

Tragedy, NASCAR put Elon College in national, local headlines

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From the tragedy of American Eagle Flight 3379 to a class on NASCAR, Elon College has been making national headlines in both print and television news.

CBS's "48 Hours" is scheduled to air a show on airline safety tonight, said Pat Kinney, director of

Public Information and Publications. The program includes a segment on Elon's involvement with the American Eagle commuter plane that crashed outside of Raleigh in December.

Kinney said the focus of the segment would be on freshman Lauren Anderson, who survived the crash, junior Douglas Suckow, who died in the crash, and fresh-

man Misty O'Day, who was scheduled to be on the plane, but changed her plans.

CBS contacted the college after the crash, Kinney said. She said the school was "wary" about letting the show shoot footage at Elon.

"We didn't want to exploit the tragedy," Kinney said.

However, Kinney said the producers and crew members were

"very respectful."

CBS crew members taped the "Gathering of Friends" in January and Suckow's memorial service in February.

Also Sunday night NBC Nightly News aired a piece on Janie Brown's Business of NASCAR course. Brown, the chair of HPEL, teaches the 25-seat class during winter term.

The NBC story focused on the class and how NASCAR has become big business. The piece featured footage of students on and off campus.

The NBC story was shown on the West Coast and most of the East, but not in the Elon College area.

Last May Benny Parsons and an ESPN camera crew re-created Brown's class to shoot footage. However, the story hasn't been aired yet.

Print media have also picked up on the NASCAR story. The *Wall Street Journal*, *Southeast Journal*, the *Burlington Times-News* and *Raleigh's News and Observer* have all run articles about Brown's class.

■ In other television news, Joey Senat's winter-term class sat through an episode of "Geraldo," which aired last week.

Senat, instructor of journalism, and 16 students traveled to New York City and toured NBC studios as well as major newspaper offices.

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