Gillian Harrison, of Carbondale, points out numerous Middle Eastern and North African geographical locations on a giant illuminated globe after the “Buckminster Fuller Live!” show, April 19 outside of Parkinson Laboratory. Bucky envisioned harmony between nature and technology, “I’m trying to change people’s perceptions about the earth through Bucky,” said Todd Ulrich, builder of the world’s largest 3-D domes.
Firefighters move along the walls of a simulated mine shaft during a fire safety exercise April 13 at Southeastern Illinois College. The exercise requires them to navigate without sight, using their hands to feel for objects — the same technique they would use to find people in an actual mining disaster. SICC is one of only two facilities in the nation to provide this type of simulated mine safety exercise.

Zach LeBeau poses for a portrait at his home in Carbondale on April 13 in front of the poster for his film, "The Scientist," which was released April 13 at the Liberty Theater in Murphysboro. LeBeau said he premiered the film at the Liberty because he wanted to help independent venues like it survive.

Cristina Enee, a junior from Elk Grove studying speech, communication, spins during the Southern Illinois Dance Company's last show of the semester May 1 at Furr Auditorium. The show consisted of 15 dances including one by the company's artistic director Donna Wilson. Furr Auditorium is home to SICC and is in need of several expensive renovations. "We spend four to five nights in there a week," said Sarah Fader, the company's public relations chair. "The seats fall out on you, the paint is peeling off — it needs help."
Cover Page: Top: Genia Ord | Daily Egyptian
Zandrelle Johnson, 10, and Lillia Wagner, 11, were part of the crew for the Pizza Boat, the Boy's and Girl's Club entry in the Cardboard Boat Regatta on May 1 at the Campus Lake Boat Dock. Despite the afternoon's rain, dozens of teams competed at the event.

Middle: Isaac Smith | Daily Egyptian
Firefighters work to extinguish a fire Feb. 23 at Ken's Trucking and Auto Service in Murphysboro. Business owner Mike Keen said he has had the shop on 3765 Watt Hill Road for five years. Despite the fire destroying the building, Keen said he has continued to conduct business. According to Keen, construction of the new shop began March 13. "The shop is going to be bigger this time," Keen said.

Bottom: Julia Rendleman | Daily Egyptian
Orion Florino, 10, of Makanda, takes advantage of the snow Jan. 30, to sled on a hill near the SIU Arena. "This is one of the best spots to sled," Florino said. Carbondale received between six and eight inches of snow over the weekend — the most the area has seen since December 2004, said Jayson Wilson, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky.

Editor's Statement:

I don't know when I have ever endured so much stress in my life like I have in this past semester. I actually developed a bag under my eyes, but it was all for the love of this newspaper.

Julia and I have watched the relatively new staff go through the highs and lows of developing their photojournalistic skills this whole semester. I would like to believe that we helped these kids get at least a bit of a sense of what real life is like in the world of media.

We were hardasses and I hope they appreciated all the time we dedicated to making them better. I loved all the laughs and tears we've shared.

— Edyta Blaszczyk
(Top) Lester Segelhorst, left, a volunteer from Addieville, assists Larry Weatherford, vice president on the R. Buckminster Fuller Dome board, with tightening bolts on a 20-foot diameter, 165-piece Fuller Dome April 19 at the corner of South Illinois Avenue and West Main Street. April 19 marked the 50th anniversary of the construction of the RBF Dome in Carbondale. "I just read somewhere about this event and wanted to come. It looked fun, and I ended up helping out," Segelhorst said.

(Left) Aaron Rider, also known as Melvin the Clown, entertains an audience April 14 at the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus at Riverside Park in Murphysboro. Rider, 27, has wanted to be a clown since he was a child, and in 1997 he learned to juggle and ride the unicycle. Since then he has performed in several circuses including Carson and Barnes, and Culpepper and Merriweather. Rider said his character is based around the traditional circus clown and prefers working for a smaller circus.
Mixed martial artist Chris Dalton is examined by a ringside doctor after injuring his knee during a fight Feb. 20 at the Black Diamond Harley Davidson Warehouse, which was promoted by Kage One Mixed Martial Arts.

A mixed martial artist is pushed against the cage during a fight promoted by Kage One Mixed Martial Arts Feb. 20 at the Black Diamond Harley Davidson Warehouse.
(Top) Matt Swift, a senior from Jiliet studying administration of justice, rap jumps off Devil’s Diving Board Feb. 22 at Giant City State Park. Rapp jumping involves jumping off a cliff while using a repelling rope to catch yourself before you hit the bottom. “It’s a huge rush,” Swift said. “When you’re jumping off, everything just slows down and you get a real look at things.” According to rappjumping.com, rapp jumping started in Australia in the late 1960s as a form of ropes work for the Australian army. It was commercialized and made public around 1989.

(Left) A student in Wendy Weinhold’s MCMA 204 class holds up a human rights flyer after handing copies of it throughout campus April 13. The group posted flyers and posters as part of a class project on social issues. The students were to choose a social issue that they felt strongly about, discover what mainstream media has done to inform the public about it and find a way to use alternative media to further inform the public about what the mainstream media has left out. Weinhold said SIUC maintenance staff removed more than 90 percent of the posters the same day. “Someone denied everyone an opportunity to learn about human rights when they tore those posters down,” Weinhold said.
Gov. Pat Quinn prepares for a live gubernatorial debate against Comptroller Jund. In WSIU-TV's Studio A, Quinn touted his support for SIUC by citing his role in the restoration of the MAP grants this year and securing funds for the new transportation and aviation center. Quinn went on to win the primary election and will face Republican Senator Brady in the general election Nov. 2.
Shella Simon speaks at WSIU Studio B in the Communications Building March 26. Shortly after the interview, Gov. Pat Quinn officially announced her as his lieutenant governor choice at the Allegro Hotel in Chicago. The Democratic State Central Committee confirmed his pick the next day.

Skyye Howard, 2, of Quitman, Miss., swims May 8 in the waters off Biloxi's coast. Although the oil from the April 20 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion is approaching the area, Skyye's mother, Shavon Howard, said the family chose to go ahead with its Mother's Day trip to the Gulf.

Children release balloons March 29 at the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale after prizes were awarded for the Corey Williams Day Essay and Poetry Contest. The event was held in memory of Corey Williams, who was a junior at Carbondale High School when he died March 29, 2007, after being struck by lightning during a track meet at Frank Bleyer Field. Williams' mother, Vanessa Webb, sponsored the contest for local youth in kindergarten through high school and awarded cash prizes to unity-themed work. Mayor Brad Cole declared March 29 Corey Williams Day on March 23.

Sophomore midfielder and attacker Tim Levin tracks down a pass Feb. 25 in preparation for the upcoming lacrosse season. The SIU lacrosse team hopes to eventually prosper, but with $703 in the bank, the team is struggling to reach its full potential.
Kevin Morefield, a December 2008 SIUC alumnus from Aurora who graduated with a degree in television productions, holds his camera over the crowd at Callihan’s while shooting for the Travel Channel show “Nations Hottest” Jan. 15. The show featured Callihan’s as one of the hottest dance clubs in the nation. Morefield, who is freelance videographer, said “It was a little overwhelming at points because everyone was rushing the camera, but overall it was a great experience for me.”

Adrienne Foster, a graduate student in art and design from Wichita, makes notes as she studies the Trickster Crow, an installment in Matthew Schultz’s exhibit shown at the University Museum March 19 to March 26. Schultz’s exhibit displays artifacts from a group called the Division and blurs the line between fiction and history.
Crystal Fuehne, a senior from New Baden studying athletic training, walks along a floor bddlt' March 29, with the assistance of her trainers, Liz Hawkins and Eric Manzano, while her father Marvin watches during a therapy session at the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale. A drunk driver hit the car Fuehne was in May 24. As a result of the accident, she lost three friends and suffered from critical injuries. Fuehne has been in recovery since and is doing well, "I just never gave up fighting," she said.

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Second baseman Alicia Garza slides into home plate in the first inning March 27 at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis beat Creighton in both games of their double header 9-0, 5-2, where Danielle Glossen pitched her first career no-hitter.

Freshman Anastasia Simons compiles in doubles play against Northern Illinois University March 20 at University Courts. Simons and her partner Vishakha Sheoran won the match 8-4. The Salukis won 8-1 overall.

Sophomore thrower James Lambert hurls a hammer during practice April 23, behind Lew Hartsgo Track. The men's and women's track and field teams will travel to Bloomington Thursday to compete in the 2010 State Farm Missouri Valley Outdoor Conference Championships.

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Senior forward Stephany Neptune battles for a loose ball with Illinois State guard Alexis Jenkins Feb. 20 during an 80-63 ISU loss at the SIU Arena. Neptune finished the game with 14 points on 6-12 shooting and led all Salukis with four steals.

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Two riders breeze by during the criterium section of the first Saluki Cycling Classic March 28 in front of Pulliam Hall. Matt Coleman, secretary of the SIUC cycling club, said the Classic began March 27 with a time trial and road race through the countryside surrounding Carbondale. He said cyclists from more than 12 colleges competed in the event. "Riders didn't expect it to be so beautiful and hilly here," Coleman said.

Freshman center Gene Teague and junior guard Justin Boott await a referee's call after the ball went out of bounds in the first half of the play-in game of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament March 4 in the Scott Trade Center in St. Louis. Drake beat SIU at the buzzer, 63-61.

Sophomore swimmer Matt Kruse practices butterfly March 1 at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. The men's swimming and diving team began competition in the 2010 Mid-American Conference Championships March 4 in Ypsilanti, Mich. This was the first season the team competed at the Mid-American Conference Championships. The men's team has not won a championship since 2004 when it was still in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Senior shortstop Michael Stalter fields a ground ball, throwing a runner out at first during the Salukis' 5-4 loss to the University of Illinois April 14 at Rent One Park in Marion.