July 21, 2015

Mr. Andrew Kreighbaum
USA Today
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Re: FOIA Request 15-574

Dear Mr. Kreighbaum:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on July 7, 2015, in which you requested:

“…the following information from the university and/or the athletics department:
1. The amount of money spent by the athletics department during the 2015 fiscal year on athletically related student financial aid.
2. The amount of money the athletics department is budgeting for the 2016 fiscal year for athletically related student financial aid.
3. How does the athletics department plan to implement cost-of-attendance-based scholarships: For all scholarships awarded, only for certain teams, etc.?
4. How will the athletics department handle the implementation of the cost-of-attendance differential for teams in equivalency sports?
5. The amount of money budgeted by the athletics department for the 2014 fiscal year for teams in equivalency sports?
6. The amount of money spent by the athletics department during the 2014 fiscal year providing meals and snacks to student-athletes, including any additional, above-budgeted, amounts spent subsequent to the NCAA rules change in April 2014 that allows student-athletes to receive unlimited meals and snacks in conjunction with their athletics participation.
7. The amount of money spent by the athletics department during the 2015 fiscal year providing meals and snacks to student athletes.
8. The amount of money budgeted by the athletics department for the 2016 fiscal year for providing meals and snacks to student-athletes.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. This is a public document numbering 1 page.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of this document, 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