

## Fall 2016 SOU Retirees Articles

### Mullen's experiences with the CIA in Uganda topic of "BuzzFeed" article

Some SOU retirees who knew Jay Mullen are aware of his early-1970s connection with the Central Intelligence Agency, which is briefly mentioned in his obituary elsewhere on the retiree association website.

Mullen's experience as a CIA "operative" in Uganda is the topic of an extensive article in a September 2015 issue of "BuzzFeed," which calls itself a "cross-platform, global network for news and entertainment that generates seven billion views each month."

Mullen was sent to Uganda to try to "get to know" the Soviets working there, often using Ugandans to find out information that could be used to possibly lead to Soviets betraying their country and becoming double-agents for the CIA.

Most of the article concentrates on Mullen's experience as the head coach of the Uganda national men's basketball team and the period leading up to its matchup with the powerful team from the Soviet Union. The game featured a screaming match between Mullen and the USSR coach, fistfights, ejections and the basket being torn from the backboard.

Also touched upon is his relationship with Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, including an incident in which Mullen accidentally slapped Amin in the face while the pair were swimming together as well as his opinion that Amin could be "warm and charming" early in his tenure as dictator, which in light of the atrocities he committed later Mullen found "hard to believe."

The article's title is "Shooter, Passer, Dictator, Spy: The Lost, True Story of the CIA's Greatest Basketball Coach." It can be found at

[https://www.buzzfeed.com/shaunraviv/the-spy-who-coached-me?utm\\_term=.vbw4nEwP6#.bjgkRd9Y6](https://www.buzzfeed.com/shaunraviv/the-spy-who-coached-me?utm_term=.vbw4nEwP6#.bjgkRd9Y6)

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