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Hello Jennifer ...

I'm working with my colleague, Nate Carlisle, on a project involving information you provided us about the OU athletic department's drug-testing program in an Open Records Act request from Jan. 30, 2007. You already have helped us clarify a couple of items in your initial response, but I have a few more questions that I've come across that I'm hoping you can help answer.

One: On the "2006/2007 Drug Testing Schedule" that you provided, there are asterisks next to certain of the sports teams that the schedule indicates represent a "steroids component" to the testing for that team. What exactly is the "steroids component?" Are all of the members of the noted team tested for anabolic steroids at that time, or is it some mix of random or more specific steroids testing?

Secondly, though I understand most of the abbreviations for the various teams on that schedule ("MFB" is clearly men's football), I want to be sure about "MWR" (men's wrestling?) "MBA" (men's baseball or basketball?) and "MTR" and "WTR" (presumably, men's and women's track and field). And what does the designation "(OS)" on that schedule mean? Out of season? That'd be my guess, judging by the accompanying test dates.

Also, at the time of our initial records request, you provided the most up-to-date budget figures for drug-testing spending in the 2006-07 academic year. But that was in January (\$7,784). I'm wondering if you have the final year-end total for drug-testing fees for the 2006-07 year, and requesting that you provide that to us.

And lastly, who in the athletic department oversees the drug-testing program, that we would be able to speak to about its aims and components?

Thank you in advance for all of your help answering our questions. I will look forward to hearing back from you, and take care ...

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