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The University of Illinois web privacy policies can be found at http://www.vpaa.uiillinois.edu/policies/internet_related.asp

Here are some pertinent parts:

**Public Forums**
Many units of the University of Illinois provide chat rooms, forums, message boards, and news groups for their users. Any information that is disclosed in these areas may become public information and a user should therefore exercise caution when deciding to disclose one’s personal information in such places. Chat sessions and discussion forums may be logged.

**Illinois Freedom of Information Act**
As a state institution, the University may be legally required under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act or other laws to provide specific information, such as some electronic correspondence sent via the University Web.

**Server Log Information the University Gathers**
University Web servers generate logs that may contain information about computers or devices used to access the University Web, or about general activity on the University Web, such as the following:

- Internet address of computer or device
- Type of browser or other client application used
- The operating system of the computer or device
- Web pages requested
- Referring Web pages
- Time spent on the site

Many University Web server administrators produce summary reports from these logs and share that information with University Web content managers. University Web content managers typically use this information in aggregate to understand what pages are popular, how users are navigating to and within their site, and when their sites are used most frequently. The University strongly discourages the inclusion in server logs of information that could identify individuals. The above Rule on Sharing of Information and the Exceptions to Rule detail when such associations occur.