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RICK KAMBIC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

These vehicles parked at a home on Lincoln Highway at the Embarras Bridge, pictured last Thursday, were fully submerged by Sunday afternoon.

Weathering the storms

Charleston bombarded by severe weather conditions last week

Staff Report

This weekend, Charleston became a tourism attraction even to its own residents. Intense storms from Wednesday until Sunday left several

roads flooded because of rising rivers.

At several bridges that cross the Embarras River, residents stopped to observe the items being washed away by the swift current. The bridge on Lincoln Highway was closed from about 3 p.m. on Sunday until early morning on Monday.

Just beyond the that bridge, a community of cabins on River Road

were inundated by elevating waters on Thursday morning and the residents had to drive fishing boats to their windows to remove personal belongings. However, after Friday night's rain, the neighborhood was almost entirely submerged and several houses floated off the foundations. The tenants were unable to enter the flooded cornfield because the current expanded beyond the basin.

Residents said the only two massive floods that rose to dangerous levels were in the 1950s and again in 2002, but they never saw water rise above their roofs like on Sunday.

The crowd was forced to sit on cars and marooned boats while watching their belongings float away.

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Cavaliers drums beat in harmony

National corps to rehearse at O'Brien Stadium tonight for public audience

By Ashlei Maltman
City Reporter

The Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps will hold an open rehearsal tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

The Cavaliers will showcase what the practiced routines from its annual 11-day camp at Eastern.

This is the third year that Eastern has hosted the Cavaliers. Eastern was chosen because of the available facilities needed for their summer program, Conference Coordinator Matt Boyer said.

Cavaliers use O'Brien Stadium, intramural areas, the field house, available classrooms, and are housed in Stevenson and Lincoln Halls. The program is held before most summer classes begin, leaving rooms accessible for them to be housed in, Boyer said.



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Cavaliers, a drum and bugle marching band, practice at O'Brien Stadium Monday afternoon. The marching band from Rosemont, Ill will be practicing over the next two weeks in order to prepare for a tour around the midwest in late June and July.

The Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps is an all-male team based out of Rosemont.

"For their 60th anniversary season, the Cavaliers are presenting "Samurai," which celebrates the ancient Japanese warrior's culture of

honor, courage and discipline in a way that honors their heritage and breathes new life into their legacy," according to Eastern's Public Relations department. Featuring original music and complex choreography, the show offers a compelling inter-

pretation of the Samurai's heroic history in four dramatic movements: "Bushido -- The Way of the Warrior," "Ronin -- Masterless Samurai," "Ken-jutsu -- The Art of the Sword" and "Fumeiyo yori shi wo -- Death Before Dishonor."

"Coolest thing I had ever seen"

Bob Amico, a 20-year-old color guard member from Rochester, N.Y., is in his first year on the Drum and Bugle Corps. He was in the color guard for three years in high school when he read about the try-outs online. Upon making the team, he was soon injured and is unable to practice with the rest of the corps at Eastern.

Justin Heinekamp, a 21-year-old trumpet player from Naperville, is in his fourth year with the corps and is a junior officer. He has been playing the trumpet since fourth grade and now goes to Western Illinois University. "I remember sitting there watching them in 2003 and wanting to be out there so bad," Heinekamp said.

» SEE CAVALIERS, PAGE 7

Illinois digging out of storms

The Associated Press

Illinois residents spent Monday cleaning up after a weekend of tornadoes and floods, even as new storms rolling across the state threatened to add to the trouble.

In Richton Park, about 35 miles south of downtown Chicago, three businesses damaged by a tornado Saturday were not yet able to reopen and about 40 people were displaced from an apartment complex, said Regan Stockstell, the city's director of community development. Several houses were also damaged, though most less severely.

It was one of seven tornadoes were reported around the state Friday and Saturday, most on the outskirts of greater Chicago, the National Weather Service said.

Stockstell said he's thankful it wasn't worse.

"Richton Park was fortunate," he said. "There were no lives lost, there were no major injuries."

Officials in several areas hit by tornadoes were still tallying the damage from the storms.

In Will County, where the Richton Park tornado first touched down, 33 homes and business were damaged and seven were tagged as unsafe for occupancy, said Lynn Behringer, the county's emergency management spokeswoman.

But there was progress: Interstate 57 west and south of the town was open in both directions Monday. The tornado knocked down seven high-voltage lines, leaving the freeway closed late Saturday and all-day Sunday.

And only a handful customers were left without power in the Chicago area Monday afternoon after as many as 26,000 customers were in the dark Saturday, according to ComEd.

Downstate, high water was just beginning to recede from rural roads and farm fields Monday, following 5 to just over 9 inches that fell in central and parts of southern Illinois. As much as 3 inches of rain also fell over much of northern Illinois over the weekend.

Some areas saw more rain on Monday. And near Opdyke, in far southern Illinois, hail as big as grapefruit fell Monday afternoon, but didn't cause any serious damage, NWS meteorologist Robin Smith said. The town is about 90 miles southwest of St. Louis.

The weather service forecast called for more rain over much of the state Monday night, up to 2 inches in some locations.

On Monday, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources closed the Fox River to boating between Stratton and Montgomery dams — a roughly 10-mile stretch runs from McHenry south to Algonquin — because high water was carrying debris and submerged objects such as boat docks and piers.

EIU WEATHER

TUESDAY
 **83° | 63°**
Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY
 **87° | 71°**

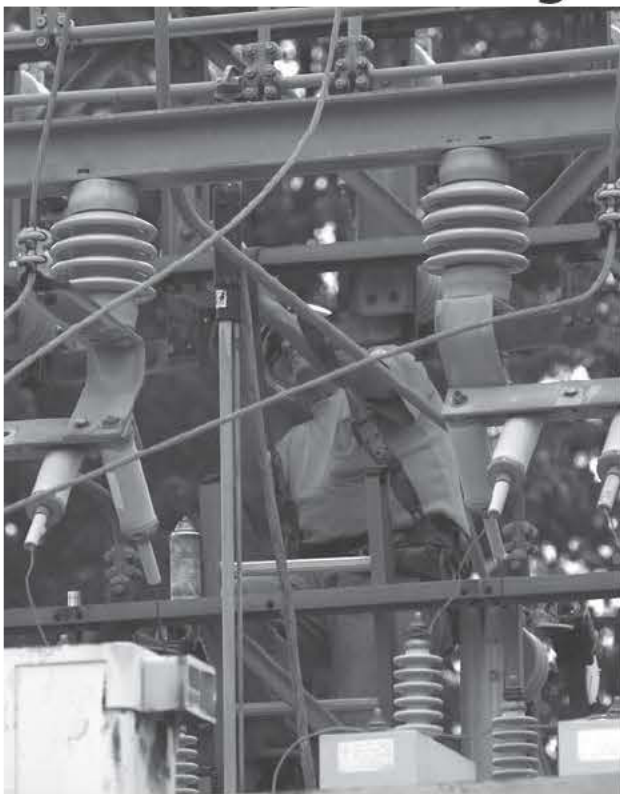
THURSDAY
 **89° | 74°**

WEATHER THIS WEEK

Expect some clouds in the area Tuesday, followed by sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s on Wednesday. Clouds will move back into the area by Thursday, with warm temperatures remaining.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Who turned out the lights?



ERIN MATHENY|THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Following a forced power outage Monday evening, an Ameren CIPS worker performs maintenance on a substation near Greek Court. University Police said the manual outage was done to repair a part that was destroyed during the weekend storms.

Alba brings home 'Honor'

The Associated Press

Los Angeles--- The "Love Guru" co-star and her new husband, Cash Warren, are new parents, her publicist Brad Cafarelli said Monday in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The 27-year-old actress gave birth to a healthy baby girl — Honor Marie Warren — on Saturday, Cafarelli said.

Alba and Warren became engaged in late December following her announcement that she's expecting a baby with Warren, 31.

They met on the set of the 2005 film "The Fantastic Four," which co-starred Alba as the Invisible Woman and employed Warren as a director's assistant.

Alba's recently appeared in "Awake," "Good Luck Chuck" and "The Ten."

This summer Alba joins Mike Myers in "The Love Guru" and will play a lingerie saleswoman who helps turn a loser's life around in "Meet Bill."

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Aspiring chemist conducts breaking experiment

Eastern student recognized for making advancements on 160-year-old chemistry obstacle

By Kristina Peters
Campus Reporter

Rebecca Grove is making her mark in the chemistry field.

Grove's replicated research of Louis Pasteur's 1853 work on crystal growth has been published and helped land her the Barry S. Goldwater Scholarship.

"(Pasteur) was able to report that he got crystals, but not why," said Grove, a senior chemistry major with a minor in biology.

Associate chemistry professor Kraig Wheeler presented the research idea to Grove and together they studied the crystal growth of organic compounds and viewed their individual atoms with X-ray diffraction.

"He's been very, very helpful," Grove said of Wheeler. "He's very patient even if I have to ask him something more than once."

Grove said with the data they received, they were able to see what's going on inside the crystals like how they interact and where they will bond.

"Rebecca's laboratory efforts provided much needed results that have offered unique insight into a 160 year old science problem," Wheeler said.

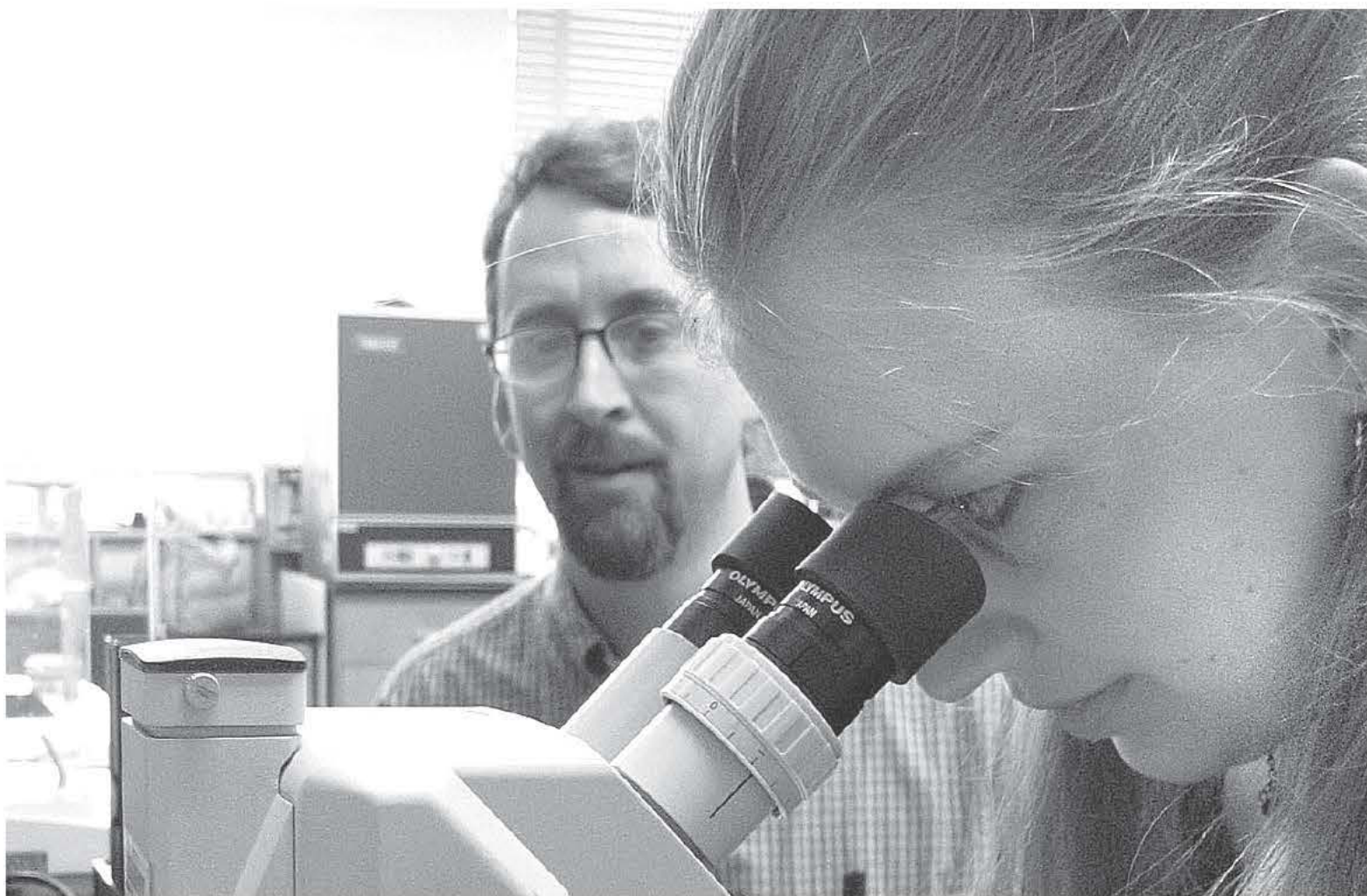
Grove began working in Wheeler's laboratory in Fall 2006.

"She uses her time extremely well to accomplish research tasks," Wheeler said. "The combination of being easy going, passion for learning, and desire to succeed has helped her progress as a research scientist."

In January, Grove submitted an application for the Goldwater scholarship. Included in her application were details about her research. Grove found out in March that she was one of 321 students in the country to be given the scholarship.

"I didn't win for the research, but the research helped," Grove said adding that her grades and extra curricular activities also played a role.

Grove's mother Betty said her



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chemistry student Rebecca Grove observes crystals under the microscope as her professor Kraig Wheeler looks on. Grove won the prestigious Barry S. Goldwater Scholarship for her ground-breaking research on Louis Pasteur's work in crystal growth with Wheeler's assistance.

daughter has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout both high school and college.

"Rebecca is the kind of student any professor would like to clone given the chance - (she) attends class prepared, asks insightful questions, seeks help when needed, and requests additional assignments to help clarify course content," Wheeler said. "You really can't ask for more in a student."

The Goldwater scholarship is the premier undergraduate award in science, math and engineering and Grove will receive \$7,500 toward her undergraduate degree.

Before winning the scholarship, Grove and Wheeler's research was published in the Angewandte Chemie Journal. Both Grove and Wheeler were excited when they heard the

news.

"I never expected it to be in such a major journal," Grove said.

Grove said it's the second leading journal in the world.

"It's a good feeling knowing that some of those in the international science community found our work mildly amusing and worthy of some exposure," Wheeler said. "I was elated to discover that our manuscript was accepted for publication into Angewandte Chemie - a high impact journal."

Grove is working in the lab this summer and expanding the research. She said they are now looking at how well molecules will and won't expand.

"She has come a long way in nearly two years and has shown what it takes to succeed at the next level,"

Wheeler said. "It's been a pleasure to have the opportunity to watch her develop as a student and researcher. Rebecca is going places after EIU."

After Eastern, Grove said she wants to get a doctorate in organic chemistry and, in the long term, teach at the collegiate level and run a research lab.

"I see her definitely continuing her advanced degree," said Betty of her daughter's future. "We are just extremely proud of her for who she is, what she stands for and for her accomplishments."

Grove has tutored for the science department and her parents are teachers as well.

"It kind of fell into place," Grove said. "Tutoring and teaching is something I really want to do."

Grove's grandfather Ewart Grove

was a teacher also. He was a chemistry professor at the University of Alabama in the 1950s.

Grove said her grandfather sparked her curiosity in chemistry.

"I was always so curious and always asking questions and as a chemist you are always asking questions," Grove said.

Because Grove's father Ed had a chemist for a dad, Ed was able to follow his daughter's research a little bit.

"Through her research, she's also trying to make a difference," Ed said. "It's not just for her sake."

The findings for the research could be applied to other fields like nanotechnology and medicine.

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A blue collar signing, Eastern finalizes deal with Engvall

Nationally recognized comic becomes main attraction for family night

By Kristina Peters
Campus Reporter

The main entertainment for Family Weekend in September will be comedian Bill Engvall who starred on "Blue Collar TV."

During the past few years, the main entertainment was a musical act, but this year University Board is switching things up. Last year, UB brought REO Speedwagon to Eastern and before that came Foreigner and James Brown.

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said there is a time to diversify and now seemed like a good time.

"He's always been on our short list," Brinker said. "It's just been a matter of timing and cost."

For a price of \$75,000, Engvall will be performing at Eastern on Sept. 27.

Engvall starred in the comedy show "Blue Collar TV" on the WB

DETAILS ON EVENT

- **WHO:** Bill Engvall
- **WHAT:** Family Weekend

- **WHEN:** Sept. 27
- **HOW MUCH:** \$75,000
- **WHY:** Starred in "Blue Collar TV" and "The Bill Engvall Show"

network alongside Jeff Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy and also stars and executive produces the half-hour sitcom "The Bill Engvall Show" on TBS. The series debuted in 2007 and delivered 3.9 million viewers and 2.8 million households.

Engvall also hosts "Country Fried Home Videos" on CMT and has released several CDs.

"He's really been a household name," Brinker said.

Engvall will not be the first comedian to perform for Family Weekend - several have in the past.

Past comedians include Bill Cosby, Foxworthy and Red Skelton.

"All of them have gone over very well," Brinker said. "We are very optimistic, it will be well received again this fall."

Brinker said input UB has received from students and faculty about Engvall has been positive.

There has already been inter-

est from community members and Engvall fans concerning tickets.

Cathy Engelkes, who is in charge of the tickets, said people have called and emailed her about ticket prices and availability.

Tickets will be \$23; however, they are available to the families of Eastern students first.

Family Weekend mailers, which will contain ticket order forms, will be mailed after Aug. 1 to families.

Brinker said if there were any tickets left over, they would go on sale about two to three weeks before the date of the event. UB is continuing to try to provide quality entertainment for a good price.

"It's Family Weekend, so we want to keep our prices down," she said. "We want it to be an affordable weekend."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bill Engvall of "Blue Collar TV" will come to Eastern on Sept. 27. Engvall's performance will be the highlight of Family Weekend.

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'DRUNKOREXIA' AND YOU

"Drunkorexia," a term coined by the media to describe habitually starving oneself or vomiting to offset the calories ingested by drinking, has been pounced on by mainstream media outlets such as The Today Show and the New York Times as yet another symptom of today's troubled youth.

This newest epidemic is a prime example of the media creating a topic and then sensationalizing it to attract an audience via moral panic.

The troubled youth subtext of these media-created urban myths is used to lure readers and viewers. It appeals to the basic fear that children and young adults are running rampant and being tarnished by the lurid elements surrounding them that threaten to corrupt traditional American family values.

The media capitalizes on this fear by advertising the problems as pervasive and hidden - parents, it could be happening right under your noses! - and inciting moral panic in the audience. Catchy little buzzwords for the problems are even created so that news outlets can refer to the epidemics in future stories.

The bottom line is that drunkorexia is simply a media play-on-words to describe a pre-existing relationship.

It is no surprise that someone who is coping with an eating disorder would be driven to numb his or her pain or anxiety with a substance such as alcohol.

Such behaviors have always been linked, long before the media decided to exploit them, assign a cute nickname to the combination and tout it as a "new" danger. In fact, sensationalizing "drunkorexia" as an emergent social ill detracts from the attention that should be paid to the diseases in which it is rooted - anorexia, bulimia and alcoholism.

-The Oracle

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Toothpaste for Dinner



STAFF EDITORIAL

Alert EIU to severe weather

This past March, Eastern implemented the Alert EIU system to alert students of imminent danger through text messages.

The program was a success, as more than 2,000 students signed up before the service was launched.

But we were not alerted when severe weather struck Charleston last week, causing fallen trees, property damage and downed power lines resulting in power outages.

The storm hit Charleston swiftly; students around town may remember that the weather went from cloudy skies and no rain to gale-force winds and driving rains in a matter of minutes.

A tornado was reported in Lerna, which is 10.58 miles from Charleston, according to mapquest.com. The tornado's path was five miles. Any way you slice it, that tornado was close to Charleston, and could have posed a major threat in addition to the sudden storm. Luckily, no injuries were reported after Friday's storm.

But before last Friday's severe weather, how many Alert EIU text messages went out? Not one, we were told by Student Affairs.

The purpose of Alert EIU is to let students know of immediate dangers in a timely and uncluttered fashion. Granted, the dangers EIU Alert was created to notify of are serious bomb threats, active shooters or fire.

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The Alert EIU system was implemented last spring to alert students to danger, but there was no advance warning of last Friday's severe weather.

• **Stance:** If we have a system to alert students of danger, all dangers should be accounted for.

Cell phone text messages were chosen as the channel of communication because students usually have their cell phones with them.

We do not always have the television or radio on, so these text messages are valuable beyond calculation.

But is the Alert EIU system totally effective when it does not take into account all sources of danger to students, namely extreme weather in summer months?

Not all students live on campus during the summer, but a large number of us do. Student safety during summer months is just as important as it is in the fall and spring semesters, so why not add severe weather as an option for Alert EIU?

We presently have a system available to students for the purpose of alerting them to danger and we faced danger last Friday without a peep from the university.

Defend net neutrality now

The Internet as we know it is at risk whether or not you know it. Ever heard of net neutrality? Every Internet user ought to know about it because it is being threatened.

Net neutrality, simply put is equal access. We get to decide which sites we want to visit, create and use. Internet carriers want to change this by using their lobbying powers to effectively change the way we access the Internet.

Broadband providers hook us up to the Internet and, at the moment, there is no preference given to any site. We access them all the same; it's a level playing field.

The providers, should net neutrality be thrown to the wind, would give preference to sites that can pay enough money. These sites would get to your computer via the express lane, and all other sites would be secondary or even tertiary as far as broadband providers are concerned.

So what does this mean? It means that users may have to pay differently for the Internet. We would pay so much to access major sites (think sites that can afford this fee), more for other sites that can't afford to pay quite as much, and a premium to access the internet as we know it now.

Think about the sites you frequent, you know, the smaller ones supported by ad revenue or merchandise sales. Traffic to these would more than likely slow to a crawl and many would go under, less competition for the big boys.

This may seem to be inconsequential, but the essence of the Internet is the essence of free speech, and this is being threatened. Learn about it, join campaigns and do not let this happen. The Internet is a valuable tool, but huge con-

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Major corporate interests want to change the way we access the Internet, which goes against the purpose of the Internet.

• **Stance:** By familiarizing yourself with the issues of net neutrality, we can collectively prevent the demise of the Internet as we know it.

glomerates may soon get the power to manipulate it without consequence.

These corporations don't want to see anything on the net but their own content. Any dissenting opinions are bad for business, but the Internet was not created to be controlled like this.

They want to turn the Information Superhighway, in which we control our destination, to something akin to a direct flight- no layovers, no deviations.

Do we really want told what we can and cannot look at on the Internet, that no matter how good the site, we're second best? Why should the sites with access to big money essentially dictate which sites will get preference, what we will see and how the Internet will be shaped in the future?

Aren't the pillars of the Internet every user? We all shape, mold and use the Internet, but maybe not for long.

It may not happen today or tomorrow, but unless we let the forces that be our views, we will have no right to complain once it is too late.

Take a bit of time out of your schedules to familiarize yourself with the issue of net neutrality, before major corporate interests tell you what to think about it.



CHRISTOPHER KROMPHARDT

Obama's vague boundaries

What is a Democrat?

Is it a follower of the Democratic Party, or a regular voter for Democratic candidates? What distinguishes a true-blue Democrat from a mere Democrat-leaning Independent, or someone who occasionally votes for Democratic candidates but tends more toward voter apathy?

Democrats come in all different flavors: liberal, moderate, and conservative, Blue Dog and progressive. These classifications denote differences in ideology, but are all associated to the over-arching Democratic Party.

So again, what is a Democrat? With all these different labels, what does it truly mean to be a Democrat?

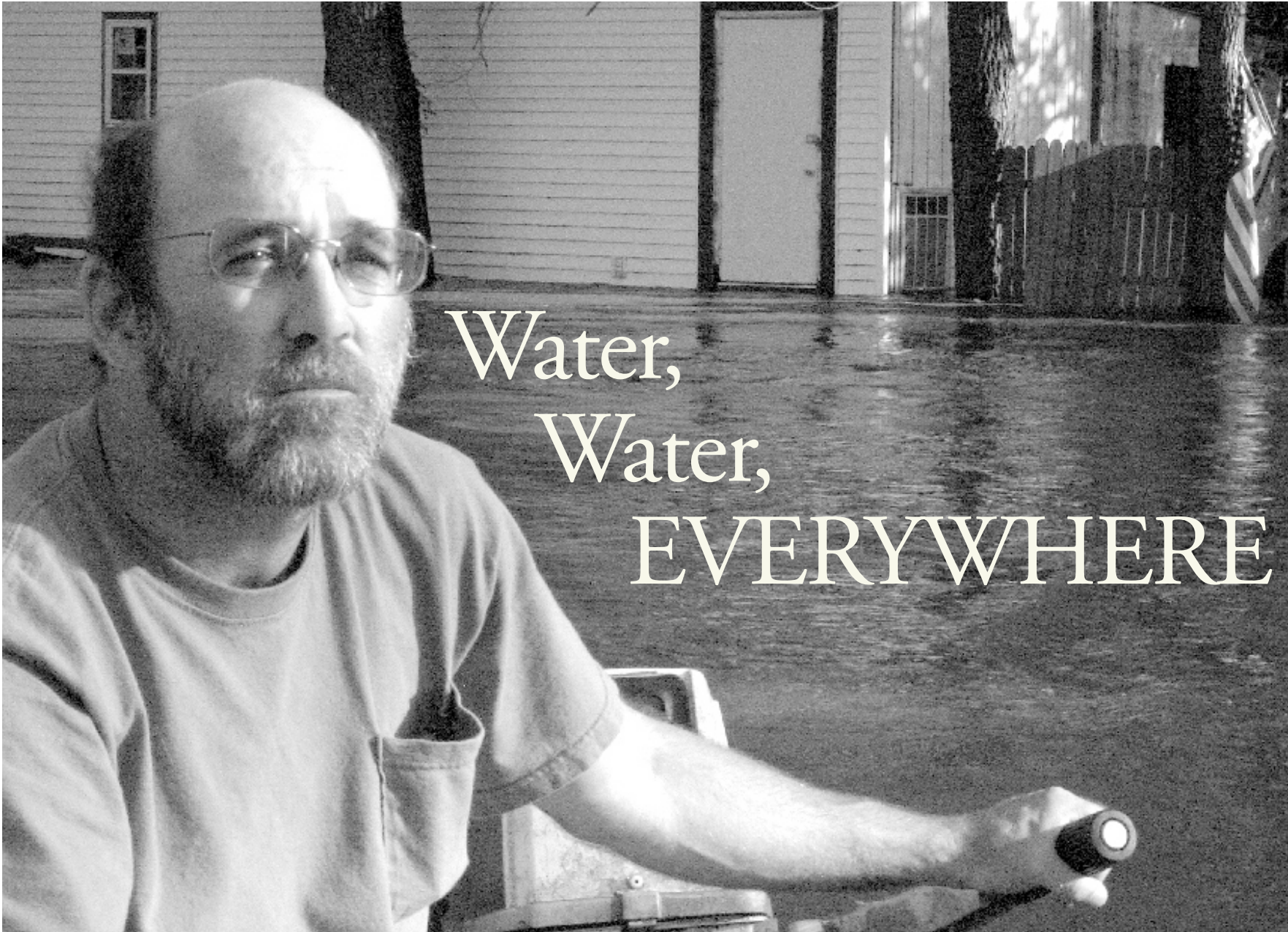
Barack Obama is currently in a position to define the Democratic Party. As the all-but-anointed Democratic nominee for President, it is his prerogative to lay a foundation for the upcoming Democratic National Convention in August, including everything from its theme to the list of speakers. It was John Kerry who selected Obama as the 2004 Convention's keynote speaker, and Obama's speech there is widely considered to have launched his subsequent rise in popularity. The Convention offers an opportunity to put a Party-approved face on its candidates and to host a media circus seen by millions of viewers across the world.

Obama hasn't hesitated to exercise his powers as Party Leader. This past week, even before Hillary Clinton suspended her campaign and threw her support behind Obama, he has already made two major decisions. The first was to retain Howard Dean as Committee Chair. (The fact that Obama could have replaced Dean, the head of the national arm of the Party, further indicates the power he wields.) Second, and more noteworthy, Obama announced that the Democratic National Committee would no longer accept donations from lobbyists or political action committees. This decision reflects a dramatic shift for a national party to take; a new shape for the Democratic Party.

By declaring the DNC to be lobbyist- and PAC-financing free, Obama clearly wishes to distinguish between the DNC's relationship with those groups and John McCain's, who has faced criticisms regarding the role of former lobbyists in high positions of his campaign. Obama took his primary campaign ideal of not accepting donations from lobbyists and cemented it as a tenet of the Democratic Party. He will have the opportunity to do so again in the weeks leading up to the Convention and the General Election; little stands in his way should he chose to make more changes.

Clearly, the Democratic Presidential nominee wields a tremendous power to influence. With members of both houses of Congress, not to mention state and local elected officials, facing election this fall, the fate of the entire Party may very well rise and fall with the public's opinion of candidate Obama and his talking points. As the new public face of the Party, Obama now finds himself as the quintessential Democrat. Obama needs to exercise this influence carefully, or he runs the risk of alienating self-identified Democrats - Blue Dog and progressive alike - if he strays too far away from the intangible boundaries of the Democratic Party.

Christopher Kromphardt is a senior Political Science major.



RICK KAMBIC|THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tim Miller drives his boat down River Road past his neighbor’s cabin on Thursday afternoon. By Sunday evening, water had risen above the door handle on the house.



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Motorists stand on Lincoln Highway watching water from the Embarras River flow over the bridge on Sunday afternoon.



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A minor road construction project on River Road is submerged under water next to a house.

By Rick Kambic
Editor In Chief

Residents of River Road scurried to remove contents and animals from their summer homes on Thursday afternoon, but another storm on Friday caused the water levels to rise higher and by Sunday evening, property damages were nearly all estimated at total losses.

The homeowners knew flooding would occur and insurance companies would not allow them to purchase flood insurance, but none of them anticipated a flood of this magnitude.

The farmer who owned the property and the farmland behind the homes estimates a cost of more than \$2,000 to replant his crops.

While rising waters clogged roads and homes, strong winds devastated homes in Lerna.



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A child’s rocking horse stands apart from the destroyed garage of Roy Philpott, of Lerna, on Monday afternoon.



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A mobile home on River Road floats further into a wooded area as water flows through the front door.

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» Storms

FROM FRONT PAGE

Unlike Thursday's rescue attempts, the homeowners said their possessions were damaged beyond salvage.

A couple planned to have their wedding at their cabin on June 21, but the flood destroyed the landscape and all the wedding materials that were stored in the cabin.

Vince Gutowski, a Geology professor at Eastern, said flooding of this type only occurs about once in a century.

While there weren't any official measurements of the rivers' water level, Gutowski said he estimates a depth of at least 20 feet in both the Embarras and Kaskaskia Rivers.

The flooding in Charleston occurred mainly because of intense rains in northern Illinois that drained in southbound flowing rivers, according William Saylor, associ-

ate supportive scientist at the Center for Watershed Science at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.

He said water that rises above bridges only require approximately one or two feet of depth to accumulate a current strong enough to move a car. Patti Thompson, communications manager for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, said Charleston did not request assistance with rising waters at either river and the city was not considered in a state of emergency.

» SIUE

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"Right now the softball and men's soccer team is on the fast track to be eligible to participate in the NCAA tournament in the 2010 and 2011 season," Conroy said.

The men's soccer team has won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship four times in the past 10 years.

The women's softball team has won the GLVC championship five times in the past seven years.

Right now SIUE is deciding on which conference to join.

In order to meet the NCAA Division I schedule requirements, the Cougars must be affiliated with a conference.

» Cavaliers

FROM FRONT PAGE

He attended tryouts in Chicago and made the team in 2005.

Kevin Gates, from Texas and in his fifth year, is the Drum Major this year. He is a biology major at Texas Christian University and has played the French horn since junior high.

"(The corps show) was the coolest thing I had ever seen so I thought I would go and try it," Gates said.

Practice for the corps begins in November with a camp. There is practice once a month after that until they move on campus at East-

ern in May. Pre-tour then begins with four weeks of rehearsing for 12 hours a day, everyday, Heinekamp said.

Being gone all summer is "a pretty big sacrifice but its worth it in the long run," Harmon said.

There is a one-time fee for the corps of about \$1,500. Many get sponsors to help pay for the travel expenses. Heinekamp's high school band director is sponsoring him this summer.

There are 150 members in the corps, not including staff or volunteers. Of these members there are eight junior officers who consist of a drum major, an assistant drum major, two guard sergeants, two top

percussionists, and two top horn members.

The Cavaliers are one of two corps that is all male.

There is one monetary scholarship given out each year by the Cavaliers called the Brubaker Scholarship. This can be used to help fund travel or any other expenses. Alex Harmon was the recipient of the scholarship this year.

The corps provides all of the instruments for the members and Yamaha sponsored the brass instruments this year.

There are no cell phones permitted on tour, except for the junior officers and staff.

"You can't always be wanting to be back in the real life," Gates said.

"It keeps people focused on here and on what they are doing here," Heinekamp said.

Once the tour begins, the corps performs over 30 shows in a summer.

"It's fun because you wake up in a new state everyday," Heinekamp said.

Life never the same

At the end of the tour there are national finals, which are Aug. 10 this year. There are quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals, of which the Cavaliers were champions in 2006.

Then the members return home

to continue college until the next auditions begin.

"It's weird for the first week back home," Heinekamp said. "The silence is deafening when you are used to being with over 150 other people all the time."

Harmon and Gates agreed it is difficult to transition from touring to home life because the corps is extremely structured.

"It's hard for the first two or three weeks to be around (my friends)," Harmon said. "The bonds here are so much tighter than the people you have in your every day life."

"You'll never have this type of experience ever again," Heinekamp said.

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OVC | UPDATE

A new team in town

SIUE might replace Samford in the OVC

By Molly Clutter
Sports Editor

An announcement will be made at approximately 11 a.m. as to whether or not Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will be entering the Ohio Valley Conference for the 2008-2009 academic year, according to Greg Conroy, director of public affairs at SIUE.

According to the OVC Web site, Commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher will hold a press conference at 10 a.m. to make an announcement regarding the future of the conference.

If the Cougars join the OVC, then they will replace Samford University, which left the OVC after this school year.

SIUE is making the transition from Division II to Division I, and is working toward joining a conference.

In February of 2007, SIUE was given approval to apply for reclassification to NCAA Division I.

This transition will include all 10 sports in the Cougar Athletic Department, and take about five years.

The Cougars are currently in their exploratory period.

According to the NCAA website, "the chief executive officer, the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the compliance coordinator of the institution seeking to reclassify must attend the NCAA Convention and an NCAA regional rules seminar."

These same individuals also have to complete an orientation session regarding Division I membership requirements. The institution was required to also submit a strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement and certification operating principles by June 1.

SIUE will have to cover some costs as well before transitioning.

The Cougars had to pay a \$15,000 NCAA fee when they submitted their application, as well as pay an exit fee of \$25,000 to the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The exploratory year is followed by a multi-year transition in "reclassification status," in which the Cougars will have to comply with Division I rules and regulations.

Conroy said the teams would be able to compete at the Division I level by this fall.

"SIUE will have a Division I schedule next fall, but will not be able to compete in any NCAA Tournament," Conroy said.

The Cougars will have to wait until the fall of 2012 to be eligible to participate in any NCAA Division I tournament championships.

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MEN'S TRACK | RECRUITING



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tuscola senior, Tyler Carter, clears a hurdle in the finals of the 110-meter hurdles at the IHSA state track meet. Carter, who won the finals in a time of 14.42, is one of the signees to join Eastern's men's track team for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Men's track signs new athletes

New signees prove themselves at IHSA State Meet

By Bob Bajek
Staff Reporter

Four track prospects were signed to the men's team this week after competing in the Illinois High School Association Track and Field State Finals last month in O'Brien Stadium.

Tyler Carter, Reid Basting, Connor Kustief and Sean Wiggan signed

national letters of intent to compete on men's track team during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Carter, from Tuscola High School, is a jumper and hurdler. He was first in the long jump (22'9") and in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.42). Carter also placed second in the triple jump (45'9") and ran a leg on the 4 x 200-meter relay which placed fourth.

Men's head track coach Tom Akers said that he's been watching Carter perform for a while and perused him because of his multi-skill abilities.

"(Carter) also has the personality to mesh well with the team," Akers

said.

Middle distance runner Wiggan placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:53.28. Assistant track coach and head men's cross country coach Geoff Masanet recruited Wiggan primarily to run cross country.

"Wiggan is a big stud," Masanet said. "He didn't make state last year but was fourth in the 800."

Kustief didn't run at the state meet. The Dundee-Crown distance runner qualified for the 1,600-meter run with a 4:23 time. Kustief was the top runner on his team that finished 10 at the class 3A state champion-

ship.

Basting, a Normal West High School graduate, competed in the 400-meter at the state competition. Akers said that Basting competed at a small school so he is excited that the sprinter will practice with top Eastern athletes.

These four new signees join distance runners Matthew Feldhake and Jordan Patterson as the incoming freshmen. Both Feldhake and Patterson will also run cross country.

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Romo trades in football for golf clubs

Quakerback competes in Golf Digest/USGA Contest foursome

The Associated Press

San Diego — As Tony Romo took practice swings on the elevated 15th tee box Friday, awaiting his dawdling fellow competitors, Matt Lauer walked in his line of sight and may have summed up his day right then and there.

"Do me a favor," quipped the NBC "Today" host. "Hit it right now. Just put me out of my misery."

Lauer was 24 over par at that point with only five shots to spare on the final four holes. Justin Timberlake, the third celebrity of the foursome, at 25 over, opined, "I'm not even paying attention anymore. What fun? Seriously, I'm having a blast. Are you kidding me? We're like the kids who get to play on the playground before all the talented kids get to play on it."

Of course, Timberlake was referencing what brought him to Torrey Pines in the first place: the Golf Digest/USGA Contest foursome. The mission? Break 100 on a U.S. Open setup with 3,500 in a gallery preen-

ing over every shot, not to mention the NBC cameras following every swing and USGA senior director of Rules and competitions Mike Davis making sure the contestants followed the Rules of Golf. Without knowing it, Tiger Woods birthed the concept last year when he mockingly suggested that an 8-handicapper had a snowball's chance in hell of breaking 100 at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club the way it had been set up for the U.S. Open. The caveat being threefold: a legitimate Open setup, a makeshift audience and cameras and media being part of the soiree.

Romo, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback who donned his team's hat and golf shirt, boomed it left into the first cut. Romo is no stranger to U.S. Open pressure as he has tried — unsuccessfully — to actually qualify for the championship, shooting 69 in 2005 when he wasn't quite as well known.

After four-putting the third hole to go three over, Romo showed moxie. He made the turn at five over when it could have been worse.

A weary Timberlake finessed in a 3-footer on the 18th to finish 27 over, or 98.



JOHN MUMMERT | USGA

Justin Timberlake barely broke 100, saying that he had set a goal of shooting somewhere around 90.