Students gathered in front of Brush Towers Nov. 6 to celebrate President Barack Obama’s re-election. The crowd began singing Queen’s “We are the Champions” along with many other chants.

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Children toss leaves after school Oct. 22 at a playground in Ullin. Deanna Smith, 12, second from right, and her mother Frances, from Anna, came to Ullin to help babysit for their friend. Deanna said the fall weather has allowed for going outside more often, and the kids enjoy playing in the leaves. “Being outside keeps them out of my hair more,” Smith said. “I hope it stays warm all winter.”

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Fall 2012 photo staff from left to right: Tiffany Blanchette, Nicole Hester, Laura Roberts, Sarah Gardner, Alexa Rogals and front middle photo editor Chris Zoeller.
Freshman pole vaulter Kemar Jones focuses on his swing up Oct. 3 during practice at Lew Hertzog Track & Field Complex. Coach Brian Porter said off-season practices are geared toward establishing a base for each vaulter to build upon leading up to the season. “This is putting it together right now. Then they’ll adapt to a longer run,” he said. “This is setting up their base for the season and getting them ready for what’s going to happen when we get started in January.”

Partygoers flee after police use Mace to break up a fight by West Walnut and South James Streets around 2 a.m. on Aug. 5. Police arrived to break up a party, where approximately 400 people were in attendance. A violent altercation erupted between two females as they left the party, and police used Mace to control the crowd when a group gathered around it.

Fourth grader D.J. Tillman receives help from Truth Marsh, a third grader, as the two try to identify the faces of presidents on currency while Fadhillah Tollman watches. The game was part of the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale’s Election Day activities, which included a mock election, snacks and various games. Club members ages 6-18 elected Barack Obama as president in a 45-2 landslide.
Kim Short, of Anna, gets hit Friday during the 53rd annual Pulaski County Fair demolition derby. Short did not make it past the first round, but she said she had a great time anyway. “The derby, to me, is like a basketball game for most people,” she said.

LYNNETTE OOSTMEYER
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Jacob Gorecki, a freshman from Carbondale studying music, dances in parade formation during a Sept. 14 pep rally before SIU’s first home football game at Saluki Stadium. Gorecki plays mellophone in the SIU Marching Band and said he was excited to perform at the season’s first game.

SARAH GARDNER
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Naimah Fobbs, a sophomore from Chicago studying physical therapy, rehearses Oct. 31 with the Southern Illinois Dance Company at Furr Auditorium in Pulliam Hall. “I’ve been dancing since I was 3 and have loved it ever since,” Fobbs said. Chelsea Lenon, choreographer for one of the upcoming dance’s performances, said she decided to name this piece “Red Velvet.” “The uniforms go well with the name of this piece because it is a sassy jazz type of dance,” Lenon said.

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The Salukis celebrate after a strong play during their Nov. 9 game against the University of Northern Iowa at Davies Gymnasium. SIU fell to Northern Iowa in four sets, which brought its record to 19-7. The team came back the next night to win against Bradley University on Senior Night in four sets. The win marked the Salukis’ 20th of the season, which was a first in 10 years.

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Senior guard Jeff Early attempts a rebound Nov. 28 during the men’s basketball game against Fresno State University. Early posted his second career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard Desmar Jackson led the Salukis with 25 points and an off-balance 3-pointer during the game’s last few seconds to secure the SIU victory.

George Minkel, a junior from Montgomery studying sports administration, takes fourth place Nov. 3 in the 200-yard freestyle against Air Force at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. The SIU men’s team lost to Air Force 126-115 and to Missouri State 169-71. The SIU women’s team lost 122-121 to five-time Missouri Valley Conference champion Missouri State.