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ECU put on probation by NCAA

By David Hall

GREENVILLE — East Carolina’s baseball team will vacate 17 wins from last season as the result of NCAA-imposed penalties for self-reported academic fraud, the school announced Thursday.

ECU’s athletics department was reprimanded and put on probation for a year, and the women’s tennis program vacated eight matches after an investigation revealed that a women’s tennis player working as a tutor in the athletics department was paid by four baseball players to write papers for them.

Citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which protects students’ personal information, ECU officials declined to identify the players involved.

“The actions of a handful of student-athletes who made poor choices have embarrassed a university and an athletic program that places a high value on integrity,” ECU Provost Marilyn Sheerer said in a news conference.

“The record shows, and all parties agree, that ECU responded swiftly, investigated vigorously, immediately self-reported violations and took decisive, corrective steps without being asked.”

The terms of probation do not prohibit postseason play in any sport. No recruiting sanctions, scholarship reductions or monetary penalties were imposed, although ECU will be required to notify all prospective baseball and tennis athletes that the school is on probation.

The standard penalty for such academic violations is two years, ECU athletics director Terry Holland said, but the NCAA cut it in half as a result of the school’s quick and thorough response.

In addition to hiring an additional senior compliance officer in February, ECU eliminated the practice of having student-athletes as tutors and improved training and education for both tutors and athletes.
“We apologize that it happened,” Holland said. “No one wanted it to happen, for sure. And I can assure you that everyone is dedicated to making sure that nothing like this occurs in the future.”

A detailed report generated by ECU’s self-investigation and accepted by the NCAA reveals that beginning in November 2009, four baseball players (referred to in the report as student-athletes 1, 2, 3 and 4) went to a tennis player (student-athlete 5) working as an English tutor in the athletics department and paid her to produce schoolwork on their behalf.

The baseball players turned in the work as their own and received credit on numerous occasions.

Student-athletes 1 and 2 were reported by an athletics department intern, who claimed on March 2, 2010, to have been told by the two players that student-athlete 5 had written an English paper for them.

When questioned, the two players admitted to the violation and were declared ineligible and suspended from the baseball team.

Student-athlete 5 told investigators that she had provided improper assistance to student-athletes 3 and 4 as well, which led to interviews with them. The players admitted to paying the tennis player for help but denied anything improper.

A March 30 audit of the tennis player’s email account revealed that she had written eight papers for student-athlete 3 and five papers and a PowerPoint presentation for student-athlete 4.

In a subsequent interview, student-athletes 3 and 4 admitted providing false information. Both were permanently dismissed from the baseball team on April 1, according to the report.

The tennis player was declared ineligible and withdrew from school “due to a significant medical condition.”

On April 1, 2010, ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin dismissed shortstop and leading hitter Dustin Harrington and pitcher Sthil Sowers from the team for unspecified reasons.

According to the investigation, student-athlete 3 had appeared in 25 games. Harrington hit .443 in 25 games before his dismissal.

Student-athlete 4 had appeared in five games. Sowers, a former North Lenoir High School star, was 0-0 with a 4.09 ERA in five appearances out of ECU’s bullpen before his dismissal.
On March 6, 2010, Godwin suspended infielder Bryan Bass and pitcher Tyler Joyner for unspecified violations of team rules.

According to the investigation, student-athlete 1 had appeared in six games. Bass went hitless in six games before his suspension.

Student-athlete 2, the report said, had appeared in one game. Joyner made one relief appearance before his suspension.

None of the four players is on the 2011 roster.

Godwin, whose team opened a three-game Conference USA series at Tulane on Thursday, was instructed by ECU officials not to comment on the investigation or its findings.

Because the violations occurred in a study hall environment, the probation applies to ECU’s entire athletics department, Holland said.

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard, who is vacationing outside the country with his family, said in a statement the university is “embarrassed” by the instances of fraud.

Holland said he was “dumbstruck” when he first heard about violations.

Sheerer, the Provost, said the school did all it could.

“No coach, no employee was involved with committing any NCAA violation,” Sheerer said. “East Carolina University did the right thing when confronted by a difficult situation. We accept the steps imposed by the NCAA. No practice or policy is fail-safe, yet we continue to look for ways to set an example of leadership when it comes to compliance and academic integrity.”

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NCAA reprimands ECU athletics

By Ronnie Woodward
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East Carolina Director of Athletics Terry Holland used the word dumbstruck to describe news Thursday that ECU's athletic programs would be put on one-year probation as a result of self-reported academic fraud violations involving a women's tennis student-athlete and four baseball student-athletes in 2010.

The probation, which does not include the reduction of scholarships, monetary penalties or postseason ban in any sport, is effective until May 18, 2012.

The NCAA report identified the athletes involved as student-athletes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 because of student privacy laws.

The report states that the tennis player, who was working as an English tutor in the athletics department, wrote a paper for two student-athletes, eight papers for another and five papers plus a PowerPoint presentation for a fourth.

“We apologize that it happened,” Holland said. “No one wanted it to happen and I can assure you that everyone is dedicated to making sure that nothing like this occurs in the future.”

While the NCAA report didn't mention the five student-athletes by name, four members of the ECU baseball team were suspended indefinitely or dismissed during the 2010 season. On March 5, 2010, freshmen baseball players Bryan Bass and Tyler Joyner were suspended indefinitely for a violation of team policy. On April 1, juniors Dustin Harrington and Sthil Sowers were dismissed from the team.
Because the student-athletes played in contests while ineligible, the baseball team is required to vacate 17 wins and the tennis team eight matches from 2010. Those losses will be included in the team's and head coaches' records.

The report states that the tennis player, referred to as student-athlete 5, received money from each of the four other athletes involved, with the first incident occurring on Nov. 17, 2009, when student-athletes 1 and 2 noticed how fast student-athlete 5 was typing during a study hall session.

According to the report, the tennis player and two of the baseball players were ruled permanently ineligible, and the tennis player withdrew from the university due to a significant medical condition and did not request reinstatement.

In its letter to the school, the NCAA stated that it chose to reduce the term of the probation from two years to one because of ECU's handling of the situation and steps it has taken to improve compliance.

East Carolina Chancellor Steve Ballard, who was appointed in January to lead a statewide task force on academics and athletics, was not at Thursday's news conference, but offered a statement through a news release.

“ECU is embarrassed by the unacceptable academic fraud committed by a few student-athletes who acted on their own volition,” he said in the release. “We have implemented numerous corrective actions and we will continually improve our practices with the intention of being one of the best universities in terms of academic integrity and compliance.”

North Carolina's football program is waiting on a decision by the NCAA after it was involved in a similar academic fraud situation last fall.

East Carolina provost and senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs Marilyn Sheerer supported the Pirates' coaches on Thursday and said they were not directly involved in any wrongdoing.

“We are a stronger university and have a stronger athletic program because of this experience,” she said. “We have great confidence in baseball coach Billy Godwin and women's tennis coach Tom Morris and the integrity of their programs.”

The university has hired an additional senior compliance officer, who began working in February. Student-athletes also are no longer allowed to be hired as tutors within the athletics department.

East Carolina has been on probation two other times. The men's basketball team received a one-year probation in 1979 and the football program received the same sentence in 1986.

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Dental school moving ahead

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The dean of East Carolina University's new School of Dental Medicine offered an update this week on the school's status and said he expects state funding to be realized.

“I do want to thank the chamber,” he said at a Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday. “You are a group that has our mission at heart.”

Dr. James Hupp said the dental school has faced challenges every “legislative cycle” since he came on board as dean in October 2008.

“The change in the financial climate occurred that month,” he said, joking that he started work at that inopportune time.

The House budget provides the $5 million sought by the dental school for hiring staff and faculty to prepare the school to welcome its first students in August. Construction of the dental school's 184,000-square-foot, four-story Ross Hall is on schedule, Hupp said. Until it's completed, students will take classes in space that's been renovated for that purpose at the Brody School of Medicine.

The first class of 52 students has been accepted, and applications are being taken for the next class.

Hupp said the dental school has worked to select students from groups that are under-represented in the field of dentistry or who are from rural areas. Students will take part in public service projects and train to work in rural areas, he said.
“We want to turn out dentists who want to serve,” Hupp said.

Out of a previous General Assembly allocation of $90 million, about $30 million has been earmarked for the construction of eight to 10 community service learning centers in areas with a concentration of low-income residents. Four sites have been chosen. Students in their final year of school will perform supervised dental procedures on a sliding-scale basis.

Hupp said instructors will be “teaching our students to be caregivers for the underserved.”

Dental services also will be available at Ross Hall, which is expected to be finished in mid-2012. The building will be equipped with a special area to provide care to people who are in wheelchairs and who can't sit upright. Hupp said that such patients usually have to have dental surgery performed in hospital emergency rooms.

The dental school also plans to offer a one-year program for 20 residents in dental medicine. Continuing education will be offered to practicing dentists.

The school has 17 faculty members and 17 staff workers. When school starts, those numbers will have climbed to about 70 faculty members and 100 staff workers. The school and its residency program have been accredited.

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Ian McShane of "Deadwood" fame plays the infamous pirate Blackbeard in "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides."

**Who was Blackbeard?**
**Notorious pirate's life is open for interpretation**

By Trent Toone
Deseret News

When audiences clamor to see "Pirates of the Caribbean 4" in theaters today, they will meet a well-known, notorious high-seas villain with a cold and fearsome demeanor, clad in heavy black leather and with a braided black beard.

His name is Blackbeard, and his infamous, legendary reputation precedes him, right?

"He had a really good press agent," says Lawrence Babits, a distinguished academic who teaches in the Department of History and Maritime Studies at East Carolina University, the home of the Pirates.

"There is no evidence that he killed anybody until his final flight, when people were trying to kill him," he said. "You can create an image of terror and mayhem and everything, then people are liable to bend and let you have your way."

Apparently, Blackbeard is not who we thought he was.
Babits and his colleague, Charles Ewen, a professor of anthropology at ECU in Greenville, N.C., are among many who are excavating the shipwreck of the Queen Anne's Revenge, believed to be Blackbeard's flagship that ran aground in shallow water offshore North Carolina in the early 1700s.

Who was Blackbeard?

"Nobody knows much about him," Babits said. "We don't even know what his real name is."

Here is what is known about the famed pirate, according to the experts.

His is commonly known as "Edward Teach" or "Thatch." He is reported to have served as a privateer during Queen Anne's War (1701-1714), then turned pirate.

Sometime in the fall of 1717, Blackbeard and other pirates captured a French slave ship called La Concorde. The slaves and crew were released on shore, and many believe this ship was remodeled with extra guns and renamed Queen Anne's Revenge. It may also be possible, Babits speculates, that this ship was traded for another one because of a foul-smelling stench.

In any event, Blackbeard and his pirates cruised the Caribbean plundering other vessels and adding to his fleet for a short period of time.

In May of 1718, Blackbeard laid siege to the harbor of Charleston, S.C., for nearly a week, holding hostages until his ransom demands were met.

Not long after leaving Charleston, Blackbeard's fleet attempted to enter Old Topsail Inlet in North Carolina, now known as Beaufort Inlet, and two of the ships, including Queen Anne's Revenge, ran aground and were abandoned. Some think Blackbeard did this intentionally to downsize his company of more than 300 pirates and escape with a select crew and the most valuable loot.

Blackbeard's career as a pirate ended six months later, when he encountered the Royal Navy at Ocracoke, N.C. In a desperate, bloody battle, the fierce Blackbeard was shot and stabbed numerous times before he died. His body was flung overboard, and his decapitated head was hung from the bowsprit of Lt. Robert Maynard's ship. Legend has it that Blackbeard's body swam around the ship several times before finally sinking into the murky depths.

No one knows for sure what became of Blackbeard's skull. Ewen once visited a museum in Raleigh, N.C., that claimed to have it. He has also heard the skull was lined with silver and made into a cup.
"Depends on who you believe," Ewen said. "That is the thing about Blackbeard. There is so little real data about him, so people feel free to make up a lot of stuff."

In the 1987 film "The Princess Bride," the only thing known about the Dread Pirate Roberts is that he never left captives alive. It's eventually revealed in the movie that Roberts is not one man, but a series of individuals who retire and pass the name and reputation to a chosen successor.

"He explained the name was the important thing for inspiring the necessary fear. You see, no one would surrender to the Dread Pirate Westley," said Westley, Cary Elwes's character in the film.

Babits and Ewen believe historical data suggest Blackbeard operated with a terrifying "Dread Pirate Roberts" reputation.

"I think that was the strategy of many pirates," said Ewen, co-editor of "X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy." "You wanted to scare whoever you were after so they just give up. You really don't want to sink their ship or blow them up; you just want to steal all their cargo. If you have an incredible reputation that people give up when you show up, that works well. The less you had to fight, the less you had to lose."

There have been a few Blackbeard movies produced since the 1950s. "Blackbeard, The Pirate" in 1952, "Blackbeard's Ghost" in 1968 and the made-for-TV "Blackbeard" in 2006.

Ian McShane plays Blackbeard in "Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides." The 68-year-old actor also played off Blackbeard's evil, merciless reputation.

"Blackbeard is probably the most infamous pirate who ever lived," McShane told reporters last November. "He's one of those characters for which most of your work is done before you start."
East Carolina's last football coach will be in town today for one of a trio of marquee 2011 golf events in Greenville with Pirate ties, while the current ECU football boss will be on hand for another one in a couple of weeks despite not being able to swing his clubs just yet.

Skip Holtz, who steered the Pirates to consecutive Conference USA championships and four bowl games in four seasons before leaving to become the head coach at South Florida, will be in town for the first Coach Rock Roggeman Cancer Research Golf Classic at Ironwood Country Club. The tournament is in memory of Holtz's former defensive assistant who succumbed to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma last June after a yearlong battle.

On June 3, the MacAttack Golf Tournament returns for a second year to Brook Valley Country Club, but second-year ECU coach Ruffin McNeill — still recovering from hip-replacement surgery — will be forced into a spectator role.

Rounding out the notable ECU-related golf events is the first David Garrard Golf Classic June 26-27 at Greenville Country Club, an event hosted by the Jacksonville Jaguars starting quarterback and former Pirate to benefit the David Garrard Foundation and Beau's Buddies Cancer Fund.

McNeill's hip procedure followed bariatric surgery, which helped the coach to lose 100 pounds before the second surgery. While he won't be able to play on June 3, McNeill said he and his wife, Erlene, most certainly won't miss the second annual event. “It's a chance for us to give back as a university, it's a chance personally for Erlene and I to give back to an organization that's been very important in our lives,” McNeill said.
“We had a great turnout last year, we expect a great turnout this year. It'll be a great day here in Greenville.”

The MacAttack tourney will have dual shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., and will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for patients and their families while they receive long-term care and treatment.

Despite not being able to take any hacks, McNeill said he hopes his golf game will improve as rapidly as his health, saying he follows the golf motto of “Dress 70s, talk 80s and shoot 90s.”

“I'm not playing this year, but in time I'll be able to get back out and start participating physically in the golf tournament, and I'll be out on the course all day (June 3),” McNeill said.

The Rock Roggeman Golf Classic, which tees off at 8:15 a.m., will benefit the Leo Jenkins Coach Rock Roggeman Cancer Research Fund to be used to develop and support innovative new cancer treatment clinical trials at ECU's Department of Oncology.

Today's tournament will feature Holtz and his wife, Jennifer, as special guests, along with C.J. Wilson, a Super Bowl champion with the Green Bay Packers and a former Pirate defensive end under Holtz.

Garrard's tournament partners his own charity with Beau's Buddies, named in honor of Greenville's Beau Stanley, who died at the age of 2 from neuroblastoma. The event promises to have plenty of celebrity backing, including that of former NBA star Rasheed Wallace, former ECU and NFL quarterback Jeff Blake, former heavyweight champion boxer James “Bonecrusher” Smith and pro golfer and Greenville native Will MacKenzie.

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ECU placed on 1-year probation

BY BRIAN HAINES - Correspondent

GREENVILLE–The NCAA has sentenced East Carolina University to one year of probation and has vacated games and matches from last year's baseball and women's tennis schedules for academic fraud violations self-reported by the school, university officials announced Thursday.

According to ECU, the violations involved four Pirates baseball players and one tennis player who was working as an academic tutor in the athletics department. An internal investigation by the university determined that the baseball players paid the tennis player more than a year ago to write term papers that they submitted as their own work.

The players involved in the academic fraud were not publicly identified Thursday. According to an NCAA release, the case involved a paper written for two of the players, eight papers for another and a PowerPoint presentation for the fourth.

"This has been a traumatic event for our athletic program that has negatively impacted the lives of young student-athletes and embarrassed us all," ECU athletics director Terry Holland said in written statement distributed before a news conference Thursday at the university's Mendenhall Student Center.

"While the athletics department's response was immediate and appropriate, as recognized by the NCAA, it is critically important that the safeguards and guidelines implemented to educate our student-athletes are sufficient to prevent future problems."

Holland and East Carolina provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs Marilyn Sheerer addressed the NCAA sanctions at the news conference. Baseball coach Billy Godwin and tennis coach Tom Morris were not in attendance.

The NCAA's disciplinary terms do not prohibit either team from playing in the postseason during the probationary period, which will conclude on May 18, 2012.

The terms of the probation also do not impose any recruiting sanctions or scholarship reductions. No monetary penalties were assessed. However, 17
baseball games and eight tennis matches will be vacated from last season's record books.

In its letter informing ECU of the penalties, the NCAA elected to reduce the length of the programs' probations from two years to one because of the university's response, according to ECU.

In wake of the NCAA's ruling, ECU announced it has taken the following steps:

Hired an additional compliance officer, who began work in February and reports directly to the ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard.

Barred student-athletes from working as tutors in the Student Development Office within the athletics department.

Empowered the university's Division of Academic Affairs to oversee the Student Development office in place of the athletics department.

Developed more rigorous training for tutors and student-athletes.

"The record shows we responded quickly, investigated vigorously, immediately self-reported violations and took decisive corrective steps without being asked," Sheerer said in a written statement.

According to the East Carolina University Public Infractions Report, the school was alerted of the academic fraud on March 2, 2010, when an intern in the athletics department's student development office reported to the director of student development that two baseball players told her they paid a female tennis player to write an English paper for them.

The athletes, dubbed "Student 1" and "Student 2" in the report, confessed to the allegations and were immediately declared ineligible and indefinitely suspended from the team.

On March 18, 2010, the tennis player, dubbed "Student 5," withdrew from school because of a serious medical issue.

On April 1, 2010, "Student 3" and "Student 4" were interviewed by ECU officials and admitted they provided false information during previous interviews. They denied again that "Student 5" had written papers for either one of them. Based on the information provided by "Student 5," which included audited e-mails from her past and inconsistent statements provided by Students "3" and "4," ECU concluded that both men had engaged in academic fraud.
On April 28, 2010, the university submitted a self-report of the violations to the NCAA.

The school backed coaches Godwin and Morris on Thursday. In a written statement, Sheerer said, "We have great confidence in baseball coach Billy Godwin and women's tennis coach Tom Morris and the integrity of their programs."

(This article also appeared in The Washington Daily News.)
Duke celebrates life of Reynolds Price

BY BRUCE SICELOFF - Staff Writer

DURHAM–Fourteen strong-looking men in their 20s, 30s and 40s made a conspicuous group Thursday among more than 300 friends and students who gathered in Duke Chapel to celebrate the life of Reynolds Price, who died in January after teaching and writing at Duke for more than 50 years.

They were some of the 30 young men who had signed on for one-year stints as personal assistants to Price after his treatment for spinal cancer in the 1980s robbed him of the use of his legs.

"He called it the Reynolds Price Finishing School for Husbands," said Los Angeles writer Daniel Voll, the founding member of that fraternity. "They heroically lifted, carried, cared for and cajoled Reynolds through a quarter century of teaching and writing."

Price lived with chronic pain for 26 years and died after a heart attack at age 77. He didn't want a funeral or a memorial service, and his ashes were scattered on a hill behind his rural Durham County home.

His older brother, Bill, of Raleigh found sealed instructions, written in 1991, in which Price had anticipated that some sort of commemoration might be planned at Duke after his death. He asked for a Handel prelude and a Bach postlude, and they were on the program Thursday along with Voll and two other former students Price had specified as speakers.
But university officials paid less attention to one of Price's directives: "In my lifelong dread of boring the world, I want nothing that lasts longer than 45 minutes."

A full hour was given over to Price's memory, delivered partly in his friends' and students' words and partly in his own.

**Inspiration to students**

Actress Annabeth Gish, a 1993 graduate who took Price's John Milton class, performed a six-minute scene from Price's play, "August Snow," with actress Utrophia Robinson.

"I'm honored to have been a part of this to praise the man who inspired me - he literally taught me what 'inspire' means: to give breath to," Gish said later. "I think, as an artist and as a woman, he taught me so much with his passion and his faith."

Price made a stir on campus with a Founder's Day speech in 1992, when he warned that Duke students were growing indifferent to intellectual life and more devoted to parties that stretched from Thursday to Monday.

"We never quite lived up to his generous, humane vision for our university," said Nannerl Keohane, a former Duke president. "But his words were never far from our deliberations about undergraduate life."

Price was a Warren County native who arrived at Duke as a freshman in 1951 and never left except for a brief truancy as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford," Duke President Richard Brodhead said. One of the South's most renowned literary voices, he published more than three dozen books including novels, plays, memoirs, essays, translations and poetry.

**Writing saved him**

The cancer that changed his life struck him as he was writing one of his greatest novels, "Kate Vaiden," published in 1986 and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award.

"In a real sense it was writing 'Kate Vaiden' that saved Reynolds' life," Voll said. "There were good doctors, sure, but Kate gave him the will to live - a place to drown his fears, his hopes, his excruciating pain, and his humor.

"As Kate Vaiden got cancer and beat it, so did her author, who - always the over achiever - when given only months to live, pushed on for 25 more years."

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WFU refutes sexual assault report

BY KEN TYSIAC - Staff Writer

Wake Forest president Nathan Hatch said in a statement Thursday that a "Today" show segment misrepresented the university's response to a former student's sexual assault allegation in 2009.

The report, which aired Thursday morning on the NBC morning news program, included an interview with Maggie Hurt, identified as a former school band member who said school officials were more interested in protecting two Wake Forest basketball players than in seeking justice.

In a recorded, on-camera interview, Hurt said she was forced by Demon Deacons guard Gary Clark to perform a sex act in a hotel bathroom two years ago while teammate Jeff Teague waited outside the door.

When she later reported the incident to campus police at Wake Forest, Hurt told the "Today" show, she was advised that her best option was to go through a campus hearing and not report the incident to police.

Wake Forest officials have said a federal right to privacy law prevents them from commenting on the case but have contested the "Today" show's portrayal of the university's response.

"I am troubled by the prevalence of sexual misconduct in our society today," Hatch said in a statement issued Thursday. "Regarding the described incident,
however, I feel strongly that the University's response, as well as our character, has been misrepresented."

In a news release, the lawyer for Clark and Teague said they were stunned and appalled by the allegations leveled by Hurt and by what they called NBC's one-sided reporting. Lawyer Michael Grace's release said Hurt's story was dramatically different from any she has told in the past.

In the "Today" show interview, Hurt said the players invited her to what they said was a party in their Miami hotel room after the team's March 20, 2009, loss to Cleveland State in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

Hurt said that when they arrived at the room, it was empty and she was shoved from behind into the room. In the "Today" report, she also accused Clark of taking her into the bathroom and forcing her to perform a sex act while Teague stood outside the closed door.

"I felt like if I didn't do what he asked, then he would hurt me," Hurt told the "Today" show.

Grace disputed Hurt's contention on NBC that the hotel room they entered was dark and empty. Grace said there were two other people in the room who testified at the school hearing.

In a Miami police incident report, Clark said two years ago that he did not force Hurt to perform the sex act. The police report also states that Hurt said she performed the act because she was afraid not to.

After a Miami police investigation, state attorney Laura Adams reviewed the case. Charges were not filed, according to the report, because it was a one-on-one allegation with delayed disclosure with Clark denying the allegations, no corroborating witnesses, no physical evidence and insufficient evidence.

**Wake's response**

On Thursday's "Today" show, Hurt said Wake Forest officials told her that her best option was to go through the campus judicial . She said that at the campus hearing, she felt like she was the one on trial.

"When it continued to be about me for the next nine hours, I was angry," Hurt said. "I was so mad because that's not the way it was supposed to be."

Grace said the incident was fully investigated by the Wake Forest police and that all students were afforded their rights under school policies and regulations.

Clark was a senior last season for Wake Forest. Teague, who left Wake Forest after the 2008-09 season to enter the NBA Draft early, plays professionally for the Atlanta Hawks.

Without discussing specifics on the case, Wake Forest said the school believes its educational mission begins with the health and safety of its students.
In a statement issued by the university, Hatch said a student-established policy group on rape education, prevention and response was among the first of its kind in the country and is composed of 20 trained student advocates who work directly with victims of sexual assaults. Hatch also said Wake Forest has a full-time, professionally trained victims' advocate available around the clock.

"The victim's advocate informs students of their rights, including their right to file a report with appropriate law enforcement authorities at any time," Hatch said. "Ultimately, however, the decision to file a police report, and when to do so, is a personal decision that must be made independently by the individual student."

The school's policy on sexual assault says that victims can pursue charges through the civil, criminal and/or undergraduate judicial process. The school's judicial processes are regularly reviewed and revised, according to a school spokesman.

According to data the school provides the federal government, there were four reports of forcible sex offenses at Wake Forest in 2007, followed by five in 2008 and six in 2009.

**A campus issue**

NBC's report was calling attention to the larger issue of how colleges treat reports of sexual assault on college campuses.

S. Daniel Carter, director of public policy for Security on Campus Inc., a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of criminal violence on college campuses, said Thursday that he could not speak specifically to the Wake Forest case. But in general, he said, campus judicial hearings are cause for concern.

"In our experience, many of the proceedings are geared to giving [the accused] extensive rights to the detriment of the victim, often to where they're the ones put on trial," Carter said. "That's one of the typical problems we see.

"It is entirely possible for an institution to possibly handle something legally correctly and still not necessarily have been as sensitive to the victim as they should have been."

On the "Today" show, Hurt's mother Lori Hurt said the school knew from the moment Maggie walked into the Wake Forest police department that it was going to make the case disappear.

Maggie Hurt said Wake Forest treated her unfairly because the basketball team generates money for the school.

"They took away months of my life that I'll never get back," Hurt said. "... They broke the promise that they made to me that they would keep me safe."

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