**SALUKI SPIRIT ANNOUNCEMENTS (5/15 – 5/22/17):**

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) There is a growing group of **Saluki Spirit Liaisons** who represent their Dept, unit, campus office, student group, community business, civic group, etc. There isn’t a lot involved with the Liaison job - basically just forwarding on information received from Dr. Anton on a weekly basis. The idea is to get Liaisons for all campus and community groups, so that when the Announcements come through, they are coming from someone whose name is familiar to those they are sending them to - basically a grass-roots movement. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving in this role, please have them contact Dr. Anton.

3) **#SalukiFriday** is upon us again: **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.

4) This week we paid a visit to the Saluki supporters at the Hampton Inn. Those pictures will be up on Friday on the "SIUC Department of Kinesiology" Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SIUC-Department-of-Kinesiology-201366063240550/posts_to_page/) and on our **NEW Twitter page:** https://twitter.com/SalukiSpirit Swing by and give us a follow @SalukiSpirit

The winner of the Facebook Poll on the Dept. of Kinesiology page for the pics taken at the **Saluki Football Poster Shoot** last week is at the end of the Announcements.

5) For the first time since 1991, **Saluki Women's Softball** is the **MVC Women's Softball Tournament Champion**, knocking off the #1 and #2 seeds in the process! Winning the MVC Tourney means that the team gets an automatic bid to the **NCAA Championship** and they will head to Oxford, Mississippi for their first Regional game vs. Ole Miss on this Friday, Mar. 19 at 8:30 CT. The games in this regional are sold, so if you were unable to get a ticket, Saluki Athletics will host a **Watch Party** at **Pinch Penny Pub** (admission is free and viewing parties will continue for all Saluki games during the double-elimination tournament). You can also catch them online at **ESPN3** or on the radio at 105.1.
Merri Anne Patterson (Exercise Science), Brianna Jones (Dental Hygiene), Shaye Harre (Animal Sciences), and Savanna Dover (Communication Disorders and Sciences) were all named to the All-Tournament Team, Patterson and Harre were named to the Scholar-Athlete Team, and Harre was named the Tournament MVP and the Elite 18 Winner. Congrats to all!

6) Piotr Baranski (Biological Sciences) of Saluki Men’s Tennis has qualified for the NCAA Singles National Championships in Athens, GA May 24-29. It’s the first time SIUC has sent a competitor to this elite competition since 1990!

If you can’t make to Georgia, follow his progress on Twitter: https://twitter.com/SIU_MTennis

7) Saluki Men’s and Women’s Track and Field brought back raft of honors from the MVC Outdoor Championships in Wichita, KS this past weekend:

Josh Maier (Computer Science), 5000 M Champion

Kyle Landon (Accounting), Triple Jump Champion

Warren Hazel (Information Systems Technology), 400 M Champion
Chad Weaver (Finance) Pole Vault Champion

Freya Block (Agribusiness Economics) and Kyle Landon (Accounting), Most Outstanding Field Athletes

Kyle Landon (Accounting), Most Valuable Athlete Award

8) Saluki Baseball hits the road for games Thurs-Fri-Sat, May 18 (11 AM), May 19 (11 AM), & May 20 (11 AM) vs. Bradley. After that, they will be at Missouri St. for the MVC Championship, May 24-27. If you are unable to make it to Peoria or Springfield, you can catch them online on ESPN3 or on the radio at 1300 AM or 95.5 FM.

Congrats to Logan Blackfan (Exercise Science) who now holds the Saluki record for doubles!

9) The SIU Foundation has launched Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students. Their goal is $75 million. For more info, please go to:

http://foreversiu.org/
10) The **Saluki Green Action Team** is in full swing with their efforts toward sustainability on campus and in the community. For more info, check out their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/SIUgreenaction/) or contact SIU’s Sustainability Coordinator, Geory Kurtzhals at **618-453-2846** or **glkurtzhals@siu.edu**

This week's action event is turning off the lights. Single incandescent bulbs cost 0.75 cents/hour to run. Tag them on **Instagram** (@siugreenaction) to be entered for a chance to win this month's prize! Upload a picture of you being sustainable and turning off your lights to their **Facebook page**: [https://www.facebook.com/SIUgreenaction/?ref=br_rs](https://www.facebook.com/SIUgreenaction/?ref=br_rs)

11) Congrats to all the Saluki Graduates who received their diplomas during the Commencement Ceremonies on Friday and Saturday, like the students from the SIUC Department of Kinesiology!

GO DAWGS!  **#WEAREALLSALUKIS**

**WINNER OF THIS WEEK'S FACEBOOK PICTURE POLL:**

On **SalukiFriday** at the 2017 Saluki Football Poster Shoot, our Saluki Spirit rep's attempt to "out-hair" WR Connor Iwema’s famous lid falls flat...and short.