

Plane Not Attempting To Land

GOLDSBY, Okla. (UPI) — The private plane that crashed at a foggy airport during the weekend, killing the head cheerleader of Oklahoma University and five other students, was apparently not trying to land, officials said afterward.

"It came straight down," said airport manager J. M. Reed. "The airport just happened to be underneath them."

The small airplane took off from Dallas early Saturday on a return flight to Norman, eight miles from the Goldsby airport.

Cheerleader Colin Loving, 20, of Ponca City was killed along with Mark Quimby and Steve England of Oklahoma City, Bernard F. Miller of Bethany, Russell Hendrix of Muskogee and Danny Joe Booth of Edmond.

The plane was going east, and the unlighted run-way runs north-south.

Reed found the wreckage, a pile of bolts and fiberglass, at dawn. Watches on the victims had stopped at 2:25.

He said they all had ink marks stamped on the backs of their hands as if they had been to a dance.



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