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## ALWAYS AN ARTIST

A lecture at 5 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and the following reception will discuss the work of two sculptors.

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## FOCUSED ON GOALS

Red-shirt senior Eric Lora has plans to help his team reach past a conference championship win this year.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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## 50 years of dreaming



JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the black student community hold a symbolic march Wednesday coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington.



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Brenda L. Major, director of admissions, laughs and marches with fellow students and staff members at the NAACP 50th anniversary of the march on Washington.



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Dominique Smith, a junior communications major, holds a sign during the NAACP 50th anniversary march.

## Students march in memory of MLK Jr.

By Amanda Wilkinson  
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Taking refuge from the afternoon sun, about 50 students gathered to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington with a march of their own Wednesday.

The EIU NAACP chapter executive members organized the march to not only celebrate the 50th anniversary King's "I Have a Dream" speech but to ask, "Where are we now?" and

"Has the dream been fulfilled?"

Many faculty members and students all answered "yes and no" to the latter question.

Dominique Miles-Rodgers, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, said King's speech changed everything but there is more to come.

"There's more we can fix here at the university," she said. "I see people being treated differently. It's not as bad as it was in the past."

Miles-Rodgers does not see racism right in her face but more subtly.

Miles-Rodgers explained that she was in a situation where she was treated differently from a caucasian woman.

"When I walk in the store, I have to be followed," she said. "The caucasian woman walks into the store, it's like 'Hi, how are you doing?'"

David Groves, the service chair for the NAACP, said while a lot has changed in the past 50 years, a lot needs to happen so everyone is united.

"It's more of a bigger issue now

than just a black/white issue," he said. "We have race, different cultures, different genders, different choices. Even though race is here, we're still all one person."

Walking from underneath the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Bridge Lounge to stop by the Doudna Steps then to the Alumni Association Clock Tower, people stopped to listen to a segment of King's speech.

"I have a dream that one day this

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CAMPUS | VOLUNTEERING

## Fair promotes non-profit organizations

By Jarad Jarmon  
Student Governance Editor  
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Students flocked to the tents lining the walkways of the South Quad Wednesday to escape the heat and learn about the area non-profit organizations.

The fair was created over ten years

ago to create the opportunity to learn about local volunteer options in one place.

Harold Strangeman, a volunteer for the Douglas-Hart Nature Center, said that he could definitely feel the heat but it was not as bad as past experiences.

There were 33 organizations including some student run organiza-

tions as well as organizations from the Charleston and Mattoon area in attendance.

While most of the organizations have been going to the fair for years, there were few newcomers from the area thrown into the mix to attract students to their cause.

Rachel Fisher, the director of Student Community Services, said the

amount of student run organizations versus the amount of non-profit organizations from the area was about half and half.

Strangeman said they have been coming for years trying to recruit students for some of their volunteer opportunities.

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CAMPUS

## Program connects students, careers

By Robert Downen  
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The Panther Recruiting Plus program aims to connect students with future employees by posting resumes and cover letters to an online database exclusively for Eastern students.

While similar types of online employment systems already exist elsewhere, Jennifer Peterson, a career counselor at Career Services, stressed the benefits that come from using Eastern's personalized program.

"It's much different than sites like Monster," Peterson said. "On Monster, you might be one out of a million people trying to access a job. On Panther Recruiting Plus, you are more like one out of 1,000."

Peterson also said that, because hopeful employers have to contact the Career Services department before being allowed on the Panther Recruiting system, they are able to filter out what she called "undesirable" and "illegitimate" internship and job offers.

She said Career Services researches and investigates each company seeking admission to the program.

Peterson said she often looks at reviews from previous employees before deeming a company's offer desirable enough for Eastern students.

Linda Moore, the director of Career Services, said while the number of job offerings often fluctuates depending on the national economy, the program typically receives over 2,000 job offers in a year.

She said she expects more than 100 companies to use the system for resume referrals this year.

The system, which was updated last year, has become increasingly accessible as well, Peterson said.

Students can now integrate LinkedIn and Facebook accounts with the Panther Recruiting system, and because the database is already compatible with Eastern's PAWS accounts, the data entry process is relatively simple.

The system, which is \$40 for current students and \$60 for a lifetime alumni account, also allows members to attend other career services events for free throughout the year, including the Career Boot Camp, Dining Etiquette Workshop and job fairs throughout the year.

Moore also stressed the importance of using the system even during a slower economy, noting a decade-low in enrollment for the system in 2009, when the national economy was most affected by the recession.

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## COMMUNITY | HEAT

# A helping hand on a hot day



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Ice-cold water, energizing snacks and a kind word were all offered to students Wednesday as members of three local churches banded together to spread cheer. Members of the Praise Assembly Church, the Charleston Community Church and the Otterbein Methodist Church decided to help Eastern community members during the 94 degree day by handing out cold water and food. Charlie Hayes, a member of Praise Assembly, said they wanted to do a kind gesture to others. "We just wanted to reach out to people," he said.

## CAMPUS | HOUSING

# Dining hosts ribbon cutting for new name

By Jarad Jarmon  
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The name Stevo has been the common nickname among students for the Stevenson Tower Dining Center. Now the name for the dining hall's reservation only dining will officially be called Stevo Tower Reservation Dining.

To commemorate the new name, Housing and Dining Services members, as well as some of the Stevenson dining staff, will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the name.

The ceremony will start at 4:15 p.m. on the west side of Stevenson Tower where there will be cake and

punch for those who attend. Jamie Huckstead, the unit director of Stevenson dining, said the panther dining staff decided to make the change because they did not feel it was the right name.

"It was time to change the name of 'RO,'" Huckstead said. "That doesn't sound like it was ever really a name."

In Spring 2013, students were allowed to participate in a contest to decide the new name as well as an artwork banner of the Reservation Dining.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, said the student who won the contest will be announced at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"It is more of a ceremonial moment when we're recognizing the person who won the contest for calling it Stevo Reservation Dining," Hudson said.

Invitations to the ceremony were sent campus wide.

There will be T-shirts and lapel pins for those who made reservations to dine at Stevo.

Emilie Pfeiffer, a sophomore biological sciences major, said she believes the name makes the dining center more personable.

"To the general public maybe it is not so appropriate sounding but to the students it has a better feel to it," Pfeiffer said.

Huckstead said they wanted to showcase Stevo Tower Reservation

Dining. "We really want them to enjoy the opportunity of having an upscale menu and atmosphere for a meal swipe," Huckstead said.

She added that there will be more upscale food items available than normal.

Reservation Dining provides a restaurant style meal where people serve the student.

Hudson said it was a value added for residents.

"It is kind of a monotony breaker and a little different format of food," Hudson said.

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## CAMPUS | ART

# Visiting sculptor to present lecture about career, exhibit showcase

By **Seth Schroeder**  
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Sculptor Mike Dunbar will be speaking about his large-scale work as well as public art in Illinois during his lecture at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

A reception honoring visiting artist Kyle Hanton at the Tarble Arts Center will follow the lecture.

Art professor Jeff Boshart said Dunbar's lecture will also discuss the sculptures on Seventh Street between Doudna and Tarble.

"That formal lecture is really the opening salvo of the sculptures on Seventh Street," he said. "He's really talking more about public artwork that's going on down there."

Dunbar served as director of the State of Illinois' Art in Architecture program for more than 25 years, which included making sure state buildings in Illinois contained public art.

Though an artist himself, Dunbar never added his work to the program since it would have been a conflict of interest. Since his retirement, Boshart said Dunbar has focused on his sculptures.

Dunbar has helped place large-scale sculptures at Navy Pier in Chicago, Boshart said, adding that

Dunbar gutted and renovated an old grocery store to use as a workshop.

"He's what you'd call a mover and shaker," Boshart said. "He's always been involved in a lot of things about art."

After the lecture, Boshart said the audience will get to walk past

**"I really like movement. I always have, I've always been an artist. Even when I was doing my architecture, if you saw my kites, my architecture and my sculptures there's a thread that leads through all of them."**

and view the sculptures on Seventh Street on their way to the reception at Tarble.

Hanton was one of Boshart's sculpture professors and Boshart has featured him as one of his main mentors in the "Skulpcher Werkz" exhibit also currently on display at Tarble until Oct. 27.

Describing himself as an "abstract classicalist," Hanton's work often resembles abstract figures that capture themes from classical art, such as mythology.

Hanton describes the work he currently has on display at Tarble as "table pieces" because they are small enough to fit on a table.

He said they are small because the space he works in (half of his garage) is small. Many of his pieces are plaster but he has also been able to bronze many of them.

"Bronze has gotten quite expensive," he said. "I have an arrangement with my wife, I won't make another bronze, until I sell a

*-Kyle Hanton, visiting sculptor*

bronze."

Hanton said he is not afraid to scrap his work if it does not turn out right to him. He said he tries to capture figures and movement in all of his work, even when he worked as an architect.

"I really like movement. I always have, I've always been an artist," he said. "Even when I was doing my architecture, if you saw my kites, my architecture and my sculptures there's a thread that leads through all of them."

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Sculptor Kyle Hanton stands with a variety of his artwork in the workshop based out of his home. Hanton's work will be on display in the Tarble Fine Arts Center until Oct. 27.

## LOCAL | HISTORY

## Father of president's grave to be marked for service

By **Amy Wywialowski**  
Staff Reporter  
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Over 200 years ago, Thomas Lincoln fought in the War of 1812 and this weekend he will get the recognition that many believe has been a long time coming.

Thomas Lincoln is the father of former president Abraham Lincoln and on Saturday the Daughters of 1812 in conjunction with the Illinois Preservation Agency and the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historical Site will mark Thomas Lincoln's grave and talk about the importance as well as logistics of his service. Thomas Lincoln's grave is located in Lerna, Ill., about 9 miles from campus.

Mary Payne Barringer, president of the Sangamon River Chapter of the Daughters of 1812, said this is not the first grave marking her organization has contributed to, but is one of many.

"Just like we honor our current veterans and the veterans of the Revolutionary War, we want to remember the men that were out on the frontier when the British attacked," Payne Barringer said. "Many of them are our ancestors and we want to see them remembered."

Payne Barringer has three relatives that fought in the War of 1812 and eight that fought in the Revolutionary War.

She said it is one of the many proj-

ects of commemoration the genealogy groups works to organize.

"One of the projects we're working to document all the veterans of the War of 1812 in Sangamon County," Payne Barringer said. "The goal is to eventually have them online."

Barringer will serve as the master of ceremonies.

As a part of the placing the marker and explanatory placard at the grave, the man who discovered Thomas Lincoln's service as ensign Jim Siberell will also speak at the event.

Siberell said he made the discovery while doing research on the Long Nine, the group of nine Illinois congressmen who moved the state capital from Vandalia to Springfield. Lincoln was a member of the group.

"I did research on all the families of the Long Nine and how they came to be in Illinois," Siberell said. "I was doing research in the Frankfort, Ky. when I found Thomas Lincoln's commission as an ensign in the Governor's papers."

He said this discovery will change the way historians view Thomas Lincoln, who had previously been viewed as "backwoods."

"This goes straight against that, he was fairly reputable and a strong man," Siberell said.

Matthew Mittelstaedt, the site manager for Lincoln Log Cabin, said Siberell's discovery is unique because many of the records for the War of 1812 have been destroyed.

"Kentucky destroyed a lot of its re-


ords after the Civil War because they anticipated running out of room because of the records from the Civil War," he said. "Thomas Lincoln's commission survived because it was in the governor's correspondence instead of the general records."

Although the exact details of Thomas Lincoln's service have been lost, the information provided by Siberell's findings helped qualify him for the marker for which the Daughters of 1812 have specific qualifications.

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the Thomas Lincoln Cemetery in Lerna.

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Do you think the president should be able to bypass congress to attack Syria, Why or Why not?

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### STAFF EDITORIAL

## Students should educate themselves, pay attention to the news

A Harvard study conducted in 2007 said that only 1 in 12 college students or young adults read newspapers on a daily basis.

In 2008, another study published by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers said that 64 percent of all 18-24 year olds said they had viewed an online newspaper within the last year.

Only a year later, that number had dropped to 54 percent.

Supposedly generation Y, (anyone born from 1977-1994) is very intelligent and ambitious, with a knack for technology. But where are these so called intelligent ambitious, people?

These people do not exist because the idea of news and the media has been distorted for them since day one.

The idea that news is a manipulation of the truth is wrong. In fact, the news is guided by fact, despite several networks and commentators arguing what are actually opinions.

Social media, while also useful can be very misleading as well. While most of our peers feel no pressure to learn about the news,

#### OUR POSITION

• **Situation:** The recent generation does not pay attention to the news and therefore are not fully informed of what is going on in the U.S. or around the world.

• **Stance:** College students should be more informed and news minded. They should pay attention to what goes on around the world.

it will almost certainly be a detriment to future generations.

Just to put things in perspective, The Islamic Winter and Arab Spring occurred over three years ago and many of the effects are still being felt today, Syria being possibly the next Afghanistan or Iraq for the U.S. military to fight and to change.

How many students knew that? There are young people over there that have less information and less resources and yet they

are the ones who are changing the world.

Everyone should be informed. The fact that our parents know more than us is terrifying. If for no other reason; what happens when they’re gone? Who will take their place? Because any second, the U.S. could end up in another conflict in the Middle East.

It would be great to know if we’re going into yet another armed conflict before any of us start getting drafted or losing our lives.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

## Tanning ban helps to fight cancer

Do you tan to look good? Are you comfortable in your natural skin?

I have heard people talking about how the ban on teens using tanning beds is just another way for the government to take away our freedoms a little at a time. Some have even said, “Who is the government to tell me what I can and cannot do with my kids.”

The reality is that science has linked tanning beds to melanoma; better known as skin cancer.

A person dies every hour because of melanoma. We used to think of melanoma as an “old person” cancer, but not since tanning beds have become all the rage.

Teenagers are upset because they will not be able to be tan for prom or cheerleading competitions.

Take it from a cancer survivor, you want to avoid it. You would rather be natural



Corey Norton

skinned and beautiful than go through treatments sick and bald.

The tan ban is the same type of regulation we have on smoking or sanitation. You wouldn’t want to go eat at a restaurant that has rats or cockroaches right? Probably not, so why would you want to endanger your health in other ways?

I am veteran of this great country and am all for it being free.

The reality is that health is a big con-

cern right now so we have to prevent dangers however possible. If this means banning smoking in public places or keeping teenagers from tanning, then so be it.

I admit, I used to “fake bake” all the time, especially when it came time for summer or spring break. It can be relaxing and make you feel good because your body is getting the sunlight it wants. If you have the need to be tan then go outside and wear sunscreen in moderation or go get a spray tan.

Anyone who has a problem with bans that help prevent others from being healthy should go visit cancer patients and see what their life is like for them.

Being tan is not everything. Don’t tan. Stay healthy and beautiful.

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JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cassy Hodge, a junior communication studies major, pets a turtle while talking with Dakota Radford, the volunteer coordinator at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center, during the Volunteer Fair on the South Quad Wednesday.

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He said students always seem to like the box turtle that they bring, which, if nothing else attracts some attention over to the booth.

Jill Schafer, a volunteer for Big Brother Big Sister, said the fair was a good way for them to get new recruits.

They recruited around 60 people to

volunteer to help with the kids.

Kelly Hardy, another volunteer for Big Brother Big Sister, said that getting involved in volunteering should be important to students.

"It keeps Eastern students involved in the community," Hardy said. "It helps build relationships between local people the campus."

Strangeman said getting active and being involved is good for a person

"I am sure students would like a bit of variety in their life while they're on campus," Strangeman said.

While it was very similar to Pantherpalooza, the Volunteer Fair also had WEIU Hit Mix play music for everyone passing by.

Radio Production Supervisor Rob Calhoun said that they just came to entertain.

"We just played music that we thought college students would like," Calhoun said.

Fisher said she was very happy with the success of the fair over all.

"I was delighted to see so many

students interacting with the different agencies so I am very excited about the year ahead," Fisher said.

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"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," one member of the NAACP quoted from King's speech.

Tommy Hamilton, a senior communication studies major, said because of King's speech and the civil rights movement, he can go to school.

Dominique Smith, a junior communication studies major, said when King made his speech, no one saw the color or white of people's skin.

"What you saw on that... day was America," she said. "I believe there is so much more to come because there's so many people who do not know about this day or the history of what happened. We fought for rights, we fought to go to school, we fought to work together, we fought to actually be equal as one."

Smith said to overcome racism, people need to understand each other and not think one race of people are better than the next.

"Some people just don't understand," she said. "I think Eastern is still kind of divided, more so when I walk and I see black students walking with black students instead of being more diverse with each other."

After the march, participants sat in the Robertson Auditorium in Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences building.

Brandy Woods, a senior Africana studies major, spoke to the crowd and asked where the African American community was now.

She said if we know people stereotype the African American community, then why do they let it happen.

"The way to win the war is to know the secret," Woods said. "If we know these things, why do we perpetuate it? Why does this condition seem to linger?"

Mildred Pearson, an associate professor of education, said she believes the march was not only to celebrate the anniversary of the March on Washington but to also move Eastern toward equality.

"I see these students and they have the desire to do the right thing and move our institution forward," she said. "Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream, this dream for this campus, for these students... I believe we start in small numbers and we see change happen."

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JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the audience speak as Brandy Woods, a senior Africana Studies major, fields questions during a meeting of the EIU chapter of the NAACP after a symbolic march was held Wednesday coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington.

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"People seemed already predisposed to thinking they couldn't get a job, and that's exactly the opposite of what they should think. Those are the times when reaching out to employers is the most important," Moore said.

On the other hand, Moore also noted that student involvement with Panther Recruiting saw all-

time highs when the national economy was doing well, and job prospects were therefore much easier to find.

"In the '90s, when you could pretty much get a job just by walking down the street with a college degree, the system was booming with students, and it just doesn't really make sense," she said.

Moore said she keep a positive mindset and use the program regardless of the state of the economy.

"It's a very good program, and we hope even more students start to use it," she said.

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## CROSS COUNTRY | PREVIEW



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Junior Laura Magnuson runs along the Panther Trail during the Walt Crawford Open September 7, 2012. Magnuson finished 38th with a time of 19:47.50.

## Eastern tabbed to finish second, third again

By **Anthony Catzone**  
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The Eastern men's and women's cross country teams were tabbed to finish second and third, respectively, in the 2013 preseason polls.

The head coaches of all 12 teams in the Ohio Valley Conference voted with 11 points awarded for a first-place vote, 10 for a second place all the way down to the last-place vote being worth one point.

Defending champion Eastern Kentucky was picked first for the both the men's and women's teams.

The Colonels' men's team has won seven consecutive titles, while the

women clinched their 26th all-time title.

### Men's preview

Eastern finished as the runner-up in each of the last two seasons. The Panthers return with senior Pablo Ramirez who placed fifth at the OVC Championships last year. His time of 24:37.43 ranked him 20th on Eastern's career list.

Meanwhile, junior Bryce Basting finished sixth in last year's OVC Championships with a time of 24:45.36. His career-best time of 24:23.00, which he ran last season, ranks eighth best in program history.

Basting was also named First Team All-OVC in 2012.

The men begin their season at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Panther Trail with the EIU Walt Crawford Open.

Eastern Kentucky took first place, (121 points, 11 first-place votes), and will be looking for its 22nd title in program history.

Eastern was once again picked second (105, one first-place vote) followed by Belmont (97), Southeast Missouri (95), Morehead State (87), SIUE (67), Jacksonville State (50) and Tennessee Tech (50), UT Martin (40), Austin Peay (39), Murray State (30) and Tennessee State (11).

### Women's preview

The women placed third last year,

one season after winning the conference title in 2011.

Eastern lost a veteran class to graduation after last season, including four who finished in the top-20 at the OVC Championships a season ago.

But the Panthers do return senior Gaby Duenas-Delaney, who red-shirted the 2012 season. However, she did run every event in the 2011 cross country season.

Duenas-Delaney earned First Team All-OVC in 2010 as a sophomore and a Second Team All-OVC as a junior in 2011—the same season Eastern won its last conference championship.

The women will also begin their

season at the EIU Walt Crawford Open at 4:45 p.m. Sept. 6 at Panther Trail.

The Eastern Kentucky women were also picked to repeat (121 points, 11 first-place votes).

Belmont finished second (102 points, one first-place vote) followed by Eastern (101), Murray State (93), Southeast Missouri (82), Morehead State (68), Austin Peay (62), SIUE (53), Jacksonville State (45), UT Martin (31), Tennessee Tech (23) and Tennessee State (11).

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## MATCH | PREVIEW

## Multiple players return to lead men's tennis

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The Eastern men's tennis team returns seven players from last year's roster including seniors Kevin Bauman and Volodymyr Zverkovsky.

Junior David Constantinescu is the only other upperclassman on the roster as Jacob Wendell, Robert Skolik, Rui Silva and Ryan Henderson are all sophomores.

Sophomore Moritz Kandt and freshman Grant Thompson are new additions to the Panther squad this year.

Kandt is a transfer from Berlin, Germany, and Thompson hails from Hawthorn Woods, Ill.

Thompson graduated from Lake

Zurich high school.

According to tennisrecruiting.net, Thompson finished his senior year at Lake Zurich as the 26th ranked player in Illinois.

According to the International Tennis Federation, Kandt has played in junior tournaments all across Europe since 2009. His stops include Poland, Switzerland, Netherlands, Denmark, Estonia, Austria, Czech Republic Malta and his home country Germany.

Kandt last played in a junior's tournament in August of last year, losing in the finals of the Poznan singles in Poland.

The men will have a new coach this season but Director of Tennis, John Blackburn, who was the former coach for the men, will still have control of the men's team.

Former graduate assistant Erik Stark

was hired in August as an assistant to the tennis program and will primarily be involved coaching the men.

Bauman and Skolik tied for the most singles wins last season with seven a piece. Bauman finished singles play in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 3-4 record and was 7-8 overall.

Skolik finished 7-10 overall and had a 2-7 conference record in singles play.

Zverkovsky won the most singles matches in conference play with a 4-2 record, finishing 5-2 overall.

As a freshman, Silva struggled in singles play with a 1-10 overall record. He also went winless in his eight OVC singles matches.

Constantinescu had a 2-5 singles record and did not play many matches in the OVC, losing his only conference match that he played in.

Henderson was the only Panther to have a winning singles record, finishing 5-3 overall, which included a win in his only OVC match.

Wendell did not see action during his freshman season.

Bauman and Skolik paired up at doubles last season and were successful, winning seven out of their 10 doubles matches. The duo finished 4-1 in the OVC.

Henderson and Silva were undefeated in their three doubles matches, which included a win in conference play.

### Schedule

Eastern has three competitions in the fall, starting with the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Tournament on Sept. 20-23 in Edwardsville. On Sept. 25, the Panthers travel to Missouri and play against Missouri-St. Louis.

The final fall action starts on Oct. 12 at the Southern Illinois Tournament hosted by Carbondale.

In 2014, Eastern will play nine conference opponents. The Panthers will host Tennessee Tech, Jacksonville State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Tennessee State and Belmont at Darling Courts.

Eastern's four road matches in the OVC will be against Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay and Murray State.

Before the season begins, Eastern will host an alumni match.

The fourth annual Alumni Match begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Darling Courts.

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FOOTBALL | FEATURE

# Lora has team's goal as main focus

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Wide receiver Erik Lora prepares for his senior season, as he and the Panthers will open at San Diego State Aug. 31. Lora set an FCS record last season with 136 receptions.

Team.  
That is all that red-shirt senior Erik Lora is concerned with this season. The wide receiver's record-breaking season in 2012 ended with a 58-10 loss against South Dakota State in the first round of the FCS playoffs.

Lora's FCS record 136 receptions helped Eastern win its sixth Ohio Valley Conference title in school history, but Lora does not want to stop at a conference championship this year.

The Florida native said he knows the team's expectations are high and he welcomes it.

"With the season we had last year we have really put it into our heads and minds that we want to repeat as the OVC champion and make a deep run in the playoffs," Lora said. "And hopefully a national championship."

Since the 48-point loss against South Dakota State Lora said repeating as conference champions and advancing well into the postseason has been expected from the team.

Lora, who was Panther quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo's No. 1 target last year is tabbed as the team's No. 1 receiver again this year. But Lora must also lead a group of wide receivers, which have not had ample game experience under Babers' offense.

Sophomore receiver Keiondre Gober is the lone returning player on the Panther receiver depth chart besides Lora to catch a touchdown last season.

Red-shirt junior Jeff LePak, who transferred from Baylor, is one of four starting receivers for Babers' offense.

**"I have never coached or seen a player who had a season like he did last year."**

Dino Babers, Head Football Coach

Red-shirt junior Adam Drake is the other starting receiver for Eastern.

LePak played in one game in three seasons with Baylor and Drake caught five passes for 41 yards last season.

Lora, being the veteran of the group said he takes it upon himself to help out the rest of the team's receivers.

"Being a senior and knowing the offense pretty well it's important that I spread as much knowledge as possible," Lora said. "Different people play different ways, but I try to share my knowledge and the little things I do on the field that helps me get an edge."

Lora finished last season with 1,664 receiving yards, which is the fourth highest total in FCS history. He scored 12 touchdowns and in May he won OVC Male Athlete of the Year.

Babers said Lora had one of the best seasons he has ever seen as a coach.

"I have never coached or seen a player who had a season like he did last year," Babers said.

After a successful red-shirt junior season, Lora began to receive several preseason honors, which included be-

ing named preseason Lindy's Magazine FCS Player of the Year.

He was also named FCS preseason All-American, preseason All-OVC, preseason OVC Offensive Player of the Year and is on the Walter Payton Award list.

Despite all the attention in the preseason Lora said he does not let any of it get to his head and stays focused on the team's goal.

"We want to be OVC champions again and make a run in the playoffs," Lora said. "We're not settling this year. We don't want to settle. We really want to reach for the stars and see what we can grab."

Lora's hard work off the field certainly presented itself on the field last season, but Babers said Lora takes it to a much higher level.

Babers described Lora as an extremely hard worker, who plays every game like it's his last.

"I have over 30 wide receivers in the National Football League, and I'm not sure if I have ever had a harder worker than Erik Lora," Babers said in an OVC interview.

Babers continued and said Lora is a perfect representation of what happens when an athlete puts his mind in line with his body and works hard everyday.

Lora said one of his biggest improvements from last season has been on the mental part of the game. He said the physical part of football cannot be overlooked, but the mental part cannot be forgotten either.

"There's so much strategy and mental games you can have against the defender you're matched up with, or the defensive coordinator, who is making the calls," he said. "It's really a strategy game and many people don't see it that way."

Lora and the rest of the Panthers will step on to Qualcomm Stadium to play San Diego State at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Lora said the team has been looking forward to the season opener for months.

"This game has been circled on the calendar since last year," he said. "It's been the main focus for the past month and all the work we've put in during the offseason now comes down to this game. We want to show the world, or the nation or whoever is watching that we are here to win."

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SOCCER | PREVIEW

# Eastern starts regular season on the road

## Panthers-Flames to face-off in Chicago Friday

By Michael Spencer  
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Eastern will open its 2013 men's soccer campaign Friday as it hits the road to take on the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The Panthers completed their preseason Saturday at home against Dayton when the team fell to the Flyer's, 2-1.

The team finished 3-13-1 last season and missed the Summit League postseason tournament.

The Panthers enter this season ranked sixth in a conference of seven, with Oral Roberts bringing up the tail.

Eastern assistant coach Mark Hansen said UIC is similar to the Panthers in style of play and ability. "They're a highly technical team,"

Hansen said. "They like to play like we do. In a lot of ways you're going to see almost a mirror image of ourselves in a lot of aspects and the way that both teams play."

The two teams also have a great deal of youth on display Friday. Seven of the eight Flame defenders are underclassmen, but Hansen said that will not have an effect on the Panther's approach.

**"They're a highly technical team."**

Mark Hansen, Assistant Soccer Coach

This week the team has focused instead on the improvements made between last week's match at Butler, a game that Eastern lost 4-0, and the team's performance against Dayton on Saturday.

During the match with the Flyers, freshman central defender Gani Nuredini went down with a hip injury in the closing stages of the

match, but walked off the field under his own power.

"He should be fine," Hansen said. "He's back training. He's been able to do everything this week since the injury."

UIC is tied for fourth in the Horizon League preseason polls.

The Flames finished 7-8-2 on their way to a third place finish in conference last season.

The Flames will return 13 lettermen from last year including all-conference selectee, junior forward Jesus Torres. Additionally, they have retained red-shirt sophomore defender Thomas Villamil and red-shirt senior Josh Beard.

UIC lost 2-0 to Northern Illinois in an exhibition match Saturday.

The game is set to kick off at 7

p.m. Friday on Flames Field in Chicago.

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The men's soccer team congratulate one another on a play during a game against Dayton August 24. The Panthers will start their 2013 season Friday.