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**Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail**

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Ms. Leslie Strohm  
Vice Chancellor and General Counsel  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
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Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-9105

Re: NCAA Hearing

Dear Ms. Strohm,

We write on behalf of *The News & Observer*, *The Charlotte Observer*, News 14 Carolina, WNCN 17, WRAL, the Associated Press, *The Hickory Daily Record*, and *The Winston-Salem Journal*.

On Friday, October 28 you, Chancellor Thorp and other officials of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are scheduled to represent the University at a hearing conducted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions. This quasi-judicial proceeding is occurring because the University has voluntarily relinquished to the NCAA -- a nominally private organization whose penchant for secrecy and apparent disdain for due process are well documented -- the authority to sanction and punish the University as an institution and to discipline UNC students who participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Unfortunately, Friday's hearing will be conducted by an organization and at a location that are outside the jurisdiction of the North Carolina courts and beyond the reach of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law. Therefore, the citizens and taxpayers of North Carolina have no ready means to insure that the hearing is conducted fairly and openly except to turn to you and the duly appointed University representatives to speak up for them.

In the spirit and tradition of what Charles Kuralt called "the University of the people," we ask you and Chancellor Thorp to (1) formally demand, on behalf the University and the people of North Carolina, that the NCAA open Friday's hearing to the press and public and that the proceedings be recorded and transcribed by a certified

court reporter; and (2) inform the NCAA that the University will not participate in the hearing if the NCAA declines.

Very truly yours,

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