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**UNIVERSITY** | TECHNOLOGY

# **ITS to reorganize positions**

### **By SARAH JEAN BRESNAHAN** Editor in Chief

Dr. William Weber's goal is to make sure Eastern is a comprehensive university, especially with integrating technological advances. Weber, who became the new vice president for business affairs on July 1, has spent his first week speaking with Information Technology Services (ITS), President Perry and individuals conducting an analysis of ITS to make it the most up-to-date it can be. ITS will be restructured to make way for new technologies and the skills needed to use them.

"Information technology is rapidly changing," said Weber. "(We are) taking a complete look at the organizational structure of ITS.

The plan was in the research and analysis phase before Weber came to Eastern, and he is now in charge of approving the recommenda-

tions of Mihir "Chat" Chatterii, the assistant vice president of ITS, and Paul McCann, the treasurer and director of business services, who are conducting the analysis. Once Weber approves the plan, he will present it to President Perry for the final approval. Weber met with the ITS staff on Monday to explain the plan. He said the summarization took approximately 10 minutes, after which he took questions for another 30 minutes.

Weber said that the restructuring would trim positions that are no longer needed, like mainframe support, and create new positions in developing areas, such as web development.

Those who are in eliminated positions will be able to apply for newly created ones, and will be trained to use the new technologies.

"Anyone in an eliminated position is welcome to compete for any new positions created," said Weber.

Weber also said that civil service rules allow

"bumping," or allowing people with seniority to move to a position they have previously served in. Those who qualify could possibly obtain a position outside of ITS.

Currently, there is not a specific target number of how many positions will be eliminated or how the budget will affect these eliminations or the creation of new jobs. Weber said that the current state of the Illinois budget would impact what plan goes forward, but that it is not a variable in the current analysis.

"President Perry has ambitious goals for the university, to be the best at integrating personal and academic activity of students," said Weber. "The university can't be excellent without excellent support services."

The analysis should be complete by the end of this month, and Weber said that he hopes to have a plan to announce in early August.

Weber said it would take a few months for

the plan to be implemented.

The reorganization will affect all areas of campus, especially the Center for Academic Technology Support (CATS) and Booth Library, who both work closely with ITS.

"The CATS staff works closely with the ITS staff on many technology-related projects that relate to campus-wide applications-eg., WebCT, Elluminate, wireless network, etc.," said Dr. Michael Hoadley, the assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology.

CATS provides service to the campus in support of academic technology in classrooms, computer labs and other activities.

"Reorganizations like this are never easy," said Weber. "But are an essential part of the goals President Perry established for us."

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### **UNIVERSITY | CAMPUS WORKER OF THE WEEK** ACADEMICS | FACULTY **Steve Daniels welcomed** into College of Sciences By SPENSER NOBLES News Editor Several changes have taken place within the College of Sciences, which will have four new chairs to enter the Fall 2009 semester. Steve Daniels has been appointed the new chair of the department of physics, replacing Leonard Storm, who will return to his faculty position until he retires from Eastern in December. Daniels sees the ability to

directly interact with students as one of the strengths of the department. He believes that one thing he will focus on during his time as chair is getting mentoring opportunities for students, allowing students to work with faculty members in research projects.

"Students that report back after graduating-many of them report that the mentoring experience that they get here is one of the most important parts of their college experience," Daniels said. "The nation is moving toward more mentoring and I think we need to do that, too. It's the way of the future." Other key issues that Daniels intends to focus on include recruiting students and fostering a collegial atmosphere.

focus on is an analysis of some "pretty significant changes" that have taken place in the curriculum

"I want to be overseeing these new changes and make sure they improve our curriculum here in the department," he said.

Another issue that the new chair plans to act on is something that will help his current faculty members.

According to Eckert, the classes within the department "tend to be maxed out," so he hopes to be able to bring another faculty member in to help.

"It would really be great if we could get another faculty member into our department," said Eckert. "I think it would help faculty morale and I think it would help students."

Eckert has served as mayor of Philo for "going on 13 years" and believes that his time in that position has also helped prepare him for his new position at Eastern.

Foster also showed confidence in his successor.

"I think he will carry on and



SARAH RUHOLL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dana Barnard settles into her new office and new position as Assistant Director of Student Life. Barnard started her new position on July 1.

# **New assistant director** eniovs advising students

**By SARAH RUHOLL** Staff Reporter

Students often grow into themselves during their college careers. Participation in organizations and events on campus contributes a lot to that growth.

Dana Barnard, the new assistant director of Student Life, was one student who was changed by that participation, and now she enjoys watching the effects on the students she advises.

"I was in a wide variety of activities, and I see my students get involved in those same kinds of activities," she said

When Barnard started college at McKendree College, now McKendree University, in Lebanon, she wanted to become a high school teacher and guidance counselor. Her experiences there influenced her to alter her path to working with students in a higher education setting.

"I liked watching what all the professionals around me were doing," she said. "I altered my career path from there."

Barnard, who started work at Eastern on July 1, is the Black Student Union and Latin American Student Organization advisor.

"My first priority is being part of the Eastern community and being there for the students I work with," she said. "I'm still working on meeting a lot of people and getting my bearings for the university.'

Supporting and guiding students through their college years is her main role, and watching her students grow into themselves is the most rewarding part for her.

"One of my favorites is seeing people grow and be able to work with people they didn't think they could work with and having huge success with their events," Barnard said. "Most of it is growth in those students being told they could do something."

Her experiences as a graduate student at Missouri University-St. Louis and an advisor for various organizations at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla have helped prepare her for working with student groups at Eastern.

"Not necessarily every program is a transferable program, but some of it can be implemented," she said. "I want to see what they're doing before I bring in my own ideas."

Outside of working, Barnard is focused on exercising and improving her personal health.

"No matter what I have going on with my students, I make sure I get in at least an hour or two of exercising for myself every day," she said.

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'We're trying to grow and make the department more attractive to students," Daniels said.

"I have a vision for the department," he said. "I know where the department needs to go and I want to see it get there. I think I can do that."

The sociology / anthropology department will also have a new leader in Craig Eckert. Eckert has been appointed to the chair position where he will take over for the soon-to-be retired Gary Foster, who has served as chair of the department for the past nine years.

"My main goal is to carry on the good tradition that Dr. Foster has as a leader working on behalf of the department," Eckert said. Eckert said one thing he will

bring his own vision to the department and will be successful in the pursuit of that vision," Foster said.

There are also two that will be serving as interim chairs: Gary Bulla and Mark McGuire. Bulla will serve as the interim chair of biological sciences and McGuire will serve as interim chair of the chemistry department.

Bulla will serve as interim chair for one year and there will be a search for the next chair during his time. McGuire will serve as the interim chair for six months until Dan Sheeran, who is the appointed chair of the chemistry department, completes a research sabbatical.

Sheeran, after the completion of his sabbatical, will begin his appointment as chair on January 1, 2010, but was unavailable for comment.

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### **CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY**

# **Cloudy skies, rainy days**



An afternoon of rainshowers loom over Charleston as clouds roll into the area.

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### **LOCAL I** BUSINESS

# Library cuts back jobs and hours

### **By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI** Online Editor

It has been about a month since cuts have been made at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

Yet, Sheryl Snyder, executive director at the library, said things are going just as they should.

"It's a bit more hectic, but that is too be expected," Snyder said.

Eight people have been cut from the staff, three full time and five part time positions, with 13 staff members remaining.

After the \$7 million renovation was done, one might

LOCAL I CITY COUNCIL

think more staff would be needed, but the hard times currently at hand have led the library executives to re-think staffing.

"We had about 250 kids come through last week, July is usually our busiest month," Snyder said.

"Things sure haven't slowed down any, but we are getting things done."

On top of cutting staff, the library has also had to cut back on the hours they are open.

The library is now open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday; from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday; and from 1 until 5 p.m. Sunday.

"We are just like everyone else," Synder said. "With the times like they are, we are having to cut back just like anyone else.

We are hoping it's just a one year thing and we will be back to a normal staff next year."

Synder said despite all of the cuts made circulation is still

"We have a lot of good programs and services, none of that has changed," Snyder said. "I hope people continue to use the library like they have been."

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## CORRECTION

A story in Tuesday's edition of the Daily Eastern News on Eastern professors' leading study abroad programs contained several errors.

English professor Dagni Bredesen's name was misspelled.

English professor Ruth Hoberman will be teaching at Harlaxton College in spring 2010.

Journalism professor Les Hyder was not identified correctly on first reference. The DEN regrets these errors.

# **Fire chief announces resignation**

### **By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI** Online Editor

After 27 years of service to the Charleston area, Fire Chief Kris Phipps has announced he will be resigning from the Charleston Fire Department to take on a new chapter of life.

City Manager Scott Smith said he received his resignation on Tuesday, saying he will be done working for the department at the end of the month.

Phipps has been given the opportunity to work for Sprectra Tech. Inc. where he will take the position of a senior analyst, Smith said.

Phipps has been the Charleston Fire Chief for the past five years.

The council thanked him for his outstanding work with improving the city and the area as a whole.

Mayor John Inyart thanked Phipps for the shape he will be leaving the department in with the recognition he has brought in from around the state, the

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amount of trained people he will leave on his staff and the grants and money he has brought into the city.

"You left us better than where we started, and we appreciate that," Inyart said.

Assistant Chief Pat Goodwin will take the position of interim chief after Phipps leaves.

A reception will be held in honor of Phipps at City Hall on July 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In other business, the council passed two ordi-

nances for right of ways to purchase private property and make it public property.

The first property is located 1003 Sixth St. and 1002 Seventh St., the properties will be bought in the amount of \$1,709 and \$1,001, respectively.

This property has been purchased to allow the widening of Polk Avenue to continue.

The second right of way was purchased at 918 18th St.

This will allow the city to complete the sidewalk project from the Charleston Middle School to 18th

Street.

"The project will allow for safe walking for the schools, but the link can't be completed without this property," Inyart said.

Three resolutions were also passed to terminate three leases at Lake Island Tract the city has previously signed into.

The leases will terminate by August 15, when the city will pay Judith Immel, Mary Williams and James Sanfilippo \$3,000 each for the property.

The deadline for the exchange will be August 15.

The local VFW Post 1592 has also been approved for the construction of an out door picnic area for members and guests to take a smoke break and drink outside.

The new area will be built in place of three parking spaces next to the VFW building located at 1821 20th St.

No entertainment will be outside the building, and a solid wall will be built in attempt to contain

the noise from escaping the property into the residential area.

"My concern was the noise levels but the solid wall and the lack of entertainment would help out with that," Invart said.

Other business also included approving the wage rate that was set by the Illinois Department of Labor, approving the proposal for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Prairie Pavilion in Mattoon, and authorized support for the HOPE and HPRP applications to grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The mayor also announced Hank Beurskens, Kit Morice an Nora Pat Small to the Historic Preservation Commissions, Don Schaefer to Airport Authority Board and Ann Brownson, Gary Gueldner, Tim Jacobs and Jim Wood to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning.

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**BRAD YORK** 

# Sick!!!

There are very few good things that come from being sick, but the way I see it, being sick is one of the most humbling experiences.

Three days ago I woke up with a slightly sore throat. Thinking that it must have been from snoring or breathing in and out of my mouth all night, I continued my day.

As an hour passed by, my sickness grew.

I soon felt the bitter chills and unsettling aches of the flu.

Half joking and half concerned, I began telling coworkers that with my constant strand of bad luck this must be the swine flu.

As the chuckles subsided, we turned to the Internet for the answers.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the symptoms of the swine flu are nearly the same as the seasonal flu. These include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Seven of the symptoms I was now suffering from.

Pushing the sickness aside the best I could, I continued to work at the tasks at hand for the day.

Straight from the newsroom, I went to Walgreens to pick up some much needed Nyquil.

After taking one dose around 9 p.m., I was out for about two hours. I awoke in a sweat-drenched bed with an aching body and a loopy head wondering where I was and what time it was.

In my confusion, I took another two pills and went

## Drawn to Amuse | Biz Jacobsen



## **STAFF EDITORIAL**

# ITS restructuring is a positive change

The headline of "Another business cuts staff" is all too familiar for many of us in the current economic world we live in.

But the cuts being made with the Information Technology Services on campus are a positive cut of expansion and growth instead of a lack of income.

Dr. William Weber has taken the reins just in time to lead the complete makeover of the ITS system.

One of the main aspects of the restructuring will include eliminating positions which are in charge of the outdated areas of ITS.

While this looks like a downgrade in jobs, it is not. For the positions that are eliminated, new ones

will replace them that are more relevant to technology today.

Anyone who holds a job that is cut will be welcome to apply for and be trained for one of the new positions.

While there is no way to know whether or not more jobs will be created or lost, we believe this is a positive step forward for ITS and the campus as a whole.

In order for the university to be competitive and offer the services necessary to keep the school at a level of high interest throughout the state, there must be a constant pull towards new and advanced technology.

A high level of technology with a well-trained staff is essential for a university in the world today. From library catalogs to grading systems or online classes and In order for the university to be competitive and offer the services necessary to keep the school at a level of high interesting throughout the s tate, there must be a constant pull towards new and advanced technology.

classrooms to computer labs for specific departments around campus, technology is essential to higher education.

For ITS to want to reset and upgrade their services can do nothing but benefit the students and faculty.

Not to mention, it is refreshing for a campus service or organization to complete an analysis and act upon the result. This is a vital part to the success of any service, which many people over look or don't take as seriously as they should.

### **EDITORIAL POLICY**

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back to sleep for another hour. This continued for the entire night and into the morning. Every hour I awoke in more agony than the previous hour. I began to wish for the sickness to subside by any means necessary.

The sickness consumed me. It became my only train of thought. I would give anything for some relief.

All work worries, money problems, and other constant stresses went far from focus. It was all about being in the moment, sick.

I knew work would come the following day and since I was just hired, it seemed wrong to call off so early.

Either pride or ignorance kept me from going to the doctor, but I figured I could just wait it out.

I continued to wish and pray saying, "I would be perfectly fine with life if the sickness all went away."

I took one dose of Nyquil the next night and went back to sleep. I awoke twice in the night with more sweat covering my bed that I was aware could come out of a human body.

I awoke in the morning with a slightly sore throat.

Now I'm back to my normal stresses, but I will keep my promise. As long as I am in good health, I really can't complain.

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### **YOUR TURN: LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

It is disappointing to see the *DEN* staff editorial (July 2) buy into the simplistic notion that raising the minimum wage results in a the loss of jobs.

Although it is certainly true that higher labor costs exert downward pressure on hiring, and in the short run this may mean fewer job opportunities, the broader and longer-term picture is more complex.

The availability of jobs depends, not only on the cost of labor, but also on the demand for goods and services. When those on the lower end of the pay scale, including students, earn more, they tend to spend it, stimulating demand, expanding the economy, and ultimately creating more and better job opportunities.

Much of the debt crisis in which many students and others in our society currently find themselves can be blamed on the increasingly inequitable distribution of wealth in the U.S. during the past several decades (along with declining public financial support for education), forcing people to borrow increasing amounts to get an education, and also to work longer hours, taking time from studies.

The minimum wage at the beginning of 2007 was barely over \$5.00 per hour. In 2007 dollars, the minimum wage in 1968 was \$9.47, almost twice as high. In 1968, the minimum wage was 90% of the amount needed to provide someone working full time an income at the official poverty level for a family of four; currently, it is barely 70% of this amount.

Increases to the minimum wage since 2007 have only partially corrected this trend.

Societies with a more balanced distribution of wealth between workers and investors provide more economic stability and a better quality of life for their citizens.

Charles Delman Professor of Mathematics

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# **Dounda's sculptures come alive**



### **By BRAD YORK Opinions Editor**

The wonder that is art doesn't have to be understood to be beautiful, and the sculptures on campus certainly are beautiful.

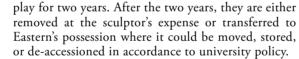
A year ago, the College of Arts and Humanities and the graduate school came together to develop the Eastern Illinois University Summer Sculpture Residency program.

This program was brought about to offer students enrolled or just graduated in any graduate level art programs with a focus in sculpture.

The students are given \$1,500 to cover the cost of any materials and supplies needed and living expenses

The university also provides the resources for installation of the sculptures.

Once the sculptures are installed, they are on dis-



The sculptors that have been awarded these spots in the past have been Matthew Searle, Carey Netherton, Lucas Greco, and Luke Achterberg.

The recent winners are Erik Peterson, Michael Collins, Clint Shaw, and Matt Moyer.

Their sculptures can be seen in between Doudna Fine Arts Center and Buzzard Hall.

A full list of rules and elgibility can be viewed at http://www.eiu.edu/~sculpture/. For further information on the standing sculptures, or the program itself, please contact Jeff Boshart. He can be reached at jgboshart@eiu.edu or (217)581-2624.

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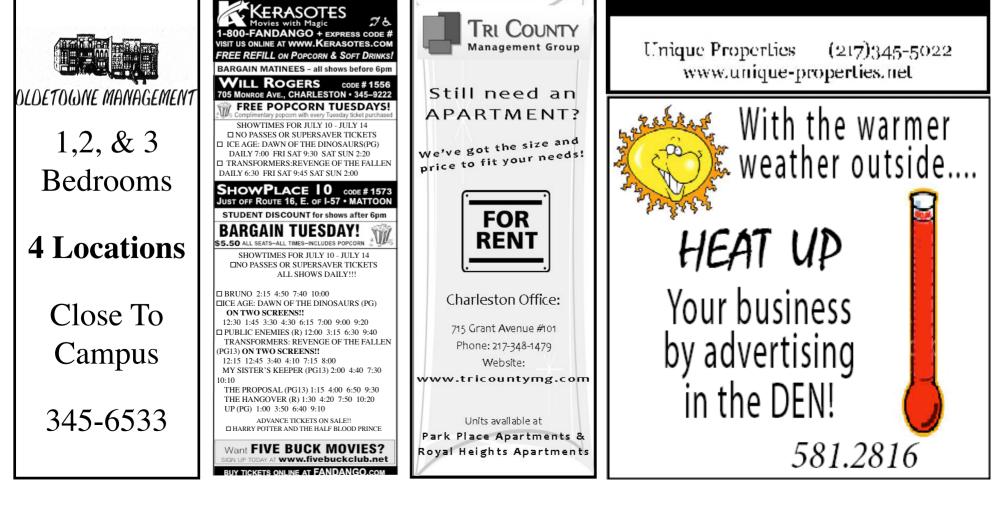
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### **HOCKEY I** CHICAGO

## Blackhawks lock up Calder finalist Versteeg

### The Associated Press

CHICAGO- The Chicago Blackhawks agreed to terms with left wing Kris Versteeg on a three-year contract Wednesday, effectively ending a free agent signing headache that prompted a grievance from the NHL Players' Association.

The NHLPA filed the grievance this week, saying the Blackhawks had missed the deadline for delivering qualifying offers to restricted free agents, including Versteeg. All seven of those restricted free agents who played at some time with the Blackhawks last season are now signed or have agreed to sign.

Versteeg led all rookies last season with 31 assists while ranking second with 53 points. He was fourth among first-year players with 22 goals, earning him a nomination for the 2009 Calder Trophy as Chicago advanced to the Western Conference finals.

According to published reports, Versteeg's contract is worth \$9.25 million over three years. Defenseman Cam Barker reportedly got similar deal when he signed on Monday

### night.

The Blackhawks also signed minor league forward Bryan Bickell to a oneyear contract.

The Blackhawks signed five other restricted free agents on Monday, coming to terms with forwards Troy Brouwer, Ben Eager and Colin Fraser, defenseman Aaron Johnson and goaltender Corey Crawford.

The team would not discuss terms. "We're excited about getting everyone back," Blackhawks general manager Dale Tallon said. "It's been a hectic week, but a positive week."

The Blackhawks had intended to re-sign all of their restricted free agents and emphasized that the team had tendered qualifying offers on time and in accordance with the NHL's collective bargaining agreement, Tallon said.

'We didn't miss anything," Tallon said. "We just filed later than we normally do.

"That's not something we've done in the past, but for a couple of reasons we were a little bit late," he added. "We should have filed earlier, as we have in the past. We didn't, but the good news is we got everybody signed."

## **BASEBALL I** CHICAGO White Sox agree with Mitchell

### The Associated Press

CHICAGO- The Chicago White Sox have agreed to terms on a minor league contract with first-round pick Jared Mitchell, who led LSU to the College World Series title last month.

The 20-year-old Mitchell

batted .327 with 11 home runs and 50 RBI with 35 stolen bases as a junior this season title. The outfielder was the No. 23 player chosen overall.

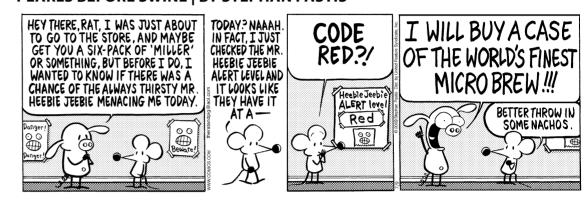
In the CWS in Omaha, Mitchell batted .348 with two homers, two doubles, a triple and seven RBIs and was Most Outstanding Player. He hit a

three-run homer in the first inning of the decisive game of the championship series against Texas.

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Mitchell also played on LSU's 2007 national championship football team. He will start his professional career at Class A Kannapolis of the South Atlantic League on Thursday.

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### **BASEBALL I** CHICAGO

# Kawakami pitches **Braves past Cubs**

#### The Associated Press

CHICAGO- Kenshin Kawakami wasn't completely satisfied with one of his best major league outings.

His old teammate had something to do with that.

The 34-year-old rookie allowed only four hits over six innings Wednesday in helping the Atlanta Braves to a 4-1 victory over Chicago.

It was just the second time this season Kawakami (5-6) gave up one run or fewer while pitching at least six innings. The run came on a sixthinning homer by Kosuke Fukudome, whom he played with for nine years with the Chunichi Dragons of Japan's Central League.

"He might have taken half of my happiness today," a laughing Kawakami said.

The other half of Kawakami's happiness was preserved by shortstop Yunel Escobar, whose spectacular diving grab of a line drive off Fukudome's bat kept Atlanta ahead 2-1 in the eighth. "His range is as good as it gets and his arm is awesome," Braves catcher Brian McCann said of Escobar, who made several outstanding plays in the three-game series. "That play he made today saved the game maybe." The Cubs then gave away two runs in the ninth — one on center fielder Fukudome's first error of the year and another on Kevin Gregg's wild pitch as fans booed the home team. It was all part of another frustrating day for the Cubs, whose offensive woes left manager Lou Piniella searching for words. "Frustrating? Look ... what else can I say?" he said. "There's nothing else to say, there really isn't. You've just got to swing the bats better if we're going to do anything the rest of the year, and that's really the bottom line. "I said it before the ballgame. I get asked the same questions every day — every day, you know? I think what you need to do is go ask the players why they're not hitting instead of asking me," Piniella added. "They can probably give you much better insight."

Not really. The players also were wondering why a team that led the NL in runs last season is ranked 15th this year.

'The fact of the matter is we just didn't hit," said Ryan Theriot, who had two of Chicago's six hits. "That's baseball. I just think that's the way it is. You're not going to score a ton of runs every game."

Piniella would settle for something similar to the first 35 games, when the Cubs averaged 5.06 runs while going 21-14. Since then, the average has dipped to 3.43 runs and their record has slumped to 20-27. They have been held to one run or fewer 15 times during the 47-game slide.

Asked if he believed the offense would come alive, Theriot said: 'Yeah, I think so. I hope so. I don't think you've seen our best for sure. I hope we do."

Several teammates echoed those sentiments and chose to give credit to Kawakami, who left after six innings with minor shoulder soreness

"I don't think it was something bad because he was throwing the ball so well," manager Bobby Cox said. "It's something he was battling a little bit. But there weren't many balls squared up on him."

Casey Kotchman homered and Martin Prado had an RBI single for the Braves, who won a road series for the first time in nearly two months. After going 0-6 against the Cubs in 2008, Atlanta won this season's series 4-2.

Peter Movlan, Mike Gonzalez and Rafael Soriano each worked a scoreless inning of relief. Soriano earned his 10th save.

Kevin Hart (0-1) was the latest Cubs starter done in by the team's offensive shortcomings. Making his first big league start as a fill-in for injured Ryan Dempster, Hart allowed only one run on four hits over five innings.

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**BASEBALL** | CHICAGO

### White Sox GM hampered by low attendance

### The Associated Press

CHICAGO- White Sox general manager Ken Williams said Tuesday he may not be able to make a big trade this season because of smaller crowds at U.S. Cellular Field.

Williams also said he is unsure of right-hander Bartolo Colon's location ahead of a planned rehab start for Triple-A Charlotte on Thursday. Colon is on the 15-day disabled list with inflammation in his left knee.

Williams nearly pulled off a significant trade in May, putting together a deal to acquire Jake Peavy from the San Diego Padres. But the 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner used his no-trade clause to torpedo the agreement.

Before Tuesday's 10-6 victory over the Cleveland Indians, the general manager cited slumping attendance as a reason the White Sox may not be able to pull off another big move that would add salary to the team's payroll.

"Well, if I'm being completely honest money is more of the issue now. We expected a little more support than we've gotten," he said. "I think it's a reflection upon the economy of what's kind of happen with regards to attendance and I don't know if we've played consistent enough, or been exciting enough for people to get behind us. We're still hopeful."

Chicago made a small trade Tuesday, acquiring reliever Tony Pena from the Arizona Diamondbacks for minor league infielder Brandon Allen.

"It just shows everybody in the clubhouse that he's out there trying to do what he can do to make this team better," White Sox starter Mark Buehrle said of Williams.

Chicago remained two games back of AL Central-leading Detroit, which beat Kansas City 8-5 at Comerica Park.

Williams noted weak attendance numbers during a three-game series with the Dodgers in late June, where the White Sox averaged 20,814 fans. The White Sox are averaging 26,147 this season, compared with 30,877 last year.

We've been probably pretty short or a little aggressive in our projections and we might have to take a lot closer look at it, because, the Dodgers series was certainly an

### FOOTBALL | ERIK LORA

# **FUTURE PANTHER BRINGS HOME GOLD**

**USA defeats Canada** in championship of inaugural Junior World **Championships** 

### **By JEFF JURINEK** Sports Editor

Eastern football recruit Erik Lora, a standout wide receiver from Miami, will arrive on campus this summer with a gold medal from the International Federation of American Football Junior World Championships.

Lora, along with 45 other college-bound players from across the nation, was invited to compete for Team USA in the inaugural junior world championships, a tournament featuring teams from eight nations made up of players aged 19 and younger.

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Team USA won the tournament nament with a 78-0 blowout vicby defeating top-seeded Canada 41-3 in the gold medal game Sunday before a crowd of 15,475 at Fawcett Stadium in Canton. Ohio.

Lora caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Bryce Petty, a Baylor recruit, with 46 seconds remaining in the third quarter, to extend Team USA's lead to 31-3. He finished the day with four catches for 53 yards. He also returned six punts for 63 yards, including a 17-yard return.

After the conclusion of the gold medal game, the IFAF released its list of All-Tournament players. Lora was named to the All-Tournament defensive second team as a punt returner. Over the course of the tournament, Lora returned a total of 11 punts for 145 yards, an average of 13.2 yards per return.

Team USA opened up the tour-

### was second on the team in receiving, pulling in two catches for 32 yards. In their second round game on July 1, Team USA earned a 55-0

tory over France on June 27. Lora

victory over Mexico. Although Lora finished the game without a catch, he proved to be a spark on special teams. He returned five punts for 82 yards, including a 37-yard return midway through the second quarter.

Lora finished the tournament with a total of six catches for 75 yards, and one touchdown.

All games of the tournament were held at Fawcett Field at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Teams from eight nations spanning four continents competed in the event, which was the first-ever international tournament for high-school aged players.

Canada, who offensively was the only team in the tournament to get the ball in the red zone against Team USA, was awarded the silver medal. Japan won the bronze with a 42-27 victory over Mexico on Saturday.

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Lora is scheduled to make his debut with the Panthers this fall. The 5-foot-10, 166-pound receiver was recruited out of Columbus High School in Miami, where he helped his team to a 10-1 record last season.

During his senior year, he made 29 catches for 649 yards and seven touchdowns. He ranked second in Dade County in receiving yards, and was a first-team All-Dade County selection. Lora also served as a punt returner, gaining 160 yards off 11 returns in 2008.

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eye opener for us," Williams said.

Colon has been rehabbing his knee injury in Arizona and is supposed to pitch for the Knights in the finale of a three-game series against Norfolk.

"I know where he is supposed to be right now. He is supposed to be in Charlotte right now preparing to start what I believe is Thursday," Williams said. "Efforts to contact his agent have been successful, their efforts to contact his client have not been so successful."

Mitch Frankel, Colon's agent, did not immediately respond to a message and e-mail seeking comment Tuesday night. Colon, who won the 2005 AL Cy Young Award, is 3-6 with a 4.23 ERA this season.



JEFF JURINEK | THE DAILY EASERN NEWS

The current scoreboard at O'Brien Stadium will be replaced with a new video board and sound system. The renovations will be completed in time for the upcoming football season.

# O'Brien Stadium to recieve new scoreboard

### Video display board will be operational in time for 2009 season

### **STAFF REPORT**

O'Brien Field will have a new look for the Panther's season opener Sept. 3 against Illinois State.

A new scoreboard, video board, and audio sound system will be installed at the stadium in time for the 2009 football season, the athletic department has announced. The installation is scheduled to take place in the next few weeks, with the new scoreboard expected to be functional for the Panther's home opener. The new scoreboard will measure

45-feet wide by 28-feet tall, and will be installed by the Daktronics company of South Dakota. The company has installed video scoreboards at many major college stadiums, including Texas Christian's Amon G. Carter Stadium, Iowa State's Jack Trice Stadium, and Brigham Young's LaVell Edwards Stadium. The new video board will be used

for Eastern football games and men's and women's track meets, as well as the IHSA state track meets. The Eastern track and field teams currently have a video display board installed at Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse, where they host home indoor meets. Having a video board at O'Brien Stadium will allow for immediate results to be posted for spectators during meets.

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