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Dear Nate:

This is in response to your Sept. 14, 2007, request for information about drug testing at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

According to the MU Director of Sports Medicine, Rex Sharp, the University's Toxicology Laboratory analyzes in-house substance abuse tests for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The athletic department testing does not screen for performance enhancing substances; testing is limited to "street drugs." The Big 12 Conference and NCAA Testing screen for performance enhancing substances, and our student-athletes are subject to random testing from both organizations.

Regards,

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From: Nate Carlisle [mailto:ncarlisle@sltrib.com]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 9:35 AM
To: Russell, David R. (UM); Sharp, Rex L.
Subject: steroids testing at Mizzou

David and Rex:

Greetings from Salt Lake City. I hope all is well in Columbia.

As you may recall, in the winter Scott Fontaine requested some information on Mizzou's drug testing. Scott is now working with me and The Salt Lake Tribune for a report on drug testing in college sports.

I have some clarifications about the information provided. In your response in the winter, you said Mizzou does not use an outside vendor.

May I assume MU Health Care analyzes test samples for the athletic department? Does that on-campus analyses screen for steroids, masking agents and other performance-enhancing substances or only street drugs?

For reference, I have pasted below David's earlier response to Scott, minus the mentioned attachments. There's no rush to answer my clarifications. I realize the athletic department is busy preparing for a football game tomorrow.

Thanks in advance.

Nate

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

This is in final response to your Jan. 24, 2007, letter requesting records under the provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law. You requested records and information regarding drug testing of student athletes at the University of Missouri-Columbia. A copy of your request is attached.

A report accounting for all positive substance abuse testing results for 2003-2004 through January 31, 2007 (by academic year) also is attached.

Funds expended on drug testing by fiscal years requested are as follows:

2003-04	\$ 9,220
2004-05	\$11,280
2005-06	\$12,388
2006-07 (to date)	\$ 6,024

The University's drug testing policy is posted on the University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Compliance website at <http://mutigers.cstv.com/compliance/substance-abuse.html>.

This policy describes the procedural and disciplinary steps taken for first, second and third incidents of positive test results.

There are no documents in existence that are responsive to the second and fifth-seventh items on your list having to do with calendars or schedules for drug testing, audits or reports, contracts or agreements w/vendors, or bid information provided by vendors desiring to do business with the University in this context. The University does not use outside vendors to conduct drug abuse screening tests.

Should you have additional questions about the substance abuse testing program at the University of Missouri-Columbia, you are encouraged to contact the Director of Sports Medicine, Rex Sharp (573-882-2375). I trust this information is helpful.

Respectfully,
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