March 17, 2015

Mr. Michal Dwojak
The Daily Illini
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Re: FOIA Request 15-167

Dear Mr. Dwojak:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on March 3, 2015, in which you requested:

“…a line-by-line breakdown of each item and the value of each item included in the “Equipment, Uniforms, and Supplies”, “Spirit Groups”, and the “Other Expenses” categories for 2014 EADA Report.”

On March 4, 2015, you spoke with Kent Brown, the associate athletics director with the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University’s Urbana-Champaign campus to clarify your request. You relayed to Mr. Brown that you were seeking a list of what each team received for Nike gear/apparel.

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 256 pages.

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Specifically, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g) protects the privacy of student education records and prohibits the release of any information from a student’s education record without the consent of the eligible student. In this case, student names were redacted from the responsive record.
- 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, 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.” This includes student information.

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