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### WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY REPRIMANDED BY NCAA

Mission, Kansas--Wake Forest University has been publicly reprimanded and censured by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions for violations that occurred in the university's recruitment of two prospective student-athletes in the sport of men's basketball.

The penalty imposed by the NCAA does not include sanctions and will not affect the university's eligibility for postseason basketball competition or television appearances

The case involved recruiting violations that were discovered during general interviews conducted by the NCAA enforcement staff with two highly recruited prospects during the 1982-83 academic year. One of the young men eventually enrolled at the university.

"The Committee on Infractions did not believe that the violations in this case represented an intentional effort by basketball coaching staff members to circumvent NCAA recruiting legislation," said Charles Alan Wright, chair, NCAA Committee on Infractions. "Even so," Wright continued, <sup>11</sup>the committee believed a public announcement of the case was appropriate to indicate that additional effort is expected from institutional staff members to maintain compliance with NCAA recruiting requirements."

The following is a statement of the penalty imposed in the case and a summary of the violations that were found.

#### Penalty To Be Imposed Upon Institution

1. Wake Forest University shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and admonished to avoid a recurrence of similar violations in the future.

#### Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation

1. NCAA Bylaws 1-5-(b) and 1-8-(i)-(5) [improper use of funds and improper entertainment] -- In September 1982, a friend of a prospective student-athlete was entertained for meals, a music concert and lodging for two nights (and reimbursed for

gasoline expenses) when he accompanied a prospect on his official paid visit to the university.

2. NCAA Bylaws 1-4-(a) and 1-4-(a)-(2) [publicity] -- In April 1983, members of the university's athletics department staff arranged a press conference during which a prospective student-athlete announced his commitment to attend the university; further, the head basketball coach was with the prospective student-athlete on this occasion and participated in the press conference.

3. NCAA Bylaw 1-8-(j)-(4) ~improper entertainment] -- In September 1982, an assistant basketball coach provided an automobile for the local transportation of a prospective student-athlete during his official paid visit to the university.

4. NCAA Bylaw 1-2-(a)-(3) [recruiting contact] -- In May 1982, two assistant basketball coaches contacted a prospective student-athlete in person during the young man's junior year in high school.

5. NCAA Bylaw 5-6-(d)-(5) [certification of compliance with NCAA legislation] -- With knowledge that a violation of NCAA legislation had occurred, the head basketball coach and two assistant basketball coaches erroneously attested on a September 1982 statement filed with the chief executive officer of the university that they had reported their knowledge of and involvement in any violations of NCAA legislation involving the institution.