

May 15, 2014

Mr. Ben Cohen The Wall Street Journal Ben.cohen@wsj.com

Re: FOIA Request 14-300

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on May 1, 2014, in which you requested:

"Number of student-ticket scans, or the school's other way of measuring student attendance numbers, at every home football game for the last five years."

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 2 pages. The University did not start barcoding and scanning tickets until just before the 2012 season, so we do not have actual attendance or scan counts prior to that year. We have provided student ticket sales for student ticket sales numbers for years prior to 2012.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy Executive Director and Chief Records Officer