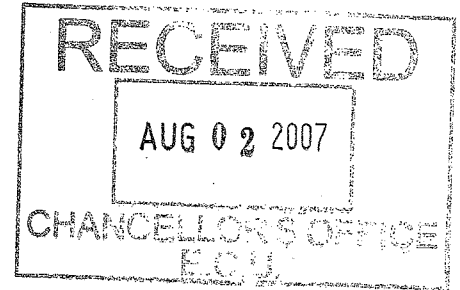


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Steve Ballard  
Chancellor  
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Office of the Chancellor  
East Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

Dear Chancellor Ballard:

I am seeking information concerning the drug testing of athletes at East Carolina University. If your institution is a public university then I am making my request under your state's record laws. If yours is a private institution, I encourage you to supply the information as a public service. In either case, please reply as promptly as possible, and within the time frame required by law.

I request the following related to the drug testing of East Carolina University athletes conducted since January 1, 2004, unless otherwise stated. You may provide information about previous years, if you wish. You may redact information specifically identifying students if you are concerned disclosing the information will violate state or federal laws.

- Documentation or an accounting of all positive tests. This might include internal forms recording positive tests or an electronic spreadsheet or database.
- A calendar or other documentation indicating the frequency of drug tests administered to athletes.
- Records related to punishments levied for positive tests.
- The budget for or amount of money dedicated to drug testing for fiscal or calendar years, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

-- Audits or reports discussing the drug testing of athletes, excluding standardized information provided by other government agencies or the NCAA.

-- Contracts or agreements with vendors who have a role in drug testing athletes.

-- All information provided by vendors the last time your institution put the drug testing of athletes up for bid or requested proposals.

When possible, please provide materials in common electronic formats via e-mail or compact disk. For materials fitting my request found on the Internet, please direct me to the Web address.

I am a journalist working to benefit the public and ask you waive any fees associated with my request or notify me in advance if you intend to apply fees.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Carlisle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "N" and "C".

Nate Carlisle

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