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Lawsuit not yet resolved

Lawyer cites discrimination in 2005 hazing case

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A lawsuit filed for alleged hazing in August 2005 against the University has yet to reach a conclusion, although it could happen soon.

The University filed a motion for summary judgment March 24 and if the motion is approved, a judge will decide the case instead of a jury.

The lawsuit was filed by three SIUC students who claimed their constitutional and civil rights were violated through the Student Judicial Affairs process.

Prof. John Fedder, the assistant general counsel for SIUC, said he doesn’t know what the time frame for the decision is. He said the suit is procedural right now, and they are waiting on the decision.

In November 2004, Chantal Conley reported to SIUC Police a hazing incident from Oct. 3 to Oct. 7 by the Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Conley and fellow pledge Dominique Winston accused five members of the sorority and five prospective members of pumelling, punching, pressing and threatening them as part of a potential review process for induction to the pre-dominantly black sorority.

The matter was handled by the University Student Conduct Joint Board, a group that works with SIUC’s Office, which resulted in three-year suspensions for Nakia Collins, Traci Lohman and the Johnson and a two-year suspension for Monet Williams.

Carbondale lawyer Richard Fedder — the lawyer filing the suit — said juries are fact finders. If the judge decides there are no definitive facts to present to a jury, the summary judgment will be approved and a judge will decide the case.

Fedder said the lawsuit also cites discrimination as a factor in determining the punishment for the sorority members.

He compared the Zet’s case to that of the Pi Kappa Alpha pledge who drowned during a fraternity-sponsored camping trip in 2004.

That fraternity was found guilty of eight counts of misconduct — none of which involved hazing. The fraternity was banned from campus, but no individual was charged with any legal or academic repercussions.

Fedder said discrimination caused the Zetas to be punished individually instead of collectively.

Fedder is finishing an argument against summary judgment. He said he doesn’t know how long the judge will need to make a decision for or against the summary judgment.

He said the case was originally scheduled to appear in court July 23, but the date may change depending on the judge’s decision.
High Blagojevic has not-so-veiled pick at Madigan by卵巢叫激起 evoke. It was the latest back and forth between the Democratic governor and lawmakers as they haggle over a spending plan in an overtime session that has dissolved into name-calling and finger-pointing.

"Let’s solve the issues that need to be solved. Let’s quit playing games, and let’s get in the arena and get the job done," said Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, an opponent of Blagojevich.

With lawmakers in Springfield, Blagojevich held a press conference in Chicago to urge the House to pass a measure banning high-capacity ammunition holders for assault weapons that the Illinois Senate has approved. It would ban the sale or possession of ammunition clips that hold more than 10 rounds.

Without naming Madigan, Blagojevich wondered how the bill could pass in the Senate but go nowhere in the House. It was a not-so-veiled pick at Madigan by the governor who has egged on Madigan in an escalating war of words as disagreements over the state budget deepen. Blagojevich has called Madigan a right-wing Republican for not supporting his proposals and Madigan has told Blagojevich to "knock it off."

Surrounded by dozens of gun-control advocates, Blagojevich pledged to get action from the House by using his constitutional power to call lawmakers into special session.

"This is the beginning of a whole series of specials sessions that I will be calling to take care of unfinished business and if some legislative leaders don’t want to call these bills for a vote on their own, we’ll call special sessions" to make it happen, Blagojevich said.

Surrounded by fanfare in Chicago, Blagojevich’s proclamation went over with a thud in Springfield.

House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago, a gun control supporter, said Blagojevich should use special sessions for emergency issues.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report

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Rep. Bost: consider impeaching Blago over budget flap
New stove burners could prevent grease fires

Scott Mieszala, Daily Egyptian

University Housing is taking extra measures to prevent grease fires at the source of the problem — the stoves.

Glenn Stine, the deputy housing director for facilities, said new, safe burners are being installed at Evergreen Terrace and should be completed by the end of the summer semester.

The burners have already been installed at Wall & Grand Apartments, which Stine said cost $48,000.

“We’re just under a lot of pressure to prevent any future fires, we’re concerned about the students’ safety,” Stine said. “If this prevents one fire, it’s paid for itself.”

The new burners were installed to prevent grease fires. There were three fires at Evergreen Terrace in an eight-month period, the last of which occurred in February 2006. Two of the fires were grease fires, and all three totaled more than $100,000 worth of damage.

Grease will ignite when it reaches a temperature of 728 degrees Fahrenheit. The new burners shut off electricity to the burner when they reach 662 degrees Fahrenheit.

University Housing spokeswoman Crystal Bouhl said the technology will enhance the safety of the buildings, but the best way to prevent kitchen fires is to never leave the kitchen unattended when cooking.

“When temperatures on a stovetop reach a certain degree, this technology automatically shuts off heat to those burners,” Bouhl said.

“It’s another safety method that we’re implementing in University housing.”

The burners, called the Safe-T-Element, are produced by Pioneering Technology and are made for electric stoves. Unlike the normal spiraled electric burners, the safer burners are flat plates.

The cast-iron cover helps retain heat once the temperature of 662 degrees Fahrenheit is reached and electricity is shut off. Stine said this shape also causes food to be cooked more evenly and consistently than on a normal electric stove.

While the burners have been installed at Evergreen Terrace and Wall & Grand, Stine said the only other possibility would be at Southern Hills.

However, Southern Hills contains both gas and electric stoves, so the new burners won’t be installed there, Stine said. He said a lack of money further prevents the installation.

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The Associated Press

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Nostalgia can’t save Transformers

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Transformers
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson
Directed by Michael Bay

There was a time when any child who had a television set in the 80’s would have traded every Garbage Pail Kids card and Teddy Ruxpin tape he or she had to see a big screen CGI show down between Megatron and Optimus Prime.

But after sitting through the gory, two-hour-long Transformers movie, not even the nostalgia of the TV show about more-than-meantime robots could keep those children from asking for their toys back. "Transformers" centers on the war-cracking Sam (Shia LaBeouf) and his purchase of his first car, a rusted yellow Camaro with an inexplicable knack for driving itself and using its radio to communicate. Soon Sam discovers his beloved car transforms into the Autobot Bumblebee who is a soldier for the good guys in a battle between the Decepticons and the Autobots—a cube located on Earth with the power to bring mechanical devices to life.

LaBeouf’s comic chops could bring a smirk to anyone’s face, especially in the scenes where he picks his first car. As he and his father browse a used car lot, his father pushes him toward two beaten as possible choices. You ever seen The 40 Year Old Virgin? Sam asks his father whose overt sexism and angry with her mother, but with no real reason why beyond maybe not being so happy with her own life. Harris is just a handsome man with little to offer beside unrequited love and the occasional romantic lines about stars. It’s such a detriment to a film that tried to be so emotionally driven. If audiences aren’t invested in characters, when tragedy strikes, there’s no reason to cry. The story is too meandering and has just a too many heart-crushing emotions going on (death, laugh, romance, death again, bad relationships, surprise pregnancy, etc.) with any audience investment to be true hit. Does go on a long way to carry this long, long film, but in the end, it’s just a little too drudgery and pointless.

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Tearjerker tries too hard

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Evening
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Claire Danes, Toni Collette, Vanessa Redgrave, Patrick Wilson
Directed by Lajos Koltai
Runtime: 117 min.

All too often movies with emotional subjects in their corner mainly rely on tearful moments and pulling on the heart string to get the message across and win fans. In “Evening,” mother—daughter—and the topic of death set a meaningless, misty-eyed trap for the flick and a meandering storyline allows it to fall right in.

The story, adapted from a Susan Minot novel, revolves around the aged and dying Ann (Vanessa Redgrave) who has rare moments of lucidity in her final days. Her daughters, Constance (Natalie Richarda) and Nina (Toni Collette), when they aren’t having meaningless fights about what defines happiness notice their mother’s final days. Together they begin mentioning names and events from her past in her declining days.

Soon enough the audience finds out through a series of flashbacks to young Ann’s (Claire Danes) best friend’s wedding that indeed the people Ann mentions did exist as well as the people that she said did not.

Unfortunately, it’s all so boring and bland—nothing for ears that viewers find themselves curious about their fingerprints and wishing maybe Ann would have a little narrative and expedite her dying process.

There are a few glimmering stars in an otherwise dreary “Evening.”

Some shots in the film are breathtakingly beautiful, with glossy light sources and soft colors from the landscape. Even if the story isn’t all that great, at least the filmmaker had the foresight to make it pretty to look at.

Danes’ portrayal of the young Ann, a wide-eyed youth who finds her paupersh existence hovering out of place at her best friend’s upscale wedding, is a bright spot in the film as well.

Her character is a flashy singer from the big city who finds herself in love with the much—sought after skiier gentleman Harris (Patrick Wilson). Her coquettish smiles and not-so-great singing at the wedding make her a lovable girl next door. In one scene as her best friend announces her upcoming wedding to someone she believes may be the wrong man, Danes carefully embraces the situation with a head, telling her not to worry and trivializing the whole matter with an airy, “La la la.”

Danes’ gentle portrayal of the young Ann makes her a friend any one would love to have. However the rest of the characters in the film have the depth of the remaining milk in a bowl after the cereal has been eaten. Nina is angry with her mother, but with no real reason why beyond maybe not being so happy with her own life. Harris is just a handsome man with little to offer beside unrequited love and the occasional romantic lines about stars. It’s such a detriment to a film that tried to be so emotionally driven. If audiences aren’t invested in characters, when tragedy strikes, there’s no reason to cry.

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Walk out on this wedding

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License to Wed
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Robin Williams, John Krasinski, Mandy Moore
Directed by Ken Kwapis
Runtime: 90 min.

Fifty—percent of marriages end in divorce, and at least 80 percent of those end in disappointment. Which statistic is more frightening? For most people, the answer is obvious.

But for a moviegoer, not so much.

“License to Wed” is the tiniest tale of a young engaged couple whose burgeoning puppy—love relationship must be put to the test. Ben Murphy (John Krasinski of “Office” fame) and fiancé Sadie Jones (Mandy Moore) must undergo a marriage preparation course run by the unorthodox Rev. Frank (Robin Williams), pastor of Sadie’s childhood congregation.

Traditionally, this is where hijinks ensue. Almost immediately, the movie comes up short.

Frank puts the young couple through a series of relationship—building activities. They must write their own vows separately, abstain from sex, drive a car blindfolded and take care of a pair of ugly—awn robot babies. Problem is, the robot babies get more laughs than any of the actors.

Williams visibly holds back. His smiling sense of humor shines through on occasion, but the non—conventional setting is skid markly and rarely lets him flex his comic muscles. Even worse, he is saddled with a remaining Chal (young Josh Flitter) who fails to play effective foil to any of Williams’ affable charms.

Krasinski, on the other hand, always plays exactly the same part he does in “The Office,” minus the charming self—awareness. His character is passive—aggressive and catastrophically ineffectual, with an occasional burst of pent—up frustration just to miff things up. It is hard to like anyone as oppressed as this.

Despite his character’s flaws, the actor’s charisma still shines through. He’ll be downloadable alright if it weren’t for his friendship with the macabre guy next door (DeRay Davis), whose overt sexism makes viewers question what kind of person this is in the first place.

By the end of the movie, this plot finally succumbs to ancient clichés and feel—good drudgery.

Sadie goes to Jamaica, only to realize that she can only be complete if she is with the man that she loves and has lost. He follows her to the ends of the earth, proves himself, the two marry and everyone lives happily ever after.

The film is as meaningless as most short—lived marriages today, and just as painful to sit through.

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LUNCH TIME

Photo column by Dan Celvi — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Taking an hour for a meal isn’t common for me in general. While school is in session things like classes, work, and just a general unceasing workload to cook and do dishes make a normal meal just that more uncommon.

Being able to take the time in the middle of the day was a great break—enjoying the spring air despite allergies, and just generally getting to know who was photographing is a great experience.

The meal isn’t even so important as just the time of the day to sit back, relax and think about what’s coming next.

Muslim physicians condemn terrorism

Dear Editor:

We, the Muslim Physicians in southern Illinois, condemn the events taking place in the United Kingdom. These acts in the UK, if found to be truly done by health professionals, are inconsistent with all we believe in as Americans, as health professionals, and as Muslims.

We remind all health professionals of their obligations under the Geneva Convention, which asks that we state that “I (the medical practitioner) will maintain the utmost respect for human life from its beginning even under threat and I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity.”

We call on all people of conscience, whether they are health professionals, Muslims, Americans or British to consider seriously the damage their action might cause to innocent people, the societies who would suffer from their actions, and the people and groups whom they will be labeled to represent when caught and identified.

We especially call on all health professionals from all ethnic and minority communities to look for signs of social isolation with in their community and to openly discuss the issues of terrorism, vigilantism, and violence that have become a cancer in our midst.

Muhammad Kamran, MD
Carbonide physician

Converting Miners stadium could be cheaper than building new football field on campus

Dear Editor:

Just a thought, but why are we building a new football stadium when the Miners have a stadium in Marion? Wouldn’t it make more sense to use the Marion Stadium for Saluki Football games? SIUC could enter into contracts with the stadium owners to use the facilities. If need be, SIUC could pay to have it converted to AstroTurf so it could be used for football and baseball with little conversion time. It would be a win-win situation. It might be away from the campus, but it would be easy to extend Saluki express service to Marion.

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The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Words Overheard

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday: After a shaky start this year, your financial situation gets stable. Start seriously shunning away what you'll need to make a dream come true.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You're a quick learner, especially now. And it looks good on you. You're attracting the attention of a person you admire.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — There's money coming in. Be very careful how it goes out. There are debts that must be paid but keep enough for yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Don't be too dismayed if a pet project doesn't turn out as planned. By another tactic and achieve the victory.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Your routine is being disrupted. Don't be alarmed. This won't last forever. Be flexible and use your wits, and you'll invent a great improvement.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're attracting the attention of a pet project that isn't going well in a controversial exchange.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don't promise more than you can deliver; it's not worth the trouble. You'll do a better job if you don't stretch yourself too thin.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Keep doing the job the best that you can, and keep the others informed. They appreciate your efforts, even if they're not saying so.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — It'll be easier to get your messages out, starting now. People want to hear what you have to say. Tell them like it is.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You should do quite well in a controversial exchange. You don't have to explain everything, just give them the bottom line.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — It's getting easier to understand what needs to be done. Of course, that makes doing it a bit easier, too. The bug is fading.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today is a 7 — A lot of the problems you've been having at work will simply fade away. Some of them you're seeking; some seem to solve themselves. Don't stress about it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — It's getting easier to communicate exactly how you feel. Don't try this in public yet. Practice in private, at home.

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**Virgo:** Don't promise more than you can deliver; it's not worth the trouble. You'll do a better job if you don't stretch yourself too thin.

**Libra:** Keep doing the job the best that you can, and keep the others informed. They appreciate your efforts, even if they're not saying so.

**Scorpio:** It'll be easier to get your messages out, starting now. People want to hear what you have to say. Tell them like it is.

**Sagittarius:** It's getting easier to understand what needs to be done. Of course, that makes doing it a bit easier, too. The bug is fading.

**Capricorn:** A lot of the problems you've been having at work will simply fade away. Some of them you're seeking; some seem to solve themselves. Don't stress about it.

**Aquarius:** It's getting easier to communicate exactly how you feel. Don't try this in public yet. Practice in private, at home.
CUBA
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“This is the problem with health care in Cuba, people are living a generation longer than they have in the past,” she said. “Because of the blockade, they can’t get wheelchairs and supplies and things like that.”

Ellen Bernstein, another organizer for Pastors for Peace, said there are 11 vehicles, some older busses and vans similar to the dark blue Ford in which she travels, that transport Cuban groups longer than they have in the past, on their trip.

On July 17 in McAllen, Texas, the group will eventually meet July 17 in McAllen, Texas, where they will prepare for the next leg of their trip.

“We drive (the aid) across the border into Mexico, which is the first point where the U.S. government might stop us,” she said. Bernstein said she has traveled many times to the group to Mexico, where the goods can then be shipped via cargo ship to Cuba. While the group could face large fines and street for their actions, she said the U.S. authorities only occasionally cause the group problems.

“Sometimes they want us to go so quickly, they even pay our tolls,” she said. Marge Parker, an organizer with Friends of Cuba, said the group hosts an event with Pastors for Peace each year to raise awareness about the issue.

“We wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for the people,” said Edward Fenelon, a Chicago Transit Authority train conductor who now drives tourist trains on weekends.

“We do (the trips) for the sake of our toddler son,” she said. "I don’t get wheelchairs and supplies and it’s better for me to be here than there."

Ellen Bernstein, who now travels to Cuba five times a year, said the U.S. media promotes many misconceptions about the country and its people.

“They talk as if religion is not permitted in Cuba,” she said.

Religion is not forbidden and Bernstein said she is not as often depicted, she said. “Everything there may not be perfect,” she said. “But there is no reason we shouldn’t be friends.”

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Illinois residents feel above normal temps

Nathaniel Hernandez

CHICAGO (AP) — Area temperatures climbed into the mid-90s Sunday, prompting northern Illinois residents to search for shade, iced tea and other ways to cool off during what was the year’s hottest day so far.

The mercury climbed to 94 degrees in downtown Chicago by noon, prompting northern Illinois farmers.

The typical high temperature for this time of year is 83 degrees, he said. Temperatures did not surpass the 1955 record high of 99 degrees, but it did reach 94 degrees.

In southern Illinois on Sunday temperatures hovered around 90 degrees, while it was slightly cooler in central portions of the state, meteorologists said.

Near Chicago, the shores of Lake Michigan provided little relief.

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**SPORTS**

**TENNIS**

**Federer wins fifth championship**

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Roger Federer won his eighth straight Wimbledon championship, beating Rafael Nadal 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-4. It was also Federer’s 11th Grand Slam title overall, tying Bjorn Borg on both counts.

Federer won his 54th straight victory on grass in a match filled with momentum swings and marvelous shotmaking. The Swiss star has taken 11 of the past 17 Grand Slam titles, includ- ing three apiece at the Australian Open and U.S. Open. Federer’s total trails only Pete Sampras’ 13 on the list of career Grand Slam titles.

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**GOLF**

**Six-time win for Choi on PGA Tour**

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — K.J. Choi shot a final-round 68 for a 9-under 277 total and a three-stroke victory over Steve Stricker at the AT&T National. Choi won for the sixth time on the PGA Tour, the most victories by an Korean clearly dominated the first five rounds, making three apexes at the Australian Open and U.S. Open. Federer’s total trails only Pete Sampras’ 13 on the list of career Grand Slam titles.

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**AUTO RACING**

**Power wins Steelback Grand Prix**

TORONTO (AP) — Will Power smashed past rookie Ryan Dalziel with 23 minutes to go and went on to an easy victory in the third annual Steelback Grand Prix of Toronto.

The Australian driver, last year’s top Champ Car World Series rookie, won for the second time in his career. He moved solidly into championship contention with three-time series champion Sebastien Bourdais and rookie Robert Doornbos.

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Athletics

A new vision:
Athletic department looks to newer equipment

Eugene Clark
DAILY EAGLE

The new provider, Stretch Internet Service, focuses mainly on streaming videos, Weber said.

Weber said Stretch Internet should be very compatible with Saluki fans' needs.

We have some experience with them and they really proven themselves in the area of customer service," Weber said.

Under the old service of XOS, about 300 fans subscribed for the service, which provides full access to Saluki games via an internet connection for home softball, foot-

ball and men's and women's bas-

ketball games. Instead of traveling to Carbondale, fans could watch and listen live over the Internet.

The passes can be bought by season, by sport or per game. The overall cost for a season pass will be $89. Saluki Vision made a total of $25,000 in sales last season, Weber said.

In the past, streaming of sports events were done by computer services instead of from an internet provider that has offices in all areas, Weber said.

"We would probably be happy to do it on campus if we could, there just isn't the bandwidth to do it," Weber said.

Another highlight to the new service is that it will receive a new name. Weber said in his weekly blog that he is giving fans a chance to rename the Saluki Vision. He will pick one of the choices from the top five. As of right now, some of the choices in consideration are: Dogy Watch, Saluki Bites, Dawg Net, Salukis On Demand and Salukis Now.

Assistant men's basketball coach Brad Korn said the service is a great opportunity for alumni all over the country to follow Saluki sports.

"It's important for someone in California to feel like they are involved even if they are not in Illinois," Korn said.

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Football

Salukis reach for summer goals

B.J. Thompson, a freshman receiver from Carterville, lifts weights in the Troutt-Wittmann weight room Monday evening.

Saluki Athletics work on speed and agility during offseason

Alejandro Gonzalez
DAILY EAGLE

Even on days when there's no practice, offensive lineman Darren Marquez can be found in the Recreation Center working out.

Marquez, a senior, said he's try-

ing to reach personal goals, which includes increasing the 400 pounds he can already bench press.

During the summer, Saluki prac-
tise independently every day, and then they work on drills that give them an edge in an effort to prepare for the upcoming season.

Strength and conditioning coach Eric Klein said the team works on drills that are mainly geared toward speed and agility. These exercises include tire pulls and resistance runs.

Klein has run the conditioning drills for the summer because I-AA rules prohibit head coaches from being at practice.

"My goal is always to get the team in the best possible shape that they can be in," Klein said.

Robert Reeves, the running back coach, and head coach Jerry Kill said while they haven't been present during training and workouts, they trust that Klein's keeping the team in shape.

"From what I've heard, so far it's been a great summer," Reeves said.

"Coach Klein has been pushing them harder than he ever has, so we've really pleased on how things are going," said Reeves.

Marquez has been working hard during the summer. He takes the ini-
tiative to lift every day, instead of just the required three times a week.

"It's something that's instilled in me," he said. "If there's not practice, I'll go work out on my own.""The 6-foot-4-inch senior said the workouts help improve his game. He said one of his other goals for the summer is to get his weight up to 300 pounds.

"If I'm going to gain weight, I want to do it the right way," he said. "I don't want just to gain fat."

Marquez isn't the only player try-
ing to get better. Fred Wright, a junior, received a football scholarship at the end of last season. This is his first semester working out with the team.

Wright said he's been learning the way the team functions and he is working hard to get an outside line-

backer position.

"We do our pass plays and we do our coverage plays without any of the coaches there," he said. "We just have fun and teach the new freshmen our offense and defense."

Wright said he is optimistic about his progress so far this summer.

"I think I've been doing OK," he said. "I'm still learning but I feel like I'm improving."

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COLUMN

All-Star
games used to be fun

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I miss the good old days when a player could railroad a catcher at home plate in a meaningless exhibi-
tion game and not be inspected.

And I’m not alone.

We’re talking about one of baseball’s greatest days when Pete Rose absolutely demolished American League catcher Ray Fosse in the 1970 All-Star game, which severely diminished the rest of Fosse’s career.

In those days, players played the All-Star game to win and not to pose on the field for a picture and take the rest of the day off. Seriously, when was the last time you saw a hard slide in an All-Star game?

The problem with the All-Star game is that when Bud Selig, the commissioner of Major League Baseball, declared the 2002 All-Star game a tie, both American and National League teams ran out of pitchers in an extra innings affair and Selig heroically called the game a draw, which for the record has been com-
pared to kissing your sister.

The following year Selig pulled an even bigger blunder in launching the “This Time It Counts” cam-
paign, which provided the winner of the All-Star game home field advan-
tage in the World Series.

The problem is of Selig wants the game to be worthwhile, then there is only one solution — let the managers select the teams.

Letting fans vote the American League and National League start-
ung lineup is not going to promote the best lineup possible. It promotes favoritism and popularity.

What we need is a way that by voting Prince Fielder the starting first baseman over Albert Pujols, the fact Matt Holiday is not starting in outfield while Carlos Beltran and Ken Griffey Jr. are is ridiculous.

Some people may respond by saying that would take the star out of the All-Star game but I am here to say it will not.

Tony La Russa and Jim Leyland, the two managers of this year’s all star con-
test, know the deal. They know fans want to see the stars. However, where La Russa and Leyland will differ is the selection of stars.

La Russa and Leyland’s strong chance of advancing to the World Series, will have much vested in this game. A loss would throw away potential home field advantage in the World Series. You can bet the bank Leyland will be playing this game to win.

La Russa, who doesn’t necessarily have the team to make a title run, is a gamer. You can count on him to play a hard nine.

The decision is clear Bud. If you want an All-Star Game that will be fiercely competitive and feature the start of now and not of the 1990’s, let the managers play the game their way.