

## Facebook.com Goes Public

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(October 2, 2006) — Facebook, a popular online social network for college students, is opening to the world, the California-based site announced last week. Opening membership to noncollege students has caused a bit of consternation among the college set. "I wasn't terribly thrilled when I found out high schoolers and then people not in college could get into it," said Eastman School of Music sophomore Abi Levis, 19, of Portland, Maine. "That's what MySpace was for."

Facebook, founded in 2004 by a group of Harvard University students, has allowed only people with college e-mail addresses to register — making it seem more exclu-

sive than similar online social sites such as MySpace.com. Since then, Facebook has become for college students as much a daily tool as notebooks and pens. Many post class schedules, cell phone numbers, numerous photos and other personal information on their Facebook sites. They can send messages via Facebook, to the point that "to Facebook" has become a verb, as in "I'll Facebook you the details about when that party is."

In one 24-hour period, just before the start of the current school year at the State University College at Brockport, students posted 1,300 photos on their Facebook pages, said Joseph Johnston, residential life judicial coordi-

nator.

Facebook says that it is the seventh most trafficked site on the World Wide Web, with 9.5 million registered users.

University of Rochester junior Emily Paret, 20, of Newton, Mass., is on Facebook daily, looking up friends' birthdays, checking out the latest photos they've posted and sometimes "creeping" — perusing the photos and profiles of strangers.

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## Don't Bet on It!!! What You Need to Know About Gambling

NCAA Bylaw 10.3 prohibits gambling activities by athletic department staff members and student-athletes. **Here are the facts:**

- It is illegal to place a bet on any team or individual that participates in a sport that has an NCAA championship. This includes professional teams and sports not

offered at IUPUI such as football! Also, you may not provide information to anyone placing a bet on one of these teams.

- A wager with any type of prize is illegal. This includes cash, prizes, t-shirts, or dinner.
- You cannot enter into any type of "pool" even with

your friends (March Madness).

- You cannot participate in a fantasy league that has prizes or requires a fee to join.
- You cannot gamble on the internet or through "1-800" phone numbers.

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Not everyone is blasé about the change. The Facebook group "I'm Deleting My Facebook if Facebook Goes Public" has 58 members. "If Facebook Goes Public, We Riot" has 148.

The popularity of Facebook has caused concerns in the collegiate world. Twice earlier this year Facebook representatives have had to appear before congressional committees to defend the

site's privacy and security. And a number of college sports programs around the country came under fire last academic year when athletes posted photos of hazing rituals.

Several baseball players at Rochester Institute of Technology are going through campus disciplinary proceedings for photos posted on Facebook. Baseball coach Rob Grow declined to com-

ment. University spokesman Robert Finnerty declined to discuss the photos.

"We're telling students, not just our student athletes, that you can harm yourself," Finnerty said. "This can be seen worldwide."

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### The Consequences:

- You will lose your eligibility and will be removed from your team.
- You may be expelled from the university and will be subject to the media's scrutiny.
- You will be banished from all professional sports and will hurt your future employment possibilities.

- You may face jail time.

### Why is this important?

- Gambling is often tied to organized crime. Even online poker sites are tied to organized crime. Becoming involved with organized crime can impact your safety and well-being.
- Betting and game fixing corrupts sport.

### Resources

- Your coach, athletic staff members, police, or FBI.
- The NCAA
- 24-Hour Confidential Nationwide Gambling Helpline 800-522-4700

Think before you act! Things that seem harmless may have wide-spread ramifications.

***"There is no more vulnerable person in the world of sports than the college athlete. If organized crime senses an opportunity to make money on a college campus, it can be there overnight."** Mike Welch, FBI*

## Athletically Related Activities: The 20/8 Rule

During the playing season, both the traditional and non-traditional segments, you may participate in up to 20 hours of athletically related activities per week. There is a four (4) hour limit per day. You are also required to have at least one (1) day off per week.

During your off-season, you can participate in up to eight (8) hours of athletic related activities. You are required to have at least two (2) days off

per week. A "week" is defined as seven (7) consecutive days.

The following all count towards your weekly limit: practices, required conditioning and weight-lifting, required meetings, and competitions. Please note, competitions, regardless of how long they actually take, are always counted as three (3) hours.

The following do not count against your weekly limit: travel to/from practice and competi-

tions, meetings initiated by the athlete, training room visits, study hall and tutor appointments, and volunteer workouts and weight lifting (if no coach is present).

Your coach is required to document these hours and they are reviewed and verified by two (2) of your teammates each week.

If you have questions regarding the 20/8 rule, please contact the compliance office.



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"Ask Before You Act!"

## NCAA Internship Program

The NCAA offers 12-month, paid internships at their national office here in Indianapolis. Internships are available in the following areas: administrative services, membership services/student-athlete reinstatement, governance, enforcement, branding, broadcasting, championships, educational services, diversity and inclusion, and men's and women's Division I basketball.

Applications can be found on-line at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

Please note, all application materials are due to the NCAA by December 1, 2006. These internships are only open to students who have earned their baccalaureate degree by the time of employment (seniors).

Please contact the compliance office or the NCAA internship program for more information.

# Points of Interest

## Purchasing Discounted Equipment

Student-athletes are still permitted to purchase equipment that is necessary for competition using the department's or staff member's discount. However, upon purchase, this equipment is university property and cannot automatically be retained.

Purchased equipment will have to be issued and collected each year. The department will take inventory of the equipment and its condition. Upon exhausting your eligibility (senior year) the department will determine the value of your equipment.

If the value of your equipment has depreciated below

**Example #1 :** A golfer buys a new driver their sophomore year for \$300. It would have retailed for \$450. By the end of their senior year, the club was valued at \$75. This student-athlete can keep the club.

**Example #2:** A tennis student-athlete buys a new racket in August of her senior year. Through the university's discount, she has to pay \$95; it retails for \$160. She uses the new racket once and decides that she prefers her old one. After the season, IUPUI determines that the racket is "like-new" and could be sold for more than \$95. The student-athlete could not keep this racket. She could pay the difference between the discounted and retail value of the racket (\$65) in order to keep it, or it would remain university

the price you purchased it for, you may retain the item. If the price of the equipment is determined to be higher than the amount you purchased it for, you may pay the difference in value in order to retain the equipment.

Please keep this in mind when determining what equipment to purchase and when to purchase it.

Please contact your coach or the compliance office with any questions.