

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN • CHICAGO • SPRINGFIELD

October 15, 2009

Patrick Rehkamp
Better Government Association
11 E. Adams, Suite 608
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312.386.9201
prehkamp@bettergov.org

Dear Mr. Rehkamp,

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of October 14, 2009, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

"...copies of documents that contain the zip codes of all students that elected officials interceded in for assistance into the University of Illinois. The following are (with number of applicants):

1. Mike Madigan- 43
2. John Cullerton- 8
3. Skip Saviano- 22
4. Tom Cross- 13
5. Kevin Joyce- 24
6. James DeLeo- 33

For clarity, I'm only interested in the zip code of the students and not names. Please indicate which zip codes correspond with which elected officials."

Most of the documents released in response to the admissions issues are available online at <http://newsgazette.com/special/category-i/features.cfm>. As you can see from these pages, no documents strictly responsive to your request exist.

If you would like copies of all documents released in response to the admissions issues, these are public documents and number 5,174 pages. Portions of the documents have been redacted pursuant to sections 7(1)(a), 7(1)(b) and 7(1)(b)(i) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (Act):

- Section 7(1)(a) of the Act exempts from inspection and copying "Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations adopted under federal or State law" [i.e. in this instance the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974].
- Section 7(1)(b) of the Act exempts from inspection and copying "Information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information."
- Section 7(1)(b)(i) of the Act exempts from inspection and copying "files and personal information maintained with respect to ... students or other individuals receiving ... educational ... services directly or indirectly from federal agencies or public bodies."

Office for University Relations

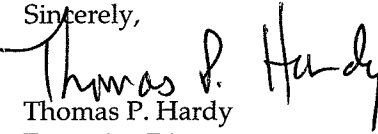
Urbana • 108 Henry Administration Building • MC 370 • 506 South Wright Street • Urbana, IL 61801 • (217) 333-6400 • Fax (217) 333-5733
Chicago • 414 Administrative Office Building • MC 971 • 1737 West Polk Street • Chicago, IL 60612-7228 • (312) 996-3772 • Fax (312) 996-1836

A copy of these documents may be obtained on CD for \$10.00 by sending a check payable to the *University of Illinois* to Melanie Kuehn at the Urbana address on page one. We cannot accept cash.

You have a right, under the law, to appeal this response to President B. Joseph White, 364 Henry Administration Building, University of Illinois, 506 S. Wright St., Urbana, IL 61801.

If I can help further, please call me at 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "H".

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

cc: Mark Henss
FOIA file