1) As always, if anybody has items that they would like to add to the weekly Saluki Spirit Announcements, please send them to Dr. Phil Anton at: panton@siu.edu

The Announcements are designed to reflect Saluki Spirit in all aspects of campus and the community, so send whatever you want from any corner of southern Illinois. Pictures are always a great addition.

2) #SalukiFriday is coming up: Remember to wear your Saluki gear on Fridays!

Also, send pics of your group(s) to Dr. Anton, as well as Randy Johnson at 710: randyj@seventen.com

Photos will be featured in the Saluki Spirit Announcements and on 710's Facebook and Twitter platforms.

Below the crew at SIU Press rocks their Saluki finest as they get their book on...

3) Recently we stopped by the offices of the SIUC Graduate School to see about getting another degree. Those pictures will be up soon on the "SIUC Department of Kinesiology" Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SIUC-Department-of-Kinesiology-201366063240550/), on our Twitter page: https://twitter.com/SalukiSpirit (swing by and give us a follow @SalukiSpirit), and our “salukispirit” Instagram page.

The #SalukiFriday Picture Poll winner will now be determined by adding up the total likes from all three platforms above. The winner for the pics taken with Kelly Burke, Connor Onion and ESPN3 broadcast crew at a recent Saluki Women’s Basketball game at the SIU Arena is at the end of the Announcements.

4) The Big Muddy Film Festival coming up Feb. 19-25. For more info, go to: www.bigmuddyfilm.com
5) The **2018 SIU Day of Giving** is coming up on **3/7/2018**. Mark your calendar.

6) After a successful Senior Day, the women of **Saluki Swimming and Diving** are currently competing in the **MVC Championships** in **Iowa City**. The events began on **2/14/18** and run through **Saturday, 2/17/18**. If you can’t make it to north to Iowa, there are several options to track the teams progress:

- **Watch**: [https://www.youtube.com/c/missourivalleyconference/live](https://www.youtube.com/c/missourivalleyconference/live)
- **Live results**: [http://www.sidearmstats.com/uni/wswimming](http://www.sidearmstats.com/uni/wswimming)
- **Twitter**: [https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive?lang=en](https://twitter.com/SIU_SwimDive?lang=en)

Once again, the **MVC Awards** were a Saluki Sweep with Beibei Ji (**Accounting**) winning **Diver of the Week** and Bryn Handley (**Behavior Analysis and Therapy**) taking **Swimmer of the Week**. Congrats Bryn and Beibei!

Bryn was also named the **Saluki Student Athlete of the Week** last week!
7) After a strong showing at the Music City Challenge, Saluki Track and Field is back in competition at the EIU Friday Night Special this Friday, Feb. 16. If you are unable to make it to Charleston, IL, follow them on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC?lang=en](https://twitter.com/SIU_TrackXC?lang=en)

The track and field stars reeled in a slew of award in the past couple weeks:

Jared Kern (Exercise Science) and Alexis Roberson (Exercise Science) were named MVC Field Athletes of the Week last week. Congrats Alexis and Jared!

Ricky Hurley (Management) was named MVC Field Athlete of the Week for this week. Congrats Ricky!

Ricky was also named the Saluki Student-Athlete of the Week this week!

8) If your Dept, College, RSO, group, etc. is doing outreach in the community, please share details with SIUC Director of Community Relations, Karen Stallman, at 618-453-2425 OR karenstallman@siu.edu

9) If you or your group are looking for service opportunities, check out the Adopt-a-Spot program. Check it out at: [http://www.keepcb.org/adopt-a-spot.html](http://www.keepcb.org/adopt-a-spot.html)

11) **Saluki Women’s Golf** turned in a strong performance at the Battle at Boulder Creek. They will be back on the course on **Feb. 24-25** at the **GCU Invitational** at Grand Canyon University Golf Course. If you can’t make it to Phoenix, AZ follow them on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SIU_WGolf](https://twitter.com/SIU_WGolf)

They have a home match coming up soon: **Saluki Invitational** March 25-26 at Hickory Ridge Golf Course

For the second time this season and the third time in her career, Hanna Netisingha (Zoology) was named the **MVC Golfer of the Week**. Congrats Hanna!

12) **Saluki Baseball** starts its season at Jacksonville St. this **Friday Feb. 16 at 3 PM**, **Saturday, Feb. 17 at 1 PM**, and **Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1 PM**. If you can’t make it to Oxford, AL, follow them on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SIU_Baseball](https://twitter.com/SIU_Baseball) or listen at: [http://jsustream.serverroom.net:5758/WLJS_Live](http://jsustream.serverroom.net:5758/WLJS_Live)

First homestand at the Itch is **March 2-4** vs. Louisiana-Monroe
13) **Saluki Softball went 2-2 at the UTSA Softball Classic** and are back on the field at the Gamecock Invitational on: **Friday, Feb 15 at 1:30** vs. Mercer; **Saturday Feb. 17 at 2 PM** vs. Georgetown and at **4:30 PM vs. South Carolina; Sunday Feb. 18 at 9 AM** vs. Michigan St. If you are unable to get to **Columbia, SC** you can listen at [http://siusalukis.com/watch/?Live=272](http://siusalukis.com/watch/?Live=272) or follow them on **Twitter**: [https://twitter.com/SIU_Softball](https://twitter.com/SIU_Softball)

First **homestand** at on **Kay Brechtelsbauer Field** at **Charlotte West Stadium** is **March 2-4** for the **Coach B Classic**.

14) **SIU Press** recently released a book with a local connection: **Southern Illinois Salukis Football** by Dan Verdun (with foreward by Jerry Kill). It’s the first book to focus solely on the program and its history at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), details the organization’s greatest moments, from its origins around the beginning of the twentieth century through the extraordinary leadership of head coaches William McAndrew, Rey Dempsey, and Jerry Kill, to the present-day team and its coach, local hero Nick Hill. [Image]


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Congrats on these outstanding accomplishments!

15) **Saluki Men’s Golf** kicks off its season at the **Desert Intercollegiate, February 16-18** If you can’t make it to **Palm Desert, CA**, following them on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SIU_MGolf](https://twitter.com/SIU_MGolf)

16) Every **Tuesday** from **8-10 PM** is **“Bowl Your Brains Out”** at the **Student Center Bowling Alley**. Unlimited bowling, free popcorn, and prize giveaways for $5
17) After a huge, heart-pounding showdown win over MO ST last night, Saluki Men’s Basketball is 7-1 in their last 8 MVC games. They head to Indiana St. this Sat. Feb 17 to take on the Trees at 1 PM. If you can’t make the short trip to Terre Haute, IN, check them out on ESPN3 or listen in on 105.1 FM. They’ll return to SIU Arena for what will be another showdown with 1st place Loyola on Senior Night, Feb. 21 at 7 PM. Let’s pack the place out and give our seniors a great send-off.

For the 4th time this season, Kavion Pippen (University Studies) was named MVC Newcomer of the Week. Congrats Kavion!

18) Saluki Women’s Basketball hits the road for two crucial games this Friday (2/16/18) vs. Valparaiso at 7 PM and Sunday (2/18/18) vs. Loyola at 1 PM. If you can’t make it over to Indiana or up to Chicago, catch the team on 105.1 FM or ESPN3.

Nicole Martin (Exercise Science) was named the MVC Player of the Week. Congrats Nicole!
WINNER OF THE RECENT SOCIAL MEDIA PICTURE POLL:
On #SalukiFriday at the Saluki Women’ Basketball game at SIU Arena with the ESPN3 crew, play-by-play commentator Connor Onion waits for us to report for duty, but we are too busy socializing with Saluki Super-Mom, Lori Giebelhausen...