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Dan Crews, the director of patron services at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, stands in front of a miniature display of a WWII battle that occurred in a small town in Normandy, France, which Crews assembled himself.



A practice bomb Crews purchased a long time ago, hangs from his basement ceiling.



An authentic German military helmet rests on a shelf aside a dozen or so other military helmets.

## Museum of Memories

Director of patron services collects stories, artifacts from World War II

By Bob Galuski  
Entertainment Editor

*Editor's Note: This is the final installment in a series focusing on Eastern employees and uncovering their unique hobbies.*

A church stands, half-demolished, with soldiers fighting inside. A panther tank rolls through the streets, in between the hedges outside the church. A German soldier is caught off-guard as another soldier sneaks up behind him for a kill. Overhead, paratroopers are dropping from the sky.

This display of a battle in a Normandy village during World War II is one aspect of Dan Crews' basement, which houses hundreds of different memories.

Crews, the director of patron services at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, has spent more than 40 years collecting memorabilia from World War II as a way to help preserve legacies of a nearly gone generation.

The display in his basement took a few years to assemble, and most

of the small toy soldiers are hand painted by Crews.

Across from the display, a desk is set up with several bottles of paints and various toy soldiers waiting their turn to be painted.

"That's 'The Dream,'" he said, shrugging. "If I had more time, I would love to spend it touching up some of the soldiers and buildings."

However, the display is only the tip of the iceberg of Crews' "museum," as he called it with a smile.

Rows of German army helmets, uniforms spanning nations from the United States, Great Britain and Germany and one lesser-known propaganda poster also decorate the walls and shelves of Crews' museum.

Crews first became interested in World War II memorabilia when he was about 10 years old and wandered into a little coin shop.

"When I was in there I noticed that the guy had a couple of artifacts from World War II, like a little German eagle that went onto a uniform, and I bought it for \$3," he said.

Crews went home that day and proudly showed his father, a World

War II veteran, proclaiming he bought it because he thought it was "neat."

"And so he goes, 'Well let me show you what I've got,'" Crews remembered his father saying.

From there, Crews' interest began to expand as family members gave him old memorabilia from World War II, including army "Ike" jackets and other uniforms.

"As I got older more people knew I was interested in this, so they would give me things," Crews said. "So through the course of time, before I realized it, my collection was growing and growing."

Crews, however, has one specific rule when it comes to collecting the memorabilia: he must know the story behind the artifact.

"I'm not a buyer and seller. I always got things that had a story," he said. "I like to know where the item came from."

This rule helps explain why Crews' favorite pieces of history have come from his family members.

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ADMINISTRATION | STRATEGIC PLANNING

## Enrollment goals shared at forum

Initiatives include virtual-tour kiosks, work-study fairs

By Stephanie Markham  
Administration Editor

Eastern will soon have kiosks to walk prospective students through a virtual tour of campus, according to Ryan Gibson, the university webmaster.

Gibson and other members of the Strategic Enrollment Planning Council talked about strategic enrollment initiatives during an open forum Tuesday.

Gibson said the first kiosk would be put in Old Main in the coming months.

"What this kiosk is, is a huge 46-inch screen that is going to be super engaging for somebody who is walking into that building," he said.

Gibson said Eastern has an online virtual tour and would be contracting with a third party company to upgrade it.

"If somebody walks into that building at night or on the weekend, nobody is around and they want to learn more about the university, this kiosk will guide them through a virtual tour," he said.

In addition to the virtual map, Gibson said the kiosk would include stories, highlight the university's marketing points and allow students to sign up for the MyEIU portal.

He said kiosks would be placed in other buildings as well if the first one is successful.

Other web initiatives include adding a parent login to MyEIU, shortening the admission process for graduate applications and sending text messages to prospective students, Gibson said.

Jerry Donna, the director of financial aid, said the financial aid office is implementing new scholarship programs to help with enrollment.

He said the university initially invested \$500,000 in commitment to excellence scholarships for fiscal year 2013 but ended up spending \$701,250 on 489 scholarships.

He said the office also implemented attractive award letters for new students and similar letters for students who have not finished their FAFSA, telling them what they would receive when they complete it.

"Students are getting really good information from financial aid rou-

tinely, accompanied by a nicely prepared award letter," he said.

Donna said 2,200 students from 530 high schools who received merit scholarships were sent certificates to be presented by an Eastern representative during their high school awards night.

He said the office also developed an electronic scholarship verification form that reduced the awarding process from 40 to 14 days.

Donna said the office would be piloting a job fair in the fall where students doing federal work study can meet with the hiring representative to complete their employment paperwork.

He said on-campus jobs are an important way students connect to campus.

"Kids aren't reading anymore...They want short copy; they want things bulleted, and they don't want a whole lot of it."

-Patrick Early, AVP for marketing

"That's another way that people really connect, and we have to be real mindful of that and make sure we've got the resources to make that happen," he said.

Patrick Early, the assistant vice president for integrative market-

ing and communications, said marketing initiatives include creating advertisements with dominant images and fewer words.

"Kids aren't reading anymore," he said. "Frankly, neither are their parents. They want short copy; they want things bulleted, and they don't want a whole lot of it."

He said there is now a person who works solely on social media in the communications office.

"As far as young people are concerned, email is for old people," he said.

Josh Norman, a technology support specialist, said data initiatives include profiling students to see why they enrolled and applying that data to students whose names were purchased from ACT.

"We want to take these folks from just ACT scores to prospective EIU students," he said.

Brenda Major, the director of admissions, said 35,000 names were purchased from ACT last year.

Major also said CATS would be involved in strategic enrollment initiatives.


"We have talked to some people in CATS about the ability to have students actually rate an experience they're having on campus while they're having it, which would be a series of text messages that we will record," she said.

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CAMPUS | DISABILITIES

# SACIS presents awareness lecture on sexual assault

By Brittany Borthwick  
Staff Reporter

People with disabilities are at an increased risk for sexual assault, according to a statewide survey introduced by a SACIS representative at a presentation Tuesday.

Anne Wend, the community educator for Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services (SACIS), said she wanted to team up with several different disability-service provider agencies to provide awareness and education to both employees and people with disabilities.

Wend said after a survey was taken through the state of Illinois, the numbers were staggering regarding sexual assault and people with disabilities; the survey showed 83 percent were sexually assaulted.

According to the World Health Organization, victims or survivors of sexual assault with disabilities are at one half greater risk than people without disabilities.

Because of the numbers, Wend, along with many others, formed a program called Illinois Imagines-Coles County.

The program started in 2008 and combined forces with programs including Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) and SACIS.

Wend said the program provides several areas of education and awareness to people with disabilities and for their providers.

“The training is very intense,” Wend said.

She also said it is important to teach people with disabilities about healthy sexual relationships and sexual violence prevention, as well as their guardians or caretakers.

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# Cannon Crazy

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Jake Beadleston, a senior applied engineering and technology major, looks at the pressure gauge on the "Ese Loco" compressed air cannon during his Machine Design class in the green space Tuesday.

CHARLESTON | AWARD

# Community members honored for service

By Allison Blalock  
Staff Reporter

Seven campus and community members were honored for their service to the improvement of children's lives.

The Champions Celebration Dinner: An Evening of Lifesavers is a banquet that honors people who make a difference in children's lives.

The banquet sponsors include: Eastern Illinois University, Charleston and Mattoon Exchange Clubs, Coles County CASA and Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois.

Lee Althoff, Beth Gillespie, Vivian Skelley, Judith Hagen, William Hill, Anthony West and Abbie Harriess were recipients of the title "Children Champ."

Rachel Fisher, the director of Student Community Service and of the organizers, said six different awards were presented to different members of the community for the work they do to make a difference in children's lives.

Each award recipient was recognized for the work they have done that

contributes to children.

Applications are sent in for each award and the committee that presents the award chose the winner.

The award Eastern presents at the banquet is the Eastern Illinois University Champion Award.

This award is given to a student or student group that has performed services to benefit and motivate the local youth.

Fisher and the rest of the Student Community Service office are responsible for nominating the winner and chose Lee Althoff.

Althoff, a junior special education major, was chosen to receive this award for the Tapped In program he started in Arcola.

The Tapped In program provides support for the local youth of Arcola in academics and sports.

Althoff said he originally intended the program to be once a week for 25 children but it ended up supporting 75 children twice a week.

"It grew out of nothing really and just became something," Althoff said.

Althoff is starting two other similar

programs in Mattoon and Ashmore, which he will also be the director of.

"I wasn't expecting to win an award for the program I started," Althoff said.

Both the Mattoon and Charleston Exchange Clubs presented the Exchange Club Award to Beth Gillespie.

Gillespie, the director of the Girls on the Run 5K, was chosen to receive this for her contributions to children through that event.

Both the Mattoon and Charleston Exchange Clubs are sponsors for the Girls on the Run 5K.

Gillespie said the Girls on the Run of East Central Illinois program was founded after partnering up with the YMCA.

The 5K takes place twice a year at the Mattoon YMCA, once in the fall and once in the spring.

"Girls on the Run is a powerful, life-changing program," Gillespie said.

Another award presented at the banquet was the Community Champion for Children Award.

This award is presented to someone who volunteers, raises awareness and motivates others on behalf of children.

Vivian Skelley, the executive director and behavior intervention specialist at the Central Illinois Autism Therapeutic Services Center, received this award.

The organization provides a summer camp, educational programs, after-school programs and daycare.

Skelley was nominated for this award for founding this organization.

Skelley said the organization began as a summer camp for children with autism then started providing other activities.

Although the organization serves children with autism, children without disabilities can also be involved.

"It's a unique opportunity for families that have kids with autism or special needs," Skelley said.

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CAMPUS | LIBRARY

# Booth book sale rescheduled

Money from sales to go toward memorial fund

By Jeff Jerabek  
Staff Reporter

The annual Booth Library Book Sale will take place Thursday in a new location outside the south entrance of the Booth Library.

The book sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. near the Alumni Clock Tower in the Alumni Quad south of the library.

Ellen Corrigan, the assistant professor of library services and the chairwoman of the Booth Library National Library Week committee, said in an email that the book sale has been an annual event, but she did not know how many years it has

taken place.

“I’ve asked around and the book sale has been held as long as anyone in the library can remember, but I can tell you that the American Library Association sponsored the first National Library Week in 1958,” Corrigan said.

The book sale will offer hardcover and paperback books on a wide range of subjects and genres.

There will also be a smaller selection of magazines and DVDs, CDs and LPs available, along with the occasional miscellaneous items such as encyclopedia sets and teacher resource box sets, Corrigan said.

Campus and community members give donations for the book sale.

“This year, there are more donations than usual, including a special sale of items from the Coles County Historical Society,” Corrigan said.

Corrigan said since she started organizing the book sale five years ago, on average the sale has raised \$1,300 during this event every year.

Arlene Brown, the Booth Library office manager, said the money raised will go into the Memorial Fund for the library.

Arlene said she believes that the book sale draws in students because it gives them the opportunity to purchase books they may otherwise not look at, Brown said.

The easy access and large assortment of items gives students a wide range of choices.

The event is included as part of

the National Library Week, which includes the Booth Library book festival on Monday and the Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity, Brown said.

Corrigan said the prices are set at \$2 for hardback books, \$1 for paperback books and media items, and .25 cents for magazines.

“The proceeds from the sale are used to enhance library programs and services,” Corrigan said.

“This year, there are more donations than usual, including a special sale of items from the Coles County Historical Society.”

-Ellen Corrigan, library services

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CAMPUS | GRADUATES

# Alumni Services to sponsor activities

Staff Report

EIU Alumni Services is sponsoring two spring events for the newly formed group, Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow.

The first event is a Senior Send Off for graduating seniors from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the backyard of the Brainard House at 1548 4th St.

According to an email from Alumni Services, the Senior Send Off will serve as a welcome to the Eastern alumni family.


At the send off, seniors will have the chance to pick up a \$15 “grad pack,” which will include a one-year membership to the Alumni Association, choice of an alumni T-shirt, license plate frame and an Eastern sport backpack.

The second event, a networking lunch for students and alumni, will take place May 17 in downtown Chicago.


The lunch will be at Boston Blackie’s at 120 S. Riverside in Chicago, and after lunch students are invited to attend the 1:20 p.m. Cubs vs. Mets game. The cost is \$10 for both the lunch and entry to the game.

To RSVP to the events, those interested can call Alumni Services at 581-6616 or email [alumeiu.edu](mailto:alumeiu.edu).

ONLINE | STORY

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ONLINE | BLOG

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**SHRM Speaker: Kathie Scott**  
**Time** | 7 p.m.  
**Location** | Lumpkin Hall, Room 2020

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Ann Ignalaga



He has no idea what he's talking about.

Ethan Enloe

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Low enrollment affects more than just campus, affects community

Low enrollment statewide is no secret. Over the past few years, Eastern has joined the ranks of other schools across Illinois that suffer from decreasing student population. While students and administrators hear time and time again how low enrollment factors into changes on campus such as the temporary closing of Carman Hall, there is another angle to keep in mind.

Low enrollment affects the city of Charleston, too.

For students who have not spent a summer in Charleston, they may not even realize the effect the Eastern population has on the city.

Charleston is full of students for a large portion of the year, and when the majority of them go home for the summer, the city changes dramatically.

Some have said the city “dies” in the summer, and although that may be a bit dramatic, there is some truth to it.

Charleston would not be the place it is without the students.

The Eastern population is more than just the campus itself.

Many students choose to live off campus in locations stretching from right Lincoln Avenue to out by Wal Mart.

In the April 19 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, an article was published concerning off-campus housing and how owners of rent-

**OUR POSITION**

- **Situation:** Low enrollment affects more than just the campus.
- **Stance:** Low enrollment is not just a problem for Eastern, but for the city as well.

al companies are struggling from low enrollment as well.

Property owners have to strain to convince students to rent from them, and some are worried what next year will look like in terms of rentals.

Though many students rent from the same property owner throughout their college years and choose to live in the same place each year, graduation will come and the students will move out.

Eventually, this trickle-down effect will influence off-campus property owners just as on-campus housing administrators have struggled.

So, though Eastern community members worry about the affects low enrollment will have on the campus, the city is an equally important aspect to keep in mind.

What happens to the university happens to Charleston, too.

This is something that should be kept in mind when making university-related executive decisions.

We are more than the quads, the residence halls and the classrooms.

We are a part of the city as well.

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

Remember to keep reading, carry on

*The New York Times* reported this week that the Koch Industries is in talks to buy some of the nation's top newspapers, including the *LA Times*, the *Florida Sun*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. The conservative Koch brothers, reliably deep-pocketed donors in every election cycle, are the ubiquitous conservative presence largely credited with funding such endeavors as the Tea Party.

Since the deregulation of the Telecommunications Act in the 1990s, the American news media has devolved into little more than a corporate avenue for advertising and the spreading of political propaganda, most of which is highly sensationalized and largely untrue. News dissemination is controlled by a very small number of very powerful corporations, whose objective is not public service or to embody the romantic “fourth arm” of government, but profit.

It's time to abandon these avenues; we cannot continue to be passive consumers of information. The degenerative effects of our own political apathy become terrifyingly clear when measures supported by ninety per cent of the population can't make it through Congress.



Mia Tapella

Our political system has deteriorated into little more than white noise between election commercials. This is unsustainable.

We live in an exciting time, both politically and socially. Our generation has seen a national foundation rocked by the attacks of Sept. 11, we've grown up seeing our families and friends fight the longest war in U.S. history, we voted in the first election to elect an African-American president, all before we finished college, only to begin our adult lives in one of the worst economic recessions the country has ever seen.

We are tough, and we have the ability to make real changes in the direction we've seen this country taking. I feel our work has only just begun.

I won't admonish you with challenges to roll up your sleeves and get to work in bettering your communities; you live there, you know what needs to be done.

I will challenge you with this: cultivate your political autonomy, and build it on facts. We enjoy an immediately available universe of information that science fiction writers only dreamed of. Put in work and find your own independent news from a variety of sources, and know what those sources are. “I didn't vote because I didn't like the choices,” is what a child says about the selection of McDonald's Happy Meal toys, not what we should be saying about our self-professedly democratic political system. Get involved. Talk about the issues. Support independent candidates. Challenge your leaders, and above all challenge yourselves.

As I leave college and continue on the journey, I thank you for your readership. It has been a privilege to write for you.

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“My father and all four of his brothers served in World War II, and then on my mother’s side, she had four brothers who also served in World War II,” he said “All of my uncles who are World War II veterans are deceased now; but at the time, I wanted to hear their stories.”

He said some of his favorite items are the uniforms, a few which are displayed on mannequins spread across his basement.

Caring for the memories of the World War II generation is one of the fuels for Crews’ passion.

“World War II is 60 years in our rearview mirror and a lot of that generation are rapidly dying,” Crews said. “I feel like I’m carrying on their legacy by my collection. I feel like I’m honoring their memories by my collection, by collecting the stories.”

Expanding his love for history and the stories behind World War II, Crews has trekked out to Europe five times, and has stood in foxholes, memorials and concentration

camps from World War II.

For Crews, being in the historical sites helps him try and understand what the soldiers involved went through.

“We live in a very complex world today, and I cannot imagine how things could have been when you have an entire global conflict,” he said.

His trips to Europe were one of the phases Crews said he went through as his interest evolved throughout his life.

“No. 1, reading about it, No. 2, collecting the artifacts, No. 3, interviewing those participants and No. 4, visiting those sites and leading tours to those sites,” he said, ticking off the phases on his fingers.

While his basement museum has garnered local attention and media attention from news outlets like The New York Times, Crews said he still enjoys having a small piece of history in his house.

However, he added, if he were to start up his dream job, it would revolve around his

interest.

“My idea to develop this would be to create a little museum called the Clark County Military Museum and it would serve a little bit as a repository for people,” Crews said.

People would be able to loan out artifacts from different eras so others could witness history, he said.

Crews said collecting artifacts was nothing out of the ordinary and was something Americans have been doing for generations – and all he wants to know is the story, to know the memory.

“Americans are tremendous souvenir hunters and even our ancestors who participated in WWII, they did the same thing,” Crews said. “They brought things back, and they brought things back for a reason, and I wanted to know what that reason was.”



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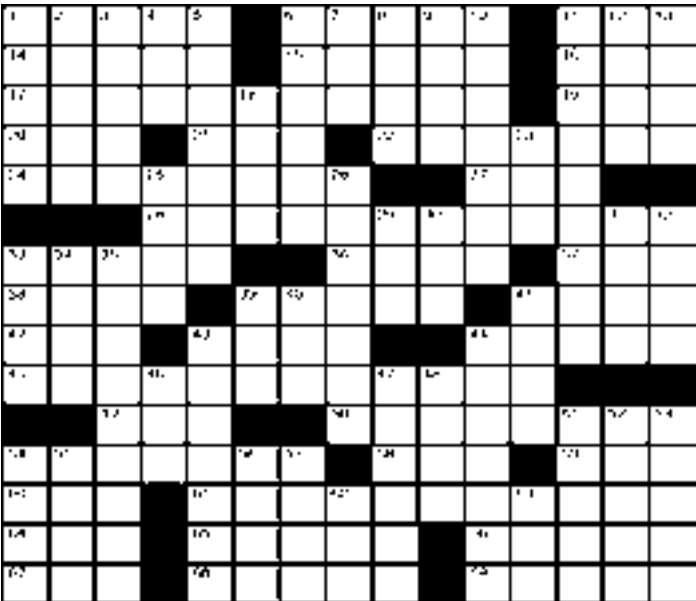
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By Ed Sessa

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SOFTBALL | GAME PREVIEW

Panthers ready for doubleheader with Jaguars

By Jack Sheehan  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team and its current five-game winning streak will host the IUPUI Jaguars Wednesday in a late-season doubleheader.

Eastern is coming off of a four-game home stand last weekend, when it swept Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech convincingly with solid pitching and timely hitting.

The Jaguars come into the mid-week doubleheader riding a two-game losing streak after the Kansas City Roos won two games from them this past Sunday.

The Panthers enter the week at 32-11 overall and are currently alone in first place of the Ohio Valley Conference with a record of 19-2.

The Jaguars enter the week with a below .500 record of 17-25 overall and 7-13 in Summit League play.

Lindsey Richards, Jocelyn Oppenhuis, Nikki Thomas and Cassie Vodde are all viable options in the pitchers circle for IUPUI for coach Amanda Rivera. Those four pitchers all sport a sub-four ERA.

Eastern has a tandem of junior pitchers that have also had tremendous seasons thus far.

Hanna Mennenga and Stephanie

Maday both have a sub-two ERA, double digit totals in wins and triple digit strikeout totals this spring with Mennenga currently leading the OVC in strikeouts with 265.

IUPUI has given up 20 more runs than they have scored this season.

Outfielder Melise Brown said wanting to improve everyday thus far has driven the team's success.

"Our success so far is motivation

to get stronger and improve each day, especially with teams trailing so closely," Brown said. "It's pushing us to work harder."

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville as well as Eastern Kentucky are both trailing the Panthers by only a few games coming down the stretch.

With only eight games remaining in the regular-season schedule and the possible No. 1 seed in the OVC tourna-

ment theirs to lose, junior Ashleigh Westover said it is crucial that the Panthers keep their eyes on the prize.

"It is important that we do not look ahead," Westover said. "We need to take it one game at a time while making sure that we continue to improve every day."

Wednesday's doubleheader against IUPUI begins with the first game at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Williams Field. The second game will follow.

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## FOOTBALL | MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



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Redshirt junior receiver Erik Lora has been named The Daily Eastern News male athlete of the year. Lora broke Eastern and OVC records for receiving 136 this season and again with 21 receptions in a single game — against Murray State.

# Sideline Story

## Lora succeeds after season-ending injury

**By Aldo Soto**  
Assistant Sports Editor

*Editor's note: This is the second installment in a series of The Daily Eastern News' sports section's yearly awards. Wide receiver Erik Lora has been named the male athlete of the year by The News.*

The 100th meeting between Illinois State and Eastern was played in O'Brien Field as the Panthers kicked off their 2011 football season at home. The stands were packed on a blistering hot Thursday night in Charleston with the temperature soaring near 100 degrees during the day.

Starting wide receiver Erik Lora said he was excited for the game, but it was not the same feeling as he had on any other game day. On that Thursday night and for the remaining 10 games of the season, Lora sat on the sideline. Watching, cheering, but not playing.

A herniated disk in Lora's back preceded a torn labrum in his right hip. The two injuries occurred within two months of each other. Lora rehabbed relentlessly, working on his core daily, trying to strengthen his muscles, he said.

Lora recuperated quickly, returning to the practice field, but that was a detriment to his health as the next injury surely followed. "I got back on the playing field a little bit too fast," Lora said. "I sat out about a month-and-a-half, maybe a little bit quicker than what we originally said."

Lora said he was eager to return to the field, and he felt he was healthy enough to return. But his third season as a Panther disappeared before it even started — at least on the field.

Back on Sept. 1, 2011, Lora sat in

the stands and watched his team beat Illinois State 33-26. The Miami native did not dwell on the missed season and starting with the season-opener Lora said he told himself never again.

"Seeing (the game) from the stands I told myself 'I would never do that again, seeing a football game from up there,'" Lora said.

Lora sat through a miserable 2-9 season for the Panthers, but he said he gained a new appreciation for the game.

"I kind of fell in love with the game again," he said. "It was the first year I had missed since I was 5 years old. You don't really know what you miss until it's gone."

In 2012, Lora returned healthy and with a new outlook after missing an entire year of football. Lora said coming into his red-shirt junior season he would make the most of every opportunity presented to him.

"Seeing the games from the sidelines made me feel that I had to make every play count," Lora said. "You have give as much as you can on every play because you never know when your last play will be."

Lora meant what he said. He made the most out of every play in 2012, but it all began on a fateful Saturday against Murray State.

"I knew I was going to have a big role on the team with the new offense," Lora said.

Lora had already accumulated 27

receptions, 381 yards and four touchdowns in the first three games against Southern Illinois-Carbondale, Western Michigan and Illinois State. But those numbers would take a backseat after Eastern's 50-49 overtime win against Murray State. Before Lora completed the game-winning two-point conversion pass to Von Wise, Lora caught a school and Ohio Valley Conference-record 21 receptions and a school-record 269 yards.

Lora also found himself celebrating in the end zone with three touchdown catches. He finished 2012 with 136 receptions, 1,664 yards and 12 touchdowns.

He broke the FCS reception, which previously stood at 123 and his 1,664 catching yards were the fourth highest in FCS history.

Lora said that first-year coach of the Panthers, Dino Babers, helped him learn new things prior to his record-breaking season.

Although Babers implemented a new offense Lora said it was not as difficult as it may seem with a new coach coming in.

"It wasn't anything I hadn't already heard of," Lora said. "Football talk is football talk."

Lora said Babers helped him with some technical aspects of the wide receiver position. "Coach Babers taught me some simple tools like how to read defenses and how to get off the line

quicker — just simple things that make the game simpler."

If history is anything to show, Lora surely made 2012 seem simple. He set four Eastern records this season and won 10 individual awards.

"You would pay a lot of money to watch Erik Lora play football," Babers said. "That guy can be in my foxhole anytime. He is unselfish; team first and there is no 'I' in Erik Lora. Any accolades he gets, any awards he gets, it's deserved."

But, Lora said his best experience of the season was winning the OVC title.

Eastern finished 6-1 in the OVC and won the school's first conference championship since the 2009-10 season.

"That was probably one of the greatest experiences because of how low we were rated and no one really had faith in us," Lora said.

After his best season in college, Lora said he would be honored if his teammates looked at him as a leader.

"I've always considered myself as a leader off the field," he said. "There are leaders who show it by what they do on the field and others who are more inspirational. I would like to be both on this team."

Lora's passion for the game manifested itself on the field in 2012 and his philosophy on life is taken to the way he plays.

"Some people are accounts, but I'm a football player and that's what I do," Lora said. "I love it. That's how I treat life — be happy, don't look at the bad side look at the good side."

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## GOLF | OVERVIEW

# Panthers finish 9th in end of season

**By Cody Delmendo**  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's golf team finished its final tournament of the spring at Greystone Golf Course in Dickson, Tenn., for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament with a second to last place finish.

The Panthers finished in ninth place out of 10 teams with a team score of 1002 (+138).

Eastern Kentucky took the OVC Championship with a final team score of 608 (+44). The team had two players finish at the top of the individual standings.

Kristen Dorsey finished in first place with an overall score of 149 (+4) and Anna Gleixner finished in second place individually with a 151 (+8) for the Colonels.

Senior Lauren Williams finished at the top for Eastern once again, finishing with an overall score of 234 (+18). Williams tied for 16th place with Janet Steen from Belmont, Melani Sisto from Jacksonville State and Marisa Kamelgarn from Morehead State.

Williams said she thought she played well and is happy with her performance. She said there were a few chips here and there, but other than that she hit the ball solidly.

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## BASEBALL | CONDITIONS

# Weather cancels game

## Staff Report

The Eastern baseball game against University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Tuesday was canceled because of inclement weather.

The game would have been played at Peterson Park in Mattoon. No make up game has been scheduled.

This was the second Tuesday game the Panthers have had canceled because of rain. Last week, a road game at Saint Louis was also canceled.

This marks the fourth game canceled on Eastern's schedule this season.

The Panthers are 14-22 overall and 5-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference. They sit in ninth place out of 11 teams — the top six teams advance to the OVC tournament.

The Panthers have 15 games remaining on its schedule, 12 of which are conference games.

Eastern returns to the diamond at noon on Wednesday, April 24 in its annual 'Kid's Day' game, playing host to Benedictine University at Coaches Stadium.