UAlbany Compliance Corner
March 2017 Student-Athlete Edition

Spot the Violation
Arya Stark, a cross country student-athlete at UAlbany, is turning 21 this weekend. She is having a birthday party on Saturday and permitted her name and picture to be used by her aunt to promote the event. Arya’s aunt created a flyer with Arya’s name, picture and the location of the party. When the flyer was completed, Arya posted it to her Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Arya was unaware using her name and picture to promote a birthday party in her honor would be considered a promotion of the nightclub where the event was being held. Arya did not receive any compensation for use of her name and picture and even paid the cover charge to attend the event. Is this a violation?

When Can I Expect a Refund?
Your refund will depend on the status of your financial aid; you may not receive the full amount of your refund until two or three weeks after the start of the term.

If a student feels they are due a refund they should confirm that they do not have any outstanding holds or prior unpaid balances. Students can also contact the Student Financial Center at (518) 442-3202 to request their account be reviewed.

Where’s My Refund?
To track and ensure your refund is coming, students should do the following:

1. Go to MyUAlbany and confirm all ToDo List items have been completed.
2. Confirm that all of the Financial Aid you expect to use/receive has been accepted.
3. Once aid is accepted and all ToDo List items are completed, Financial Aid should appear as Anticipated Aid.

Federal regulations prohibit Financial Aid funds from paying accounts earlier than 10 days before the first day of class, and different types of aid arrive at different times. All Financial Aid must be received and must exceed charges before a refund is issued.

Your Money (Faster + Easier) = E-Refunds
Sign up for E-Refunds at Epay.albany.edu

Answer on next page.
Spring Break Tips
With Spring Break upon us, we have a few reminders for everyone.

• Please remember that daily and weekly hour limitations on countable athletically related activities do not apply during the vacation period.
• Coaches can provide reasonable entertainment (but not cash) for the team in conjunction with practice or competition.

Spot the Violation Answer:
Yes. NCAA Bylaw 12.5.2.1 states that after becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:

(a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or

(b) Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual’s use of such product or service.

Important Dates
• March 8th – Midterm Point
• March 10th – 8 week 2 classes begin
• March 11th – 19th – Spring Break
• March 12th – Daylight savings time begins, set clocks an hour ahead
• March 20th – 3rd SAAC Meeting
• March 20th – Advanced registration begins for Summer and Fall 2017
• March 24th – Last day to add 8 week 2 courses
• March 31st – Last day to drop 8 week 2 courses

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY