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Elon mourns loss of student in plane crash

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Elon junior Douglas Suckow of Holmdel, N.J., was one of 15 people who died in the Dec. 13 crash of American Eagle Flight 3379 near Raleigh-Durham International Airport in Morrisville.

The 22-year-old economics major transferred to Elon last fall from Brookdale Community College in New Jersey.

"There is no one else in the world like him," said Suckow's friend Amanda Mayne at his memorial service at the Elon Community Church on Friday.

"He left us with many gifts that I'll treasure for the rest of my life. No one will ever take his place. He was an angel."

The commuter flight that Suckow was aboard crashed in a wooded area outside of



Douglas Suckow

Raleigh around 6:30 p.m. in 37-degree fog and drizzle. The plane left Greensboro's Piedmont-Triad International Airport enroute to Raleigh.

Suckow was scheduled to start an economics internship in December on Wall Street. Also, he was planning to intern this summer in New York's financial district.

Suckow would have been in the first senior class of economics majors for whom student research is a graduation requirement. Elon has set up the Douglas Suckow Student Research Fund to assist Elon students.

Kathryn Larson, assistant professor of economics and Suckow's adviser, taught two classes to him last semester and would have had him in a class this spring.

"I don't think it was a coincidence that he came to Elon in the fall of 1994," Larson
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Former student charged in rapes of 2 Elon students

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Two Elon College students in December told police they were sexually assaulted by a former Elon College student, according to police reports.

Christopher Charles Jones, 19, of 305 W. Haggard Ave., was indicted Dec. 12 on one count of crime against nature and Jan. 25 on three counts of second-degree rape, according to Alamance County Superior Court records.

He is scheduled to appear in court later this month.

Jones was arrested Dec. 9 at the police station and was released on \$20,000 bond, reduced from \$100,000, according to

Alamance County Court records.

On Dec. 7, an 18-year-old woman reported to police that she had been sexually assaulted early that morning by a man she knew. The woman told police that the assault occurred at Jones' house during or following a party. The woman received medical attention at a Chapel Hill hospital, Elon College Police Detective Mike Woznick said.

Two days later, apparently after hearing of the first woman's police report, a 19-year-old woman told police she had been sexually assaulted on Oct. 16 by the same man following a party in his house, Woznick said.

Woznick said the woman had been "exploring the possibilities of making a
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Lauren Anderson, sitting between her parents during last Thursday's press conference, tells reporters about her near-death experience during a December plane crash.

American Eagle survivor: 'Ready to move on' with life

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Elon freshman Lauren Anderson said she doesn't remember anything about the crash of American Eagle Flight 3379 that went down outside of Raleigh in December.

"I remember being in the ambulance being cold and trenched in jet fuel and rain," Anderson said during a press conference last Thursday.

Anderson, with her parents Richard and Marie Anderson, sat in the newly furnished Moseley Center and talked with local media about what it's like to go through such a traumatic incident.

She was one of five people who survived the commuter plane crash. Fifteen died in the incident, including Elon student Douglas Suckow, 22, of Holmdel, N.J.

The commuter plane flying from Greensboro's Piedmont-Triad International Airport to Raleigh-Durham International went down in Morrisville on Dec. 13.

The Jetstream Super 31 crashed in a 37-degree weather with light fog and a steady drizzle at 6:38 p.m. The plane broke into two large parts that landed about 25 feet apart. The wreckage was scattered over a 500-yard wooded area.

The 18-year-old from Stony Brook, N.Y., spent two weeks at Duke Medical Center where she was treated for two broken cheek bones, a broken jaw, injuries to her upper back, and two broken bones in her leg and foot. Doctors installed metal rods in her leg and back.

Despite all of that, Anderson is walking with the aid of crutches and attending classes this spring.

"Right now I'm ready to move on," Anderson said just 43 days after the crash. "I still feel like I'm stuck in the same situation, telling the same stories over again."

She said she doesn't remember much about the flight because she was up late the night before studying for a final exam and she thinks she fell asleep on the plane.

"I don't remember anything, but the seat number and being in the ambulance. I vaguely remember the ambulance. I'm thankful for that," she said.

However, her father Richard has a different memory of the crash.

"It was the worst thing you can go through in your life," Richard Anderson said. "I would never wish that on my worst enemy."

While driving to LaGuardia International
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