SMU student dies in early morning car crash

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A SINGAPORE Management University student never made it home yesterday.

Twenty-one-year-old Chow Guan Ren died when his white Hyundai crashed into the central divider along Jalan Anak Bukit and overturned at about 3.15am.

He was returning home after dropping a friend, said another friend.

He had gone clubbing with his friends on Saturday night.

A taxi then took him and his friend to his West Coast Terrace home.

He then drove his friend home and was on his way back when he lost control of his vehicle near Bukit Timah Plaza.

When The Straits Times visited his wake at Sin Ming Drive yesterday evening, there were about 150 people who had come to pay their respects.

More than three-quarters of them were his former classmates from Anglo-Chinese School and Anglo-Chinese Junior College.

Many were in tears.

Mr Chow, who would have been starting his second year in the School of Accountancy on Aug 21, was very athletic, they said. He was into cycling, swimming, and had taken part in several triathlons.

His 53-year-old father, a general manager of an engineering firm, said he knew very little of the accident.

The elder Mr Chow said: “My son’s life is over so please let it be,” before turning away to console his sobbing wife and his 19-year-old daughter.

His son will be cremated today.

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