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Barack Obama shares the stage with Vice President-elect Joe Biden during his victory rally at Grant Park in Chicago Nov. 4. “To those Americans whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president too,” Obama said in his acceptance speech. The Associated Press estimated the crowd to be a quarter-million people.
The fall 2008 Daily Egyptian photojournalists are, from left, Joseph Rehana, Brandon Chapple, Stephen Rickerl, Evan Davis, Anthony Souffle, Jason Johnson, Edyta Blazczyzk, and Emily Sunblade.

This has been an interesting semester, it had its highs and lows, but I guess that is to be expected.

When the semester began in August, I was confident that everything would run smoothly and that experience and maturity of the photo staff would ensure our study progress toward making good photographs for the newspaper.

This is great in theory; however amid the chaos that is the newsroom things change, news happens or doesn’t happen, theories fall to the wayside, and one must adapt to the situation.

Our staff members did an exceptional job this semester and I never would have made it through the semester without them. I’m happy I have had the opportunity to work with everyone of them, and I’m proud of the work they did and the things they have achieved.

With that being said, overall I have enjoyed my last semester at the Daily Egyptian as picture editor. It was a great learning experience, and we even managed to have some fun between deadlines. Oh my.
Quontez Harrington, center, of Chicago reacts as President-elect Barack Obama takes the stage in Grant Park to deliver his acceptance speech to a crowd of anxious supporters. Harrington, like most in the crowd, waited for hours in lines, hoping to catch a glimpse of Obama.

Vietnam and Desert Storm Army veteran John Yow, of Carbondale, attends the Memorial Wall service with wife, Kathy, in honor of Veteran’s Day Nov. 11 at the Town Square pavilion.

Joe Rehana
Daily Egyptian
Joe Hassert, a graduate student from Romeville in speech communication, shields himself from the sun with a Southern Illinoisan for Obama T-shirt during the Barack Obama campaign rally in Springfield Aug. 23.

Abortion rights supporters, from left, Charlot Schmidt, Jamie Roinson and Kayla Capler make banners against the demonstration by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Oct. 20, between Parkinson Laboratory and the Student Center parking garage.

Carbondale resident David Rosenhauer works to remove a fallen tree from his house Sept. 14. Remnants of Hurricane Ike brought high winds and damage to trees and power lines throughout southern Illinois.
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John Montacue, a political science instructor at John A. Logan College, has been reading comics since he was a student. Montacue said Aug. 17 that he was pleased with the three blockbuster movies that came out this summer, ‘Hellboy II,’ The Incredible Hulk,” and “The Dark Knight,” but he would like to see a Marvel Comic movie set more accurately in the 1960s.

Brandon Chapple
Daily Egyptian

Keilin Hotkins-Bey, left, an alumnus from Chicago, and Olatunji Majekodunmi, a senior from Richton Park studying finance, walked together Nov. 17, in the Fashion Fair show. The Evolution. Hotkins-Bey and Majekodunmi walked to represent unity.

Evan Davis
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Saluki wide receiver Marc Cheatham is mobbed by his team after scoring a 51-yard touchdown off a pass from Chris Dieker in the final seconds of Oct. 25's game against Missouri State in Springfield, Mo. The touchdown gave the Salukis a 23-17 win over Missouri State.

Sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger warms up before starting the second game against Arkansas State Sept. 13. The Salukis defeated Arkansas State and went on to win the Saluki Invitational.

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Junior guard Brandon Allen soars to the rim for a reverse dunk during Maroon Madness Oct. 17 at the SIU Arena. Allen beat out four of his teammates to win the dunk contest.

Sophomore placekicker Kyle Dougherty is hoisted on the shoulders of his teammates after he kicked a 40-yard field goal on the final play of the Sep. 27, game against Northern Iowa, giving the Salukis the 27-24 victory at McAndrew Stadium.

Phillip Collier, a senior from Virginia, practices his short game on the green Oct. 10 at Stone Creek Golf Club. SIU finished sixth out of 15 teams at the D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate Tournament.