

THE STEPHANIE C. DAVIS DANCE RESIDENCY



The Stephanie C. Davis Dance Residency at Union College is made possible by a gift from Sue and Gus Davis '59, an active alumnus from Hamden, Conn., who is a retired clinical professor of pathology, Yale University. The residency was created in memory of their daughter, Stephanie C. Davis, a modern dancer and environmental activist with a lifelong love of the performing arts. It has become a highlight of the Union Dance Program.

From her first ballet lesson at age 7, Stephanie was always passionate about dance. She continued with ballet and modern dance throughout University City High School in Missouri and in London during her parents' sabbatical year abroad. She spent one year at Washington University in St. Louis as a liberal arts major with a dance minor before auditioning for and being accepted into the NYU Tisch School of the Arts Dance Program. She graduated with a bachelor's of fine arts degree.

A knee injury prevented Stephanie from pursuing a career in dance. She obtained a master's degree in public administration, with a concentration in the arts, from NYU and went on to a successful career as a medical waste recycling consultant and educator. Her love of dance and music continued throughout her lifetime.



Stephanie, 18, is pictured at Washington University in St. Louis during a dance break.

"Dancing had been Stephie's passion, and Union College, where we met, has always been a special place for us. The idea of a dance residency was enthusiastically received as an educational experience for students and an artistic experience for the entire Union community. We remember Stephanie by transmitting our love for her and her love of dance to new generations of Union students. She would have been thrilled."

The Davises

Gus (Union College Class of 1959) and Sue (Russell Sage College Class of 1960)