnus Garrett Loiselle died of natural causes due to cardiac arrest during a spring trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., according to the Volusia County Medical Examiner's office.

Loiselle, 22, of Normal, Ill., fell in a hotel room and died May 12 during the annual "Dayton to Daytona" tour in which approximately 2,500 participants, mostly University of Dayton students, travel for a week's vacation at the end of the school year.

Kerry and Paula Loiselle, his parents, said the autopsy showed that his heart muscle and left side of his heart were enlarged, causing the cardiac arrest. The Loiselles said it is unknown why or how the heart became enlarged.

"Our cardiologist explained that when his heart failed, he immediately lost consciousness and did not suffer any pain," the Loiselles said in a letter. "His death was extremely swift, something for which we are grateful."

While the autopsy reported the presence of alcohol, a Volusia County government spokesman said the medical examiner's report found no connection between drinking and the cause of death.

Loiselle graduated from UD with a bachelor's degree in finance in May. His sister, Lauren will begin her third year this fall.